
THE BLOWER

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Next Club Night:

**Wednesday 14th
October**

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The Cover

**A bunch of CCRMIT dudes
looking at a very bogged car
at Rally Of Melb 2000**



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Presidents Rumbblings

Well it's 3.00 am, Bernard is about to produce the October Edition of the Blower and I'm sitting typing a President's Report to avoid further castigation from the Editor.

Another twelve months has flown by, that means it's AGM time again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the 2015 Committee.

In our 'time' short society, giving up your personal time is not always easy. 11 Committee Meetings a year, 11 Club Nights plus assisting with the organizing, running and participating can eat up a lot of time.

Why do we do it, we ask oneself while sitting at a keyboard at 3.00am in the morning?

Personally, I do it because I enjoy seeing a like group of people, with some common interests in what can only be described as one the best hobbies, interests and participations sports, motor racing.

Whether it be, rally, off road or tarmac, CCRMIT is made up of a diverse group of people from many backgrounds with the common interest – motor sport.

To watch this club participate, whether as competitors, organizers, officials or just plain helpers to other clubs is fantastic.

To Jimbo, Richard and Cathie, your work with the George Derrick was exemplary, CCRMIT is lucky to have such a dedicated group who under took a major event and executed it with style. The whole CCRMIT Team that came forward to support this event, give you selves a pat on the back. A great effort by all.

Dave and Kevin, worked hard behind the scenes and in front of the team with Phillip Island 6 Hour. Getting three teams entered, organized and performing on the weekend, no easy task, well done guys. 30 plus members of CCRMIT on show, flying the CCRMIT flag.

Bernard and Brett, you have to say that they are persistent, rained out on one date to comeback a put together a Motorkhana at Lardner Park later in the year, great effort, not underestimating Bernard's tenacity to over his personal battles in life.

The enthusiastic team of CCRMIT members, Mark, Ange and Murray who have assisted with running of the 2015 rZr Polaris Championship, supporting our new group of members who have taken to this form of motorsport with what can only be called enthusiastic excitement.

Rosie and Murray who travelled to Coffs Harbour, Murray, 'The Voice of Rally Oz' and Rosie working behind the scenes to develop a 'video stream' from the helicopter back to Rally Control. Great effort guys.

I mentioned Bernard earlier, what can I say, Bernard the whole Club is behind you, I would like to thank you for your ongoing efforts and your editorial skills in what has to be the hardest job in CCRMIT, trying to put together a newsletter for CCRMIT with a President that sends you a last minute Report, if one at all, members who have to podded and pocked to get articles, items or photos to fill the pages.

Thank you from us all.

Looking forward, CCRMIT is the host at VCAS Round 7 to be conducted on Saturday 17th October at the Maffra Car Club's, Boisdale Hill climb track , Rick Thorpe and his trusty band will be in control. If you are looking to give your pride and joy a shake down come along and have some fun. See more detail elsewhere in the Blower.

Finally for me, thank you all, CCRMIT is a great club with great members.

Now, the AGM is on WEDNESDAY Night, the 14th October at 8.00pm.

It will be at: The Notting Hill Hotel - 260-262 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill.

If you would like to be on CCRMIT's Committee for 2016, please come along and put your hand up, if you don't want to be on the Committee, please come along and support YOUR Club.

If you can't make it and would like to be on the Committee, sends us an email at committee@ccrmit.com.

If you would like to nominate someone and they are willing to accept that nomination go to ccrmit.com and download the nomination form or send an email to committee@ccrmit.com nominating your member.

Again thank you all for 2015, there have been some changes during 2015, hopefully for the good.

Have a great October, see you at the AGM.

Rod

November Island Sprint - 14 & 15 November 2015

Entries are now open for the November Island Sprint on Nov 14 & 15.

Event details and online entry form are available at:

https://www.meecamsau.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=16&eventId=945&Itemid=478

Supplementary Regulations and paper entry form available at: <http://www.islandmagic.net.au/wp-content/uploads/Nov-2015-Sprint-Regs.pdf>

This event will consist of Circuit Familiarisation and Passenger Rides on the Saturday and SuperSprint on Sunday.

For this event we are making the CAMS Event Entry available to use as an option, to access this system go to <https://www.meecamsau.com/> or the CAMS website and click on the CAMS Event Entry logo.

In this system you will need to create a login and enter your details. Once you have set up your details, you will be able to enter events without the need to fill out entry forms.

There are a couple of information videos on the CAMS Event Entry website that guide you through the process.

Payment methods available using this process are Cheque or Credit Card. At the moment, each of these methods requires you to send the payment separately, in future, there will be integrated payment options. For Credit Card payment, please complete the credit card details on the Entry Form and mail it to the address on the entry form.

If you are not able to enter using the online system, the Supplementary Regulations and Entry Form are available

MOUNT HOTHAM ALPINE CUP INTERNATIONAL HILLCLIMB POSTPONED

Auto Corsa Group has made the difficult decision to postpone the inaugural Mount Hotham Alpine Cup International Hillclimb, originally scheduled for 14-15 November this year.

While the hillclimb will not run in 2015, planning continues in earnest for the inaugural [Hotham Auto Corsa Alpine Tarmac Rally](#), which will run on the same weekend in the same region of Victoria – [with the event's indicative course released today](#).

While we're very disappointed for those competitors who entered the hillclimb, unfortunately had the event gone ahead this year, it wouldn't have been what we promised.

While initial support from local civil authorities gave us the confidence to move forward with planning this Australian-first long course hillclimb event, a more recent review by these authorities required a number of conditions be placed on the event that we feel would have significantly comprised it's initial premise.

As competitor experience means a lot to us, we know the right decision is to postpone and to continue to work closely with these authorities to settle on a format agreeable to all stakeholders.

We've made contact with each entrant in the hillclimb and we're really pleased that most of them have decided to roll their entry over to the rally running on the same weekend. For those that haven't, any entry fees paid will be refunded in accordance with our company terms and conditions.

We are deeply humbled by the level of support received from the Australian motorsport fraternity for the hillclimb and we look forward to announcing a revised date in the future.

For the remainder of 2015, we will throw our energies into the successful staging of the [Hotham Auto Corsa Alpine Rally](#) (14-15 November 2015) and the second annual running of the [Poatina Hillclimb](#) (6 December 2015). A third event for 2015 will be announced in the coming weeks.

We are also in the final stages of obtaining the relevant permits and approvals for a range of other new events across a number of states for 2016. These will be announced in due course. Thanks for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to call either Stuart or Darren with any questions.

Stuart Benson, Director, Tel: 0412 868 979

Darren Fogarty, Director, Tel: 0439 315 759

Photos from the October 17th Motorkhana



Editors Notes

Not much to say this month.. couple of articles came in.. but pretty slack effort I must say. More content would be nice please. There has been a few events on, has anybody been to any?? Done anything?? Fixed a car?? Prepped a car for an upcoming event?? Even not car related.....and if possible, in MS word format.. but whatever you can send me..

Thanks Bernard



Few historical photos supplied by Jimbo, thankyou!!



CCRMIT Autocross - Saturday October 17th

VCAS Round 10

Boisdale track Maffra - hosted by CCRMIT

Long track finishing under lights – Just \$55 each to enter!
(up to 4 drivers per car)

Scrutiny will commence at 10.00am. Followed by a parade lap.

Drivers briefing will be at 12.30pm. Runs commence at 1.00 pm and finish around 8 - 9pm.

It is anticipated that barring unforeseen circumstances that there will 7 or 8 runs for each competitor.

Great Value motorsport!

Never been to a autocross or don't have a CAMS licence – no problem licences available
on the day for \$40

(\$ can be used towards full licence CAMS upgrade)

No Car? Bring your road, car not registered bring that too if it's safe to drive!

For more information contact:

Clerk of Course: Rick Thorpe

Ph 0413 458729

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PO Box 2087, Ivanhoe East, 3079

Sup. Regs - see VCAS web site

<http://www.vicclubautocrossseries.com/>



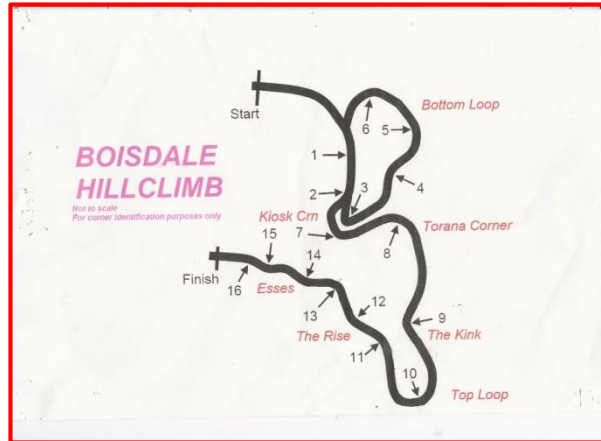
PLACE AND DATE

The event will be held at the: Boisdale Hillclimb Track

239 Boisdale-Newry Rd

Boisdale

Saturday 17 th October 2015.



The entry fee for entries submitted at or before 5.00PM Wednesday 14th October 2015 shall be **\$55.00** for drivers aged 18 years or over, and **\$35.00** for drivers aged less than 18 years.

For entries after the early closing date an additional fee of \$30.00 will apply.

An entry will only be deemed valid when payment is received with a signed entry form.

There will be a maximum of **four** drivers per vehicle.

<http://www.madcc.com/assets/files/events/VCAS-2015-CCRMIT-17-10-15-Sup-Regs-V1.pdf>

Membership Matters

With the introduction of two membership renewal dates per year there is not much change from month to month when it comes to future renewals.

Below is a list of members whose memberships are due for renewal in January 2016.

383 - John Wilson
458 - Alan Wilson
745 - Michelle Fraser & Family
763 - Brett Williams & Family
830 - Spencer Lowndes
857 - Anthony Robinson
927 - Doug Lakeman
1035 - Michael Bansagi
1172 - David Gill
1175 - Stuart Diggins
1257 - Steve Allen
1266 - Mark Gill
1276 - Barry Sheridan
1281 - Mark Egan
1282 - Ange Egan
1296 - Stuart Wills
1298 - Matilda Wilson
1299 - Jay Wilson
1304 - Viv Dilkes-Frayne
1310 - Tracey Dewhurst
1327 - Dean Marshall
1332 - Brenton Simpson
1339 - Nicholas Jacob
1346 - Niall Gavin
1360 - Joseph Eletva
1361 - Paul Dobson

Over the past couple of years I have seen new members come along and a few members fall by the wayside. I also note those that are somewhat tardy in renewing but I am more than happy to renew ASAP when required.

All I ask is that if you are on the list above and there is no intention to renew please let me know. No hard feelings, that's just the "circle of life" Simba.

Murray.

« THE CALENDAR »

October

03	Moonlight Meander	MMSC	Wombat	
14	<i>CCRMIT Club Night – AGM</i>		<i>The Notting Hill Hotel</i>	
17	Boisdale Hillclimb Track	CCRMIT	Maffra	VCAS-10
18	Akaderos	MUCC	Blue Range, Rubicon	VRC-5
23-25	Scouts Rally SA		South Australia	ARC-5
24	Blue Rock Stages	PAC	Heyfield	VCRS-6
31	Bagshot Rallysprint	HRA	Private Property	

November

01	Swan Hill Twin Track	CCC	Swan Hill	VCAS-11
14	Begonia Rally	BLCC	Pyrenees, Mt Cole	VRC-6
28	Alpine Rally	HRA	East Gippsland	

« THE SCORER »

Round 4 of the VCRS has been run and won. Congratulations to Luke Simpson and Ryan Humphreys on their third outright in their Hyundai FX Coupe. We have also seen a few events contributing to the David Lambie All Round Championship Trophy. October will see the winner decided for the Steve Poore Trials Champion and Noel Kelly Novice Award with the final round of the VCRS, the Blue Rock Stages. I will be getting the Levin out with Brett Williams for a run. Good luck to everyone who will be competing in the Akaderos later in the month as well. October is a busy month of motorsport.

I had the privilege to be a part of Rally Australia again this year. Murray and I teamed up to take up the role of event communications in Rally Command. The event this year was over 3 days of competition including a night stage. Long days and long nights but it felt that the event ran very well in the forest with the mass of officials who help make the event happen.

This year, we also trialled a live streaming service for the camera on the chopper that assist event command assess safety issues. We had some really good success in streaming live vision over the internet with less than 2 second delay between vision capture and broadcast. Whilst it was highly dependent on the quality of mobile internet coverage accessible to the helicopter, we had an extremely seamless performance right at the time Michelle Mouton visited the command centre and she was able to watch a rally car traverse a stage live.

Finally CCRMIT held a very relaxed and enjoyable Motorkhana at Lardner Park last weekend. A small band of CCRMIT members met under glorious sunny conditions to enjoy 6 motorkhana test throughout the day. The first few tests were challenging with slippery conditions on the grass area. But as the day progressed times improved as the conditions dried out. The club BBQ got a good workout throughout the day. Thanks to Bernie and Brett for organising this event, and let's hope we can make this part of our club calendar in future years!

Andrew Roseman
Club Scorer

Rob Roy Come And Try Day 27/09/15.

CCRMIT was well represented at one of the oldest tracks in Victoria with a stunning display of driver excellence by 4 cars including Bruce, Brenton, Craig and Phil.

Perfect weather for a quick squirt up a hill that appears to be all over before you begin. Fortunately not far from home made this event appealing for a test run and a blow off the cob webs after Phillip Island. The track itself is not that challenging with its 700mts of skinny bitumen, 2 corners and one massive dip. What does make it a bit hard is the gravel dragged back on the track via the return road allowing for a no grip on take off start, this gives the feeling of a “will I or won’t I” slip off the track 1st corner. I must say even the Golden Gazelle looked impressive with its wheel spin off the mark.

The MG car club were very welcoming with the hosting of the event and supplied a decent BBQ at very reasonable prices. They were a bit cautious with some restrictions and did seem to take some time between runs. During scrutinising of the cars they were a bit worried about the under bonnet plumbing of my air filter. I had to explain that the Pretty Little Laser actually looks faster than it is, and I will be no threat to the race record. After much consultation with many men in brown jackets and patches on the elbows, I was all set to go.

All in all a great day and the chance to run on a historic track. So “tick” been there done that and off the bucket list it goes.

Over and out Simmo.



The only picture of Phil’s car as we were at opposite ends of the run line. (sorry Phil)



The Golden Gazelle has made a come back.



Car talk with the boys.



The super fast Laser waiting for a run in the pit area.



Brenton ready for a run.

For Sale

Item number 1.....

Absolutely brand new in box XL size Stilo Trophy Des Rally Helmet, with hans posts. Retail is \$649.00 For sale for \$450.00

Item number 2....

Absolutely brand new in box Simpson Hybrid Sport, Medium size (42" chest) FIA approved Hans. Will fit standard Hans posts. Retail is \$1028.00. Will sell for \$800

Contact Bernard on 0427581930 if you are interested in any of these items.