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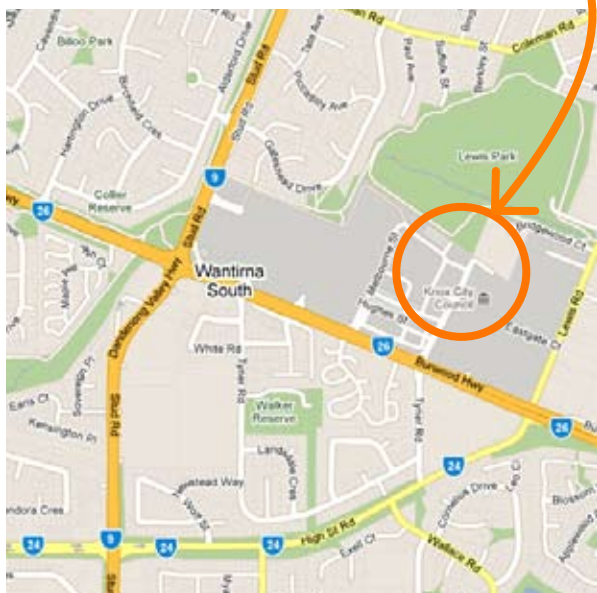
this months cover Matt and Tracy Lee heading to a fantastic 13th Outright at Rally Bonnie Doon. Photos thanks to John Douch.

club night has moved

next meeting 14th april 2011

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presidential report

Hi All!

Just a short note this month :-

At the risk of sounding like a broken record – wow, another month already!

- We've run our round of the Victorian AutoCross Series for the year
- 12 of our members competed in Rally Bonnie Doon
- 2 of our members tied the knot on April Fools Day under the rising eye of a gorgeous sunrise (congrats guys!)
- The first round of the VCRS was cancelled due to a range of factors
- The 2011 ARC Media Launch happened at a Melbourne Winery under what seems to be a cloud of complete secrecy, and
- The 2011 George Derrick preparations began in earnest!

Ross Fraser has kindly organised the activities for our April club night – it's a chance for you to come and get your first aid kit refreshed getting just those bits you need – please let us know if you are coming so we can ensure to have sufficient supplies on hand!

James and Cathy desperately need help clearing roads for the George Derrick – if you can spare a day, or a weekend, please let James know and he will happily allocate you a section of road to go and check. EVERYONE can help, but those with 4WDs and chainsaws are particularly welcome to apply. James can be contacted on vicepres@ccrmit.com – this is our club's annual event, and we really need many pairs of hands to make it work, and not just on event weekend itself.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Club Night on Thursday!

Prez Ormie

guest speaker



Gary Becker ambulance victoria

Joe Staller from Accidental Health and safety will be attending Club Night so be sure to bring along your First Aid Kits and cash to be able to replenish your kits. See table (right) for prices.



Item	Unit Price \$
2 x extra large universal accident dressings	6.61
2 x large open weave bandages	3.01
2 x medium open weave bandages	2.94
1 x pair dressing scissors	5.01
1 x roll adhesive tape	3.21
6 x safety pins	1.33
1 x large burn dressing with a non-adhesive surface	9.47
1 x thermo accident blanket	4.84
2 x medium combination pads	1.21
6 x adhesive plaster strips	3.18
1 x triangular bandage	4.01
2 x sterile eye pads	0.63
1 x first aid manual	7.37

cams motor sport evening Review

by Nadine Groves

On the Friday 11th Feb I had the pleasure of accompanying Ormie to the CAMS Victorian Motor Sport Evening at the Elfin Heritage Centre in Moorabbin.

It was a formal stand-up affair with good food and wine set in the wonderful surrounds of the Elfin Heritage Centre. The Centre itself is a shrine to Garry Cooper filled to the brim with all sorts of memorabilia from Garry's official spark plug selection box, to frames that he used to mould panels and lots of Elfins!



The formal proceedings got underway with addresses from - previous CCRMIT speaker - David Bellenger, State Council Chairman; Andrew Papadopoulos, CAMS President; and David Morgan, CAMS CEO.

The speakers talked about the training developments that CAMS has embarked on, and how tarmac officials have been able to travel overseas to train others. They acknowledged while 2010 was a better year for CAMS given the Global Financial Crisis, membership numbers have declined in rally licensing.

After the formal addresses CAMS service award winners were announced, these all came from the circuit world but CCRMIT friends David Bellenger and Jean Bellenger were both deserving recipients. David and Jean were celebrated for their work as officials running the Phillip Island 6 hour regularity relay, heading up multiple sprint events and working on the Grand Prix.

Further into the award proceedings and the focus turned to National Championship award recipients where rally featured quite well. Simon Evans was celebrated as the National ARC Driver; Sue Evans won National ARC Codriver. Keeping it in the family Eli Evans was also celebrated as National ARC 2WD driver.



David Bellenger



Jean Bellenger



Simon Evans



Sue Evans



Eli Evans

All in all it was a good night but the best thing for me was the Elfin Heritage Centre itself, being surrounded by such a vast selection of cars and memorabilia was a great setting! Anyone need a function centre for an upcoming birthday or other significant event? It comes recommended!

Rally Bonnie Doon

by James Elliott

I'm not sure where to start really.. I think i'll start with thanking the many people that helped us in various ways to get us to the start line for this event;

Auspac Exhaust, FabraiCations, Gem Signs, Unearthed Creative, Batronic.

Essentially we had a base car to work with post the Phillip Island 6 Hour in 2010, and Cathy was keen to hit the forest in our car again. Of course the car needed some work to bring it up to Rallying level, and we also wanted to loose the green or blue shopping trolley paint scheme that came factory standard.

Due to budgets/decision making/time/just how it was, I managed to get 3 weeks of work off, and was to use that time to put this new car back together. Prior to going on leave, Cathy & I spent hours pulling the car apart, and the fun task of sanding back the car getting it ready for paint. I also pre organised elements of the new loom that I was going to put in, so when we got it back it was a case of putting everything in.

For the record, the car had never been run since being off loaded on the trailer post the 6 hour, where an alternator died mid circuit.

So with 3 weeks to go, the car headed of to be primed & painted. I spent much of that week doing more prep work, & sanding back primers to ensure our local painter could get a great job done & ensure we had a top paint job. Unfortunately this took a few more days than expected, but was well worth it in the end!

With just under 2 weeks before the event, the car was back, I set about putting all the bits back into it, and making new holes where holes needed to go. We also had a quick weekend trip to canberra, and a day out at Avoca. By midday monday, prior to scrutineering, we had internal brake lines installed, the engine & gearbox in, and about 90% of the new loom done. The car was booked for the exhaust & wheel alignment to happen on the wednesday, as everything was going to plan.

Tuesday morning we added some fuel to the tank, and went to start the car, it ran, but only on two cylinders. I spent most of that day trying to find faults in my loom, to which i found none. I gave Mr Robinson (from R Tech Enhanced) a call, and we decided to take the car to his place, and see if he could shed any light.

Tony and I spent the next 6 hours checking every wire in my loom, all 100% ok. It was eventually put down to a module (Bosch 008) that the Autronic requires. It appears one has failed/died and a new one was required. Cutting a 48 hour story short, thanks to Cathy & Phil for driving across melbourne, and 3 modules later (each the recommended part as the original is no longer made), we still did not have a car running. A story for another day, we managed to find that a known working module was available in Canberra, and could be collected from a co-driver that was coming down for the event.

Fast forward past a bunch of other frustrating problems (all out of our control), we were in Bonnie Doon late friday night - no pace notes or driving over the course for us :-). The module was acquired, put on the car, and it ran! Well at least on 3 cylinders. No spark was coming out of number 1, but at 11pm at night. I wasn't worried. A lead is achievable in the morning... We made some final adjustments to the car (raised the front struts) cause we had no time to get the bash plated sorted, Murray Price kindly wired in the Monit (We always planned to do notes, a monit isn't important when your doing notes..), and I tried to get the old terraphone intercom installed (We had a brand new Stilo intercom to use, but never got the thursday to go buy the new Stilo helmet!)..

Around 1 am, saturday morning I was in bed.. My morning was to have the Car signed of for scrutiny (things that couldn't be done when previously organised), and source a new lead for the car. In the end, a brake light globe had blown, and thanks to Brett Williams for handing me his spare globe...

We were getting closer.. We couldn't get a lead with the right length, so on our odometer check, I pulled into the servo and asked if they had any leads.. Turned out they didn't but they did have a lead that was not terminated, and then gave to me at no cost! Thanks!

With some creative work by Terry & Leigh, a hybrid lead was made, and the car ran.. Then stopped. The next 30 minutes was spent frustratingly discovering a few other problems, that were then resolved.

Around 1 am, Saturday morning I was in bed.. My morning was to have the Car signed off for scrutiny (things that couldn't be 15 minutes before we were due out, we were finally at the start line for the 2011 Rally Bonnie Doon.

Ahhh, the serenity.

The event.. Well I'll save that for next month, but we finished a respectable 24th outright. Noting we were running a car that had no bash plate, standard suspension in the rear, no intercom for the whole event, a car that had never been driven since being built, and was running a wee bit rich... Not to mention a rusty driver.

I was recently informed too that there was a private bet going on, as to if Cathy & I would finish or not... I wonder if those doubters could please stand up...

A massive thanks to Leigh Garrioch, Murray Price, Richard Gill, Tony Robinson and all of his awesome girls (Top peanut butter & honey sandwiches & Presents!), Chris Stone, and all those who offered positive support and help during a hectic 3 weeks..

And of course a huge thanks to the one and only Catherine Rainer! A fantastic job waving her hands around in the car, so we could do the event blind & deaf!

CCRMIT autocross

Round 3	April 10th	MMSC / FFCC	(Melton)
Round 4	May 7th	BCC	(Bendigo) Sat Twilight
Practice	June 11th/12th	SHSCC	(Swan Hill) Practice Event)
Round 5	June 18th	PAC	(Maffra) Sat Twilight
Round 6	July 23rd	MADCC	(Maffra) Sat Twilight
Round 7	August 27th	CCC	(Melton Reverse) Sat Daylight
Round 8	September 25th	KCC	(Kyneton)
Round 9	October 23rd	SHSCC	(Swan Hill) – TBC
Round 10	November 6th	CCC	(Mafeking Park, Caveat) – TBC
Round 11	December 4th	NCCA / SDCC	(Shepparton)

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NEXT EVENT - ROUND 3 - 10th April 2011
Melton Autocross Track
Supp regs can be downloaded from the VCAS website
<http://www.vicclubautocrossseries.com>

membership

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You will notice that if you receive a mailed blower your membership expiry is in the top left hand corner of the envelope. Ensure you are current for upcoming events. If you only receive the blower via email only it is your responsibility to check your card now and not the night before documentation. We will NOT be doing rush renewals the night before the event... this job doesn't pay enough. Please use the membership form (on the back of the Blower or website) and fill it out IN FULL even if it's just a renewal (Tick the renewal box)... and plllleeeaaassee print clearly.

cams ignition

Recently CAMS sent an email out advertising their Ignition project. For those of you who haven't heard of it Ignition is a CAMS driver education program for children aged 12 – 16. The program involves a brief on driver safety, coaching on safe driving techniques and a drive behind the wheel; and is a community development initiative supported by CAMS and its member clubs across Australia, working with their local communities, to achieve better road safety education outcomes for young people.

CAMS advertised some of these sessions would be run at the Melbourne Grand Prix, and knowing a work colleague was already going with his two kids I forwarded him the email. A few days later, his 12 year old son Ben was accepted. I must say Ben was pretty chuffed – and wouldn't you be if you got to drive at the Grand Prix as a 12 year old!!

On race day all 10 accepted kids went into the CAMS white hut for the safety side. When that was over the kids we allocated a driving instructor, a new Renault and had to negotiate their way safely through a little khanacross track CAMS had set up on Aquatic Drive.

Ben had such a great time that he was kind enough to pen a small article for the blower.

CAMS Ignition by Ben Robinson – age 12.

During the course of the Melbourne F1 Grand Prix CAMS were running a new program called Ignition. They used the roads to The Point restaurant at Albert Park and a tent as the classroom.

Pretty much it was a 1 hour lesson on safe driving where we thought about and were questioned on road safety. For example we watched a short video about a driver who drove through a red light and came close to T-boning another car. However the car did not get hit because he saw the car coming. We were told that like that driver we should not to trust the other drivers on the road to do the right thing. Being cautious may save our life.

After the lesson I got to drive a car in a slow speed obstacle course. We had to weave in and out of cones as we drove around. Near the end of the session we got to try reverse parking. This was not easy!

Overall the Cams Ignition program was lots of fun.



I must admit when I first heard about this program myself I was sceptical, but in terms of getting the early message across about thinking road safety I think this program hits the nail on the head. What better way to teach kids about road safety than with a bit of theory and backed up by the practical application of their new knowledge. And what 12 year old wouldn't want to be able to have a drive at the Grand Prix! Good job CAMS!!

Oh and watch out for Ben in a year or two you might see him showing some moves around an autocross track - his instructor said he had a bit of a lead foot!

By Nadine Ormesher and Ben Robinson.

7000 words - bonnie doon by john douch





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\$15	n/a	Full time RMIT University Students
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\$20	n/a	Full time Student
\$30	\$80	Full CCRMIT Member
\$40	\$110	Couple/Family living at same address
\$10 fee for priority issue (membership card issued within 2 working days)		

Club use only

Member #

Payment

Entered into DB

Card prepared

Membership type requested: _____ Amount paid: _____

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Cheques: payable to "CCRMIT" and sent with this form to 2/71 Berry Ave Edithvale VIC 3196

Direct deposit: BSB 063262; Acct 10069719; Reference "Member-surname" please email your receipt number and a copy of this form to secretary@ccrmit.com

CCRMIT values your privacy; information provided will only be used for the organising of CCRMIT activities. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the membership secretary.

ccrmit club merchandise

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ccrmit club calendar

April

2 nd	Comp	VCRS Rnd1 Yakkerboo Trial (PAC)	Tanjil Bren, Erica
10 th	Comp	VCAS Rnd3 MMSC/FFCC	Melton
14 th	CCRMIT	Club Night	The Knox Tavern
15/17 th	Comp	ARC Rnd1 Quit Forest Rally	Western Australia
16 th	Comp	Seemore Stages No.1	Powelltown

May

7 th	Comp	VCAS Rnd4 BCC	Bendigo (Twilight)
12 th	CCRMIT	Club Night	The Knox Tavern
13/15 th	Comp	ARC Rnd2/APRC International Rally of Queensland	Queensland
14 th	Comp	VRC Rnd1/VCRS Rnd2 East Gippsland Stages (MUCC)	East Gippsland

June

9 th	CCRMIT	Club Night	The Knox Tavern
12 th	Comp	VRC Rnd2 Bega Valley Rally	Far East Gippsland, NSW
18 th	Comp	VCAS Rnd5 PAC	Maffra (Twilight)
18 th	Comp	Seemore Stages No2	Wombat
25 th	Comp	VCRS Rnd3 Nissan Nightmoves Trial (NCCA)	Heathcote, Whroo

July

14 th	CCRMIT	Club Night	The Knox Tavern
16 th	Comp	VRC Rnd3 George Derrick Memorial Rally (CCRMIT)	Avoca, Maryborough
23 th	Comp	VCAS Rnd6 MADCC	Maffra (Twilight)
30/31 st	Comp	ARC Rnd3 Scouts Rally SA	South Australia

August

6 th	Comp	Baden Powell Intro Trial (RSM)	Black Range
11 th	CCRMIT	Club Night	The Knox Tavern
13 th	Comp	VCRS Rnd4 Cooper Memorial Rally Sprint (WDCC)	Wombat
27 th	Comp	VCAS Rnd7 CCC	Melton Reverse

September

3 rd	Comp	Mt. Porpunkah Rally Sprint (NECC)	Bright Area
8 th	CCRMIT	Club Night	The Knox Tavern
8/11 th	Comp	WRC/ARC Rnd4 Rally Australia	New South Wales
10 th	Comp	Mafeking Mayhem (HRA) - Sprint Rally	Yea and Districts
17 th	Comp	VCRS Rnd5 Marysville Stages (FFCC)	Black Range and Blue Range
25 th	Comp	VCAS Rnd 8 KCC	Kyneton

October

8 th	Comp	Wild Dog Stages (Seemore)	Wombat
13 th	CCRMIT	Club Night	The Knox Tavern
15 th	Comp	VRC Rnd4 Akademos inc. Bog-a-Duck (MUCC)	Blue Range, Rubicon
23 rd	Comp	VCAS Rnd 9 SHSCC	Swan Hill (TBC)

November

6 th	Comp	VCAS Rnd10 CCC	Mafeking Park, Caveat (TBC)
10 th	CCRMIT	Club Night	The Knox Tavern
12 th	Comp	ARC Rnd5/VRC Rnd5 Rally Victoria (CCC)	Powelltown, Noojee, Erica
26 th	Comp	Alpine Rally	East Gippsland

December

4 th	Comp	VCAS Rnd11 NCCA / SDCC	Shepparton
8 th	CCRMIT	Club Night	TBA

Please note that events and dates listed (particularly social outings) here are subject to change. Please regularly check the latest calendar in the Blower, on the CCRMIT or series websites, or come along to club nights for all the updated information. Please email any additions or corrections to scorer@ccrmit.com

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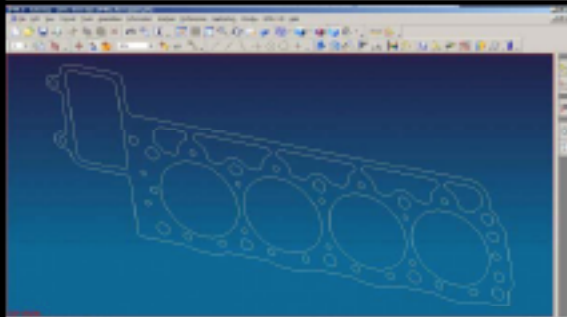
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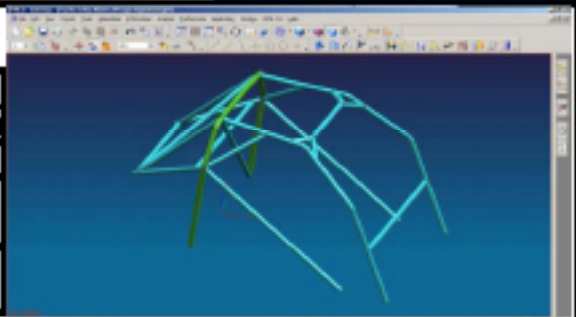
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