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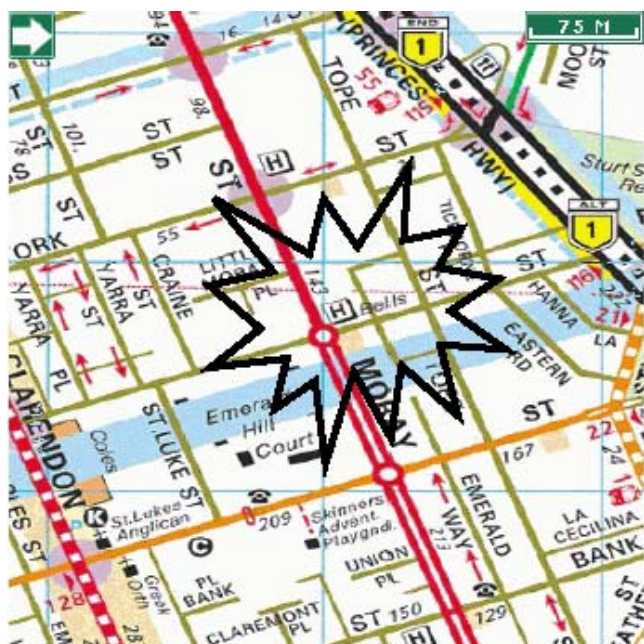
**This month's cover:** Look at moy, look at moy. Kimmy, Look at moy. Cathy Rainer & Kim Barson do Rallye des Femmes

**Next Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

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# *Presidential Report*

December 2009

G'day all, wow, debut column as President of our small but dedicated club! First off, personal thanks to David Lambie, Mark Howard-Jones, James Elliot, Matt Douglas, Barry Collins, Rick Thorpe and my better half Nadine for coming along to the AGM – whilst I have to admit it was disappointing that we could only convince 8 people to turn up – as David wittingly put it – “There’s only one way for your leadership to go from here!”.

So, what are we up to now the Victorian rally season is officially over for 2009? Firstly, you will probably be reading this in print, even if you asked for a copy by eBlower. We have received some feedback that being environmentally friendly and delivering the Blower via email has actually reduced the readership, as it’s now no longer lying around on coffee tables and kitchen benches to be read by the masses everywhere, but sitting in one household members email inbox. SO, we’ve gone back to paper blowers for everyone, and are working in other areas to offset our paper consumption. We hope this change provides some informative and amusing reading for more people in your households!

Elsewhere in this fine read you will see ads for the 2009 Christmas Breakup, the first meeting back for 2010, and the Level 2 first aid course we are keen to run at a discounted price in February – if you have any questions about any of these – please don’t hesitate to drop me a line!

Anyhow, Seasons Greetings and safe holidays to all club members, family, and friends over the break – and I look forward to catching up with you all somewhere, through the coming year!

Cheers,

*Pres Ormie*

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## **Quick Note from the Editor**

And here we go for another year. While I have palmed off most of my committee jobs this year I have retained the job of compiling this monthly literary masterpiece. I've been lucky over the past twelve months to have received some ripper submissions that have made this publication something to be proud of.

The international adventures of Frank York have inspired additions to bucket lists, words of wisdom from the likes of David Lambie remind us of our Club's heritage but also the importance of forging a future, and the amusing (and sometimes politically incorrect) works of the Commander have kept us all entertained and informed.

Keep the event reports coming, the stories of builds gone bad and even your book reports and help this publication reach new levels in the year to come. 2010 is a miles stone year for the Blower... but more on that in next years issues...

For now, have a very Merry Christmas and safe holidays. I hope to see as many of you as possible that the Club end of year bash at Avalon on the 30<sup>th</sup> (see details elsewhere in this months issue). Good luck with the off season rebuilds and I hope Santa gives you all a sack of go faster bits.

Enough cr@p from me... Read on...

**MARK HOWARD-JONES**

Editor - The Blower

## 2010 CCRMIT Committee

Next year we will have a proper introduction of your committee for the 2010 year; however I wanted to share with you some of the discussion from our first meeting to keep you abreast of what's going on.

The committee had a relaxed first meeting at the 'Ormie & Noodles' abode, with the BBQ doing a roaring trade. As soon as the BBQ feast was announced, we had plenty of guest members show up – who are of course, welcome at any committee meeting – as are any of you!!!



Over a bottle or two of good red and many cups of espresso the committee recognised that our club seems to be in a 'family phase' – the Fraser clan, the Miron clan, the Williams & Lee clan – to name a few all have family members in the 'Under 5 club', and we need to cater for these families – so look out for some much more family-friendly social events in 2010. Along with a return of the go-kart night. Didn't we hear it when this was missed this year! Also in the

works are an online store to get your club merchandise through, and a website overhaul to make it easier to navigate, and put some more up-to-date content on there.

Positions of note where committee members are representing you outside our club – Andrew Roseman is our VCAS rep, Brett Williams is our VCRS rep, Kev Wilson is our CAMS State Sporting Club Rep, Cathy is our rep at the CAMS CARnival focus group and I will try and cover the goings on at the VRC Management Group, and the Rally Panel. If you have something you would like raised at one of these forums, please let any one of us know – we are there to represent your voice and vote!

Anyhow, lots more to come next year! I just want to reiterate that the 'CCRMIT Committee' is not something to be afraid of! I will regularly write in here what we are up to, the minutes are always available on the website, and any member is welcome to come along at any time!

'Till next year,

*Ormie.*

# 2009 CCRMIT CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

## *We're off to the World Series Sprintcars!*



**Where:** Avalon Raceway  
Old Melbourne Road, Lara.

**When:** 30<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**Who:** Members, family, and friends



We've advertised for a couple of months now that the end of year break-up will be an action packed evening on December 30<sup>th</sup>, at the World Series Sprint Cars at Avalon Raceway.

It's a twilight event, and \$25 (club group discounted) gets you in the gate. Gates open at 3pm with racing from 7pm

Let me know no later than Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec if you are interested in coming (and you want the group discount tickets or transport provided) – anyone wanting to come after this can do so at their own transport arrangements and buy a ticket at the gate.

Andrew Ormesher

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In the finest of CCRMIT Christmas traditions...  
And proving that we never really grow up...



# February Club Night

Thursday 11th February 2010 @ 8pm

## Bells Hotel

Corn Coventry & Moray Streets, South Melbourne. (Melways Ref: Map 2K 1E)

Arrive early and grab some pub-grub before hand

## February:

First Club night back for Twenty Ten is packed to the gunnels  
On the agenda are the presentation to our 2009 trophy winners for the  
Steve Poore perpetual trophy  
the Club Trials Champion  
the Official of the Year,  
and Club Member of the Year.

After the 2009 success we are also running a **VCRS-style navigation exercise**  
(Mark Howard-Jones and James Elliott will be back in the "drivers pairing" to defend their 2009 crown!)  
BYO standard navigators tools, including trace paper. Prizes awarded at the Presidents discretion.

## Also....

General Rally Discussions - Extended Bar Breaks - Regular meeting stuff.



## First Aid Course for CCRMIT members.

Car club RMIT is looking to run a First Aid course (Level 2 + CPR certification) early in the new year for the benefit of all members.

We plan to hold the course before the first rally of the season so it will probably be around late February. It will be a one day course (plus some pre-homework) and it will have a motorsport focus.

The club is offering the course at a generous discount to all current club members (likely price around \$80-\$100). Here's your chance to do your bit at a personal level to make the sport safer, and gain some real life skills at a bargain price...

Expressions of interest to Andrew on  
andrew\_o@optusnet.com.au or 0402 825 131  
by Christmas so we know whether it's viable

*The following appeared as a post on the vic\_rally eGroup and has been re-produced with the authors permission. If you've not yet seen this commentary then I suggest you take the time - Ed*

## Volunteering a New Direction.

David C Lambie.

**F**or an organisation that is so dependent on volunteers. You would think that CAMS would put more effort into understanding the needs and motivation of volunteers. The current impasse between the National Board of management and the Vic State Council underscores the low state of play. But I hear you say, the members of the Board of management are volunteers, and you are right... most of them are. But saying that a volunteer makes a good manager of volunteers is a bit like saying an employee makes a good employer. Business has a whole field of endeavour, called Human resource management, devoted to the management of employees. There are some interesting papers on the management of volunteers but it doesn't seem to have the same importance probably because it is not how you make a dollar. But the effective management of the CAMS volunteer administrators could save CAMS a dollar.

The group, I wish to refer to are the volunteer administrators. Those who serve on the State Panels and National Commissions. Those who enable CAMS to function.

Volunteers are **not** unpaid employees. The needs and motivations of a volunteer are more complex than the straight business transaction between a boss and an employee. The ideal relationship between a volunteer and an organisation could best be described as between friends, as this implies an emotional transaction. Intangibles like respect, understanding and acknowledgement take the place of dollars. It is the absence of these intangibles that in part has caused the current impasse.

In the past we have had a number of roles that have required filling. No thought has ever been given to what these roles might mean to volunteers. You either filled the position or walked away, and somebody else took your place. For last two years, nobody has volunteered to join the VRAP at the open October meeting. Many see the VRAP as a necessary evil. Volunteering is not only going out of vogue, those who do volunteer are getting choosier about what they will do.

How does CAMS facilitate it volunteer administrators?... the short answer is, it doesn't.

For as long as I have been on the VRAP. There has been a problem in obtaining financial statements with regards to monies CAMS collects on behalf of the VRAP. i.e. You.

I have witnessed a parade of panel chairs, who in their own time have gone into CAMS to explain what the panel requires. Not one of them has been able to achieve a permanent fix. As at the November panel meeting CAMS despite numerous requests has failed to provide sufficiently detail statements so that panel could reconcile 2009 events contributions. This isn't some superfluous checking exercise it is only due to the diligence of panel treasurers that you the Victorian rally community have not been short-changed over the years. The National office can't handle your money and it doesn't do much better with your correspondence.

Is there a better way? Of course, there is. Let those who know the sport, manage the sport. If there's one thing, rallyists can do it is organise. It is fundamental to what we do and we are extremely competent at it.

Some years ago after an in-depth conversation with Gary Connolly, I was looking over the NGK ROM service park at Yarra Glen, having previously visited Gallipoli Park and De Bortoli, wondering why does CAMS treat a group who can manage what would have to be the most complex interface with the community of any motor sporting event, in such a subordinate manner.

Some years ago, I also put a proposal forward for reimbursement of volunteer administrators. I was laughed at by the Board member and State executive chair. But I ask you? What would give you a bigger bang for your buck, reimbursing expenses to passionate, knowledgeable volunteers or spending wages on paid administrators, who don't have our passion? And don't share a fundamental understanding of what it is we do.

The environment that CAMS has created over the years stifles initiative. When you look at the things that make Victorian rallying possible like, clocks, radios, timing beams, calendars, logos, seeding list, scoring system, the E group, an electronic entry system, The Victorian Club Rally Series and VRC management group, all these things have been initiated and developed at arm's length to CAMS. The national body can claim the benefit without expending a cent.

A good illustration of the ad hoc insensitive way CAMS goes about administration is illustrated by the following. Somebody in CAMS has hit the panic button and decided to register the Victorian Rally Championship, but have they chosen to work through their own administration to find out the details. No, they have chosen a much more circular route, I doubt whether anybody in the National office even knows that there is a group of volunteer administrators dedicated to the management of the Victorian Rally Championship.

The manner and substance of the CAMS website reorganisation also shows what a poor

understanding our National office has of the needs of its volunteer organisers.

When you consider the skills, knowledge and passion in the CAMS membership there is no reason why CAMS cannot be a vibrant, vital organisation. The challenge for the CAMS conservatives is how to turn it into a true Confederation of Motor sport.

The Liberal party are showing how difficult conservatives find change.

Yours David.



## Cath & Kim do Rallye des Femmes

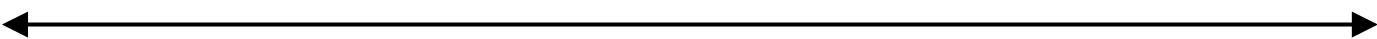
Cathy Rainer (CCRMIT) and Kim Barson have finished 3rd outright in the 2009 Beauty Technology Rallye des Femmes, a female only drivers rally that is held in Canberra each year. The event is promoted by the Brindabella Motor Sport Club and has historically been an end of year fling for the long suffering wives / partners of the regions male drivers who

offer up their rally cars for the greater good.

Cathy and Kim were extremely lucky to be able to compete in the Hyundai Motor Company Australia Accent, and are very excited to have finished 3rd outright, behind Cathy Donohue and Renee Jeffrey in the Mitsubishi Evo 8 and Rebecca Dirickx and Alexander Rodgers in the infamous Dirickx Datsun 1600.

Cathy says, "I would like to thank Kim for having me on

board the Hyundai Motor Company Australia Accent, what an awesome weekend. Mick Gillet and the Hyundai Motor Company Australia, Hyundai Genuine Parts and Ferntree Gully Hyundai for giving me an amazing opportunity and experience. I also want to thank John Carney for giving me the opportunity to join Team GunnawynMotorsport for the weekend. If there was ever a person who captured the spirit of rallying John is sure to be in the running."



## CCRMIT Membership Report

It is ultimately YOUR responsibility to ensure your membership is current. This membership report is only a guide. If you expired at the end of last year for instance, you will not find your name here. Check your cards now for your expiry date. Ensure you are current for upcoming events. Check it 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 pllleeeaaassee print clearly.

**Due**   *LastName*   *FirstName*   *Expiry*

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*60 Days*

Allen

Steve

30/11/2009

McEwen

Rod

31/01/2010

Robinson

Donata

31/01/2010

**Priority Issue: Please Note that the urgent processing of a club membership will now incur a \$10 penalty. Memberships are processed weekly and if you've left yours to the last minute prior to an event and require the issue of a new membership inside two days you will be required to pay this penalty. We all volunteer our time to keep this club running smoothly, so please help us help you by ensuring that you apply for your renewal in a timely manner.**

**NADINE GROVES IS THE NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AND THE FORMS HAVE BEEN UPDATED.**

**WHEN RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP PLEASE USE THE CURRENT FORM**

# CCRMIT Club Trials Scores 2009

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6		
	Rally Bonnie Doon	Nissan Nightmoves	George Derrick	Begonia	Spring 200	Yakkerboo	Total	Standing
Michael Bansagi		10	9	7	6	10	42	1
Leeham Bansagi		10	9	7		10	36	2
Colin Sichlau	9	0	8		9	7	33	3
Bree Tapper	8	8	0	8	0	9	33	=
Dave Gates	8	8	0	8	0	9	33	=
Mark Sichlau	9				8	8	25	4
Stuart Schoof		7	7	0	7	0	21	5
Matt Lee			10	10			20	6
Andrew Gell			10	10			20	=
Brett Williams		9			10		19	7
Terry Trewern		9		9			18	8
Andrew Roseman	7			9			16	9
Rick Thorpe		0			9	7	16	=
Luke Vieceli					8	8	16	=
Richard Gill		7		0	7	0	14	10
Andrew Ryan			7		6		13	11
Dale Twycross	5		0	6	0		11	12
James Elliott	10						10	13
Andrew Ormesher					10		10	=
Cathy Rainer	10						10	=
Deb Howard-Jones	7						7	14
Brendan Brown	6						6	15
Peter Lazdins		6					6	=
John Lazdins		6					6	=
Kevin Wilson	5				0		5	16
Duncan Elliott			0				0	17

<b>Novice</b>								
Dave Gates	10	8	0	9	0	9	36	1
Michael Bansagi	0	10		8	7	10	35	2
Brett Williams		9			10		19	3
Dale Twycross	8		0	7	0	0	15	
Leeham Bansagi			10				10	
Andrew Roseman				10			10	
Brendan Brown	9					0	9	
Stuart Schoof	0		9				9	
Mark Sichlau					9		9	
Stuart Schoof					8		8	

## CCRMIT Inc. Club calendar 2009

### December

30th Dec

CCRMIT Christmas Break-up (Social)

CCRMIT

Avalon Raceway

Please note that all the events and dates listed (particularly social outings) here are completely correct. As there is currently only one item in this calendar it would be pretty lame and quite irresponsible of me as an editor to not have it being correct. 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 [mark\\_hj@dairally.com](mailto:mark_hj@dairally.com)

Renewal

New Membership



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

CCRMIT Inc. A0049540G

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Home A/H Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Officials Licence**

Yes | No  
 If Yes what Grades ie V4: \_\_\_\_\_  
 As of 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2006 all officials need to be licensed through CAMS. This licence can be obtained from CAMS for free. For further information please call Officials Hotline 1300 657 673 or visit [www.cams.com.au](http://www.cams.com.au)

**Membership Types:**

1 Year	3 Year	
\$15	*	Full time RMIT students
\$20	*	Part time RMIT students
\$20	*	Full time student (other university)
\$30	\$80	Full CCRMIT Member
\$40	\$110	Couple/Family living at one address
\$10	\$30	per additional family member at same address

\* Not available

Please note: a priority issue (within 2 working days) will incur an additional \$10 fee

Membership type requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cheques made payable to "CCRMIT"**

**Please return this form to:**                      Membership Secretary - CCRMIT  
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