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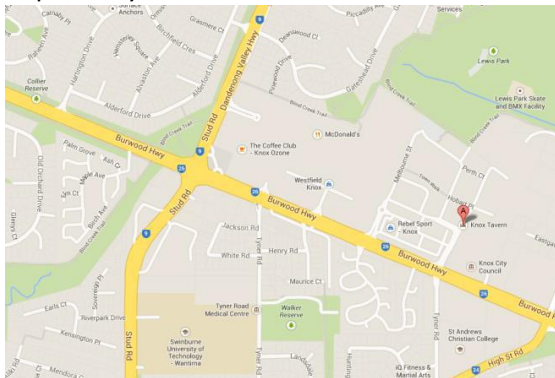
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August 2014 Blower Pirate Edition

Welcome all to the latest edition of the CCRMIT club magazine.

As you may have noticed there has been only a few editions of the Blower this year and this one comes to you from an undisclosed location mainly to protect the identity of the writers and contributors.

This year the club is celebrating the 60th year of existence and what better way to celebrate but to do what we all like to do and that is what.

Since the last edition there has been quite a few events and the blowers treasure chest is overflowing with articles from all of the club members but unfortunately some clown has buried it on a deserted island in the south pacific and forgot to put a damm X on the map so we will work with what we have.

Your Pirate Blower editor

Captain Salty



Well you know



Surprise

It seems like the thing to do in the 60th year of CCRMIT is to throw a Surprise wedding.

Following along from Brett and Melanie Williams getting hitched at a birthday – engagement –wedding party there has been another outbreak of wedding bliss

Long time CCRMIT member Bernard Miron and is lovely partner Anna in a birthday party cover up. Threw a surprise for their friends and family by inviting them along and showing their commitment to each other by getting married. So congratulations too both of you from all of the CCRMIT family and well you know that things always happen I threes so who's up next. Next time you are invited to a birthday party make sure you wear your suit.

The Round up Rumbings

EAST GIPPSLAND STAGES VRC ROUND 3

This was a very wet event but the mud runners came out and CCRMIT members had a great time with two crews making on to the podium.



Viv Dilkes-Frayne and Tracey Dewhurst put in a very hard charge to come in second outright. What a great drive from them in trying conditions I seem to remember seeing some you tube footage of Tracy and Viv arriving at a spectator point backwards and going very quick but managed to keep it on the road to come home on the second step.

Brett Williams hitched a ride with Ashley James in the little old corolla and won their class (P2) by 5 minutes and finished 7th outright in what seems to be a very committed drive for a very small car.

John and Kevin Wilson washed off the WRX only to get it muddy again on their way to a very sensible top 10 finish. The brothers are renowned for havening a very tidy car and keeping it that way.

Graham Redcliffe, Luke Simpson in another corolla and Matt Raymond, Rick Thorpe in the excel were the last of the club finishers in 20th and 21st.

Tony Robinson was navigating for Craig Jarvie in a commodore but found that trying to drive nearly 2 tonne of car on a muddy skating rink wasn't a good idea and ended up stuck off the road on SS8.



Ashley James and Brett Williams sliding their way to 7th outright

Bernard Miron and Andrew Ormesher broke a fretz on SS6. From on scene reports the conversation went like this.

Ormie: Hey Bernie is that our back wheel passing us?

Bernie: Yep

Ormie: Do you think we should go and get it?

Bernie: Yep

Ormie: But it's raining

Bernie: Yep.

Ormie was last seen walking back up the road with an umbrella to collect the offending loose item from the middle of the road to which they then bolted it back onto the car and drove it back to service.

The last retirement from EGS was new member Niall Gavin his rally finished on SS4 when the gearbox in the lancer was found to have lots of input but no output. They will be back for Akademos and going very fast.

COOPER MEMORIAL RALLY VCRS ROUND 3

The 3rd round of the VCRS series was held in the wombat state forest. It was a short round of the series with only 80km competitive on offer. But what made the night was the fantastic roads that the area has and it is always a must do round.

Brendan Brown who has been a long time ccrmit member had what I believe to be his first outright win in his old 180 b with Steph Richards along for the ride. Brendan

showed once again the just because you have a turbo 4wd doesn't mean that you have an advantage by winning the event outright by nearly a minute.



Luke Simpson managed to convince Viv Dilkes Frayne to get in the left hand seat and try to read a road book they had an uneventful night to finish 9th



Newlyweds James and Cathy Elliott had their first event as a married couple and survived it. Cathy was only dark at James a couple of times during the event but I think that was because the headlights kept cutting out, one time in 5th gear (bet that got Jimbos attention). They finished 14th.

Colin Sichlau and Rick Thorpe had a consistent drive in the lancer to 16th place

The Bansagi brothers Michael and Leeham in their little Datsun 1200 coupe had an, as usual giant killing drive. Finishing 21st and just missing out on a class win by 5 second.



Father Daughter team Peter and Amelia Hennessy rounded out the CCRMIT finishes coming in 39th.

NISSAN NIGHTMOVES VCRS ROUND 4

This is a long standing VCRS event that is loved and hated by many. Based in the stump ridden forests around Rushworth this one proved to be a drive to survive event with a massive downpour hours before the start turning the usually dusty roads to what could only be described as mud highways with lakeside frontage. These conditions forced the event to only run to half distance with the directing team wisely deciding to call it a night at the midway service point.



Brendan Brown decided after winning at the cooper that the vcrs series was a worthwhile contest and brushed off the 180 b to come in second outright.

The rest of the CCRMIT crews had a mixed night on what I could only imagine to be deteriorating conditions. Richard Gill was navigating for Daniel Fynch in the VR4 and finished 22.

David Gates and Russell Hoystead were sliding the MX5 through the slop into 27th. Peter and Amelia Hennessy finished 31st in a safe drive to bring the Celica home straight but just a little muddy. And finally Michael Bansagi swapped out his brother for Chris Agrotis but had an event to forget missing 4 major controls and finishing 32nd.



GOLD FIELDS INTRO TRIAL

This event was run by the Cerberus car club based in Dunolly. It was an entry level event but a few ccrmit members came out to play. The Bansagi brothers Michael and Leeham decided to swap seats for the night and had a great run for the first few stages but engine problems (like the distributor coming loose affecting the engine timing) stalled them for a while. Richard Gill was navigating for Daniel Fynch in his VR4 but the gearbox decided to have a slow night and they put it back on the trailer at the service break. Brett Williams was sitting in the silly seat for long time autocrosser turned rally driver Lenny Nichols in his mighty HQ. They had a good run finishing the event but did manage to scare a few trees along the way with the back end of the HQ looking slightly modified at the service after an off road excursion.

I don't have any results to hand as they have been cast into the sea for delivery in a bottle but the ocean currents have not been kind and I'm still waiting for delivery.



PHILLIP ISLAND 6 HOUR

This is an annual event that ccrmit crews have been attending for a few years now. It is most of our member's only play on the black stuff that they have ever had and it is a fun weekend getting to run around one of Australia's best race tracks.



Two teams entered this year WRECKINGS RACING and SHAKE 'N' BAKE with Nic Jacobs slipping in MUCC team to fill up their places.

Saturday qualifying was the usual affair of trying to get all of your cars running and drivers able to start and working out what maybe a time that you could use for the race. For some it was a breeze just go out and drive around get a time and done for others it wasn't so easy with cars breaking down.

WRECKINGS RACING lost the Volvo with a blown engine and the rx7 had problems all weekend but the managed to find some more replacement cars to get them onto the line for the Sunday race.

SHAKE 'N' BAKE had an easier time with all of the cars making through to place them 12th on the grid for the race start.

Sunday Race Day

In fine sunny and bitterly cold typical of Phillip Island day the grid was set at 10am ready for the rolling start and start they did, the 6 hour is an interesting race where everyone on the grid has an even chance to win all you have to do is drive as a team to a fixed time all day collecting bonus laps for getting near you time but not going faster to avoid the dreaded penalty lap. Sounds easy right?

Hour 1 saw a great start with WRECKINGS RACING 12th and SHAKE 'N' BAKE just making the top 10 in 9th and then the fun started. The next 3 hours the teams slowly went up the results sheet to find SHAKE 'N' BAKE sitting in second outright piling on the bonus laps with no penalty laps and wrecking racing just behind in 6th. For the next 1 and a half hours Shake N Bake stayed at the top of the leader board but some excited driving from some team members coming to close to their nominated time and going under gave them some penalty laps and dropped them to 8th at the end of the day. WRECKINGS RACING stayed firm to finish out the day 6th.



Not too bad for a little dirt rally club to be able to place 2 teams in the top ten of one of the hardest events to win on the tarmac regularity relays. Well done to all of the helpers, the pit bitches and the catering crews who make this weekend what it is. And it looks like some people are already talking about next year's event.

A quick word with **Dave Gates**

WRECKINGS RACING Team Manager

Philip Island 6 hour thanks

To everybody involved with this year's efforts of the two finishing CCRMIT teams in the top ten at the 6 hour, well done it was a fantastic effort.

WRECKINGS RACING finished 6th on what could be considered a very trying weekend for some of our team members, at one point late on Sunday arvo we only had one vehicle on the track and an empty garage with the other two remaining cars being repaired.

Unfortunately Nicks Rx7 never really got going, even though it was being worked on up until Sunday lunchtime with very little success.

[Brenton Simpson](#) and Bruce battled to keep the falcon on track, with a steering issue and a slipping clutch the boys soldiered on for the benefit of the team.

[Junny Hetherton](#), what a driver! just under 2 hours of total track time on Sunday, he was knackered and even fell asleep (in the car with helmet on) while waiting in the garage for his next stint on the track, yet very consistent times from him got us many bonus laps.

Rods efforts were absolutely outstanding, managing to drive three different cars over the course of the weekend. After finally settling into car three (Garry's ute) he produced consistent lap times - bang on his nominated time, he even had to endure a tyre letting go mid corner and managed to limp back to the pits without damaging the rim.

To our support crew, [Luke Ping-Nam](#), [Bradley Hetherton](#), [Rolla Dave](#), [Matt Douglas](#), Mark and Ange, [Gary Berrie](#), Murray, Craig (trackside tyres), without you guys we would not have finished the event at all.

You all pitched in on the wall and under the bonnets of the cars to keep us going all weekend.



Special thanks to Luke for getting up at 4.45 on Saturday and Sunday morning to cook everybody breakfast and also to Murray for helping me late on Sunday arvo when I was having trouble calculating total driver track time.

Mark and Ange, Thankyou once again for the delicious catering service you provided for the team over the entire weekend.

Finally [Kevin Wilson](#), thanks a heap

for helping me with the paperwork and for all your organisation for everybody, you are truly a club legend. Our never say die attitude earned us 6th place and an encouragement award from the organisers of the event, thankyou for an exciting fun filled weekend.

Good times with good friends

Team manager ([David Gates](#)) WRECKINGS RACING



Some kind words from the old club legend **Kev Wilson**

Team manager of SHAKE 'N' BAKE

In the middle of winter and where else would you go to be in a colder place than a Ski Resort Phillip Island!! Of course. What a mixed and great weekend at probably the fastest motor racing track Oz! CCRMIT had two point two teams competing in the annual 6 Hour



Regularity, at the great race track this past couple of days. Shake'N'Bake and Wreckins Racing with Nic Jacobs.

Saturday throw up typical P.I. weather with rain and sub-zero temps where we strived to retain a manly

composure. Sunday was a Snow Skiers dream, clear skies, sub-zero temps, powder snow, Naahhh, dawn broke sub-zero temps, leading into clear blue skies that heated to a majestic winter's day.

I sit here and smile with gratitude and emotional triumph with what two CCRMIT Rally Teams took to the tarmac motor-racing participants. At one stage with an hour to go CCRMIT were running 1st and 3rd outright with a bad of Ugly Ducklings taking on 48 other teams. But from hero to zero in a blink we overstood the mark with other coming at us. Finishing, Wreckins Racing 6th and Shake'N'Bake 8th, initially deflated but what a fantastic 6 hour job plus Saturday by our Teams and MUCC taking in Nic.



You want to thank everyone in this feat but as a CREW we shook the foundations, had a laugh, and fixed wounded cars but no one gave in and we are a credit to our car club. Our crews, friends, catering staff and overall mateship, show we have the metal to win this trophy. Some may feel down hearted, some stepped up, and all helped and made this a great

weekend. Wish you can be there to help us win next year. Many thanks to Jean and Dave for their superior efforts and crews making this a must do experience. Thanks to all my friends that read this and should enter next year.

You can't get rid of a grin. Big Kev

CLASSIC OUTBACK TRIAL



A few of the CCRMIT members are having a quite week driving around the back blocks of NSW with the Classic Outback Trial. As the blower goes to press Matt Lee and Cathy Elliott and doing a great job and are sitting in equal 9th outright. You can follow the progress of the crews on the web page

<http://classicoutbacktrial.com.au/> or for the more social savvy on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ClassicOutbackTrial>

Some other members are out there supporting the crews with Tracy, Rod and Murray servicing for Neil Cuthbert. Look out for updates and keep cheering on the CCRMIT Crews.



Up & Coming Events

CCRMIT AUTOCROSS VCAS ROUND 9

Ccrmit is again running a round of the Victorian Autocross Series on the 13th of September At the Boisdale track. Rick Thorpe and his crack team of merry men have put together the event this year.

The event will start in the afternoon and run into the night make sure you come along as it's a great venue for spectating. Very family friendly and with onsite catering even if you don't want to drag a car down there come along for a look or just to help out the club.

You can download your entry form from the CCRMIT web site <http://www.ccrmit.com/>

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

Full report to come along in the next blower edition.

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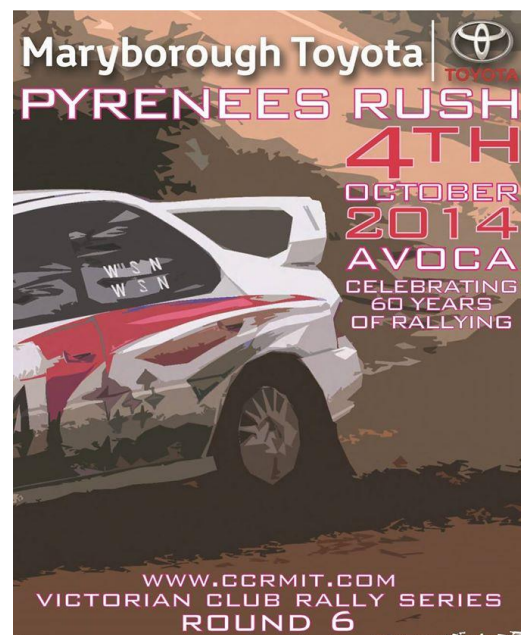
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MARYBOROUGH TOYOTA PYRENEES RUSH VCRS ROUND 6

OH WHAT A FEELING!

The Event Directing team is proud to announce that regional Victorian Toyota dealer, Maryborough Toyota, has partnered up with round 6 of the Victorian Club Rally Series (VCRS), the Pyrenees Rush, on October 4th promoted by Car Club RMIT Inc.

"Being a 60th year celebration event for CCRMIT, we're very excited to have Maryborough Toyota on board, supporting what we expect will be a stand out event on the 2014 rally calendar", Clerk of Course James Elliott said.





"We have a great mix of stages, both day & night, tuliped and navigational, technical & flat out - Something for everyone.

Amongst the quality forestry roads being used in the Pyrenees, the event team is working closely with the Pyrenees Shire, local residences & businesses to secure a selection of shire roads, where the first stage will depart from the Avoca Industrial Park, snaking past the



Spectator point less than 2 minutes from the centre of town, before heading into the technical Lamplough State Forest.

Following the afternoon daylight stages and divisional break, the moderately easy evening navigational stages will be run, where the night time spectator point will allow further viewing of competitors as they head out, and then return after experiencing the Pyrenees Rush!

Like all events, it cannot run without the core support of its small army of volunteer officials - To become involved, please contact our official's co-ordinator at pyrenees.rush@ccmit.com

Supplementary Regulations for Competitors are now available at the clubs web site www.crcmit.com, or www.vicrally.com.au.

Whilst the event team would like to thank the support from Maryborough Toyota, Fulton Hogan, Mattonics, Hancock Victorian Plantations, The Pyrenees Shire, Department of Environment & Primary Industries, and the local residents from the Pyrenees Shire.

2014 CHRISTMAS BREAK UP SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

After the success of the last 3 years that CCRMIT have run their end of year Christmas break up function at the hunted hill circuit the committee decides it was time for a change of pace. So the Christmas break up this year will be at Lardner Park where we will run a come and try motorkhana.



After the fun of the day sliding around on the grass in cars we will adjourn back to Bernard Mirons house located in Warragul (about 15min drive away) for a takeaway party night where the stories of the year will be told and tales from the day will get bigger and faster as the night gets longer. Located at the end of Bernard's street is a large motel for those who wish to stay a little longer or it's just a short drive back to Melbourne after the event. More details and the entry forms to be released soon

NEXT CLUB NIGHT

Thursday 11th September we have Kathy & Todd Watkins, owners of RapidRS, a small Brake Specialist company located in Keysborough coming along for a chat.

Todd designs and machines slotted, dimpled and cross drilled rotors for all facets of the automotive sector. Competition, 4x4, as well as the family run about.

Kathy will give the info you need for the right pads and rotors to get your rally car, 4x4 or family huckster to stop properly.

They have an extensive back ground in brake design and manufacture and more than ever happy to assist with information and assistance in getting the right brakes for your needs.

Great people to deal with, lots of info.

See you at Knox for 8pm, or earlier for dinner and a catch-up.

OCTOBER IS AGM MEETING TIME

Well it's coming around to that time of year again and the October club meeting is the Annual General Meeting.

The nominations forms for the committee positions will be included in the next month's blower edition

The committee is a very fluid group of people and needs to be replenished at times so with a couple of months until the AGM meeting we would like you to consider maybe looking at a position on the CCRMIT committee. There will be some places that need to be filled and it would be great to have to include a vote to show that its more than one person that is wanting to step up to the role. The committee meet once a month where we sit around and eat cake and drink coffee and look after the goings on of your club this include the running of club night as well as the events during the year. One thing that ccrmit prides themselves on is the social side of the club and we would like to have a social coordinator on the committee. So make sure you come along to the October club meeting so you too can have your say on the running of the club.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

This year the committee decided that it was time to make the unforgiving job of memberships just that bit easier. As most of you would know that each month we would usually run a full list of members that had the expiry dates closing in and give them a nudge to pay their fees. This would usually cause a rush of member to make sure that their licence was current and cause frantic calls to the membership secretary most likely made on the Tuesday night just before scrutiny of a rally event. This rush and constant change of member list caused the committee to review the way it dealt with expiry dates. It was passed that we would change over to bi annual dates. So members will notice on their new cards that they will have one of 2 dates. January or June. This will make the job of keeping track of your membership a lot easier for Murray.

sign off

Thank you all for reading this unusual pirate edition of the blower. The editing team would like to thank all of the contributors without your help this stuff wouldn't ever come to print.

I would like to acknowledge the photo contributors in this edition

John Douch

www.narraphotography.com.au (6 hour photos check out their website for some great shots)

And Facebook it amazing what you can rip of there..... (Watch what you post people)

Now somebody get me off this damm ship

