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*Annual General Meeting
Thursday 12th November*

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This month's cover: Roseman has taken delivery of his new Autocross vehicle... watch this space for more!!!

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Presidential Report

November 2009

So, I've had a couple of reminders in recent days to get my last Blower report out as my current role as President of & for the Car Club RMIT.

I don't want to turn this into an honour roll, or like the credits you seen on a feature film, but I would like to say thanks to those to have supported me, the out going committee over the past year. It's been an interesting time at the helm of the club, to what I believe have been some interesting times for the sport. These past and present challenges will continue to exist in the future, and I hope that the members of the club can get behind and support those that will take my position and those of the committee in the coming months, as they have done for me.

I'm not really sure what else to say at this time, but I hope that I will see you all, or as many as we can, on Thursday nights Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be taking place at 8pm sharp, as there are a few members that will be making there way east for the Alpine afterwards, so we'll need to get it underway nice and early.

It seems that the season is almost over yet again. We've had some wins and some losses, but most of all, we've had all those moments around us to share as a club, and see it all through together.

Signing off

Pres Jimbo

Quick Note from an Editor

Another month has gone by and here I am once again spending a late night (or early morning - depending on how you want to look at it) in front of the computer, piecing together yet another issue of the Blower.

A little light on the usual 'member content' this month, but plenty of official stuff with the AGM later in the week and some eyewitness accounts of just what went on at the final Sport & Club Development Council meeting for 2009... some very interesting reading.

We look in more detail at the club's end of year function, and we also get a quick recap on the new VicRoads rules.

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

MARK HOWARD-JONES

Co-Editor - The Blower



Congratulations

Tony and Meran Robinson on the safe arrival of their third daughter, Senna Elizabeth Robinson, on the 26th of Oct. She's a cutie for sure, but appears to have inherited her dad's hair style - oh dear!!



An important update for all members regarding the 2009 CCRMIT AGM

For the first time in as long as any of us can ever remember, we have received a handful of completed nomination forms for the 2010 committee - before the night of the AGM! Having spoken to the people who have been nominated, this has been done for two reasons :-

- (1) To demonstrate a desire to help lead this club into the 2010 season, and
- (2) Most of them are running away early on the Thursday night of the AGM to get to the start of the 2009 Alpine Rally in Lakes Entrance!

Under the rules of CCRMIT's incorporation, if only one nomination for a position has been received prior to the commencement of the AGM - that person will automatically take on that role on behalf of the club - nominations will not be taken from the floor. HOWEVER if more than one nomination is received, the position will be opened up for a vote by those members present at the AGM.

Nominations received by the Secretary of CCRMIT so far are :-

Andrew Ormesher for the position of President

James Elliott for the position of Vice President

Nadine Groves for the position of Secretary

Andrew Roseman for the position of Treasurer

Brett Williams for the position of Ordinary Committee Member

Mark Howard-Jones for the position of Ordinary Committee Member

If you would like to nominate yourself or another financial club member to stand for any of these positions, please complete the form elsewhere in the Blower and get it to the current secretary (Mark Howard-Jones). While the persons above are willing to take on the respective roles they have nominated for, it would be fantastic to see some more people show a desire to directly influence the direction of the club.

FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PERSON ON THE NIGHT, **PRIOR TO THE 8PM START**.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM!
The AGM will start at 8pm SHARP at Bells Hotel, since the pub likes to close up by 10pm these days.

Thanks,

Mark Howard-Jones

CCRMIT Secretary (Outgoing)

THE VICE

Wow, well another month passed! Congrats to all those who finished the final round of the VRC, the Akademos, and good luck to all those crews preparing to tackle the Alpine next weekend.

Please note there will be NO December club night this year, we will instead be having an end of year breakup – see the info elsewhere in this mag.

November is of course the AGM – please come along and tell us what you think of the year we've had, and what you would like to see next year – as well as vote for those (possibly yourself?) who will make up the committee for 2010. We've got a few ideas in mind for 2010 – but it's for all of you to tell us what you really want! See you all there!

Cheers, *Ormie.*

2009 CCRMIT CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

We're off to the World Series Sprintcars!



(C) Baron Media 07

We've advertised for a couple of months now that the end of year break-up will be on December 30 at the World Series Sprint Cars at Avalon Raceway.

It's a twilight event, and \$25 gets you in the gate. This means the presentation of our 2009 trophy winners will be done at our first club night for 2010 – on February 11th.

If enough people are interested, the car club will assist with hiring a bus to get out to Avalon, possibly starting as far out as Warragul and making pickups along the way.

Please let me know asap if you are interested in coming and whether you want a bus ride or will make your own way, so we can confirm numbers and organise a booking!

Andrew Ormesher

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VSCDS

Victorian Sports & Club Development Council

Star Date – 20th Oct 2009 CAMS Headquarters Caulfield

Election Night ! We went to Laurie Oaks in the Canberra nerve centre for clarification the urn was on and scoured the room for last minute nominations for the five categories to be exploited. Those being , Board Director , Alt Board Director , Council Chairman , Deputy Council Chairman and 5 x Executive Council Members .

Board Directors – Nominations , Angus Black and Bruce Robertson - Bruce with drew his nomination citing he could be more useful and add more pull to the sport utilising his influence outside than council. Believing CAMS was a train wreck waiting to happen. Angus continues in the position , though citing the position as frustrating , as he is one against nine on the current Board.

All other Nominations and Positions have carried over from the previous committee , this then left an undertaking that voting was no longer required. Seed sown , now the fun began.

Matters from previous minutes were still not completed , this was in reference to The Standing Orders , which were still not available and an ongoing saga from The Board. Reason given ,they still didn't like some of the phrasing being inserted. More , enduring mumblings from the gallery.

Reports : Bruce R. - Potential new sites for Motorsport , one being the Cardinia site , situated between the freeway and railway line but has good support from Casey Council . CAMS have been challenged by government and the Marriot Report as to the viability for a new motorsport site . No timelines and a lot of water to pass under the bridge before anything further is to surface. Bruce inspected the potential site under the stealth of Car Problem with Bonnet Up Syndrome and explained that the site is not only unsuitable but inappropriate and contravening all planning rules and regulations , as too access to the site , very difficult and unpractical . ANDRA showed support for a drag racing venue at Laverton but the complex must be multi functional for all forms of motorsport . Things , just warming up.

Through a non-rallying sporting group , a conversation arose as to Officials being utilised for an event Those being members of CAMS car clubs and those folk not being members , on the day are they members and entitled to members rights . This continued for several minutes , boring most folk . Move on better stuff to be had !

Rally Panel : Darryn S. - Vic Rally Panel and ARCOM talking about ARC & possibly WRC coming to Victoria. Full fields are currently being experienced for most Vic Rallies. (That happens with only a few directors and series available)

State Manager : ' McLaren \$ 100,000,000 Fine Fund ' , motorsporting organisations around the world have access to the fine money imposed by the FIA and paid up by McLaren , after their indiscretions with Ferrari , CAMS have made application to score some of this to be used in , ' I.T. and Training within CAMS ' to the tune of approx. \$ 80,000 , (or \$ 80K per undertaking , didn't finish scrawling this down properly) Organisations could apply for about \$ 250,000 each , world wide .

Board : All Commissions chairs remain the same , Bruce R. Still seething commented on the ' Horse Shit ' that these guys go on with , Angus B. remained silent as he would echo the remarks. Rally Oz made a profit !!! Bruce R. Had a cold as we heard , "Ahh Ahh Bullshit" and would prefer to see a balance sheet first . Trans Tasman

competition mumblings were mentioned but low audibility from the few involved left the conversation as a guesstimate at present . Starting to see the first sky rockets being launched.

State Council : We are completely and totally unhappy with the current CAMS Board , they initiate ' Secret Minutes ' , that are not circulated or tabled and if anything is to be released is done so through a ' Statement Release ' . A ' Motion ' , was passed that legal assessment be taken , to ask the Sporting Commissions Government Body be requested to ask the Board relevant issues regarding the secret minutes and transparency of data through the organisation. Lengthy conversation went on about his situation as it was stated by CAMS Board from their restructure a few short years ago , everything was to be transparent with no hidden agendas . Angus B. in his roll could only stifle questions as he has to respect the Board and their actions but was clearly unhappy with the Boards current methods and was again one against nine . More to this to come out too . CAMS Summit was conducted recently , representatives from Rallying were Ross Runnalls , Mark Hallowell and Gary Connelly . Bruce R. was also invite but shadowed where ever he went for fear of stepping on toes and asking inappropriate questions. The Summit was structured in such a way so as to deflect negativity but those there said it was an uplifting . A form of Garage Sale at the Malvern Town Hall was mooted for early next year and thus trying to get Car Clubs to attend and run stalls.

General Business : Peter Breedy (Ex CAMS Board Member) Started the conversation with the current CAMS Board are only applying lip service to it's members with no constructive or concrete actions taking place . Financial information is being smuggled under the radar , with 49% of all monies collected by CAMS is being issued as salaries within the organisation. The resources promised have not been forthcoming along with training and other actions. CAMS are said to be trying to bring non-motorsport entities under the CAMS umbrella to increase revenue . Rumblings broke out that CAMS were considering changing the CAMS name to something else , this was raised at the Summit also. One member from the floor quoted ' The current CAMS board are an experiment that has failed dismally ' . Service to State Level events and activities is non-existent and has turned their backs on the promises made again a couple of years earlier , of being available to the members at every level and at any time . The Hancock Plantations negotiations were raised as one area where the CAMS Board had severely dropped the ball , after all the progress that had been made by a few had been dropped by the Board . It was also pointed out that all the 'Championship ' boards in the meeting room were removed (previous meeting) Rally , Touring Car (Light Car Club) etc. , all gone . But the four replaced , VCRS , Hall of Fame , Vic Rally Championship and ARC Championship were replaced thanks to Mike Smith It was at this stage where a Second Motion for the evening was raised , (not exact but) , it was put forward that the current CAMS Board be ' spilled ' and have it dissolved , on the grounds they do not relate and listen to their ' customers ' in the VSCDC , as there is currently NO Transparency and or quality leadership for the members within the sport. The motion was carried. It was an eerie scenario !

A final word from Mike Smith (CAMS Rep) was that Echuca – Moama wanted CAMS to organise a 'Motorsport Spectacular ' , around the area on the 1-4 October 2010 , this was to integrated all categories to take place over the weekend. They wanted Hill Climb , Speed on Tweed , Night Rally , Aust. Motorkhana Championship , Touring Assembly , Rally Cross , Rally Sprint , Off Road etc. And the Echuca – Moama Shire is giving it all the backing required , sort of like The Southern 80 event. 8000 beds available for the weekend , they are asking for car clubs turn of interest to run the events , with incentives to do so. A big late night , those in attendance are waiting to see how the minutes will be issued and what they will contain. Watch this space !

Barney Scribblings

Closest Journalist

I think I can hear , The Johnny's singing , 'The Day Marty Robbins Died'

And now... The official version!! Very interesting reading.

All Victorian Clubs,

Last Tuesday night Victoria held its final Sport & Club Development Council meeting for 2009 and to say the least it was long, passionate and interesting.

We had much discussion on the direction of CAMS and the actions of the Board. One particular point of note was that the entire floor was dissatisfied with the methods of reporting Board business, the number of votes and the issuing of minutes. There were also many questions regarding the transparency of the Board and the lack of communications between the Board and the Sport & Club Development Councils and ultimately the greater CAMS membership.

A brief summary of the Councils concerns would include-

1. Ongoing poor service, despite further assurances. Tolerance levels of "transition" are at breaking point.
2. A deep resentment to the dismissal of any consideration of the reasonable Constitutional changes, and the insulting reasons given for their non-adoption.
3. A feeling of disengagement with the broader thrust of CAMS Board's strategic direction, combined with a reasonable and justified feeling that the Board and/or management do not know what they are doing, are blowing our financial capital in the sport, and have the blatant attitude that "we know and you don't".
4. A blatant disregard for the convention and history of the sport, and the summary dismissal and removal of any volunteer who has any sort of specialist knowledge that may be seen as a threat to the centralization policy of the Board and management. (Peter Nelson, Track Safety Committee, Dr Vissenga and LOTS more examples).
5. A thoroughly researched and documented trail of stuff ups and strategic mistakes being made by management and condoned by the Board.
6. An obvious sense and reality that events are becoming far more difficult to organise and carry through for clubs, both by more (unnecessarily) onerous methodology and a lack of motorsport knowledge amongst the staff to assist, and in some instances, a totally negative interactive experience with staff.
7. A real feeling that clubs and volunteers are there to serve the strategic platform of the Board, as their loyal serfs, instead of the Board and management serving the needs of the constituent clubs.
8. A very deep resentment at the centralization of all CAMS functions.
9. A well held feeling that there is no place for appointed directors and that the Constitution should be changed to reflect and replace them with the use of specialist consultants when specific expertise is needed.

From these and other concerns raised in the robust discussions came the below motions. These motions should send a clear message to the Board and answer questions from the President regarding the satisfaction of the membership with the job the Board is doing.

The motions are as follows.

8.12

Motion: /"That the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council requests formal advice from CAMS' legal advisers on what process is available by which the Sport & Club Development Council can refer to the Australian Sports Commission its concerns about particular actions by the Board including (but not limited to) the intention to suppress publication of records of Board meetings."/

Moved Les Noonan, Seconded Peter Kerr.

16 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

9.07

/Motion: "That the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council calls for a total spill of the entire CAMS Board due to their collective inability to adequately engage their clientele, failure to adequately manage the brief of the sport, or to understand the industry in such a way as to advance motor sport."/

Moved Bruce Robertson, Seconded Graeme Steinfort

11 for, 6 against, 2 abstentions.

These were both carried and we now wait to see what develops from here. It would seem most likely that we will need to call an extraordinary Sport & Club Development Council meeting in the near future. When this meeting is called we will circulate all clubs and it will then require as many clubs as possible to attend this meeting as it will be your chance to voice all your concerns.

Regards

David Bellenger

Chairman

Sport & Club Development Council (Vic)

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		32	1
Leeham Bansagi		10	9	7			26	2
Colin Sichlau	9	0	8		9		26	=
Bree Tapper	8	8	0	8	0		24	3
Dave Gates	8	8	0	8	0		24	=
Stuart Schoof		7	7	0	7		21	4
Matt Lee			10	10			20	5
Andrew Gell			10	10			20	=
Brett Williams		9			10		19	6
Terry Trewern		9		9			18	7
Mark Sichlau	9				8		17	8
Andrew Roseman	7			9			16	9
Richard Gill		7		0	7		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	=
Rick Thorpe		0			9		9	14
Luke Vieceli					8		8	15
Deb Howard-Jones	7						7	16
Brendan Brown	6						6	17
Peter Lazdins		6					6	=
John Lazdins		6					6	=
Kevin Wilson	5				0		5	18
Duncan Elliott			0				0	19

Novice								
Dave Gates (N)	10	10	0	10	0		30	1
Dale Twycross (N)	8		0	9	0		17	2
Brendan Brown (N)	9						9	3

CCRMIT Inc. Club calendar 2009

November

8th Nov	VCAS Round 10	BCC	Bagshot (flat hillclimb)
12th Nov	CCRMIT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	CCRMIT	Bells Hotel - Sth Melb
14-15th Nov	Alpine Rally	HRA	East Gippsland

December

6th Dec	VCAS Round 11	NCCA / SDCC	Shepparton
30th Dec	CCRMIT Christmas Break-up (Social)	CCRMIT	Avalon Raceway

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 mark_hj@dairally.com

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. I 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 please print clearly.

<i>Due</i>	<i>LastName</i>	<i>FirstName</i>	<i>Expiry</i>	<i>30 Days</i>			
<i>Expired</i>					Allen	Steve	30/11/2009
					Rainer	Catherine	30/11/2009
	Ernst	John	1/10/2009				
	Lisle	Damian	16/10/2009	<i>90 Days</i>			
	Moulden	Greg	31/10/2009		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.



All Victorian drivers need to be aware that VicRoads has a new logo, a bucket load of new rules and new improved increased fines for those who haven't been able to keep up with the raft of changes and redrafts to the new rules since they were first announced a few months ago.

Changes (and subsequent changes to the changes) include how drivers can use mobile telephones and visual display units and where they can make u-turns.

The changes also mean that children under the age of seven must be in an appropriate child restraint. Drivers can also be fined if they have passengers not wearing a seatbelt.

From Monday 9 November, the changes to Victoria's new road safety rules will apply and VicRoads is asking drivers across Victoria to take the time to understand the new rules if they haven't already done so.

Drivers who fail to obey the new rules could be issued with an on-the-spot fine of up to \$300 and three demerit points for some offences. Cases which go to court or involve drink driving could incur more severe penalties.

One of the key changes drivers will need to be familiar with is the way mobile phones and navigation devices can be used while driving. Under the new mobile phone rule, you cannot use a mobile phone while driving except to make or receive a call or use the audio function, and the phone is fixed in a cradle or can be operated remotely by the driver. To use a mobile phone as a GPS device it must be in a cradle.

A driver found to be handling a mobile telephone or otherwise using it inappropriately (let your imagination run with that one!! ☺) will face a fine of \$234 and three demerit points.

It is now illegal to perform a u-turn or overtake over a single continuous dividing line. Drivers will still be permitted to perform a u-turn over broken dividing lines. Drivers who perform an illegal u-turn or do not comply with changed line marking rules will face a fine of \$234 and three demerit points.

In another change that will improve safety, passengers over the age of 16 - as well as their drivers - will face fines for failing to wear a seatbelt. This means if a passenger is not wearing a seatbelt, both the passenger and driver will incur a fine of \$234.

Other new road safety rules being introduced include not allowing passengers under eight years of age to be carried as passengers on motorcycles, and when sharing the road with trams, a driver must not pass the rear of a stopped tram with its doors open. Once the doors are closed and pedestrians have left the road, a driver may drive past the tram at no more than 10km/h.

For more information on the new road rules, visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/roadrules and for information about penalties relating to traffic offences go to www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/penalties.

Good Luck.

