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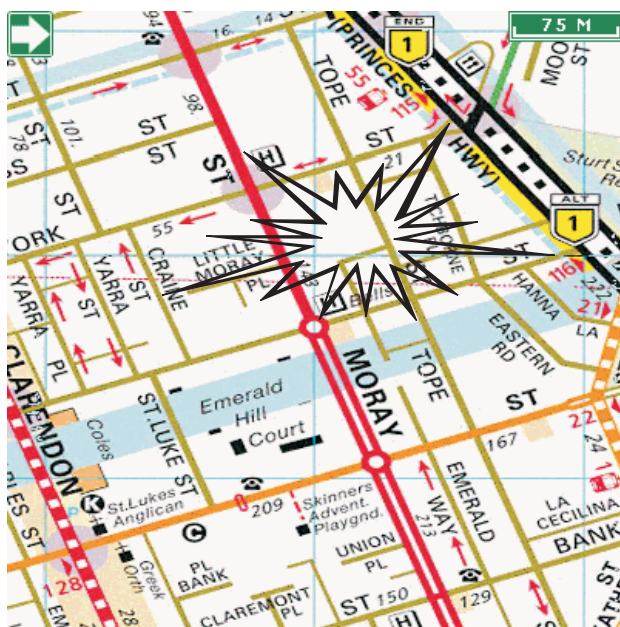
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from the 2009 Rally Dinner

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Presidential Report

February 2009

Well hello CCRMITers,

We are very much well into the start of 2009, and already we have been faced with many challenges. As I type, the biggest threat is the loss of more homes in and around Victoria. At this stage I am not aware of any members who have lost property, but I am aware of a few who could, and on behalf of the club, our thoughts are with you.

The effect that these fires have had in the areas of roads used by the rallying fraternity, is yet to be known, but I see this a minor inconvenience, compared to the loss of life & property.

Onto more positive topics, I had the pleasure of attending the Victorian Rally Dinner, which was organised by our very own David Lambie, and MC'd by Ormie. I believe a good night was had by all, given the testing circumstances that existed on the night. Personally I feel that these events are great for the rallying community, and should be given more support. Hopefully the future of this night turns out positive in the long term. Thanks to David & his small team for doing the hard yards, and following through with it all.

In other news, we are getting closer to the first events of 2009, and for all those budding navigators/co-drivers/back seat drivers/and drivers, Ormie has been busy scheming a fun and rewarding challenge for those attending the first general club meeting for the year! I hear it's challenging for those that want it, or simpler for those like me that will be doing something very new.. So that we can fit this in, with a half reasonable finish time, the meeting will be kicking off at 8pm SHARP!! I promise we'll fit a few bar breaks in!

Finally, as many of you are already aware, sadly Robyn Goss, a wonderful member of the club, a good friend to many, and a loving partner to Terry, passed away recently. The loss of someone's life is always a difficult time, and our thoughts are with Terry, Robyn's family, and all her friends who formed an integral part of her wonderful life.

See you all at club night.

Cheers

Pres Jimbo.

Quick Note From An Editor

To be honest, I don't have a hell of a lot to say this month. There was not a lot of input from members. Having said that, given current circumstances that is completely understandable.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those fighting fires and those who are suffering losses. I know that some members have been directly impacted by these horrific fires, and I've also heard stories of members standing by rally friends to save lives and property. Hats off to those able to help.

Due to the nature of our sport, many members of the rally community live in the fire affected areas, and it's inevitable that rally folk are going to lose houses, property, livelihoods and rally cars etc. (I hope and pray, no lives lost). I also know, due to the nature of people in the rally community, that these casualties will know that they can rely on the more fortunate amongst us for any help they may require.

I Look forward to seeing those who can make it at this months club night. Till then be safe.

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

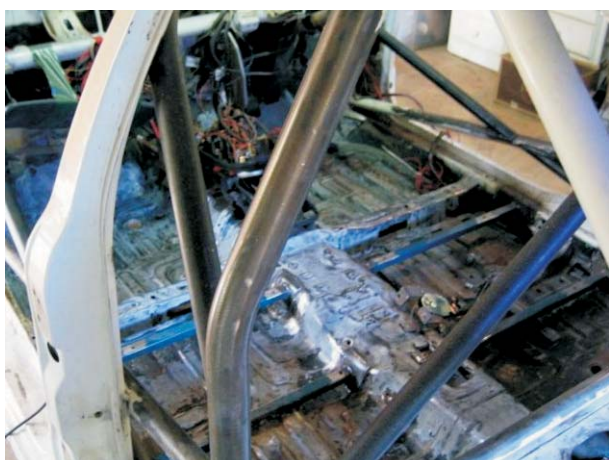
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Jimbo's Lantra Life Extension Program

Ok, so some might have been aware, & some not, but the Lantra has been on a "life extension program", and is also having some half decent upgrades done to it as well.. Here's where it's at..

Firstly the body was suffering from some fatigue, which hopefully has now been resolved by a visit to Rai Currie, at FabRaiCations.. There was some reinforcing added to the car, new & improved seat rails (Cathy needed lower mounts so the seat "head wings" could fit snugger, and I got mine done again for a better fit as well), and finally some added bars for improved protection for that occurrence we don't want.



We got the car back a few weeks ago, and hit it with several paint removing methods for the internal parts of the car. The paint inside had never been done properly from when I got the car, and was progressively getting worse & worse. So whilst the car was an empty shell, I decided to tidy up the floor pan, roll cage, and engine bay.

After a few long days of detail cleaning, stripping, cleaning, degreasing and more cleaning, followed by prepping, cleaning, etching, then cleaning, we finally got on a couple of layers of this great paint product POR-15.

With the paint now dry, we now have to reinstall the seats, gear stick and handbrake, so I can work out where to fit the new hydro handbrake. Once that's done, the dual master cylinders go in, and the new lines will be run around the car.. Then the fuel lines go in, add a few plugs where various electrics have had to be cut, install the steering rack & plumb the lines, add an engine, gearbox, put the new hub bearings in, and wire in the Monit! Somewhere there I'll also get my hand on my new suspension... and I'm sure there's a bucket load more things to do as well!



Got until the 18th of March to have it all done.... fun fun fun!

More progress hopefully in time for next months blower, but for now, should go get back to it...

February Club Night

First club night for the year is **12th February 2009** at Bells Hotel.

Be there by 8pm as there as we have a bit on including our opening special event for 2009.

CCRMIT 2009 Armchair Rally

For the first club night back we will be holding an 'Armchair Rally'. This is a fun night to come and practice your navigational skills and for the new members of the club yet to contend a VCRS rally series, this night IS INVALUABLE in teaching you what you need to know before you roll to the start line.

For those who haven't been to one of these, you will be given a map and some route instructions, and you will need to plot your way around the route. Likely to be conducted in teams of one or two, nominating in either the novice or the experts class, with some prizes for the most creative and most accurate route planning.

IF YOU ARE A NOVICE NAVIGATOR and would like some help on the night to learn the ropes, please email Ormie andrew.ormesher@optusnet.com.au and he will organise for some 'Nav School Instructors' to be available to help you out!



YOU WILL NEED TO BRING: Pens, pencils, highlighters, sticky dots, a roamer, squishy stress relief ball... the usual stuff you need when you're plotting at a real rally.

Plotting a rally can be a
BRAIN SPAZ...
But mainly it's just **FUN**

Also on the Night

Christmas Talk

(find out what everyone got from Santa)

VCAS Talk

(now we're a member club)

Rally Talk

(what season 2009 holds for us all)

Bar Breaks

(a time honored CCRMIT tradition)

Mystery Buckets

(your chance to win bizarre and wonderful prizes)

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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.

Due	LastName	FirstName	Expiry
<i>30 Days</i>			
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	Kaitler	Brenton	09/02/09
	Khurram Beg	Mirza	18/02/09

Seymour	Tom	28/02/09
Reynolds	Tim	28/02/09
Pannam	Andrew	28/02/09
Ormesher	Andrew	28/02/09
Groves	Nadine	28/02/09
Gates	David	28/02/09
Bachmann	Simone	28/02/09

Renewal

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No. Street: _____

Town: _____

State: _____ Post Code: _____

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Officials Licence

Yes | No

If Yes what Grades ie V4: _____

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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

Membership type requested: _____

Amount paid: _____

Cheques made payable to "CCRMIT"

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