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Executive TORQUE - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer**President - W. Paola**

Hi all for the month of April,

There has not been an awful lot going on this past month that I have been involved with, so I won't take up much of your reading energy.

I had to miss the Motor Khana, due to other commitments. Though I love the HSCCV, my friends and fellow car enthusiasts, there are times when you just have to have time out. That was one of those times.

From what I have been told, everyone had a great day, 35 competitors turned out, the trailer had its second outing, and we made a small profit.

Kylie and I attended an evening hosted by CAMS at the MG Car Club rooms early in the month. This was an information night covering many aspects of CAMS interfacing with its affiliated clubs, and spent plenty of time focusing on the OH & S obligations of clubs when planning and running events. Now plenty of people are uptight about this sort of thing in the context of leisure activities, but get used to it. People expect to be looked after and protected from danger when attending any event, not just club racing. The long and the short of it is this, we now have some OH&S training to undertake, whether we like it or not. For all events, not just speed events.

So, if there are members of the HSCCV that are well versed in OH&S matters as a result of your occupations, step for-

ward, put your hand up, show your passion for your club and help the rest of the HSCCV team understand the issues at hand.

CAMS grades for officials will also be changing. Keep an eye out for details of these changes in publications or on the CAMS web site. There is also a new grade of official called the CLUB CHIEF, but we need more understanding before passing on details.

The count down to Phillip Island is on and I can't wait. Even Martin is bringing his VK out. Pete has made some improvements, and my old girl will have a more consistent fuel delivery system in place. Greg has new aerodynamics to try as well as new springs. The supp regs have been published now for some time, so get your entries in quickly. This counts towards the FFCC v HSCCV series, but is put on by the Jaguar Club. Sadly, Glen can't compete due to his shoulder operation, eight weeks without driving a car, ouch!

The VMC is coming up on the 6th May. Vlad is going to be our Steward, and is going to need all the help by way of volunteers for things like stop watches, setting up the patterns, cooking of the BBQ, setting up the tent, scrutineering etc etc. stand up and be counted for our round of the State Championship.

I would like to say a word of congratulations to our membership secretary, Dave Davies. Our membership is well on track to reach 170 this year, maybe even more. A far

cry from 3 years ago at only 100 members.

Our submission to CAMS "SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM" has been lodged, and the successful clubs will know the outcomes perhaps by the end of April. If we are successful, we will use the funds to further develop the trailer with TV, DVD, SHELVING, COMMERCIAL SIZE AWNING WITH HSCCV BRANDING, and new promotional pamphlets and membership packs.

Until the general meeting or when next we meet,
Wayne Paola
President

V. President - G. Mason

Hello everyone, and welcome to April!! (strewth! That far through the year already!) The past month has been fairly quiet, with only our Motorkhana really of interest. This event went off well with plenty of positive feedback from competitors, and good comments on our trailer.

Thanks to all those who made the event possible, and made it a success, well done!! It is always good to hear that people appreciate others efforts to make events happen, as there really is a good deal of effort required to run an event well.

Well, I have taken delivery of my new toy! An LX Hatch rolling shell that is straight and virtually rust free. It was a 253 auto SL by the looks,

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and will become a race car. I thought long and hard about it and decided the A9X is just too valuable and rare to risk using on the track for much longer. If someone banged it, or heaven forbid I banged it, gees!! I'd be, err, annoyed!! So it will return to standard, and the shell will be built with cage and all the hot bits off the A9X on it. Can't wait to get started!! However, I won't be doing anything for 2 months due to surgery to my right shoulder. This is a work injury from August last year, which left some serious damage. So 4 weeks in a sling, 8 weeks of no driving, AARRRGGGGHH!! Feels like a life sentence! If anyone out there has a pair of doors and steering column for the afore mentioned hatchback, please contact me, I need them!

So the next month is very busy with BBDO, Warrnambool Weekend, Karting Night, and a little later is round 2 of the challenge at Phillip Island. None of which I can participate in. (Not allowed to drive, dammit). Hopefully everyone gets out there and has a load of fun and success at these events

Drive well, drive safe,

Glenn.

Secretary - K. Kastelic

Well, if you missed the HSCCV Group 5 Motorkhana, you are in luck. The HSCCV State Motorkhana round will be held at Werribee on the 6th of May. We need some serious help with this

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one, as two timers are required for each course. On that subject, it was nice to see a couple of new faces undertaking officials duties at the Group 5 round. Please put your hand up to help at the next one if you are free.

I had the joy of towing the new HSCCV trailer down to Werribee for our Group 5 event and boy did it turn heads. I must admit, pairing it with my red Brock was a perfect match though the amount of petrol I chewed up was phenomenal. The car is not known for it's frugality at the best of times! We are waiting with baited breath for some news from CAMS regarding our request for a grant to help us promote club motor sport to new members. Wayne was very excited at the committee meeting to see an envelope from CAMS, but then disappointed to find it was only a note to acknowledge that they had received our submission. Hopefully the next one that I hand him will reward him for all the hard work. Fingers crossed.

By the time you read this Brocky's Big Day Out will have been and gone. I am hoping that the turn out is better this time, and it looks promising with a bit of a write up in the Cars Guide. Sorry it is only a short one this month. Greg and I just got the news today that one of our dogs, Kracker, has a particularly nasty type of cancer. We are off to see the specialist tomorrow and for all of you who are his friends, I will keep you updated. See you at the next club meet-

ing.

Kylie.

Treasurer—P. Stewart

We're halfway through April already!, and the pace is really starting to pick up now with all the events available this year, what a ride this year is going to be.

Recently we had our motorkhana at Werribee, although I wasn't able to attend on that particular occasion, I have heard only good reports about the running of that day, and the feedback from other clubs on how they enjoyed the day. We'll have a chance to do it all again when we host the next Motorkhana State round, and, we will definitely need LOTS of helpers on this day, as it is a very important event.

I saw some pics of the trailer at Werribee on the back of Kylie's Red Commodore, and it looked just great.



As for the financials on the last event, we had:

35 entrants (senior and juniors) totalling \$495.00
Expenses of approx \$67.40 for food, and CAMS fee of \$205.00
Sale of Food, drinks, and merchandise, \$ 223.00,
Leaving us with a tidy little

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gain of \$282.60 for the day.

Good news also, the interest rate on our ING account is lifting from 5.90%, to 6.25%, on 13th April but will return to 5.90% on July 1 as it is just part of a promotional exercise., (I thought they just liked us)

While we wait to hear from CAMS regarding our application for the grant, we have, started work on the refurbishment of our promotional trailer.

Glenn has started on the very large 'hinged brackets' needed to support the BBQ, but his arm fell off or something, and has had to have an operation to fix it.

Seriously, hope you're feeling better soon Glenn.

We have now purchased a small compact CD/DVD/MP3 player, and a 51cm TV, which will have been used for the first time at BBDO last Sunday, and will be integrated into the trailer so that we can play our Promotional DVDs' etc to give the public a bit of an insight about our sport, club, and what the disciplines are.

As we progress through the year, and more funds become available, we will also be looking at the prospect of purchasing a large expandable 6 x 3m gazebo for us all to sit under in comfort, and set up the promotional items, we also need to look at the possibility of purchasing a generator or inverter for ourselves to be able to run our computers and entertainment systems.

Have to tell you, sat in a vehicle the other day, that had a 'launch speed' of plus 4.5g's, and then went to minus 2 g's. We also managed to invert the vehicle at one stage, but were able to get safely home again ...yep; it was the Superman Ride up at Movie World,

Spent four days doing everything at all the Theme Parks, boy I'll be glad to get back to the safety of sitting in a race-car again.

The VD Commodore lives again, new diff, and new front end, and special thanks to Greg Black, Glenn, and new member, Dan Carrigy for their knowledge and help.

Onwards and upwards

Pete

Treasurers Report	
Deposits for the period 16 th March 2007 to 14 th April 2007	
Membership Renewals and new	\$1,526.00
Advertising Aroma Bakeries	\$ 40.00
Donation Home Loans	\$ 59.84
TOTAL	\$1,625.84
Outgoings for the period 16 th March 2007 to 14 th April 2007	
Magazine postage	\$ 54.00
T.C.C.V. Werribee hire	\$ 150.00
Business cards (1000)	\$ 195.00
Aust Post Box Fee	\$ 177.00
V.C.R.S. Affiliation fee	\$ 50.00
Royal Children's Good Friday Appeal	\$ 100.00
Club CD/DVD player	\$ 49.00
Club T.V. Monitor	\$ 145.00
Go Karts Night Deposit	\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,070.00
Transferred into ING account	\$ 1,000.00
Accounts	
Cheque	\$ 197.20
ING	\$ 13,492.54
Cash box	\$ 25.00
Total	\$13,714 74

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Dates & Venues subject to change. Please advise of events that need to be added

JANUARY	
8 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
15 th	HSCCV Print Night
21 st	FFCC/TCCA Practice Motorkhana - Werribee
22 th	HSCCV General Meeting AT BELLS HOTEL

FEBRUARY	
10-11 th	HSCCV/FFCC Sprint Holden v Ford round 1 - Winton
12 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
18 th	PIARC Grp5 Sprint - Phillip Island
19 th	HSCCV Print Night
25 th	TCCA VMC Rnd 1 Motorkhana - Werribee
26 th	HSCCV General Meeting – Bells Hotel

MARCH	
1-4 th	V8 Supercars Clipsal 500 - Adelaide
3 rd	FFCC v HSCCV Presentation Night Sandown Hotel
4 th	HAC Grp5 Motorkhana - Avalon
10-11 th	NCCA Challenge of Clubs Trial - Ballarat
11 th	Phillip Island Historic Races - Club Show & Cruise
12 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
16-18 th	Australian Grand Prix F1 - Albert Park
19 th	HSCCV Print Night
25 th	DSCC VMC Rnd 2 Motorkhana - Deniliquin
25 th	V8 Supercars Perth 400 - Perth
25 th	KCC VCAS Autocross Rnd 1 - Kynton
26 th	HSCCV General Meeting – Bells Hotel

APRIL	
1 st	HSCCV Grp 5 Motorkhana - Werribee
9 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
15 th	PCCV VMC Rnd 3 Motorkhana - Werribee (to be confirmed)
15 th	Brocks Big Day Out 2007 - see page 25 of this months magazine.
16 th	HSCCV Print Night
20-22 nd	V8 Supercars Placemakers New Zealand
22 nd	BCC VCAS Autocross Rnd 2 - Bendigo
23 rd	HSCCV General Meeting – Bells Hotel
28-29 th	HSCCV Warmambool Weekend Car Rally
29 th	PIARC Grp 5 Flat Climb (yes, you read that correctly) - Phillip Island

MAY	
6 th	HSCCV VMC Rnd 4 Motorkhana - Werribee
12 th	HSCCV v FFCC Night Karting Challenge - Le Mans Dandenong
13 th	SDCC VCAS Autocross Rnd 3 - Shepparton
14 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
19 th	Jaguar CC Sprint Phillip Island - Holden v Ford round 2
18-20 th	V8 Supercars Winton
20 th	NCCA Grp 5 Motorkhana - Melton (to be confirmed)
21 st	HSCCV Print Night
27 th	VMCi VMC Rnd 5 Motorkhana - Werribee
28 th	HSCCV General Meeting – Bells Hotel

JUNE	
3 rd	PIARC Gr5 Sprint – Phillip Island
9-11 th	V8 Supercars Eastern Creek (Queens Birthday)
11 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
16 th	PAC VCAS Autocross Rnd 4 Twilight meet - Maffra
17 th	PAC VMC Motorkhana - Tooradin (to be confirmed)
18 th	HSCCV Print Night
22-24 th	V8 Supercars Skycity Triple crown Darwin
24 th	HSCCV/FFCC Holden Ford Challenge Sprint – Sandown
25 th	HSCCV General Meeting - Bells Hotel
JULY	
1 st	PIARC Gr5 Motorkhana – Moorabbin
9 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
14 th	HSCCV/FFCC Holden Ford Challenge Sprint – Winton
16 th	HSCCV Print Night
20-23 rd	V8 Supercars Queensland 300 Ipswich
21 st	MADCC VCAS Autocross Rnd 5 Twilight meet - Maffra
23 rd	HSCCV General Meeting - Bells Hotel
28 th	MUCC VMC Rnd 7 Motorkhana - Bendigo (to be confirmed)
29 th	NCCA Gr5 Sprint Rnd5 – Sandown
AUGUST	
5 th	TCCA Gr5 Motorkhana - Werribee
13 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
17 th -19 th	V8 Supercars Oran Park Sydney
19 th	SDCC VMC Rnd 8 Motorkhana - Shepparton DECA
20 th	HSCCV Print Night
25 th	CCC VCAS Autocross - Bendigo
26 th	HSCCV Gr5 Holden Ford Challenge Hillclimb – Morwell/Haunted Hills
27 th	HSCCV General Meeting
SEPTEMBER	
2 nd	HAC Interclub Motorkhana - Moorabbin (date/venue to be confirmed)
8 th	BCC VMC Rnd9 Motorkhana - Bendigo
9 th	MMSC VCAS Autocross - Melton
10 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
14-16 th	V8 Supercars Sandown 500
16 th	PIARC/VMCi/GCC 6 Hour relay - Phillip Island
17 th	HSCCV Print Night
24 th	HSCCV General Meeting

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OCTOBER	
4-7 th	V8 Supercars Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000
8 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
14 th	FFCC VCAS Autocross Gr5 - Melton
15 th	HSCCV Print Night
18-21 st	V8 Supercar Challenge Gold Coast
21 st	FFCC VMC Rnd 10 Motorkhana - Tooradin
22 nd	HSCCV General Meeting
28 th	HSCCV/FFCC Gr5 Holden Ford Challenge Sprint – Sandown
NOVEMBER	
1-3 rd	V8 Supercars Bahrain International
6 th	FFCC Gr5 Motorkhana – Tooradin (to be confirmed) - Melbourne Cup day
12 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting
16-18 th	V8 Supercars Challenge Launceston
17 th	NCCA VCAS Autocross - Kynton Twilight
18 th	PIARC Gr5 Sprint – Phillip Island
19 th	HSCCV Print Night
26 th	HSCCV AGM - Bells Hotel
DECEMBER	
1-2 nd	V8 Supercars Grand Finale Phillip Island
2 nd	WDCC & GMCC VCAS Autocross - Avalon
8 th	HSCCV Christmas Party & Presentation Night



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It's half way through April already and there is still a month 'till the next Ford vs Holden round at Philip Island. It makes it a bit difficult to cover club sprints for this edition, so this month I have something a little different. By the way if the sprint withdrawals are taking their toll get your entries in soon for the sprint at Philip Island, spaces will fill quickly. There should be a good turnout for the club. I hear that Bruce's Gem is back in action with new rockers and improved carby. A few others are making some improvements during this 'rest time'.

At the March club night I covered the introduction of standard penalties by the AMRC (Australian Motor racing commission) for common offences.

I have spoken to CAMS and confirmed these penalties could apply at club sprints so read your supp regs and make sure you attend the drivers briefing. Typically you would not expect this to be in place for club sprint events; the organisers would need a speed (radar) gun for starters, but it has been done at the Philip Island 6hr.

The penalties are (club level only):

Pit lane speed limit	
1-3 km/h over	Verbal warning
4-10 km/h over	\$75
11-15 km/h over	\$150
16+ over additional	\$50 per km over (16 km/h over is \$200 !!)

Drivers briefing

Non attendance/no signature \$100

Moving on; It's time to take a trip in the way back machine; yes, even before Coke Zero was known as TAB and decimal currency existed. A bit like the 'Back to the Future' movies in some ways.

These photos are from the mid 1950's with some big name cars and drivers. It's interesting to see how cars, tow cars, circuits and even trailers have changed over the past 50 years. This shot is from 1954 ish, the tow car would be very expensive nowadays, and the race car; who knows. Check out the sturdy trailer and spare tyre sitting on passenger seat of the tow car. Not many people can say they had a Grand Prix car sitting on an open trailer outside their house.



This is in Reg Hunt's garage in 1956. Some of the people are Reg Hunt, Fangio and Moss(?). If you can identify all of them I'll be impressed (don't know myself, it's quite a while before I exist...). Love the race bred super wide Pirelli slicks on the car.



The start of the 1956 Albert Park Grand Prix. I think the course car (background) may have improved over the years more than the race cars.



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This was a not so successful lap of Albert Park by Bob Jane. There is a bit of damage to the drivers side, can't imagine what Bob was saying under his breath.



Just about anything in this workshop would be worth a bit today. Not to mention a few Maserati's just squeezed in, tools over the floor and those high tech drum brakes.

Ah, back when racing was real, helmets were leather and driving suits were short sleeve shirts. The car in front is a Maserati A6GS driven by Reg Hunt, the other a Jaguar driven by Lex Davison at Fishermen's Bend (?) in 1955. As long as spectators were near the fence it must have been OK.



This is reportedly the first cam grinding machine in Australia. It was associated with the Eddie Thomas Speed shop, the operator is Pat Ratliff who was big in drag racing during the same era.

Now I don't actually know much about Drag cars, but I'm pretty sure these days you won't see a transverse front leaf spring suspension, a long steering arm and the brakes that are pretty minimal (brakes!), but check the engine out. It has the right number of cylinders and some interesting bits hanging on. This was a front running car of its day.

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I don't have the photo, but I believe these guys used to drag race on wet days too!

Thanks to Rosemary Ray for the photos and stories behind them.

Next edition I hope to have an article on a club members Torana race car, and plan to cover a few more during the year. That's all for this month.

Club TORQUE Stock - G. Mason

Some excitement this month with the arrival of some proposed designs for shirts, caps and stubby holders. Just waiting on prices, but they look really good!! So hopefully in a month or two we'll have some stuff to show you all. If you want to purchase something, but can't get to any meetings/events, please just call me.

I am sure I can arrange something for you (anything for money!!)

Stock On!!

Glenn.

Club TORQUE : Notice to Members Competing

A REMINDER TO ALL COMPETITORS

When competing in a motor sports event, it is NOT allowed under the rules to change vehicles—that is, if you are entered in your car, you can't just hop into another and have a go, or swap drives with another competitor.

This is partly to ensure that the times recorded are for YOU in YOUR car, not someone else in your car. This could lead you to being credited for laps you have not done, or the other person credited for laps they have not done.

There is also an issue with safety. Picture this scenario: Cedric Nissan swaps cars with Crown Toyota to see how the others guys cars go; Cedric goes out, makes a mistake, and has the "big one". The ambulance arrives and carts the sad remains away, and according to the records those remains are treated as

Crown Toyota, because that's his car, and his number.....Clearly this is a very serious issue, and could be life or death in a worst case scenario.

IF you are considering this at an event, it is absolutely paramount that you see the Steward and the race Director and run it by then first. They will most likely say No due to the serious nature of your proposal. **IF** you do swap cars without approval, you will be seriously dealt with, as this will not be tolerated.

The only way you can drive two cars is if you have entered twice, paid for both entries, and race under two different numbers—one for each car.

H.S.C.C.V.
Committee

After so much to say in the mag last month, I've got much less this month to talk about and I probably had too much to say last month.

And with the Editor's deadline looming - tonight to be exact - he'll be at Brockies Big Day Out tomorrow, I've gotta get cracking...so I'm planning to be brief...

My personal life has been pretty full-on and as I type this, and I've got a car begging to have its guts put back in it which came out over Easter, with it to be ready for tomorrow's event. More specifically by guts, we're talking about gearbox and clutch parts which are currently occupying various locations within the garage.

This of course has to be ready for tomorrow's event, that being the *racks brain* oh yeah, the Pakenham VMC at Moorabbin.

Speaking of PAC, there's been some speculation on a 5Ha area beside the Pakenham Bypass could be used for their new grounds.

This particular area is currently earmarked for a service station/convenience food store (e.g Maccas) with one to be established on each side of the road. There are some things that may be a show-stopper on that front, so if it doesn't happen, the land could find itself the host for PAC's new track and facilities.

Now I know I'm going to be asked about what happened to my clutch so I figure if I whack it in the mag and someone from the club asks, I can turn around and

ask them "Have you read the mag?" Besides, I learned a thing a two in the saga of it all, so I'm happy to share on an educational basis.

Just for those who don't know, this has become a ridiculous situation of driving the car with a working clutch to an event, then once in competition the sucker fails in some way.

I'm talking the whole gamut of issues, like no pedal (and hence no clutch) as it stays at the floor, not able to get the car into or out of a gear (not enough full pedal travel), and no drive as the clutch jammed. After putting a longer pushrod on the clutch slave as a stopgap measure to prevent the piston coming out (as happened at Deniliquin) I was able to get through the day at HSCCV's Group 5 round, but with it came only part pedal travel and a friction point that changed from somewhere near the floor to somewhere near the start of the pedal travel. Talk about bloody annoying. But that said, I did get through the day and that shouldn't be underestimated given the situation. If I hadn't, the gong might have had to be passed from Dave & Lawrence to myself for the same sheit happening in succession! Hang on, succession isn't really the word, unless you look at it as success in stuffing it!

So upon pulling out the box I started my investigation. I checked the clutch fork and the pivot ball against good ones, and I inspected the spigot bearing, these things were uppermost as the reason for my problems, yet all

seemed fine. But when I went to take the clutch cover off the flywheel, I found bolts that were at best done up finger tight, and at worst, one of them was half out. Bear in mind that these were done up to specification a couple of years ago. The worst bolt had slightly elongated the hole for the clutch cover as it had been moving to and fro on the bolt's thread. I thought I'd found my culprit, but I continued checking. The rest of the clutch kit looked okay, diaphragm fingers were pretty good, there was a reasonable amount of clutch material and nothing looked untoward. And I wanted to know for sure what was going on. The local clutch joint were consulted and discussions had, then they referred me to Exedy in Keysborough as it was possible that the springs in the assembly were stuffed. So I dropped in there and the guy tested the clutch assembly on his magic machine. They load up the diaphragm, and check the movement of the components within the cover assembly. Turns out that it was all very much within specification and plenty of clutch material.

Here is where some education comes in. For an organic clutch (the material) that most of us use, the clutch plate is 8mm thick and is measured by carefully clamping the facings and taking a measurement. The diaphragm is supposed to move usually between 6 and 9mm to do its job. As a clutch wears the diaphragm fingers move further away from the flywheel, meaning

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more pedal travel is required to get the clutch to do it's job. You can conduct a test at home to give an indication of a clutch assembly's condition. Here's how: Imagine you are bolting up your clutch kit to the table on pedestal drill, you clamp the clutch cover sides with the clutch plate under it. Then using the drill, depress the fingers down 8mm. Firstly the diaphragm fingers should be horizontal, and secondly the clutch plate should still be able to move under the cover without sloping around.

When assembling use some Loctite on the clutch cover bolts as they have been known to work themselves loose. But don't use very much though because when the car is hot excess Loctite can run like a paste up the thread. Guess where? Yep, into the clutch assembly. Incidentally, even a thumb print on a new clutch kit can reduce clamping force by as much as 25%, so bear that in mind upon your next clutch replacement.

When machining flywheels on high kilometer cars, you may find it useful to put a washer behind the pivot ball as the machining alters the fork's position of operation. Another important point, ensure your machinist takes out and replaces your dowel pins for they serve two purposes - firstly they locate your clutch assembly so everything runs concentrically and secondly, they spread the load more evenly to the clutch cover. Okay, enough of the technical write-up, what next?

I should make a mention of the upcoming Go-Kart night, have you got it locked in your schedules for Saturday 12th May? It's coming around fast! There are 17 people who've committed their deposit or paid in full (thank you to those who have!) and another three who would like to come but haven't paid or won't yet. You three, we can take you, but once the numbers get above 22 they'll have to split us into two groups. Of the 17 we have 7 from the dark side, our mad mates from Ford Four. We certainly have enough numbers and it should be a good night. See you there at 8pm sharp.

Other things social, organising Xmas in July so far has been a little more difficult that I thought. Disappointingly the restaurant I wanted us to attend weren't willing to book us in for July as it's too far away for them, and they haven't even got a menu for us as the food available in winter is going to be different to what they're offering now. So if anyone has some suggestions, please drop me a line. The idea is a la carte and offering international dishes (gotta suit everyone), and within about 5 - 10 kms from the CBD. Although there's some fabulous restaurants, I'm ruling out the CBD so we can all drive and park nearby.

Motor sport and particularly Motorkhana that I can report on - I can only really talk about Denny, and for me that was just another downright pain in the proverbial for me. Please re-read one of my

earlier paragraphs if you don't catch my drift...I was the only HSCCV to venture up there but there was a number of other Mexicans who crossed the border to eat some Denny dirt. 31 cars in total, I don't really know how anyone went as I spent a fair bit of time chasing a clutch slave. I was hoping to make the drive home easier, but to no avail...I met a guy up there who had four Starions in his shed, although only one of them was decent. 320kms of synchro-grinding fun on the way home including the stint through Echuca had to be the highlight. The country people are so slow up there they stop at empty roundabouts to check if its safe to enter...sheeesh!

Brucey ran a pretty good day from what I could tell on the 1st of April. Pretty good numbers, a nice warm day and some grub that even I managed to eat (thanks Dave!). Truth is I wasn't driving that car any further than I had to, but I digress. The tough scrutineering boys were all over everything including the drivers. We had a few of our own out there playing and generally speaking the HSCCV mob all banded together and put on a good day. I could mention all the names involved, but you know who you are. Good job one and all! I haven't seen any results of the day as yet, but I'm sure they'll be interesting.

To the future, there are a number of events lined up, starting with tomorrow's (15 April) VMC at Moorabbin Airport. On the 22nd we have

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Club TORQUE - Motorkhana & Grp 5 - F. Rogan*(Continued from page 14)*

Mini's Group 5 at Werribee. But the round that counts of course is our round on the 6th of May. It's a state round so they'll be quite a few specials there who are quite often brilliant to watch. I understand that Vlad is directing that one and if it's anything like the Group 5 we ran on the 1st April, it'll be another really good day. Hope to see you there!

I think I've covered everything. Better sign off now, it hasn't been so brief and I'm cutting into my car-repair time...

Frank Rogan

Club TORQUE - Editors ramblings - K. McConchie

A lesson to all PC users—back it up regularly!! Yes, I have suffered the dreaded situation of my PC self destructing before my disbelieving eyes, like a P plater having the first big prang and thinking “Naaah, I can recover from this”....aahh hmm maybe not, as the sheet metal assumes new shapes not part of the original design concept. Even worse is having got a warning of a file downloaded during an apparent routine program upgrade, and figuring “yeh whatever”, it seems legit—**WRONG!**

Won't get fooled again!

So if this months mag looks a bit NQR, then its

for a fairly good reason—its being put together on a family backup PC and the whole mag is held together with gaffer tape and spit. I did have a backup disc— but some smart person has changed all the templates since then, so nothing made sense. Bugga!

Been a busy month, but the articles are a bit on the slim side from club members this month — so if you don't like the content, write something short, sharp and stimulating!

Cheers,

Kim

Club TORQUE - Club website - G. Kastelic

Hello,

Interest in the website seems to be continuing to grow:

Holdenclub.com visits:

January—1833

February— 1969

March- 2471

Most popular Club Cars on the website

Alan Davies— Falcon XY—34

Kim McConchie- CGrp A Commodore—22

Kylie Kastelic—HDT Brock Commodore—21

Webmaster

Club TORQUE - Brocks Big Day Out

While it was a small club attendance at this years Brocks Big Day Out, the event was markedly improved on the previous year and the weather was much friendlier as well. But oh boy was it dusty - so much cleaning early in

the morning became resignation to reality as everything from passing cars to mating dogs conspired to kick up the dust. Heres a few pics from the day; a lot more to be found on the website.



Club TORQUE - Membership & Pointscore - D. Davies

**Hello all,
Not much this month,
One new member and one renewal at the time
of writing this,
New member: Ben Seidel (junior)
Renewal: Shane Thompson.
If I missed anyone sorry but I didn't attend
this months committee meeting.
I sent out all the membership questionnaires,
please fill them in and send them back with a
couple of pics, don't make me send the heavies.
(ha ha)
Another reminder about the scrutineering day**

Club Champion Summary run on 14/04/2007 @
16:29

ELIGIBLE EVENTS

1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
27/11/2006		
2 GEN MEETING JAN 2007	22/01/2007	
3 WINTON ROUND 1 FEB 2007	11/02/2007	
4 OFFICIALS ROUND 1 2007	21/02/2007	
5 GEN MEETING FEB 2007	26/02/2007	
6 TCCA MOTORKHANA 25/02/2007		
13/03/2007		
7 HAC MOTORKHANA 19/02/2007		
13/03/2007		
8 OFFICIALS MOTOKHANA WERRIBEE		
01/04/2007		
Name	Tot	Evnts

Bruce LETHBORG	52	7
Greg BLACK	36	5
Frank ROGAN	36	5
David DAVIES	36	5
Philip SLATER	34	5
Chris PAOLA	32	4
Vlad KOWAL	31	4
Wayne PAOLA	30	4
Peter STEWART	28	4
Chris LOXTON	27	3
Jason PERCY	26	4
Ken SCOTT	25	4
Jeremy WATT	24	4
Kim MCCONCHIE	23	3
Kylie KASTELIC	20	3
Glenn MASON	20	3
Richard WALES	20	3
Ray CARDWELL	20	3
Malcolm CARDWELL	20	3
Greg KASTELIC	18	3
Craig PATTERSON	16	2
Laurence GLEESON	16	3
Shane WOODMAN	15	2
James STEWART	15	2
Amelia SLATER	15	2

on the 22nd of April.

**It will definitely be on so contact me for the
details if you don't already have them.**

**We would hope you have completed 99% of
the work already and are just turning up to
make sure what you have done is ok, not turn-
ing up with nothing done at all.**

**I have also been informed that Philip island is
filling fast so if you are going get your entry in
NOW!**

See you in the trenches.

Dave.

Kristofer LETHBORG	15	2
Alan DAVIES	15	2
Craig BENNETT	13	2
Andrew HOUSTON	10	2
Jonathan HUMFREY	10	2
Brad SHARP	10	1
Luke BOYLE	10	1
Brad CHIANG	10	1
Greg EVERY	10	1
Irene LE MOTTEE	10	1
David LE MOTTEE	8	1
Andrew HOLC	8	1
Alex CHIANTA	5	1
Egle PARKER	5	1
Jan SMITH	5	1
Ian SMITH	5	1
Saeid AGHAZAMANI	5	1
Matthew SEAMONS	5	1
Bradley SOMERS	5	1
Daniel HOLC	5	1
Martin CARABOTT	5	1
Antonia FITZPATRICK	5	1
David WILLIAMS	5	1
Caitlin CLOUGH	5	1
Joseph CLOUGH	5	1
Kathleen CLOUGH	5	1
Bruce PARKER	5	1
Barry CLOUGH	5	1
Cassandra CARDWELL	5	1
Geoff PATTERSON	5	1
Samantha CARDWELL	5	1
Rowena CARDWELL	5	1
Anthony KLAASSEN	3	1
Andrew BOOTH	3	1
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**AN EVENT NOT TO MISS -
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Please send a \$20 cheque, made payable to Holden Sporting Car Club Victoria to Frank Rogan, Social Secretary, P.O. Box 631 Lilydale 3140.

Alternatively, see Frank at the next club night, Bells Hotel South Melbourne on the 26th March.

But it might be a bit late then...

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HOLDEN TORQUE

Journal of the Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria (Inc)



Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria

Minutes of Holden Sporting Car Club of Vic. Inc. – General Meeting

Bells Hotel, South Melbourne – 26/03/2007

MEETING OPENED AT 8:13PM

PRESENT As per sign in book.**APOLOGIES** T&A Fitzpatrick, A.Davies, J.Watt, C.Paola, R.Wales, L.Gleeson, K&M. Cardwell, A.Slater, C.Bennett.

Previous minutes M:D.Davies S: G.Black

Any business arising from previous minutes? Nil.

PRESIDENT:Not like last months meeting. Less on.

Visitor Luke looking to see what the club is about.

Reminder that this Friday is the last day for our submission to Cams for a grant to pay for the trailer. If successful, the money will be used to develop it to the next stage such as the fitment of the barbie, TV, etc. There will be a decision made within 30days. Putting photos in with the submission to show how it will be used.

Presentation dinner. 60 people attended. Enjoyable night. Good for getting to know people in the other club. Needs to be managed better with trophies being given out to people who were not attending.

Chris Loxton did well from the night. The Most Improved Trophy was decided by FFCC not HSCCV so a privilege.

Thanks given to Debbie Coatman by Darren Colgan in the form of a gift voucher to say thank you.

Lucky door prize to be given out tonight. Signed Castrol polo.

New members who have joined in the last year are welcome to take a Commodore Lion King book.

Pete brought the newspapers that were printed the day after Brock died for those who did not get one.

PI- huge queue of about 20 of our cars driving down to PI. Thanks to those who came along and made it such a good day.

VICE PRESIDENT

PI- Sensational day put it in your calendar. Got to touch Jackie Stewarts car. Saw all the old cars. Lots of history of motorsport on show. Worth it just to watch Stubber in the HDT.

Presentation night was well done. Not been done with this club that I can remember. Hopefully as the series grows, so will the night. It is good to see some traditions being formed in the club.

Bought myself another hatchback. Lucky find. No rust, all seam welded in great condition. Got to thinking that the A9X may be worth a little too much to risk damaging. Aim to get some doors and put the good bits from the A9X on it.

Bit of a read of a Chrysler muscle car buyers guide. Model by model all the specs. Great read.

SECRETARY

Incoming mail: FFCC mag, TCCA mag, David Calleja Memorial Car Rally and Show deferral, CAMS mag, Storage King car storage promo, Advertisement for VL Nitro.

New members: Stephen and Aaron Gallagher,

Renewal: Rohan Brown.

TREASURER

ING- \$12,462.32

ANZ- \$702.19

Petty cash-\$25

TOTAL- \$14,210

PI- was wonderful to see the cars hurtling around. Some casualties. Never seen a barbeque with a cold hotplate but it was so cold.

You will be pleased to know that I have now got a new diff which will get me going again.

Got a VL commodore aswell, unsure what we will do with it at this stage.

MEMBERSHIP & POINTSCORE*(Continued on page 20)*

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51 single, 13 families 52 adults and 26 kids.

Total 155.

If you have an email address and have received a mag by post, please let me know and we will go back to email only.

Scrutineering day- for new members will be held at the Coles carpark on the corner of Springvale rd and Princes Highway.

Enjoyed the historics. Highlight was the Group A & C cars. Upset to see the VL smashed.

Another guide for registered cars for scrutineering has been written by Greg.

Still waiting on about thirty members to renew.

Will have the VK back on track for PI.

EDITOR

Having to build a new carby after the historics. Lucky there was a spare car.

Will be put on the front straight next year and trying to get the thumbs.

Have a contact for steering wheel refurbishment. Have had an XU-1 wheel done, excellent results. The owner of the business will donate 10% of the cost of any club members wheels to the club.

MOTOR RACE AND RALLY

Bit of a drought for club events.

Info from CAMS. Cams manual is now really thin without group regs in it. They are now on the web and will be updated quarterly.

Club pit lane speed limits are now enforceable. Very expensive.

If you miss drivers briefing or do not sign in there is a \$100 fine at club level.

Cams is looking at seats and seat belt safety and how they can have the highest level of safety. Recommending FIA seats.

Next FFCC/HSCCV round at PI for the Jag club. 15 members showed hands, wanting to compete. Saturday 19th of May.

Want to have more HSCCV guys than FFCC guys competing.

WP- CAMS will be increasing compliance checking which will increasingly affect us.

SOCIAL

GoKarts- 4 full paid people. 8 deposits paid. Need another half a dozen members to have 2 heats. Sat 12th of May at LeMans Dandenong south. Must be paid tonight.

Have not organised anything yet for a Christmas in July. Will get moving on that.

BBDO is being organised

Trip to Warrnambool on the 28-29 of April. A lot of effort has been put into this event, if you are not doing anything, put your name down.

PS- Few people disappointed last year but I have decided to organise it this year. 15th of April at Hurstbridge Pony club. Emailed entry forms. Will see if we can enter on the day. Contact Phil Slater if you are interested. \$10 entry.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Not present.

GRP5/ MOTORKHANA

Two rounds of motorkhana. 20-30 entrants each day. Our clubs numbers are a bit low.

Denniliquin 650km round trip and no clutch. Stayed for the weekend which I don't normally do.

Our motorkhana this weekend. Hope every one comes along.

Need helpers for this weekend at Werribee. Timers and barbie chef required.

WEBSITE

Last monthe 1989 hits. Up 150 from the month before. This month looks like it will be up abut 300.

Stats of the web read out. Alans XY is the most popular car, followed by Kim's XU-1 and then Kylie's Brock.

PI great day.

WP- website looks good.

STOCK

Waiting on some prices to come in. If there is anyone wanting some stock, please come and see us after the

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meeting.

CSC

Had a talk to Bruce after some discussion after last month. Bruce is going to try to attend the meetings. Bruce will be looking at bringing forward the harness issue in the near future.

PUBLIC OFFICER

Nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

DD- starting member profiles again. Jason Percy is first.

Drag tag- is a social event for next year. Computer simulation with real cars on a dyno.

Stan- have been having problems getting mags for the BMW. Does anyone know of where you can buy un-drilled mags? Ajax wheels. Northern BMW.

Have a guy who is looking to buy a charger and join our club, under \$20,000.

GK- found a video of Stubber at PI just Google Stubber Phillip Island. Going sideways around turn 11.

FR- run to Warrnambool. Whole trek down is a navigational rally.

Draw door prize- Frank Rogan winner.

FINE: Kylie for phone ringing.

Phil Slater for his stereo in his XU-1 standard issue for XF falcons.

LOTTO: 0-9-0 Jackpot

MEETING CLOSED: 9:50PM



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