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WINTON—PICTURES AND RESULTS INSIDE! And don't miss the July Club Meeting—its happening this week, Wednesday July 23 at the Golden Gate Hotel, South Melbourne @ 8pm

2014: GENERAL MEETINGS NOW HELD EVERY ODD MONTH ON A WEDNESDAY NIGHT

see Calendar inside

COMING EVENTS :

Aug—Sept events

2nd/3rd Aug—PI 6 Hour

31st Aug—HSCCV / HSVOC, Sprint at Sandown, Supp Regs to come



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Website

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Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month, except December at the Golden Gate hotel, Coventry St, South Melbourne, 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. All members and their friends are very welcome. Meals are available prior to the meeting at bistro prices.

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July

- 5-6th PCV, Sandown 6hr Sandown
6th PIARC, motorkhana Grp5 Rnd 5 Sandown TBC
14th **HSCCV committee meeting**
19th BCC Motorkhana, VMC Rnd 6. Huntly, Bendigo
19-20th Vic State Circuit Racing Championships, Rnd 3 Sandown
21st **HSCCV magazine distribution**
23rd HSCCV General Meeting Golden Gate, Cnr Clarendon & Coventry, Sth Melbourne (8pm)

August

- 2-3rd Phillip Island 6hr Phillip Island
10th NCCA, motorkhana Grp5 Rnd 6 Clayton TBC
11th **HSCCV committee meeting**
17th HAC, motorkhana VMC Rnd 7 Huntly
16-17th PIARC, Sprint, Superkarts, VicV8s Phillip Island
18th **HSCCV magazine distribution**
31st HSCCV / HSVOC, Sprint Sandown

September

- 7th SEAC motorkhana VMC Rnd 8 Mt. Gambier
8th **HSCCV committee meeting**
14th HSCCV, motorkhana Grp5 Rnd 7 Pakenham
15th **HSCCV magazine distribution**
24th HSCCV General Meeting Troys Shed - details to come.
27th Come n Try, motorkhana Huntly, Bendigo

October

- 4-5th Nirimba AMC motorkhana Sydney, NSW
4-5th Vic State Circuit Racing Championships, Rnd 4 Phillip Island
10-12th V8 Supercars Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 Bathurst
13th **HSCCV committee meeting**
19th HSCCV, motorkhana VMC Rnd 8 Laverton
20th **HSCCV magazine distribution**
26th HSCCV Social Event—Car Rally to Flynns Wines in Heathcote

November

- 4th FFCC, Cup Day Sprint, Grp 5 Sandown
7-9th Historic Sandown Sandown
8-9th PIARC, Sprint, Superkarts Phillip Island
10th **HSCCV committee meeting**
16th HAC, interclub motorkhana TBA
17th **HSCCV magazine distribution**
23rd VMCi, motorkhana VMC Rnd 10 Pakenham
**26th HSCCV Annual General Meeting Golden Gate, Cnr Clarendon & Coventry,
Sth Melbourne (8pm)**
29-30th PIARC, Island Magic Phillip Island
30th FFCC / TCCA, khana Grp5 Rnd 9 TBC

December

- 14th non speed spare date

Presidents Report – Bruce Lethborg

Hi fellow members.

Things are starting to get busy for the club. We have just had a sprint event at Winton, another coming up at Sandown at the end of August, a group 5 Motorkhana in September and our VMC Khana in October at a new hard surface venue.

The sprint at Winton had 22 entries but was a great day. The Excel race boys came up and used the day as a set up/practice session for their next round the following weekend. Most of the entries were HSCCV members; this was great to see our members supporting our event. VP Ron earns the hard luck trophy after hauling up his Porsche GT3, it only managed around 300 metres, had a big hiccup and backfire through the inlet and ran poorly. The Porsche was put back on the trailer and off home. Then to rub salt into the wound, Ron tore a muscle in his leg unloading the car and ended up visiting the emergency ward and leaving on crutches. The good news is both Ron and the Porsche are ok now.

We had our timing system up and running, thanks to Cameron Chivers and his team of timers, times were available after each run. We ran twenty minutes sessions, many laps were run with happy entrants having plenty of track time. We have suffered a financial loss which was expected as we clashed with a PIARC sprint at Phillip Island but we hope to make that up with our SuperSprint round at Sandown

Thanks to all the members who traveled up the Hume to help.....Much appreciated.

Our next sprint is the 5th round of the Victorian SuperSprint Series at Sandown on August 31st. We will need plenty of help on the day. We have six on track positions, pit lane, scrutineering and some help in the morning with dorian timers and booking in entrants. Supp regs will be out soon. Call me if you can help, your help is very much appreciated.

Next is a rerun of our group 5 Motorkhana that was postponed due to wet weather at Werribee. The venue has been changed, and will now be run at Pakenham; this is on the 14th of September. Our VMC Khana will be run at a new venue at Laverton. It has a slippery concrete surface, so the event will go ahead rain, hail or shine. This is on the 19th of October and we hoping for a good entry, at the recent Khana held at Toyota factory in Altona, TCCV had 71 entries, so let's see if we can have similar numbers.

Our next meeting is at the Golden Gate Hotel in South Melbourne, I hope to see you there for a chat and a beer. The September meeting will be at Troy Fitzpatrick's man cave in Mordialloc. This place has floor to ceiling Holdens and should be great to see.

If you have run in an event and would like to be scored in the club championship, please send me the results. I will have the point score up to date next month.

I ran the Excel at Winton the week after our sprint. Front wheel drive cars have a totally different way of driving to a rear wheel drive car, everything I have learnt over many years, you just throw out the window and start again. In a RWD car you drive smoothly, braking, steering, throttle application.....NOT in a FWD, you drive like a mad dog, throwing the car all over the track foot buried to the floor, using the acceleration to pull the car through the corners. One of the other Excel guys watched my in car and told me I was driving like a pussy, so I drove like a mad dog and took four seconds off my previous best time and gave myself a bloody good work out.

Presidents Report – Bruce Lethborg

Revolution Racegear recently had HANS devices for sale for \$450.00, I bought one as my helmet had the mounts on it and used it at the Winton race meeting. I thought it would be uncomfortable but didn't notice it once racing. I would recommend using one as your life is worth a hell of a lot more than \$450. I have heard that CAMS may be considering HANS devices and driving suits be compulsory as soon as next year for club level speed events.

Keep it on the black stuff.

Cheers Bruce



Excels being driven in the well known mad dog fashion at our Winton meet.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT—Ron Klein

Fellow car nuts, another month passes and Bathurst gets closer. Woo hoo. Where is the time going?

I have had the worst car sports month ever. Ever.

Drove all the way to Winton for a track day with the HSCCV boys and 300 metres (yes, a miserly 300 metres) after leaving the start line on the first lap, the car backfired and blew all its inlet hoses off. Not repairable at the track, so onto the trailer she went, only to drive all the way home again. 5 1/2 hours in the car for 20 seconds on the track.

Great.

Got home, took the car to the mechanic and unloaded the spares and tools out of the Jeep (yes, I bought a Jeep!!!!!!!!!!!!) and I snapped my calf muscle. That led to an evening in casualty at Sandringham hospital and 2 1/2 weeks on crutches.

It also resulted in me missing the 4 hour at Sandown, where HSCCV put in a team and a sterling effort.

Thankfully my place was readily taken by Daryn Lee in his Ford and he did a far better job leading the team out than I could have - really hard to push the loud and stop pedals with a crutch!

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, during the final hour or so of the 4 hour, Phil Slater snapped his front right wheel studs and became a three wheeler - on the track. Thank goodness it happened when he wasn't full throttle.

Our next big outing is the Philip island 6 hour coming up on the first weekend of August, where we have a team and hopes of a ripper weekend. We're team number 49. Only 48 other teams to beat. Easy.

Why not come down and visit us - 2 or 3 August. If you can't and you feel like a run, there's the John Mott memorial from the Nissan Car Club at Sandown on the same weekend. Visit their website for supp regs.

Well, time for me to get back to the physio. Got to get that strength back for the start of August.

May your calf muscles live happily ever after!!

Happy motoring and stay warm during this chilly time in Melbourne.

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Unlike a Holden, this couldn't be fixed with a ball peen hammer, a crescent wrench and a plumbers mate. There may be a lesson in this for all of us!

Social & Special Events — Geoff Fitzpatrick

What a cold winter we are having! That is why it is quiet at the moment for events.

Our next event is to Harrops in September. I am still waiting for confirmation of date and time. Will let you all know when I know more myself.

What a great day we had at Winton! Cold, damp but still good fun.

Ray and I had a great scrap together for 10 minutes with only .01 sec difference. Ray in his Commodore Ute and me in the EH Holden.

It was brilliant.

Never stop improving,

Geoff
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NOTE—Social Event Car Rally to Flynn's Wines in Heathcote is now scheduled for Oct 26, due to our VMC Khana on the 19th October.



And not just with Ray—Geoff keeping 5 litres at bay at Winton.

Treasurer's Report—Kris Lethborg

Hey everyone

As expected Winton put a bit of a dent in the balance sheet, so hoping for a big turnout at Sandown to redress the bottom line!

See you on the track

Kris

Winton sprint expenses

Track hire	\$7900
Paramedics	\$990
Officials food	\$107.50
Total expenses	\$8997.50

Winton sprint incoming

Entries	\$3650
Total incoming	\$3650

Total loss **\$5357.50**

Club finances 9th May - 13th July

Opening balance **\$26,445.13**

Deposits for period 9th May - 13th July

Winton entries	\$3650
Total deposits	\$3650

Outgoings for period 16th March – 17th April

Winton expenses	\$8997.50
Stamps	\$70
Envelopes	\$27.60
Printing	\$10
Total outgoing	\$9105.10

Cash box **\$97.40**

Closing balance **\$21087.43**

Secretary's Report —Phil Slater

Wow July already and things are getting busy for the club.

Since the last mag we have had our Winton Sprint which despite the lack of entries was a well run and enjoyable event. The full class results are in this mag. Some of us ran in the Porsche Club's Four Hour Relay on July the 6th. We got off to a good start but eventually the wheels fell off, for me literally. I had been circulating in the wet doing consistent times when I felt something strange under brakes at the end of the front straight. I continued on when going up the back the back straight I felt a terrible vibration while doing about 180ks. Having previously come to grief at this spot I immediately backed off and rolled down the hill. Should I pull over or try and make it to the pits? I should have pulled over because approaching the last turn there was an almighty bang as my wheel came off exploding the plastic (CRX) guard on its way. The wheel proceeded down the track while I beached myself on the curb stopping me from hitting the Armco at least. What had happened? Three studs had sheared and the other wheel nut vibrated loose. I now have longer heavy duty studs but should have had them all along. The guard is another matter. As there appears to be none available anywhere in the world I am rebuilding it with fiberglass and plastic ice-cream lids for the missing bits (Chocolate & Nougat and Coffee & Pistachio so far) – Slater engineering at its finest.



Some photos of the repairs.

Also on Saturday 19th Kim, Chantelle, Amelia and I took our Toranas and the Grandkids on the Piston Steel Shakedown Christmas in July Cruise and a fun day was had by all.

We have the PI Six Hour coming up on 2/3 August and I hope to have everything repaired by then. Also coming up on the 31st August is our round of the Vic Sprint series so **Club Permit** holders this is a good chance to officiate and qualify to get your permit renewal signed.

Phil Slater, Secretary

Editors Report —Kim McConchie

Good heavens, July is nearly done and dusted, and with a club meeting on this Wednesday, pressure is on to get the good words out to the masses...so if you're reading this before the 23rd, all good and jolly; and if not either the power has gone off here (again!) and there were no electrons free to send it out, or it's a printed version for which we rely on the AusPost carrier pigeons. Even so you will have known from the club calendar that the meeting is on this week so no excuses!

As Phil mentioned, we took some cars to the Piston Steel Shakedown charity cruise, damned cold but at least it stayed dry for the day. Some very nice cars turned up, ranging from a MGTC, a Morris Minor low light side-valve, street rods and custom cars, a K-code XB Falcon ute, Sandman vans, VW Beetles and, best of all, a Suzuki Mighty Boy! With all proceeds going to Animal Aid, sausages were sizzled, and a raffle provided one happy couple in a Torana a night away at a local resort...and no, it wasn't either of us who won, but a couple in a very straight SLR5000—you can see it in the pic, wouldn't say no to something similar in the shed (that would be the next bigger, brighter, better shed that's always being planned!)

Cheers

Kim



Lineup of GMH's finest at Lilydale Lake. Great to see Amelia's car back in action.

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Results and Pics from the Winton meeting

Class	Number	Colour	Car	First Name	Surname	Club	Best Time	Place in Class
C	13	White	Torana	Geoffrey	Patterson	HSCCV	01:53.5	1
D	2	Blue	HSV	Rodney	Endall	HSVOC	01:36.6	1
D	8	Blue	WRX	Patrick	Loiacano	VHRR	01:57.9	2
D	7	Green	Torana	David	Ratcliffe	Torana	02:00.4	3
D	3	White	Holden Ute	Ray	Cardwell	HSCCV	02:04.9	4
D	218	White	Mustang	Phil	Spender	MOCA	02:13.2	5
D	1	Blue	WRX	Milton	Seferis	VHRR	NT	6
D	16	Blue	WRX	Michael	Seferis	VHRR	NT	7
E	211	Red	CRX	Phil	Slater	HSCCV	01:59.1	1
G	667	White	EH	Geoffrey	Fitzpatrick	HSCCV	02:05.3	1
H	29	White	RX7	Jim	Hepworth	SDCC	01:36.6	1
H	122	Silver	Porsche	Ron	Klein	HSCCV	01:53.1	2
H	4	Blue	HQ	Braden	Bekkers	HSCCV	01:59.1	3
H	45	Blue	HQ	Rene	Bekkers	HSCCV	1:57:08	4
I	185	Orange	30X	Phil	Kirkham	PIARC	01:42.2	1
I	851	Orange	30X	Declan	Kirkham	PIARC	01:45.2	2
I	6	Dark Blue	Excel	Jarrold	Tonks	HSCCV	01:48.8	3
I	9	White	Excel	Bronson	Merciera	KCC	01:49.8	4
I	12	Blue	Excel	Nathan	Blight	HSCCV	01:50.6	5
I	10	Blue	Excel	Neville	Blight	HSCCV	01:51.2	6
I	54	Silver	Escort	Cole	Spender	VHRR	01:58.3	7
J	39	White/Blue	VK Commo-dore	Mark	Kakouri	HSCCV	01:34.3	1
J	164	Silver	VB Commo-dore	Cameron	Chivers	HSCCV	01:39.7	2



And some more pics from the Winton meeting





NGK VMC SERIES HEADS TO A NEW VENUE

Round 7 of the **NGK Victorian Motorkhana Championship Series** will introduce a new venue for competitors. The event conducted by Huntingdale Auto Club will be held at the **Colac Livestock Centre** in Victoria's Western District on **Sunday, August 17**.

The venue will offer great facilities for competitors with ample good bitumen surface and attractive surroundings with a canteen, toilets and plenty of covered area for viewing the action. Local catering will be available for breakfast, lunch and snacks during the day.

The event is expected to attract the top motorkhana drivers in the state, but is open to all enthusiasts with a CAMS Level 2 licence and a safe car. It is hoped competitors from Geelong and the Western Districts will find the location convenient, yet it is less than 2 hours drive from Melbourne.

The **NGK VMC Series** is enjoying close competition and good support in 2014 with over 50 competitors at each recent round, so early entry is advised. Details will be emailed to all regular competitors, or may be found at www.motorkhanavic.com.au or www.cams.com.au or by contacting John Rosengrave on 0425 722 706 or email johnros@melbpc.org.au.

Competitors, **Club magazine editors** and **Webmasters** are asked to check their calendar listings for this event, to ensure the date and venue are correct (not Wodonga TAFE as originally planned).



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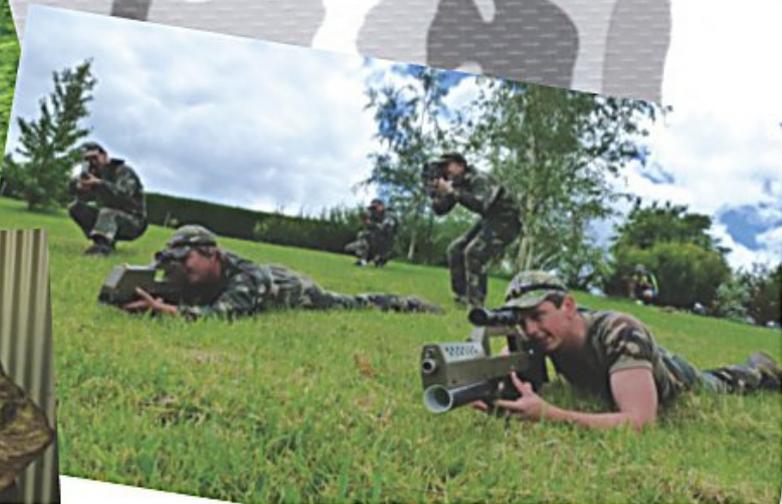
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