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NEXT SOCIAL EVENT 19TH JULY VISUAL NAVIGATION TRIAL
NEXT EVENT 21ST JULY MOTORKHANA**

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President Report

Time has come again for the club to consider if they want to apply for the Australian Hillclimb Championship in 2014. This event takes approximately 12 months to organise. So at the General Meeting in June we will discuss the possibility of the club running it again in 2014. We will require people to form an organising committee. Please come along and lend your support. Quite a few people from the old organising committee that have been doing it for several Hillclimb's have indicated that they will not be available for a committee again but will be available, with their knowledge, to help any new committee.

It was disappointing that the come and try event had to be postponed but the day was too wet to proceed, however the rain was welcomed by the farmers. Keep an eye on the web site and Blower for more details as the 1st September is looking as a possibility to try again.

The Khanacross on Sunday was well attended, there were 27 competitors. Christopher Baker was the first junior home and Robert Dean first senior.

Available on the web site now are the supplementary regulations for Motorkhana on the 21 July, entries will be taken on the day and the supplementary regulations for the Esses Hillclimb on the 25 August entries close on the 21 August so get your entry in early, don't leave it till the last day.

Tony has changed some of the dates for his night navigation trials so check the web site for these changes.

It was good news to hear that CAMS are going to hold their 2013 presentation night in Bathurst this year. The night will be held at Rydges on Mt Panorama. Since announced there has been a change of date to the 30 November 2013.

The good news that has come from the V8's is that Volvo is to join in 2014. This should add some extra competition to the V8 series.

Robert Wells
President



BATHURST LIGHT CAR CLUB 2013

19 July 2013	Visual Navigation Trial – 3
21 July 2013	Motorkhana
11 August 2013	Khanacross
24 August 2013	Supersprint (cancelled)
25 August 2013	Esses Hillclimb
6 September 2013	Visual Navigation Trial – 4
15 September 2013	Motorkhana
26 October 2013	BLCC 60 th Birthday Celebrations
3 November 2013	Visual Navigation Trial – 5 Full Day
10 November 2013	Khanacross
30 November/1 December	Set aside for a speed weekend if work on the track surface permits. If a speed weekend is not possible a Motorkhana & Khanacross will be held at the Motor Sport Park on these dates
14 December 2013	Christmas Party and Presentation Night

Events run by the WRX Club - BLCC invitation events - not part of our championship. Speed Events eligible for Peter Janson Speed Event Championship, please submit results. See rules.

Sunday 24 August	SMP Full circuit
Sunday 8 September	Wakefield Park
October Date TBA	Khanacross Sheep & Cattle Drome
Sunday 10 November	SMP South

Other Events that will be of interest to Members are:

- **August 16 – 24 2013** - Kidney Kar Rally
- **September 12 to 15 2013** - WRC Coffs Harbour
- **October 12 & 13 2013** - Bathurst 1000

AMSAG Southern Cross Rally Series

- Round 4 – Blacksmiths Inn Rally (Johns River) – 24th August
- Round 5 – Bombala 200 Rally – 26th October

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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BATHURST
LIGHT CAR CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2013,
COMMENCING AT 7.36PM**

ATTENDANCE: David Robinson (Acting Chairman); Robert Flood; Trevor Hibbs; John Markwick; John Windsor; Mick Tuckey; Trevor Seaman; Scott Sims; Jeff West; Harvey Nicholson; Doug Rowan; Neale Bayliss; Nigel Buttriss; Stephen Ashelford; Caroline Appelbee; Ron Moore; Doug Moore; Stella Plenderleith; Ian Plenderleith; Bradley Robinson; Wayne Bowden; David Catt; Joe Chapman; Donna Sims

APOLOGIES: Robert Wells; Christine Wells; Gwynn Mulholland; Helen Mulholland; Kathy Hanrahan; Tony Hanrahan; Matthew Windsor; James Buttriss

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence detailed by Secretary. Accepted as read

As a result of an email read out in correspondence, respects were paid to John Giddings on his passing, with one minutes silence being observed, prior to continuing the Meeting.

MOVED : John Windsor
SECONDED: John Markwick

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer detailed items in report

Insurance Costs

John Windsor queried the high cost of insurance through Inland Insurance. Robert Flood advised that there was a large brokerage fee attached to this policy. It was suggested that next year the Club source insurance without the involvement of a broker thereby reducing costs.

Club Ute Registration Costs

John Markwick queried the cost of the Club ute registration being so high. David Robinson advised that this is because the ute is registered as a commercial vehicle, as the Club is a Pty Ltd.

MOVED: Wayne Bowden
SECONDED: Ian Plenderleith

GENERAL BUSINESS

Working Bee/Come and Try Day

David Catt outlined the running of the day – working bee proposed for morning (9.30am to 12.30pm); BBQ/induction (12.30pm to 1.30pm); Come & Try Motorkhana (1.30pm on). David sought opinion on situation with taking passengers in cars on the day. David Robinson advised that this is allowable under CAMS regulations. It was decided to grant free Club membership to participating juniors until the end of the year, as well as free use of the Club cars. The only cost for participating juniors would be \$15 for a twelve month junior licence. David Robinson to arrange publicity of event through local radio station. John Windsor advised that work to be carried out as part of working bee would be removal of timber from around the sides of the track, mowing of grass around top of course. Tyres to be painted, storage container to be organised. Trees around track to have tyres placed around them for protection.

Club Flat

David Robinson advised that quote in the amount of \$4500 had been accepted to replace the kitchen in the flat. A new vanity is also to be fitted in the bathroom. A working bee has been arranged to remove the existing kitchen cupboards, and to lop a large branch off tree which is overhanging the club caravan and portaloo.

Cancellation of Speed Weekend

The Committee made decision to cancel the Speed Weekend due to lack of entries, as well as costs associated with hire of radios, and organisation of officials.

David Robinson advised that there may be a possibility of running the speed weekend in November or December, depending on the schedule for resealing of the track. David is to contact Mark Rayner of Bathurst Council in August to discuss this possibility further.

60th Anniversary Dinner

Reminder to Club members to mark event on their calendar.

Purchase of Radios

Trevor Hibbs submitted a brochure and costings for consideration of Club on purchasing own radios. Scott Sims advised that licensing and use of frequencies would all need to be considered. David Robinson thought that the Club would be looking at a \$20,000 outlay for a complete working system.

Upcoming Events

Jeff West advised that there is a Khanacross for 16/6/13; Motorkhana for 21/7/13; and Khanacross for 11/8/13. Two stewards are required for the Esses Hillclimb on 25/8/13. Robert Flood advised Jeff to forward dates and required officials to next Committee Meeting and the Committee will make necessary arrangements in Jeff's absence.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25PM

David Robinson
VICE-PRESIDENT



The late John Giddings at the AMSAG Oberon Rally 2012

Photo Geoff Benson

2013 Orange City Council City of Orange Classic Rally, are saddened to announce the passing of a competitor after an incident on the fifth stage of the event held on May 25 in the Canobolas State Forest near Orange.

Queenslander, John Giddings, a former Bathurst businessman & died as a result of complications from spinal and thoracic injuries.

In the incident, John Giddings and his co-driver, Richard Davidson, left the road in their Datsun 180B and hit a tree. Richard was taken to Orange Base Hospital with a fractured sternum and ribs and has since been released, whilst John was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney with suspected Neck injuries.

John, 70, was an experienced motorsport competitor with several decades of competition history behind him, most notably a fifth outright placing in the 1988 Tooheys Bathurst 1000 with Bruce Stewart in a Ford Sierra RS500.

John had also competed in the 1979 Repco Round Australia Trial with close friends and Bathurst local Rod Jones and Trevor Seaman. He also competed in two Australian Safari rallies with Rod Jones, achieving a best result of fifth outright in 1985 in a Datsun 720.

Most recently John had been competing with his son Michael, running in the inaugural Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial in 2009, which culminated in joining the Word Rally Championship event based in Kyogle, as well every running of the Classic Outback Trial, having both Michael and family friend Tony Jordan alongside for the ride at the various events. A fourth outright and first in class with Tony alongside him in the 2012 event was another great highlight in his motorsport life.

He had plans in place to tackle the massive Sydney to London Marathon due to take place next year.

John has been a regular AMSAG competitor since 2008 and had peddled his trusty 180B to many good results, whilst having a lot of fun along the way.

John had a love for Chevys and Datsuns, as well as NASCAR, travelling over to the US last year to watch the Daytona 500, but he was also a family man and loved dearly his wife Marilyn, son Michael and daughter Amy.

John's son, Michael Giddings, said it best when describing the sad events "Today passed away a great man, my best friend and my Dad, John Giddings. He was doing something that he loved, his passion, rally car racing, and he had an unfortunate accident. He will be remembered as a man who accomplished so much and died doing a sport he loved. He will be sorely missed by all."

This is the first fatality in an AMSAG event in the 20 years of the organisation's history. John's passing has affected us all, and we will miss him greatly.

AMSAG wishes to pass on its sincerest condolences to John's family and friends in this tough time.

- Michael Bannon
AMSAG Media and Competitor Liaison

From the Editor

John Giddings was a former member of the Bathurst Light Car Club and a former local business man. John will be sadly missed by his many friends in the club. The BLCC members extend their condolences to John's family & friends at this time.

The same weekend also saw several former and present club members involved in accidents while rallying throughout the country. Our thoughts are also with them as they recover and we wish them all a speedy recovery.




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VENUE:



**RYDGES MOUNT PANORAMA
– BATHURST
1 CONROD STRAIGHT, BATHURST
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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DAY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS THEY UNFOLD!
SPECIAL RATES OFFERED ON ACCOMODATION.

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SHIELS AND PRO MIXED WEEKEND

Steven Shiels (Chev Camaro Z28) and Glen Pro (Toyota Supra) contested the NSW Motor Race Championship at Sydney Motor Sport Park, both contesting the Sports Sedan category with both having mixed results. Steven qualified 8th with a time of 1:37:89 but was able to better this time in his first race finishing 6th with a quickest lap on 1:35:00. In his second race the safety car was deployed and the Central West Driver Training Camaro finished 11th but in the third race Steven finished 2nd just two seconds behind the first placegetter. Glen qualified 20th with a time of 1:49:65 and in the first race he had his Supra lapping at 1:46:88 before the car developed engine problems and his weekend was over.

BARLOW AND MULLHOLAND IN QUEENSLAND

Alan Barlow (Austin Healey Sprite) had a class victory at the WhitesDiesels 2013 Queensland Hillclimb Championship recording a quickest time of 49.47 seconds on his 4th of five runs. Alan was headed twice during the day before his fourth run come back.

Gwyn Mullholand (Mitsubishi FTO) was playing catch up before his 3rd in class was secured. Gwyn lowered his times by two seconds to record a 55.41 second run on his fourth run.

CLASS WINS TO VIDLER BARLOW AND EDWARDS

The sixth round of the NSW Hillclimb Championship held at Grafton's Mountain View course saw members score three class wins and two class seconds.

Donn Vidler (Mini) won his class with a quickest time of 53.87 seconds while Phillip Edwards (Mini) won his class with a 57.38 second run. Alan Barlow (Austin Healey Sprite) had his class victory with a quick 55.08 second run. Ron Gallagher (Ford Capri) recorded a 56.62 second run for his second in the Historic Group N(c) class.

Doug Barry (Lola F3000) is still chasing Tim Edmondson for the 2013 NSW Hillclimb Championship and is trailing by seven points, so the Grafton results on a course that would not help the Lola, were vital to minimise the damage. Doug finished second in class and third outright edging Ron Hay (Dallara) out of the podium by 0.02 of a second, Doug's time of 44.52 seconds was recorded on his second run. Ron Hay left his quickest to the last run 44.52 seconds.

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ROOKES AT SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK

Bruce Rooke was the more successful brother in his Escort with a qualifying time of 77.19 seconds. His race times were even more impressive a 74.96 second time and a 10th place. This finishing position was maintained in his second race with a fastest time of 73.98 seconds. In his third race his times dropped to 90.65 seconds but increased his position to 7th.

James Rooke ran the Volante Ford in Regularity with a practice time of 88.07 second lap, he finished 16th on his first outing and failed to finish his second outing.

KING & FERCHER AT SUPERSPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Tony King (Mazda MX5) recorded a 12th in class at the 2013 NSW Supersprint Championship conducted by the Australian Racing Drivers Club at Sydney Motorsport Park. Tony's time was 2:32:00.

Willem (Holden Commodore) was second in his class with a quick 2:10:00 time just 12.99 second off a class victory.

CHAPMAN/WESTMAN VICTORY AT ORANGE

Joe Chapman and Greg Westman (Subaru) finished just 12 seconds ahead of Andrew and David Travis (Datsun 1600) to make it a Bathurst Light Car Club one two in AMSAG's 2013 Orange City Council Classic Rally.

Ron and Jo Moore (Commodore) finished 7th with Andrew and Bradley Robinson (Lancer) having another strong performance to finish 19th. Tony Jordan (Stag) was guided to 24th by Mick Tuckey while Anthony and Mark Hammond (Escort) failed to finish.

BRUCE 3RD IN D-MAX AT FINK

Bruce Garland brought his D-MAX through the field to place third in the Extreme 4X4 class in the Fink Desert Race. Bruce made up seventeen spots over the two day 458kl event.

Bruce's next outing in the D-MAX will be the Australasian Safari to be held in Western Australia in September.





Joe Chapman/Greg Westman on their way to victory at Orange

Photo Stephen Ashelford



Andrew and David Travis on their way to second outright at Orange

Photo Stephen Ashelford