

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS



HAC - 2012 Motorkhana Champions



Coming Up:

Sunday, June 2nd, 2013

HSCCV Group 5 Motorkhana

Sandown Park (bitumen)

HAC Pub Nite – Mon June 3rd

Mitcham Hotel



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CLUB NEWS

HAC Interclub Perpetual Club Trophy.

For several years now the Perpetual Trophy awarded to the winning Club at the HAC Interclub (which was made for the club many years ago by **Stan Edwards**) has been missing. Recently the Committee decided to purchase a new Perpetual Trophy using contributions made in memory of HAC founding Life Member, **Erik Ruse**. It has now been suitably inscribed, and already contains plates recognising winning clubs from the year 2000 – proudly HAC is the name on five of the 12 plates added already.



It is still hoped that the original Trophy (a hand-carved timber steering wheel mounted on a black velvet background in a rosewood frame) can be located, as it provides a vital history of the event pre-2000.

The new trophy however, is a fitting tribute to the memory of **Erik Ruse**.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members may have been wondering what has happened to *Cogswapper* since late last year. Editing and publishing issues have delayed the magazine but we hope members have been kept informed by other means.

The competition year is now in full swing with 4 rounds of the NGK Victorian Motorkhana Championship series already completed. A popular round on the calendar is always the event held in Deniliquin with the Autocross conducted on the Saturday and the Motorkhana on the Sunday. Deniliquin Car Club organised the event but it was HAC members who provided the key officials for the motorkhana - Kim for data entry of the times, Chris and Jay for timing, together with myself, plus numerous other HAC members providing vital assistance throughout the day. The day's event would not have been conducted without the assistance of HAC, so my thanks on behalf of DSCC to all who assisted.

Our club conducted a very successful round of the Group 5 Motorkhana series at the Pakenham ground on Sunday 14th April. The event was well supported by competitors but we struggled to find enough timers and it was necessary to rely on assistance from other clubs.

HAC will be conducting a round of the Victorian Motorkhana Championship on Sunday 18th August on a bitumen surface at Sandown Racecourse. Hopefully we will have enough officials on the day to provide timing and other duties. Don't be surprised to receive a phone call asking for assistance.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will read about the recent achievements of the club and its members so I won't go into detail in my report.

Hopefully we might see a few new faces come along to one of our monthly 'pub' nights. This is a great opportunity for members, family and friends to get together enjoy a meal and socialise.

Jenny Rosengrave

EDITORIAL

My apologies for the absence of regular *Cogswapper* issues so far this year. Lack of time with family, holiday and other motorsport commitments, lack of motivation at times and lack of contributions to the magazine (except for Andre Lau's photos and Brian Munyard's tech articles) are all factors, but I really will try to do better in coming months.

So I hope members will enjoy this Summer /Autumn edition which contains a wrap on our Club's successful 2012 competition year, plus plenty of news on happenings in 2013. It was started in Summer and although Autumn is now almost gone, many of these articles were written earlier in the year and I would still like to share them with Members. In some cases, more details on coming events will be found in separate attachments to be sent with *Cogswapper*.

Don't forget, if you are competing for HAC, try to jot down a few words about your event/s and send it to me at johnros@melbpc.org.au to share with other members – photos are especially welcome.

John Rosengrave

COVER STORY

HAC Champion Motorkhana Club (again) in 2012

*Thanks to some great results from many HAC members during 2012, we have again emerged as the leading motorkhana club for the year. From the outright success of **Aaron Wullemin** as 2012 NGK VMC Series champion, **Blair Jones'** class win in the Group 5 Series and our team's success (shared with PCCV) in our own HAC Interclub event and the NGK VMC Series, we again showed our strength and depth as the leading motorkhana club. On top of these successes, HAC also organised two successful motorkhana events during the year (and assisted other clubs with theirs) which demonstrated the skill and dedication of our team of officials. We congratulate the Trophy winners and placegetters from 2012 listed below, and also the many other HAC members who have competed or officiated during the year.*

2012 NGK VMC Series

Winning Club – Huntingdale Auto Club

1st Outright - Aaron Wullemin

1st Class C – Andrew Lau

1st Class F - Aaron Wullemin

1st Class N – Geoffrey Hallas

Handicap Award – Aaron Wullemin

Country Award – Aaron Wullemin

2nd Class M – Phillip East

3rd Outright – Michael Exell

3rd Class F – Michael Exell

3rd Class L – Janelle Cadd

2012 HAC Interclub

HAC Interclub Award – HAC and PCCV

Outright & 1st Class F – Michael Exell

1st Class A & 2nd Outright – Phillip East

1st Class L – Janelle Cadd

2nd Class C – David Isherwood

2nd Class F – Aaron Wullemin

3rd Class C – Andrew Lau

3rd Class F – Blair Jones

2012 Group 5 Motorkhana Series

1st Class E – Blair Jones

2nd Club – Huntingdale Auto Club

2nd Class E – Aaron Wullemin

3rd Outright – Blair Jones

3rd Class E – Terry Jones



Nick Wright (PCCV) and Mike Exell receiving the Interclub trophy from Director John Rosengrave

SOCIAL NEWS

No film nights have yet been set for this year, and we would welcome suggestions from members as to films they might like to see with a group of fellow Club members.

PUB NIGHTS

The next Pub Nite will be at the **Mitcham Hotel** on **Monday, June 3rd**. As usual, a table will be booked in the name of Huntingdale Auto Club for around 7pm. Members and friends are invited to join in the friendly social atmosphere away from the pressure of competition events. The schedule may be subject to change as the year progresses, so always check the latest issue of Cogswapper, and watch for any emails advising of changes.

Jenny Rosengrave

MEMBERSHIP

To the end of April 2013, we now have 42 current members (including Life and Social members).

We welcome two new junior members to the club, **Jacob Smith** and **Jack Pharmaxis** and we hope they enjoy their motorsport with HAC.

Also joining HAC recently are **Des and Ann Melrose** (Des has a Mazda RX8 he is planning to put on Club plates) and **Tania Upton**, introduced by Blair Jones.

Chris Exell

DID YOU KNOW?

Cogswapper

The Victorian State Library apparently holds some (historic) copies of Cogswapper – from the early 1980's I believe. In the early days of the Club, a copy had to be sent to the National Library in order to qualify for cheaper postage as a 'Periodical' – probably about 3 pence per copy instead of costing 4 pence per copy as a letter.

I'm not sure how these early copies can be viewed at the State Library, but I'll check it out some day – or perhaps one of our 'history buffs' might like to follow it up.

NASCAR – It's all about the Money.

In 2012, Aussie driver **Marcus Ambrose** finished in 18th place in the NASCAR Sprint Cup standings, with one win, two pole positions and three top five finishes.

His earnings – a cool \$US 4,767,873. In each of the last 4 years in NASCAR, he has had earnings over 4 million USD.

MOTORKHANA REPORTS

HAC Group 5 Motorkhana – April 14th at Pakenham



Drivers listen intently to Director David Isherwood prior to the start.

A good field of 35 drivers contested the HAC round of the Group 5 Non-speed (Motorkhana) Series at the PAC ground at Pakenham. With a small club such as HAC it is always difficult to get enough officials to run the event smoothly, but with the assistance of our own members and helpers from other clubs, the day went off without a hitch. As usual at

(AHSDC) for scrutiny, and Bob deBont (MX5 Club), young **Alex Smith** and Oscar C from Skylines Australia (an online club) assisted **Chris** and **Jenny** with timing duties, while **John R** looked after scoring and results. The event was directed by **David Isherwood**, whose work was made easier by all the helpers including competitors during the day.



PAC, catering from the Garrads kicked off the day with tasty breakfast and then more good food during the day. **Mike Exell** was assisted by Owen Crombie



came away with a trophy, despite the fact we had nine members competing.

In the Specials class, **Aaron Wullemin** came closest with a very close second behind Outright winner, **Bill McCarthy** with less than a second separating them after the nine tests were completed.



Blair Jones continued to show form with third Outright, just ahead of **Mike Exell** who scored one garage penalty. Other HAC members in the Class were **Rob Holtkamp** (one flag), **Phillip East** down again from NSW (one WD) and **Terry Jones** (one flag). **Daniel** and **Nathan Wullemin** were having some fun in Class A in their Honda Civic instead of the usual Special, and finished 3rd and 6th respectively in Class.



Young driver **Jacob Smith** showed his improved skills by placing fifth despite a couple of penalties in the very competitive Juniors Class.



Overall the event went off very well and we managed to pack up and leave just before the weather turned sour about 3.30pm. A big thank you to all those who took part.

HAC Specials and their drivers awaiting the next battle



(Photos by Oscar C from Skylines Australia)

Next Group 5 Motorkhana will be on Sunday June 2nd at Sandown, run by the HSCCV.

MOTORKHANA REPORTS

NGK VMC Round 3 – April 28th at Deniliquin (NSW)

We haven't been able to prove it yet, but the popular event at Deni has probably been held continuously since at least 1975. This year's event though may not have happened at all without the support of HAC, such was our club's involvement.

The host club is suffering from a severe shortage of qualified, fit officials, and so HAC was able to assist with **Chris Exell**, **Jenny Rosengrave** and potential new



member **Jay Morris** handling the timing, Nathan's partner **Kim** entering the

results and many other HAC members were helping out during the day. On top of that our Club also had 13 out of the 31 competitors at the event – a great effort!

Aaron Wullemin continued his winning form, scoring his 2nd Outright win for the 2013 NGK VMC season, finishing nine seconds clear of fellow HAC members **Nathan Wullemin** and **Blair Jones** who were separated by less than



two seconds in the minor placings. **Mike Exell** dropped some time in the very dusty conditions and **Rob Holtkamp** had three flag penalties, but they still placed 5th and 6th Outright. **Daniel Wullemin** scored four flag penalties on the way to eighth Outright.

Newly rejoined member **Phillip East** from NSW won Class C from **Andrew Lau** and **David Isherwood**,



making it a clean sweep of the top three placings for HAC.



Elliott Barnfather and **John Rosengrave** shared Elliott's Golf fresh from some extensive mechanical work, but were no match for the Class A winning Minis, finishing 4th and 5th in Class, followed by **Cameron Stewart** enjoying his first run in his Daihatsu Charade. Most of HAC's Class F (Specials) drivers placed at the head of the Class, except for **Terry Jones** who collected two flags and had

some difficulties in the dusty conditions.



Many HAC members also took part in the popular Autocross the day before the motorkhana, and combined with a very enjoyable get-together at the local RSL club on Saturday night, the weekend proved as popular as ever.

Next NGK VMC Round will be on Sunday June 23rd at Sandown, run by the PCCV.

NGK VMC Round 4 – May 12th at Sandown

Despite being held on Mother's Day, a good field of 41 drivers turned up for the Nissan Club's Round of the NGK Series. Of those, 11 were HAC were HAC members, representing over one quarter of the field, and in addition **Chris Exell** and **Pete Morden** lent a hand with the timing.

The venue at Sandown is a bit on the tight side, so only two tests (with minimal dimensions) can be run at the one time, but most competitors seemed to enjoy being on a hard surface. The bitumen however does have a coating of fine gravel and dust which reduces grip (and leads to severe tyre wear) but most of us are prepared for that!



Most HAC members had a successful day, and results showed we took out six of the top ten outright places, and first or second places in four of the Classes or Categories. **Mike Exell** scored his first Outright win for the year, placing ahead of **Aaron Wullemin**

MOTORKHANA REPORTS (continued)

NGK VMC Round 4 – May 12th at Sandown (continued)

and Bill McCarthy, then followed by **Nathan** and **Daniel Wullemin**,



Rob Holtkamp, **Elliott Barnfather**, **Blair Jones** and **Andrew Lau** all placing in the top 11. There were a few hard luck stories on the day, as **Blair Jones**,



Nathan Wullemin, **John Rosengrave** and **Terry Jones** each scored penalties to restrict their chances of better



placings. In the classes **Elliott Barnfather** and **John Rosengrave**, in

their own VW Golfs this event, could not match Matt Webb's Mini for pace, but nevertheless scored 2nd and 3rd in Class A, and the same in Category M behind Bill McCarthy. **Andrew Lau** took top place in Class C (despite



complaining of understeer on the slippery surface) ahead of **David Isherwood** having a rare run at a bitumen event in his VW Polo. Class F reflected the Outright placings with HAC members taking 6 of the top 7 placings, and **Mike Exell** a clear winner with fastest times in four of the eight tests held. **Nathan Wullemin** was heading for second outright until a flag penalty in the last test dropped him to fourth place overall.

Next round of the NGK VMC Series will also be at the Sandown venue, organised by the Peugeot Club on **Sunday, June 23rd**. Before that, the HSCCV organised Group 5 round on **June 2nd** will provide some more practice at the same venue – just remember to bring some old tyres!

HAC MEMBERS AT PLAY



Seeing triple – Daniel, Nathan and Aaron Wullemin in action at Sandown



Discussing tactics with Director Peter Short at Deni, and a 'Thank you' hug for two of our dusty officials, Jay and Jenny.



And this is why they were dusty –



Mike Exell (above) and Cameron Stewart (r)

NEWS

Largely due to the good work put in by Club member, **Aaron Wullemin**, NGK have again signed on as Series Sponsor for the Victorian Motorkhana Championship. At the Presentation Night in December, it was pleasing to have NGK Guests **Brad Farmer** and **Akino Miura** as well as new CAMS CEO **Eugene Arocca** in attendance and presenting the 2012 State Motorkhana Awards. The NGK funding is proving very helpful in enabling us to present a more professional approach to our State events, and this will filter down to help boost participation at all levels of motorkhanas. NGK is also separately supporting Junior drivers with the NGK Spark Plugs Junior Pentathlon Series, which is open to all drivers aged between 14 and 21 years. It is designed to encourage young driver participation in 5 motorsport pentathlon disciplines - Motorkhana, Khanacross, Autocross, Sprint and Hillclimb. See attachment for Series Regulations.

At (long) last, it appears the TCCA motorkhana/autocross venue at Werribee is back in use again. After gradually falling into disrepair due to floods, vandalism and general lack of use, apparently much work has been spent to get the ground back into top condition, so we can again look forward to this venue close to the city. First event was a shakedown/practice event on Saturday, February 2nd, followed by Round 1 of the 2013 VMC Series on February 24th. These events have been successfully completed, however the usual Werribee problem of dust was still a problem. Hopefully after some good rain and some more maintenance the venue will prove to be a welcome addition again to our (small) list of suitable motorkhana venues.

Another interesting venue development is the bitumen pad being constructed at Winton Raceway. The entire former cricket oval is being laid with high-quality bitumen, and will be available as a multi-purpose venue for displays, trade shows, and of course motorkhanas! It has been funded with the aid of a substantial Government grant, so apparently the cost of hire to car clubs will be kept to an affordable amount. It should be available for use after September this year. Motorkhana events will be able to be held even if other events are taking place on the circuit. Benalla Auto Club is to be congratulated on this initiative.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY NEWS

Australian International rally driver Chris Atkinson is set to rejoin the Citroen fold for round three of the 2013 World Rally Championship in Mexico next month. Chris had a one-off run with the Citroen Junior team in [Ireland](#) at the start of 2009 after losing his [Subaru](#) seat at the end of the previous year when the works team withdrew. Atkinson subsequently dropped out of the WRC, focusing mainly on Proton's Asia-Pacific programme, before returning for a one-off appearance with [Monster Ford](#) in Mexico last year and later completing the season in a [Motorsport Italia Mini](#).

Thanks to a \$3 million re-surfacing in December 2012, the track at Phillip Island should now be in fantastic condition, and ready for the World Superbike round on February 22-24, and then the Phillip Island Classic meeting (cars and bikes) on March 8-10. See more on the big re-surfacing project at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElqlxAuDSDY>

To make contact with CAMS easier, a list of contact (email) addresses is attached. Most everyday queries can usually be handled by their two SCDOs (State Council Development Officers), **Ben Manning** and **Corey Pais**, but for more specific queries refer to the more detailed list.

Of course, queries can still be dealt

with by phoning CAMS on **1300 883 959** and asking for Ben or Corey.

The [CAMS website](#) functions more effectively now and contains a lot of information, but often the quickest way to find a specific CAMS resource is to still use your favourite search engine, e.g. Google "CAMS Group 4H" for motorkhana regulations.

TECHNICAL

Founding HAC member **Brian Munyard** is also a former President of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE-A) the leading body of Automotive Engineers in Australia. The SAE publishes many interesting technical articles which often aren't seen by the general public, and Brian is happy to share some of these articles which may be of interest to HAC members by their publication in Cogswapper. This month we look at some interesting recent facts on car theft in Australia.

(See next page)



National Motor Vehicle
Theft Reduction Council
driving down vehicle theft

theft matters

CARS 2011/12 STATISTICAL REPORT OUT NOW



After a long-term downward trend in motor vehicle theft in Australia, the past financial year saw theft numbers rise for the first time in a decade, increasing by 5% to a total of 59,874 thefts. This equates to an increase of approximately 8 vehicle thefts per day making up a total of 164 motor vehicles stolen every day in 2011/12. It should be noted that thefts have dropped dramatically since 2000/01, at which time an average of 382 vehicles were stolen each day.

In 2011/12, the increase was seen across all vehicle body types with passenger/light commercial vehicles up 6%, motorcycles up 4% and other vehicles up 3%. Almost half (47%) were stolen from the victims own home which indicates the need for owners to better protect their car keys and use secure off street parking where possible.

Short term theft increased by 7% since 2010/11 which was slightly more than the increase in profit-motivated theft (+5%). The largest increases in short term thefts were seen in Queensland (+25%) and Western Australia (+15%). Of the larger jurisdictions, Western Australia (+20%) and Queensland (18%) also had the largest increases in profit-motivated thefts.

Passenger/light commercial vehicles (PLCs):

- More than two-fifths (44%) of PLCs stolen for short term purposes did not have an immobiliser.
- Half (51%) of short term PLC thefts were valued at less than \$5,000 and a further 17% were valued between \$5,000 and \$9,999.

Motorcycles

- One quarter (26%) of all profit motivated thefts in 2011/12 were motorcycles, which is three times more than among short term thefts (8%).
- One third (33%) of motorcycles stolen (with a known engine capacity) for short term purposes were 50cc or less which suggests that scooters are most commonly stolen and recovered.

A full round up of the year's motor vehicle theft in Australia can be found in the recently published 2011/12 statistical report at <http://ncars.on.net/publications.html>. For more information, please contact the NMVTRC at info@carsafe.com.au or phone 1300 668 410 or (03) 9348 9600.

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2013 NGK - VICTORIAN MOTORKHANA **CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 5**



TO BE HELD ON THE 23RD JUNE 2013

PRESENTED BY THE PEUGEOT CAR CLUB OF VIC.



Scrutiny from 8.30 am to 10.00 am with a compulsory Drivers Brief at 10.00 am.

Early Entry closes 7:00 pm 21st June - \$30.00 (\$40.00 on the day)

Juniors \$15.00 (\$20.00 on the day)

WHERE

SANDOWN RACECOURSE – JOCKEYS CARPARK (OUTSIDE TURN 1)

Access from Princes Highway Overpass and internal road behind the pits / grandstand

Food and drinks available at the venue



More information from: Phil Torode Tel: 0432 107 301

[Supp. Regs are available Here](#)

CALENDAR

May

24-26 A7CV Historic Races Winton <http://www.historicwinton.org>

June

2 HSCCV Gp 5 Motorkhana R5 Sandown Bruce Lethborg 0499 272 774
3 HAC Pub Nite Mitcham Hotel Jenny Rosengrave 9758 5552
9 FFCC Gp 5 Sprint R4 Sandown Darren Colgan 9701 6171
16 PIARC Gp 5 Sprint R5 Phillip Island David Bellenger 0429 015 566
17 HAC Committee Meeting Avonsleigh Andrew Lau 0401 886 304
23 PCCV NGK VMC Round 5 Sandown David Isherwood 0418 440 758

July

1 HAC Pub Nite Wheelers Hill Hotel Jenny Rosengrave 9758 5552
7 PIARC Gp 5 Motorkhana R6 Sandown Matt Balcombe 0438 826 415
20 BCC NGK VMC Round 6 Huntley (Bendigo) Brian Shanahan 0400 945 325

August

3/4 NCCA John Mott Sprint R6 Sandown Stuart Stevenson 0417 051 162
5 HAC Pub Nite Dandenong RSL Jenny Rosengrave 9758 5552
18 HAC NGK VMC Round 7 Sandown John Rosengrave 0425 722 706
18 PIARC Sprint Phillip Island David Bellenger 0429 015 566

September

2 HAC Pub Nite TBA Jenny Rosengrave 9758 5552
8 PAC Gp 5 Motorkhana R8 Pakenham Glad Fish 0410 148 058
15 SEAC NGK VMC Round 8 Mt Gambier Ken Trimnell 0419 810 798

October

5-6 SEAC Aust Motorkhana Ch Mt Gambier Ken Trimnell 0419 810 798
10-13 V8 Supercars 1000 Bathurst, NSW <http://www.v8supercars.com.au>
20 VMCI NGK VMC Round 9 Pakenham Gary Birt 0407 874 144
27 FFCC Gp 5 Motorkhana R9 Werribee Nicholas Charrett 0412 175 518

November

5 FFCC G5 Cup Day Sprint R7 Sandown Darren Colgan 9701 6171
11 HAC Pub Nite TBA Jenny Rosengrave 9758 5552
17 HAC Interclub Motorkhana TBA John Rosengrave 0425 722 706
24 HSCCV NGK VMC Round 10 Sandown Bruce Lethborg 0499 272 774

December

8 TCCA Gp 5 Motorkhana R10 Werribee David Batcheler 0418 568 213

Correct at May 28, 2013

HAC Events shown in RED

Always check latest Calendar or phone Contact for any date or venue changes.