



# *In Gear*



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**A Bi-Monthly Magazine  
for Cerberus Car Club Members**





# Are You Coming To Our AGM and Final Meeting For 2013?



There will be lots of THIS! ...



And if you ask Steve Eccles really nicely, he may re-enact his rollover last weekend!



It is unlikely there will be much of THIS ...



And there will no doubt be some of this!



There will certainly be some of these



Yes, there will be some of this!



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Apply to join and please identify yourself when doing this as the group is only open to members. Then come & join the fun and keep up to date with what's happening.

Cover Photo - 2013 Victorian Rally Championship winners Tristan Penhall & Jolie Middleton at Rally Victoria  
Photo by John Douth

# *Prez Sez*

Welcome to the last In Gear for 2013

I am writing this feeling guilty as I had to bail on the clean up after Rally Victoria as I had to travel on another work trip. Thanks to those that could turn up on the Sunday to make up for me.

Well done to Alan & Fiona on another great Rally Vic. A few of you will know how much work goes in to running a successful rally. To those that don't, a shit load of work over many months. To have rain interfere can be a real downer, but all pulled hard to make it work. I worked with other club members in Lardner Park, setting up the Service Park and super special, then running the internal controls during the event. From Pauls post on the club Facebook account, it was 11 controls over the event. Friday night finishing just before midnight and then up early Saturday for 000 at 5.30, followed by all day Saturday. All there pulled their weight and made it happen. It makes me proud to be involved in this club and in this sport. The camaraderie is something to be experienced. Special mention to Alysha and Stephen Eccles following in their Dad's footsteps and giving their time to help out over the event. Well done.

We now have the AGM on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December where we will have a Kart Race prior and then our meeting. Pizza will be on the menu for a late dinner for those that attend.

Don't be afraid, the main positions all appear to have volunteers so you won't feel guilty if you don't wish to do a job. I believe the VRC trophies for Rally Vic will also be presented on the night. Come along and watch the fat old bloke try and keep up with the skinnier younger ones around the track. Better still have a fang, it really is good fun.

The last rally for the year, The Alpine, of course clashes with the last VCAS Round of the year. Keeping up the tradition this year of rallies and autocross being on the same weekend. If you aren't going to the autocross think about coming down to the Alpine as an official, they are very short on bods. If for no other reason than seeing a McRae in action. I will be wandering around in a White CAMS shirt looking important (but in reality not doing much).

A little update before closing. The new constitution has been lodged with Corporate Affairs. Thanks to those that turned up last meeting (and those that sent proxies) so we could vote this in before the deadline.

Mark



# First for Penhall Motorsport at the AKADEMOS Rally

The Penhall Motorsport crew, of Tristan Penhall (driver) and Jolie Middleton (co-driver), from Bendigo have won their first Victorian Rally Championship event; the Menace Motorsports AKADEMOS rally.

The AKADEMOS rally was the third round of the 2013 Victorian Rally Championship, held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, based out of the beautiful town of Alexandra in Victoria. The rally stages ran through Rubicon State Forest, with crews competing over six competitive stages, totalling 152kms, and 166kms of transport sections, and proved to provide all the thrills and spills that the event is famous for.

Penhall and Middleton entered the event sitting equal first in the championship and after a four month winter break in the series they were excited to get back out there and fight for the lead. "We knew that to get a good result this event we had to have a consistent approach," Middleton said, "So we gave ourselves one aim and that was to be neat, smooth and fast, and it worked for us." The pair won 4 of the 6 competitive stages, only losing the third stage by 1 second to Kenway/Palmer, Walker/Seabrook and Walker/Lowe, all being equal stage winners.

The roads proved to be too rough for many competitors, with 10 cars not making it to the halfway service, either due to mechanical breaks or touring off the road, and a total of 19 cars were out by the end of the event. This included two out of the top three cars, Lee/Lethlean and Raymond/Batten both suffering from sheared wheel studs in the first heat.

The '06 Subaru WRX STI Spec C of Penhall Motorsport's proved to handle the rough conditions well and couldn't be faulted all event.

"We couldn't be happier with the car's performance," Penhall said, "It's a dream to drive and handles everything we throw at it."

Penhall and Middleton took the outright win by 2 minutes 5 seconds over Kenway/Palmer, taking home the full quota of 60 championship points.

With only one rally left to contend in the 2013 Victorian Rally Championship, Rally Victoria on November 16<sup>th</sup>, Penhall and Middleton lead the championship by 21 points ahead of Kenway/Palmer, with Pannam/Dewhurst in third.

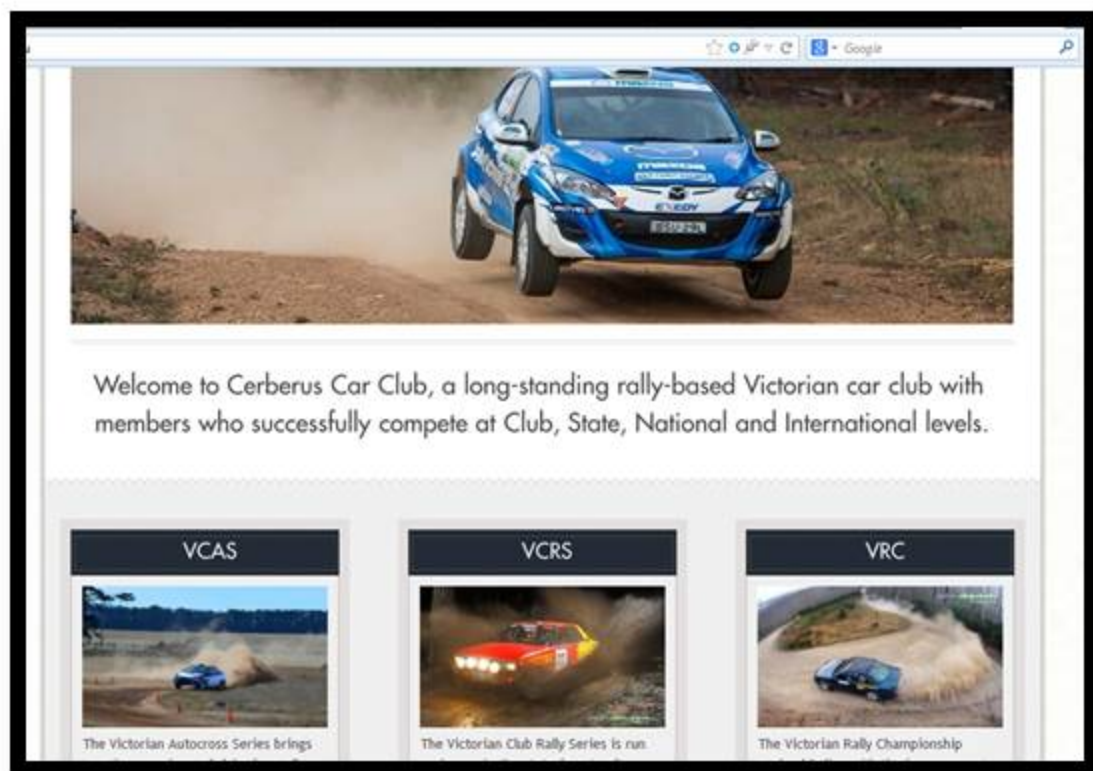
Penhall Motorsport is supported by Innes Motors Bendigo Subaru & Honda, Bendigo Tyre Centre and Melbourne Performance Centre.



# New Website For Cerberus Car Club

[www.cerberuscarclub.com.au](http://www.cerberuscarclub.com.au)

Cerberus Car Club has a new home on the web! You can now find the club's website at [www.cerberuscarclub.com.au](http://www.cerberuscarclub.com.au).



The old site will continue to redirect to the new address though, so don't go peeling any stickers off the car just yet!

Contributions for content for the new site are very welcome and would be much appreciated.

A merchandise gallery will be uploaded soon along with a few other features, including a social media feed for our growing Facebook Page.

Contact Annie if you'd like to contribute  
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# 2014 Victorian Rally Calendar

The Victorian Rally Calendar for 2014 has been tentatively released. It's shaping up to be a VERY busy year for competitors. This calendar is not yet final, but we will post the calendar to the website as soon as it nears some kind of conformed status.

2014	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
	Intro				1	
	VCAS	CCC run event			2	
	VCRS	ARC			3	1
	VRC		1		4	2
	Standalone Rally or Rallysprint (RS)		2	1	5	3
	School Holidays		3		6	4
			4 Perth (2)	2		
1		Heerlen (1)	5 GV Intro	3 EOS (3)	7 Swan Hill (5)	5
2			6	4	8	6
3			7	5	9 Queens BQ	7
4			8	6	10	8
5			9	7	11	9
6			10	8	12	10
7			11	9	13	11
8 Deniliquin (1)			12 Marysville (2)	10 Ballarat (4)	14	12 CCC Intro
9		9 Swan Hill (2) CCC	13 Bagahol (3)	11	15	13
10		10 Labour Day	14	12	16	14
11			15	13	17	15
12			16	14	18	16
13			17	15	19	17
14			18 Good Fri	16	20 Old (2)	18
15 Rally Gala		15 Seemore RS	19	17 Cooper Mem (3)	21 Nightmoves (4)	19
16			20	18	22	20
17			21 Easter Sun	19	23	21
18			22	20	24	22
19			23	21	25	23
20			24	22	26	24
21			25 ANZAC	23	27	25
22		22 G Derrick (1)	26	24	28 HRA RS Mftra (6)	26 Mftra (7)
23			27	25	29	27
24			28	26	30	28
25			29	27		29
26			30	28		30
27				29		31
28 Canberra (1)				30		
				31		

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# *From The Editor's Desk*

Both October and November were crazy months around here!

With the VCRS finished for both Tom and I, we were able to garage the Stanza and turn our focus to the remainder of the VRC and prepare for Rally Victoria. I thoroughly enjoyed my first year navigating and was pleased to get through every event without the need for my just-in-case zip lock bags!

Tom and Kav rounded off their 2013 VRC debut with very good performances at both Akademos and Rally Vic and both finished with top ten results in Outright Driver and Navigator, as well as 2WD Driver and Navigator. They also took out first place in Clubman Driver & Clubman Navigator! So this means another victory speech at the Rally Gala this year – Tom's already tossing around witty speech content \*eyeroll\*

Rally Victoria, by all accounts, was a tremendous success. There is no Sec Sez this month (I'm pretty sure Alan Mackay is yet to emerge from post-Rally Vic rehab), however I'm taking this opportunity instead to say that both Alan and Fiona deserve to be congratulated on the massive amount of work that they put into such a fantastic long weekend of rallying, as do the CCC members who gave so freely of their time to lend a hand throughout the week in many ways.

We hadn't had quite enough for the year, so Tom and I decided to official at the Alpine last weekend. Manning a great speccie point, we had lots of fun and it was rather nice to unfold the camping chair and take in the action together on the other side of the bunting for a change!

Next year promises to be a very good one for Cerberus Car Club. Our membership base continues to grow steadily, as does our social media presence. Our bi-monthly meetings are well attended and our Go Kart Challenge has been a lot of good fun too. With the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club to celebrate, along with the addition of a CCC-run Intro Rally calendared and in the planning phase, it's looking like Cerberus Car Club is quite the club to be a member of!

Congratulations also to Tristan & Jolie for their VRC win for 2013, as well as Steve Eccles taking out the Junior VCAS championship in spite of rolling the Excel! Perhaps we will save a '2013 Year That Was' piece for the next edition of In Gear.

Looking forward to joining you all tomorrow night for the last meeting of the year.

*Annie*



# RALLY VICTORIA

Cerberus Car Club members somehow pulled off a well-run, organised Lardner Park Service Park once again this year.



Special thanks to all who gave so generously of their time. We were stopped by a number of competitors and service crew who thanked us for a great event!



Whilst some of the images might suggest that a lot of fun and relaxation was had by CCC officials, the 80mm of rain, the cash dropped at the disposals store in Warragul for waterproof pants, very late nights and the exhaustion in the weeks that followed balance the scales somewhat ...

Special thanks should go to Alan & Fiona Mackay for their tireless work in running A fantastic event every year.





# RALLY VICTORIA



80mm of rain fell at Lardner Park on the Wednesday



Dean & Tarnya Hubbert finished the event **WITHOUT** the need for RACV intervention!



Brendan Reeves in his Rallyschool Mazda 2



CCC Members still hard at work setting up the podium



Facebook comp winner Sean Burns hitches a ride with Mark Pedder!



Archie Rally, Marie Diver & Rod Rodda catch up for a chat



Keith Cuttle smiled no matter what the weather threw at us!



## Penhall Motorsport Wins Victorian Rally Championship!

Bendigo locals Tristan Penhall (driver) and Jolie Middleton (co-driver) finished Rally Victoria, the final round of the Victorian Rally Championship (VRC) in first place, wrapping up the 2013 season as Victorian Rally Champions.

Rally Victoria, a combined event hosting both the ECB Australian Rally Championship (ARC) and the VRC, was held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November based out of Lardner Park, Warragul. VRC crews competed over six competitive stages in the forests near the towns of Powelltown and Noojee and one Super Special Stage around Lardner Park, totalling 143 competitive kilometres and 327kms of transport sections.



The Penhall Motorsport crew went into Rally Victoria with a firm lead on the championship after their outright win at the AKADEMOS rally in October on 136 points, ahead of Kenway/Palmer on 115 points and Pannam/Dewhurst in third on 94 points.

In order to win the championship, the worst the pair could afford was a third in both heats and with unknown road conditions ahead of them with the Gippsland forest roads receiving heavy rain in the lead up to the event the pressure was still on.



Penhall and Middleton started Heat 1 confident and with a few nerves, but it wasn't long before they were gone and the pair and their '06 Subaru WRX STI Spec C were setting fastest stage times, winning all three of the mornings stages. The Penhall Motorsport crew had won the first heat by 1 minute 26 seconds ahead of Liucci/Gavin in second, Walker/Lowe in third and Kenway/Palmer in fourth. With Penhall/Middleton securing 30 points for this heat they led the championship by 33 points, and were out of reach for any other competitors to catch; Penhall and Middleton had won the Victorian Rally Championship!

With the championship sealed up, Penhall and Middleton saved their celebrations for later and focused their attention on Heat 2, hoping to make the win even sweeter and win the rally.

The pair continued to prove their strength, again winning all three repeated forest stages and the Lardner Park Super Special Stage, finishing the heat 1 minute 56 seconds ahead. Penhall also showed his autocross roots being the second fastest of all ARC and VRC cars on the Super Special Stage. Liucci/Gavin finished the heat in second, giving them a second overall for the rally (their first podium finish!), and Semmens/Parry rounding out the top three for the heat and the overall event.



"We couldn't be happier," Middleton said, "Our first championship win and a rally win is the best possible way to end our year and it wouldn't have been possible without the amazing support of our sponsors."

"We're rapt," Penhall said, "It just proves that hard work and

dedication does pay off. And with not one mechanical issue on any scale all year, I really want to thank our service crew and sponsors who have not only helped at events but also in preparations before events. We couldn't have done it without them. Rallying really is a team effort!"

Penhall and Middleton started rallying three years ago after Penhall won the Victorian Autocross Series and have come a long way in such a short period of time. Their first two years rallying in a 1994 Subaru WRX they finished 5<sup>th</sup> outright VRC and then 2<sup>nd</sup> outright VRC. Penhall and Middleton look forward to what the opportunities might be for next year.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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