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Please send your articles to the Magazine Editor for inclusion in the next issue of In Gear.

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Cover Photo - Stephen Eccles & Alan Mackay competing in the Grant Walker Parts Excel Rally Series at Blue Rock Stages, Moe - Photo courtesy of James Rooke - Mini Fingerz Productions

2013 Calendar

February

9 Feb Deniliquin (VCAS Round 1)

9 Feb Rally Gala

March

2 Mar George Woods Intro

16 Mar Rally Bonnie Doon (VRC Round 1)

17 Mar Kyneton (VCAS Round 2)

23 Mar Marysville Marathon (VCRS Round 1)

April

6 Apr <u>Trailblazer Rally</u>

6 Apr Millard Memorial Trial

13 Apr George Derrick Memorial Rally (VRC Round 2)

20 Apr Blue Rock Stages (VCRS Round 2)

21 Apr Ballarat (VCAS Round 3)

May

4 May East Gippsland Stages (VRC Round 3)

11 May Old BP Rally

11 May Melton (VCAS Round 4)

25 May Cooper Memorial Sprint Rally (VCRS Round 3)

June

8 Jun Swan Hill Twilight (VCAS Round 5)
9 Jun Bega Valley Rally (VRC Round 4)

15 Jun Acheron Rally Sprint

22 Jun Maffra Twilight (VCAS Round 6)
29 Jun <u>Nissan Nightmoves</u> (VCRS Round 4)

29 Jun Rennick/Kenbruck Trial

July

20 Jul Maffra Twilight (VCAS Round 7)

August

10 Aug RSM Baden Powell Intro Trial

17 Aug Rallye du Mont Cole

24 Aug CCC Round TBA (VCAS Round 8)

25 Aug Winter Classic Trial/Tour

September

7 Sep Mount Porpunkah Rally Sprint

14 Sep <u>Ivans Folly</u>

14 Sep Maffra Twilight (VCAS Round 9)

21 Sep Spring 200 (VCRS Round 5)

October

5 Oct Victoria Cross Rally

20 Oct Akademos (VRC Round 5)

26 Oct Bagshot Rally Sprint

27 Oct Mafeking Rover Park, Caveat TBA (VCAS Round 10)

November

15 Nov <u>Rally Victoria</u> (VRC Round 6)

17 Nov Bendigo (VCAS Round 11)

30 Nov Alpine Rally

December

1 Dec Shepparton (VCAS Round 12)

2013 CCC GO KART CHALLENGE A & F Mackay Marathon Round 1



Competition was fierce for the opening round of the 2013 CCC Go Kart Challenge. The first race, the A & F Mackay Marathon was taken out by Paul Eccles, with son Steve being kept in second place (for a change) and Steph Grondin in third.

There were accusations of some less than sportsman-like tactics floating around and rumour has it that Steve Eccles' Go Pro footage from his helmet would make his mother less than proud, however this has yet to be independently verified.

With competitors able to drop their worst round, competition is expected to heat up considerably for Round 2, the Bob Withworth Trial to be held on 6th June. All members (and their friends) are encouraged to join in.

Cerberus Car Club 2013 Go Kart Challenge			A & F Mackay Marathon Round 1 4 April 2013					
Competitor	Championship Ch Points	ampionship Rank	Qual Time	Qual Place	Qual Points	Race Time	Race Place	Race Points
Paul Eccles	30	2	38.40	4	0	912.889	1	30
Stephen Eccles	35	1	37.35	1	10	919.447	2	25
Steph Grondin	28	3	37.62	2	7	921.083	3	21
Tom Ruessman	18	5	38.48	5	0	934.813	4	18
Tracey Simmons	16	6	39.41	6	0	941.496	5	16
Andrew Kavanagh	19	4	37.81	3	5	924.149 +1L	6	14
Mark Hallowell	12	7	41.83	7	0	929.963 +2L	7	12







Next Club Meeting Is On 6th June 2013

At Le Mans Go Karts (In the Back Room)



11-55 Waterview Close, Dandenong South



Who is contesting Round 2 of the 2013 CCC Go Kart Challenge?? The Bob Whitworth Trial 6.30pm Book-in for a 7pm Start



PREZ SEZ

I sit here the morning after competing at the last autocross to be held at the Mt Cottrell track a bit sad. Another great venue close to town gets swallowed up by progress/greenies/short sighted councils, pick which one you wish. Even the Ballarat track is on notice that it will be closed down.

What can we do about this? On the surface, it appears nothing; clubs that have fought against this have been defeated as we seem to be one out against many when it comes to this. I think we need to get CAMS helping clubs obtain and keep venues.

The problem, as I see it, is that the public regards us as hoons lairing round tracks and associates us with the idiots who do burnouts on the streets etc. We (that is all of us, including CAMS) need to push junior development to try and change this image, promote our outdoor activity and show that young drivers that have come through our ranks have developed into good safe drivers. Once we do this then local authorities may be keen to jump on board to help us.

The club committee have decided to actively pursue another track for the club. We have given up on Broadford, it won't happen, Motorcycling Victoria keep moving the goalposts. We will keep trying to find a venue, either with another club or by ourselves. Watch this space for news.

Now to the good news @ .

The club will be running a come and try Hill Climb at Haunted Hills on 28th July. This is a fun day, no serious competition, just come and cut some laps at the track and come away with a smile. You can bring your road car to this, no special competition car required. Supplementary Regs will be emailed out when available.

The next round of the Go Kart Challenge, the Bob Whitworth Trial, will be held at the next club meeting. This is the most prestigious championship you will compete in this year. If there is one trophy you want to win, it will be this. I was going to rant on about some members of the VRAP being short-sighted and their work stopping juniors from coming through in rallying borders on fanaticism. But I don't want to bore you, so I won't.

See you at the club meeting

Mark





GO KART CHALLENGE 2013

@Cerberus Ring - Le Mans Dandenong



Rounds:

1. A & F Mackay Marathon	4/4/13
2. Bob Whitworth Trial	6/6/13
3. Rod Rodda Invitational	1/8/13
4. Paul Eccles Sprint	3/10/13
5. John White Stage	5/12/13

Scoring:

Place: 1 12 13 Points: 30 25 16 14

Bonus points - Qualifying:

Place: 1 2 3 Points: 10 7 5

Awards:

Trophies for 1st 2nd and 3rd

Mystery prize for 1st

SEC SEZ

As I put fat finger (singular!) to key board for the bi-monthly mag I am left to ponder "Where is the year going?". We are already ½ way through May and it seems parts of the rally season are just starting such as the VRC's first event just a week ago.

At the recent Club Committee meeting discussion on all upcoming Cerberus Events was had with emphasis on their organization and how to involve more members and potentially boost the clubs membership.

The first CCC calendared event will be a Come & Try Hill Climb on 28th July being run by Brian Newton at Haunted Hills. There is only going to be a <u>maximum</u> of 30 spots to maximize the number of runs to each driver Please forward an expression of interest to Brian ASAP to assist with planning <u>brian@masterglassgroup.com.au</u>. Priority will be given to Juniors and then order of receipt to CCC members. After 3 days from entries opening any unfilled spots will be offered to non CCC members.

Supp Regs are at CAMS and will be distributed via email as soon as available.

Moves are underway to finalise a venue for the Club VCAS Rd in August and will be advised soon. We will need as many members as possible to assist in the running on the day to ensure a smooth event.

Rally Victoria is pushing ahead trying to find sponsorship and with event planning. The event will be quite similar to last year's. The biggest change will be in the conducting of a "Power Stage" on the Friday morning prior to the media day. This is going to make an extremely tight schedule but there is no other time for it to be conducted. We are looking to recruit people to assist in the lead up and during the event to be senior officials especially the Super Special at Lardner. If you can assist or have any thoughts on people we could approach please advise Fiona on fionam@rallyvictoria.com.au

I must apologize for being absent at the last club night having been struck down by the dreaded lurgi. This was doubly frustrating as it was the first rd of the club go kart challenge and named after me. Hopefully we will see a big turn out to the Bobby Whitworth Rd next month.

<u>FYI</u>



CCC Haunted Hills Come And Try Hill Climb Day Sunday 28 July 2013









Cerberus are holding a 'Come And Try Day' at Haunted Hills at Morwell in July. This Event is a closed-to-club come-and-try Hillclimb event at Bryant Park in Morwell. At full length, this is a 1400m course. The event is open to all full members of CCC.

The day will be very casual, but will follow proper Hillclimb procedure.

There will be no minimum/maximum number of runs planned but the field number has been restricted to a maximum of 35 to allow for more runs per entry, Entry preference will be given to Junior members should the field number be exceeded.

This is a come-and-try fun day and arranged to give our members the opportunity to experience Hill Climbing in a low key but safe environment.

PLEASE EMAIL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO:

annemaree.dougherty@gmail.com

REPLY ASAP! THE AVAILABLE POSITIONS WILL FILL QUICKLY!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the May Edition of In Gear. Yes. It's very late!.However May has proven to be a very busy month! It began with the long-awaited first round of the VRC, the Menace Motorsport East Gippsland Stages and has just ended with the VCRS Cooper Memorial Rally on the weekend

In between that, the CCC Committee met to discuss a number of important issues, most of which have been outlined by Mark and Alan. To summarise their reports on these issues, simply put, we need the following from YOU:

1) Expressions of Interest for the Haunted Hills track day.

We are requesting you email your interest ASAP to my email address. Go on, hit REPLY to this email – we have kept it simple to make it easier for you to ensure you secure one of only 30 spots available for this great day. <u>DO NOT DELAY – THEY WILL FILL UP QUICKLY!!!</u> Supp Regs are ready to go!

2) Rally Victoria volunteers and officials.

Please advise Fiona at fionam@rallyvictoria.com.au as soon as possible if you can assist in any way.

3) Your entry into the 2013 CCC Go Kart Challenge.

The first round was A LOT of fun! We welcome all members to take part in this challenge and we encourage you to bring along family or friends, who are also welcome to compete.

4) Your input.

At meetings, via email to committee members, contributions of articles for this fine publication, your active participation through social media channels. All input is welcome, be it through feedback or suggestions on how we can further the various interests of this club and also potentially grow its member numbers.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next club meeting on Thursday 6th June 2013.

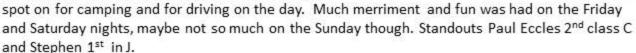
Annie

AUTOCROSS REPORT

After four events this year, all with exceptional fields as numbers go, the big standout as CCC goes is young Stephen Eccles. He has placed first in three events and second in the other. The other big standout is Martin Grigg's new buggy - it is something that is a must see.

Round 1 Deniliquin.

There was a good turnout by CCC members with 8 turning up after the long drive. The weather was







Round 2 Kyneton

Another good turnout by CCC with 11 members coming out on what was a cold and windy day. The day went well, bar the odd timing of the water truck. Standouts Tracey Simmons 3rd In class D, Andrew Kavanagh 3rd in E and Stephen only got a 2nd in J

Round 3 Ballarat

Ballarat's first autocross went down a treat, and my complements go out to the club and the people who ran the day. There were 8 CCC members driving on the day out of a field of 86, and the track held up well. Hopefully there will be many more autocrosses held there.

Standouts Tracey Simmons 1st class D, Andrew Kavanagh 3rd Stephen Eccles with 1st in J.

Round 4 Melton

a large turnout . The track on the day? I will call it a bit rough, but everyone seemed to be having fun even though it caused a few retirements.

Now, like us, they are looking for a new track.

Standouts Tracey Simmons 2nd class D, Stephen Eccles with another 1st and Zac Newton with a 3rd in J.

(The Meteor going to 2nd in C and 10th outright though not with me driving, but it may have killed it.)

Cheers to everyone who has turned up to autocross so far this year and hope to see you at Swan Hill

It was a fond farewell to the Mt Cottrel track with



Joe.





Marysville Marathon 2013

March saw the Kay, Tom and Annie tackle the forests around Marysville. Run as a new event incorporating 3 rallies - the Escort Memorial Rally, the Marysville Stages and the Anglia Memorial Rally - the events could be entered individually, or teams could compete in all three to complete the 'Marysville Marathon'.



With Kav's Nissan 200SX parked up due to two event cancellations in the Victorian Rally Championship, the decision was made to shake the car down in the Escort Memorial, with Kav behind the wheel and Tom navigating.

Setting ludicrously fast times effortlessly from the start, they finished the 200SX's first ever stage third fastest. Stage 2 was a super-fast 5km blast over some blind crests and the 200SX finished equal first. The third stage for the event was also the longest at 58km and the turbo heat was offset by switching on the Aircon on during the downhill sections. In luxurious comfort

Kav and Tom moved into the event lead with one stage to go. The car began running hot on the way to Stage 4 and with 8kms to go to the end of SS4, and the event, a broken radiator fitting resulted in the Nissan losing all of its coolant. Unable to repair the damage, the crew limped through to the finish but lost enough time to go from hero to zero.

As the sun set, Tom swapped across to the driver's seat in his Datsun Stanza, and with Annie navigating, took on The Marysville Stages, a 120 km night rally and Round 1 of the Victorian Club Rally Series. The first stage was the event's longest at 51 kms. Electrical problems had the Stanza parked on the side of the road half-way in until some re-wiring could get them going again. This delay dropped them to 15th in the Novice section. Stage 2 had them make up three places into 12th and with confidence growing they attacked the third stage, only to have Tom's mechanical engineering effort on the rear brake caliper mounts fail and have it come adrift. Makeshift repairs enabled them to continue, but without rear



brakes or a handbrake they struggled and finished 12th Novice crew and 29th overall for the night. A miscommunication with their service crew meant they had come out to recover them. Oops!

"We won the first Novice event this year, the Gil Davis, and assumed we would just collect trophy after trophy, but the mechanical gods thought otherwise. We've changed how the rear calipers sit so we don't expect a repeat of these issues." said Tom, whose next event would be Round 2 of the VCRS based out of Willow Grove, near Moe on April 20.

Tom, Annie and Kav would like to thank Fratelli Motors in Box Hill for their support this season, John Doutch for his amazing photography skills and the amazing service crew consisting of Simmo, Proc, Mark and Steph for their help on the oval.

VCRS REPORT

The first 3 rounds of the 2013 VCRS Calendar have now been held and all have been very successful events and extremely enjoyable for the competitors.

ROUND 1 - Marysville Marathon

The HILARY'S BOUTIQUE HOTEL Marysville Stages was held on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of March 2013. Consisting of 4 events rolled into one, this weekend was a fantastic intro to the season. CCC fielded competitors in all 4 events, with Rowan Wright teaming up with Rowan Woolard in an Excel for the Camcrusher Intro and Rian Calder driving an Escort in the Anglia Memorial Rally.



Andrew Kavanagh and Tom Ruessman climbed into their new 200sx along with Paul and Alysha Eccles in the WRX for the Escort Memorial Rally and both cars completed the event, doing very well, albeit with a few little hiccups for the Fratelli Motors 200sx.

Tom Ruessman and Annie Dougherty began their VCRS season in their Stanza, as did Brian and Zac Newton in the Corolla, with both crews throwing everything they had at the Marysville Stages. Brian and Zac learnt the Jerry Can lesson – always check they are full before leaving for the forest. Tom and Annie realised that you can finish



an event after sheering off a brake caliper, so long as you have multigrips on board!



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their 2013 Marysville outing and this new style of event proved to be a popular new format for all.

Brian and Zac finished the VCRS 8th outright, 3rd in grade and 1st in class.

Paul and Alysha won the Escort Memorial with outright, grade and class wins!! Congratulations to them all.

VCRS REPORT

ROUND 2 - Berwick Volkswagen Blue Rock Stages

After years of painstaking preparation, Jeremy Coleman fell days short of unveiling his VL Commodore at Moe after a run-in with a dyno, however the Blue Rock Stages was the first event for Steve Eccles and Alan Mackay in the Grant Walker Parts Excel Rally Series and the pair did very well in their first event together!

Tom and Annie scored a crushing DNF after catching the car in front then promptly catching a tree stump (they think) as they overtook them! Prior to that, they were sitting in the top ten at Service, making their DNF a pretty disappointing finish to the day. Brian and Zac Newton didn't quite make it past the first stage after breaking axles on the Corolla. Tristan and Jolie's new WRX had dramas and Dean and Tania Hubbert broke their Laser too and in summary, everyone was very frustrated by the end of an otherwise great event held at Willow Grove.







ROUND 3 - Cooper Memorial Sprint Rally

The third round of the VCRS was held over the weekend out of St Anne's Winery at Myrniong and everyone had a great time racing around the Wombat State Forest in freeezing temperatures!

Three Cerberus teams flew the flag this round — Paul and Steve Eccles in the Excel, Brian and Zac Newton in their Corolla and Tom Ruessman and Annie Dougherty in the Stanza. Made up of 6 great stages on some really fun roads, this round of the championship was enjoyed by all but Brian and Zac.



Although they finished the event, Zac finished the night off in the back of an ambulance after they grazed a big tree in the last stage. After some precautionary x-rays and a lovely ambulance paramedic leaning over him on the way to Ballarat Hospital, he was given the all clear.

Provisional Results indicate that Tom and Annie finished 11th outright, 5th in class and 3rd in their grade. Paul and Steve finished 13th outright, 2nd in class and 4th in grade. Brian and Zac, had they not have had throttle cable problems and a run-in with the big tree, would almost certainly have scored much better than their 32nd O/R, 7th in class and 8th in grade results. Alas, Zac is okay and word has it that Brian has already started pulling dents out of the Corolla!

VRC REPORT

Whilst it was a long time coming, the opening round of the 2013 VRC Season, the Menace Motorport East Gippsland Stages did not disappoint!

Based out of Lindenow, this event was enjoyed by a number of Cerberus competitors. Andrew Kavanagh and Tom Ruessman hit the forest in the 200sx, as did Tristan Penhall and Jolie Middleton in their new WRX.

Craig Morris in his Mitsubishi Lancer EVO 8 and Rian Calder in his Ford Escort also contested the EGS. Unfortunately, only Kav and Tom emerged from the event unscathed, placing 20th outright, as the roads took their toll on the other three crews.



The VRC championship heads to Bega in little over one week's time. Entries haven't quite closed, but so far, it is looking as though Cerberus will be well represented across the border. In NSW



How To:

Complete HID Light pod for less than \$400



1: Purchase Light Pod, mine came from Scott Allen and is to suit the Excel

2: Purchase HID lights of Ebay (eBay is my friend)



3: Disassemble the lights, you will notice that the ballast are mounted inside the housing , remove them



4: With a 1mm cutting disc on the grinder cut of the front of the main housing, about 10mm. This is gives you the ring to hold the light in.



5: Cut the back section of that housed the ballasts, put aside for later



6: Cut of the "ears" on the front retaining ring



7: To fit them on my pod I had to grind a flat as pictured, the middle lights had a flat on both sides, the out side lights had a flat on one side, the side that goes towards the middle



9: The tricky bit. I drilled three holes evenly spaced around the ring then separated the two parts. Lined the rings on the pod and drilled corresponding holes and fitted 6mm nutcerts.



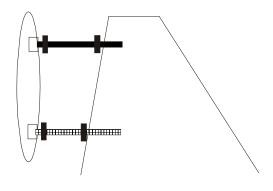
11: Assemble light using previously cut of ring to hold light in place.



8: Cut holes in pod, mine are 127mm in diameter. I bought a hole saw from bunnings.



10: Using m6 x 50mm set screws, nylocs and normal nuts I assembled the rings as pictured.



12: Using one of the ballast housing cut of earlier I piggy backed two ballast together and using original screws mounted into that housing. This was then mounted into the light pod between two openings.



13: Everything is reassembled and checked after the pod was painted, mounted and tested. Probably about twenty hours to do, lots of thinking & measuring etc. The end result is that it looks good, we shall see how it goes in the Cooper on May 25th.

Total cost: Light pod \$150,

4 x 55watt HID lights \$225

Paint and screws \$20



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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