

Cobra Car Club Meeting



3rd September 2014

1. Welcome

President Rohan Smith welcomed all members and guests to first meeting under the leadership of the new Committee and the new format of meeting.

He introduced the new committee as;

Rohan Smith	President
Jeremy Bland	Vice President
Peter Duncan	Treasurer / Club Secretary
Tony Welsh	Competition Secretary
Mike Barber	CPS officer (Club Plates System)
John Stanic	Membership Secretary
Mick Ferronato	Social / Cruise Secretary
Ben Holko	Webmaster

2. Membership report:

The club currently has 131 members registered. 94 are financial for the current year and 37 have not yet submitted their dues. Any member who has a vehicle using the CPS and is not financial is in breach of the clubs constitution and is actually driving an unregistered vehicle. As part of the new meeting format a sign in sheet was completed by all members and guests. The committee is currently investigating the purchase of a card reader so we can simply present our membership card to be read electronically. We welcomed 1 new member.

3. Treasurers Report:

Peter reported we currently have just over \$26k in the bank. While this amount may seem high it is a result of a large number of membership subs recently being banked. Over the next couple of months we will see this amount drop as the years expenses are processed.

4. Social / Touring Events:

17 cars attended a Brekky in Mill Park on 31st August organised via SMS and by all reports a wonderful morning was had by all after the long winter break. A number of upcoming events were discussed including:

Friday 12th Sep Torquing Heads Sandringham,
Sandown 500 12/13/14th Sep,
Maryborough Wings and Wheels,
Nationals 2/3/4/5/6th October,
LJ Performance Superperformance shed run 25th October
Motorclassica 26th October
Cruisin the Bellarine Peninsula Jan 3 2015 and Sunday 4th Classic Car Show Drysdale Reserve
Leadfoot Festival NZ 6-8 Feb 2015.

5. Competition Report:

The upcoming Nationals are currently running a little light for numbers. The NSW club need 80 to break even and to date about half that number have registered. We have about 10 cars so far going from Victoria, a lot less than other years. We need to bear in mind 2 key points, if the NSW club lose the booking at Wakefield Park over the NSW Labour Day long week end, they will not get it back and 2nd they do support our major motorsports event, Shelby Fest.

Geelong Sprints and Mt Gamber Hill Climb events are all coming up shortly.

6. Buy Swap and Sell:

A new feature in club meetings: each month the floor will be thrown open to anyone who has something to either buy, swap or sell. As this was only introduced this meeting the only person who had anything to offer was Jason Millington who had 4 x 16 inch Simmons Wheels in reasonable condition.

7. General Business:

Andrew Rodda spoke about Motoclassica coming up in October. He has received 4 confirmed entries for the Sunday so far. We are on the wait list for a spot to show our cars and club. It is a very popular event and after our poor showing the last couple of years it would be good to get 10 cars entered. Anyone interested should contact either Andrew or a committee member.

8. Next meeting:

Next meeting is the night before the main group heads of the nationals. This event usually signifies the start of the Cobra season after our winter break. The Committee has asked our club member Don Stafford to be our Guest Speaker Don is not only an engine builder, he has built his own car and is our club's certified CAMS Scrutineer. Don will advise members on how best to prepare their car for the track and even just to use as a cruiser. It should be a very informative night.

9. Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker was Jim Keogh who has 10 Bathurst 1000 start and several seasons competing in the Australian Touring Car Championship. Jim's presentation was very informative and entertaining. We look forward to welcoming Jim back to the club again in the future.