

Cobra Car Club Meeting



4th March 2015

1. Welcome

President Rohan Smith welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. A special welcome to our guest speaker Richard Bendell.

2. Membership report:

We have had 2 new members sign up since our last report in February. This lifts our membership number to 155 in total. Any member who has a vehicle using the CPS and is not financial is in breach of the clubs constitution and could be fined by Vicroads for driving an unregistered vehicle. All members are reminded to manage their own details via the club website. 37 Members and Guests attended the meeting.

3. Treasurers Report:

Peter reported our current account balance is \$22,478.00.

4. Social / Touring Events:

Both club shows, Federation Square and Carabin Gardens we a great success. Both events attracted approximately 25 cars and we very enjoyable. Thanks to Mick for organising Fed Square and Craig for organising Carabin Gardens.

This month we have a shed run booked for 28/3. This run will visit Roaring 40s, McDonald Bros Racing and club member Lindsey Rudnick shop in Werribee. Details of meeting points will be posted on the club website.

Python Cars are planning on hosting an open day and car show on 14/3 to coincide with the AGP at Albert Park.

The Alpine Run is this coming weekend and once again it looks like it will be a fantastic event with 54 people and 30 cars.

Brass Monkey Run the committee is planning a run in late June to Walhalla about two and a half hours east of Melbourne. This will be a packaged event with a total cost of around \$250.00 per couple. This will include accommodation, dinner, breakfast and a bottle of wine. This run will be limited to 12 cars.

The annual committee dinner is being planned for some time in May. Date to be confirmed. A group of club members are planning to visit the 2016 Historic LeMans Classic. Anyone interested should contact Rohan Smith.

5. Competition Report:

Plans for Shelby fest are progressing. Date is set as 10 to 12 April. Saturday will be the same format as previous years and Sunday will be on the skid pan at Winton.

Phillip Island classic is this coming weekend. Club member LJ has entered and a group of members are planning to travel down for Sunday. Please see meeting point details on the Club Web Page.

Expressions of interest for an entry into the PIARC 6 hour event were sort. This is an annual event held in August. Anyone interested should speak with Tony.

6. Buy Swap and Sell:

Barry Nelson is offering his car for sale. Any interested people please contact Barry directly.

7. General Business:

New regulations for Club Plate Scheme (CPS) from Vic Roads have now been applied. Any new application now requires a current RWC for the car to accompany other paperwork. The committee is currently reviewing our club's individual requirements. Any change will be incorporated in the changes to the constitution. The complete constitution is currently under review. Any member who wishes to have input to these changes should contact Michael Barber.

As a general reminder to all members, it is your responsibility to insure your details on the club website are up today.

8. Next meeting:

Next meeting is will be on Wednesday 4th March 2015.

9. Guest Speaker:

Our Guest speaker for this month, Richard Bendell, gives a very informative talk outlining his overall working live. He spoke at length about the highs and lows of a very interesting journey. His business began in a workshop under the house with a CNC machine taking \$4.00 aluminium blanks into \$25.00 engine valves in 4 minutes. Now the Motec brand is a name seen at racetracks at all levels, including F1, all over the world. His passion for his Daytona Coupes was also considered a highlight. The loss of his great friend, Peter Brock, was obviously a low point. Thanks to Richard for his frankness and openness with our club.