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What you need to know to be involved in:

Motorsport

Here you will find everything you need to know about getting involved in motorsport.

There are many different kinds of motorsport ranging from the low key to high budget. Below is a guide to the motorsport event the club is involved with. For all motorsport, you need to be a member of a CAMS or AASA affiliated club. Apart from motorkhanas you will need a helmet, extinguisher and bonnet restraint.

Motorkhanas

What is a Motorkhana?

A motorkhana is an event that tests the agility of a vehicle and the skills and judgment of the driver. Considered to be the entry level to motor sport, motorkhana's are cheap to compete in, highly enjoyable and very competitive. It is an event in which has been designed so that the essentials skills of car control and judgement can be practised away from the perils of public roads.

In a motorkhana the competitor is competing against the clock, ie only one car on the track at any one time, to successfully negotiate a set course defined by specially coloured markers. The course is usually set out on bitumen (ie car park), but they can be run on dirt, grass or concrete. Penalties are given for each marker hit or for going the wrong way. In most events, the competitor will be allowed two attempts at the course with the fastest time counting towards the result. Once every competitor has completed the course, the markers will be set out into a new pattern and the whole field attempts the next test. Generally the markers are witches hats, thereby reducing the possibility of damaging your car. These are done at low speeds, and teaches the competitor a greter understanding of handling their car in all conditions.

Hillclimbs

There are several Hillclimb circuits such as MT Tarrangower in Maldon, Rob Roy Hillclimb in christmas Hills, a section of the racetrack at Phillip Island and the new Haunted Hills track in Morwell. Also, Lake Mountain and Mount Buller are used for NATIONAL events. Arguable the most famous hillclimb in the world is Pike's Peak. A hillclimb is a single car speed event. Entrants compete against the clock over the course, the fastest time being the winner. Oddly enough, a hillclimb doesn't necessarily have to take place on a hill. There are many classes to enter and each class has is split into different sections based on engine capacity. There are also prizes to fastest outright, and depending on the location and event status, there may also be prizes for fastest sedan, fastest lady, best presented etc.

Sprints

Club sprints are run on many tracks around Australia, (in Victoria we have Calder, Sandown, Phillip Island and Winton) and although you are on the track with other vehicles you are in fact competing against the clock. Groups of 10-14 cars are sent with a substantial gap between them, and you compete until you are shown the chequered flag (or other flag). Most track days are multi club sprints which means there are many car clubs attending the day. Here we have an active and hotly contested Motorsport Championship with different classes covering all kinds of cars. Most of our motorsport events are run in conjunction with the HSV Owners Club of Victoria to add to the Holden v Ford rivalry.