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## **NEWSLETTER – November 2005**

#### **COMING EVENTS**

\*November 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Sandown \*CCE

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December 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

**Eastern Creek Tasman Revival** 

\*December 3<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas and Awards Evening** 

**Manningham Resort** 

February 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

**Classic Phillip Island** 

April 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Mallala All Historic

March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>

**HSRCA Eastern Creek Austin 7 Winton (To be Confirmed)** 

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June

**HSRCA Oran Park All Historic** 

\*CCE.....denotes Club Championship Event

VHRR Clubrooms are situated at 30-32 Lexton Rd. Box Hill LUNCH MEETINGS WEDNESDAYS (NOT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS)

#### **CLUB LIBRARY OPENING TIMES:**

Wednesday Lunch Days 11.30-2.30 Club Meeting Nights 6.30-7.30 RED PLATES SCHEME Contact Lloyd Shaw. ....0415.351.164 P.O. 828 Glen Waverly 3150

ALL THE ABOVE CLUB ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH ARE DESIGNATED RED PLATE ACTIVITIES.









### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

## **DORIAN TIMERS**

ELECTRONIC DORIAN TIMING IS BEING INTRODUCED INTO HISTORIC RACING IN AUSTRALIA AS OF 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2006, AND THE FIRST EVENT TO USE DORIAN TIMING WILL BE THE PHILLIP ISLAND CLASSIC IN FEBRUARY 2006.

HISTORIC PHILLIP ISLAND WILL BE THE FIRST EVENT WHERE ALL COMPETITORS, (EXCEPT THOSE IN PRE-WAR CATERGORIES OF: Groups J & K and PRE-WAR REGULARITY,) WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY THE DORIAN TIMING DEVICE.

# THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Awards Night and Christmas Function

This wonderful evening being held at the excellent Manningham Bulleen is fast approaching. Door prizes, Xmas gifts, free drinks plus a good band for dancing as well as a guest entertainer will ensure a great final event for the year. Invitations have been sent to members. PROMPT REPLIES to <u>Llyod Shaw</u> 0415-351-164 or PO BOX 828 Glen Waverley 3150

**BOOKINGS CLOSE NOVEMBER 18**<sup>TH</sup>

<u>TEMPLESTOWE HILLCLIMB PROGRAMS</u>. There were 99 multi-club hillclimbs conducted at Templestowe between March 1951 and December 1987, the final 9 conducted by the MG Car Club on an annual basis. There were 99 multi-club hillclimbs conducted at Templestowe between March 1951 and December 1987, the final 9 conducted by the MG Car Club on an annual basis.

I am endeavouring to collect a complete set of Programs from these events and wish to purchase any that are available. David White (03) 9850 4795 email: whitehouse@virtual.net.au

#### **Sandown Concerns and Comments**;

As at 17<sup>th</sup> Oct there were 264 cars entered for racing and 100 for practice. (Now 275 Ed.) There has been some discussion regarding the invitation for MG's and Austin Healey's to race at Historic Sandown.

This came about as follows:

Only 130 entries had been received up 2 weeks before close of date. Of these, only 50 entries were from VHRR club members. This poor field presented the race committee with the possibility of the event being run at a loss of between \$40,000 and \$50,000. This in turn raised the spectre of the meeting being cancelled, for at a General Meeting in June 2001, a motion was passed that prohibits an event being conducted if that event is to incur a loss of more than \$2000, or if it caused combined annual losses to exceed \$10,000.

As custodians of the clubs monies it was decided to invite MG's and Austin Healeys to participate in the event. CAMS assistance with all matters is to be commended. In particular, Bob Nethercote's assistance in this matter was both prompt, effective and appreciated.

As a consequence the meeting is no longer budgeted to run at a loss. The Race Committee:

Has not lessened track time for entrants

Has retained separate races for both pre and post war regularity

Has lived up to a moral obligation to the MG Car Club who provide the officials for the meeting and whose only reward is a capped share of the profits

Most importantly, the committee has fulfilled its obligation to its many sponsors by securing a good turn out of vehicles.

It should be noted that the Committee of the VHRR fully support these endeavours by the Sandown Race Committee.

#### 14th Rob Roy Historic and Classic Hillclimb

Sunday 27th November 2005 Guest of Honour - Neal Charge

Entries open 10th October - contact David White 9850 4795 History of Rob Roy book by Leon Sims will be on sale - purchase your copy and have it autographed by many of the past champions who will be in attendance on the day.

Leon Sims. "The book is only 6 weeks away .The official Media release will be at the <u>VHRR club rooms Wed Nov 9.</u> I'm really pleased with the results to date - looks like a 320 page book. Bruce Walton wrote the forward and will sign 100 special copies with mock leather cover and sleeve with DVD enclosed .We will also run 500 hard bound copies."

## Porsche Style Director Visits Melbourne

Haar Lagaaij or Harm Lagaay as Paul Frere names him in his book "Porsche 911 Story" was Porsche chief designer from the late 1970's until his recent retirement.

He has maintained a close association with Australia and the Elfin Owners Ana Drivers Club as he races an Elfin MR8 sports car in Can-Am races in America and Europe. He brought the car to Melbourne for the sports car event in the Albert Park AGP program of 2002. He registered his disappointment with the races because of the grid crash and spectacular pile-up before the main F1 race on the Sunday. Needless to say, with his vast engineering experience the Elfin has undergone dramatic enhancement and will feature a new 6.0L for the 2006 series. In fields of cars with engines of 9.0L, Haarm maintains his mid-field 6<sup>th</sup> position and class wins.

At the dinner with Elfin Club members and Porsche enthusiasts, this Dutchman who excelled at German Directorships for 35 years , answered many questions concerning the future of Porsche and its racing program. Haarm confirmed that the company is the most profitable motor manufacturer in the world, that the Cayenne was a good market move and is selling well and that future projects include a four door family sedan. The sports program will concentrate on the LMP (Le Mans Prototypes) races around the world.

EDOC President Brian Reed provided a most memorable evening and VHRR member Ross Williams shared his bottle of 1980 Elfin Port with all. Whoever thought they would spend time with the man who designed the 924, the 944, headed the design team for the later 911's, the Boterand the Cayenne. Lorraine Cooper who is Garrie Cooper's mother came over from Adelaide and must have reflected upon the now international aspects of her son's Elfin Story.

Roger James.

#### VHRR SMALL ADS

#### **NEW ADS:**

New Lynx triple SU Holden Grey manifold with reco 1.5" H type SU's with Air Cleaners, Return springs, Fuel Block and Lines etc \$550.00 Heavy Duty Radiator Core 20" X 15.5" X 3.5" Deep Suit J,K,L Special \$60 Call John Cummins (02) 9436-3004

SPARCO Nomex Race Suit, near new. Light blue top, dark blue legs and sleeves. Size: Medium, suit height 175 to 190cm. In SPARCO suit bag. \$400 Lotus 7 Series 4, 1976. Late model, big valve twin cam, red with tan interior. Well set up for road and track. Full weather gear, tonneaus etc. \$27,500 Peter Hill 0411-111-439 Email:peter.r.hill@gmail.com

<u>Diatto 1923 Tipo 20:</u> 2 Litre 4 Speed gearbox All Original Parts, Suspension, Wheels etc. New Body, Paint, Trim, Radiator and Surround. Offers Around \$45,000 Email: <a href="mailto:turner1929@hotmail.com">turner1929@hotmail.com</a> or 9836-6250