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NEWSLETTER - September 2007

We meet Bi-Monthly - 8pm at the VHRR Club rooms 30-32 Lexton Rd Box Hill.
Wednesday Lunch Group - every Wednesday except Christmas Holidays.

COMING EVENTS

September	8th	Morwell Hillclimb - non historic (see details overleaf)
September	9th	Morwell Hillclimb CCE Ray Da Costa.....03 5940 1647
September	15th -16th	HSRCA Eastern Creek Historics02 9913 3662
September	29th - 30th	Phillip Island 6 hour Regularity Relay0419 394 631
October	12th -14th	Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix
October	20th	Mt Tarrengower Historic Hillclimb.....03 5476 2007
October	20th - 21st	'Como' open day - Olinda.....03 9439 5464
November	9th -11th	Historic Sandown CCE
		Noel Robson.....0402 224 133
November	25th	16th Historic & Classic Rob Roy
		David White03 9850 4795
December	8th	Christmas & Awards Night
		David Palstra03 9890 2485
March 2008	7th - 9th	Phillip Island Classic.....03 9877 2317
March 2008	11th	Rob Roy mid week Hillclimb.....03 9850 4795
August 2008	20th	Heathcote03 9890 3833

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS	Wednesdays 11.30-2.00 Club Nights 6.30-7.30
Club Permit Scheme (Red Plate)	Lloyd Shaw0415 351 164
	PO Box 828 Glen Waverley 3150
	*CCE = Club Championship Event

All the above club activities including the Wednesday Lunch are designated Red Plate activities.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

- **All present Committee Members** were re-elected unopposed at the August MGM
- **2007-2008 Subscriptions Now Overdue**

A gentle reminder for those who have yet to renew their membership, the next Oily Rag, due shortly, will be the last for those who haven't renewed. We will be out of the country for the month of September, so get those cheques and forms in soon to avoid any hassles.

Mike and Sue Byrne 3 Kristen Close Mt Eliza 3930

- **Morwell Hillclimb: September 9th**

As my Grandma used to tell me **“ all good things come to an end”**, and so it is with the Morwell hillclimb track. September 9th will see the eighteenth and last of our VHRR hillclimbs at Gippsland Park so it's your last chance to experience an enjoyable day's motorsport at that beautiful venue before it's gobbled up by the coal mine. Regulars will tell you that the weather is always delightful, the officials friendly, the atmosphere convivial and the track challenging but very safe. On the other hand the regulars would tell you anything to get you to enter. No, just kidding, it's a great day out and not to be missed. See the calendar for details and if you're thinking of going down on the day before get in touch with George Spanos for a Motel recommendation. Ray Da Costa 59401647

- **The Gippsland Car Club** has advised that on the Saturday, prior to the VHRR Historic meeting, they are holding their own Multi Club Hill Climb on Saturday 8th at Gippsland Park. It has been suggested that those intending to participate in our Historic event on Sunday the 9th might also like to take the opportunity to race on the Saturday. The GCC has been having problems with late entries and, whilst they are happy to take such entries on the Saturday of the meeting, the following will apply: Entry fee will be \$60 (Junior drivers \$30) for entries received by Saturday, September 8th. Entry fees for entries taken on the day of the event will be \$70 (Junior drivers \$35). I need to advise that the Supp Regs are not available on the GCC website (at present), and that the costs above only reflect what will be charged for the previous meeting. I understand that there is accommodation available in the Morwell township, but intending competitors should make early bookings to avoid having to sleep under the stars! The VHRR event committee will be most unimpressed if you stuff up your car the day before our event. It is suggested that the competitive spirit be spread over both days for the joy of all. John D'Asques

- **Those members not able to get to Morwell** might like to attend the Ford Family Day at Sandown on the 9th September. The Ford people would like to see some Historic Racers there - not just Fords, but seems like a good opportunity to promote Historic Sandown.

- **Something for the Whole family - Spring Open Days COMO Gardens**

- George and Pat Hetrel will open their property "Como Gardens" on Saturday and Sunday October 20th and 21st. with all proceeds to the St. John Ambulance and the SES. For 10 years George and Pat have conducted these open days each spring and autumn in aid of charity and also allow motoring organisations to conduct their annual picnics at other times in aid of charity. The whole family can enjoy the 15 acres of magnificent gardens; kids of all ages can enjoy a ride on the steam train around the property; and Dad can enjoy the motor museum which includes the great 540K Mercedes, T35c Bugatti, 1896 Benz, "Brocky's" GTR XU1 and many more. There will be radio controlled yachts and motor boats on the lake and catering is available. You can also BYO and picnic on the lawns and under the trees. Entry \$7.50 per person with children under 14 free. Let's all get behind George and Pat in their great work. You'll enjoy it.

- **Historic Sandown 9th - 11th November Entries out now**

See the website - www.vhrr.com/forms - to download one now, or call Noel Robson, 0402 224 133 or Simon Rogers AH 9807 6429, 0419 504 102 Email: rogers36@bigpond.net.au

- **Adelaide Easter Historic Racing Festival 21-24 March**

The Promoters will run a special race for Formula Ford Cars if 10 cars are entered

- **75 years Great Ocean Road Celebration Tour**

The VACC Presents this 4 day tour re-creating the Official Opening of the World's Largest War Memorial on 26 November, 1932. 40 Vintage and Veteran cars will take part in the Tour. All proceeds go to Retina Australia Victoria. Enthusiasts are invited to watch as the cars drive from Melbourne to Portland. Further details phone Charles Rogers on 0407 246 533 or visit web site – www.carsoftheworld.com.au

- **Editor Grant Campbell** - thecampbells@netspace.net.au 03 9787 3640 Fax 03 9787 9108
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SEE THE MIGHTY MUSTANGS IN ACTION AT THE FIRST NATIONAL 'GREEN' RACE MEETING

A mass of mighty Mustangs will headline Australia's first carbon neutral national race meeting when the 11th annual Historic Sandown meeting roars to life at Sandown Raceway from November 9-11.

The carbon emissions generated over three days of on and off-track action will be calculated and a portion of the meeting's entry fees will be donated to Greenfleet. This will ensure enough trees are planted to completely offset the meeting's impact on the environment. Media inquiries: Steve Colquhoun - 0438 570185; stevekahuna@bigpond.com Noel Robson - 0402 224 133; robsonracing@baygarage.com.au

Sandown Regularity Special Note - CAMS have approved the inclusion of Sedans in Regularity events for the meeting. See the VHRR website for Entry Forms.

Book review by Roger James "Beyond The Lens" by Chester McKaige

This is Volume Two of collections of motor racing photographs and personal recollections of Chester's father George between the years of 1952 and 1956. The book is very well presented with vivid colour photos displaying remarkable detail. One is reminded that this is outstanding, despite the fact that a German precision camera, a Leica, was used as colour film was very expensive and only available as Kodachrome for slides with ASA25 and long before the invention of long distance telephoto lenses.

The pages show the cars, drivers and crews of the racing scene in Europe with special "focus" on Brands Hatch, Goodwood, Le Mans and then four enthralling chapters on the main events at our Albert Park in 1956. So, not only are the pictures top class but the stories are nostalgia stimulants and most enjoyable. This text stands as a memento of the Albert Park days and even the youngest of VHRR members will comprehend the excitement that the European race machines brought to Melbourne back then. Chester provided the book for my review and then donated it to the VHRR club library. However, your copy and I do suggest you purchase one is available for \$85 at Tony Johns Bookshop any Saturday afternoon.

Results of the Joan Richmond Collection Auction earlier this month would have been very encouraging for collectors. Among the stand out lots: A collection of personal photographs and ephemera relating to Joan Richmond's life, including approximately forty black and white photographs of Joan and her family taken at different periods throughout her life; a Richmond family tree; a 1927 copy of 'The Car' referring to Miss Richmond's 3000 mile trip with her mother from Melbourne to Camooweal in a Baby Citroen; photographs of Joan in London in 1939; a eulogy for Joan Richmond's funeral; and various newspaper clippings and ephemera. Estimate \$100-\$150 Hammer Price: \$3,200 A collection of photographs documenting the Riley Overland Tour from Australia to London 1931-32 approximately eighty black and white photographs taken during various stages of the trip, including taking delivery of the Rileys in Melbourne, Sydney, N.T., Queensland, Java, Burma, India, Iraq, Syria, Israel, Sicily for the start of the Monte Carlo Rally and arrival in London. Joan Richmond's handwritten diary chronicling the trip, stamped in gilt to the front cover ' RILEY OVERLAND TOUR AUSTRALIA TO ENGLAND 1931-1932 DIARY J.M.R.; twenty five letters and postcards written from Richmond to her mother during the trip; a yellow metal curved cigarette case and a jade handled dagger, acquired by Richmond in India and referred to in one of the letters from to her mother; a February, 1932 copy of 'The Riley Register' featuring articles on the tour and the Monte Carlo Rally. Estimate \$1,000-\$1,500 Hammer Price: \$3,800 1932 Brooklands 1000 Miles Race winner's trophy Estimate \$4,000-\$6,000 Hammer Price: \$6,500. Joan Richmond's British Racing Driver's Club (BRDC) member's badge enamel and chrome, numbered '179' and stamped 'MISS JOAN RICHMOND Estimate \$600-\$800 Hammer Price: \$5,000. Peter Brock's number 5 armband worn during the 1975 Bathurst 1000 Estimate \$1,000-\$1,500 Hammer Price: \$3,600. Peter Brock's Targa Tasmania 2002 number '05' car plate Estimate \$800-\$1,200 Hammer Price: \$5,000

Many more results of this auction are at: <http://www.bonhamsandgoodman.com.au>

Bernie Ecclestone and Aba Kogan are auctioning off some of their collection on 31st October in London: 1930 Mercedes SS Tourer, 1937 Mercedes 540K Cabriolet, 1933 Rolls Royce P11 Continental Faux Cabriolet, 1955 Mercedes 300SL, 1937 Mercedes 540K Special Roadster, 1931 Mercedes SSKL (that's a nice one!) 1956 Maserati A6G Allemano, 1966 Bizzarini 5300 GT (looks like a good starter for Sb) and a 1966 Ferrari 275 GTB4. More details on rmauctions.com.

Classifieds

Trade Stands available at Historic Sandown - Grant 03 9787 3640 or 0419 874 299

Wanted: Information on the Linton 500cc Special. MSS 500 Velocette motor, built in the 50's by Garth Rhodes, raced by Garth and Don Uebergang. The car was in South Australia for many years and was sold to a pilot in Baccus Marsh in the 90's. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Colin Sullivan 0419 312 299 Bus (03) 9570 6699

Wanted: Information I have a Minda Clubman in bits built around 1962 by Peter Beasley. It has a cut beam axle front end. Original engine was Morris 1000. I am after any information on this car. Call John 03 5725 1728

Wanted: The book on Elfin sports and racing cars.

I have a Elfin 600 and a 620 F/Ford. Looking for spare set of wheels body parts and any other parts or complete cars. Any condition. Steve 0418 257 425

I am trying to trace information on what I believe is a historic race car which I have purchased from Victoria, I was wondering if it is possible to put it in the newsletter, with the hope that someone may recognise it and know some of its history . The vehicle was purchased from Victoria and all we could find out is that the fellow we purchased it from got it when his uncle from Geelong passed away, the car had been disassembled in his uncles garage for roughly the last 20 years he recalls, When we purchased it we were unaware of what it was derived from, I have since established it is a early Triumph Herald chassis and running gear which has had a modified Goggomobil dart body placed onto it. We believe it has been a race car for several reasons - there is a catch tank glassed into the body at the front , all drain plugs have been lock-wired, the brake pedal is set up with dual master cylinders with bias, it has had several sets of numbers and never appears to have had blinkers fitted front or rear. Based on the layers of paint I suggest the rear flares were added at a later stage to the front modifications. The original paint work prior to the flares appears to be a very good job. There is also painted scroll lines and what appears to be a crest painted on the side under the top layer (I am going to try to remove the top layer of paint which may reveal more information, the top layer of paint is a poor quality finish as are the flares. I have also set up a web page which was initially to try to identify it however I will continue to update it with any information which comes to hand: <http://users.tpg.com.au/normv/RACECAR/RACECAR.html>

Thank you, Norm Vesty. normv@tpg.com.au (Ed: Norm's pics are now also on the VHRR Website)

I recently purchased a Lotus Cortina Mk1 from Steve Lunn which was owned & raced by Ron Hodgson & Peter Hopwood in the past. Although it came with some CAMS log books I am missing Ron Hodgsons log book& I was wondering if you could help trace any history or pictures from your archives? Any assistance would be much appreciated as I have hit a dead end so far, Thank you kindly, Jamie McGinn. Email: gcconcrete@icr.com.au

The Cooper Butler was built by Gary Cooper in S.A. I owned the car from 1959 to 1962. I raced it at Phillip Island, Winton and Albury with a notable win at Winton. A highlight was a front row grid at one race with Jack Brabham in a Cooper Climax and David McKay in an Aston Martin DB3S. I lost all of the photos of the car and myself and would be very appreciative if someone in your organization could help with either photos or information on the current owner. Many thanks in anticipation. Kevin: Phone 02 6495 0320

ASP Formula 2 group Q Racing. One of 3 built in 1973 by ASP Cars in Adelaide. Factory formula 3 car for Chris Milton, converted to formula 2 in 1976 by Colin Tregrove later hillclimbed by Gordon Dobie.

Fresh 1600 all steel Crossflow FORD (160 HP), 5 speed MK 9 Hewland, 400kg

Winton 1:02. Phillip Island 1:42 in inexperienced hands. In race ready condition fully restored.

\$36,000 contact John Pyke 0419002379

Wanted - Stories about your car for the OILY RAG. Historic Racing is what this club is all about and HISTORY is the operative word. The VHRR contributes to the cost of producing the OILY RAG so it is quite appropriate to see VHRR members and their cars within it's pages. As editor & webmaster, and someone who takes a general interest in these things, I would also like to see & read stories on historic racing cars, their past, their restoration, their present. I know Adam Davis is keen to practice his journalism, and I would be happy to take a few snaps of restoration projects if necessary. Give me a call on 03 9787 3640. Grant.
