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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - August 2009

We meet Bi-Monthly - on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month 8pm
at the VHRR Club rooms 30-32 Lexton Rd Box Hill.

COMING EVENTS

August	9th	John Pryce Trial OST A7 Club	03 9787 3640
August	16th	Heathcote Trident Cup (CCE).....	0413 744 337
August	23rd	Rob Roy VSCC Vintage Hillclimb	03 9850 4795
August	25th	VHRR AGM & Elections	
September	4-6th	Speed on Tweed - Steven Brow.....	02 6676 7029
September	18th-20th	Baskerville All Historics - Terry Atkinson.....	0418 303 995
September	22nd	Social night at the Clubrooms.....	0427 031 737
October	3rd-4th	Lobethal - Tony Parkinson	0408 805 518
October	4th	Haunted Hills Trident Cup (CCE).....	0429 999 675
October	24th-25th	Mt Tarrengower - Robert Sales.....	03 5476 2007
October	27th	VHRR MGM	
November	6th - 8th	Historic Sandown (CCE)	0402 224 133
November	29th	Rob Roy 18th Historic & Classic	03 9850 4795
December	5th	Xmas Presentation Dinner.....	03 9877 2758

Wednesday Lunch Group - every Wednesday except Christmas Holidays.

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS	Wednesdays 11.30 - 2.00 Club Nights 6.30 - 7.30
Club Permit Scheme	Lloyd Shaw
(Red Plate)	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

Latest on the Sir Jack Brabham Story on 'Australian Story' is that it will be on the 17th August ABC1 8.00pm. Don't miss this one!

Next AGM - 25th August at the Clubrooms will see the Elections of all Committee positions. Included with this Newsletter please find Notice of AGM and Nomination forms. Anyone is welcome to stand.

Historic Sandown November 6th-8th Entries out now and available on the Website (over 150 at the time of writing!), in case you didn't get one in the mail. Early entry bonus rates and new credit card facilities will apply. Feature cars will be from the Biante Series. The Biante Touring Car Masters cars will have two practice sessions on Friday November 6, qualifying and one race on Saturday November 7 and two races on Sunday November 8 – one of them a reverse grid race for the top eight competitors. Features will also include F/Fords to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of FF in Australia.

Major/minor sponsors wanted. Regrettably the VACC has discontinued sponsorship of all their interests, not just the VHRR, so a replacement/s is urgently sought. Let Noel or Ian know if you have any ideas. Give Grant Campbell a call with any potential supporters for the race programme. Very reasonable rates.

We are also having a major push for Trade Stands at Sandown. These have proven very popular with patrons and competitors alike, so any ideas, contacts etc would be greatly appreciated. Contact Grant Campbell 03 9787 3640 or grant@thecampbells.net.au

Trident Cup Heathcote Sprints 16th August Call K11 for further info 0413 744 337

VSCC Rob Roy Hillclimb 23rd August The VHRR is entered in a Club Championship competition for these events and is currently in second position. Points are awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd, but a point is also awarded for every car entered, so it would be a great help towards winning this Trophy if you were to help your club by entering.

Entry forms can be had by ringing David White - 03 9850 4795

Memberships: Sue and Mike will be out of the country from early September until mid October and if people are going to need their membership cards, they should send in their renewals before the end of August !! Note that only financial members can vote at the AGM on 25th August.

Hard disc crash Unfortunately my eight months old HD bit the dust last week & I lost all my anticipated material for this NL from the end of May, which included at least a couple of ads, and an article from a new member. Efforts to retrace my steps have not so far revealed everything, so my apologies to those contributors, and could you send me anything I may have missed in this edition and I'll include it next month.

Thanks, Grant

What a great night! "An Evening with Tony Gaze" will go down in our Club's history as a real highpoint. Even the "show biz" entry for our honoured guests, complete with sound track, came off well. Like others, I'd heard some of Tony's stories before but there is always something different and intriguing – and isn't his recall incredible. Personally I found the "we'll have a cup of tea" incident after Tony's tangle with Ascari at Monza a classic. The first half of the night – mainly flying recollections – seemed to have the big crowd just as entranced as the second – and not just the WW2 aircraft buffs. Full credit to Don Kinsey for his role as Mr Interlocutor and of course to Ian Tate, Sandra Ciffin and the Campbells for conceiving the idea and pulling the whole thing together. Quite an effort. It was certainly a night to remember.

Ian McDonald

Pics of the Tony Gaze night, courtesy of John Blanchard can be seen now on the VHRR Website. There is also a small version of the 1.6m high poster produced for the evening.

Damian Petrie has sent pics of the 2009 Historic Warwick.

These are on the VHRR website now.

Announcement: CAMS Historic Administration

Dear all,

I write to inform you of some forthcoming changes to the administration arrangements in the CAMS Historic Department. We have yesterday received advice from Graham Hoinville of his intention to retire from his contractor role with CAMS as Technical Advisor - Historics in early December.

Graham has been employed as a consultant and contractor with CAMS since 1988, and as most of you know, has been actively involved in the sport since 1949 in numerous capacities including that of competitor, official and adviser. Graham's lengthy contribution to CAMS and his absolute commitment

and support for the sport and organisation is outstanding and I am sure you will join us in applauding his dedication, passion and enthusiasm over the last 60 years.

In providing CAMS with this notification, Graham has aligned his retirement date with his 81st birthday which will be celebrated on the 6th December. He has also reiterated that his decision to retire from paid work with CAMS has no bearing on his ongoing voluntary roles with the CAMS Technical Committee, CAMS Eligibility Committee and the National Regulations Advisory Committee (NRAC). Graham will continue in these roles and has offered to provide any other additional support that may be necessary to support CAMS into the future.

As a consequence of Graham's notification to retire, we intend to advertise a full time Motor Sport Co-ordinator position to support the historic discipline. The details of this position will be made public via the website in the coming weeks and it is envisaged that the successful candidate will commence employment late September/early October.

Arrangements will also be made for a retirement function for Graham and details will be provided closer to the date.

Further to this announcement, we would like to advise that David Mottram will commence temporary employment with CAMS from the 17th August for a period of 6 weeks. David will be filling in 2-3 days a week whilst Brique Reed embarks on his annual pilgrimage to Goodwood. Regards, Rebecca

Historic Formula Ford Members

Please see your copy of AHFF news for JULY on the VHRR Website and the entry forms for the final FF40 event to be held at SANDOWN on NOVEMBER 7/8, there will also be a Dinner held on the Saturday evening at the track where it all started 40 years previously so if you have any interest in attending please make contact as future planning for such a large event is essential for its success.

Many members may not be aware that the CAMS board in their wisdom have created an "Independent Review Panel" to make recommendations to the Board as to feasibility of this ongoing pre 90 saga that as we all know has certainly had a measurable effect on our success over the last 8 years, whilst under the control of the HC, a great decision by the Board!!

The point that is not being recognized by the IRP concerns the HCs Policy Statement which is: "New vehicle types considered for inclusion within the 5th category (Historics) should have no reasonable place in contemporary motor sport, and it would be expected that 10/15 years should have passed from the time of their competitive contemporary career".

The fact is that pre-90 cars are still competitive within the various state series and as an example John Smith 89 Reynard and Tom Tweedie 86 VD have between them received 4 top 3 finishes in the NSW state series in recent times, so to suggest that they don't have a place to race and not be competitive is simply a nonsense, and therefore by the HC policy statement, they should not be considered for at least another 10 years or so.

Our FFA which is recognized by CAMS as the club that has the responsibility for FF has some time ago sensibly planned a time table for the various classes introduction in to Historics, and the pre 90 inclusion is recommended to occur from 1 January 2015.

The other point of consternation with the IRP is the short response time of 1 week that they have given Historics to respond to the submission process and which has been totally opposed by the FFA along with their non compliance with the CAMS board terms of reference.

It should be noted by all competitors and readers of this article that the VHRR and The AUSTIN 7 club, the Winton, Philip Island and Sandown, Historic promoters have supported our position with the result that they intend to not promote races for Pre 90 cars if they are to be included, it should also be noted that the Historic promoters group have also recently agreed that they also object to new classes being added into the 5th category. FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR THE IRP!!!

All that FF owners require is for the investigation to be made on a level playing field similar to the one we have come to expect from CAMS for the last 40 years.

Keep On Formula Fording.....Grant Burford

Classifieds

Hewland MK8/9 Ratios For Sale All in good condition. Three hubbed second gears plus 13 STD ratios. \$ 100 each. Three 1.00 inch Layshafts One 5 speed with integral first and reverse gears \$ 300 One 5 speed with removable first gear and integral reverse gear \$ 250 One 4 speed shaft - no reverse gear \$100 Ring - Ian Carrig 0417 851 716 Melbourne

For Sale: 1x5" black faced mechanical tacho 0-6000rpm, 1:1 ratio checked and tested \$280 or exchange for similar 2:1 ratio. 1xLucas badge bar horn....\$50 1xCav ampmeter, black faced in vg cond...\$100 Frank Cuttell - frankcuttell@yahoo.com 0412 347 127

The following is from 'Seek' but wouldn't it be nice to see someone from the Historic' ranks take up the position?

Motorsport Coordinator - Historic Motor Sport The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) is the National Sporting Authority for motor sport in Australia. Responsible for all forms of four wheeled motor sport, CAMS exists to promote, encourage and advance motor sport in Australia through competition, ensuring that the sport is competitive and fair.

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic person with excellent communication skills and good organisation/administration and computer skills to join a dynamic and well respected team in this newly created role. You will interact closely with a range of stakeholders from Commissions, committees, working groups and panels to motor racing competitors, officials and organisers.

This Melbourne based role involves preparation and maintenance of historic documentation, logbooks and vehicle specification sheets; liaison with eligibility officers, Commissioners and the FIA; preparation of reports and statistics; database maintenance and responding to general enquiries on eligibility and vehicle certification matters.

An understanding of historic motor sport is preferred but not essential. Want to know more?

For a copy of a position description or further enquiries please contact:

Rebecca Drummond on 03 9593 7726 or rebecca.drummond@cams.com.au

Applications should be directed to: CEO, CAMS, PO Box 147 Caulfield East VIC 3145

Templestowe Hillclimb Programmes

For some years now I have been endeavouring to collect a Programme and associated Result Sheet for all hillclimbs conducted at the old Templestowe Hillclimb track and have been remarkably successful so far, with 65 collected to date. However, there are always those 'elusive' few I have yet to obtain.

There were 90 Multi-club and Championship hillclimbs conducted there by the Victorian Sporting Car Club between March 1951 and May 1970. Later on, a further nine hillclimbs, with certain restrictions, were conducted by the MG Car Club between 1980 and 1987.

If you are able to assist me in any way with my endeavours, I will be most grateful. If payment is desired, I'm sure we can come to some arrangement.

None of these programmes will be sold commercially, however spare copies I currently hold can be swapped for others, and ultimately the entire collection will be donated to a Car Club library. In this way they will be always available to others for research or just plain enjoyment. When I have completed this set then maybe I can do the same for Rob Roy.

David White (03) 9850 4795 or email: whitehouse@virtual.net.au

Wren FF Group R logbook and C of D. Third car of the second series built by Bill Reynolds.

Good condition. Little raced - best offer over \$15,000.00 plus \$1,500.00 (note revised price!) for the four wheeled enclosed trailer if required. Easy to look after and fast enough to be exciting this is the ideal way to go historic racing Ray DaCosta on 03 5940 1647 or email dacosta@net2000.com.au



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