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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - February 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

February	24th	MGM Guest Speaker John Reaburn	Clubrooms
March	1st	Classic Motor Show Scoresby	03 9890 0524
March	13th - 15th	Phillip Island Classic (CCE)	03 9877 2317
March	17th (Tuesday)	Rob Roy VHRR International Challenge (TBC)	03 9850 4795
April	4th - 5th	Wings & Wheels Moorabbin	03 9515 0350
April	5th	American Motor Show Flemington	03 9890 0524
April	11th - 13th	Mallala & Collingrove Hillclimb	08 8373 4899
April	19th	Myrning Sprints	03 9827 8124
May	3rd	VHRR Rob Roy (CCE)	0413 744 337
May	30th - 31st	Historic Winton	03 5428 2689
June	13th - 14th	National Sports Museum - MCG	03 9657 5502
June	21st	Rob Roy MGCC Club Challenge	03 9850 4795
August	9th	John Pryce Trial OST A7 Club (TBC)	03 9787 3640
August	16th	Heathcote (CCE)	0413 744 337
August	23rd	Rob Roy VSCC Vintage Hillclimb	03 9850 4795
October	4th	Haunted Hills (CCE)	0429 999 675
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

- **Guest Speaker at the Clubrooms next MGM 24th February - John Reaburn**
John raced an early Holden in the late 50's followed by an FE & a Buchanan Holden. John raced with Harry Firth driving many cars including a Singer in the first Armstrong 500, worked for the Chequered Flag team in Europe driving Cobras & GT40s and at one stage held the lap record around London (at night!).
- **Ten of Sir Jack Brabham's Trophies** will also be on display at this MGM
- **Phillip Island Classic** March 13th - 15th. Look forward to Celebrations for the 100th year of Morgan, 50th year of the Mini, 50th year of Elfin & 40th year of F.Ford! OS cars confirmed include John Bladon's M1B McLaren, the ex-Lex Davison single seater GP Aston Martin, plus a DB3 Sportscar. Simon Taylor will be back, this time with the ex-Moss HWM - The Stovebolt Special.
- **Phillip Island Entries as at 28th January**
Mini regularity - 36, Div 1 Regularity - 43, Div 2 Regularity - 49, Formula Ford - 58, Groups A & C Touring Cars - 26, Group S - 50, Group S reserves - 33, Hist Touring Cars over 3lt - 42, Hist Touring Cars under 3lt - 52, JK & Lb - 36, M& O - 25, PQR - 27, Sports cars - 14. Total 491
- **Penguin's Nest needs your help!**
The Penguin's Nest at Phillip Island race meeting is a facility much valued by the ladies, especially those with small children, and a sponsor is needed for 2009. Can you help? If you can assist or have any ideas/contacts please call Ian Tate on 9877 2317 (w) asap.
Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport Dinner To be held Saturday 14th March on the Pit Roof Top suites. Nibbles start at 7.00pm with the Main Dinner at 7.45pm. All welcome, \$60-00 per head including Drinks. Smart Casual Dress. Booking to be accompanied by payment to: Vicki Williams, 17 Schoning Court, Croydon North, 3136 97239217 0403226547
RSVP by 6th March. Entry by Ticket Only. Cheque made out to VHRR.
- **Celebrate with Elfin** The 50th anniversary celebrations of Australia's Elfin cars is currently in full swing, with a major display and on-track tribute planned at PI.
- **Watch Channel 31 "Gasoline Alley" Tuesday 8.30 pm** for Phillip Island Classic Ads
- **Please note** - the Social nights on alternate months have been cancelled (lack of interest).
- **National Sports Museum - MCG 13th - 14th June 2009** More details later, but keep this in mind if you would be interested in promoting the VHRR there.
- **Wings & Wheels Exhibition at Moorabbin Airport** - April 4th & 5th 2009.

Should you have an historic sports or racing car which has not previously exhibited at Wings & Wheels, and you care to contact me on 03 9515 0350, or 0412 926 002, I shall register your interest with the Museum Council.
Bill Prowse Wings & Wheels Coordinator.

Happy new year to all from the group C/A guys .

This year is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever. Phillip Island is looking good so far, entries are getting up there and we have a huge muscle car display that is well under way and is sure to attract a lot of attention. Part of the display is the 2009 Torana L34 nationals, which is being run under the VHRR logo and I believe is fantastic. We are starting to target a lot of motorsport fans that do not usually follow historic racing following Oran Park's success. The feedback and comments I have received go to show that group C/A cars are sought after for the fans to watch. With a wide range of cars on display in and around the Expo Centre I think it will take off and be a major part of the Phillip Island weekend. I cannot wait for the racing to start with some new cars appearing, coming out of sheds, and people very keen to get racing again. Bring on 2009!
Troy Kelly

I also received a report from Andrew McCarthy on Wakefield Park in September but space doesn't permit this issue, so it's on the website under Other Events - Ed

From the Library On February 9th 1909 not 2009 the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation was founded by four motor accessory manufacturers. The track was intended for testing components and for racing and was completed six months later. The first race, held on August 19th was won by Louis Schwitzer driving a Stoddard Dayton over a two lap five mile dash. During the inaugural three day meeting the tracks crushed stone and asphalt surface was totally destroyed and resulted in the deaths of one driver, two riding mechanics and two spectators. The owners then paved the entire circuit with 3.2 million bricks and known today as the Brickyard. Races have been held every year since 1909 except during war years.
Lloyd Shaw

Tough Times

I read with interest the article in January's newsletter about the rising costs of competing at motorsport events and the need for profit sharing. As a self funded retiree with disappearing superannuation and a part pension I volunteer my total support for all VHRR events, and numerous others, so I would welcome some financial support. But please don't bother to ask me to contribute to offset the loss, for what ever reason, that some future event will surely have.

The article mentions 350 entries receiving \$100 refunds. There are never 350 VHRR members entered at any VHRR event. Therefore the question must be asked "Why should any profit be shared with non members ?" They, like me, will not contribute to any future loss.

I have volunteered my services to motorsport for 52 years at considerable cost and without financial support from others. When the time comes that I can no longer afford the cost I will quit.

PS - If the Light Car Club of Australia had established financial reserves similar to those currently held by the VHRR maybe it would still exist. Nuf Sed (Real name supplied to Editor)

The Future Of Our Race Meetings

Both Colin Fulton, and Ian and Nick McDonald, raise some interesting points about our race meetings, which deserve some clarification and rectification.

As a member of the Historic Sandown Race Committee since its inception I take a great amount of pride from the continuing success of this meeting. The event has had consistent growth in numbers of entrants and spectators over the last few years. It is one of the biggest Historic Racing events in Australia, the response from competitors is incredibly encouraging and supportive, and numerous groups are now approaching us requesting events at our meeting.

Having such a successful event has a great many benefits for the VHRR:

1) Members have the opportunity to run their cars at a high profile meeting with good crowds - I doubt that many would prefer to run at a low profile meeting with small fields and no spectators. The scheduling and length of races is determined after much discussion with competitors and category reps. We have found that drivers do not want longer races.

2) We are very fortunate to have secured excellent Corporate Sponsorship from VACC and Shannons in recent years, and it is only that this meeting is so successful that they want to be involved. The meeting portrays a very positive image of the Sponsor's brands as they are closely related to the Motor industry, and seek to advance their brand awareness via Historic Motorsport. It is their expectation that this meeting will be run by our club as a high profile event.

Many of our "Smaller" sponsors are club members, or are very closely related, and they too get excellent exposure for their products and services, which contributes to the Motorsport fraternity in general and to the VHRR.

3) Spectators see our wonderful cars and may then choose to become members of our club and potential future owners and drivers.

4) Officials - the people without whom the event would not occur at all - see Historic Sandown as a premier event and support it enthusiastically. Meetings of this size enable organisers and officials to provide the very best Safety, Medical, Recovery and support services.

Our primary intention is to provide as much value as possible for all involved, whilst aiming for a modest profit. Any business person knows that profit = growth = future. However as much as we attempt to control all the variables, the Sandown Committee is not in control of the weather, or prevailing economic conditions, and therefore having a profit as a safety net is essential.

It is a simplistic view that the profit of a race meeting should be returned to the entrants and it is plainly naive to imply that reducing an entry fee will make the racing any cheaper and/or better. The entry fee is by far the smallest cost component of running a race car. I cannot think of any other comparable extreme sporting event - at this level of organisation - that represents such good value. But rest assured, we are constantly looking for the best way to run Sandown Historics, and this sort of debate is an essential part of the process!

Bill Cutler

Classifieds

Dorian Timers are able to be rented for Phillip Island. Contact me on paulschilling@bigpond.com to book a timer and I will supply them from the VHRR garage at the Island on the Thursday of the meeting. Cost will be \$30.00 hire for the duration of the event, and are to be returned after the hirers last event on the Sunday. Regards 1/-

1984 Jaguar XJ6 Series 3. Lovely car. Owned for last 14 years. Recently spent over \$7000 on new motor and transmission. Cranberry with biscuit trim. Hard to find in this condition. Selling due to lack of use \$7000.00 and..... **1977 Stag Formula Vee. V(b) For Sale or Lease** Historic Class. Winner of '77 S.A. championships. Paper work submitted for HFVAA approval of Cof D. New motor, gearbox, brakes and paint. Ready to race. Full history and log book. \$8500.

Geoff Kelly 03 9706 2593 the4kellys@dodo.com.au

I am looking for some old Gibson (Nissan) Motorsport rims. They are a mesh Simmons rim and were run on the Gazelle, Exa and Bluebirds. I am also looking for any spare parts that belong to the Grp C Exa, being the only one I know it will be hard to find parts but you don't know until you try. Contact: Justingtsr@hotmail.com or 0408385119

Chev 327 race motor +500 horse power Recently refreshed – only 1 race since. Billet crank. Barry Grant carburetor. Many excellent parts. Bargain at \$19,000. Peter Strauss 0418 322 082

1971 Bolwell Nagari Roadster Originally a very successful racing car with log books. Completely restored by Qantas engineers to a very high standard. Ford Boss 302 V8 . Jaguar modified suspension. Simmonds wheels - new tyres. Blue leather interior with high quality seats. Navy blue excellent paint. Soft top. Exc.handling due to many racing modifications. This very rare Australian roadster is an excellent investment at \$75,000. Peter Strauss 0418 322 082

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

Good condition. Little raced and a huge bargain at \$18,500 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

For Sale. Holley Blue Fuel Pump. New. 12--802. ,14 Psi, 110 Gph. Includes Pressure Regulator. \$160 (Check E-bay Prices !) Tony 95747117

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - don't miss out! Register Now! - Your opportunity to win one of the many trophies presented at the Christmas Awards function.

Events counting towards the Championship:

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Already registered:

Ron Simmonds	Penny Nevill	Neville Butler	Mark Potter
Bill Hemming	Ian Ross	Jim Foulis	Kim Shearn
Shane Bowden	Phil Verwoert	Rob Jamieson	Mike Devine
Andrew Makin	Russell Budge	Ian McLennan	Bob Harborow
Tony Burrage	Peter Edwards	David Palstra	Nick McDonald
Colin Stark	Ross Jackson	Patrick Ryan	Barry Murphy
Bob Boast	Derek McLaughlin	Mike Byrne	Phil Randell
Daryl Duff	Richard O'Keefe	Peter Gostelow	Perry Spiridis
Rohan Hodges	James Russell	George Makin	
Geoff McInnes	Tom Vrec.	Damien Moloney	

Registration for Club Championship - Please fill out this form & post to VHRR - Mike Byrne 3 Kristen Close Frankston 3199 before Phillip Island with a cheque for \$10.00

Name Car Group

Address

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