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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - January 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

January	18th	RACV Great Australian Rally Mornington	0408 343 176
Jan/Feb	31st/1st	Rob Roy Vic Hillclimb Championship	03 9850 4795
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	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 (Red Plate)	Lloyd Shaw
	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

- **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 as raced in the 'RACER' film - The Stovebolt Special.
- **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 the Phillip Island Classic race meeting from March 13-15, 2009. Up to 50 of the unique and charismatic race and road going models originally created by the late Garrie Cooper in his minimalistic workshop in suburban Adelaide will be at the meeting. Meanwhile some of the household racing names who achieved success in his cars will be seen at the wheel of a range of open wheeler and sports car Elfins.
- **Please note** - the Social nights on alternate months have been cancelled (lack of interest).
- **National Sports Museum - MCG 13th - 14th June 2009**

A festival with activities, performances and displays that are linked to items in the museum (Brabham BT19) will be held on the weekend of June 13 and 14 and will most likely run from 10am-5pm (with the vehicles being on site from 8am - 6pm). The car display will be mostly in front of Gate 3 on the concourse and would need approximately 20 vehicles. More details later, but keep this in mind if you would be interested in promoting the VHRR there.

To Members of the VHRR

The National Australian Aircraft Museum at Moorabbin Airport is holding their annual Wings & Wheels Exhibition at Moorabbin Airport on the weekend of 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.

Calendar items: I have added many other events to the Calendar on the website. Those of a competitive nature will have entry forms linked where possible and if any members know of others please let me know & I'll add them - Grant Campbell 03 9787 3640 thecampbells@netspace.net.au

CAMS Log Books & Lloyd Shaw

How many log books have I looked at during my 42 as a scrutineer? But I was not prepared for the information I found in that referring to Allan Bumpsteads Nissan Pulsar at a recent Haunted Hills Hillclimb. Allan's surname is the same as my grandmothers 100 years ago and after a brief conversation we agreed that we were definitely related. The story, however does not end there! At the last Mount Tarrengower event when Saturday scrutineering had ended the Chief Scrutineer; Les Irving-Dusting and I were sitting talking and I told him the story. Les immediately said that his distant relations were Bumpsteads and very little further conversation revealed a definite family connection. Allan Bumpstead recently lent me a copy of their family tree that confirmed these details. It is interesting to note that Allan's father who had compiled the family tree lived next door to Stan and Alan Jones and close to Ron Simmonds family. It is a small world.

Red Plate Renewals - Lloyd Shaw

Change of procedure - In future when sending your renewals for signing you can send your VicRoads cheque & envelope addressed to VicRoads and when signed, I will forward it for you.

From 1 January 2009, a simplified system for the purchase of leaded racing fuel will commence, greatly reducing the burden and costs to CAMS members. The co-management agreement that currently exists between CAMS and the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, which enables the purchase of leaded racing fuel by CAMS members through the leaded fuel passbook system, will come to an end on 31 December 2008.

Under the new arrangements, leaded fuel passbooks will no longer need to be presented for the purchase of leaded racing fuel. Instead members will simply need to provide proof of their current CAMS membership when they purchase leaded racing fuel from one of the approved suppliers.

CAMS has been heavily involved in working with the Commonwealth Department to bring about this change and in doing so has ensured that the new agreement benefits CAMS members both in the continued use of leaded fuel and a reduction in cost. More: www.environment.gov.au/racingfuels

The Future Of Our Race Meetings

In our December Newsletter an article titled "Historic Racing – the next generation" appeared. The writer made some sweeping statements about our future which warrant comment. For instance, "We have no alternative. If we want to race we have to provide a show ..." "cater for spectators" etc. etc. This prompts one to ask – are dollars now steering the Club instead of the members needs?

Let's re-look at what the VHRR is all about. The club was formed so that we could exercise and enjoy our historic racing cars. It wasn't formed with the objective of making big profits. Looking after our members needs in Historic racing should be our number one priority. We don't have to give away our principles. Take a few examples: if a meetings' budget shows a \$35,000 profit with 350 entries, why not consider a \$100 refund to all starters? Times are getting tough for competitors.

If a class is lagging in numbers – rather than lumping them in with another class or deleting them altogether – we should encourage them. e.g. Run a race for them to help build momentum and interest in that category. Also, if there is room on the program for an additional race, we should not be looking for another non-historic class or late sports sedan event just to chase dollars. Let's look at our existing competitors and give them another race or a special, longer event.

Are costs too high? At this point one might say "but race meeting running costs are too high – we have to chase more money". Well there's nothing wrong with running a race meeting to break even or make a small profit – particularly when you have half a million in the bank. And the idea of using profitable race meetings to fund the day to day running of the Club should not be the way things work. We should surely look at other ways of doing that – not mortgage our race meetings. One example: a lot of sponsor leads in the past haven't been fully followed up. Our members could be a great source of sponsor ideas – but how long is it since all our Club members have been asked about names or ideas for sponsor contacts? Some readers may now be saying "Yes, but what does this guy know about the financials of running a race meeting"? For my sins I was the person who instigated the Sandown November meetings back in 1993; doing the circuit hire negotiations with Jon Davison, all the sums and getting sponsors, including Fosters. Time has passed but the basic rules should still apply.

Back to the point of all this – please let's not get carried away with the chase for the mighty dollar or with research projects that don't relate to the VHRR's real objectives. By all means let's use research to find out what members really want and how to achieve it. And if we then want to put on a "big show", let's make it a proper Historic show like Goodwood – as indeed the way Phillip Island has been heading so successfully.

Our cash – our future - A final word about our bundle of cash. This was raised/collected originally by members of the club (well husbanded by our treasurers) and by some who have sadly passed away – Murray Richards comes to mind with his MGB raffle. This really started us on the road to financial security. The way things could well go with the "new plans" as suggested in the December newsletter article is that the people who raised the dough won't get to enjoy the benefits. Let's aim for cheaper and better racing and use our cash to best advantage.

Ian and Nick McDonald

I would like to say a big thank you to all those good friends who spent time with me while I was in Melbourne in November. You looked after me so well and I really appreciate it. Once again thanks to you all – you are all so very kind. I am very proud to be a member of the Victorian Historic Racing Register – you are like a family to me.

Tim Cottam

Classifieds

For Sale 1937 Morgan 4-4 chassis No. 596

All original with Climax engine, Meadows gearbox and Moss rear axle. Has only travelled 500km since full engine re-build. Tyres at 80% and a new battery. Currently on club plates CH8167 Price \$30,000 no offers. Included is a tonneau cover, custom cotton car cover and owner's manual.

Contact John 9787 0066, 0418 392 838 or johnbsnr@cooldrive.com.au

I have several BMC "A" series diffs for sale - Ratio 4.5 (2) \$200 each, Ratio 5.3 (2) \$150 each Ratio 4.9 (1) \$200. All open diffs Jon Bate 0439 311 212 Emerald, Victoria.

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/-

Porsche 904 GTS 1964 This well known car is regrefully offered for sale. Completely rebuilt in 1998 and with a fresh engine by Spencer Harrison in 2008, it is a competitive and immaculate vehicle. Never damaged. Holder of historic records at Rob Roy and Morwell hillclimbs, and has been invited to the AGP Historic display twice. Near new tyres and always fully maintained. Currently on Club permit scheme. For full details please contact Ken Price on 0418 311 040 or email ken@papquip.com.au.

1983 Lola 644 Formula Ford Chassis Number HU01. This model FF is the last Lola produced before focusing on higher classes. The 640/642/644 series was very successful throughout the world. This car was restored in 2007 by MINDA Motorsport, running for the first time at Sandown Historic in November 07. It has only run at 5 meetings since this restoration, and has not missed being on the podium. There is nothing to spend, and includes a hand over day with the new owner. Ongoing preparation is available. Join the 40th year celebrations in great car, ready to win! \$35,000 Complete and race ready (also available without engine) Contact Andrew McInnes 0414 991 777 Or email amcinnes@pacbrands.com.au

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 Porsche 2.7 Carrera Coupe, 1975. Genuine mint condition matching numbers car with the correct "Euro spec" mechanically injected motor. This LHD vehicle was purchased from a Private Collection in Japan, and it's superb presentation gives legitimacy to the 6000kms showing on the odometer. Peru Red with gold wheels and matching Carrera script, factory air-conditioning and new SSI exhaust system. Extremely rare and desirable; only 25 imported to Australia from a world production of 1590. \$97,000. Rex Broadbent 03 9252 6024

Van Diemen RF83 Formula Ford Group R Historic Formula Ford with Log books & COD. Historic racing history from 1998 to 2008 with Damon Hancock and Graham Mewburn. Very competitive front running car – asking \$30,000.00 – including all spares. Enquiries or offers to Graham and Kay Mewburn 02 4455 3632 Kay 0408 258 118 – Graham 0428 258 119

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - don't miss out! Register Now!

Events counting towards the Championship:

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Already registered:

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

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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