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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

## NEWSLETTER - October 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

October	3rd-4th	Australian Historic Motorfest .....	Cancelled
October	3rd-4th	Lobethal - Tony Parkinson .....	0408 805 518
October	4th	Haunted Hills Trident Cup (CCE).....	0429 999 675
October	10th	Point Nepean and Portsea Pub Run .....	03 5988 4846
October	24th-25th	Mt Tarrengower - Robert Sales.....	03 5476 2007
October	27th	VHRR MGM	
October	29th-1st Nov	Australian Hillclimb Championships Haunted Hills	
November	6th - 8th	<b>Historic Sandown (CCE)</b> .....	0402 224 133
November	14th	Corvette Leadfoot Challenge Winton .....	0405 006 007
November	28th	Shannons Christmas Party with the Clubs	
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

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### **Historic Sandown November 6th-8th**

Entries to date: Formula Ford 44, Group A & C 15, Group Sb & Sc 43, Hist Touring < 3L 24, Hist Touring > 3L 19, J,K,Lb & Sa 28, M,O & P Racing 18, MG 23, Q,R & F5000 12, Regularity 68

**Formula Ford 40th Year Celebration Dinner Saturday 7th November** It's the culmination of the Formula Ford 40 year Festival, so please join us for a celebratory dinner on Saturday evening at Sandown. Festival trophies will be awarded on the night and past greats will be on hand for a very entertaining "session on the couch" with Steve Moody. Saturday 7th November 2009 at The Committee Room. 6.30pm for a 7.00pm Dinner. \$40.00pp with drinks at the bar. RSVP: Before 28th October. Payment by cheque only, payable to VHRR and forward to Georgie Bennett 53 Nelson Rd Lilydale 3140 Further enqs. please email formula.ford.dinner@gmail.com

**Sir Jack Brabham, Geoffrey and Matthew** - all confirmed their appearance at Sandown **Nationallube** have been confirmed as naming rights sponsor for the 18th Historic Sandown

**Sponsors, Trade Stands, Ads for Sandown.** Grant Campbell 03 9787 3640

**October 4th Haunted Hills Trident Cup** K11 for more info 0429 999675

**Corvette Leadfoot Challenge** at Winton Raceway 14th Nov Darren Pelacchi 0405 006 007

**Joanne Coad** has been appointed as CAMS Motor Sport Co-ordinator - Historic Motor Sport. Well done Jo and thanks for applying for the position. Also ratified as Historic Eligibility Officers were David Holc - Group C, Bob Harborow -Group F5000 Victoria, Colin Smith - Group U (Sports Sedans) Victoria John Mahncke - Group U Victoria, David Mottram - Groups F, M, O, P, Q, R, V. Victoria.

### **Christmas Dinner Celebrating Sir Jack's 1959 1st World Championship**

Saturday December 5th in the Grand Ballroom - The Manningham 7.00pm \$60.00 per head RSVP before 20th November. David Palstra 0417 523 307 PO Box 828 Glen Waverley.

### **Saturday 10th October Point Nepean and Portsea Pub Run** - Ron Townley 5988 4846

Saturday 10th October meet at 59 Mt. Martha Rd. Mount Martha from 8.45am for morning tea.

Leaving 9.30am to arrive at Point Nepean Portsea at 10.15am A Transporter is booked for a 2 hour return trip to Point Nepean. A La Carte lunch at Portsea Hotel at your expense is booked for 12.45pm Cheques to VHRR Inc. for \$10 per person to **Ron Townley** 59 Mt. Martha Rd Mount Martha 3934

**Group "M" Racing** Sandown will see the inaugural presentation of the prestigious Bib Stillwell Gold Star Trophy award, exclusively for Group M Racing entries. One of this country's all time greats, Bib Stillwell won the coveted Gold Star Trophy as Australia's champion racing driver in 1962 (Cooper Climax) 1963, '64 and '65 (Brabham Climax). The trophy award will be made to the winner of the last group M racing event on Sunday November 8. Entries close October 12. More info 0403 830 390 or derrard@westnet.com.au **Derek Smith**

**Vale Reg Lunn** 6/3/1924 ~ 7/9/2009 Passed away peacefully at Knox Private aged 85 years. The VHRR extends it's sincere sympathies to Stephen & Elva

**Tuesday night 22nd September was the social night** which was held at the club rooms where 24 folk enjoyed a night of socializing and merriment. Although small in numbers it was the quality of the company that counted as we all enjoyed the guest speaker Brian Smith who spoke of his early days in radio and television, his involvement with Alan Moffat and his trips to America with the RX7. He also spoke of the very early live telecasts of Phillip Island races, which were a little risky, as doing live interviews just as the drivers finished their race was very "colourful" indeed.... (Some forty years later Brian is helping out with the commentary at our historic meetings). Door prizes were very kindly donated by Penrite thanks to Ken Bedggood, Wurth for the umbrellas, and Ian Tate for the Tattersall's jackets. Thanks to Brian Smith for his informative talk, Lloyd Shaw, Marg Simmonds, and new member Paul Topping for their help in setting up the room. **Ron Simmonds**

**Saw your recent email** and thought I could add something to your next newsletter. I became Jim McConville's Son in Law last March, being lucky enough to marry his Daughter Kylie. Jim and I have been good mates for a number of years now and share many interests, including Racing Cars.

Jiim is beginning to slow down a bit and asked me some time ago would I be interested in entering one of his Race cars in the then coming Historic Winton event. As you'd appreciate, I naturally couldn't jump fast enough to make it become reality. Cams Licence test, one practice drive and entry forms filled in later, I found myself in 12th position on the starting grid, waiting for the Aussie Flag to drop.

"What the hell am I doing here, don't ride the clutch, is the engine still running, don't roll back, don't

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creep, make sure you give it plenty, don't stall, watch out for stalled cars in front, flag raised - SHIT!!!! Car bogged down slightly and I got a crappy start, clearing easily a stalled car and getting safely around turn one. Hit the gas, flying and ok - but red flag shown to restart due to grid mess up. Damn - I've got to do it all again!

Second time round and all the same thoughts, but this time, I'm "experienced". Plenty of gas and I get a blinder, passing three cars before turn one. Alright!!! Again, we're flying and "my" fabulous Brabham is howling magnificently in my ears, gripping fearlessly through the sweeper and into the first tight right hander. Four corners later and I've completed my first racing lap and haven't dropped a position although there is some serious movement happening in my mirrors...

He finally gets past me and I can't keep on his tail, learning later he was in a much faster car and my starting grid move had caught him napping. The following 5 laps went in a blur and I returned to my pit to find Jim and Kylie waiting, looking pleased and happy. Engine off, helmet off and there I sat for a few seconds, soaking it all in. What an absolute blast! What an experience! I babble and laugh and smile at anybody and everybody around me. I leave my race suit on as I walk to the kiosk coz, "I'm a racing car driver too" Just yesterday, I heard Mark Webber's ecstasy at winning and can relate to his feeling. I was feeling like that, just finishing my first race in 10th!

Can't wait for the next one. Roll on Eastern Creek!

Thanks to my great mate, J. McC.

Kind regards, **Geoff Burton**

**I think I was the only entrant from VHRR** and indeed from Victoria for this year's Speed on Tweed. The event was resurrected following what was to be the last meeting in 2008 because the 2009 Repco World Rally Championship was to be held in the area, and they needed a tarmac circuit for the special stages. So with the circuit itself being reinstated for the WRC it was a natural for it to be used also for a revived Speed on Tweed.

The good news is that the WRC will be held every two years at this venue and so as far as I know Speed on Tweed will now be held, probably on the first weekend of September, every year, for the next 5 years. With Roger Ealand retiring from the committee it is now run by the local Rotary.

It was amazing to see the WRC cars on the Speed on Tweed track on the three nights. The track is normally a 1 km sprint but for the WRC they completed the track into a circuit and the cars did 2 full laps in pursuit mode, that's with three cars leaving the start at 15 second intervals. So for the two or so hours there was constant action. Many of the SOT entrants went out to see the off tarmac stages and/or the Service facilities at nearby Kingscliffe. There the \$1.5 million WRC cars were overhauled in 45 minutes, engines, gearboxes, the lot-whatever is needed.

The roll up of entrants for the Speed on Tweed event itself was very good, about 185 cars I think, with some pretty fast machinery included. We all got three qualifying runs on the Saturday and three competitive runs on Sunday, might have been more but for the number of drivers who tried to emulate the speed of the WRC cars and hit the barriers! There was a "Flat Cap Masters" category for those who, like myself, were happy to compete on a regularity/consistency basis. I thought my times in the Match were pretty consistent but the computer thought otherwise!

It's a long haul to Murwillumbah but thoroughly worth the effort. Next year it will be just Speed on Tweed as in the past, and in 2011 it will be combined with the Repco WRC, either way it's a lot of fun. There was a good news story too. The guy next to me in our marquee had his tool box stolen on the Friday night. Word got out to Steven Richards who was representing Castrol and competing in a 1972 Escort RS. The next day Castrol donated \$1,000 worth of tools to him, through Repco.

Sir Jack Brabham came both days and spent much of the time in my marquee signing huge numbers of autographs for his many fans.

**Nigel Tait**

### **Hot Holden's Reunion Headline at the Hobart Historic**

The September 18-19-20th Reunion was organized by a group of FX-FJ enthusiasts led by Peter Mather, himself an FJ campaigner at Symmons Plains and Baskerville in the early '70's, and was held in conjunction with the MG car club of Tas. 50th anniversary at the Wrest Point All Historic race meeting in Tasmania. The Meet & Greet function held at Motors (Hobart Holden Dealer) on the Friday evening was a brilliant affair with around 250 people attending a very entertaining evening. Guest speakers included John Reaburn and Historic meeting patron, Garry Rogers both passionate former early Holden drivers. Many of the earliest Tasmanian campaigners present including, David Lewis who purchased and raced the ex Ray Long App."K" car in 1959, Brian Higgins, Garth Wigston and John

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Ziegler to name a few. The number of FX- FJ Racers on display in the showroom for the function was reduced from nine to eight after Rob Southouse destroyed a motor in practice. These vehicles were assembled at Motors from mid week, and according to Holden Dealer Craig Bligh, and staff, they were a real "Head Turner" by Hobartians driving past and footpath visitors. A major attraction was the former Peter Brock Goodwood FX, the last race car he competed in before his death.

The final tally of the very popular screaming Humpy's was 18, made up of Brian Russell, Qld. Gary Poole, Rob Jamieson, Rob Southouse, Kerry Park, and Phil Munday (Brock/Goodwood car) from Vic. The remaining 12 cars from Tas. were made up of originals and replicas including Mike McIvor, Ellis French, Trevor Grace, Ray Mead, Peter Mather, John Douglas, Rod Wilcox, Peter Smith, Josh Dawson, Murray Richards, Andrew Jones and Mick Cross.

The weather was not kind with a couple of showers of rain both days, but it was truly spectacular to see the biggest collection of Early Holden Racers together at any race circuit for many a long year and their popularity was shown by one of the largest crowd of spectators at Baskerville.

Victorian Rob Southouse will long remember his trip to Tasmania, as his events started with his Humpy trying to depart the trailer in St.Kilda on his way to catch the ferry, then destroying an engine, winning a handicap race and finally entertaining the crowd by rolling his car on the last lap of the last race.

### **The Elfin Heritage Centre Needs You!**

1. Official "Museum" status is being applied for on behalf of The Elfin Heritage Centre. As such, The Centre should be open Tuesday to Saturday to the public (from 10am to 4.30pm).

The only way to achieve this is through a roster of volunteers. There is never likely to be a high throughput of public, rather it can be treated as an interesting place to spend a bit of time with like minded people with unlimited Tea and Coffee and light cleaning duties. A roster of 5 or 6 people would make life very simple! Anyone interested and available for a few hours a week on a reasonably regular basis should contact Bill Hemming on 0408 059 002. (a casting couch is available, but rarely used)

2. To keep the Centre fresh and to encourage repeat visitation, Elfins on display should be a changing thing. If you have a pre-1989 Elfin sitting under covers in your shed, please consider putting it in a safe public viewing environment for a few months (or longer). Currently on display to supplement the 16 Centre owned Elfins are: Cooper Butler (courtesy John Anderson), Mono (James Calder), FV 500 (Peter Matthews), FV 500 (Gary Swinnerton), 600FF (Martin Dunlop), 620 (Andrew Major), 300 (Bruce Lynton), 600B (Tim Dash), FJ (Max McPherson). In the past we have proudly displayed the MR9 (Peter Griffen), MR6 (Paul Trevethan), Mono (Grahame Hoinville), 622 (Jeff Brown), Cooper Austin (John Hazeldene), 600 Repco Brabham (Ian Ross), plus lots of important and interesting Garrie Cooper/Elfin memorabilia. Please help keep this tribute to Australian heritage alive! Call Bill on 0408 059 002

### **Classifieds**

**1994 Swift F/Ford** in excellent condition. Run by Nick Percat and Mark Potter with many wins to it's credit. Last run Sandown last year and won 3 out of 3 starts. As new FT200 10/31 gear box with all ratios needed, spare wheels, and many spares. Rolling chassis only but have sump and exhaust to suit plus all other mounting parts. Ideal first open wheeler, just put your motor in and win the lot \$11,000. Contact Mark on 03 97539763 or 0409985236.

**For Sale Brabham parts.** Set Front and rear discs (9 ¾ and 9 ½ inch) also pr. original Brabham front hubs. All to suit BT6 or later. Excellent cond. Also 4 high comp. pistons suit 1498 cc engine.

3x T1 Stainless oil filter elements (Cosworth type). Open reasonable offers. Prefer sell as a single lot.

Graeme Noonan (03) 5952 6490 M. 0412 999 808.

**Wanted: Race Suit.** Needs to be current compliant etc and in good condition. I'm 6' and medium to large build (normal). Please call Geoff on 0413 77 00 99

**For Sale MG TC Special** Known as the GAF this beautiful aluminium bodied, supercharged Aussie special is reluctantly for sale. . It is as quick if not quicker than the other TC specials raced regularly and has just had a new engine (one race old ) fitted . Great history . Lb log book and COD. Asking around \$38,000 . Tony Osborne 03 5264 7880.

**Mota-Lita steering wheel** - MK9 14" Flat with Thin slots, polished. Woodrim Mahogany in excellent condition \$150.00 Please note steering wheel only , Boss available through Healey Factory or Mota-Lita direct. Contact Michael Ban at mban@ford.com BH 03 9868 8739 AH 98505002

**Urgent** Does anyone have a copy of the Light Car Club of Australia Annual Report for 1969-70? Not in VHRR library. Would be much appreciated. Bob Watson 0427 201158

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