



# VICTORIAN HISTORIC RACING REGISTER

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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

## NEWSLETTER - March 2010

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

March	13th - 14th	"Alfa Island" Centenary Race Meeting .....	0405 383 431
March	19th - 21st	Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport.....	03 9877 2317
March	25th - 28th	Australian Grand Prix.....	03 9787 3640
April	3rd - 4th	Easter Mallala .....	08 8373 4899
April	11th	Historic Myrning Car Sprint - David Lowe .....	03 9827 8124
April	11th	Shannons American Motoring Show - Flemington .....	03 9555 0133
May	2nd	VHRR Rob Roy Trident Cup (CCE).....	0413 744 337
May	29th - 30th	Austin 7 Club Historic Winton.....	03 9584 2635
June	20th	1st Interclub Challenge Rob Roy.....	03 9850 4795
August	14th - 15th	VHRR Winton Long Track - Date firm!.....	03 9877 2317
September	19th	2nd Interclub Challenge Rob Roy .....	03 9850 4795
November	5th - 7th	Historic Sandown .....	0448 946 637
November	28th	19th Historic & Classic Rob Roy .....	03 9850 4795
December	4th	Haunted Hills Twilight Round	

### 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 .....0415 351 164

(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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### **21st Annual Phillip Island Classic 19th - 21st March 2010**

The usual sensational result. Entries closed with over 580, including 40 Alfas, the 159 Alfa from Italy, 36 F5000's A TZ1 & T33 Alfa from the UK and in the same box a BT26, and Rod Jolly with the Cooper Climax. See you there!

**Dinner on Saturday night** Above the Pits - March 20th - 7.00 pm. Cost \$65.00 per head Chqs payable to VHRR. Credit card facilities available. Call Vicki Williams - 03 9723 9217 for bookings. Entry by pre-purchased tickets only.

**August Winton Long Track** - Date has now been finalised - August 14-15th. Those interested in being on the committee should contact Ian Ross - 0412 351 403 or Ian Tate 03 9877 2317

### **More Tony Gaze Videos now available**

\$20.00 pick up at Clubrooms, \$25.00 posted. Don Kinsey 0407 327 682

**4 hour lunch cruise from Tooradin.** (Limit 36 people) 25th April. Arrive 10.00am onwards BYO Morning Tea, or purchase in the village. Cruise leaves 11.00am sharp. Sit down lunch, fully licensed \$50 per person Ron Townley 59884846

### **Easter Mallala 3-4 April 2010**

Entry forms are now available on the website. Both VHRR & SCCSA. This will be the 30th running of Easter Historic Mallala, and what could be a better excuse for joining us whether it is to race or talk. Both the track and the hospitality centre are waiting for you! For those of you entering Phillip Island, send us your entry form anyway and when the car is home safely post the cheque - see, we do care!

### **Marysville Update**

Ron Simmonds will be conducting his traditional Tour De Yarra Valley on July 4th and we will use this opportunity to present the Marysville SES with the equipment bought from the Bushfire Appeal. Look forward to a Sausage Sizzle etc at the SES HQ in Marysville. They expect to have an old car to cut up with the gear. More details in the next NL.

### **Vale Kevin Shearer**

At Sandown in the 1970's I saw Kevin Shearer in his A Model Ford Special clean up a classy field of Historic Race Cars. This convinced me to return to Motor sport.

Kevin and his family assisted by an active committee, were the backbone of the Historic Mallala-Collingrove Easter meeting. They arranged Thursday Bus trips, and a Thursday Dinner at the sporting Car Club Rooms. A significant Historic Car on stage and interviews with guests, all made for a great event.

A couple of years ago Kevin was struck by a serious illness. With failing health he continued his restoration projects, performed eligibility duties and drove forcefully. At the Easter 2009 meeting, Kevin drove 5 cars, sometimes being helped into a car. In the handicap he arrived at the last few corners about 6th in the A Model which looked like an accident waiting to happen, and got through the traffic to finish first to loud applause.

Kevin was given a huge send off from this world to the next by his family and many friends on the 25th of February. I will miss Kevin Shearer and so will the Historic Racing community. Ron Townley

**CAMS CEO resigns:** Press Release: The Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB) is pleased to announce today Graham Fountain has been appointed the new Chief Executive Officer and Chief Officer of the Metropolitan Fire & Emergency Services Board, following an extensive executive search overseas and across Australia. More on the CAMS website.

### **M & O News and Views:**

On the news front there is not a lot to convey however I would really like to hear any views and or opinions from all M & O competitors, so if there are any issues or points of interest that you would like aired please contact me on: [derrard@virginboardband.com.au](mailto:derrard@virginboardband.com.au) or mobile 0403830390.

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As group reps we now have specific objectives to achieve which hopefully will strengthen the individual groups and the VHRR as a whole.

To assist in establishing an accurate and up to date record of M & O vehicles I will be sending out, either by email or snail mail a brief note and a registration form so that VHRR has a true picture of these groups. All responses will be kept within the VHRR for obvious reasons.

The year is off to a flying start with Phillip Island less than 3 weeks away, again with a huge entry, unfortunately not great numbers of M & O cars, although it will be great for me to see the Monaco HS6 back at the Island, its new owner enjoying the open wheeler experience immensely.

Looking at the calendar, how fortunate we are as a club to have 4 circuit meetings at effectively 4 different circuits to compete at this year, well done to Ian Ross and co. for locking the Winton long circuit meeting in for August, not forgetting of course the 2 hill climb venues.

I look forward to touching base with as many of you as I can at Phillip Island and hopefully getting some goss for next months Newsletter.

Derek Smith Groups M & O rep: [derrard@virginbroadband.com.au](mailto:derrard@virginbroadband.com.au) or 0403830390

**Austin (Aussie) Miller and Ross Ambrose** have been inducted into the Tasmanian Motorsport Hall of Fame on the 13th February 2010

### **Moorabbin Air Museum - Wings and Wheels**

This is the tenth "Wings and Wheels" and will feature Bugattis in recognition of Ettore Bugatti's significant contribution to aviation. It will be in the form of a display of cars, Bugatti aeroplane memorabilia and other related items at the Museum in First St Moorabbin Airport over for the weekend of October 2/3, 2010.

*Carlo Massola and riding mechanic Bob Gregory in Sporting Cars' Brescia Bugatti in front of George McCarey's Bristol Boxkite at Apsendale Park race track in 1924.*



### **Peter Bready's talk at the MGM**

The club's February General Meeting was a little different from the usual pattern. In the past few months, the Victorian Sport and Club Development Council has been pressing the argument that there should be a spill of the CAMS Board, so that the members will have an opportunity to show what direction they want CAMS to move in. Peter Bready had been invited to address the members, and to explain what's behind the issues. Peter is one of many members who have been around CAMS and the sport for a long time, and has seen the changes which have occurred. As a long-time member of the CAMS Board, including three terms as President, he has extensive knowledge of what has changed in CAMS during its lifetime.

Peter explained that he wanted to put a personal view to the meeting, and then to seek the views of the members. Following the recent S&CD Council meetings, which had placed a catalogue of concerns in front of the president and confirmed the call for the Board to stand down, CAMS has established a Task Force to examine issues and concerns raised by the members. This Task Force has met once, and has already identified more than 30 issues to be examined. They include matters such as the structure of the CAMS Board; the website being very difficult to use; lack of any strategic plan; failure to complete projects such as new membership cards; loss of State Managers and State Offices; staff without understanding of the sport; unreasonable fees for some services; and current turmoil about track licences. Because many of these issues cause clubs and events to defect from CAMS, they have the potential to undermine CAMS' financial security - and CAMS is, after all, the property of members such as the VHRR. Peter summed up that, in his view, CAMS needs a strong re-think of its strategic direction, so that it can regain relevance and credibility with its members. This is necessary for it to be a strong and honourable National Sporting Organisation, which will serve the needs of all its club and individual members.

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A vigorous question-and-answer session followed, during which many aspects were probed. One issue looked at whether CAMS was losing sight of its obligation to work for the needs of its members, and whether too much effort was being applied to non-core activities [such as training overseas officials when there is a desperate shortage of officials locally]. The consensus was that the Board certainly needs to have a hard look at its priorities and obligations.

**CO2: It would seem to me that for CO2 to act as a greenhouse gas** it has to be in the right place and at the right concentration. CO2 being heavier than air is found to be at zero ppm above 1.5 km, which makes it very hard to be a greenhouse gas. If we assume CO2 is at the ground level concentration of 380 ppm or 0.03% of the air and note that high frequency radiant heat from the sun is reflected of the earth as low frequency radiant heat up to the troposphere i.e. the greenhouse effect, only a miniscule amount would be reflected back again due to CO2 very very low concentration. The greenhouse warming is in fact mainly due to water vapour, which is at high levels in the troposphere and this follows normal climatic changes. Some amounts of CO2 can be found at high altitudes due to Aircraft but this is very localised and dissipates and falls to the earth due to partial pressures etc. Note O2 levels on the top of Mt Everest are less than 8% while at sea level are about 20% a big drop. Quoted for comparison purposes to show that CO2 levels in the troposphere are at much lower levels than 380 ppm. Canada Greens table on CO2 levels with altitude show it is zero ppm above 1.5 km. The air is very thin at altitude so is CO2. With this in mind it seems to me we should not expect much of a link to climate change caused by CO2.

I think if we were to develop an algorithm to define climate change water vapour would be far more significant (this is in the right place and right concentration to be a green house gas.).

Sun spots and the various phase relationships between the sun and the earth and its axis of rotation as well as wind variations would also affect climate change much more than CO2 concentrations at sea level. Any use of statistical methods without a proven link as used by the IPCC is fraught with danger. We should not confuse climate change with energy conservation. Automotive engineers are continually trying to improve fuel consumption the most recent proof of this is direct fuel injection.

Yours sincerely

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### **Victorian 6 hour Regularity**

Looking into organising a Team for the above event and was wondering if anyone in the VHRR would be interested in running. I was thinking of the Regularity Group that run with VHRR. Those interested can contact me via email at mban@ford.com It would be nice to put together a Team of 1960's British Sports Cars - please let Ross McKinnon know - 03 98275234 Michael Ban - 03 9868 8739

### **Classifieds**

#### **FOR SALE B.W.A. Group K.A.**

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**I am chasing Light Car Club of Australia annual reports** for 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1969-70, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 for information for my history of the LCCA. None of these are in the club's archives. Thanks, Bob Watson 03 9646 1066 or 0427 201158

**4Z Rudge Splined wheels:** 4 of 15 inch MG Type, 5 - 15 inch standard spoked, Earlier type larger centre Riley etc, - 4 - 16 inch, 2 - 15inch, 2 - 18 inch. Reasonable offers. Also various rims.

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