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NEWSLETTER - December 2011

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

December	3rd	Xmas Presentation & Awards.....	03 9886 3449
December	3rd	Haunted Hills Twilight meeting	03 5174 1473
January	28th	Rd 1 HCC Haunted Hills Twilight meeting.....	03 5174 1473
February	12th	Gnoo Blas Classic Car Show	02 6362 2840
February	12th	Interclub Championship Rob Roy	03 9722 9000
February	25th	Rd 2 HCC Broadford	
March	9th-11th	Phillip Island Classic 2012 (CCE).....	03 9877 2317
March	15th-18th	Australian Grand Prix.....	03 9787 3640
March	24th	Rd 3 HCC Mt Leura	
March	25th	Rd 4 HCC Mt Leura	
April	15th	Myrning Sprints	03 9827 8124
April	22nd	VHRR Rob Roy - Trident Cup	0413 744 337
May	6th	Rd 5 HCC Rob Roy	03 9722 9000
May	26th-27th	Historic Winton	03 5428 2689
August	10th-12th	Winton Festival of Speed.....	0412 351 403
November	9th-11th	Historic Sandown 2012 (CCE)	0402 224 133

Wednesday Members Lunch - every Wednesday except Christmas Holidays.

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS Wednesdays 11.30 - 2.00 Club Nights 6.30 - 7.30

Club Permit Scheme Lloyd Shaw0415 351 164

(Red Plate) 21 Myers Ave Glen Waverley 3150 *Note new address

*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 date confirmed - 9th, 10th & 11th March 2012

Presentation Dinner - December 3rd - Manningham Please note David Palstra's new contact details - 0417 523 307 & 03 9886 3449 - 10 Consort Avenue Vermont South 3133. Give him a call if you want tickets, but also if you would like to assist.

Grant & Brenda's Open Garden: Many thanks to those members who visited us over the weekend, too bad about the wet Saturday, but Sunday was great. Thanks Grant & Brenda

International Historic Motoring Awards - "I'm so sorry that you were not one of our winners on Wednesday, but hope very much that you have enjoyed being involved in the whole process (and will nominate yourselves next year!).

With the calibre of nominees we had, it was a very difficult choice for the judges to select winners, and everyone who was a finalist did very well to get to the shortlist.

And I hope to see you nominated again for 2012! With very best wishes Karen"

2010 Motorsportsman of the Year

Last year Peter Giddings was inducted into the Road Racing Drivers Club, thus joining the likes of Sir Jackie Stewart, Mario Andretti, Sir Jack Brabham, Bobby Rahal, Sir Stirling Moss, Emerson Fittipaldi, Skip Barber, Bob Bondurant, Dan Gurney, Roger Penske, etc. This year, the Motorsports Press Association panel voted Peter Giddings the 2010 Motorsportsman of the Year, which is a great honour. Congratulations Peter. This prestigious award was voted by the Motorsport Press Association Panel in America and Peter was given the award at the Associations 49th Annual Banquet at the Blackhawk Automobile Museum in California. Ian Anderson

Melbourne is renowned for four seasons in a day - Sydney's Eastern Creek can now take that honour for the recent HSRCA "Summer" meeting held from 25-27 November. Over 300 entries were received, however, a field for J, K & L was dropped before the meeting as only 11 entries were received.

A bundle of Victorians went to the meeting, some with much success. It was my first time competing there in the B GT, and my father Simon (known to many in his role assisting with the Historic Sandown meeting) took his B Roadster to compete in Sb. Friday & the early part of Saturday were awash with constant down-pours of rain, which for us was not the ideal to learn the track. Peter Jackson had much success in the Sa & Sb races, finishing third in most, behind the horsepower cars of Laurie Burton & Don Thallon. Laurie Bennett also had some success in the M & O Racing field out-driving his closest rival, Richard Carter. Peter Strauss had the two recent acquisitions there, the BT11A out for the first time after a 10 month restoration by Peter Lerner – son Jamie had the worst job of the weekend having to race the 11A! Strauss ran the BT31 – the two cars also managing to steer clear of a 3-car pileup in the second race involving Les Wright, Tom Tweedie & David Kent.

The Rogers father-son were not the only like combination from Victoria with Jeff Brown & son John competing in the M, O Q & R Sports car field, Jeff in the Chevron B16 & Joel in the Tiga SC 84. Saturday afternoon was marred with 4 out of the 5 races finishing in a red flag, the last resulted in a huge crash involving 3 cars in the Group N field. Steve Pittman (EH Holden) was seriously injured and subsequently taken to IC at a nearby hospital suffering many broken parts. The meeting was cancelled for the remainder of Saturday as the Police intervened.

Sunday saw the good news told at an early additional drivers' briefing (all of us were fearing the worst from the Group N incident), and a revised schedule saw the two feature 25-lap endurance races held. Laurie & Daniel Burton winning the Sa & Sb race in the TVR Tuscan & Geoff Morgan/Simon Hogg taking out the later Sc race. The driver changes were interesting with some out for a leisurely stroll, with one recorded at 1.47, but others were keen & the fastest timed during commentary was 11 seconds. Simon Rogers did the Sa & Sb endurance as a solo driver, taking the 60 second wait in pit lane, where fellow Victorian Kim Shearn assisted in ensuring he made the right garage & time. Kim was competing in his Lotus 18 FJ. A good weekend was had, but hopefully J, K & L will be back in force at the next meeting in the lead up to Phillip Island at Wakefield Park in February. Charles Rogers

Book Review: Foggy Memories By David Fogg

How often throughout life have we said we know somebody, yet in truth, they are more likely to be acquaintances. To 'know' a person, it is necessary to be familiar with their whole life, from childhood to aged, and everything in between.

Motor sport has always produced characters from many walks of life, that statement referring to their life away from their chosen sport, family, work, travel etc.

But how many who have led interesting lives, have put pen to paper and documented their life story for family and others to share? Sadly, not many!

One such person who has done exactly this is David Fogg, 'Foggy' to all who claim to know him.

As a well travelled youngster due to his fathers employment, some of the stories he relates are hilarious. Adolescence, larrikinism, (non offensive which lasted longer than the average), his love of all things fast, (no restrictions), and his entry in to motor sport.

His work and leisure took him to many parts of the globe, every trip exploited to the full as a means of making the most of a situation, in particular, never letting an opportunity pass to meet high profile personalities other mortals only read about.

Tragedy also marred his life when Kaye, his delightful wife, developed cancer at the age of 35 and succumbed to the dreaded disease 18 years later. Strength of character, the support of family and close friends pulled him through this disastrous period. It is impossible to condense a lifetime in to a few paragraphs, so for an entertaining read at \$29.95 and to get to know the man personally, contact Foggy on (03) 52822396 to order a copy.

John Reaburn

New Redplate Handbook out now - contact Lloyd Shaw 0415 351 164

Historic Sandown 2011 Results of the Regularity Teams competition.

Total Team points

Rank	Driver	Car	Points	Rank	Driver	Car	Points
1st	Garry Shipton	Mustang		8th	Tom Ffrench	Morgan	
	Rohan Harmon	Commodore			Peter Ffrench	Elfin Clubman	
	Ron Klein	Torana GTR- EU1	297		Andrew Sefton	Haggis Clubman	191
2nd	Vic Spiteri	E Type Jag		9th	Tony Jarvis	100-S Healey	
	John Hardy	Alpine Renault			Tony Parkinson	100-S Healey	
	Michael Ban	Sunbeam Alpine	258		Rob Jamieson	100-4 Healey	180
3rd	Michael Belcher	Venon F/V		10th	Ray Delaney	250 F Maserati (R)	
	Bob Cutting	240 Z			Bill Alexander	100-S Healey	
	Garry Ball	Jag D Type (R)	255		Phil Schudmak	A/ R Monza (R)	158
4th	Michael Aylmer	MGB GT V8		11th	Paul Schilling	MG B	
	Greg Redman	260 Z			Roger Chapman	MG B	
	Rowan Pinder	Corvette	253		Matthew White	MG TC S/C	153
5th	Phillip Ross	911		12th	Graeme Lowe	Ricciardi Spyder	
	Stewart Webster	RSR 911			Nigel Gray	Singer	
	Tony Rogers	2.4 E 911	249		Ron Townley	BWA	103
6th	Phillip Hedt	1969 911		13th	Ross Porter	Cooper S	
	David Kelly	A/Healey 100-4			Tom Kenworthy	Cooper S	
	T Montgomery	Alfa Romeo 6 C	213		Bill Ferrier	Cortina MK 1	52
7th	Doug Shepherd	Ford Cobra					
	Mike Moylan	Ford Galaxie					
	Mark Barbour	Haggis U2	201				

Well done to the winning team, and thanks to everyone for joining the Teams competition. I trust that it added to your enjoyment of the meeting.

Regularity Driver of the Meeting : John Hardy

Congratulations to John Hardy . John has now established quite a reputation for his consistency in Regularity events, being the winner of this trophy in 2010.

The Committee thanks you for your participation this year looks forward to seeing you again in 2012.

Ross Mckinnon - Sandown 2011 VHRM Regularity Representative

Classifieds

Nearly ten years ago, I had a rush of blood to the head, and purchased a newly completed 'sports sedan', ??, constructed by the highly respected Darryl Seidel. Darryl was big speed in the 70's, and was responsible for the 'avant garde' Chevy Monzas that Allan Moffat, and Peter Brock were to race at Daytona. Didn't happen, but the cars became very significant in Australian circles. One became the successful sports sedan of Graeme Whincup, and the other, I believe was the basis of a 'way out' G T car built by John Pollard .

This current racer, based on a '96 Camaro, embodied all the latest technology of the period. Truly, I wet myself when I walked around it!

As I'm preaching to the converted, these details will be appreciated: '96 model Camaro 'clip on' body by Race Craft, in fibreglass. (Spares 'off the shelf') 'Reilly and Scott' chassis kit, (best available) assembled here in Melbourne. 'Ed Pink' all alloy 5.5 litre Pontiac 'Le Mans' endurance engine, making 638hp. Has all Cosworth internals, inc. DFX sump, oil purge system and water cooling. Stripped, inspected, and reassembled by Frank Lowndes prior to it's only race in 2008 (podium 1st time out).

Bespoke 'Hewland 6 speed transaxle' (Only 10 ever made for Nissan 'Le Mans' effort). 13" Carbon Industrie' carbon brakes all round (\$5000 per corner). Titanium fabricated uprights on 4 corners by Lola. (Reputedly 5 thousand pounds each !!) 2 sets of BBS wheels, 17x10, front. 18x14 rear.

Stand by for the real killer! It weighs in at under 1000 kg, and after 4 hours of detailed assessment by Mike Borland, he confirmed that the chassis and suspension are right on the ball.

Can run in Aust. Sports Sedan series, if 'dumbed down', (no alloy engine, no carbon brakes, ballast to min. weight etc, etc) This is a collector car that can be enjoyed in many areas of our motorsport scenario, at a fraction of the cost of say, a Porsche/Ferrari/Lambo, and will reward a competent enthusiast with top step on the podium.

Darryl tells me that it cost \$300k in 1996 (compares with a V8 supercar of the period) but this is fairytale stuff today. I am winding up my motorsport collection, and would enjoy assisting a keen enthusiast in realizing the potential of this car

Price is \$85k, plus GST, inc around 10k in spares. Call Bryan Thomson on 0418 572160 if it appeals.

1967 MGB Road car Custom bare metal restoration, Upgraded 1925 cc lightened and balance Bob Rowntree engine. All mechanicals new or rebuilt, Great spirited drive For full details email – spruytm@yahoo.com.au or call Spud on 0403 300 924.

For Sale - MGB 25 Race Car Group SB Log Booked Race Car Custom bare metal rebuild to group S specs Has been a Front Running MGB for the past decade, Lapped Eastern Creek in 1:50.7117 at its last outing. Has won Group S and Marque sports class and outright championships. Race wins at Eastern Creek, Wakefield, Oran Park, Bathurst, Winton, Sandown, Phillip Island.

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For Sale Motorsport magazines, books and programs

Racing car news (250) early 60s to early 90s, auto action (110) mostly 1990s, on the road 1 to 102, Books mostly Australian, programs mostly Oran Park Warwick Farm. Too many to list here, for full list phone or email Warwick 02 4861 2662 w.hutton@sctelco

For sale: Two 19"x3.5" rolled edge wire wheels. 65mm hubs (Jag etc.) 84spokes.

These wheels are finished in black powder coat and are immensely strong and in as new condition \$350 each. (half what I paid). Call Frank Cuttell on 0412 347 127

Extractor Exhaust to suit Series 3 Lotus Seven Ford Crossflow. For the boy's car. Don't want to burn fingers as usual. Pat Ryan 9335 4666 BH

Automobile Year. Complete set of all 58 volumes, including those very rare editions from the 1950s which have in the past sold individually for four figure sums. I'm told by a dealer in auto books that the last complete Auto Year set sold a year ago for \$3,500. Also, as most would know, current editions of this iconic annual tome, covering motor sport, new cars and automobile history, retail for \$139.95.

My (firm) price of \$3000 equates to about \$52 per edition - and that includes the virtually unobtainable Volume 2 from 1954-55 and all other 'rare' years, right up to 2010-11. 0417 370 671

I am trying to locate a racer who entered the Return of the Thunder meeting in 2009. He lent me his shade structure and subsequently I still have it. He drives an old silver open wheeler and from memory was 99. His name may have been Graham. Any help would be good so I can return the shade structure to him. Cheers Ian Wilks 02 4938 3910

Wanted: 15X8 Performance Superlite alloy wheel, 10spoke Falcon pattern. 0408 737 004

For Sale: 5 Bridgestone RE55 tyres 205.60 15 Worn, but still about 1/3 life in them. \$400 the lot

For Sale: Also, 6X3 piece Formula type rims. All newly polished outers, newly rerolled, new nuts and bolts and new Ford Bionic Blue powder-coated centres. Stud pattern is 4 by 100 although could be filled and redrilled to anything. There are 2 @ 15X8, 2 @ 15 by 9 and 2 @ 16 by 9. \$200 each.

Kerry Finn: 0408 737 004 or kerryfinn@onthenet.com.au
