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## NEWSLETTER - September 2012

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

September	2nd	Ballarat Festival of Motoring - John Emery .....	0408 570 217
September	25th	Social Night - Clubrooms - Ron Simmonds .....	0427 031 737
September	30th	Come & Try Day - Rob Roy - Ken Price.....	0418 311 040
September	29th-30th	60th Collingrove Hillclimb.....	0409 989 836
October	13th-14th	Gippsland Overnight .....	03 5988 4846
October	13th-14th	Grant & Brenda's Open Garden .....	03 9787 3640
October	14th	Rob Roy Interclub Rd 3 Ken Price.....	0418 311 040
October	23rd	MGM - Clubrooms.....	03 9877 2317
November	9th-11th	Historic Sandown 2012 (CCE) .....	0402 224 133
November	23rd-25th	Tasman Revival - HSRCA .....	0412 403 582
November	25th	Rob Roy Historic 75th Anniversary - Ken Price.....	0418 311 040
November	24th-28th	Great Ocean Road Celebration Tour.....	0429 186 051
December	1st-2nd	Geelong Sprints - Sarah Lyons .....	03 5273 4777
December	14th	Christmas Function - Mike Barker .....	0407 825 545

### 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

Gordon Hellsten .....03 9878 5272

(Red Plate)

5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130 **\*Note new address**

\*CCE = Club Championship Event

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

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### **Phillip Island Date Confirmed - 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th March 2013**

Feature events will be big sports cars. Looks like camping at the circuit will now be permitted & efforts are being made to hire Caravans & Camper Vans - more info soon.

**Historic Sandown 9-11th November 2012** Over 100 entries so far - don't miss out!

**Vale Diana Gaze:** The Committee and members of the VHRR express their sincere sympathies to Diana's family on her passing.

**She Is Gone** by David Harkins.....

You can shed tears that she is gone

or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back

or you can open your eyes and see all she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her

or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday

or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone

or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,

be empty and turn your back

or you can do what she would want:

smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

**Thank you to all of Mum's friends, admirers and associates** for the great support, love and respect you have shown to her and her family over the past weeks. This has been overwhelming, but not surprising, as she really was a very special human being.

Our family funeral was a very close and touching moment for us all, and we were just delighted to be able to celebrate and share her incredible life with so many friends last Thursday in Melbourne.

It seems very quiet without her, and we are all missing her heaps already. We must now rally around Tony, as he is especially missing her constant care and companionship.

For those who were not able to be with us on Thursday, find below a poem selected by my daughter Claire to honour her much adored grandmother.

Again, thank you for all the love, loyalty and support you showed Mum during her lifetime.

Sincerely and Regards,

Chris Davison.

On behalf of Tony Gaze and the Davison family.

**A reminder of the MGCC's annual Classic and Historic hillclimb** at Rob Roy on Sunday 25th November, which will also be the second of a 2 part celebration of the 7th anniversary of the founding of Rob Roy. The MG Car Club is planning some big feature events for the meeting, so it will be one not to be missed. Contact Ken Price 0418 311 040

### **A social night is coming up on the 25th September.**

I have arranged for a guest speaker for our coming social night.

Helen Stitt, from the RACV, will give a talk ,with photo's about the early Alpine Trails that were run by the RACV before the LCCA took over running these events. The RACV has a very extensive archive of early motoring history in Victoria, so put the Tuesday night of the 25th of September into your diary, for what will be a very interesting night.

Don't forget it is a Goodwood theme night, old flat hats, tweed jackets, for the lads, and big skirts,furs,and hats for the ladies.Things get under way around 6.30 pm. BYO meals etc ,coffee and tea supplied. Looking forward to seeing you all there, Cheers Simmo.

### **Gippsland Overnight 13th-14th October**

Saturday 13th October, meet 9.30 – 10.00 am Beach side Tooradin Foreshore BYO or buy morning tea (perhaps bring a folding chair) Leave Tooradin 10.30am to visit an Asparagus Farm and Export packing shed. Lunch at Bayles, then scenic drive to an Artists Private Gallery at Arawata, then on to Leongatha Motel for 3 course dinner, Bed & Buffet breakfast. Dining room is licensed (No BYO in Dining room) elsewhere O.K. Next morning leave motel 9.45am, travel to a Snow Pea Packing shed en

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route to Korumburra for a train trip to Nyora and return for lunch at the Railway Dining room. \$50.00 per couple deposit when booking \$220.00 per couple balance to be paid by 21 September. All meals and train included.

Ron Townley 03 5988 4846

**The Annual VHRR Christmas and Awards Party** is fast approaching so it is time to give some thought to making your booking and, of course, payment.

When: Friday the 14th of December 2012

Where: The Grand Ballroom at The Manningham, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen

Commencing: 7:00pm How much: \$60.00 per head including wine and beer

Please let me know: ~ if you have a group of 10 for a table: ~ of any special dietary requirements ((vegetarian, celiac (Coeliac) etc)) RSVP and payment are due before the 30th November. Sorry no payment on the night, thank you. Cheque payable to the VHRR

If paying by credit card: Credit Card Number.....Expiry Date...../.....

Name on Credit Card .....

Mike Barker 03 9840 6155/0407 825 545 1 Cason Street, Doncaster 3108 mbar6415@bigpond.net.au

**Further to and in confirmation of my report at the recent AGM** on behalf of the VHRR Formula Junior owners whom I represent, I am concerned for the safety of our drivers and their cars in inappropriate mixed grids as evidenced at both Phillip Island and Winton this year.

I am also concerned about the reduction in entries at these events where it relates to older cars that were the basis of our organisation from inception, and the current need to put profit before members needs of enjoyment, safety and affordability.

My suggestion to the committee was to consider combining Group L and M Formula Junior cars in JK&L events to stop the current separation of these cars, and assist the declining numbers in existing JK&L racing using compatible cars, where the drivers respect each other on the track.

I would also like the committee to consider in consultation with the Austin 7 club, the possibility of dividing the potential entrants between each Winton event, for it would seem that as we include more late model cars into historic, we need to consider how to accommodate increasing numbers.

It would seem obvious that the traditional A7 May meeting has built its reputation on earlier cars, and the VHRR have elected to promote late historic cars in its August meeting, so why cant these events specialise by using their choice of entrants?

Regards KELVIN C. PRIOR SECRETARY AFJA

### **Dear Victorian Car Clubs and OLT applicants**

Our next Observed Licence Test (OLT) will be held at Phillip Island on Friday October 12th. Please note that this will be held during the Friday practice at round 4 of the Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships. Could you please forward on the below information with attachment to any interested club members.

To enter the OLT you will need to do three things.

1) Please see the VHRR website for the CAMS Entry Form for the OLT. This entry form can be returned to me via Ben.Manning@cams.com.au or you can post it to CAMS at 851 Dandenong Rd, Malvern East, Victoria, 3145. Entries will be open up until Close of Business Tuesday October 9th.

2) You will also need to enter the Friday Practice session through Phillip Island Operations and you can do so by completing this PIOPS Entry Form

3) Interested participants will need to organise a Pre Licence Authority (PLA) for themselves through our licensing team before the 9th of October. A PLA is only obtained once your licence application (inc. Medical and online lecture) is complete. These are not able to be organised at the last minute and participants should commence this process as soon as possible.

Please don't hesitate if you need any further information. Kind regards Ben Manning

### **Eleventh "Wings and Wheels" November 17th - 18th 2012**

Each year it is getting harder to come up with a date for the annual Wings and Wheels as we need sunshine if possible. After a lot of thought we decided on the weekend of November 17th and 18th which is the weekend after Sandown.If you can help with an exhibit please call me (Bill Prowse) on 9515 0350, or if I am not answering Roger Griffin on 0408 006 818 and we will be only too pleased to discuss Wings and Wheels and accept your entry. For those who have not been to the Aircraft Museum previously, please refer to Melways Map 87 E4. Light refreshments will be available at the Museum over the weekend. Bill Prowse

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## The Victorian

**Hillclimb Panel** will be putting on a Come & Try Day in association with the MG Car Club at Rob Roy on 30th September to target those who have never hillclimbed before. All you will need is a helmet and a fire extinguisher. Entry forms will be on the Vic Hillclimb and Rob Roy websites. Enquiries to Ken Price 0418 311 040.



*Looks like Hillclimbing would be good for you! 1/- in the car!*

*John Blanchard pic*

**Well known supporter** of VHRR Events, Dick O'Keefe of Performance Ignition has sold the business to equally well known VHRR member Andrew Makin & his fiancé Shayne. They took over on August 1st.

### “The Road to Monte Carlo 60th Anniversary”

July-August has seen an increase in activity with the 1953-2013 Monte Carlo replica car testing at three locations as the preparation for the 60th return to the famed Monte Carlo Historic Rally continues.

Winter snow testing was conducted at Lake Mountain Alpine resort and passed the cold tests, with the new heater 'Craig' working well (named after Craig (Lowndes) who was concerned at lack of heating at the launch)

Road testing with Dan Tehan and Steve Callaghan in Warrnambool after the official announcement of Callaghan Motors (Holden) was joining the project as major sponsor.

The final and major test for the 48-215 (FX) Holden was a visit to the 2012 Targa Adelaide. With Richard Davison (son of Lex, original 1953 driver) and Gary Poole sharing the driving and navigating.

With in excess of 10 million dollars of cars in the event, the 1953 replica car proved to be a hit with locals and fellow entrants. Clearly the oldest, slowest, yet the most historic car in the 105 field. It surprised many with its ability to keep up to its 80kph Average speed requirement as part of the regularity class we had entered. The youngest car (2012 Toyota 86 sports car) was also in the same class.

Over 28 gruelling Targa stages, and covering over 800km around the twisting Adelaide Hills. The 1953 replica car performed well, with only some minor areas needing repairs.

Two street parties and a special night stage at the Adelaide Showground attracted a large crowd of people and exceeded all expectations. The Monte Carlo replica car was popular with the public and on lookers at the different stages. The drivers could hear the cheers from the crowd as they passed, and even had time to honk the horn and wave.

Tarmac rallies like the Targa Adelaide are considered one of the most dangerous forms of Motorsport. Unlike F1 or V8 Supercars, there are no sand traps or barriers. Make an error in a Targa event and you are off the road into trees. The 2012 Targa Adelaide saw a fatality with Adam Plate killed after rolling his 2011 Mitsubishi.

September will see Craig Lowndes conducting driver testing.

## Classifieds

**Sell your car at Historic Sandown** - Richard Williams has a place for you to sell your car at Sandown this year, so, while a little way off now, keep this in mind as it will be an ideal venue to put your competition car on show to a whole lot of enthusiasts. Call Richard for more info - 0413 247 817

### **Lola 644 Formula Ford 1983 Fb,**

I'm still here - surely someone wants me, twenty two thousand smackers, my mechanicals are very new, spare wheels, gearing I'm Log Booked and CoD'd I'm ready to rock and roll entries are out for Sandown, ring my owner 0419 312 299.

**Just to let you know I recently sold the Benetton** (it's still in Oz) and bought a Norax chassis 2 1987 1988 sports car closed top. Its been modified and basically wrecked but it'll be put right. Did you know of anyone with a spare FT200 Hewland gearbox that wants to sell. Thanks, Jason Nichols p: 9592 7000