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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

## NEWSLETTER - February 2014

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

February	25th	MGM - VHRR Clubrooms	
March	2nd	VHCC Rd 2 Rob Roy .....	0418 311 040
March	6th-9th	Phillip Island Classic (CCE).....	03 9877 2317
March	13th-16th	Australian Grand Prix.....	03 9787 3640
March	22nd-23rd	VHCC Rds 3 & 4 Mt Leura.....	
March	30th	RACV Classic Showcase Flemington.....	03 9890 0524
April	13th	Myrning Sprints .....	03 9827 8124
April	13th	Shannons American Motoring Show Flemington .....	03 9890 0524
April	13th	Adelaide Motorsport Festival.....	08 8373 4899
April	19th-20th	Mallala Easter Historics .....	08 8271 5689
April	21st	Collingrove Hillclimb .....	08 8271 5689
April	22nd	MGM - VHRR Clubrooms .....	03 9877 2317
May	24th-25th	Historic Winton .....	03 5428 2689
June	24th	MGM - VHRR Clubrooms .....	03 9877 2317
August	9th-10th	Winton Festival of Speed (CCE).....	0412 351 403
August	26th	MGM - VHRR Clubrooms .....	03 9877 2317
September	13th-14th	Wings & Wheels Maryborough Sprints .....	03 9827 8124
October	5th	Vintage Collingrove .....	08 8271 5689
October	28th	AGM - note date change.....	03 9877 2317
November	8th-9th	Historic Sandown (CCE) .....	0402 224 133
November	29th-30th	Geelong Revival Motoring Festival.....	<a href="http://geelongrevival.com.au">geelongrevival.com.au</a>

### 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

\*CCE = Club Championship Event

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Phillip Island Classic Gala Dinner

Guest Speaker Ernie Nagamatsu

Saturday 8th March 2014

Pre-dinner food & drinks @ 7.00 pm

Main Course @ 7.45 pm

- \$70.00 per person
- RSVP Tuesday 4th March
- David Palstra - 10 Consort Ave Vermont Sth Vic 3133
- 61 3 9886 3449 or 0417 523 307
- davidandloreen@bigpond.com
- Smart Casual or Appropriate Period Dress
- Entry by pre-purchased ticket only
- Dinner will be held in Pit Suites - Meal, beer, wine and soft drinks supplied
- Vegetarian option required upon booking

**B&B Available - Rhyll** Oaktree Lodge accommodation <http://oaktreelodge.com.au/>

### New life member

At the Presentation night on December 13 George Spanos's dedication to the VHRR and historic motor sport was recognised with the award of a Life Membership. George's commitment to the club is long standing. He raced his lovely Elfin GTS for many years and now supports Wayne Sayers in keeping this beautifully presented car on the track. George is a founding member of the Wednesday Group where club members come together to share stories and enjoy each other's company. In his role of Librarian he keeps our motor sport history safe. George is a true gentleman and good friend. Congratulations on your Life Membership from us all.

Leanne Newson Secretary

### The VHRR have met with CAMS

this week in order to define the detailed requirements of the recently introduced roll bar/ROPS padding.

CAMS have provided a copy of the Scrutineers Newsletter on this matter and this will be placed on the VHRR website next weekend (6/7 Feb) and a VHRR flier providing detail with further explanation will be included in the mail out of Further Regulations to competitors that same weekend.

Also discussed at that meeting was the proposed introduction of Crack testing. It appears that this will not impact on cars competing at Phillip Island and the finer points are to be included in the Club's flier next weekend.

Regards Bob Harborow

**The VHRR welcomes** these new members in the last five months: Vincent and Kevin McLachlan, Michael and John Geist, George Nakas; Col Spender, Stuart Anderson. John Bourke, Leigh Makin, James Butler, Stephen Ashwell, James McLachlan, Ray Pepper and junior members James Pepper, Aaron Cameron and Benjamin Robson

**Found at Sandown** between Garages 40 & 50 - Trolley mounted Booster Battery Contact Lloyd Shaw 0415 351 164

### "Tool room copies"

#### - should they be allowed in races?

Richard Batchelor poses the question . . .

Although replicas of historic race cars are not a new development, the UK historic mags are now writing about so called tool room copies, which they claim are so millimetre perfect that parts are interchangeable with the real thing. And they are allowing them in races! Advertisements in the UK historic mags for tool room copy cars (samples enclosed) usually mention the availability of FIA documentation which will allow these up-market replicas to race anywhere. The Brits appear happy to allow these fakes to race with genuine historic race cars; in fact I believe they have been doing this for years. Presumably the tool room copy tag was invented to distinguish them from less accurate replicas but in the meantime I reckon Joe Public in the grandstands is being duped.

I have no problem with replicas being allowed in demonstrations or in regularity events, provided that they are not passed off as the real thing, but surely they should not be allowed to race against genuine historic race cars. Companies such as Proteus in the UK (C Type Jags), Pur Sang in Argentina (Bugattis, Alfis) and locally Robnell (Cobras) and Roaring Forties (Ford GT40s) build fine replicas. However surely a line in the sand must be drawn to prevent such cars taking part in historic racing against genuine examples of these marques.

Apart from fooling gullible spectators, and annoying people with a huge investment in genuine historic race cars, there is another issue at stake here. The builder of a "tool room copy" might find it hard to resist pressure from the person who has commissioned it to incorporate subtle and undetectable mods during the build process. Would it not be easy to change the suspension pick-up points slightly to allow, say, a degree or two of negative camber, or to fit the

engine with titanium conrods to allow an extra 1000 rpm, or to cast a few items in magnesium rather than aluminium? To digress slightly into the topic of modified 'genuine' historic race cars for a moment, this sort of activity has been happening for years in the UK, and has given rise to anomalies such as Cooper-Bristols (probably on their third chassis and dimensionally different from the genuine 1953 article) beating Maserati 250Fs, something which never happened in period. Already I suspect there are more Lister-Jaguars racing than were ever built originally. I was spectating at the recent Goodwood Revival meeting and felt that at least one the Listers racing looked pretty suss. A photo caption in a recent issue of Motor Sport (refer montage) indicates that a Lister-Jag replica was allowed to race there in 2008, so I should not have been surprised. Interestingly, somebody recently purchased all the drawings, jigs, assets and intellectual property of the original Lister companies and has invited owners

of more recent Lister replicas to have their cars vetted and – if they pass examination – be granted some sort of authentication, even if they were built decades after Brian Lister stopped production in 1959! Surely the new owner of Lister is debasing the intellectual property which he has spent good money acquiring? Owners of genuine Listers must be foaming at the mouth!

As you can see from the advertisement the new owner of Lister has gone one step further and is intending to build Lister-Jags again. There is actually a precedent for this as Brian Lister built some Lister-Jaguar replicas in 1990, so-called "continuation cars." As time passes the ancestry of all Lister-Jags will become increasingly blurred, especially as Lister's original chassis records were reportedly chucked out after production ceased in 1959.

Can any of our members who have raced in the UK and Europe throw further light on what is being allowed over there and what is not? I suspect that with the sky-rocketing values of

genuine historic race cars, historic racing (so called) in the UK and Europe will simply become a replica fest, and unless we are very vigilant some of these fakes will surely find their way into historic races in Australia.

### **Special Invitation to Pre-1960 Sports & Racing Cars 5th & 6th April Wakefield Park**

The Festival of Sporting Cars (FoSC) is assembling a special field of racing and sports cars from those glorious days of motor sport at our April meeting.

We intend this to become the one and only annual gathering of pre-60's cars – well-known or not so well-known – with whatever log book or competitor licence you hold. The meeting will be permitted by AASA and we will accept both CAMS and AASA documentation.

This being an Invitation event, we'd also like to hear from owners of pre-1960 replicas and/or cars built more recently, with period parts.

It will be a weekend where possibly the greatest breadth and depth of these cars ever will come

together from NSW and beyond to compete for enjoyment and camaraderie.

FoSC is all about you having the most enjoyment on the track as possible and the best value for your dollar. Private Practice will be available on the Friday and garages and carports can be hired to protect your pride and joy.

We will have photographs of the fields on our FoSC website following the meeting for free download – see the special fields from our last meeting on the website now.

Email Charles@fosc.com.au or call 02 9907 0136 for details

### **Adelaide Motorsport Festival:**

12-13th April 2014

The Adelaide Motorsport Festival is to be held on April 12 (Hillclimb) and Sunday 13th (Sprint). The Sprint element will be held on a section of the Clipsal 500 track within the Adelaide Parklands. The event focus is historic open wheelers, in particular F1 cars, however categories for other historic are open for entries. The event is followed



up by The Historic Collingrove Hillclimb and the traditional Easter Historic Mallala race meet the following weekend, meaning there is a huge amount of racing on offer over that 7 day period in Adelaide. Visit [www.adelaidemotorsportfestival.com.au](http://www.adelaidemotorsportfestival.com.au) and [www.sportingcarclubsa.org.au](http://www.sportingcarclubsa.org.au)

### **Historic Winton 24th-25th May 2014**

As a follow up to our very successful Aussie Specials campaign during the mid / late 1990's we are specifically targeting Aussie Specials that appeared in pre 1960 Australian Grand Prix meetings ... They could be vehicles that ran in either the actual AGP event or the support events This will be one of our special features for 2014 Historic Winton

We would obviously prefer the vehicles to appear in competition events (race or regularity) however some of them may wish to only participate in Sundays parade laps .... others that are not running would be very welcome as static display Penrite AGP Aussie Special sight boards will be provided for each vehicle

Noel Wilcox 03 5428 2689

### **Classifieds**

**FOR SALE Ford Ten based,** Group K (b) Australian Monoposto Special. Supercharged, fresh 1172cc engine, Hollinger close ratio gearbox. Hartford shocks, excellent Ford brakes, all new tyres. Built by Qld's Wally Anderson as a replica of his first car which he created and raced in Tasmania in 1948/49. Weighs just 340kg. Tops 170 km/hr. S/S 400m in 14.69 sec. Comes with Log Book and some spares. Priced to sell at \$18,000 - Contact Noel Tuckey – 07 54941605

**FOR SALE:** I need to cull my book collection so I'll start with these two: Aston Martin Centenary Celebration Programme 1913-2013. S/c, 200 pages, mint condition. The tribute "to the world's most exclusive car company". \$110 plus postage at cost and: The History of Brooklands Motor Course 1906-1940 by Bill Boddy. H/c, 370pp., Revised first edition 1979, signed by the late Bill Boddy, sometime editor of the iconic magazine Motor Sport. Mint condition with mint dust jacket. \$270 plus postage at cost.

Books will be well packed for Australia Post handling and I'd prefer to send them registered so they can be tracked unless you prefer another method. Contact John Robinson at [jrumpire@gmail.com](mailto:jrumpire@gmail.com) or ring 0422 677 613. Books are located in the ACT and pickup is certainly possible.

### **Lightweight, Low Tilt Trailer for Sale.**

Built for my "low" Healey, 1750W x 4250L tilt deck,

less than 15 degrees loading, 1200L hinged ramps, single, unsprung, disc braked axle, aluminium checkerplate and RHS construction, mag wheels, registered, in good condition. \$1750 Ross Hutchinson 0417 598883 [twofold@optusnet.com.au](mailto:twofold@optusnet.com.au)

**Race/Road Tyres For Sale** 16" Dunlop GrandTrek 215/70 R16. Very little wear. Five tyres - reasonable offer. Ian McDonald. 0418 502335 or evenings 9589 1217 - [ihmcd@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ihmcd@bigpond.net.au)

### **Bill Pile 1956 TC Special For Sale**

This car has a fantastic continuous documented racing history from March 1956 to date. It is probably the prettiest TC on the track in part due to the body work by Garry Cooper in SA. It has a current CAMS Lb Logbook and COD. It has been kept in top mechanical condition and raced extensively over the last 10 years by me. Recently it was race prepared and has not raced since.

The car is logbooked to run with 13 or 15 inch wheels and comes with both. An extensive documented history is available from original build in 1955-6. This is an opportunity to own an ex Grand Prix car with a superb history. A fully enclosed registered trailer is included. Price \$60,000 If you are interested or for more information please ring Adrian Brooks on Mobile 0438 383 941

**Wanted to buy for** my own collection. The first two of the James Flood Book of Early Motoring edited by H H Paynting and possibly any other books on early Melbourne by H H Paynting. Contact Lloyd Shaw via his mobile on 0415 351 164 or email [lloyd@cooldrive.com.au](mailto:lloyd@cooldrive.com.au)

**Grantinni 3B For Sale** Originally built 1969, completely rebuilt 1996 Brand new Holden Red, Slicks, fully reconditioned VW transaxle. COD, log books, trailer, spares. Ideal entry to motorsport. \$15,000.00 Peter 0429 914 234

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