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NEWSLETTER - March 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

March	22nd-23rd	VHCC Rds 3 & 4 Mt Leura.....	
March	30th	RACV Classic Showcase Flemington.....	03 9890 0524
April	13th	Myrniong 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
April	27th	Rob Roy VHRR	0409 862 949
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.....	geelongrevival.com.au

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 Hellsten03 9878 5272

(Red Plate)

5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130

*CCE = Club Championship Event

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

We had the pleasure of attending the Phillip Island meeting in March this year. I have never been to ANY race meeting so well organised and well run. Congratulations to all the people involved - talking to the SA and WA competitors in the pits they were blown away by the support shown by the host club and other competitors. You should be very proud of the what you have achieved - a realist balance between showcasing the development of Australian Motorsport and it's international connections. It's a fair way to get here, but thank you, the effort was well and truly repaid. I shall be following your website
Regards L Cassidy



Part of what makes it all happen - happy 'stuffing' team at the Holloways

Hi Bob, As I wait at Melbourne airport this morning for my flights back to California, I just wanted to say a very sincere thank you to yourself, Ian, Grant and Brenda for a fantastic couple of weekends in Australia. You put on another marvelous show at PI and the way in which you treated Sir Jack on the occasion of his birthday was simply magical. I will continue to boast about how good these events are, and hopefully we can encourage more to come over in the years to come.

Happy St. Patrick's Day !!! All the best, Paddins.

Hello Grant, Wow, what a great weekend. It gets bigger and better each year. Met some wonderful people and saw some fabulous cars. Several times I wished someone from the media could listen to some of the conversations I had. Many people from intrastate, interstate or overseas were saying they were in Melbourne for the PI Classic and were staying for the AGP. Must be a big boost for tourism even though we mainly hear the negative side. The programme was wonderful reading and of course I loved my advert. Keep up the good work.

Regards, Stephen Stockdale

Very sad to report the death of Frank Esposito. Frank passed away unexpectedly during a routine visit to hospital on Wednesday, March 12. The VHRR Committee and members express their sincere condolences to Frank's family.

Ernie Nagamatsu, owner/custodian of Old Yeller II, delivered a wonderful tribute to Old Yeller and Sir Jack at the Phillip Island Gala Dinner on Saturday 8th March. In the speech he included a moving letter from Dan Gurney.....

Our friend Ernie Nagamatsu, the jetsetting dentist, racer and car enthusiast par excellence, called me a few days ago and told me about his trip to an event in Australia with Jack Brabham as the honoree. Would I give him a few remarks to say in honor of Jack. I am most happy to do so.

Jack and I go far back in history together to an age when we both could hear well and walk fast and drive fast. He was the dark haired Aussie, I was the blond California surfer, now we are two grey haired old gentlemen who consider themselves lucky to still be on this planet considering what we have lived through during our racing days.

In 1959 when Jack won his first World Driver's Championship I became the rookie member of the Ferrari F 1 team. We were competitors on the F 1 circuit the following three years dueling it out nicely at places like the Nürburgring, Watkins Glen, Monza, South Africa and Riverside. Jack hired me in 1963 as a member for his newly established Brabham F 1 team and during the next three years we really got to know each other. We discovered we shared similar traits. We were not only interested in driving racing cars but in building them, improving them, searching for every tiny bit of technical advantage we could find. I see both of us sitting in garages all over the world bent over engines, talking to each other and to our team: Ron Tauranac, Phil Kerr, Roy Billington, Tim Wall, Nick Gooze. I am awfully proud that I was able to deliver the first Grand Prix victory to the Brabham marque in Rouen, France in 1964, exactly 50 years ago this July.

You as my boss were most understanding though not too happy when I left the team in 1966 to follow your example and establish my own team and build my own cars and represent my country in Europe as you had so ably done with yours. Was that a wise decision? Yes and no as you remind me every once in a while with a postcard from some of the World Champion Drivers Get-togethers "Dear Dan, if you had not left me in 1966 you could be here and drink champagne

with us". Champagne? Well Jack I am still wondering what happened to the 100 bottles of Moet we won for the pole at Brands Hatch in 1965? Maybe you are drinking some tonite?

Jack and I both had young families when we arrived in Europe, we had no family money to support us but had to establish ourselves on our own. For both of us the road has not been easy but the passion to race was so strong that we brushed all obstacles aside and pressed on regardless. We both raised sons who became successful racing drivers, one of yours Geoffrey drove for my AAR racing team on the Indy circuit, he was talented like his old man, we cherish the memory.

I have been told that only 3 men in the 100 year history of Grand Prix racing have built and won with their own F1 cars You, Bruce McLaren and I. It is a nice club to belong to however you are in a class by yourself: Bruce and I won races, you won Championships. Your illustrious career will forever be a tough act to follow, it is a shining example for generations to come. I salute you!

Dear Jack, we wish you and Margaret and your family, especially your racing grandson Matthew, many happy miles in the future.

With love Dan and Evi (and from their emails:...)

Dear Ernie

Dan and I were very moved to read your remarks and hear of the reaction among the audience at the Gala dinner honoring Sir Jack. Thank you for initiating this in the first place, we are sure that the flair by which you delivered the remarks were part of the success that evening. Jack and Margret meanwhile wrote too and told us how much they enjoyed and appreciated Dan's letter and your speech. Take care so far away from home, wanted to say "don't fly" but that's kind of not possible. Good luck in the demo race, people will love OLYLL ! Warmest wishes to Elaine

Evi and Dan

Here's a link to the Youtube... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCpfOwUe8W4>



Alfie, Alan & Jim - VHRR MGM February

There were 16 Formula Juniors entered for Phillip Island in March, of which 10 are from

interstate, and all contested this the first event of the annual AFJA series for 2014. Regrettably, President Roger Ealand who won the series in 2013 could not attend this event due to recent health issues that he is currently recovering from, Regards, Kelvin Prior FJ Group Rep.

May be of interest: and to cut a long story short, the above photo is of my dad, David Hart, thought to be sitting on the ex Arthur Terdich Brescia Bugatti (Type 37A?) at the 1932 AGP, Phillip Island -apparently as the riding mechanic for Mert Wreford. We had had the photo in the family for many years, but had no idea as to its background. I wonder where that Bugatti is now? A mate of mine recently sought the assistance of Bob King and Matthew Magilton (VSCC) to identify the driver.



My father was a director of Noske Industries (QBM-Holden distributors), and at one time, president of the Victorian Chamber of Automotive Industries (the year the Queen opened the motor show-1954??). I have recently purchased John Blanden's Grand Prix and Historic Racing Cars in Australia books, and have revelled in the detail-father was a member of the Light Car Club, and as children, we were taken to hill climbs at Rob Roy - I can still recall the wonderful smell of hi-octane petrol fumes!! There was a story in the family of father winning a prize in Tatts, and buying a lady racing car driver's car-oh to know which one...? I Googled John Blanden, and was sad to see that he had died in 2004, hence my visit to your site.

With best regards, Brett Hart

The North Eastern Car Club is in the process of organizing a reunion of drivers who competed in circuit racing conducted by this club

in the 1950's & 1960's. The race meetings were first conducted at the Wangaratta aerodrome and then at the club's circuit at Tarrawingee approximately 10K from Wangaratta. Following on from the club's successful 60 year anniversary celebrations last year several original competitors in attendance raised the idea of a reunion of drivers and asked the club if it could be arranged. The current plan is to hold a reunion dinner at the club's headquarters at Tarrawingee on the first or second Saturday in June with possibly some further gathering on the Sunday following. It would be appreciated if you could put details of this reunion in the Vic. Historic Racing Register's newsletter. Anyone who competed at the club's events and is interested in attending the reunion should make contact with me and I can send further details as plans progress. I can be contacted as follows Ron Woodward Phone 0357 273407 Sat to Tues or AH on Wed to Fri. Email woody@netc.net.au or In writing to 28 Lauriston Ave. Milawa 3678

Hi Grant, Sorry for the late response. The students loved it and really had a great time at the Classic Car Event. (70 students attended PI from Kambrya College Berwick)

I am hoping to have an open day at our school in about 2 to 3 months' time. I have spoken to Philip Barrow who has a 1955 FJ Holden Special at the event and he is willing to bring his and some of his mates cars along for the display. Will let you know when and hoping that you can pass the message around as well. Would love to invite the community in Berwick and surrounding areas to view the cars on our school premises. Hoping that this would help promote our automotive department and our school.

Please let me know if have any ideas, Regards
Indhiran Padayachee, 68 Bemersyde Drive
Berwick Vic 3806 9707 7629 direct line

Adelaide Motorsport Festival: 12-13th April
The Adelaide Motorsport Festival is to be held on April 12 (Hillclimb) and Sunday 13th (Sprint). Visit www.adelaidemotorsportfestival.com.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. Penrite AGP Aussie Special boards will be provided for each vehicle Noel 03 5428 2689

Classifieds

FOR SALE Ford Ten based, Group K (b) Australian Monoposto Special. Supercharged,

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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.

Contact John Robinson at jrumpire@gmail.com or ring 0422 677 613. Books are located in the ACT and pickup is certainly possible.

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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.

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

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