



# VICTORIAN HISTORIC RACING REGISTER

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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

## NEWSLETTER - April 2015

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

April	12th	Myrning Sprints .....	03 9827 8124
April	25-26th	Mallala Historics .....	08 8271 5689
April	26th	Rob Roy - Trident Cup Rd 2 - <b>CCE</b> .....	03 9744 7309
April	28th	MGM .....	03 9877 2317
May	2nd-3rd	Autumn Historic Warwick .....	0424 321 072
May	24th	VHCC Rd 5 DECA SDCC .....	<a href="mailto:home@hepworthandco.com.au">home@hepworthandco.com.au</a>
May	30-31st	Historic Winton - A7 Club - <b>CCE</b> .....	03 5428 2869
June	23rd	MGM .....	03 9877 2317
July	4th-5th	Historic Queensland .....	0424 321 072
August	8-9th	Winton Festival of Speed - <b>CCE</b> .....	0412 351 403
August	25th	AGM & MGM .....	03 9877 2317
September	19th-20th	Wings & Wheels Maryborough - Trident Cup Rd 3 .....	03 9744 7309
October	4th	Vintage Collingrove .....	08 8271 5689
October	17th-18th (tbc)	Adelaide Motorsport Festival .....	08 8373 4899
October	27th	MGM .....	03 9877 2317
November	6-7th	Historic Sandown - <b>CCE</b> .....	0402 224 133
November	28th-29th	Geelong Revival Motoring Festival .....	<a href="http://geelongrevival.com.au">geelongrevival.com.au</a>
December	11th	VHRR Xmas Presentation & Awards Evening .....	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

\*CCE = Club Championship Event

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Important Announcement

The General Committee of the VHRR has for some considerable time been investigating the purchase of a Commercial type property to secure its long term future. After much research and deliberation the committee is pleased to inform members that it has unanimously made a decision to purchase the property at Unit 1, 2-6 Apollo Court Blackburn. A deposit has been paid and settlement takes place on April 15 2015. The property has been purchased subject to an existing lease by a secure and reliable tenant which will ensure an income for the club greater than the bank interest that we have been receiving in recent times. The Committee express their thanks to Derek McLaughlan for all his hard work and due diligence in this matter. For the foreseeable future, we will continue to have our clubrooms at Lexton Road and we thank John and Shirley Blanchard again for their continuing support of the club in this regard. We ask that members show courtesy to, and respect the privacy of, the tenants and if interested, do not attempt to view or inspect the property, other than from a street view.

VHRR President & Committee.

**Hi Richard.** I just wanted to formally thank

you on behalf of the BCOAAinc for the exceptional event that was the 2015 Phillip Island Historics.

We, as a club have been attending this event for over 10 years and it is a must do event on our yearly calendar.

The event gets better every year and as a club it is as much about the racing and the cars as it is about the social aspect for our members.

We were fortunate enough to again be awarded the "Best Club Display" this year something that we take great pride in winning. As a club

we try hard to display well and also provide an interesting and informative display, something that all clubs should do better.

For us it is not just a stop and prop event, it is an opportunity to showcase the brand and educate people about our cars.

Thank you also for the entry tickets and the chance to get the cars out on the track for the photo shoot.

Next year, the 10th anniversary of Peter Brocks passing, would be a great opportunity to formalise some type of tribute to PB, maybe with a lap of the racetrack by all HDT road and race cars attending the event?

Feel free to contact me via email or on 0418510310 if you have any ideas on this as the BCOAA will be wholeheartedly involved and offer any support it can.

Regards David Vears, President  
BCOAAinc

### Phillip Island Classic 2015

(A VSCC look by Conor Ryan)

The Phillip Island Classic was a huge success this year but with fewer pre-war and vintage cars, members of the VSCC either racing more modern vehicles or just coming down for a "gander". Many of the usual suspects were seen around the traps. Trevor Montgomery was regulating the ever aesthetically pleasing "Little Alfa" with his pal Chris Terdich (in the recently straightened MGB) consistently overlapping Trevor. Also in Regularity was a Bugatti 37 driven by Jason Nichols and also a Stutz Boat-

Tail, driven by Andrew Stuchbery which was a great thrill to watch, with many more faster cars getting stuck behind it in the corners, but was completely safe in the class with the



faster formula and sports type cars overtaking safely. Charles Rogers was caught up in the mayhem in the commentary box with good commentary the whole weekend, with Charles also having time to post numerous great pictures and stories on the Historic Racing

Australia Facebook page, though was missing a banner at the end of the weekend.

Few VSCC members were Racing in the JKL races, but it's quality not quantity that is important. Andrew Cannon was driving the Maserati and making a fantastic noise as it came by, using the opportunity to take Lady Margaret Brabham around in the Brabham Parade on the Sunday afternoon, in the same way he took Sir Jack around last year. His pace didn't slow because it was a "Parade", with many of the rear engined Coopers and Brabhams struggling to keep up!

George Hetrel was doing a great job again in the 35, with a new engine recently, the old engine only lasted about 20 years. Only problem is now we miss seeing George get out of the car to crank start it on the "Dummy Grid" now the car has a starter motor. George was also double entering the car with his stepson, Patrick Davies, driving the bug well in regularity. The regulars of JKL racing in Australia and Victoria were in attendance all having fun with clean racing the whole weekend.

Frank Cuttell in the ERA inspired Supercharged Armstrong Siddeley sadly blowing the head gasket Saturday afternoon and Frank calling it a day and not running on the Sunday. It being obvious he blew a gasket as there was water coming out of the exhaust pipe!

The VHRR made an effort to bring out some International cars from England and North America (despite a bitter strike on the West Coast of USA), most notably Paddins Dowling in the ex-Whitehead Australian Grand Prix winning ERA R10B (which is pictured in our clubrooms running at Rob Roy). Such a thrill to see it running again in Australia, not only because of its history but also because of the sound of it! Stuart Steinfort was also down for a look but not running due to the P-Type not liking faster tracks. From what I saw on the VSCC Facebook Page, Bob King brought down a Bugatti for a look at the racing and a natter.

Noel Cunningham and Victoria Morris were in attendance in the Keift, with Noel not being able to run the Talbot-Darracq due to the rear end being worked on at the Up The Creek Workshop. Graham Burnham was down at the island in his lovely mid-60s Alfa Romeo showing off his beautiful MOMO wheels down at the Friday Night "Cowes Cavalcade". Numerous cars were being shown off trying to enlist some locals to come down to the track to watch.

Also at the Island was a gaggle of more modern historic racing cars including some Can-Am cars, Chevron B16, B23, 962 Porsches, an ex-Donohue 911, close to 60 cars racing in groups N, S and also bumper capacity fields in Formula Ford and Formula Vee. All in all a great weekend with no major incidents on track. Hope to see more of you watching the circus at Winton in May.

This is more of a VSCC event with more JKL cars competing and more vintage cars in Regularity. More members should be coming down to Phillip Island, Winton Long track and Sandown and try and relive the Old Days (before I was born) with full grids of JKL, especially J and K, the pre 40's cars we all love.

Conor Ryan

### **Ecurie Australie/VHRR "Youth Development Program"**

Mission Statement:

"To foster and encourage interest, to create opportunities and to develop a broad range of skills, both on and off the track, for young people in Australian motorsport."

Background:

One of the biggest challenges facing young people wanting to become actively involved in motorsport is the combination of lack of finance to enter the sport, and then the lack of opportunity to build knowledge and experience. The Victorian Historic Racing Register [VHRR] in association with members of the Davison family, are joining forces to develop a youth program with the goal of bridging these two gaps.

The Program:

The goal of this program is to provide a varied number of opportunities, on an annual basis, for young people in the 17 – 21 years age bracket, to develop their skills and interests in motorsport in Australia, and to do this in a very applied and hands on manner.

The aim is to build knowledge and experience in areas like engineering and mechanical skills, through to the actual driving, car set up and team management skills, along with the personal presentation and marketing skills that are so vital in modern motorsport.

We will utilize historic motorsport and Historic Formula Ford cars as the ideal vehicles for this youth development program, and then look to utilize the experience of a number of key people within the historic motorsport ranks to assist in



the running of this program.

Ecurie Australie has recently purchased an FF86 Quest Formula Ford to use as the basis of this program, and we have identified Grant Kelly and Ross McLachlan as the two young men to be the foundation members of this program in 2015 & 2016.

The FF86 Quest will be given a full shakedown at Historic Mallala in April, with the car being driven by highly experienced HFF driver Jon Miles, with both Grant and Ross on the spanners. After a post Mallala analysis, the car will undergo a full strip down and rebuild in Melbourne, with Grant and Ross working under the supervision of a number of highly experienced motorsport people. The goal is to see the car fully overhauled and rebuilt by November, 2015, when Grant and Ross will drive the car at both the historic Rob Roy hillclimb and the Geelong Revival, running as part of Ecurie Australie.

The car will then be prepared and driven by Grant and Ross at selected historic events during 2016, again all under the supervision of highly experienced motorsport people, with the car running as part of the Ecurie Australie historic racing team.

### **Group FJ Report**

The recent Phillip Island event proved as usual to be an attractive historic race meeting for Formula Junior, where 12 cars from all over Australia were entered for the first event of the 2015 season.

Due to the popularity of this event, Formula Junior were divided into front engine cars who raced with Group JKL, and rear engine cars with Group M&O.

Overall, Greg Thornton from NSW driving his Australian built Elfin was the most competitive car during the weekend, closely followed by Don Thallon from Qld. In his MRC22 who incidentally won the Leo Geoghegan AFJA Trophy for 2014 presented to him at the AGM at Cowes during the weekend.

Regards, Kelvin Prior FJ Group Rep



**I thought that the photo** of my daughter Claire Greig driving her grandfather's Cooper Irving at the AGP could be of interest for your newsletter. Many thanks to Graeme Noonan for paying our family this great honour, albeit sadly the clutch failed on the first lap.

Thankfully my nephew Alex Davison got to do a few laps on the Friday, and I know that he really enjoyed the experience. Regards, Chris Davison.

### **Classifieds**

**Unique opportunity** to own a 1971 Rennmax BN6 BMW 2 litre Sports Racing Car. The original Ray Hanger car - 2nd built by Bob Britton. Log book, COD, total, ground-up restoration. M10 1998CC BMW engine, E12 Head, Schrick Cam, aircraft quality overhead gear, steel rods, dry sump 225plus BHP. Complete 'ready to go' 197 BHP spare engine, Hewland FT 200 transaxle and gear sets for all tracks, mounted wets.

Nothing to do but get in and drive!

Contact - Jim Foulis 0418 346 174

Realistic offers considered.

**MGTC Aluminium Racing Tank** Two outlets, no spare wheel indent, Screw on cap. Keith 03 9974 0609

**For Sale Jaguar E Type** - four original Dunlop chrome wire wheels \$150.

Lotus 6, wooden bucks high quality used to make the aluminum nose and rear mud guard sections of the body \$200.

Call Roy 03 5248 7131 or 0402 007 729

**Wanted: Smiths 2"** boost gauge. Please call John Sheppard on 03 9379 7898, 0419 398270 or email john.shp@bigpond.com"

### **For Sale 2010 Mercedes Benz Coupe**

2010 Mercedes Benz CLC 200 Kompressor Auto, 2 door sports coupe, 4 seats, 44,100 KI, This car has been a dream, very economical, very safe car, low Ks and realistically priced \$27,500.00 ONO Mornington 3931

Chrissy Becker 0418 515 140

### **Mercedes 190E Cosworth For Sale**

Genuine car, values for these are rising rapidly overseas. Specs include

2.3 litre, 16 valve DOHC engine, 5 speed Gertrag gearbox (dogleg 1st gear), Smoke Silver with black full leather interior. Very original apart from Koni shocks & AMG wheels, no rust, in great condition.

Imported in 1998 and owned by me since 2003, well looked after with a large history file since importation. Has been registered in Vic, now on club plates (non transferable). Asking \$37,000, photos & more details available on request. Andrew 0413 273 499