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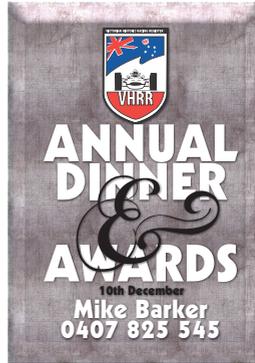
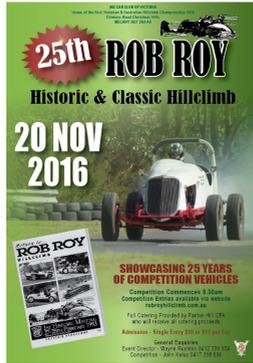
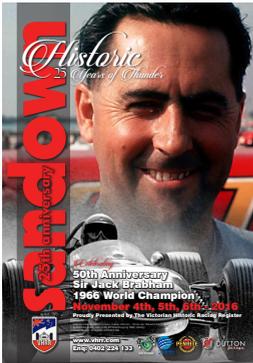
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NEWSLETTER - November 2016

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

November	4th-6th	25th Annual Historic Sandown	0438 438 093
November	20th	25th Historic & Classic Rob Roy Rd 3 Triple Cup	0407 825 545
November	20th	Festival of Wheels - Moorabbin Airport	03 9555 0133
November	25th-27th	Geelong Revival	0431 183 176
December	10th	Annual Dinner & Awards Night.....	0407 825 545
March	17-18-19th	Phillip Island Classic.....	03 9877 2317



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 (Red Plate)	Gordon Hellsten03 9878 5272 5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130 *CCE = Club Championship Event

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Phillip Island Date confirmed: 17-18-19 March 2017

It was a busy night for the VHRR general meeting with Frank Lowndes as the guest speaker, Frank spoke of his days with the HDT, working with Harry Firth and Ian Tate, and bringing to light some of the little secrets that they used to beat the other competitors.



Sandra Caffin was given a Life Membership of the VHRR for her tireless work for the club over many years. The standing ovation showing the appreciation for Sandra.



Ian Tate had a special award "The Service Star" given to him by CAMS for his efforts in 2016, well done Ian.

David Fogg presented to the VHRR, a framed photo donated by Jennie Luckins, showing the

visit to the LCCA by Fangio in 1978, thanks Jennie.

Laurie Bennett gave a talk about his racing overseas. Cheers Simmo.

Rob Roy Interclub Challenge Round

3 (Final) - (also 2nd of 2 VHRR Hillclimb Club Championship Events).

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

Sunday 2 October was an ideal morning for a drive in an open car and what better place to drive the Elfin than Rob Roy!

This event was the final round of the Rob Roy Inter Club Challenge and also the second round of VHRR's 2 hillclimb's, this year, counting towards the Club Championship.

To start with the track conditions were typical Rob Roy - not great traction off the line. But for the last run of the day the track seemed to come good, and most competitors achieved their best time on the last run. Except for me as, after the "tyre cleaning" exercise for my last run, my throttle was stuck and I chose to sit that one out. At that point I wasn't sure if it was a fast idle or jammed open.

VHRR COMPETITORS

VHRR were represented by 7 competitors, but those 7 contributed to a total of 52 points for the day.

Franz Bird gave his MGTC a run (his fastest time 33.07, 14.6 split, 77 Km/h over finish line).

John Elliott took his Renault Alpine to 3rd in class (26.67, 12.48, 118).

Stumpy and Phil Gray had their usual ding dong battle with Stumpy coming out on top by 0.06! finishing with first in class with figures of (25.38, 11.85, 114) against (25.44, 11.72, 113). Phil did have a slight off on run 3.

Dick O'Keefe, in his Photon, had a great battle with James Scott in the Pirahna P3. On the second last run they were equal on 26.0. on the last run Dick did a 25.28 (25.28, 12.13, 117), unfortunately for Dick James did a 24.85 (24.85, 12.03, 115) for the class win.

Dick did manage to get his car onto to the front cover of the program and results sheets.

Rick Scott shared the Pirahna P3 drive with son James (31.27, 14.08, 91)

I took a class win in the Elfin Clubman (24.07, 11.47, 128) along with FTD.

ROB ROY INTERCLUB CHALLENGE FINAL POINTS

VHRR took out the 3 round club challenge for 2016 on 103 points from the Mini Club on 82 points. The MG club had elected not to contest

the challenge, they had this event as a round of their championship instead.

TOP 5 CLUBS FINISHING ORDER:

VHRR 103 points

Victorian Mini Club 82 points

Gippsland CC 54

Lotus CCV 47

Renault CCV 36

THROTTLE PROBLEM

The problem with my throttle turned out to be a dust cap! On the end of the outer cable is a dust cap and this had come loose. What then happens is, under certain conditions, the cap finds it's way between the inner cable and the throttle bell crank. This leaves the throttles partly open giving a fast idle.

NEXT ROB ROY -TRIPLE CUP FINAL ROUND

20th November - 25th Historic and Classic Rob Roy

This event is also round 3 (MGCC's round) of the 3 club "Triple Cup". Standings following round 2 are:

VSCC - 233 points

VHRR - 200 points

MGCC - 7 points

So the battle is on! MGCC will do well in the final round, It will be down to the wire! So get your entries in! Mike Barker

Formula Juniors

Diamond Jubilee World Tour

The Barabagallo historic meeting last weekend provided the backdrop for the first round of the Australian sector of the ongoing world tour for Formula Juniors, in all their guises. And some stunning cars there were too. Doug Elcomb's Dreossi, made from an early Jet fighter drop fuel tank attracted much attention and he drove it superbly each time out. Norm Falkiner's immaculate Stanguellini was also popular with the punters and visitors alike.

In fantastic conditions the "Juniors" were divided into 3 categories representing significant stages of development in that class between 1959 and 1963. They were split into front engine cars, early rear engine (Drum Brakes) and later model (Disc Brake) rear engine cars.

The meeting saw the participation of drivers from England, Scotland, NZ, the USA, Canada and South Africa along with locals. Some 8 entries were from the Eastern states that made up a 30 car entry list. Free practise (and I do mean FREE!) on Thursday, more practise and qualifying on Friday with 4 races over the weekend - generous track time made the long

journey West well worthwhile.

Local organiser, and oft time European racer, Marty Bullock dominated the weekend winning each event outright in his glorious Lotus 27, but things were much closer in the class divisions. Chris Drake from the UK was sensational in his early drum brake rear engined Elva 300, keeping Marty honest in each race. Eastern State drivers Noel Bryen and Bill Norman flew the flag for the Aussies and David Innes from South Africa in another stunning Lotus 27 also performed well all weekend. He was, however, chased hard by both Phil Foulkes (Lotus 20/22) and John Rapley (Brabham BT6), both from NZ. Driving the magic little KOALA, local Mike Rowe also made his presence felt in each event. Peter Strauss had electrical gremlins all weekend and when it was rectified he fell victim an errant oil spill and was shunted off in the last race! Sometimes we should stay home?

In the Drum Brake class, Chris Drake won well but JR Mitchell from the USA in his LOTUS 18 drove superbly and improved his times each time out -securing 2nd in class for his efforts. Robert Buckley in his GOLFORD was enthusiastic and very competitive ensuring his 3rd spot in class for the weekend. In fact, the top five placings including Bill Hemming and Doug Elcomb from Canada were very close on points and the results could have well been quite different.

Local FJ Enthusiast and co-host with Marty Bullock, Neil McCrudden provided no less than 14 cars for people to drive in various events and classes throughout the weekend, most coming from his museum - WARM - well worth a visit if you are going "West" anytime. Social time was taken care of by Marty and the spit roast he catered for at his premises was also attended by a number of F5000 guys and gals - a terrific night catching up with many folk along the way. In the front engine class, the World "Supremo" of all things Formula Junior, Duncan Rabagliati brought over his well know Alexi HF1, affectionately known as the "Carrot" due to its fetching orange body work. Both car and Duncan acquitted themselves well (after some minor mechanical repairs on Sunday morning) taking out a podium result in that class. The shining light in front engine cars on this occasion was Ian Phillips in his beautiful Lola Mk2. Max Pegram in the equally desirable Gemini Mk2 finished on the same points total to Ian but came second on a count back - great driving Max! Norm Falkiner, Stanguellini, was unlucky

to be involved in a start line fracas, suffering no damage to his car, but disappointed to not be competitive on points.

The Juniors now move on to Sandown for the second leg of the Australian SMC, followed by Eastern Creek, oops, sorry SMSF, late November. This burgeoning category now has firm commitments from competitors to race "equalised" cars, globally over the next two years. The Jubilee includes 6 race meetings in NZ early next year, then back in the UK followed by 8 races in the USA. 2018 sees more in Europe and a three race tour in the Baltic States to complete this amazing world wide tour. No other category of race car has ever attempted this type of celebration and to date it has been an outstanding success. Grids have, in one case, exceeded 100 cars, but usually contain about 35-40 cars at each outing - the interest in this class world wide is truly amazing and is in no small part due to the quality and closeness of the racing along with the enormous variety of machinery that can compete on a truly competitive basis.

See you at Sandown, meanwhile,
Cheers, Kim Shearn, President
Australian Formula Junior Association
(AFJA) cell: 0418 335 385

Formula Junior Report

Formula Junior owners are experiencing an exciting time at present with the first of the Diamond Jubilee events in Western Australia at the Barbagallo circuit, where 28 cars contested 4 events in late October, that included 10 overseas drivers from the UK, NZ, USA, & Canada. There were 9 interstate cars including 5 from Vic. with the most competitive car being a Lotus 27 currently owned by WA local Martin Bullock, that I restored for the previous Vic. owner Janet Conheady.

I have now finished the "Formula Junior in Australia" publication that illustrates 114 local Australian cars that is now being offered for sale to interested parties at various locations including Sandown Raceway in Vic. and Eastern Creek in NSW during the November Diamond Jubilee events. Regards, Kelvin Prior, FJ Group Rep.

I thought this may be of some interest to those who recall the ABC program 'A Big Country'. They did a special on Lou Molina racing at Winton back in about 1983. I've just ordered a DVD copy of it (the old video copy we have is pretty tired). Here's the contact details at the ABC if you think anyone might be interested; email: progsales@abc.net.au

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Classifieds

Historic 300S Maserati enclosed trailer as owned by the late John Best. One of two specially made by Rice Trailers for the 300S Maseratis of Doug Whiteford and Bob Jane. They were commissioned by Doug and Bob based on a lowered and extended form of the well regarded Rice horse floats. Featuring dual axles, a drop down rear door that doubles as a ramp, steel frame and draw-bar, aluminium skin and wooden floors. Complete with extension ramps to cater for very low clearance race cars. This particular one, which we believe was Bob Jane's, has been re-painted in the Youl MRD blue and has new axles and bearings. Asking price is \$12,000 negotiable. Contact Roy Best on 0402 085 527

I have recently joined the VHRR. I have also recently purchased an Austin Healey 100/4 previously owned by Gordon Cope Williams which I intend to convert back to a Group S race car. The car was an ex race car that was owned by David Maders and was part of the "Midnight Motors" team of cars that included the Shields brothers and raced extensively in the late '70s, early '80s. I am currently trying to find photos, details of racing results etc for the car but with not much luck. Any help will be appreciated. Shane O'Brien 0400 614 481
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