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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - April 2009

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	4th - 5th	Wings & Wheels Moorabbin.....	03 9515 0350
April	5th	American Motor Show Flemington.....	03 9890 0524
April	11th - 13th	Mallala & Collingrove Hillclimb.....	08 8373 4899
April	19th	Myrningong Sprints.....	03 9827 8124
April	28th	MGM VHRR Clubrooms	
May	3rd	VHRR Rob Roy (CCE).....	0413 744 337
May	19th	Social night at the Clubrooms.....	0427 031 737
May	30th - 31st	Historic Winton.....	03 5428 2689
June	13th - 14th	National Sports Museum - MCG.....	03 9657 5502
June	21st	Rob Roy MGCC Club Challenge.....	03 9850 4795
July	4th	Xmas in July - Paul Schilling.....	0409 862 949
August	9th	John Pryce Trial OST A7 Club (TBC).....	03 9787 3640
August	16th	Heathcote (CCE).....	0413 744 337
August	23rd	Rob Roy VSCC Vintage Hillclimb.....	03 9850 4795
September	22nd	Social night at the Clubrooms.....	0427 031 737
October	4th	Haunted Hills (CCE).....	0429 999 675
November	6th - 8th	Historic Sandown (CCE)	0402 224 133
November	29th	Rob Roy 18th Historic & Classic.....	03 9850 4795
December	5th	Xmas Presentation Dinner.....	03 9877 2758

Wednesday Lunch Group - every Wednesday except Christmas Holidays.

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS Wednesdays 11.30 - 2.00 Club Nights 6.30 - 7.30

Club Permit Scheme Lloyd Shaw.....0415 351 164

(Red Plate) PO Box 828 Glen Waverley 3150

*CCE = Club Championship Event

All the above club activities including the Wednesday Lunch are designated Red Plate activities

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

- **National Sports Museum - MCG 13th - 14th June 2009** More details later, but keep this in mind if you would be interested in promoting the VHRR there.
 - **Wings & Wheels Exhibition at Moorabbin Airport** - April 4th & 5th 2009.
 - **Should you have an historic sports or racing car** which has not previously exhibited at Wings & Wheels, and you care to contact me on 03 9515 0350, or 0412 926 002, I shall register your interest with the Museum Council. Bill Prowse Wings & Wheels Coordinator.
 - **If you have or would like to compete in the 2009 Leyburn Sprints** please complete the online Competitors Entry Request at www.leyburnmotorsprints.com.au
 - **Library - Library - Library** We'd like to hear your ideas on how the Library can better serve the interests of the club. Give Noel a call on 0402 224 133 if you think there might be a way to encourage members to take advantage of this terrific club facility.
 - **Announcing A New Series For Club Members :** The 2009 Trident Cup Series
We are proud to announce the above new series. As you know the club has run events at Rob Roy, Heathcote, Morwell and the new Haunted Hills complex in recent years. Club member John D'Asques then thought, why not make them a series, hence 2009 Trident Cup was born ! John is working with K11, David Floyd, Ray Da Costa and John Lawton to make it all happen. The dates and locations are as follows :Sunday 3rd May ROB ROY, Sunday 16th August HEATHCOTE Sunday 4th October HAUNTED HILLS.
In late March we will post out general supp. regs and entry forms for all three events. If you entered last May's Rob Roy or last August's Heathcote, you will be on our database and receive a package in the mail. Initial enquiries to the series director, K11 9830 3833. Mark them in your diary now.
 - **Christmas In July** has undergone a slight change from what was announced at the last General Meeting...The plan now is; To meet at Tooradin at the Coffee and cake shop for coffee at about 10am on Saturday the 4th of July 2009. At your own expense. Then to head off for lunch at the Kilkunda Hotel from about 12.30pm to 2.30 or so. Also at your own expense from a large menu. Then head off to the Silverwater Resort in San Remo where we will stay the night. We should be there and signed in etc by about say 3.30 to 4.00pm. You could amuse your selves there OR visit the LUKEY Museum at the Phillip Island Circuit or just rest in the very comfortable apartments. We plan to leave for dinner by buses at about 6.30 to 7pm. We then are transported to the Spice Island Restaurant on Churchill island where we will have the restaurant to our selves. We will then partake in a traditional English Christmas Dinner, with all the trimmings and cooked by the resident Chef who in a previous life was Lady Diana's private chef and noted Restaurant owner in London. In the morning at a sensible (9.00am to 9.30 am) starting time we will drive our automotive pride and joy (If you would like to bring yours along) back to Churchill Island to the lawns around the Spice Island restaurant where we will partake of a full buffet breakfast prepared by the very chef that would have done so well the previous evening. After breakfast the ladies could band together for a tour of Churchill Island and several cups of coffee and lots of talking. The cost of this extravagant little exercise will be ONLY \$150.00 per person. We will need at least 20 couples to make the operation a success and to keep the price at \$150.00 per head. Mark the date of Saturday July 4th and Sunday July 5th in your diary and get in touch with me as soon as you decide to join us. Regards, Paul 1/- (paulschilling@bigpond.com)
 - **I will be running a social night** at the Lexton Rd club rooms on Tuesday 19th of May starting from 6.00pm. No theme on this night ,just neat casual wear and bring your own every thing, i.e. food and drinks (Coffee will be available on the night). Food is available at the Kerrimuir shopping centre on the corner of Middleburgh Rd and Springfield Rd Box Hill with a large range of pizzas, pastas ,noodles and even good old fish and chips. Gents bring your wives, girl friend or even a mate to meet in a social atmosphere and make use of our VHRR clubrooms. The next social night after this one will take place on the Tuesday 22nd Sept starting at 6.00 pm again at the VHRR clubrooms in Lexton Rd. Box Hill. After much discussion with like minded members it was thought that only two social nights during the year were enough, so get behind your club and come and enjoy these nights. For more info contact Ron Simmonds on 59622331 or 0427031737 See you there !
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Easter Mallala - Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th April, 2009

Annie Ozgo tells us they are keen to get the entry numbers up for the Easter Mallala so they are holding entries open for a couple of days. Might be dry!!! More info (08) 8373 4899 or download an Entry Form from the VHRR website.

On behalf myself and our club members who competed last weekend, I would like to congratulate everyone at the VHRR for again running a wonderful meeting in what must have been very trying conditions with the weather, we again were made very welcome by all involved, organization, hospitality was fantastic along with the no-fuss approach much welcomed by us all. We came to enjoy, and enjoy we did! We are looking forward to making the trip over again next year

Kind Regards Mark Jewell President WAHTCC

A massive field of 564 entrants braved largely sodden conditions for the VHRR's 2009 Classic Festival of Motorsport held at Phillip Island. Drenched spectators were rewarded with some fine displays of wet-weather driving as the on-track action often proved hotter than the ambient temperature.

This celebration of historic motorsport continues to gain recognition in international circles as the biggest historic event in the Southern hemisphere. Lindsay Fox's ambitious development plan provided an enhanced off-track ambience and included the utilisation of the new sheltered "expo" area, where major sponsor Shannon's had set up static displays that were packed throughout the weekend as the rain took hold. Inside, where one could procure a hot drink with a minimum of fuss, punters were treated to some wonderful sights including a fabulously restored Gullwing Mercedes. Holden Toranas were also out in force, with premier performance models including XU-1 and L34 being prominent. For those looking beyond the host country one could find a couple of wonderfully presented Allards in between the Falcon coupes and Valiants.

Car clubs again showed their support of the event, staying strong despite the quagmire that was quickly developing outside. Alfa Romeo, HDT and Audi were amongst those featured along with a couple of open MG's. A wander around the parking areas always produces some hidden gems, though with the weather many could be forgiven for keeping their pride and joys safely garaged. A couple of RHD converted Lancia Delta Integrales were discovered, along with a range of Ferraris from 250GTE to 430 Scuderia.



Pic courtesy Neil Hammond

In fact, many exotic types were graciously offered by their owners (OK, some track time was the carrot) where, in exchange for a \$50 donation to the Bushfire appeal lucky spectators could passenger for a couple of hot laps on the dry portion of Sunday morning. New-age Shelby Super-Snakes snarled down the straights, chased by Lamborghini Gallardos, leaving the more sedate types, including some early Bentley's, in their wake.

On track, the action was fast and furious as and when weather allowed. The organisers did a great job of rescheduling events to keep the show rolling as best they could, given the conditions which appeared to be approaching monsoonal at times.



Tumbledown marquees in the Pits



Flooding in the spectator parks - Pics courtesy Richard Williams

This favoured the categories that were more production based, or who had appropriate tyres, and these groups were able to keep their full schedules over the weekend despite around 4 hours of track time being lost on the Saturday. Unfortunately it meant that other groups missed out on their Saturday, but it was really beyond anyone's control on safety grounds.

Adam Davis (The complete version of this report will feature in the next Oily Rag)

Group C Report for Phillip Island. Great to see 30 odd cars line up on the grid. No surprise to see Glenn Seton top the time charts with a 1:44.06 in the BMW followed by Bill Cutler (BMW) and Chris Dubois (Sierra Cosworth). First of the Group C cars was Steve Perrot in the Phillips hatchback followed by Michael Turner and Tony Sawford both in A9Xs.

Racing Saturday was pretty much what we all know as atrocious weather with Seton dominating the race. First Group C car home was Perrot followed by Sawford a few cars back. Race 1 Sunday was dominated by BMW 123 Seton, Towe, Cutler. First of the Group C cars was again Perrott followed by Sawford and Roddy the race involved a three car incident in turn 4 involving myself Chad Parrish and Adrian Alissey. No one was hurt but some damage to the cars.

Race 4 saw Towe, Markland and Cutler make the top three as Seton did not take part due to a flight home. Again Perrot and Sawford were the first Group C cars home.

Apart from the weather everyone in the category was delighted with meeting. I did not hear one bad word all weekend. The pit garages were a godsend and the concrete area was great for the guys with marquees. On behalf of the VHRR thanks to all the competitors for putting a great show on and look forward to the next event.

I would like to make a personal thank you to the people who supported me this year, supplying me with a set of rear tyres. I was speechless when the guys presented two tyres to me to replace the 4 year old slicks I had on the car. I have been involved with a lot of motorsport over the years at the highest levels and have never experienced the helpful and wonderful people like I have in historic racing. Thankyou to Neville Butler, Craig Bowring, Mick and Anna Cameron, Adrian Allisey, Wayne Murphy, Les Dew, you are what makes this worth doing.

I would also like to thank Richard Williams for his help and effort in the Expo Centre with our display and Craig Bowring for all his help over the weekend, and Ian Tate for his help and supporting the first ever L34 Torana Nationals. The Expo Centre was a massive hit with all people who entered. The comments on all the muscle cars on display was unbelievable to hear, and they cannot wait for next year.

Troy Kelly



The auction of rare photographs of Sir Jack Brabham at the Saturday dinner and Sunday VIP lunch functions this year's Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motor Sport contributed substantially to the \$15,000 raised at the meeting towards the Victorian Bushfire appeal.

Thanks also go to:

Bill Wellwood	Auctioneer	P I Circuit	Drive Day Experience
Bob Harborow	Prints	Penrite	Various products
Brenda Campbell	Fund Coordinator	Repco	Auto Tools
Cooldrive - J Blanchard Snr	Various products	Rod Bateman	Yarra Valley Wine
Cope Williams Wine	Wine	Sabe Saitta	Model Car
Harry Firth	Memorabilia	Shannons	TV & Porsche Model
Images Publishing	Books	Terry Lawrie	Prints
Jim Richards	Ride	VACC	Tool Boxes
Mike Harbar	Prints		

Rain Tyres – Historic Or Not?

Phillip Island was a wonderful meeting, the weather notwithstanding. That the event was such a success is a credit to the VHRR and its organising group. However, a number of competitors had some major concerns (all mentioned to this author) regarding the issue of wet weather tyres.



We all know and most of us would agree to the broad aims and parameters of historic racing. There will always be arguments about what car (or part) is eligible, but for the most part the decisions made can be rationally explained and substantiated; on both sides. However, where safety is concerned organisers and those who set the rules must be careful, because this is where the law can step in, and step in hard.

At Phillip Island we were treated to a harangue on safety (together with racist jokes) and treated like errant schoolboys. Yet, we were allowed (Group S) to keep racing in appalling conditions, with most of us on either marginally treaded, or almost slick tyres. Not that it would have mattered anyway, because we are not allowed to run wet weather tyres. Wet weather tyres were used and raced from the early 70's. Therefore, why cannot we use wet weather tyres if our class (or vehicle) utilised them during their competition period? It is a question of safety. Either stop the races (on the grounds of safety), or help make the cars safer.

Whether we like it or not a race track is regarded as a place of work under 'Worksafe'. If a mechanic, helper, or spectator is killed, or injured because of an issue of 'safety', then no rules covering the historic interpretation will help. The organisers will be held liable. If a racing car injures one of these people, or the driver is killed because the rules say he cannot have the safest tyres allowed (at least under the regulated period), then the law may become involved.

Nobody who has any sense would think of racing without a helmet, seat belts or a racing suit. So what is the difference? Obviously, it could be argued that surely the onus is on the driver to decide whether it is safe to race or not. Get a driver to come in because there is a chance to maybe get a good result - yeah right!

Colin Fulton

2009 Australian Grand Prix Historic Demonstrations - Entry List

* A Berryman/J Mantello	MG K3	M Trevisan/S Pike	Austin Healey 100S
* Andrew Cannon	Bugatti T37(A)	Mal Reid	Prad Repco Mk3
Bill Alexander	Austin Healey 100S	Mark Scott	Elfin Clubman
Brendan Quinn	Aston Martin DB2	Maurice Alexander	Bolwell
Brent Cooper	Mercedes Benz 190SL	Maxwell Lane	Brabham BT18
Brian Wilson	Brabham BT24	N Harding/J Smith	Lotus 49
* Cameron Sabine	427 Corvette	Nick Daunt	Cooper T39 Bobtail
Chris Bucknell	MG R-Type	* Nigel Gray	Singer Le Mans
David Bell	Railton	* Nigel Tait	Matich SR4
* David Jones	Alfa Romeo Zagato	* P ffrench/T ffrench	Morgan +4
David Mottram	Lotus Elite	* Peter Strauss	ISO Grifo
Des Dillon	Hispano Suiza	* Phil Schudmak	Bugatti T35B/R
Ean McDowell	Stanguellini	Phil Segat	Lotus 18
Frank Moore	Tornado	Phillip Bradey	MG K3
* G Lawson/A Gibson	Lotus X1 LeMans	* Ron Townley/Ian Tate	Lago Talbot
G Murdoch/N Murdoch	Lombard	Jeff Dutton	Shelby Cobra 427
* G Smith/P Statton	Allard J2	* R Jamieson/T Parkinson	Alfa Romeo 8C
* G Steinfort/S Steinfort	Austin 7 'Raid car'	Rob Rowland	AC Mk 111 289
G Wright/G Wright	Elfin Mallala	* Robert Harborow	Maybach
* George Hetrel	Bugatti T35C	Roger Ealand	Marcos
* Graeme Noonan	Cooper Mk7	* Ross Jackson	DeTomaso Pantera
Graeme Raper	4½ litre Bentley	* Shane Bowden	Prad
Graham Alexander	Maserati 'Birdcage'	Shane Kuchel	March 77B
Grant Perryman	Ferrari 250 GT PF	Simon Taylor	Stovebolt Special
* Ian Henderson	Porsche RSR 2.8	Steve McClintock	Jaguar XK120C
* Ian McDonald	Ausca	Ray Delaney	Maserati 250F
Ian Ross	Lola-Hart THL1 F1	Tig Griffiths	Morgan S Sport
* John Sheppard	Maybach 2	* Tony Burrage	Rennmax
Keith Berryman	Matich SR3	Trevor Montgomery	Alfa Romeo 1500
* Ken Williams	Brabham BT14	Warren Daly	Jaguar D-Type
* = VHRR Member			

A Word Of Thanks From The Humbled!

Well after some five years we were finally able to conduct a Formula 5000 Race at the AGP. Thank you, Drew Ward, Craig Fletcher, Kaine Leonard and Stephen Goss of the AGPC.

And from a competition point of view it was a stunning race to be part of even at 15th place!
From an organisational point of view, of course we would like to do things better, but given that we only had weeks after the decision was taken to prepare for the event, I am extremely happy with the result and commitment from the competitors.

But this note is really about thanking those who pitched in and made it happen, first, the VHRR Committee, who encouraged me greatly with their willingness to allow the VHRR to take global responsibility for the event, secondly the strength and support provided by Club Members and Ian Tate, Ian McLennan, Bob Morrow, Grant and Brenda Campbell, along with Michael Holloway and the selflessness of the great Kevin Bartlett.

Also my thanks to those at CAMS who have supported and facilitated our involvement, Rebecca Drummond, Michael Smith, Bruce Keys, Brique Reed, Tim Schenken, Geoff Bull and Peter Nelson.

Bob Harborow

Entrants in the 2009 F1 Grand Prix F5000 events

1	Aaron Burson	Talon MR1A	26	Bob Harborow	Lola T192
2	Aaron Lewis	Chevron B24	30	Ian Clements	Lola T332
3	David Abbott	Lola T430	33	Shayne Windelburn	Lola T400
4	Ken Smith	Lola T430 HU1	35	John Mackinlay	March 73A/2
5	Tony Floreani	Elfin MR5	39	Kerry McIntosh	Begg FM2
7	D'arcy Russell	Lola T330	44	Phillip Lewis	Match A50
8	Kerry Anderson	Lola T142	47	Poul Christie	Lola T190
10	Bruce Leeson	McLaren M10B	51	Peter Burson	McRae GM1
11	Bill Hemming	Elfin MR8 AC	54	Mark Dwyer	Lola T400
12	Ken James	Elfin MR8	63	Andrew Robson	Lola T332
13	Steve Ross	Lola T142	64	Michael Lyons	Lola T400
14	Russell Greer	Lola T332	66	Roger Williams	Lola T332
15	Frank Lyons	Lola T332	74	Judy Lyons	Eagle FA74
20	Tony Roberts	McLaren M22	77	Chris Hocking	Match A53
21	Lindsay O'Donnell	Begg FM5	88	Sefton Gibb	Lola T332
23	Tony Richards	Lola T332	99	Graham Smith	March 732A
25	Stan Redmond	Lola T332			



Classifieds

For sale: Lathe, Rexman 4½" swing, 20' B/C, with 3-jaw chuck, faceplate, catchplate, full set of change gears to cut imperial threads, ½ HP 240V motor, on steel stand. \$1000.00 Graham, Donvale, 9842 1419

Light open Car Trailer for Mini, MG, Clubman, Open Wheeler or any Vintage type racer. Single axle, new tyres, new Lights, was Registered. \$650 0419 312 299 Glen Iris.

1960 JWF Milano Original Body And A Chassis ,offers Around \$6000 Comes With Unfitted Running Gear From Datsun 1200 Disc Brake Front End Chris Pepper 0409141046 Doncaster East

Rebco corner weight scales, in good condition. A "must have" for proper set up of race cars. \$1000. Phone John Sheppard on 9379 7898 or 0419 398 270

4x5.50 x 16 Dunlop racing tyres 204.approx 75% tread.\$ offers. Paul @ HVR 98770666

Wren FF Group R logbook and C of D. Third car of the second series built by Bill Reynolds.

Good condition. Little raced and a huge bargain at \$18,500 plus \$1,500.00 (note revised price!) for the four wheeled enclosed trailer if required. Easy to look after and fast enough to be exciting this is the ideal way to go historic racing Ray DaCosta on 03 5940 1647 or email dacosta@net2000.com.au

Wanted A pair of Weber 40 DCM2 Carburettors to complete the restoration of a SCA powered BT1 Grant Clearwater Tel +64 32084877 email: grant@northernsouth.com

Gentlemen of the VHRR. I am looking for the following in my search for documents related to the light car club: Any copies of the magazine, The Australian Motorist. LACCA Annual reports (a small booklet) for 1969/70, 1989/90 and 1990/91. If you have any of these I would be grateful for a loan of them for a short time to photocopy or scan material. At present I am gathering information and recording it so as to build up a complete history of the club.. Later I would like to talk to ex-members about their recollections, highlights etc. and start gathering photographs of club events (both motoring and social). I would be most grateful for your assistance. Bob Watson 0427 201 158

Wanted - Technical Articles & Personal stories for the Oily Rag - 03 9787 3640



Pics courtesy Nell Hammond

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - don't miss out! Register Now! - Your opportunity to win one of the many trophies presented at the Christmas Awards function.

Events counting towards the Championship:

March	13th - 15th	Phillip Island Classic (CCE)	03 9877 2317
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Registration for Club Championship - Please fill out this form & post to VHRR - Mike Byrne 3 Kristen Close Frankston 3199 before Phillip Island with a cheque for \$10.00

Name Car Group

Address

..... Phone Fax