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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - May 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	28th	MGM VHRR Clubrooms	
May	3rd	VHRR Rob Roy Trident Cup (CCE).....	0413 744 337
May	19th	Social night at the Clubrooms.....	0427 031 737
May	30th - 31st	Historic Winton	03 5428 2689
June	20th - 21st	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	03 9787 3640
August	16th	Heathcote Trident Cup (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 Trident Cup (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 (Red Plate)	Lloyd Shaw0415 351 164 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 20th - 21st June 2009** The VHRR has been approached to put on a 20 car display of historic racing cars at the National Sporting Museum directly in front of the MCG. I have contacted each of the VHRR Group Representatives to provide 2 cars that put our best foot forward. Cars are required Saturday June 20th (9:00am - 5:00pm) and Sunday June 21st (9:00am - 5:00pm), there will be security and tender vehicle parking with overnight security packing under the complex Saturday. I hope you can all get behind this to show the diversity of Australian racing cars and VHRR. Regards, 'Big Rev Nev' Butler
 - **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.
 - **Australian Story** was filming a story on Sir Jack at Phillip Island. Nothing concrete about it's screening date yet, but start looking around 8th June.
 - **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. Regs on the Website now or call
Series director, K11 9830 3833.
 - **Update for Christmas in July.** 22 couples booked in for this event, room for more..... Need cheques in to pay the deposit. May need to contribute around \$5.00 per head for entertainment, still under negotiation at this stage. We will have a Kris Kingle Christmas present giving - IN BAD TASTE!!!! Spend about \$5.00 per couple, could be very interesting. Stay tuned for further news as it comes to hand.. Be there or be square.. 1/-
 - **Congratulations to Ian McLennan** on the birth of his new grandson Thomas!
 - **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 Middleborough 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 !
 - **Vale Lila Evans** We lost Lila on April 18 after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer, the ultimate injustice for one who never smoked. Lila arrived on the Historic Racing scene over 20 years ago with John and the yellow Bugeye Sprite, and threw herself wholeheartedly into the scene. She accompanied John to every meeting as enthusiastic pit crew for him, and was well known to local and many interstate competitors. A born organizer, she was active in the post meeting social scene and a fixture in the Sandown merchandise stall, also assisting with Phillip Island merchandise sales. We will miss her.
 - **Historic Winton** is on the lookout for any early Morgans (esp 3 wheelers), Triumph Heralds and pre-War Bentleys - to be set up in a special display area within the Shannons Classic Car Park and invited to join in their Sunday 31 May Parade laps. Also seeking any old race cars that may have competed in the local North-East area during the 50s/60s- condition is not that important - as long as they are moveable and could go on static display. Complimentary entry tickets provided to owners of suitable vehicles. Enqs by 15 May please to: Noel Wilcox ph 03 5428 2689 (AH) bigboytoyco@bigpond.com
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- **Benalla and District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour.** Friday 29 May 2009 Starts at 10am; returning to the Benalla Civic Centre at 3pm for a static display of classic vehicles and historic race cars. Red plate vehicles are most welcome - bring along your pride and joy. Tour entry details (\$10 per vehicle)Ph: David Lidgerwood on 03 5764 4291. All proceeds to the Rotary Club of Benalla Drought Relief Fund.
- **Benalla Civic Reception - Benalla Art Gallery** Friday 29th May 6.30pm-8.00pm
Phone: 03 5760 2600 Further details at: www.historicwinton.org/benalla-reception.pdf

Group M Tyres

It was moved at the March 2009 Historic Commission meeting that Dunlop and Avon Formula Ford tyres be removed from the listing of approved tyres for Group M, effective 1 January 2011.

The Dunlop CR82 and Avon ACB9 tyres had previously been added to the list due to supply problems with the correct period tyre. Stocks of the correct period tyre are now available from suppliers and as such there is no longer a need for the Dunlop CR82 and Avon ACB9 Formula Ford tyres to be listed for Group M. In order to allow competitors to use their existing stocks of tyres, the change will not take effect until 1 January 2011.

You may remember we had a small film crew at the Phillip Island Classic meet recently and I wanted to let you know that the CHROME TV show is now showing on 7 on Saturday afternoons around the V8 Supercars and other race shows. First episode went to air last Saturday and we've had a lot of positive feedback. It will run for 6 weeks and we hope we are commissioned for a second, longer, series. I would appreciate any publicity you can get us by letting your members know it is up and running. We visit Phillip Island in Episode 3 (Sat 9/5/09 Simon Taylor and Mark Brewster) and Episode 5 (Sat 23/5/09 Samantha Diamond and Bill from Elfin).

Thanks and best regards, Nick Hart, Producer - CHROME

I would like to contribute something in support of Colin Fulton's comments on the Phillip Island Historics (April Newsletter), not so much on the matter of use of wet weather tyres in historic categories (about which I remain ambivalent), but rather making two further points concerning the meeting.

Some fellow Group S competitors are still smarting over our public humiliation at the Saturday night briefing. (If Mike Byrne says he was waved on by officials at the Start/Finish line, that is good enough for me and no amount of "video evidence" is likely to convince me otherwise.) But confused communications are surely not the real issue.

I do a lot of marshalling for both bikes and cars and, just as a yellow flag - whatever the nature of the incident - invariably means no passing, so a red flag means everyone exits the track at the first available opportunity. With such clear cut criteria, no confusion should result. In my opinion therefore, the modified red flag procedure applied for this meeting - designed it appears to speed things up - was simply flawed and therefore probably unworkable.

Which leads logically to my second point: Whilst there is a justifiable sense of pride amongst organisers in achieving a record number of entries year by year (and the bean-counters are of course, in rapture for obvious reasons), I feel the pressure this places on maintaining the event schedule - notwithstanding unfavourable weather - and the implications involved, may sometimes be overlooked. These can include inadequate track maintenance between events (in the past I have had broken visors and screens from having great yonnies lobbed at me after the F5000's have sucked them on to the track from their draft alone), and it was surely adherence to a crowded event schedule in this case which led to adoption of a modified red flag procedure.

An over-stressed event schedule is no fun for competitors or officials alike, and if to avoid this in future it means a smaller number of acceptances and/or categories being given a run on a rota basis, then perhaps this would be preferable in the interests of safer and more harmonious meetings.

Graeme Noonan Phillip Island

TVR Grantura 1961

A lead to an old car under a house in Brisbane in 2006 had me looking at a very sad old TVR. It had raced in Historics in Sa category until 1990. Tired, worn out & sad. I had to have it, much to my long suffering wife's displeasure.

On trailering it home, dismantling work began. Engine rebuild, gearbox, clutch pressure plate, chassis repair, front end and brakes. All that remained was paint and upholstery, and exhaust system. We

returned to Melbourne and the TVR took second place as our new property needed much attention. Like most people on February and we had no idea of the devastation that was to unfold. It was about 9.00pm after a day of fire preparation, that my wife, son and myself were faced with a line of fire racing up our hill toward us. We just managed to save our house, as at one stage we felt everything would become dust. My beautiful little TVR was incinerated - molten alloy on the concrete floor, chassis rails bent and twisted on the floor where my workshop once was. It's three months since the fire, we still feel bad. We will get better, but will never forget that fateful day.

John & Barbara Moir. Serendipity Glenburn.

Classifieds

Project car- Triton Clubman circa 1969-70 In need of restoration but has very good history. Have log book 1970-84. Corolla engine - rebuilt - new pistons, clutch etc. Fully balanced. Twin Webers, lots of parts. \$5500.00. Clubman chassis believed to be Nota. Never been a car \$800.00
I am looking for expressions of interest in setting up a Car Storage/Workshop facility. I have the building equipped with Hoists, compressor and other equipment. Also some space for trailer parking.
David Palstra 0417 523 3 07

Hewland MK8/9 Ratios For Sale All in good condition. Three hubbed second gears plus 13 STD ratios. \$ 100 each. Three 1.00 inch Layshafts. One 5 speed with integral first and reverse gears \$ 300. One 5 speed with removable first gear and integral reverse gear \$ 250. One 4 speed shaft - no reverse gear \$100. Ring - Ian Carrig 0417 851 716 Melbourne

Brabham Magnesium wheels, suit Formula Junior, 1- 5"x 13", 1 - 6" x 13", new, never used.
Denis Lupton Phone 9331 0560 email mdl_nom@bigpond.com

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

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. I have arranged articles on both John Raeburn & the building of crankshafts and we think these are the sort of stories which will be suitable for the Oily Rag, so if that's an inspiration please get in touch. Both stories will be in the OR following the one you'll get next, so there's plenty of time to add to them.

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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

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