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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

## NEWSLETTER - February 2011

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

February	22nd	VHRR MGM - Guest Speaker - Bryan Thompson.....	03 9877 2317
February	27th	VHCC Rd 2 Rob Roy (note date change) .....	03 9722 9000
March	18th-20th	Phillip Island Classic (CCE).....	03 9877 2317
April	3rd	VHCC Rd 3 Mt Leura.....	03 5339 1171
April	10th	Interclub Challenge 1 Rob Roy .....	03 9722 9000
April	12th	Social Night at the Clubrooms - Guest Speaker.....	03 5962 2331
April	17th	Yarra Steamboat Cruise.....	03 5988 4846
May	1st	VHRR Historic Rob Roy (CCE).....	0413 744 337
May	22nd	Multi Club Haunted Hills.....	0413 744 337
May	27th-29th	Historic Winton (Austin 7 Club) .....	03 5428 2689
July	10th	Interclub Challenge 2 Rob Roy .....	03 9722 9000
August	12th-14th	Winton Festival of Speed (CCE).....	0412 351 403
August	21st	VSCC Vintage HC Rob Roy.....	03 9758 2643
September	18th	VHRR Track Day Haunted Hills .....	0413 744 337
September	20th	Social Night at the Clubrooms .....	03 5962 2331
October	2nd	Interclub Challenge 3 Rob Roy .....	03 9722 9000
October	22nd-23rd	AHCC Haunted Hills.....	03 5174 1473
November	4th-6th	Historic Sandown (CCE) .....	0402 224 133
November	27th	Historic & Classic HC Rob Roy .....	03 9722 9000

### 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) 21 Myers Ave Glen Waverley 3150 \*Note new address

\*CCE = Club Championship Event

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

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

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### **Phillip Island 18th, 19th 20th March 2011**

Features to include hand picked quality cars from the UK & the USA. Sunday's main race will feature big sports cars. OS cars to date are: Three Maserati 250f's! Giddings, Price & O'Neill - Lola T286 - Bert Skidmore, JCB Chevron - Andy Newall, GT40, plus a Devin, & a Webster, 5 cars from the Porsche museum, including the Bell - Stuck - Holbert 962 Le Mans winning car, and a 908, RS60, and a 935 'Moby Dick' car. Plus also from the USA a 956, and an RSR 'Long Tail'. Not forgetting the Gurney Eagle, Rob Jolley's Lister Jag and Peter Harburg's 962.

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### **22nd Annual Dinner at Phillip Island Pit Suites**

19th March, 7-00pm start, Neat Casual dress, 3 Course Meal with drinks. \$70-00 per person, Payment by credit card, a surcharge of 3%. Cheques, Money Orders send to Vicki Williams 17 Schoning Court Croydon North, 3136  
Phone booking through on 9723 9217 AH or 0403 226 547

### **Vale Maurie Monk**

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Maurice Hider Monk, at the Epworth Hospital, in the company of his wide family, following a heart attack. His life was most remarkable, and he leaves an extraordinary legacy to the whole nation. First and foremost, he was the patriarch of a family whose talents and success gave him quiet pride and satisfaction. As an engineer of the old school, his knowledge and skills equipped him to address any issue with calm confidence. As a soldier, he served the nation with courage and distinction. As an architect of CAMS in 1952 and then as the founding president, he established the principles and standards which made Australia the most respected motor sport nation. Maurie continued actively in CAMS for the whole of his life as a volunteer official, as a competitor, as an event organiser and as a member of the Appeal Court. As a friend, leader, mentor and statesman, he will never be matched. Australia and motor sport mourn Maurie's passing, and we offer our condolences to Margaret and all the family.

**Wanted - we have nine Sir Jack Brabham** prints that will be auctioned at the Phillip Island Dinner in aid of Sir Jack's Charity. It would enhance the value and be a great help if someone in the club could either frame, or knows someone prepared to frame these at 'mates rates'. Please give Ian Tate a call if you can help - 03 9877 2317

**Yarra Steamboat Cruise** Sunday 17th April \$65.00 per person. 11.00am at Southbank for Steamboat on the Yarra, followed by a smorgasbord lunch at Crown Casino at 12.30pm. If we get 30 people we could have the cruise to ourselves, but if not we can share with other another group. Ring Ron Townley to put your name on the list so we can make the booking: 03 5988 4846

**Social nights** are Tuesday April 12th and September 20th. The April 12th night will have a guest speaker as well as the usual lucky door prizes. Call Ron for further details 03 5962 2331

### **Motor Sport In Victoria**

Three years ago CAMS received the final report on Victorian motor sport facilities from Dr Ken Marriott following a substantial review funded by the State Govt. and commissioned by CAMS Victorian State Council in which the report clearly spelt out the existing and future needs of our sport, but whilst there were many recommendations for the logical development of facilities in Vic. virtually no action has been taken.

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Members will have noticed an ever increasing demand from the media that we address the ever increasing cost to tax payers who help fund the AGP in this state, but the AGP Corp seems happy to rely on their contract that expires in 2014 and do nothing to justify the expense, or propose an alternative action that will help solve the problem.

The Marriott report recommended that CAMS push for the development of a Govt. funded, new F1 grade facility close to the central population that could replace Albert Park, and the most attractive proposition seems to be at Avalon where permanent facilities would replace the existing arrangement.

Unfortunately, CAMS State Council whilst responsible for implementing the report by Marriott, don't seem to have the ability or desire to implement its recommendations, and I find it frustrating to be part of this process that concentrates on insignificant matters, and achieves very little.

Kelvin Prior VHRR State Council Delegate

**Club Permit Scheme (CPS) Red Plates** Vicroads have on 4th<sup>th</sup> January 2011 confirmed that the current price for renewals is \$114.40 and includes the new 90 day log book etc. Note - In February the price will increase to \$126.50 including the new 90 day log book etc. Owners who only require a 45 day log book etc can pay, when renewing, only \$64.50 for their annual permit But if a second book is required within the 12 month period it can be purchased by paying Vicroads another \$62.00. A total equalling \$126.50

**Our intrepid Holden 48-215 exponent**, Gary Poole is known for his enthusiasm for the model and it's illustrious sporting history. Now the mad bugger is set to re-create the 1953 Monte Carlo Rally adventures of Lex Davison, Tony Gaze and Stan Jones (father of Alan) by entering a replica of the '53 car in January 2013 for the 16th Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo Historique, marking it's 60th Anniversary. He starts a fact finding recce next month by watching the start from Glasgow (where the Humpy started in 1953) going to Monte Carlo and travelling some of the rally route. (Thanks to Historic Touring Torque).

**Marysville Pharmacist & Club member Andrew Clayton** gave rides in his TC to raise a total of \$645.00 for the Queensland flood appeal. Thanks Andrew. (Ron Simmonds sent me the pic from the Healesville Mail, showing Andrew in the TC c/w VHRR badge, but I couldn't fit it all in this month)

**Red Plates - Club Permit Scheme (CPS)** Please note Lloyd Shaw's change of address: All mail must be sent to 21 Myers Ave Glen Waverley 3150 Previous PO Box has been cancelled. Mail sent there will not be delivered.

### **Short history of the Devin - coming to PI**

After producing fibreglass bodies for a number of different chassis, Bill Devin eventually made his own turn-key cars based on the Chevrolet small-block V8. Together with Irish manufacturer's Malcom MacGregor and Noel Hills, the frames were completed as a rolling chassis in Ireland and then shipped to El Monte, California to be finished.

Malcom MacGregor designed the prototype chassis which used 3-inch steel tubing, with a double-wishbones front suspension and a de Dion Tube axle in the rear. Bill Devin flew to Ireland to view the prototype chassis and the basic dimensions of the chassis. As such, the chassis used several English parts including a BMC rack and pinion steering system, as well as Girling disc brakes.

On top of this Irish-built chassis Bill Devin designed a unique and striking roadster body in fiberglass. It had protruding front fenders and neatly rounded rear bodywork. Some components were specifically designed by Devin including an intake manifold to accept Holley carburetors and an aluminum differential casing. He also finished the interior with a folding top, side windows, oversize Stewart-Warner gauges and a custom windshield.

Sports Car Illustrated tested and SS, reaching 0-60 mph in 4.8 seconds and 100 mph in 12.9 seconds. The intention was to build 100 examples to meet production requirements by the SCCA. Eventually, the chassis were made in California too, but the initial prediction of 100 cars was never met. Only around 20 Irish-chassis and 10-California chassis cars were made.

### **Classifieds**

**I'll be on the phone soon selling Phillip Island Ads and sponsorships**, and of course Trade Sites. Let me know if you can help with any of these. It all goes to make the meeting more interesting and successful. Grant Campbell 03 9787 3640 0419 874 299 grant@thecampbells.net.au

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## **Framed Historic Rob Roy Poster**

A very limited number (now only eight) of this original poster, printed to commemorate the very first historic Return to Rob Roy event on 27th and 28th November 1993, are now available for purchase once again after many years. The posters are printed on parchment paper, professionally framed behind glass, and have original autographs from Bruce Walton, Harry Firth, and the late Lou Molina and Arthur Wylie. Price is \$80 each (same price as in 1993!) If you are interested, contact David White on (03) 9850 4795 or email [whitehouse@virtual.net.au](mailto:whitehouse@virtual.net.au). If paying by cheque please make it payable to "The MGCC Victoria Rob Roy Account" Proceeds will be used for improvements at Rob Roy Hillclimb

## **Porsche 1978 911 (Updated as RSR Clone)**

Superb easy car to drive with immaculate blue duco. Fully rally/race prepared with 3.6 L motor, Autronic Engine Mgt, Carbon clutch, coil over shocks, seam welded, full cage, Strut braced, Custom Alloy tank with dry break refill system. 928 brakes and lots of other improvements. Featured in overseas Porsche mags - a stunning, lightweight car. Built with 400+HP and recently rebuilt G/Box Runner up in GP Rally Classic. Call Kim and haggle around \$69950 on 0418 335 385

**Race suits (2).** Top-quality OMP race suit to current CAMS specs in conservative black nomex with white stripe on arms and legs, and VHRR badge. Cost over \$1200 2 years ago, vgc, \$500; Sparco race suit in royal blue nomex to obsolete CAMS specs, ineligible for historic but perfect for track days etc., \$100. Note – both suits large (6 footers!), prices not neg. 0417 370 671

**For Sale Group L Race tyres** 2 x Hoosier Vintage TD 5.50-15" Two years old but only half a Sandown wear. \$200 each 2 x Avon Classic GT 6.00-15" Older but not much wear. \$100 each Geoff McInnes 0413 535 404 AH. 9560 4048

**Wanted** Twin 40 Weber Manifold to suit Ford Crossflow. Pat Ryan 9335-4666 BH or 9397-6878 AH

**For Sale: 1969 MG Midget "Sebring".** 1275cc motor, fitted with factory extractors, dellorto side draught carburetor, electric fans. Recent full repaint in indigo blue and retrim in black (by Bob Gilbert). Fitted with colour coded roll bar and chrome wire wheels. Currently on Vic club plates. Priced to sell at \$13,800. For more information contact Ron Simmonds on (03) 5962 2331, or 0427 031 737, or email at [ronmargsimmonds@tadaust.org.au](mailto:ronmargsimmonds@tadaust.org.au) Information on Sebring GT fronts: As of January 2010, there were 47 Sebring GT fronted cars (including the 5 fully bodied Sebring GT cars and 8 Aussie Lenham cars) known currently to the register to exist world wide, with 37 fitted to cars, 10 in storage/being repaired, plus 3 "lost fronts". Check the Williams-Pritchard site to see this car and others.

**MG TD engine** Not running. \$1650 Grant Cowie 03 54705526 or 0427 666449

**For Sale Birrana F72 Formula Ford** With all the sorting done and a comprehensive spares/ratio package (including body moulds) there's nothing you need to do except go out and be competitive straight away. With a fresh, no-expense spared Larner engine and new paint, it looks as good as it goes. \$30,000 Nick McDonald 0414 569 506

## **RENNMAX 1975 Group Q Racing Car**

This fabulous Australian built racing car is reluctantly on the market. This is the last BN7 built by Bob Britton and is ready to go. The car features a very strong, fresh twin-cam motor with a FT200 transaxle. The car is in excellent condition and comes with a set of mounted wets, a very extensive spares package including spare ratios and other bits including enough chassis, tub and suspension spares to almost build another car. Documentation includes the CAMS C of D and logbook and a very comprehensive record of the rebuild and the car's full history. A customized covered trailer is also included. The asking price of \$A65,000 and all offers will be considered as the package must be sold. 0412 564 706 or [pete\\_mohr@bigpond.com](mailto:pete_mohr@bigpond.com) for further information.

## **SABRINA 1959 Group L Sports Racing Car**

This fabulous Australian special well known in Historic racing is reluctantly on the market. Powered by a supercharged Austin Healey 3000 motor in a tubular chassis with a custom built fiberglass body this is a very special and competitive sports racing car, the quintessential Australian special. Sabrina's history has been extensively documented and has featured in many reviews including the April 2010 issue of Vintage Racecar. The car is in great condition and comes of course with its CAMS Cof D and logbook, a customised trailer and an extensive spares inventory including body moulds. The asking price is \$A80,000 for the complete package and all offers will be considered as it must be sold.

I am selling both the above on behalf of owner Barry Naylor, please call Peter Mohr on 0412 564 706 or [pete\\_mohr@bigpond.com](mailto:pete_mohr@bigpond.com) for further information.

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