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NEWSLETTER - May 2012

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

May	6th	Rd 5 HCC Rob Roy	03 9722 9000
May	12th-13th	HRCC 'Autumn Historic' Morgan Park	0408 197 344
May	26th-27th	Historic Winton - Austin 7 Club (CCE).....	03 5428 2689
May	27th	Bryant Park Hillclimb	03 5174 1473
June	3rd	Hillclimb Championship Rd6 Ararat	
June	26th	MGM - Clubrooms.....	03 9877 2317
August	10th-12th	Winton Festival of Speed (CCE).....	0412 351 403
August	19th	75th Birthdth Rob Roy - Pat Ryan.....	03 9335 4666
August	28th	AGM - Clubrooms	03 9877 2317
October	23rd	MGM - Clubrooms.....	03 9877 2317
November	9th-11th	Historic Sandown 2012 (CCE)	0402 224 133
November	23rd-25th	Tasman Revival.....	0412 403 582
December	1st-2nd	Geelong Sprints - Sarah Lyons	03 5273 4777
December	14th	Christmas Function - Mike Barker	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

(Red Plate)

5 Handell Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130 ***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

Please add to your diary - the Christmas & Awards night this year is on Friday 14th of December at the Manningham Reception Centre. Previously held on the 1st Saturday of December, the new date is to avoid conflict with the Geelong Revival. Have you given thought to forming a table of 10 with some of your mates/fellow competitors?

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday 14th December For bookings please contact Mike Barker on: Phone 03 9840 6155 Mobile 0407825545 email mbar6415@bigpond.net.au

Winton Festival of Speed - August 10-12th Entries out soon - all categories - 0412 351 403
Historic Sandown 9-11th November 2012 A number of competitors have requested cool down laps so this will be implemented at this year's Historic Sandown

Tour 'd' Yarra Valley The tour will be run on 8th July this year. A great day to bring out your "special" car or just the family hack, for a great day out driving through the hills, and enjoying the scenery, the tour finishing at a winery for lunch. More info will be posted on the web site, and in the newsletters to follow. So put the date in your diaries now, you know how these events always creep up on you, when you least expect them. More info contact Ron Simmonds on 5962 2331 or 0427 031 737
2012 Myrning Sprints

The Myrning Sprints took place on Sunday 15 April under blazing autumn sunshine with the temperature topping 27. Myrning is a small township an hour from Melbourne on the way to Ballarat. Graeme Hastings of the Austin 7 Club runs a farm in Myrning and is on the Myrning Hall committee. The two groups work together to hold this sprint/Hillclimb event annually to raise funds for the restoration works at the Hall. It is a really relaxed family day out with the spectator grandstand being one level of scattered hay bails. This year there were 86 entries from the numerous Austin 7 racing cars, to a Daytona Cobra Replica.

Records fell as the day went on including; Patrick Ryan (Vauxhall 30/98) 38.8 seconds (after a DNF in a previous run due to a perishing rag that was left under the bonnet), Graeme Dawes (A-H Sprite) 32.2 seconds, Stephen Pike (A-H 3000) 29.6 seconds, John Hardy (Alpine Renault A110) 30.0 seconds (he almost didn't make the start pulling over with an expired car on arrival, but later found to be a loose distributor cap), Richard Monty (Datsun 260Z) 28.3 seconds, David Stewart (Mustang) 29.9 seconds, Les Bone (Haynes Clubman) 27.4 seconds, David Flint (MG Midget-Datsun) 29.6 seconds & Rogert Allgood (Bolwell Mazda) 29.2 seconds. All good bettered the previous record in that class set by Gary Ball (Jaguar D-Type R) of 30.0 seconds. FTD went to the Daytona Cobra R of Ken Sealenmeyer with a 26.7 second run. Charles Rogers

Rob Roy 22nd April A great meeting even if down on numbers, but was made up with some terrific times in all classes. The day looked very gloomy at first, but cleared to a bright and sunny day, the over night rain cleaning the track and drying up in time for the first runs. Well done to Paul Schilling and his band of helpers from the VHRR, and the MG car club. These club events will only run if they are supported by the club members, because a lot of time and effort goes into putting them on, so get behind the next event that comes along, as a competitor or as an official. Cheers, Simmo.

Rob Roy Great job Paul and co. This event is a fantastic day with a great bunch of people. I'm sure this event will continue to grow as a permanent fixture on the calendar. Geoff and Grant Kelly

Fire Extinguishers See CAMS Bulletin Number: B12/034 but 'General' reads: Each automobile in any competition other than *non-speed events* or *race meetings* must be equipped with a fire extinguisher.

Rob Roy 75th Birthday

The Vintage Sports Car Club will be holding a 75th Birthday of Rob Roy Hillclimb and Celebration on the 19th August. Any pre-war cars wanting to enter to relive 1937 contact Patrick Ryan 9335-4666 BH. More information closer to the date.

The Just Cars Geelong Revival 2012 - 1st-2nd December is a reborn Geelong Speed Trials event at the Geelong waterfront, along with a Classic Motorshow, Tour, Displays, Exhibits and (of course) lots of classic cars and motorbikes. The event is the first Speed Trials to be held on the waterfront since 2003. The Geelong Speed Trials was first run in 1956 and continued to be held for almost 50 years. 2012 will be a considerably larger event, with music, static displays, entertainment, a gala dinner, live video coverage, markets and a pre-tour to the weekends festivities. Further information: Sarah Lyons sarah@geelongrevival.com.au 03 5273 4777 ext 410 or 0401 564 419

Australian Formula 1 GP 2012 Sunbeams hit the track for the F1 Drivers Parade.

Amongst the emails received in October 2011 was a query if we could supply a quantity of 27 Sunbeam Alpine cars of good quality for the March 2012 Formula One GP Drivers Parade. First thought was WOW! Could we what! The rest is now history.

The chance to be involved in a once in a life time event was something that the Sunbeam & Talbot Car Club was greatly honoured with when the request was made. The biggest hurdle was going to be if we could make up the number of cars required. Cars were initially sourced from the Sunbeam & Talbot Car Club of Victoria. It was necessary to source additional cars from NSW and SA to have the quality and quantity required for the event.

The breakup was: 15 from STCC Vic. Inc. 2 from SCC Vic 5 from SOC NSW, 5 from SOC SA, 1 on static display from SCC Vic. Cars from NSW & SA travelled between 500 - 600 km each way for the event. We also had a MK1A Tiger in the main static display area for the entire 4 days.

Our cars were seen live on Sunday at the Circuit, with 116,000 people present on the day. Sunbeams drew much attention from the public as they were on the inside of the track in an excellent public viewing area. They looked fantastic. Our Committee had organised for all participants to wear a commemorative T Shirt and Hat which we had made for the event.

Unfortunately Sunbeams do not receive the attention they deserve and this event really brought our Marque to the fore. All ran faultlessly on the day, apart from one suffering a flat battery.

The sight, sound, and atmosphere of this event will be something that all of us will not forget as our Sunbeams were on the world stage and we were part of it, with some saying it was a thrill of a lifetime. It more than made up for the six months of hard work for our (S&TCC) Committee of 3 and their ever patient and understanding? wives to bring this event together. We even did a live to air radio interview on the Saturday morning which was also broadcast over the circuit, a great promotion for the Sunbeams.

A big thank you goes to Grant Campbell who made the event run smoothly for all the Sunbeam participants. We really appreciate all the assistance he gave to the Club including the Tiger owners car from South Australia, that had mechanical difficulties on the morning of the race, and were a late arrival at the track on the day. A huge thank you especially goes to my wife Val, Denis Brockenshire, Bob Ash and their Spouses for the effort in making this event run so smoothly. The Drivers Parade made a big impact on the Sunbeam owners involved and hopefully some of the F1 Drivers.

Thanks to all from the Sunbeam & Talbot Car Club,

Terry Sully

I have been heartened by those few who have spoken up to demur in the claims by others that the Island Classic is "as good as (or comparable with) Goodwood". I was fortunate to attend the inaugural Goodwood Revival in 1998. It was fantastic then, but has become much greater in the more than a decade since. Its scale, variety (consider the working WW2 air-force, mock dog-fights overhead by Spitfires and Messerschmitts, and the period support and emergency vehicles alone), as well as the total area occupied, it cannot be compared to the Island, however eclectic the range of cars and excellent competition we enjoy.

As a regular competitor at the Island Classic, I also have a problem with what seems an obsession with achieving a record number of entries year by year. I understand the excitement of the bean-counters at this prospect (God knows, the \$800 basic entry cost for my two cars this year gave me pause for thought), and the achievement is a deserved feather in the cap of the organisers and committee. But the pressure of the number of entries on the event schedule in particular, competitors, officials, and the Paddock is approaching breaking point.

Even if it means rotating some categories year by year (and I would be prepared to include my own over-represented Group Sc in the mix, if it gives others a fair go), it is something which needs to be considered to ease these pressures and prevent a blow-up.

P.S. I have also been concerned at the confusion in naming both the principal historic events for cars and bikes at the Island, "The Island Classic". I was also a competitor in the bike event over a 12 year period, and the confusion the same name can cause even locally, is commonplace; it must be just as confusing more widely. I don't know what the solution might be, but something which clearly identifies each without further qualification would be useful.

Regards, Graeme Noonan

The MG Car Club is running the 5th Round of the Victorian Hillclimb Championship at Rob Roy on Sunday 6th May. VHRR members may not be aware that the VHCC caters for historic cars by

including three Historic classes, for Gp N cars up to and over 2000cc, as well as a class for Groups J,K,L M,O,P, Q & R. A great opportunity for VHRR members to compete at the top level of hillclimbing in Victoria. For enquiries, please contact Ken Price on 041831 1040

Scotty Taylor News: Elaine relays the information that Scotty has received an invitation to drive his T45 Cooper (the alloy bodied one he drove at the Island recently) at the Goodwood Revival in September this year. He is delighted because, altho' he has driven there previously, it has always been in someone else's car, most recently the ex-Graham Hill Monaco GP winning BRM.

Uncollected trophies: The following trophies remain uncollected - if you can assist here that would be great, otherwise they'll be recycled. Call Ian Tate - 03 9877 2317, or pick them up at the next MGM - April 24th VHRR Club Championship: Q Sports - Jim Foulis - Rennmax, Sb - Rohan Hodges - Lotus Lb Sports - Shane Bowden - Prad, Sc - Mike Byrne - Lotus, Lb Racing - Bob Boast - MG TC, Group A - Adrian Aisley - Walkinshaw Commodore, Sb - Ian Ross - Shelby 350, FJ - Kim Shearn - :Lotus, R Sports - Phil Verwoert - Graduate, Sc - Perry Spiridis - De Tomaso Pantera, R Racing - Rohan Carig - Hardman, FF - Ian Edgar - Lola. Phillip Island: Doug Whitford Trophy - 1st Lb - Nick McDonald, Mark Dymond Trophy - 1st Ka Graham Raper, Stan Jones Trophy - 1st Lb - Nick McDonald.

Classifieds

Wanted. Good, non-porous Lotus-Ford twin-cam head to suit race dedicated bottom end. Graeme Noonan, Phillip Island 5952 6490

Bill Cutler offers for sale his well known, fast, ultra reliable BMW 2002.

Comprehensive information gladly given to any interested party, but this should start you off: Phillip Island 1:55 Sandown 1:28 Eastern Creek 1:53. Race winner, Class winner, Lap record holder.

Been to all the big events over the years including AGP, Clipsal, Bathurst, MCM, etc etc Great Group N race car, rally car, or indeed awesome road car!! Not a cent to spend (well maybe on fuel), assistance given to a newbie purchaser if required...Contact Bill on 0407337600 or bcutler@bigpond.

Tonneau Cover Found: Strange nobody has claimed this, but a tonneau cover was handed in after PI. If that was yours call Lloyd Shaw. 0415 351 164

Lost - The Phil Irving Trophy Historic Winton organisers have told me they can't locate the Phil Irving Trophy. Last won by Keith Simpson in 2010 & 2011, but not actually presented, and before that by Laurie Bennett. First instigated & designed by me when Phil died and built by Bob Booth who died a week ago, it has particular significance. So, if you've seen it please let me know & I'll pass the info on. Grant Campbell 03 9787 3640 or grant@thecampbells.net.au

I have for sale 2 pair of Lockheed 2340 4 spot calipers closed back. BRAND NEW. Never fitted. I pair has 1 5/8" pistons and the other pair are bare, also 1 5/8" There are no end plates. Serious offers considered. These were spares from Andrew Miedickes Ralt. Also suit a number of Group C cars. Marc 0411 212 444

Perkins Engineering/Perkins Motorsport are having a huge clearance sale! A wide variety of parts and spares for sale. All old V8 Supercar stuff, including wheels, bodywork, suspension items, engine parts, fuel systems, specialist PE car parts also. Most items suit VT/VX/VY/VZ but also some current VE stuff, older VL/VP/VR/VS stuff as well. 18 degree engines and parts. Contact Jack Perkins, 0439 330 979 or jack.perkins@bigpond.com

My name's Ben Cook and I'm an audio recordist. I see this as an enjoyable opportunity for me to practice my craft using classic racing vehicles as subjects, therefore I don't require any payment. My equipment allows me to record up to 8 tracks of high-definition sound simultaneously, and my large selection of microphones can faithfully capture a vehicle's character, in surround-sound if desired. My setup allows for on-board and external recording. If you think having some recordings made is something that any of your fellow club members would like to be involved with, I look forward to hearing from any interested parties. Thanks, Ben Cook Audio Engineer +61424 992 806

MG TA. MG Special If you are interested in building a TA Special Paul Chaleyer has a collection of parts for sale including Chassis complete, many new parts, 16 wheels, 2x Expag engines and gear boxes, supercharger etc, etc Offers invited around 12k. Telephone BH 9877 0666

Lola 644 Formula Ford Fb, fresh motor enough gearing for all Victorian tracks. lap record holder at Mallala ex Andrew McInnes car so it goes well, was at the pointy end of the class until I got my hands on it. My Streamliner is nearly ready and I only need one Racing Car. History, Log Book and CoD. spare wheels \$23,000 Colin 0419 312 299
