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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - October 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

October	13th-14th	Gippsland Overnight	03 5988 4846
October	13th-14th	Grant & Brenda's Open Garden	03 9787 3640
October	14th	Rob Roy Interclub Rd 3 Ken Price.....	0418 311 040
October	23rd	MGM - Clubrooms.....	03 9877 2317
November	9th-11th	Historic Sandown 2012 (CCE)	0402 224 133
November	23rd-25th	Tasman Revival - HSRCA	0412 403 582
November	25th	Rob Roy Historic 75th Anniversary - Ken Price.....	0418 311 040
November	24th-28th	Great Ocean Road Celebration Tour	0429 186 051
December	1st-2nd	Geelong Sprints - Sarah Lyons	03 5273 4777
December	14th	Christmas Function - Mike Barker	0407 825 545
March	7th-10th	Phillip Island Classic (CCE).....	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 Hellsten

03 9878 5272

5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130 ***Note new address**

*CCE = Club Championship Event

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Phillip Island Date Confirmed - 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th March 2013

Feature events will be big sports cars. Looks like camping at the circuit will now be permitted & efforts are being made to hire Caravans & Camper Vans - more info soon.

Historic Sandown 9-11th November 2012 Up soon, don't miss out!

John Elliot has taken over the merchandising and would like some helpers on Saturday and Sunday at Sandown. We will have a dedicated marquee for the purpose. Just an hour or two is all the effort needed. My contact is elliottjh@optusnet.com.au or 98906108.

Dr Ian Barker killed in Moped accident. A true gentleman of the sport. Known in historic circles mostly for his Maserati 4CL. We have just learned of Ian's death, apparently a simple accident while riding his vintage moped. The VHRR extends it's sincere sympathies to Ian's family.

Sad to report that Case Cohan has passed away.

Her will specified that there be no funeral or notices in papers and her ashes will be spread around family gardens. Case was an early competitor in Formula Vee and along with her husband Peter were supporters of VHRR and were early members.

Peter and Case were strong and very generous of VHRR and in its early foundation days opened their property at Eltham for our Christmas breakup. It was always a memorable evening. VHRR outgrew the venue however. Peter and Case owned some memorable machinery amongst them were the Pile TC, FJ Stanguellini and JSR V8 special. Case was a special person working with children with disabilities, and in the last few years was dedicated to caring for Peter. Sadly she succumbed to her illness before Peter. RIP Case Cohan. Pat Ryan

Vale Ken Harper

Well known rally and economy run driver Ken Harper passed away on Friday September 14.

Ken's entire life was devoted to driving and preparing cars for competition, mainly rallying. After serving an apprenticeship with Melford Motors, he started his own business, which continued to operate from his garage in Ellis Road Glen Iris until just a few years ago.

Ken drove with Norman Hamilton in the 1953 Redex Trial in the first Porsche to be imported into Australia, a 1300cc 356 model with crash gearbox. Despite low ground clearance and other problems, the car finished the trial.

In the early 1960s Ken became part of the official Ford Australia rally team, preparing cars for the 1962 East African Safari rally, the 1968 London to Sydney marathon and many Australian and Victorian championship rallies. He also won the 10th Mobil Economy Run from Bendigo to Bundaberg driving a Falcon 170 automatic, and drove Falcons from Sydney to Melbourne and Adelaide to Melbourne (in a V8) on one tank of petrol.

In the early 1970s he prepared Escorts for various private competitors under the banner of the Ken Harper Rally Team. His two sons, Lee and Kim, followed him into rallying.

After a twenty year pause in motor sport activities Ken joined the newly formed Historic Rally Association in 1992 and resumed his career driving in the type of rallies that were run in the 1960s and 70s. In 1995 Ken and Kim went in the Mobil 1 Round Australia Trial in a beautifully prepared Ford Mustang, finishing 3rd in their category. Ken won his last rally at age 76, and his last rally was the 2009 Alpine Rally at age 84. He finished 66th in a field of 125 cars.

Ken is survived by his wife Olive and sons Lee and Kim.

Bob Watson

Vale Ken Wylie

I was saddened to read of the death of Ken Wylie on Thursday September 20th at Orbost Hospital. Ken was 95 years old and had lived in Mallacoota for many years with his wife of over 50 years, his beloved Judy. Ken built and raced many cars, including the Weir and Male Austin A40 Special, the Sheerline Special, Lombard Vauxhall and Javelin Special in which his older brother Arthur had so much success. Ken was also involved in the creation, with Arthur, over a matter of only a mind boggling 13 days, the Wyliecar Model A Ford Special which was so successful at Rob Roy. Ken began his racing career in Midget Speedcars in 1937, when he won the South Australian Hillclimb Championship.

His interests also involved owning and flying 11 different aircraft including ultralights over a period of many years, go-cart racing (he retired on his 80th birthday), the Ulysses Motor Cycle Club and fishing in and around Mallacoota with his two small cabin cruisers until just recently. In 2002 He was honoured with Life Membership of the Gippsland Ultralight and Leisure Flyers.

Ken was our Guest of Honour at the annual Historic and Classic event at Rob Roy in November 2002. We had kept in touch with Ken regularly and Janet and I spent a lovely afternoon with him when he took us on a conducted tour of Mallacoota only late last year.

David White

Gippsland Overnight 13th-14th October

Saturday 13th October, \$50.00 per couple deposit when booking \$220.00 per couple balance to be paid by 21 September. All meals and train included.

Ron Townley 03 5988 4846

WARNING - The 2012 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport in Schedule D – Apparel. Refers on page 54 under item 3.1 Helmets - Snell SA 95 helmets are not valid after 31.12.2012. If you usually wear one of these you had better start saving now or drop hints about Xmas presents.

The article is by Max Stahl in the 1966 April

Racing Car News titled Bits and Pieces.

“Reaburn shines in driving test”.

It is some 46 years ago that VHRR club member John Reaburn left our shores to try his hand at motor racing in the UK. After his stint at the Brands Hatch driving school, John did go on to greater things, driving many types of cars, in many events through out the UK, and on the continent, driving amongst such cars as Ford GT 40,s, Porsche GT sports cars and various touring cars.

John also became a well known salesman of used sports cars to the celebrities of the time, when working for the Chequered Flag sports car specialists in London. John returned to Melbourne to work for BP, setting up new service stations through out Australia.

Now retired, John has turned his interests to collecting as much info that he can find, in both photos and old movies of early Australian motor racing, quite a big task. If you have

an hour or three, John will talk about his experiences to anybody who asks, it is most interesting, well done John.

Cheers Simmo

On Thursday last a motley bunch of some 15 R.O.F.s (Retired old Fellas) from the Wednesday

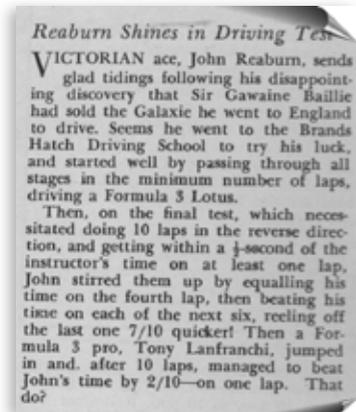
Lunch Group and one lady having a birthday, attended at Leigh Goodall's GARAGE CLASSICS of Williamstown cafe and Motoring Museum for a lunch visit to view what Leigh had on show for that week. Leigh is a member of a number of motoring groups in and around the Greater Melbourne area and regularly changes his exhibits with various club member's motor bikes, cars and memorabilia .

We were not disappointed with what was on show nor the hospitality shown by Leigh and his hard working crew. The meals available in the cafe were substantial and reasonably priced and were enjoyed by all. Leigh is a bit of an Austin 7 fan for his sins and had a number of the little darlings including his supercharged racing car originally built by none other than Warren Bonning. Leigh ran the car at the VSCC Rob Roy last month but retired with shorn key in an axle. He has also taken a supercharged Austin 7 to Lake Gairdner to have a tilt at the World Speed Record for that class. An interesting fellow to say the least. Stay tuned for more adventures of the ROFs.

Regards, 1/-

Tuesday 25th September was the VHRR social night, held at the Lexton Rd club rooms.

The theme was the Goodwood Revival, with members and their wives getting into the mood by coming dressed in the gear of the fifty's and sixties. The guest speaker was Helen Stitt from the RACV Heritage Section, who spoke of the early days of the Alpine Rally's which were run by the RACV until the LCCA took over. The stories and the power point presentation was most interesting. Ron presented Helen with a gift in appreciation of her time. Helen also stayed on to draw the raffle, where everyone was



Leigh Goodall

a winner. The raffle prizes were donated by: Penrite (retro oil bottles, shirts, key rings, DVD's); Killara Estate (wines and picnic blanket); Cope Williams (wines); Wurths (umbrellas, stubby holders); VHRR (wines, hats); Ron and Marg Simmonds (chocolates, wine). All agreed it was a great night and a lot of fun. It was good to see Geoff and Pam McInnes come along as they had just returned from the Goodwood Revival meeting in the UK. Look for more information on Social Nights coming up in your newsletters.

Cheers Simmo

Please be advised that Round 3 of the 2012 Interclub Challenge Series, conducted by the MG Car Club will be held at Rob Roy Hillclimb, Clintons Road, Christmas Hills on Sunday 14th October. This is the 3rd round of the 3 round Interclub Challenge for 2012 giving club members a great opportunity to represent their club in hill climb competition.

We did have entrants from your club competing in Round 2, hopefully we will get representatives in Round 3. Appreciate your help in passing this invitation onto other VHRR Club members. Entry Verification and Scrutineering from 8:00 to 9:30 am and official timed runs from 10:15am Sunday 14th October. Entry forms on the website, <http://www.robroyhillclimb.com.au/> and entries close on Wednesday 10th October. Please confirm that this is the correct email address for these notices or advise name and email address of a club contact I can email, so that all members of your club are made aware of this and upcoming Rob Roy events. Entry fee is \$75 (includes GST) with early bird discount to \$70 for entries received before September 26. Enquiries Ken Price 0418 311 040

The Annual VHRR Christmas and Awards Party is fast approaching so it is time to give some thought to making your booking and, of course, payment.

When: Friday the 14th of December 2012

Where: The Grand Ballroom at The Manningham, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen

Commencing: 7:00pm How much: \$60.00 per head including wine and beer

Mike Barker 03 9840 6155/0407 825 545 1 Cason Street, Doncaster 3108 mbar6415@bigpond.net.au

Eleventh "Wings and Wheels" November 17th – 18th 2012

Each year it is getting harder to come up with a date for the annual Wings and Wheels as we need sunshine if possible. After a lot of thought we decided on the weekend of November 17th and 18th which is the weekend after Sandown. If you can help with an exhibit please call me (Bill Prowse) on 9515 0350, or if I am not answering Roger Griffin on 0408 006 818 and we will be only too pleased to discuss Wings and Wheels and accept your entry. For those who have not been to the Aircraft Museum previously, please refer to Melways Map 87 E4. Light refreshments will be available at the Museum over the weekend. Bill Prowse

You know you are getting old when you see a brochure with a photo that was taken in January 1947. The then young 23 year old Bill Prouse had parked his Riley Imp under the wing of an Avro Ansen aircraft at the Ballarat car races before competing in both the Wendoree and Ballarat handicap events and finishing fifth and second in his first motor sport events. This year and 65 years later Bill went back to Ballarat in the open Ricciardi on a cold 7 degree morning and on the following Sunday, after he had thawed out and some delays, won the class standing quarter sprint in 13.8 seconds. Now at 87th Bill is still competitive and will continue to compete until someone makes an offer for the Ricciardi he can't refuse.

Grant & Brenda's Open Garden 13th-14th October 64-66 Claremont St Mt Eliza 0419 874 299
Classifieds

Sell your car at Historic Sandown - Richard Williams has a place for you to sell your car at Sandown this year, so, while a little way off now, keep this in mind as it will be an ideal venue to put your competition car on show to a whole lot of enthusiasts. Call Richard for more info - 0413 247 817
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