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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - October 2014

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	5th	Vintage Collingrove	08 8271 5689
October	28th	AGM - note date change	03 9877 2317
November	2nd	Interclub Challenge Rob Roy	0418 311 040
November	8th-9th	Historic Sandown (CCE)	0402 224 133
November	16th	Wings and Wheels - Moorabbin Airport	0408 006 818
November	23rd	MGCC Historic & Vintage Hillclimb - Rob Roy	0418 311 040
November	29th-30th	Geelong Revival Motoring Festival.....	geelongrevival.com.au
December	12th	VHRR Xmas Presentation & Awards Evening	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 Hellsten03 9878 5272

(Red Plate)

5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130

*CCE = Club Championship Event

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the VHRR will be held on October 28 at 8pm at the clubrooms.

Leanne Newson, Honorary Secretary.

Nomination forms enclosed with this Newsletter

REMINDER, Membership Renewals Now Overdue

An important date to add to your Calendars/diaries - The 2014 VHRR Awards Night and Christmas Party. Friday 12th December at 7 pm in the Grand Ballroom at the Manningham. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Australia's Premier 'Wings and Wheels' 2014

The Annual Wings and Wheels is scheduled for November 15th-16th 2014 Moorabbin Airport, the weekend after Sandown. It is our intention to run the Rolls Merlin at both weekends. Being 50 years since the 105 Series Alfas were released, it is also planned to have a good display of these famous Alfas, plus three famous racing Rileys and several other exceptional cars.

This is my 13th year as Convenor of Wings and Wheels, and having just turned '90', I will be standing down after the event. What better replacement could there be than ROGER GRIFFIN (0408 006 818). I must remember to tell him!

To all the VHRR members that have supported Wings and Wheels: thanks a million!

Bill Prowse

Doug Hicks (1947-2014)

Many members may have known or at least known off Doug Hicks, who died on August 14 aged just 67 after a long battle with emphysema. Doug operated Motor Racing Services at Victorian race circuits and hill climbs in the late 1960s and early 1970s with his wife Rhonda, who shared his passion for racing and even competed in a Mini Moke. He was also the Victorian editor of Racing Car News and penned the popular Mainly Melbourne column for a number of years. In this period he was also an accomplished racer, scoring some impressive results in an old Brabham, much closer than he should have been to the F3 hotshots of the time, Brian Shead and Brian Sampson.

Doug joined the Light Car Club of Australia as assistant general manager to Ian MacKnight, helping to organise Sandown and Lakeland meetings. He also worked at Calder under Bob Jane and for BF Goodrich, before returning to the media as editor of Australian Motor Racing.

After divorcing Rhonda in the mid-80s he moved

away from the sport, but remained an enthusiast, buying a couple of Lotus sports cars in recent years with the aim of getting back behind the wheel in historic events, but his failing health prevented the realisation of this dream. Rhonda noted in her eulogy at the funeral that he would have loved to have left this earth wearing his new race suit, but of course it wouldn't burn. Doug would have appreciated the black humour!

On a personal note, Doug helped kick-start my early career, giving me reporting jobs for RCN before starting Competition Communicator in 1972 and making me the editor straight out of school. We remained good friends for many years and enjoyed lots of socialising, often with other racing people, including his good pal Rod Stevens, who was a great conspirator and ally to the end. David Hassall

The library needs copies of Phillip Island program's for VHRR events between 1981 & 1990. If we had copies they have gone astray. They were needed for a recent project but couldn't, be found. If you can help contact Lloyd Shaw on 0415 351 164 or email lloyd@cooldrive.com.au

John and Barbara Moir from Serendipity will be having an open garden on 8-9th of November. It is organized by Rotary their charge is \$5.00 per person or \$30.00 for ten gardens but do not quote me on that.

Love to see anyone from the club, introduce yourselves at our house.

Address: 41 Joyces Rd. Glenburn.

John & Barbara Moir

VHRR members, Johnny and Claire Greig's building company, Greig Design and Construction, are sponsoring the Historic FF classes at this year's Geelong Revival on the 29th - 30th November, with trophies for fastest time of the day, fastest aggregate time for your three runs and best presented car. This is one of the best fun and family motorsport events of the year, and Jamie Larner described his participation last year as one of his most fun days ever in motorsport. We would love to see at least 10 HFF's this year. Entries are now open, and here is the link. <http://www.geelongrevival.com.au/the-event/sprint-trials/>

After a lot of planning, VHRR member Chris Davison is delighted to announce that he has been able to put together a lease deal in the UK with Brian Souley Motorsport, which will see local Historic FF competitor Jon Miles drive their Ray GR10 in this year's Walter Hayes Trophy at

Silverstone on the 1st & 2nd November.

The event is named in honor of Walter Hayes, who was the head of Ford in the UK during the time of the development of the famous DFV F1 engine and the iconic Ford GT40 Le Mans sports car.

The WHT is now the #1 FF1600 event in the world, with in excess of 135 cars expected again this year.

Jon and Norris Miles and Chris Davison will travel to the UK the week prior to the event, and although they have limitations in terms of time and budget, are hopeful of a competitive showing.

"We do understand the size of the challenge we have taken on, and even making the final will be a massive achievement. But with most of the English FF's now converted back to the original Kent engine specifications, we are not jumping completely out of our comfort zone. Jon Miles has been the pace in Historic FF racing for the past few years, he is a qualified engineer, and at 33 years of age, has the experience and maturity to take on a challenge like this".

Rob Roy Club Challenge - Round 2

Sunday 31 August was a fine Spring (almost) day. Just about ideal conditions for Rob Roy. We went into round 2 sitting in about 7th place and finished the round in 3rd place with the support of 6 of our members - competing as follows:

Sports & Sedans 1601 - 2000cc

Phillip Chapman in the well prepared (and quick) Datsun 120Y - 1st in class, 25.66

Sports & Sedans 2001 - 3000cc

Frank Hook in his Austin Healey (a bit of a hand-full against the RX7 and ZS MG in his class) - 3rd in class, 30.31

Sports & Sedans 3001 & Over

Vic Spiteri in his lovely Jaguar E Type - 28.00 (not mucking about)

Clubman Sports all Capacities

Mike Barker, Elfin Clubman - 1st in class, 23.87 (FTD). In comparison to some of the quick cars competing here the Elfin is a very forgiving car, makes the drivers job easier.

Racing Cars Pre 1960

Phill Gray, 1934 Ford V8 special (I admire the Flat drivers on this hill, they would be hairy cars to drive this quickly) - 1st in class, 25.9

Racing Cars Post 1960

Mark Atkinson in the Falkenberg Jinx (good to see the Jinx finishing and doing respectable times) - 2nd in class, 29.21

Speaking of finishing - this is how not to Finish!

In deference to potential gearbox problems, and

in order to try and get some points on the board, I didn't do a "tyre cleaning" exercise and took it relatively easy at the start, but managed my fastest ever second sector of 11.99 secs (11.88 first sector) - then proceeded to rearrange, very gently, the hay bales at the finish! I have since fitted softer compound brake pads.

Just as a foot note, the MGCC have graded an area off to the left of the hay bales along the fence line as an escape route - might be worth keeping in mind!

Progressive points for the Club Challenge following round 2 are:

MGCC 1st on 160 points (67 competitors over the 2 rounds) GCC 2nd on 69 points (9 competitors over the 2 rounds) VHRR 3rd on 50 points (7 competitors over the 2 rounds)

RCCV 4th on 26 points (10 competitors over the 2 rounds)

WRX 5th on 24 points (4 competitors in round 2 - 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th in class)

The final round of the Club Challenge is on 2 November.

Mike Barker

3rd Annual All GM Day: A reminder of this years event to be held on Sunday the 19th of October. Last years event was a huge success with \$8000 donated to the local Hospital Children's ward for the purchase of equipment

Scott Campbell

Ballarat & District Early Holden Car Club

Classifieds

Wanted - Phillip Island program's for the VHRR events during the 1981 - 1990 period. Those that the library had have gone missing, possibly they will return, they are needed Help please. Contact Lloyd Shaw on 0415 351 164 or lloyd@cooldrive.com.au

1971 Lotus Elan S4 Federal Coupe. Ground up restoration - powder coated chassis and suspension. Lightweight crank and flywheel, Cosworth rods JE forged pistons 71/4" Tilton clutch. C/V jointed drive shafts, tooth belt water pump and alternator drive. 183 BHP and 134 lbs/ft of torque. (Dyno sheets available) This was a "keeper" but !! LHD with club rego (transferable if you're a VHRR member). \$40K spent, so I would like a bit extra for my labour! Sensible offers to John Sheppard on (03) 9379 7898

2005 BMW M5 for sale due to impending arrival of Falcon GT-F and I sadly can't keep 'em all'...I love this car and would like to see it go to a good home. Meticulously maintained

and finished in special order Mora Metallic with leather and Alcantara interior, it has done 107,000kms with full books and service history. Just serviced with 4 brand new Pirelli tyres. Features the awesome multi award winning 5 litre V10 507BHP engine with 7 speed Getrag sequential automated manual gearbox that was linked directly to the BMW-Sauber F1 programme of the time. As Jeremy Clarkson says It's an epic car, just brilliant.

Ross Jackson 0419 763 395

202 Holden Engine and other bits: Excellent motor and trans motor 20,000kms reco runs extremely well, carb has been kitted, new thermostat, extractors, elec ignition, no oil leaks, new clutch and 4 speed gearbox reco 5000klm ago. Rad slight leak right top, thermo fan but no controller, hoses included, shifter also very good. Asking \$1500 for the lot, John Ludviksen Phone (03) 9368 6000 Mobile 0418 108 171

MG Y chassis - very clean and straight, ideal basis for a period special - \$500,

MG Y front shocks - appear VGC \$ 150 pair
 Morris Mini 1100 block crank rods \$100. Morris Mini 1100 head, crack tested, \$120. Mini 1275 large journal crank, crack tested \$120. Mini 1275 standard cam, pin drive, GC, \$50.

Ph Ritchie 0414 795 103

Elfin 600E F2 ex Chris Milton and Ivan Clencie fitted with Twin Cam Ford engine and Mk9 transaxle. Car is complete, undamaged and has a CAMS Log Book. Must sell - best sensible offer.

Call Denis Lupton on (03) 9331 0560

Elfin 630E ex Clive Millis Fitted with BDD Cosworth engine and FT 200 transaxle. CAMS CofD and Historic Log Book. Spares include several pairs of gear ratios, dog rings and a set of spare wheels for wets. Car is complete and undamaged. Must sell best sensible offer.

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Birrana 273 rolling chasis #01. Factory team car. ex Graeme Crawford F2 championship car and Leo Geoghegan Macau GP winner. Spare nose cones and engine covers. Set of spare wheels. Must sell. Offers around \$20K.

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Wren Formula Ford chassis #03. In pieces and part restored. All plating done, engine, brake calipers, master cylinders instruments etc.etc. overhauled. CAMS Log Books from new. Many body parts and moulds. Complete and ready to assemble. Must sell. \$10K.

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Round 3 23rd November
 promoted by the
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 Entry Forms robroy@mcclub.com.au
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ADMISSION: SINGLE ENTRY \$10 OR \$15 PER CAR
 OFFICIAL TIRED PLUGS COMMENCE 15MIN
 FULL CATERING IS PROVIDED ON SITE AT ALL EVENTS