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NEWSLETTER - December 2016

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

December	10th	Annual Dinner & Awards Night.....	0407 825 545
March	17-18-19th	Phillip Island Classic.....	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 Gordon Hellsten03 9878 5272

(Red Plate) 5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130

*CCE = Club Championship Event

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Phillip Island Date confirmed: 17-18-19 March 2017

Vale John Reaburn We were saddened to hear of John's passing earlier this week. John had become one of those stalwarts of the club, embracing all things VHRR and a regular contributor to the club in many ways. We extend our sincere sympathies to Madeleine and his family.



John at Sandown 2016 Grant Campbell pic



VHRR Wednesday Group Lunch earlier this year at a special lunch for the presentation of John's OBE medallion. Ron Simmonds pic



Signing posters - Sandown Historic
Ron Simmonds pic

Compliments of the season to all members and thanks for your support with articles and contributions to the Newsletter. Ed.

Historic Sandown

Just want to thank you again Noel, for inviting me down to Sandown and taking such good care of me over the weekend. I had an amazing time seeing old friends again, and the day was topped off by your presentation of the plaque and flag. An emotional time for me, but I know Roger would have been so proud - thank you!

Kindest regards,
Margaret (Ealand)

Historic Sandown

Richard, Thanks so much for organising the display on the weekend, it was a great time and on behalf of the club and myself thank you and Adrian for allowing us such a great opportunity to display the cars and for being so helpful and accommodating. We all really enjoyed the weekend and are already looking forward to the next event.

I'll add your email address to my G+ where I upload my event photos so you can have a browse, you should be able to see past events too like Winton, Phillip Island etc.

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/photos/112035622594319598662/albums/6350131418180091361?authkey=CPCxis2O8JG9xAE>
Thanks again. Regards Michael

e Fraud

Since the email message of 10 November there have been many members making contact reporting incidences of e Fraud via Mobile telephone porting and /or bank accounts and credit cards having unauthorised transactions made.

We hasten to add that despite comments to the contrary circulating on social media, this spate of e Fraud was not caused by VHRR directly or indirectly. From what we are advised by the Police and Bank's involved the likely cause is an unidentified email infected with "Spybot" that may have been circulated to hundreds of recipients and then inadvertently passed on to others not knowing it was infected. This we are told is a common occurrence in e fraud.

VHRR have spoken the the e Fraud section of its Banker's, NAB, who have conducted an audit of the clubs bank accounts and eftpos Merchant Facility. They have advised that all of our accounts are in order and our eftpos facility is secure with no evidence of attempted fraud.



Top left, also seen at Sandown was John Blanchard Snr's other grandson Simon Fallon, another rising star - 5th in the Formula 4 Championship 2016, Top right, John Blanchard Jnr presents Leanne Tander her Cooldrive

sponsored trophy at the Island Magic event last weekend. Leanne become the first woman to win an Australian national circuit racing title.

Pics: Grant Campbell, John Blanchard Snr

We are aware that ANZ bank have taken it upon themselves to cancel ANZ Credit Cards which have had a history of transactions with VHRR, even though in most instances there has been no e fraud committed. They say they are doing this as a precaution. We understand the inconvenience this causes, and regrettably this action reflects unfairly on the VHRR, and is totally beyond our control. We again state that VHRR did not cause this problem.

We have made enquiries of CAMS Event Entries, as that appears to be another possible common thread. We are assured that CAMS EE is a secure site and that entrants should not hesitate in entering the VHRR Phillip Island event via that method.

To improve our own ability to service our members and non members wishing to pay membership and/or entry fees online we have established a PayPal account, as a secure payment facility which we hope will give reassurance to those wishing to pay via a certified secure site.

If you elect to pay via PayPal the Payee email address that you will need to quote is vhrr@optusnet.com.au

When paying via PayPal please ensure details of the nature of your payment are set out in the "message to recipient panel" on the PayPal payment page, e.g. Phillip Island Entry, Membership renew, Annual Dinner, etc.

As of today VHRR now offer 4 methods of payment: Cheque, Credit Card, PayPal and Direct Deposit.



Drossi Spl Canada Class

Sandown Formula Juniors

Canadian racing has a long history of home-built "specials" created from often-unlikely combinations of inspiration and componentry, but easily one of the most imaginative and exotic is the Drossi - built from an F-86 Sabre Jet drop tank.

Designed by Cecil Simmons and built by Ray Dreossi in the early 1960s, the tiny, shiny, aluminum-bodied racer will make its European debut at the Goodwood Revival historic racing meet in England in September with current owner and vintage racer Doug Elcomb at the wheel.

Half a century ago, there was nothing vintage about this innovative little open-wheel racer, designed to run in the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs' Canada Class, created in 1958 to foster the creation of affordable home-built machinery.

Its jet-fighter link is courtesy of the Canadian Air Force which flew Canadair-produced versions of the North American Aviation F-86 jet fighter in the 1950s, that could be equipped with range-extending auxiliary fuel tanks that could be jettisoned in flight.

Multi-talented engineer and amateur racer and car designer Simmons, who had already created one special, decided one of these lightweight, streamlined and strong aluminum tanks would make the perfect basis for his second project. Which he'd just talked young racing enthusiast Ray Dreossi into participating in.

"I'd been putting up a fairly decent show in novice racing in my (Triumph) TR3," recalls Dreossi. And Simmons, who was becoming less interested in driving himself, asked him if he'd like to drive his unique DKW-engined, aluminum-tube-framed special. Dreossi naturally jumped at the chance, although the car was approaching its best-before date in competition terms. Simmons then made him another offer he couldn't refuse. He would design a revolutionary new car that Dreossi would finance and build with his guidance and assistance.

"It would be a sort of apprenticeship," says Dreossi, who was then in his early 20s. His new mentor pointed out the project would require patience, as a build time-frame of two or three years was anticipated.

"But he said if I maintained the keenness to see it completed, the positive lessons learned would transfer to other aspects of my life," says Dreossi, who's now retired after a career as a machinist at General Motors and still friends with Simmons, who is now in a nursing home. Doug Elcomb driving Dreossi special racer Simmons decided his new car would be based on a monocoque or frameless design, making him a pioneer in this form of race-car construction at the time, and realized a surplus F-86 drop tank would be a ready-made starting point.

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Classifieds

Mac Hulbert's book on ERA R4D

is the fastest-selling book in the Great Cars series, and is being reprinted shortly. Signed copies can be ordered directly from porterpress.co.uk.

Historic 300S Maserati enclosed trailer as owned by the late John Best. One of two specially made by Rice Trailers for the 300S Maseratis of Doug Whiteford and Bob Jane. They were commissioned by Doug and Bob based on a lowered and extended form of the well regarded Rice horse floats. Featuring dual axles, a drop down rear door that doubles as a

ramp, steel frame and draw-bar, aluminium skin and wooden floors. Complete with extension ramps to cater for very low clearance race cars. This particular one, which we believe was Bob Jane's, has been re-painted in the Youl MRD blue and has new axles and bearings. Asking price is \$12,000 negotiable. Contact Roy Best on 0402 085 527

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