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NEWSLETTER - April 2017

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

April	8th-9th	Wakefield Park	02 4822 2811
April	22nd-23rd	Mallala Anzac W/E Historics.....	08 8276 7744
May	2nd	MGM (rescheduled due to Anzac day)	03 9877 2317
May	7th	VHRR Historic Rob Roy (CCE) - Triple Cup round 1	0407 825 545
May	6th-7th	Morgan Park	0437 471 433
May	21st	Interclub Challenge round 2	0407 825 545
May	27th-28th	Historic Winton - A7CV	03 5428 2689
June	27th	MGM	03 9877 2317
July	1st-2nd	Historic Queensland - Morgan Park	0437 471 433
August	5th-6th	Winton Festival of Speed.....	0412 264 997
August	13th	VSCC Pre-War Rob Roy - Triple Cup round 2	0407 825 545
August	22nd	MGM	03 9877 2317
October	1st	Oct 1st Interclub Challenge round 3 (CCE)	0407 825 545
October	24th	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
November	10th-12th	Historic Sandown	0402 224 133
November	19th	Historic and Classic Rob Roy - Triple Cup round 3	0407 825 545
December	9th	VHRR Christmas Dinner/Awards night	0439 719 619

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

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*CCE = Club Championship Event

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Important notice

Members are reminded that the date of the next General Meeting will be Tuesday May 2. Our usual scheduled date falls on ANZAC Day. Looking forward to seeing you then. We are always looking for items and articles for the newsletter and the Oily Rag. These publications rely on member input. If you are interested in writing for the Victorian section of the Oily Rag, here are the due dates for copy: 13 January, 17 March, 5 May 7 July, 8 Sept, 10 Nov. Contact the editor Patrick Quinn on oilyrag@hsrca.org.au or 0417 673 065. Leanne Newson Secretary 0417 128 332

Phillip Island Classic

A note from Richard Batchelor

This was a fantastic meeting and I hope the scribe covering it for The Oily Rag can do it justice! I don't recall seeing such an outstanding collection of historic overseas cars in this country, including two ERAs, the Formula One Scarab-Offenhauser and the equally rare Aston Martin DBR4, to name just a few of many. The program too was a great production - full marks to all those involved.

I had a chat with Paddins Dowling, owner of the 1938 AGP winning ERA, which period photos show being raced by Peter Whitehead bare headed (!) on the new, unsealed Bathurst circuit. Paddins was trying to start the recalcitrant ERA



Pic: Richard Batchelor

in the paddock. Charles McCabe, owner of the other ERA (the famous ex-Bira 'Remus' car) was lending a hand and they finally got the engine running by jacking up the rear wheels, with Paddins squirting petrol into the inlet ports while

Charles spun a rear wheel (see photo). The pair then started McCabe's car. I asked Paddins, "where's your pit crew?" and he confirmed he and Charles were fettling the cars on their own, which made me think we could consider offering some trackside help to our international visitors. What do other VHRR members think?

(Richard has written a full report which will appear shortly in the Oily Rag - Ed)

What a great weekend Phillip Island was, a superb track, in superb company. We overseas competitors owe all of you VHRR members who worked so tirelessly throughout the weekend a huge thank you. It was an experience never to be forgotten! Kind Regards, Rod (Jolley)

Richard (Williams),

I just want to say thank you on behalf of myself, those who attended and the Sunbeam club for your generous granting of the display passes and the opportunity to show the cars over the weekend.

I'm sorry for the lacklustre showing of the Sunbeams due to the club having a listed event that weekend with the "fly the flag" rally, I have been trying to get them to make the Phillip Island event the listed event as it is far more appropriate as a club outing rather than a week long tour.

Anyway, as always you and Adrian made sure we had a fantastic weekend and the displays and the event is a credit to everyone involved.

I spoke to many of the international guests and they all had nothing but praise for everything from the running of the events, the displays and the open and friendly nature of the organizers, event staff and spectators.

You guys do our classic car community proud both locally and globally.

It is much appreciated and you probably don't hear that enough, but we do appreciate all the work that goes into making these things run so smoothly and enjoyably for all of us.

BIG THANKS!! Regards, Michael King

Hi Richard,

Just a quick thank you for the opportunity to attend the classic, We had a "full house" on Saturday and a good turn out on Sunday - all those who attended had a great day and you

even managed to organise beautiful weather for us (no mean feat at the Island)

Thanks again, cheers, Neil Boothroyd
Aston Martin Owners Club

ROB ROY HILL

CELEBRATES 80 YEARS 1937-2017.

80 years of Rob Roy - a snapshot

The first Rob Roy Speed Hillclimb was held on 1st Feb 1937 and FTD was taken at that meeting by Jack Day in the Day Special with a time of 37.39 seconds - the times have come down a long way since then, with Andrew Howell's long standing record of 17.30 - set in 2009 (also, as it happens, on the 1st of February).

Rob Roy is where the the first Australian and Victorian Hillclimb Championships were held - both on June 13th 1938. This event was won by Peter Whitehead in ERA R10B. Whitehead set FTD and a new record of 31.46 seconds - in those days the track was unsealed.

The track was bituminised in 1939 - at that time sharing the distinction, with Shelley Walsh and Prescott, of being the only specially designed, bitumen surfaced, hillclimbs in the world.

Prior to it's closure in 1962, due to bush fires, eight of the record holders had also been Australian GP winners

with Rob Roy over the last 25 years.

Rob Roy has hosted 9 Australian Hillclimb Championships - 1938, 1947-1953, and 1958. Whilst the Australian Hillclimb Championship is no longer held at Rob Roy, rounds of the Victorian Hillclimb Championship are with the latest round being held on 22 January this year, where 2015-16 Victorian Hillclimb Champion, Gary Martin, took out FTD with a time of 19.90 seconds (there have ever only been 8 drivers under 20 seconds).

Come and Celebrate

The three promoting clubs (VHRR, VSCC and the MGCC) hope you will help celebrate the 80



Diana Davison-Gaze breaking Ladies Record 32.97 in the TC Special



ERA R10B (1936) (Peter Whitehead) @ 1938 AHC Rob Roy

- including Sir Jack Brabham, Lex Davison, John Crouch and Peter Whitehead (UK)

This year also celebrates 25 years since the MGCC resurrected the hillclimb. The Victorian Historic Racing Register (VHRR) and Vintage Sports Car Club of Victoria (VSCC), as promoting clubs, have also both been involved

years of Rob Roy hillclimbing during the year, either as a competitor, spectator or with your car on display at the events listed below.

Early Rob Roy Hillclimb Vehicle/Display vehicles/Spectators

EARLY ROB ROY HILLCLIMB VEHICLE - if you have or know of anyone with an early Rob Roy hill climb vehicle could you please contact Mike Barker 0407 825 545 or mikebarker2@icloud.com . We are looking for competitors and / or display cars to add to the spectacle of our event on the 7th May.

DISPLAY VEHICLE - As with early Rob Roy hillclimb vehicles, Do you have an older car or special vehicle? you might

like to put it on display.

SPECTATORS - If you are not in a position to enter, what about coming along to view the cars on display, watch the competition and talk with the drivers. Entry for spectators is only \$15/car load, or \$10 if on your own, great value for a day out!

The Events / Dates

- May 7th Historic Rob Roy Promoted by the (VHRR)
- August 13th Vintage Rob Roy Promoted by the (VSCC)
- November 19th Historic & Classic Rob Roy Promoted by the (MGCC)

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TRIPLE CUP

The above events form a 3 club (VHRR,VSCC & MGCC) challenge - the Triple Cup. Points are awarded to members of each club based on class placings and event entry. Following the 3 events the club with the most points wins the cup for that year.

Supplementary Regulations

The Supp Regs for the first of these events - May 7th VHRR Historic Rob Roy - are being distributed and are also available at CAMSEventEntry and at robroyhillclimb.com.au

So mark the 7th May, 13th Aug and 19th Nov on your calendar, take the dust covers off your car and come and join in the fun.

Catering

Food and soft drink will be available on site

Our family were delighted to meet Marc Valvekens at Phillip Island. Marc is now the proud owner of our father's GP Aston Martin.

Photo of Claire Greig, Richard Davison, Chris Davison and Cath Davison with Marc and the Aston in the pits at PI.



Paddins et al signing kids plaster

Pic: Grant Campbell



SHANNONS OPEN DAY

SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 2017
40 CORPORATE DRIVE, HEATHERTON
9:00 AM TILL 4:00PM

- Auction Showroom featuring over 50 vehicles from the Autumn Classic Auction
- Club and Function Facilities
- Customer Lounge and Memorabilia Collection
- Photography Booth
- Detailing Facility
- Insurance Quotes and Valuations
- Race and Specialty Vehicle Display
- Kids Entertainment
- Food Trucks

Classifieds

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