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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

NEWSLETTER - July 2019

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

August	3-4th	Winton Festival of Speed.....	0412 264 997
August	18th	Rob Roy Triple Cup VSCC.....	0417 002 892
August	27th	AGM.....	03 9877 2317
September	28-29th	HSRCA Wakefield Park.....	02 9988 4743
October	6th	Rob Roy Interclub Round 3 CCE.....	0417 398 606
October	22nd	MGM.....	03 9877 2317
October	25-27th	Historic Sandown.....	0402 224 133
November	10th	Rob Roy Triple Cup MGCC.....	0417 398 606
November	16-17th	25th Anniversary Wakefield Park.....	02 4822 2811
November	22-24th	Geelong Revival.....	03 5215 1181
November	30th	VHRR Annual Presentation & Awards Dinner.....	0407 825 545

Committee Meetings 2019

January 21st	April 15th	July 15th	October 21st
February 18th	May 20th	August 19th	November 18th
March 18th	June 17th	September 16th	December 16th

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 Hellsten03 9878 5272 5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130 *CCE = Club Championship Event

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

AGM Elections: August 27th

Notice of opening of nominations for VHRR GENERAL COMMITTEE for the year 2019-2020 to be elected at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday August 27 2109 at 8pm at the Clubrooms, Lexton Road, Box Hill. Nomination forms attached and/or enclosed.

Wanted: Awards Night Organiser

Following many years of successfully organising the annual Awards Night Dinner, Mike Barker has resigned from the position. 2019 will be his last gig! The VHRR is seeking a new organiser to take on this role and Mike is more than happy for this person to join him with the 2019 event. Interested parties can contact Mike Barker (0407 825 545) or Leanne Newson (0417 128 33).

Historic Winton 2019

This year marked the 43rd running of one of the most unique historic race meetings ever, Historic Winton. For those who don't know, Historic Winton is one of the only race weekends in Australia that has both cars and motorbikes on track on the same weekend. It's quite a popular meeting, with many racing enthusiasts coming from all over Australia to compete and spectate at what is a great weekend. This year was no exception for an impressive meeting, with the weather being great all weekend, and the race meeting ran smoothly. Unfortunately, for our Formula Ford team, the weekend didn't turn out as well as we'd hoped, with one 12th, one DNF and one DNS. The 12th position finish was a positive, seeing as our best result at last year's meeting was 14th. The weekend started for us on the Friday morning, where drivers are able to bring their cars for untimed practice. Eric Bellamy (our driver), Derek Smith (our legendary mechanic) and I were tired by about 10 am, due to a 3:30 am start and a last-minute gearbox issue that created added stress and work. After missing the ever important first practice session due to the gearbox, Eric went out for the remaining couple of practice sessions and seemed to have found more pace than last year, which was a positive, and we headed into Saturday with high hopes. In Saturday qualifying, Eric didn't get a clear run, putting us 14th out of the 20 or so cars that qualified for Race 1. Race 1 went well, with a great start off the line for Eric, and ended up with a positive result of 12th. Race 2 was where

everything went downhill for us, despite a good start off the line once again, Eric was pushed off the track at Turn 1, this was the start of a few incidents that caused our little Wren Formula Ford to endure a problem that was both quite dangerous, yet confusing. Every time the brake pedal was pressed, the accelerator to go down with it. So, with essentially no brakes, the car came off at Turn 1 on about the 3rd lap, in a way that was described as 'superman-like'. After a disappointing weekend for our team, we're looking forward to regrouping for the Winton Festival of Speed in August! Josh Lowing

Vale: Madeleine Reaburn, wife of the late John Reaburn. From Steve: Mum passed away peacefully at Maroondah Hospital last night. Had some health issues of late, and went downhill quite quickly. Visited home yesterday afternoon, but found her unconscious, nothing ambulance or hospital staff could do. As she wanted, on her own terms and independent to the end. Mum wanted a private family funeral. The VHRR Committee and members extend their sympathy & condolences to Steve and family.

Aaron got his first podium in the new TCR Australia Series at Phillip Island on the weekend.

Keeping the club updated with his progress. He is appreciative of the support of the VHRR members that were at Phillip Island on the weekend and dropped in to see him. Regards, Mick Cameron

AMI Spitfire Lands At VHRR

There are many wonderful framed photographs adorning the walls of the VHRR clubrooms, but I wonder how many of us take the time to closely study them....

Recently another gem was added, due to the generosity of Bob Morrow. Bob donated an autographed shot of Brian Sampson driving the unique AMI factory Spitfire. Probably the most successful Australian racing Triumph, the alloyed body Spitfire was based on the Le Mans Spitfire coupe and specially developed by AMI as a one off model.

Brian drove a number of cars for Australian Motor Industries team - Toyota Corona, Toyota Corolla, Triumph 2000, and the fabulous factory Toyota Celica Sports Sedan, but was well known in the late 60's and 70's for his exploits in the

Spitfire, recording race wins and setting laps records at many Victorian and New South Wales circuits. The Spitfire was also successfully raced by fellow works drivers Brique Reed and Dick Thurston.

Painted in Castrol colours, the car has been owned for many years by South Australian Rod Carey. It's last appearance at a VHRR event being Historic Sandown 2018.

Look for the photograph the next time you are at the clubrooms, and don't forget to examine the other pieces of memorabilia the VHRR is so lucky to possess. Cheryl Reid

Our club, The West Gippsland Vehicle Restorers Club is hosting the Gateway to Gippsland Rally from Friday 1st November to Tuesday 5th November 2019. On Saturday 2nd we will have a run from Warragul to Bryant Park hill climb Yallourn (near Moe), departing Warragul about 10:00 am to arrive at Bryant Park 11:30 and leaving 3:00pm. I wondered if any of your members would be interested in giving demonstrations at the venue? This would not be a competitive event, our rally entrants will be allowed to drive the hill climb but not at speed, we plan some fun competition, probably a hill start with and without using hand brakes. I would be grateful if you could enquire if any of your members are interested and if so to contact me.

Many thanks and best regards,
Rob Marshall, President WGVRCA Rally Director
Gateway to Gippsland Rally 2019
Phone: 0447 414 050

If you want to give readers of your next newsletter nightmares, here's a pic from my



latest exploits in Europe where I've entered my Tojeiro FJ at Cadwell Park, Most Autodrom (Czech Republic) and Anglesey (Wales).

Didn't get off to the best start when I slipped off my ramp - broke my nose, dislocated my shoulder, put a tooth through my lip and badly bruised my hip.

Needless to say, I got no sympathy whatsoever so I pushed on to Cadwell Park because it has always been a bucket-list venue for me. Couldn't do my belts up properly so toddled around at the back of the field just to say "I did it!". Ran into Will Walker (who is campaigning my old Elfin 300 in Europe) but he didn't want to be seen with me in my pathetic condition.

Nevertheless, I reckon Cadwell Park is my new favourite circuit - fantastic track in a beautiful English setting - Jonathan Palmer really knows how to run a track.

Most Circuit this weekend and at least I can move my arm and leg now.

Yours in health and happiness, Bill.

UK historic Formula Ford driver joins FF's "50th Anniversary" grid at the 2019 Winton Festival of Speed.

Highly regarded UK Formula Ford driver Richard Tarling will make his Australian racing debut at this year's Winton Festival of Speed on the 3rd & 4th August, when he drives the unique, Ecurie Australie entered FF86 Quest.

Richard Tarling first came to prominence in 1995, when as a 16 year old, he became the youngest driver to ever win a race at an open race meeting in the UK. He went onto to finish second in the annual Formula Ford Festival at Brands Hatch in 1997, and followed this up by winning the 1999 Formula Palmer Audi title. But

after such a promising start, he succumbed to the usual "lack of finance" problems, and dropped out of motor racing to focus on his family and career. Richard now operates a machinery importing business between Asia and the UK. But with the tremendous revival of FF1600 in the UK in the past decade, Richard is now back in FF as a regular front runner, where he drives a variety of historic and Heritage FF's for both himself and for other car owners. Richard is highly regarded for his speed, race craft and engineering skills, and in recent years, he has had excellent

success with the unique Jamun chassis, winning races and podiums at events like the Walter Hayes Trophy.

"I struck up a friendship with Richard when we first met at the 2014 Walter Hayes Trophy at Silverstone" commented car owner Chris Davison, "and we have always discussed the potential of him coming to Australia for an historic FF race meeting. My FF86 Quest is such a unique car, and the potential of having someone of Richard's sorting and driving experience in the car is a perfect fit for us both". Commenting on his first visit racing to Australia, Richard Tarling said "Chris has always encouraged me to come to Oz for an historic FF race meeting, and I am really looking forward to the opportunity of racing the unique FF86 Quest at Winton in August. This is a really big challenge for sure, with an unknown car, a technical new track and a very high standard of cars and drivers on the grid. But we are going to have some fun in the process".

With limited time available, Richard is coming on to Australia from one of his Asian business trips, but won't get to see the circuit or drive the car until the day before the Winton FOS meeting.

Winton Festival Of Speed

Set To Be Even Bigger In 2019

Join us for 24 categories of racing, over 500 display cars, and celebrating 50 years of Torana, Bolwell Nagari, HDT racing and the Ford Capri. Entries open on May 6th for this year's exciting Winton Festival of Speed.

Set across two days (August 3-4), WFOS is putting on its biggest program of events since inception. New categories have been added to the program, including HQ Racing and Historic Sports Sedans, and this year also sees the return of Formula 5000 - a category not seen since the days of the Rose City Trophy celebrating James Hunt's victory in 1978. Currently there are 20 Group U historic sports car intended entries.

A significant feature of this year's festival will be the hotly anticipated debut of the new affordable stepping stone in racing: Hyundai Excels. There will be a 15 lap enduro race to conclude the race day program on Saturday evening, with over 25 cars expected for this event.

Come Sunday there will be another two big enduro races: the Just Cars Touring Car Cup of 50 kilometres at 1.20pm, followed by the Formula Ford 50th anniversary feature race of 15 laps.

Both days the Shannons Show and Shine parade will play host to a truly spectacular display of over 500 cars. Plus, all the regular Winton categories will be present including the Classic Sports Cars of Group S, MG Racing, J&K, Lb Racing, M&O Sports & Racing, PQ&R Sports & Racing, as well as regularity cars including beautifully prepared Group C tribute cars, of which 14 entries are expected.

Entries close 5th July.

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Classifieds

Efin 620B Formula Ford, restored & running \$30,000 or best offer. Please phone Peter Halpin on - 0418 593 659. For photos, e-mail Brian Simpson - cooperjap1955@gmail.com

For Sale

Set of Historic Dunlop L series tyres 5.50b x15. At least 60% tread. One race meeting and a few sprints, but getting on a bit. Ideal for demo/



regularity/display.

Complete with tubes \$100, located in Highett.

Nick McDonald 0414 569 50

Donington Auctions are proud to be offering racing cars from the estate of the late Daryl Duff, this will be an online auction opening on July 21st and closing on July 28th. Daryl was the 6th member of the VHRR, ex-president & regular competitor in Marque Sports /Sports Car racing, Victorian Sprint Championship events, Regularity events, Sprints and Hill Climbs all with good success. It would be fantastic to see these cars continue to campaign in Victorian historic events with new custodian/s who will enjoy them as much as Daryl. Robbie Richards 0419 393 932