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Charlie Mitchell has just signed a lucrative deal with LB Racing in an attempt to promote historic racing and boost our humour levels here in WA.

Speaking with Mitchell at the recent Clem Dwyer Historic Race meeting he confirmed to FERN that his new race team 'Lara Bingle Racing' would hence forth use the Bingle catch cry "Where The Bloody Hell are you" as their motto.

It seemed entirely appropriate that he forgot to run in the last race at the Clem Dwyer to add wait to the "Where the Bloody hell are you" cry.

ET managed to ignore the PA calls for attendance at the dummy grid on three occasions and even resisted continued vain attempts by fellow competitors who frantically waved to him to gain his attention as he sat back on his deck chair in the paddock area of Barbagallo Raceway in Perth, talking away in his normal manner.

When questioned after the event where the Bloody hell were you? ET mysteriously confronted FERN with a conspiracy theory that the Historic Commissioner had conspired to detain him in the paddock whilst the race was on, Ruining any chance he had of winning the WA racing car championship. At that point he was leading the championship and could have gone into the long break as the points leader.

the rule that to finish first first you must finish, or in the case of our ET to finish first first you must start!!

Photographic evidence obtained via a security camera in the pit garages show quite a different story.

Further investigation by FERN has shown that Charlie thought that the regularity group was heading out and not



At present we await the results and tally of the points score but the championship leader will possibly be Brian Jarvis in his Midget, a demonstration of

the serious racers, that we could understand as their was plenty of action at the Clem Dwyer race meeting for all to enjoy.

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Racing was combined in the second event with regularity at the but I suspect that by Clem Dwyer meeting its impressive speed it for the first time in four may have a blower pressure that might years .



A wonderful assortment of cars arrived for the very early start to a winter race meeting. One such example was the blown Flying standard of "Sharky" Dave Brady which we haven't seen on the track for some time. It suffered a mortal wounding when it blew the head gasket



away and the J2 was motoring well all day, Geoff Herbert drove the MGB all day without trouble albeit some whispers of smoke on overrun Geoff!!! We could do with some new valve guides for next year .



doing just fine until he chose discretion when the cockpit and decided to park it on the infield and run. Good call Geoff, it turned out to be stop light wiring heading to the back that shorted.

The BMH and Charlie Mitchell in the TS, The Repco as mentioned and the last man standing was Alistair in the newly fashioned Dodge. Love that battle scar Buddy!!!

Seven cars in total ran in the FER group with John Rowe in the CWM putting in a good turn of speed and getting down to 1:18 race pace, Ed Farrar in the No.33 and MGJ2 was pedalling

Regularity was a double up for some of us who crossed entered and we got double the value from the meeting and got to slap

THE CLEM DWYER RACE MEETING

around some of those tin tops and sports cars.

A large turn out of Sports cars especially the Z cars and featuring a newly log booked car of VSCC member Ken Lyons. Ken the car looks good and better you come and join us for some fun in racing



We had some visitors from the eastern shore come to watch as well. Many we know from our experiences in Phillip island. Some 6 forward scouts from Victoria came to see what we were all on about when we spoke to the drivers at Phillip Is and Graham Cornes who we know from Phillip Is and New Zealand came from Queensland to see us.

Graham and his lovely wife were very surprised by the depth of fields we have here in WA. Graham has a Lotus copy that is so early in build that it qualifies as a historic car in its original group Lb Sports. It runs a little Coventry climax SOHC A very pretty car which I am sure we would all enjoy if he brings it here next year.

Another first was that the Campbell machine Dorace now has its C of D and Historic log books. Well done Al and think no more of those pesky temporary permits and calling the CAMS office three times a week.

The results are always available on the Natsoft website if you wish to drill into detail of times but some notable results, Len Kidd in the Porsche won the first regularity for sports car and Your Truly won the Racing car category, another first!

!And the Zed cars of Peter Harold and Clinton Hall took out the remaining events for sports cars. John Rowe took out the remaining two events for FER cars.

Many old faces reappeared in the regularity fields one notable being our friend Syd Sunter-Smith, back from touring the world by caravan and back to his usual form in the MGB which coincidentally won the first sports car regularity in Northam way back in 1999. Another old-new face to regularity at Wanneroo in the Miller F—d was Paul Wilkins, he is a former Cavy driver as well and still not past his use by date!!

So it was a great day only enhanced by the 22 degree temperature and bright sunshine in mid winter and to see the 26 FER ENTRIES greet the starter in the two disciplines was a pleasure.

If you weren't there well "Where the bloody hell were you?"

News AT the WASCC

It seems that the trucks are coming back to Barbagallo and we have been squeezed out of the November meeting. A great pity as it would have been nice to run with the Front Engine Racing Tractors. I will be talking to the competition group and will keep you abreast of developments



LB Racing manager GRUB!!!

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