



VICTORIAN HISTORIC RACING REGISTER

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NEWSLETTER – October 2005

COMING EVENTS

- *October 16th Morwell Hillclimb VHRR *CCE
John d'Asques
- October 22nd & 23rd Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb
Roger Boehme 0409-434-905
- October 25th General Meeting & Auction Night 8PM
*November 4th-6th Sandown *CCE
Noel Robson 0402-224-133
or robsonracing@optunet.com.au
- *December 3th Christmas and Awards Evening
Manningham Resort
- *CCE.....denotes Club Championship Event

VHRR Clubrooms are situated at 30-32 Lexton Rd. Box Hill
LUNCH MEETINGS WEDNESDAYS (NOT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS)

CLUB LIBRARY OPENING TIMES:

Wednesday Lunch Days 11.30-2.30 Club Meeting Nights 6.30-7.30

RED PLATES SCHEME Contact Lloyd Shaw.0415.351.164
P.O. 828 Glen Waverly 3150

**ALL THE ABOVE CLUB ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE
WEDNESDAY LUNCH ARE DESIGNATED RED PLATE ACTIVITIES.**



VHRR gratefully **acknowledge** the continuing support of our major sponsors.

Morwell Hillclimb. Oct 16th LAST ONE ON TRACK

Entries have been posted to members. This is a club competition event so please support it and send your entry back. Information from John d'Asques 9776-1013 or 0406-116-766**HURRY**

Monthly Meeting and AUCTION NIGHT. October 25th

Noel Robson is once again running our FUN night. Quick meeting at 8PM then the action. Please parts and items early....say 7.25 on so we can organise. Friends most welcome. *See Dorian note below.

Sandown Tickets

Your members ticket to our meeting is included with this newsletter.

Electronic Timing

The Australian Historic Racing Promoters have decided that all race meetings in Vic. & N.S.W. will be electronically timed in 2006 & in all other states from 2007.

The only exceptions will be classes J,K & pre-war regularity who will be manually timed at the Phillip Island 2006 meeting.

The system that has been chosen is Dorian & we have negotiated a bulk price of \$330 each instead of the normal \$492 .Dorian will be in attendance at Sandown Nov.5 & 6 & members can purchase at the discounted price from them . Obviously there are also there for any questions you may have. We recommend that all competitors purchase the units at Sandown to avoid a last minute rush at Phillip Island in Feb. 2006.It should be noted that the Dorian system is widely used in all forms of motor sport & the units are readily saleable if you cease racing.

EXTRA

Dorian units will be available for purchase at the Auction Night general meeting on 23rd August. 1 Dorian unit will be auctioned , so here is your chance to get 1 even cheaper !

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2 Dorian units will be Door Prizes at the Christmas party. These will be only available to members who have entered both Sandown 2005 & Phillip Island 2006.

TEMPLESTOWE HILLCLIMB PROGRAMS. There were 99 multi-club hillclimbs conducted at Templestowe between March 1951 and December 1987, the final 9 conducted by the MG Car Club on an annual basis. There were 99 multi-club hillclimbs conducted at Templestowe between March 1951 and December 1987, the final 9 conducted by the MG Car Club on an annual basis.

I am endeavouring to collect a complete set of Programs from these events and wish to purchase any that are available. David White (03) 9850 4795 email:

whitehouse@virtual.net.au

Presentation Night & Christmas Breakup December 3rd

Members will shortly receive invitations for this annual event. You are requested to start thinking about your tables and who you want to share with. The venue is once again the Manningham. * See Dorian note.

14th Rob Roy Historic and Classic Hillclimb

Sunday 27th November 2005

Guest of Honour - Neal Charge

Entries open 10th October - contact David White 9850 4795

History of Rob Roy book by Leon Sims will be on sale - purchase your copy and have it autographed by many of the past champions who will be in attendance on the day.

Leon Sims. "The book is only 6 weeks away .The official Media release will be at the VHRR club rooms Wed Nov 9. I'm really pleased with the results to date - looks like a 320 page book. Bruce Walton wrote the forward and will sign 100 special copies with mock leather cover and sleeve with DVD enclosed .We will also run 500 hard bound copies."

A Tale of Two Stories-Fact Stranger than Friction

Story Number One

Chicago's famous gangster Al Capone retained a very clever lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie" and as a result of keeping Capone out of jail for a long time was paid well and provided with a large family mansion.

Eddie had a soft spot for his son and saw his education, upbringing, clothes, cars etc. were the best. Yet there were two things he could not give his son, a good name and a good example. This worried Eddie and brought him to a difficult decision.

So, Eddie decided to rectify wrongs and to clean up the family name thus offering his son some integrity. He testified to the criminal activities of the Mob to authorities.

Easy Eddie died in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago street.

Story Number Two

WWII fighter pilot Butch O'Hare was assigned to the Aircraft Carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. Flying off with his squadron on a mission he checked his fuel gauge and realised someone had failed to fill the tank. With reluctance he headed back to the ship whereupon he saw a Japanese squadron about to attack.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety he blazed away at the enemy aircraft and when out of ammunition clipped the wings or tails of others.

With five aircraft so destroyed the attackers turned away and the Lexington was saved. Butch received the Congressional Medal of Honour. Sadly, a year later and aged 29 Butch was killed in aerial combat. In order to honour the courage of this man, Chicago named its airport O'Hare.

Butch's memorial plaque is between terminals 1 & 2.

***Can you guess the connection between the two stories?**

Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.

Roger James with Thanks to Mac Hulbert.

VHRR SMALL ADS

NEW ADS:

**SPARCO Nomex Race Suit, near new. Light blue top, dark blue legs and sleeves. Size: Medium, suit height 175 to 190cm. In SPARCO suit bag. \$400
Lotus 7 Series 4, 1976. Late model, big valve twin cam, red with tan interior. Well set up for road and track. Full weather gear, tonneaus etc. \$27,500 Peter Hill 0411-111-439 Email: peter.r.hill@gmail.com**

Diatto 1923 Tipo 20: 2 Litre 4 Speed gearbox All Original Parts, Suspension, Wheels etc. New Body, Paint, Trim, Radiator and Surround. Offers Around \$45,000 Email: turner1929@hotmail.com or 9836-6250

OLD ADS:

Richardson Ford V8 Special First built classic Historic Race Car with CAMS logbook and Certificate of Description. Full race Ford Flathead V8 with competition gear box, brakes etc. Very reliable and competitive car. Chassis is 1927 Whippet constructed upside down and back to front. Body is all hand moulded polished aluminium. Aircraft magneto mounted out front. Unique history with QLD state racing and hill climb Championships along with 3rd outright in Australian Grand Prix 1954 behind Lex Davison. Car was reconstructed in 1982 and has competed successfully since. Price: \$20,000.00. Derek McLaughlan 9720-6600, 0403-131-304 Or dmclaughlan@ozemail.com.au

1. Historic Adams Formula Ford Built 1970. New body - McLaren MP4 style; neat complete straight body, requires rebuild Log Book and Certificate of Origin supplied; driven by Colin Bond/Daryl Adams \$5000

2. Nota Clubman chassis, some body panels \$1000

Contact Phil Wheeler 03 53 32 1336

3. Quicklift racing jack, suit open wheeler with minimum ground clearance. As brand new, Price \$150.00 Cosworth pistons suit BDA as is \$250.00 Sundry Ford Crossflow engine parts \$100.00 Cosworth conrod bolts, brand new, one set \$125.00 Ford diff. centre, 4.44/1 suit Mk1 Escort \$100.00 Ian Wells: Phone (03) 9 808 7325

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