



VICTORIAN HISTORIC RACING REGISTER

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NEWSLETTER - August 2007

We meet Bi-Monthly - 8pm at the VHRR Club rooms 30-32 Lexton Rd Box Hill.
Wednesday Lunch Group - every Wednesday except Christmas Holidays.

COMING EVENTS

August	11th -12th	HRCC Queensland Historics.....0448 946 637
August	16th	Elfin Heritage Centre opening: Bill0408 059 002
August	28th	AGM & Committee Elections
September	9th	Morwell Hillclimb CCE
		Ray Da Costa03 5940 1647
September	15th -16th	HSRCA Eastern Creek Historics02 9913 3662
September	29th - 30th	Phillip Island 6 hour Regularity Relay0419 394 631
October	12th -14th	Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix
October	20th	Mt Tarrengower Historic Hillclimb.....03 9817 2860
November	9th -11th	Historic Sandown CCE
		Noel Robson.....0402 224 133
December	8th	Christmas & Awards Night
		David Palstra03 9890 2485
March 2008	7th - 9th	Phillip Island Classic.....03 9877 2317

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS	Wednesdays 11.30-2.00 Club Nights 6.30-7.30
Club Permit Scheme	Lloyd Shaw0415 351 164
(Red Plate)	PO Box 828 Glen Waverley 3150
	*CCE = Club Championship Event

All the above club activities including the Wednesday Lunch are designated Red Plate activities.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

- **Notice of AGM on August 28 2007 at 8pm.**

Please make a real effort to come to the AGM to hear about how the club has fared in the last 12 months. Your support is important. Members are encouraged to consider nominating for the General Committee and Executive. The Club relies on members to give of their time and expertise to promote historic racing for us all. Being on the committee is a great way of contributing. Nominations due by close of business on August 21. See the website for a form.

- **2007-2008 Subscriptions Now Overdue**

A gentle reminder for those who have yet to renew their membership, the next Oily Rag, due shortly, will be the last for those who haven't renewed.

We will be out of the country for the month of September, so get those cheques and forms in soon to avoid any hassles.

Mike and Sue Byrne 3 Kristen Close Mt Eliza 3930

- **Roy Best** Sat August 11 Hamer Hall - Arts Centre **The Australian Pops Orchestra 'Pops at Best'** 8pm & Sunday 12th 2pm Ticketmaster 1300 136 166

- **Morwell Hillclimb: September 9th**

As my Grandma used to tell me "**all good things come to an end**", and so it is with the Morwell hillclimb track. September 9th will see the eighteenth and last of our VHRR hillclimbs at Gippsland Park so it's your last chance to experience an enjoyable day's motorsport at that beautiful venue before it's gobbled up by the coal mine. Regulars will tell you that the weather is always delightful, the officials friendly, the atmosphere convivial and the track challenging but very safe. On the other hand the regulars would tell you anything to get you to enter. No, just kidding, it's a great day out and not to be missed. See the calendar for details and if you're thinking of going down on the day before get in touch with George Spanos for a Motel recommendation. Ray Da Costa 59401647

- **Historic Sandown 9th - 11th November Entries out now**

See the website - www.vhrr.com/forms - to download one now, or call Noel Robson, 0402 224 133 or Simon Rogers AH 9807 6429, 0419 504 102 Email: rogers36@bigpond.net.au

- **Adelaide Easter Historic Racing Festival 21-24 March**

The Promoters will run a special race for Formula Ford Cars if 10 cars are entered

- **75 years Great Ocean Road Celebration Tour**

The VACC Presents this 4 day tour re-creating the Official Opening of the World's Largest War Memorial on 26 November, 1932. 40 Vintage and Veteran cars will take part in the Tour. All proceeds go to Retina Australia Victoria. Enthusiasts are invited to watch as the cars drive from Melbourne to Portland. Further details phone Charles Rogers on 0407 246 533 or visit web site - www.carsoftheworld.com.au

- **Elfin Heritage & The Elfin Owners & Drivers Club has a new home.**

Thursday 16th August 2007 will see the opening of The Elfin Heritage Centre in dedicated premises in Melbourne. All members of The Elfin Owners and Drivers Club, the Victorian Historic Racing Register, the NSW HSRCA, CAMS and selected Media are invited and encouraged to attend....

- The Elfin Heritage Centre 29 Capella Crescent Moorabbin Vic 3189

- For further information, call Bill Hemming 0408 059 002

- **Vale: Walter Jona**

Walter Jona was the Liberal Member of the Victorian Parliament for Hawthorn during the Bolte and Hamer eras. During the 1960's, he became most concerned about the State's road toll and the number of very severe facial injuries caused by passengers crashing through windscreens as a consequence of motor accidents. After much research and publicity, Walter ensured that the Victorian Parliament passed legislation making the wearing of seat belts in motor vehicles compulsory and in turn forcing manufacturers to fit seat belts to all vehicles sold in the State. This safety legislation was the first in the world and within a short time became universal. Walter initiated a program which now includes strengthened passenger capsules, crumple front and rear sections, side intrusion bars, air bags and head high seats. His efforts have saved thousands of lives and injuries. Walter died in his 80's at his home in Hawthorn in mid July. Roger James

- **Roger's review of "On the Road Again"** noted there were three VHRR members

featured. In fact there were four. Keith Riddell, HK Monaro GTS, was the other.

- **Editor Grant Campbell** - thecampbells@netspace.net.au 03 9787 3640 Fax 03 9787 9108

Regularity News Historic Sandown, November 9th, 10th & 11th.

Regularity will be split into two divisions based on driver/car performance. The grid density allows a maximum of 40 cars, and we will balance both divisions according to total entry numbers. The committee recognizes that in past meetings there have been some issues that have not pleased many drivers; gridding order, over driving by a few competitors, speed differentials. These concerns have been raised at the committee meetings and every effort will be made to overcome them. All motor sport has become expensive, and Historic meetings are no exception. The big ticket costs to put on our meetings are track hire, permit fees, essential support expenses are basically beyond the control of the VHRR. To add value for our regularity competitors, it is planned to increase the number of laps in each event. Over the weekend there will be a Saturday morning practice session and one event in the afternoon, with two events on Sunday. Also the Race committee will schedule the order of events so that one regularity division will be the first event of the day and the second in the middle of the program, not the last as in previous years. At Sandown this year we will run a Regularity Team Prize. Teams will consist of 3 drivers, who can be in the same division, or two in one and one in the other. The number of points each team driver scores in each event will be accumulated over the three events and the prize will be awarded to the team with the highest total at the end of the weekend. So start thinking about forming your team. With growing popularity of regularity events in Victoria, I urge you to return your entry early so you won't miss out. I welcome any comments from our regularity competitors and can be contacted at home on (03) 98275234. Ross McKinnon VHRR Regularity representative

COMPARE THE COST

Brands Hatch - June 2007 & Sandown - November 2007

Private Practice - Friday - Brands Hatch = \$A 741.57

At Brands Hatch you have 4 sessions of 20 minutes, about 8 laps each session or a possible total of 32 laps of 2.3 miles (125km) Cost per lap = \$23.17 - Cost per km = \$5.93

Private Practice - Friday - Sandown = \$140.00

At Sandown you will have 4 sessions of 20 minutes, about 15 laps each session or a possible total of 60 laps of 3.1 km (186 km) Cost per lap = \$2.33 - Cost per km = \$0.75

Official Practice & Races at Brands Hatch = \$A1148.45

At Brands Hatch you would have 2 qualifying sessions of 15 minutes (6 laps) and 2 races of 20 minutes (8 laps). Over the weekend you have a possible total of 28 laps. Cost per lap = \$A41.00 - Cost per km = \$A10.53

Official Practice & races at Sandown = \$295.00.

At Sandown we estimate you will have 1 practice of 20 minutes (13 laps) and 4 races totalling 30 laps = a possible total of 43 laps. Cost per lap = \$6.86 - Cost per km = \$2.22

The total cost for 3 days entry at Brands Hatch = \$A1890.00

The total cost for 3 days entry at Sandown will be = \$435.00

Note - The Brands Hatch figures quoted above were for one car entered in two categories. At Brands hatch both cars should cover a total of about 60 laps. At Sandown one car covers about 103 laps. The end result indicates that Sandown offers over 60% more track time/laps per kilometers per car per dollar. Any figures quoted are for entry fees only, no pits, fuel etc.

From time to time Ads from international vendors turn up through the Website. These weren't exactly one of them, but I found them on the net at www.historicmotorracingnews.com anyway:

Arrows F1 Chassis No.A3-3 was Ricardo Patrese's mount for 1980/1981. First in Warsteiner then Ragno Livery. Took pole position and almost won Long Beach Grand Prix in 1981. Un-raced since decommissioned by Arrows. Just undergone a full restoration. A remarkable original piece of racing history. +44 (0)1727 884650

And another:

Tojeiro Buick Ecurie Ecosse Coupe sports suspension, sports exhaust, modified engine / Tuned, full history, restored, Matching Numbers , FIA Papers, original racing history Originally ran at Le Mans with a 2.7 Climax PPF, converted for 1963 to Buick Power, driven by Jackie Stewart. Ground breaking design. Boxes of original spares. A regular competitor at Goodwood Revival and possible Le Mans Classic entrant +44 (0)1727 884650

SEE THE MIGHTY MUSTANGS IN ACTION AT THE FIRST NATIONAL 'GREEN' RACE MEETING

A mass of mighty Mustangs will headline Australia's first carbon neutral national race meeting when the 11th annual Historic Sandown meeting roars to life at Sandown Raceway from November 9-11. The carbon emissions generated over three days of on and off-track action will be calculated and a portion of the meeting's entry fees will be donated to Greenfleet. This will ensure enough trees are planted to completely offset the meeting's impact on the environment.

Victorian Historic Racing Register vice-president Noel Robson said he was proud the Register would lead the way in minimizing the environmental impact of a national motor racing meeting.

"We have always been conscious of trying to put on race meetings that give fans of historic racing the greatest bang for their buck," Noel said. "Minimising the carbon footprint of our activities is something we are very pleased that Greenfleet allows us the opportunity to do."

Up to 200 Mustangs will be on display, some of which will hit the track in a classic display of American muscle that will delight race fans' visual and aural senses. The highlight for many will be the chance to stand next to a vehicle many rate as the greatest touring car in Australian history, Allan Moffat's 1969 Boss 302 Trans-Am Mustang.

Alongside the "Moffstang" will be the Mustang driven by Ian "Pete" Geoghegan to four consecutive Australian touring car championships from 1966-69. Mustangs driven by other Aussie racing heroes such as Norm Beechey and Bob Jane will be among at least 200 on display.

The mighty Mustangs will be backed up by a wide array of classes encompassing all eras from stately pre-1931 vintage cars, through ferocious open wheelers such as Formula 5000 and Formula Ford, to the brawny Group A and C touring cars spanning the 1970s, 80s and 90s.

Mr Robson, the race director, said the Historic Sandown meeting held something for race fans of all ages. "Whatever your taste, there's a racing category to suit," he said.

"As well as offering non-stop on-track action, we encourage spectators to wander down to the pits for a close-up look at these incredible cars. In most cases we don't put barriers around them, and the drivers themselves are often around for a chat.

"It's a great opportunity to get up close and personal with what is, frankly, some astonishing machinery."

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GT's to race for Australian Tourist Trophy Title at Sandown

The inaugural Sandown GT Classic to be held in December will now take on added significance with the Board of CAMS approving the awarding of the 'Australian Tourist Trophy Title' to the winners of the 2007 event. The three-and-a-half hour race will round out the 2007 Australian GT Championship with plans for it to become an annual affair and the hallmark event of Grand Touring racing in Australia.

Classifieds

For Sale: ASP Formula 2 group Q Racing. One of 3 built in 1973 by ASP Cars in Adelaide. Factory formula 3 car for Chris Milton, converted to formula 2 in 1976 by Colin Trengrove later hillclimbed by Gordon Dobie. Fresh 1600 all steel Crossflow FORD (160 HP), 5 speed MK 9 Hewland, 400kg. Winton 1:02. Phillip Island 1:42 in inexperienced hands. In race ready condition fully restored. \$36,000 contact John Pyke 0419002379

For Sale - Rennmax Traco Group O Sports. 1969. 4.4 litre Traco engine, Hewland transmission. This car was originally built by Alec Mildren in 1965 with a Maserati F1 engine. Beautiful car with all alloy body and great history. Comes with COD and Historic log book. Move to the beach (seachange!) necessitates a reduction in the number of toys, so something has to go. I am looking for a reasonable offers for this unique vehicle. David, mobile - 0409 603 749

For Sale -1973 Royale Formula Ford. Model RP16FF Full CAMS documentation Certificate of Description and Log Book. Documented history of the car since sold new in USA and imported in 1996. Larner engine and spare set of wheel with tyres. The car has not been raced since 2003 and is in excellent condition. Ideal car for someone who wishes to compete in Formula Ford at this level. Would like to see it go to a good home. \$25,000 ONO

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