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NEWSLETTER - June 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

June	2nd - 3rd	Historic Oran Park	
June	26th	MGM Guest Speaker Allan Moffat	
June	30th	Winter Christmas at Rawson	
		Ron Townley	03 5988 4846
June	30th	Winton Test & Tune day	03 5766 4235
August	11th -12th	HRCC Queensland Historics.....	0448 946 637
September	9th	Morwell Hillclimb CCE	
		Ray Da Costa	03 5940 1647
September	15th -16th	HSRCA Eastern Creek Historics	02 9913 3662
November	9th -11th	Historic Sandown CCE	
		Noel Robson.....	0402 224 133
December	8th	Christmas & Awards Night	
		David Palstra	03 9890 2485

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS	Wednesdays 11.30-2.00 Club Nights 6.30-7.30
Club Permit Scheme	Lloyd Shaw
(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

- **Winter Xmas at Rawson** - fully booked but some 'Backpacker' accommodation still available - call Ron for more info - 03 5988 4846
 - **Guest Speaker at June 26th MGM Alan Moffat** 8.00pm sharp at the clubrooms
 - **New CAMS CEO.** Hot on the heels of the new State manager, **Graham Fountain** has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS). CAMS announced today (18th May) that Fountain will commence his new position on the 18th of June 2007. Graham comes to CAMS following many years of service with Victoria's Country Fire Authority (CFA) in a diverse range of senior operation and management positions including his most recent role as Deputy Chief Officer where he was responsible for managing the Emergency Management portfolio.
 - **Vale - Ken Hastings** 4/12/1935 - 17/5/2007 The description larrikin, competitor and friend all apply to Ken. He didn't drink or smoke but when relaxing, in company he enjoyed, he could have been intoxicated, his love of fun and humour always bubbling to the surface. Apart from his family, Motor Racing was his passion; he raced cars for 50 odd years. A complete mixture of open wheelers, sports cars and touring cars, wherever and whenever possible and to his credit, he drove them all well, some of his lap records are still current today. To his friends, his generosity of spirit and the time he made freely available, will be remembered forever. Sadly missed - Denis Lupton. The committee & members of the VHRR members extend their sympathies to Ken's family.
 - **Vale - James Diffey** Well remembered for his exploits at Phillip Island in Dean Butler's ERA in 2005 James lost his battle with cancer on the 20th of May this year. Back in the UK James was equally at home driving his Bugatti Brescia in the VSCC winter trials, where he was a regular winner.
 - **Great night out last week at Toll Racing.** Thanks to Ian Tate & the Toll Team out at Clayton. Fascinating to see the professionalism of a top team at work. What interested me most was the sight of about 4 Mazak lathes, each about the size of my garage, all making things at the push of a button!
 - **Competitor Licensing - Medical Requirements**

Part of the process in obtaining a CAMS National/Provisional Circuit Licence involves a medical examination to determine if a competitor is fit to compete.

CAMS has recently completed a review of the medical standards governing the process involved in assessing cardiovascular risk. As a result, the CASA score has now been replaced with the CAMS CV Score Chart which is based on a updated study as reported by the Framingham Heart Study Group. This has resulted in an up-to-date, clear and more simplified process where the emphasis is less reliant on multiple, various tests as previously required under the CASA Score. This in turn significantly reduces on-going costs to a competitor who is in good health.

From the CAMS website you can see number of documents which give further detail in this new process and which also includes the CAMS CV Chart and how it is used for assessing cardiovascular risk.

1. Information on process (PDF - 84Kb) 2. Information Overview - flyer (PDF - 111Kb) 3. CAMS Cardiovascular Risk Chart (PDF - 100Kb) 4. How the CAMS CV Chart is used (PDF - 95Kb).

More info: please phone the CAMS Member Hotline on 1300 653 529
 - **Danielle Mueller, third-year Graphic Prepress Apprentice**, designer of that fabulous Phillip Island poster & programme cover, was named Apprentice of the Year. Danielle, from Hobart, also won a Graphic Prepress Excellence Award, the Eastern Studios sponsored Prepress Award and the VHRR poster competition.
 - **Special Saturday Test & Tune Day** Winton Motor Raceway will run a special Test and Tune (Open Practice) Day on 30th June. This will be the only opportunity to test on a weekend date this year. The Friday Test and Tune on 29th June is still scheduled so it will be an ideal opportunity for Interstate competitors to do a 2 day test session and make the most of the time available. The cost of the day is \$120 and participants must have either a AASA, CAMS or MA Licences. More info: (03) 5766 4235
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I had the opportunity to race in the **Cleanevent Ute races at the AGP back in March**. This would not have been possible without the help from a number of people. To this end I would like to pass on a special thank you to the following people. Ian Tate, Les Small, Bill West, Stewart Allan, Noel Brien, David Vernall, Mike Holloway, David Floyd, Bob Gracie, Chris Bradbrook, Daniel Bradbrook, Brushes and Dane Keevers. Without the support from the aforementioned people this would not have been possible. Upon arrival of the Ute from Queensland (TNT forgot to send it) on the Saturday before the Grand Prix we set about replacing the damaged radiator support, both front guards, bonnet, headlights etc. By Sunday night the car was assembled and painted. An electrical gremlin was also a problem. The car didn't go! The auto elec was called in Monday morning and some dodgy wiring was found to be the culprit. The car now starts. A spanner check then revealed a number of parts requiring replacement. By Tuesday lunch all this was replaced including brakes, unis etc. Brushes arrived to put the signage on the car all that was left now is for it to be put on the dyno. Wednesday 1.30 pm saw the car come off the dyno and put on the trailer. All spares and tools were then packed into the Ute. Have I mentioned that I have never driven one of these things before.....

A quick dash to Calder and I put in 8 laps before they closed, flat spotted a tyre and couldn't get used to the brakes...oh well...off to the AGP. Unload the car and set up camp Wednesday afternoon and evening. Thursday morning practice saw a lot of grass cutting as I was trying to come to grips with the car. Then came qualifying. 20 something, oh well. The car was straight and I was getting a drive but I did manage to keep it on the black stuff this time. Race 1. Really crap start. By lap 2 I had passed the guys who left me for dead off the start, well, that was until turn 3 when the brain went for lunch and the foot didn't hit the brake pedal until way too late. Jeez, I've nearly got through the gravel trap but alas another 10 feet was not possible. I must say, turn 3 is not a bad vantage point to watch from. I was ready to pack it up and go home, just couldn't get a feel for the brakes on this thing.

Friday, Race 2. Starting rear of grid. New mindset. Don't go out there to win, just have fun. This was also drummed into me from a blast from Les!!! Hang on, this is quicker, brakes are not that bad I guess. Race 2 was a lot more fun and I managed 17th.

Saturday Race 3. Poor start but kept the head together this time. 10 laps, 1 off, a nudge of the wall coming onto the front straight and I came home 17th again. I ended up with 16th overall for the weekend out of 30 cars. Didn't set the world on fire but had a ball. Most of the other Ute competitors were a friendly helpful bunch but it is still not the same camaraderie as I experience at the historic events. At this stage I would also like to thank my sponsors for without their involvement also, this would not have been a possibility. Wilkinson Steel Fabrications, Multi-Shifter, Ceil Motive Power, Forkmaster, Melbourne Forklifts and AIP Pumps.

Steve Yates

Group S at Historic Winton Weather was wonderful. Group S was last on the race program and lucky to finish the Saturday 10 laps without headlights. It was won by Phil Verwoert in his Carrera RS. Sunday morning's handicap was won by Barry Finlay in the Lotus 7 S4. Special congratulations to Phil on winning the afternoon race and becoming the first SC competitor to be awarded the Alan Jones Trophy. The race was marred by an incident involving Jon Bate and the well known "Cane Toad". "Cane Toad" is not in great shape, but thankfully Jon escaped without much damage. Thanks to the Austin 7 Club for a great meeting.

Sue Byrne

Book Review

On The Road Again by Kevin Norbury

Kevin Norbury has been a motoring journalist with the Age newspaper and this the new book is a sequel to his first "King Of The Road." The book contains articles on 52 most interesting vehicles complete with their origins, history, restoration and unusual side limes aimed at providing enjoyment for motoring enthusiasts.

But what caught my eye in the general bookshops is that it has professional write-ups of a number of VHRR members and their cars. A quick flip showed our deceased friend Nereo Dizane and his 1964 Indy Brabham with a technical explanation of its Offenhauser engine;

George Spanos and his rare beautifully styled 1959 Elfin GTS Coupe and Tom Roberts and his magnificent Australian Special, the 1935 Kleinig Hudson which gave its name to Conrod straight at Bathurst. That's not all! There is a story of a touring car fan who made a model of Harry Firth's workshop where VHRR president Ian Tate did his apprenticeship and worked for many years.

Beautiful Colour photos complete the picture and good value at \$27.

Roger James

Classifieds

For Sale – 1978 Ford 350 Truck

Tilting fully enclosed race car tray and ramps, electric winch, lots of storage in lockable lockers, new engine, on gas, new tyres, full registration \$45,000 Peter 03 9822 0422

For Sale – 1967 Iso Grifo as Group SB race car. Only two in the world racing Chev 327-V8 500 + horse power – 1250 k.g. Several outright wins Includes race engine & original 327 Chev 2 super T10 gear boxes 10 race wheels, new tyres and 5 original Borrani wires Race interior and original red leather interior in excellent condition Many spares including 3 windscreens

Peter 03 9822 0422 rfsproperties@bigpond.com

For Sale DEVIONE Rear Uprights New Unmachined \$250 The Pair ONO. AP 4 Spot Calipers Part # CP3344 \$750 the pair ONO (New Price £434 U.K/ \$1085 AUD each). 1 – AP 5 1/2 inch Triple Plate Clutch plus spare plates, to suit 7/8 x20 spline. \$600 1 Copper Radiator 400 x 290 suit early Cheetaah or Brabham \$200.00. 1- Dry Sump Scavenge Pump \$200

Phone Ian on 0417 851 716 Melbourne

For Sale 1. MG Y-Type chassis, fully restored incl. brakes, suspension, steering although has been standing for a while so brakes would need attention. Was going to be the basis of a sports/racer special but too many projects & not enough time mean it has to go. Includes rebuilt XPAG engine, gearbox and diff. Email photos on request. \$4,000 ONO. Andrew Clayton, Ph. 0413273499

2. Supercharger, very little known other than it's thought to be a cabin blower type. Beautifully finished in polished aluminium, includes nose pulley extension, brackets, pulleys, wide single belt, blow off valve, oil dipstick, inlet manifold to fit an XPAG/XPEG or Mowog engine of similiar type. I've never used it so don't know anything about efficiency, capacity, etc.

Email photos on request. \$2,000 ONO. Andrew Clayton, Ph. 0413273499

I am seeking any information AND photographs on Ian WELLS' Kenner Special.

Ian had (Rob?) KENNER build the Triumph twin cylinder Tiger 110 /500 cc engined car in the early 1960s. Ian raced the car a few times in South Australia in the 500cc events. He also did some testing with Gary COOPER for the Elfin Formula Vee prototype at Mallala also in the early 60s. Ian took the car to Salisbury in South Australia and took the standing 1/4 Mile record on the 10th October 1965 with a time of 17.91 seconds. This record still stands today as it was set prior to 1983 the CAMS record cut off point. Ian later sold the car to a bloke in Sydney who wanted it for his daughter, the car disappeared for years and recently, apparently turned up with the Crocker Special when Jim CROCKER located his old car and bought it back for restoration. Jim told Ian that he had the remnants of the Kenner and that he could have it if he wanted to. The Kenner ended up in Ian's garage until David REID, David PALSTRA and myself winkled it out of him and spirited it away to David PALSTRA's Service Centre in Blackburn. The Kenner is now awaiting it's fate in the hands of the new owner(s) and we need, (a) Photographs. (b) Information. (c) Inspiration. Any information, history, photographs, snippets, rumours, innuendos etc would be gratefully received.

Regards, Paul 1/- 98764403 paulschilling@optusnet.com.au

Old wrecks for New Zealand public transport - Tuesday 15 May 2007

Your old wrecked car growing weeds in the back yard could be worth \$400. The NZ government is launching a pilot program in an effort to get people out of their old cars and onto public transport. Owners will get \$400 worth of bus and rail passes, in return for their old vehicles. The cars will be scrapped and recycled. Minister Judith Tizard is launching the scheme. The Auckland-based trial will run for six weeks and targets vehicles that are either unregistered, will not pass their safety inspection or the inspection process is going to cost more than the vehicle. The scheme aims to tackle dangerous vehicle emissions, improve public health, promote public transport use and recycle resources.

Registration for Club Championship - Please fill out this form & fax or post to Ian Tate with payment of \$10.00 Fax/Phone 03 9877 2317

Name Car Group

Address.....

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