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## NEWSLETTER - March 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

|                                   |             |   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---|
| March                             | 9/10/11*    | Phillip Island Classic<br>Sandra Caffin.....03 9744 1807  |
| March                             | 10th        | Phillip Island Dinner - fully booked<br>Marg Simmonds.....03 5962 2331                          |
| March                             | 13th        | Rob Roy Hillclimb.....03 9744 1807<br>Ken Innes-Irons .....0413 744 337                         |
| March                             | 15th - 18th | Aust. Grand Prix - Historics "The Golden Era 1957-1977"   |
| April                             | 7th - 9th   | Mallala & Collingrove   |
| April                             | 21st - 22nd | Wings & Wheels .....03 9551 1837  |
| April                             | 24th        | MGM   |
| May                               | 26th - 27th | Historic Winton .....03 9318 5000   |
| June                              | 26th        | MGM   |
| September                         | 9th         | Morwell Hillclimb (date TBC)<br>Ray Da Costa .....03 5940 1647                                  |
| December                          | 8th (2007)  | Christmas & Awards Night<br>David Palstra .....03 9890 2485                                     |
| CLUB LIBRARY HOURS                |             | Wednesdays 11.30-2.00 Club Nights 6.30-7.30   |
| Club Permit Scheme<br>(Red Plate) |             | Lloyd Shaw .....0415 351 164<br>PO Box 828 Glen Waverley 3150<br>*CCE = Club Championship Event |

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

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

- **Phillip Island 2007** March 9th 10th & 11th Entries topped 515 with full & oversubscribed grids in practically every category. International competitors include Bert Skidmore with the Lola 286, Frank & Judy Lyons with Lola & Eagle F5000s, Tony Podell from the USA with a Webster, Rod Jolley(UK) with the Cooper Climax. Rod Jolley's firm by the way, built the body for the 1939 Auto-Union D-Type which received world wide publicity when it was due to be auctioned recently in the UK. Seventeen cars from New Zealand including 15 F5000s, the Stanton Corvette & Phil Mauger's McLaren M23 F1 car. Not seen before will be Dean Butler's Bocar a 60's Chevy engined sports car. From the UK will be David White in the Cooper Bristol. And then there's the Tyrrells of John Dimmer & Rick Knoop, both ex -USA, Peter Giddings in the Talbot, and the Brabhams of David Jacobs & Phil Harris.
- **Rob Roy Hillclimb - Midweek** March 13th 2007. It would be handy if any members could **lend a hand** on the day, or could offer to tow an OS guest's car to the event. Note: Precedence will be given to 'Interstate & International' entries, but with 70-80 spots to be filled we expect all to get a run. Contact David White 03 9850 4795.
- **Featured Marque Porsche** - at PI 2007. We now have a full range of photos of these fabulous cars on the VHRR web site. Go to: [http://www.vhrr.com/photos\\_index.htm](http://www.vhrr.com/photos_index.htm)
- **April 21st - 22nd Wings & Wheels** - 40 plus exhibits from a Gypsy Moth to a Mirage 111, Cutaway Merlin engine. Always worth a look. Bill Prowse has further details.
- **New Membership Secretary/s appointed** - Mike & Sue Byrne will take over the role at the end of the financial year. Thanks to them, and thanks to the Caffins for their many years of service.
- **Two offers** for CAMS - VHRR State Council Delegates are being considered.
- **VHRR Library News** The Register has purchased a very fine book collection that should be available for viewing or borrowing soon. We also will have for sale books that are duplicated. These will be offered to members first before we go commercial - watch this space. Interesting books for the library will be considered for purchase or donation by George Spanos. Give him a call on 9885 7130.
- **Library days**, will be held at the Club rooms on Saturdays if members arrange this beforehand with Bob Morrow - 0419 393 363. Lloyd or George will be happy to open up.
- **Editor: Grant Campbell** VHRR Newsletter, The Oily Rag and the VHRR Website. Send items to Fax: 03 9787 9108 Ph: 03 9787 3640 or [thecampbells@netspace.net.au](mailto:thecampbells@netspace.net.au)
- **Website** - Tons of Press releases about Phillip Island.

### New project to develop motor sport facilities in Victoria

The Victorian office of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) has announced that it will undertake a project to assess current motor sport facilities in use across Victoria and to determine future needs amongst the Victorian motor sport community.

The project, believed to be the first of its kind in Australia, will create a state motor sport facilities strategic plan and an implementation strategy to guide future investment in motor sport facilities across Victoria. The plan will also be used as a basis for strengthening motor sport across the state and developing links with other programs and activities in the wider community.

CAMS' Victorian State Manager, Steven Daws, said that the major objective of the project is to ensure that CAMS could deliver improved benefits to Victorian motor sports communities and to the wider state community.

**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.....

..... Phone..... Fax.....

## Letters to the Editor

Could you please tell me who was the first woman to race around Sandown? My friend Maureen Gay claims she was the first in a Mini Cooper. Thanks & Regards, Gwendoline Johns

**The first race at Sandown** was actually run around May 1904 - however, there were no ladies listed among the competitors.

The modern era of Sandown began with the first meeting on March 11th and 12th 1962 and the only lady driver entered was Mrs. Diane Leighton driving her Triumph CR2 in the Kevin Lott Sports Car Trophy Race over 25 laps ( 50 miles) . The race started at 3.30 pm on the first day i.e. March 11 and was won by J. Martin in a Lotus 15; second was Bib Stillwell in a Cooper Monaco; and third was Barry Topen in a "D" Type Jaguar. There is no record of other finishers in the event and Dianne Leighton is not mentioned. Diane was a prominent lady driver of the period along with Pam Elam and of course Diana Davison.

Sources: The Programme of the First Race meeting and the Results in Australian Motor Sport, April Edition 1962. Regards, Don Kinsey.

## Letter

I am currently researching the racing career of my late Uncle Derrick Williams with my brother. In 1969/70 Derrick came to New Zealand to contest the Tasman F5000 series driving a Lola T142 under the 33 race number. In June of 1970 Derrick was tragically killed racing at Anderstorp Sweden in the same car We are anxious to purchase any pictures of Derrick racing or speak with anyone who may have known him on that trip. I hope you maybe able to assist or point me in the direction of someone who maybe able to help ? I look forward hearing from you. Kind regards, Emyr.

**Emyr,** Your uncle competed throughout the New Zealand series in 1969/1970 gradually improving his position over the 5 or so major events. Competitors came from USA, UK, Australia, Sweden & Canada. Some 37 competitors contested various but not all races .

Your uncle appears to have entered all NZ events and was placed 10th in the New Zealand GP that year. That GP of 58 laps was held at Pukekohe near Auckland on 10th January, with 22 entrants of which at least 10 were other than F 5000's. 4 cars failed to finish. From my records your uncle was amongst the first to purchase the Lola T142 when it was launched so its a fair bet that there will be plenty of photographs available. I will certainly be able to access NZ photos for you given a bit of time. The first Australian F 5000 events were some time after the class commenced in NZ and there is no evidence that your uncle came and competed here. .... Bob Harborow

**Thank you** for your reply, I would be most grateful if you could put an article in your newsletter regarding Derrick, any information would be gratefully appreciated as I know he spoke fondly of his time in New Zealand, unfortunately I remember very little about Derrick as I was 6 years old when he was killed, but it has been really interesting researching his short race career, and my brother Claude remember so much more. Email address only supplied: EmyrEMYRPRICE@aol.com

**The Berwick Lions Club** is having an "Anything on Wheels" show on the weekend of 24-25th March to raise money for bushfire relief, particularly to help farms feed their stock. They have already collected and distributed a lot of hay donations. They are looking for individuals and clubs to display cars, motorbikes and trucks from vintage to modern at Acoonah Park in Berwick. Contact organiser Graham Cockerell at Moonshine Motors on 03 59444111 or moonshyn@bigpond.net.au

**Getting a guernsey** at this years AGP Historic Demonstrations, among the 60 invited from around Australia for "1957-1977 The Golden Era" theme, are around 33 members of the VHRR. Some of them are: Ron Townley - Talbot-Lago, Max Warwick - McLaren, Nigel Tait - Brabram BT19, and Match SR4, Lou Russo - Carter Corvette, Bob Harborow Lola T192, Andrew Robson - Lola T332, John Sheppard - Maybach 2, Brian Sampson - Elva Mk 8, Ian Henderson - Porsche 906, Shane Bowden - Prad, Jason Nichols - JWF/Triumph, Ken Bedggood/Keith Simpson - Lola Mk 1 (Keith is getting a drive of Ian McDonald's Repco as well!) and of course many more. See you there!

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## Current Thoughts on Engine Coolants

Roger James

Melbourne water has been so pure that traditionally motorists have used it to fill radiators or dilute glycol coolant concentrate. Not so elsewhere because the water supply contains much higher amounts of salts and other solutes forcing the use of de-mineralized (or distilled) water.

Now that the reservoirs receive no diluting rain and are subjected to severe evaporation, the concentration of salts and contaminants has increased resulting in an ever increasing boiling point and the reduced efficiency of the coolant. Perhaps its time to consider using de-mineralized water in the preparation of performance cars.

Further to this, the range of coolant chemicals has been subjected to extensive research. Cams has regulated against the use of glycol because spills on track surfaces cause loss of tyre adhesion and potential smashes. However, as the late John Dymond pointed out, glycol is inefficient as it sets up a barrier between engine surfaces and coolant thus reducing the transfer of heat. Accordingly, he commissioned the formulation of Penrite Classic Car Coolant concentrate with a low level of surface tension reducing compounds which allows heat transference from engine surfaces and when diluted with de-mineralized water, is the most effective coolant for performance vehicles. However, distinguish between the requirement for coolant and anti-freeze.

## Heathcote Results - Fastest times only - full results on the Club Website

A really hot but successful day. The venue has been booked again for next year.

|                                 |     |                  |                        |       |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Group J (a&b)                   | 291 | Stuart Steinfort | Austin 7               | 21.23 |
| Group K (a&b)                   | 112 | Jim Russell      | Ford                   | 13.60 |
| Group L Sports & Racing         | 62  | Bill Redpath     | Redpath Oldsmobile Spl | 14.28 |
| M Sports & Racing               | 41  | Michael Russo    | Alexis                 | 12.60 |
| O Sports & Racing               | 31  | Barry Murphy     | Ford                   | 11.80 |
| Group Sa                        | 771 | Patrick Ryan     | Daimler SP250          | 17.34 |
| Group Sb                        | 1   | Raymond Sprague  | AMC/AMX Cooper         | 13.02 |
| Group Nb                        | 141 | Russell Laird    | EH Holden              | 15.17 |
| Group Nc                        | 9   | Noel McLaughlin  | Holden Torana GTR XU1  | 14.31 |
| Invited Sports Cars over 1500   | 22  | Ross Nicol       | Lotus                  | 14.67 |
| Invited Touring Cars up to 2000 | 72  | Don Ashton       | Ford Escort RS 2000    | 15.96 |
| Invited Touring Cars over 2000  | 111 | Ron Simmonds     | Mazda RX7              | 15.51 |
| Invited Racing Cars over 1500   | 161 | Ray Da Costa     | Wren                   | 13.89 |
| Austin 7 Racing                 | 96  | Glen Bishop      | Austin 7               | 15.56 |

## Classifieds

Note\* These ads are most welcome, but should reflect a 'non-commercial' nature.

**Hank Northey BMW Special** : In the Summer 2006 edition of the Oily Rag an advertisement appeared under the heading "Information Wanted" regarding this car, the person who placed this advertisement is now attempting to sell the car. This vehicle is the subject of disputed ownership, it was removed from storage without the owners permission and is now believed to be located in the Geelong area. The owner, Chris Hill, has the Log Book and other documentation relating to the car and any person contemplating purchasing it should contact him first.

Please contact Chris Hill on 07 5590 7406 for further information.

## CAMS seek Chief Executive

Position Available: Use your proven leadership and management ability to drive this highly regarded national organisation to a new level, enabling it to meet emerging challenges and imperatives. Peter Dakin or Philip Mayers at Silverman Dakin to discuss this challenging opportunity or forward your application. Silverman Dakin Human Resources Consultants

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(This ad appears on the CAMS Website - could be useful to have a CEO with Historic Interests)

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