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NEWSLETTER - May 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

May	6th	Rob Roy Hillclimb CCE K1103 9890 3833
May	26th - 27th	Historic Winton CCE Noel Wilcox.....03 9318 5000
June	26th	MGM Guest Speaker Allan Moffat
June	30th	Winter Christmas at Rawson Ron Townley03 5988 4846
August	11th -12th	HRCC Queensland Historics.....0448 946 637
September	9th	Morwell Hillclimb CCE Ray Da Costa03 5940 1647
September	15th -16th	HSRCA Eastern Creek Historics02 9913 3662
November	9th -11th	Historic Sandown CCE Noel Robson.....0402 224 133
December	8th	Christmas & Awards Night David Palstra03 9890 2485

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

- **Winter Xmas at Rawson - fully booked**
- **Rob Roy Hillclimb** this weekend 6th May Entries taken on the day - K11 - 03 9890 3833
- **New VHRR CAMS State Delegate** appointed - Kel Prior 03 97071652
- **New CAMS Historic Manager** Michael Smith. Michael used to work in the Vic State Office as Permits Officer, was promoted to NSW State Manager, and is now back in the National Office as Historic Manager. Michael took the opportunity to visit the VHRR along with the new State Manager at the last MGM.
- **Repeco has been sold to CCMP Capital Asia.** New Chairman Elect Ken Dabrowski's home town is in the USA, but he will be spending more time in Australia now that Repeco is part of the CCMP Private Equity Group. He is a true petrol head being part of the original design team for the first Ford Mustang during his time with Ford Development. John Blanchard has had a long association with Ken and took the opportunity to show Ken George Hetrel's Como Gardens on his recent visit. We have some pictures on the VHRR Website showing Ken in the BT19.
- **AGM:** Enclosed, or attached with this Newsletter are notices and nomination forms regarding the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & Committee Elections on Tuesday August 28, 2007. Please give these some thought, especially if you would like to do something for your club.
- **Barry Rowe** is still in hospital following his accident in October last year at Calder. He is rehabilitating in Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre (part of the Austin Hospital). We wish him well, and we are sure he would welcome some visitors.
- **Historic Winton** - Seeking entrants for Groups J & K and Group Lb plus Pre-war Regularity. Group Sc has been combined this year with Group Sa and Sb and a special 10 lap event has been organized for combined groups on the Saturday afternoon. Another completely new selection of Aussie Specials will again be featured both on and off the track over the weekend and a highlight on Sunday will be five lap Historic Ford versus Historic Holden Touring car event. Noel Wilcox 03 9318 5000
- **Q:** Why don't the British make computers?
- **A:** Because they can't figure out how to make them leak oil.
- **Email Addresses:** If you receive a hard copy of this newsletter, but you do have an email address, it probably means we have an incorrect email address for you. The Club would prefer to send email copies of the Newsletter. Give either Mike or Sue Byrne 03 9775 2117, or myself, Grant Campbell 03 9787 3640, (thecampbells@netspace.net.au) a call and we will fix it for you.

Special Trophies Awarded at Phillip Island

■ Driver of the Meeting - CIGWELD TRANSARC 131/I	Laurie Bennett	
■ Garrie Cooper Trophy for 1st F5000 in Feature Race	Andrew Robson	
■ Brooklands Victorian Tourist Trophy for Sb & Sc	Don Thallon	Corvette
■ Jayair/Blanchard Family Trophy for Formula Ford	Greg Watson	
■ The Spencer Flack Trophy for Overseas Drivers in Lb	Rod Jolley	Cooper Climax
■ The Doug Whiteford Memorial Trophy - Lb Handicap	Rod Jolley	Cooper Climax
■ The Geoff Wieland Trophy for groups M & O	Herb Neal	
■ The Kel Ricci Memorial Trophy - Sa Handicap	Jon Bate	
■ The Penrite Mark Dymond Trophy	Grant Cowie	
■ The Penrite Arthur Waite Trophy	Grant Cowie	
■ Pre-war Regularity Teams Trophy	Austin 7 Group	
■ The Stan Jones Trophy	Keith Simpson	
■ Best Presented Car	Rick Knoop	Tyrrell
■ Janet Hider-Smith Trophy for Best Woman Driver	Judy Lyons	
■ Tattersall's Encouragement Award	Michael Lyons	
■ Murray Richards Award	Ray Sprague	
■ Shannons Walk Best Club Stand	Elfin Club	
■ VHRR/VACC Trophy for F5000	1st OS Driver - Ian Clements	

Proposed Motor Sport Complex in Bairnsdale

Among other things, Steven Daws, new CAMS State Manager, mentioned a new motor sport facility proposed for Bairnsdale. I had a chat with Police Sergeant Burslem, an enthusiastic local who was very keen to extol the virtues of this facility, only just at the 'Feasibility study' stage, but any such ideas are worth encouraging. Although he knew little of Historic Motor Racing he was pleased to hear from anyone who might wish to avail themselves of such a facility. He was also keen to get as much support as possible from bodies such as the VHRR who might just reckon it would be a wise thing to have another motorsport facility to back up the other 3 in the state.....From the GEAA website:

Gippsland East Auto Association Inc. (GEAA) was formed from the need to have a motor sports venue to facilitate motor competition in a safe environment in the region of East Gippsland, Victoria. The focus of this venue is to mentor young people in the sport, to encourage responsible motoring and present competition events in accordance with CAMS regulations. As such, there will be a requirement to establish a motor racing and driver training complex within the region. One that is CAMS approved, on which competition and training days can be operated. GEAA, in association with CAMS, propose to train track marshals, operate competition events, promote driver education through youth training initiatives, encompassing both general driving and competition events. The expertise within the group covers a wide spectrum of activities within the motorsports category. Areas such as mechanics, vehicle design, body work, track layout, event facilitators, the list goes on. Competition events such as Sprints, Motorkhanas and motorcycle trials will be conducted from time to time on selected venues, until such time as a permanent complex is established for the club.

New CAMS State Manager Steven Daws gave an encouraging & enthusiastic talk at the last MGM, answering all questions with what we wanted to hear. Especially encouraging was his statement that CAMS should compete with the likes of AASA, and ensure CAMS is an organisation that is led by its members for its members. He also noted that should CAMS members wish to compete in AASA events, then he saw no reason to prevent them doing so. Steven was equally enthusiastic about new ventures such as the above.

AHRMP, better known as Armpits, or more correctly the Association of Historic Motor Race Promoters, still exists, albeit with a stand-off protest from the VHRR, Austin 7 Club, and HSRCA. It wasn't much of a surprise to learn that some VHRR members hadn't even heard of this association, primarily formed as on 'Official' lobby group between CAMS, the Historic Commission, and those clubs who actually ran Circuit Race meetings, and specifically, the Race Directors themselves.

Brooklands, the world's first purpose-built motor racing facility, will turn 100 this year. Mercedes-Benz UK, which has done extensive development on the grounds of the famed British track will help promote the Brooklands Centenary Festival. The Festival will kick off with a Grand Centenary Ball on June 15 at the company's new Mercedes Benz World facility, on the Brooklands grounds. The event will continue the next day with an impressive display of vintage and veteran cars at the Brooklands Museum.

Then, on June 17 -100 years to the day after Brooklands' very first race - the original Grand Opening Parade of racecars will be re-enacted on the remains of the Brooklands banking. Highlight of the parade will be the running of several of Mercedes' "Silver Arrow" Grand Prix cars. Organizers hope that this year's event will be the first of many such annual Festivals, much like the Goodwood Festival.

Letters to the Editor

I'm John Rapley from New Zealand, and drive a 1962 Brabham Formula Junior.

I have attended your wonderful Phillip Island events in previous years, and have since that time wanted to compete. Whenever possible I visit Australia to marshal at the AGP or Surfers events as a flag or track marshal. A group of FJ owners here wish to go to your Phillip Island event in March 2008, to be part of the celebrations of "50 years of Formula Junior". [We are in touch with Kelvin at AFJA.]

I am enquiring at this early stage so we can prepare in good time before the coming NZ "summer" season for Historic and Classic racing, which will start in Sept/Oct this year. I know that is a few months away, but without adequate planning our proposed trip to VHRR Phillip Is' will most likely stumble and may not happen. Thus I would very much appreciate your help on this enquiry.

Yours faithfully, John W Rapley, Electronics Engineer,

Online CAMS Manual: Much to the dismay of many genuine 'Historic' racers the CAMS Manual now only comes in an online version. So if you don't have a computer and an internet connection, you are pretty well out of business. At the MGM this was well noted but no real alternative was mooted, save that Stewards and Scruts might be provided with complete printouts. The rationale is that changes can easily be made, and of course that is the major reason, but doesn't help much for casual browsing. Hopefully a 'real' manual might come back. In the meantime, although I knew when I published the Phillip Island programme that the definition of Group P was not F5000, I didn't get time to properly address this. The new online manual has enabled me to now fix this (notwithstanding that the Group Definitions on the CAMS website still show the now 'wrong' definition). **Correct definition:** "This group is intended to cater for racing, sports racing and sports cars with a competition history between 1 January 1968 and 31 December 1972 which is intended to reflect both the continued development of wide treaded racing tyre technology and the emergence of embryonic external aerodynamic devices as an aid to cornering performance.

Vehicles which competed prior to the end of 1972 and which are fitted with aerodynamic aids in the form of wings and treaded tyres in accord with the Group O approved tyre list."

New photos on the VHRR Website: Mallala, more Phillip Island, Rob Roy, Flavio's wedding, New Repco CEO & more www.vhrr.com

Just a quick note to let you know we have uploaded another 250 images to our website - total number of images on our website is now over 6,500. David Blanch.

www.autopics.com.au/public/whatsnew.ehtml

Classifieds

Morris Cooper S for sale . 1968 Ex NSW police pursuit car, brilliantly restored to original (no blue and white squares) and looked after . Now it is just not used and displayed as it should be and my conscience says sell . Big bore motor , very pokey, all original, shines as much as those new German things. RWC supplied. VIC reg MG748 (plates stay with us) . Good ones seem to go for around \$20,000 . What offers ? Tony Osborne . 03 5264 7880

Wanted: A copy of the May 1954 Wheels Magazine, which has a story about Maybach II.

Please contact John Sheppard on 9379 7898 or at johnshp@bigpond.com

A set of four Holden Calais/Statesman "International" wheels and Dunlop Sport SP 9000 tyres.

All in very good condition. \$800

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Reynard RF83 Nick Lubransky RF 83 Reynard f/f is for sale. Many spares and car maintained regardless of cost. This is probably the most winning Formula Ford for the past 2 years. New engine every year from Lerner and kept in pristine condition. David Lubransky 04047 359 831

Alfa Parts - free to a good home

1600 engine and rear axle / diff from a 1974 GT Junior. Contact Ken Anderson 0403 432 219

Formula Ford - 1977 Lola 440 -Fully restored immaculate condition in yellow and black - New Engine - US racing history with F1 driver - identical model to 1980 and 81TAA championship winning car. Has CoD and log book \$28,500 - Entered for Winton buy now and race this month.

Contact Andrew McInnes 0414 991 777

Goodwood Revival Meeting - Accommodation. Due to a shortage of available accommodation, Ron Simmonds has booked 4 double rooms with on-suite at the Royal Hotel at Bognor Regis (Approx 10 miles from the track, on the coast). Three of these are available to anyone wanting to take them up. The booking is for four nights from Thursday 30 August to the morning of Monday 3rd September. Cost is 85 pounds per night. Ron can be contacted on 0427 031 737.

To view the Royal Hotel you can log onto www.visitsussex.org/royalhotel

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

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