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NEWSLETTER - November 2007

We meet Monthly - on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month - see note overleaf
8pm at the VHRR Club rooms 30-32 Lexton Rd Box Hill.
Wednesday Lunch Group - every Wednesday except Christmas Holidays.

COMING EVENTS

November	9th - 11th	Historic Sandown (CCE) Noel Robson..... 0402 224 133
November	18th	MGCC Rd 14 Rob Roy 03 9850 4795
November	22nd	Social MGM..... New!
November	25th	16th Historic & Classic Rob Roy David White 03 9850 4795
November	25th	Geelong Speed Trials Get Together 0418 520 557
December	8th	Christmas & Awards Night David Palstra 03 9890 2485
December	16th	AROCA Phillip Island Sprint 0400 013 175
March 2008	7th - 9th	Phillip Island Classic (CCE)..... 03 9877 2317
March 2008	11th	Rob Roy mid week Hillclimb..... 03 9850 4795
August 2008	20th	Heathcote (CCE) 03 9890 3833

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS	Wednesdays 11.30-2.00 Club Nights 6.30-7.30
Club Permit Scheme	Lloyd Shaw 0415 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

- **Historic Sandown 9th - 11th November Entries Close Friday 12th October**
 - Entries closed with a very satisfying 364 cars. Up to 370 something at last count. Big winners as usual were Group S with over 50 cars, Group Ns with 78 cars with Regularity staging a good comeback with 70 cars. Let's hope for some decent weather.
 - **The Annual Christmas & Awards Party** will be held on Saturday December 8th in the Grand Ballroom at the Manningham 1 Thompsons Rd Bulleen. Commencing 7.00 pm \$60.00 per head including Wine & Beer RSVP 23rd November - David Palstra 0417 523 307
 - **The 50th Anniversary Celebrations of Winton Motor Raceway** were held over the weekend of the Winton Historic Motorfest. Nice to hear long time supporter & worker for Winton, David Fogg was honoured with a Life Membership of the BAC for his efforts. Only 12 Life Memberships have been bestowed in the history of the club, so well done Foggy!
 - **The October MGM** saw the announcement that Groups Q & R Formula Ford & Groups P, Q & R Racing would not be catered for at the next Phillip Island Classic, March 2008. Understandably there were a few long faces at that, but all members would know the grid capacities are stretched to bursting point at PI and sooner or later something had to give. The plan is to give the International Formula Junior Series a run on their own. Some forty cars are expected, on their way around the world and coming direct from New Zealand. To counter that in 2009, Formula Ford will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary, so a similar agreement will apply while Formula Juniors will revert to 'normal' group status. Likewise the PQR racing will make way for the international F5000 series, making their biennial visit to Australia, and will return in 2009 when the F5000s will be somewhere else.
 - **Effective Immediately** - Traditionally the VHRR have only met bi-monthly on the fourth Tuesday of even months, i.e. February, April, June, August & October with our annual awards night celebrated in December. Following the Annual Auction Night on October 23rd and commencing in November the club will now meet every month on the fourth Tuesday (except December). Clubrooms will open by 6.00pm and the odd month meetings will have no formal structure, but rather allow members to get together socially.
 - **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
 - **Lobethal Grand Carnival Supporters, UPDATE**
The determination to stage the Lobethal Grand Carnival continues. After several gaps in proceedings, we are now moving again. TIMING: After much deliberation, and very positive meetings with SA Tourism, SA Motorsport Board and Adelaide Hills Council officers, we have set the date for the inaugural Lobethal Grand Carnival at Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 10-11-12, 2008. Friday will be for set-up, Saturday and Sunday for the event. Timing was affected by accommodation availability but also driven by the proximity of other events. The date we have chosen coincides with the Bathurst V8 races but avoids 'Speed on Tweed', AFL Grand Final, Bay to Birdwood, Historic Winton, CAMS National Races (Mallala) etc. It also precedes fire ban season, Lobethal Christmas Lights Festival, Classic Adelaide, Climb to the Eagle, Hillclimb Championships etc. The date allows us close proximity to Vintage Collingrove (pre-war hillclimb) and Bay to Birdwood. Besides that, there really was no other date which fitted. This means the planned ONE-DAY trial for March 30th will not occur. For 2009, enter the weekend of October 2-5 as the likely date, with special celebration of Allan Tomlinson's 1939 AGP win (MG), and a strong MG presence, the highlights. Tony Parkinson. 0408 805 518
More details on the VHRR Website
 - **Editor: Grant Campbell** thecampbells@netSPACE.net.au 03 9787 3640 Fax 03 9787 9108
Within the next few days expect to see a brand new forum on the VHRR website. An ideal opportunity to air your views, Buy & Sell, ask for help, vote on polls. Stay tuned.
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Letters

I note that the FF and Q & R groups are to be excluded at the next Phillip Island (2008) meeting and while not totally happy with the exclusion I can understand the reasoning behind the decision and I would hope the decision also outlines the next five years or more so all groups can be prepared for the same exclusion in the following years and this is not just a one off to see how it goes. The plan should also be detailed in the Newsletter so everyone will be aware of when their group will not be included.

Regards Phil FF #70

HCC NEWS - Competitors Competing Overseas

The Commission asked the Executive Officer to investigate whether CAMS insurance was provided to CAMS license holders when competing overseas. The Executive Officer reported that he had investigated the matter and that CAMS insurance was not provided to license holders when they compete overseas. Given that these activities are conducted outside the sanction and control of CAMS, the provision of CAMS insurance to these competitors is not possible. However, it was noted that any competitors seeking insurance coverage for such activities can contact CAMS insurance brokers, OAMPS.

Group U Historic Sports Sedans (prior to 31 December 1985) The group will cater for vehicles with a competition history established in the period pre 1986 in events run to regulations promulgated by CAMS for Sports Sedans – Group B (including Sports racing Car Closed and GT Performance Cars – Group D). In the period, Sports Sedans were intended to be representative of vehicles based on production motor vehicles, made more suitable for competition by a number of modifications expressly permitted in the regulations of the period. (a) Eligible Vehicles: Only the actual vehicles, for which a Sports Sedan – Group B (including Sports racing Car Closed and GT Performance Cars – Group D) logbook was issued by CAMS will be recognised. (b) Wheels and Tyres: Within the limits of availability, the tyres fitted must be the same tread pattern, width and diameter as those fitted in the specification year. Wheels should be in the period style of the specification year. (c) Safety equipment – Drivers Seat: A new driver's seat which replaces either the original standard driver's seat or a period replacement must meet the requirements of Schedule C (refer section 7). However, such a new seat must replicate the appearance and style of drivers seats fitted to category vehicles in the period of the specification year.

Replicas in Regularity The Commission received a written submission relating to the participation of replicas in historic regularity activity. The submission recommended that the Commission amend the Historic Regularity Trials, article 2.3.4, Eligible Vehicles in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport to specifically exclude the participation of replicas. The Commission was not moved to amend the wording as per the submission but noted that promoters are able make that choice if they so choose.

Reworded Rule 2.3.4 Eligible Cars: At the discretion of the Event Organisers historic regularity events may include any vehicle of a type suitable for inclusion in Groups J, K, L, M Sports, S, Na, Nb plus other pre-1970 sports and GT cars that fall outside these guidelines. At the discretion of the event organisers, historic regularity events may include any vehicle type suitable for inclusion in the 5th Category. Cars must be presented substantially in period specification. Acceptance of a vehicle for an event is not a guarantee of acceptance at other events. Additionally, the inclusion of other cars is permitted, subject to the Event Organiser having reached agreement with the CAMS State Manager and the local Historic Commissioner or Historic Eligibility Officer. Where accepted by the organisers, a replica is permissible for participation in regularity activity providing it is clearly listed and identified as a replica in the entry form and the entry list.

Keep an ear out for the VACC sponsored Historic Sandown promotions on 3AW. They have 20 spots placed across the week in these sessions: Breakfast 06:00 - 08:30, Morning Talk Late 08:30 - 12:00, Afternoon 12:00 - 16:00, Drive 16:00 - 18:00, Sport 18:00 - 20:00. There is also a live cross on Friday @11.15 with David Mann.

The Club is investigating the possibility of a no frills race day at Calder in the New Year. No trophies, no program, one day format. Original suggestion was for January, as a twilight meeting, but some consensus was reached for a bit later, maybe April. Early in the year is busy with Phillip Island, the AGP, Mallala etc. Let us know what you think. Fax to Ian Tate 03 9877 2317

Yes! I would be very interested in a one day event at Calder. Name.....

I would prefer January.....February.....March..... April.....(Tick)

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. Media inquiries: Steve Colquhoun - 0438 570185; stevekahuna@bigpond.com or Noel Robson - 0402 224 133

Perpetual Awards Were you the recipient of a Club Perpetual Award at Awards night during the past three years? The club records have been misplaced and the committee are anxious to retain the historical record. If so, please let a committee member have the details or ring Lloyd Shaw - 0415 351 164

Gippsland Car Club's Haunted Hills project is well under way and they expect to be using the new track even before the end of 2007. Two hillclimb championship rounds have been scheduled for 2008.

Adelaide Easter Historic Racing Festival 21-24 March The Promoters will run a special race for Formula Ford Cars if 10 cars are entered

New Torana Book Published

Historic racer Tim Brown has released a book about building and racing a 1973 XU1 Torana in Group N historics. "Strike Me Pink. Torana LJ in Historic Racing" also includes a directory of virtually every LJ that has completed in historic racing from 1995, when Group Nc was established, right through to 2006. The 112 page book details every step in building an historic touring car, including a 120 item construction checklist and 109 photos. All costs are listed as well as a guide to competition costs.

"I made a lot of mistakes during the build up and the frustrations of doing things twice, led me to write those first few chapters," Tim said. "Everything that could possibly go wrong, did go wrong," he said. Other chapters include the dangers of old, cheap tow cars and lots of fun memories of teenage driving in the seventies. The blood sweat and tears culminate in the thrill of competing at Bathurst in Easter 2007. All Torana enthusiasts and motor racing enthusiasts should enjoy the book and its laughs along the way. Recommended retail price is \$25.00. Available from motoring bookshops (or direct from the author. Email timbrown54@optusnet.com.au or call 0417-654770.)

Classifieds

I have an exceptionally good 1988 BMW 325i Auto (multi mode) that I have been using as my business city car for the last 3 years. Great fun and absolutely trouble free. Recently replaced with at '98 740iL. It's a true WATT car, proper maintenance done as required. Near new quality rubber on 16x 6.5 ROH alloys. New Bilstein sports shockers. Timing belt and water pump replaced at 220,000 km. Car has 249,000 on clock. RWC by Eddie Dobbs. So it's right. Asking \$7,500. Too good to just let go without putting some effort into finding a proper next owner. Ian Watt 0408 431 023

For Sale Cosworth Steel Crank, Steel Rods, Forged Pistons Suit 1300 Ford or 1500 with oversize pistons. \$3100.00 ONO Denis Lupton 03 9331 0560

Motor Books I am further rationalising my collection of motor books.

Email: peter.r.hill@bigpond.com and I will send a comprehensive list.

WREN Formula Ford Group R Log Book with enclosed trailer or will sell separately little raced, ready to go \$22,500 neg. See it at Historic Sandown Call Ray DaCosta 0359401647 dacosta@net2000.com.au

Wanted Information on the Linton 500cc Special. MSS 500 Velocette motor, built in the 50's by Garth Rhodes, raced by Garth and Don Uebergang. The car was in South Australia for many years and was sold to a pilot in Baccus Marsh in the 90's. any information would be greatly appreciated. Colin Sullivan 0419 312 299 Bus (03) 9570 6699

1972 Porsche 914/6 Log Booked 2B. Well known multiple Victorian and Australian Hillclimb Championship class winner, holds records at Rob Roy and Morwell. Also a class winner in Porsche Cup. Full steel body, all trim, full steel cage, big brakes, 3 sets of wheels/tyres, C/R gearbox, LSD, brand new 270 hp mechanically injected 2.7 by Spencer Harrison. Fully road registered. Regretfully selling after 17 years ownership.....too many toys. Entered for Sandown.

\$48,000 Phone Ken Price on 03 9722 9000 or email ken@papquip.com.au
