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## NEWSLETTER - August 2008

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

### COMING EVENTS

August	9th - 10th	HRCC Morgan Park Historics.....	07 3394 3755
August	17th	Heathcote (CCE) .....	03 9890 3833
August	23rd - 24th	Leyburn Sprints .....	0407 027 491
August	26th	AGM & Committee Elections VHRR Clubrooms	
August	30th - 31st	AMRC Calder - see inside.....	03 9876 4403
September	7th	Haunted Hills Hillclimb (CCE) .....	0429 999 675
September	19th - 21st	Speed on Tweed.....	02 6672 1796
October	11th - 12th	Lobethal Grand Carnival .....	0408 805 518
October	25th - 26th	Mt Tarrengower.....	
November	7th - 9th	Historic Sandown (CCE) .....	0402 224 133
November	28th - 30th	Tasman Revival.....	02 9522 6845
November	30th	Rob Roy Historic & Classic .....	03 9850 4795
December	6th	Xmas Presentation Evening	

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

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- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** & Committee Elections on Tuesday August 26, 2008. Please give this some thought, especially if you would like to do something for your club.
- **Historic Sandown 7-8-9th November "The Return of the Thunder"**  
Entries now open Noel Robson 0402 224 133
- **Heathcote Sprints - August 17th** - Regs & Entry Forms now on the website.  
Call K11 for more details 03 9890 3833
- **Haunted Hills Hillclimb - September 7th** Regs & Entry Forms now on the website.  
Call John d'Asques for more details 03 9776 1013
- **John would also like to hear from members** willing to help out as track marshalls for this great new venue.
- **Lobethal Grand Carnival** 11-12th October Entries now open.
- **Keep an eye on the Forms page** of the website for links & forms to as many 'Historic' events as I can find.
- **Ken & Glenda Zinner** wish to thank all members for their best wishes for a speedy recovery for their recent illnesses.
- **Maurie Monk & Graham Hoinville** continue to progress satisfactorily from their recent bouts of ill health.
- **Marg Simmonds** has done a great job for the past two years organising the Phillip Island Dinner but wishes to step down now. Thanks Marg. Prospective organisers should ring Ian Tate soon on 03 9877 2317 or give Marg a call on 03 5962 2331 to find out what it's all about.
- **Don't forget your membership Subscriptions are now due** - Membership forms - Renewals & Applications are available on the Website or call Mike or Sue Byrne 03 9775 2117
- **The Geelong MG Car Club and the Ballarat Light Car Club** are holding the Winter Classic again this winter. They cater for two groups: Dedicated rally, and novice, just having fun. The website is best form of contact and sub regs will be available soon.  
[www.ballarat.net.au/blcc](http://www.ballarat.net.au/blcc) Rick Pope: [rick.pope@dse.vic.gov.au](mailto:rick.pope@dse.vic.gov.au)
- **Great news for Regularity Drivers**  
Daryl McHugh, the Clerk of Course at Calder Park, has invited members of the VHRR to compete in the Regularity events at the Australian Motor Racing Championships to be held at Calder Park on August 30 & 31 this year. Daryl is offering this opportunity to make up in some way for VHRR members missing out on the planned event in April of this year. I think that this is a very good on the part of Calder Park and we should make the most of the opportunity. Numbers received for the regularity will determine how the classes are broken up and the number of runs available. Entry forms etc. are available on the website at [www.calderpark.com.au](http://www.calderpark.com.au) - Entry Form Regs  
Any queries please contact me on [paulschilling@bigpond.com](mailto:paulschilling@bigpond.com) or 03 9876 4403 Paul 1/-

### Regularity News - Historic Sandown 2008

Entries have been posted out to all those on our mailing list, however if you have not received one go to the VHRR' website for details.

Over the last few years we have had enquiries from competitors wishing to enter touring cars in the regularity events, but the committee has not felt the need to include these cars. This year we are encouraging touring cars to enter, but at the same time we wish to maintain our strong support of sports and racing cars in regularity events at Sandown. Period replicas will be assessed for acceptance on an individual basis. The order of the program will place the two divisions early in the running order. Entries for divisional allocation will be made on the driver/car potential so as to ensure maximum safety for all competitors.

The committee will provide a regularity team's prize for first, second, and third placed teams, based on the aggregated points for each team, retained at the conclusion of all events held over the meeting. A team will consist of three drivers, all in one division or two in one division and one in the other division. I encourage competitors to make up teams and take up the challenge.

Entries have been returned earlier than in past years, so I urge you not to delay in getting your entry in as soon as possible so you won't miss out. Sandown 2008 is shaping up to be the best ever.

**Ross McKinnon** VHRR Regularity representative

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## **Tim Blanchard's Website says: June 27, 2008**

The last few weeks have been quite busy... Firstly we raced at Rockingham which has a very different feel to it compared to other tracks here in the UK. I think this is mainly due to the fact Rockingham is actually an oval with a race track on the inside and also because it is a fairly new track, it doesn't have the history behind it other tracks have. In saying this however I quite enjoy driving there and since racing there it has become one of my favourite tracks over here...While in Rockingham we finally managed to break through for another win in some very difficult conditions. There had been steady rain since we turned up to the track and by the time we lined up for race one, parts of the track were actually flooded. The last chicane was so deep in water that even without any other cars around the spray off your own front wheels was that bad we could not see where we were going. I have raced many times in the wet but this was something else! We managed to finish the weekend with another two podiums and a new lap record once the track had dried out!

Snetterton was next on the agenda but for a weekend that promised so much it delivered very little. We had been fairly strong in testing there and managed to qualify on the front row but unfortunately a disappointing race in race 1 left us 5th. With Race 2 being the first race we had in warm weather all year it became slightly more difficult to set the cars up, unfortunately the car was quick early in the race which meant we struggled in the later stages and were not able to hold off Getem's Chris Maliepaard finishing the race once again on the podium in 3rd.

I have just returned from Belgium where we were able to race on one of the best race tracks in world Spa Francorchamps! The long straights made for some great racing especially in race 2 with Nick Tandy and Wayne Boyd and I fighting for the lead... Eau Rouge needs no explanation; basically you just need to be really committed.

The best corner I thought however was Blacimont on the back straight just before the bus stop. You approach the corner at around 150mph, have a small lift on turn in then get back into the throttle with the car in a full slide. As the race goes on and your tyres get older it becomes tougher and tougher as you are starting to use more and more of the track. The results weren't too bad 2nd in Race 1 and after an incident late in Race 2 we managed to recover for 4th.

My family has arrived in Europe on holiday just in time for Spa and I managed to go to Paris for a few days with them which was great fun. Unfortunately I had to return early to the UK to test at Brands Hatch tomorrow but was still able to visit many of Paris' main tourist attractions.

Next Monday is my 21st birthday (yes I am getting old; better win some more races before I pass my use by date!!!). For my birthday I will be travelling through Belgium, Holland and Spain with some school friends that are also in Europe at the moment...Anyway I better get some sleep, got to find a few tenths tomorrow as we weren't too good at Brands earlier this year!!

## **Matthew Brabham wins Queensland State Title**

3rd generation driver Matthew Brabham overcame a strong field of 47 karters from all across Australia to win the Junior National Light State title in a dominating display at the Queensland State Titles held in Rockhampton. After qualifying on the front row Matthew driving the DP Karts/Adam Macrow Racing Arrow, won the three heat races to decide the grid for the final with ease.

The 19 lap final started in exciting fashion with the usual frantic push and shove racing that Junior National Light is famous for but after a few laps Brabham was able to pull clear for the win. This win is Matthew's third State Title.

Matthew also was fastest in qualifying for the Junior Clubman race and came home in a very competitive 4th place to complete a very successful State Championship for the young 14 year old racer. It was one of those weekends that comes along very rarely when everything goes right from start to finish. "The Kart was awesome all week and a big thank you to DP Karts, Adam Macrow and my Dad for all the help. I also had a lot of fun in Junior Clubman and my aim is to win a State Title in that class as well." Matthew said.

## **Goodwood Night at the Club: 22-7-08**

As members and their wives arrived at club rooms the music of Glen Millers big band could be heard in the background. The Club Rooms had been decorated with plenty of atmosphere depicting the motor racing flavour for the night. It was nice to see that every one went to some trouble to get into the spirit of 40's & 50's to make the night a success. George Spanos looked every bit the old time racer in his original Dunlop racing suit as did plenty of other guys in their white dustcoats and overalls. The ladies

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especially looked terrific in their furs, hats and evening gowns. Goodwood Revival 06 and 07 was playing on the big TV screen which was of interest to all 35 who attended this most enjoyable night. Thanks to Lloyd Shaw and Ron Simmonds for setting the night up, and thanks to Wurth & Castrol for the door prizes & to Cope-Williams for the wines. Ron Simmons

**Tour de Yarra Valley 27-7-08** A cold and grey morning greeted the starters in this years event with 43 bobs and a collection of some nice classics and every day drivers. After some nice hot coffee and nibbles plus buying of merchandise from the Alpaca Giftshop (Barb Williams) the tour director Ron Simmonds sent each car off three minutes apart in the direction of launching place. From there they headed on up to Gembrook to look at the Motorist Collection (a car museum) plus it was Gembrooks market day (more spending) and some unusual gifts bought by Helen McDonald.

From here the tour continued down through Avonsleigh, Macclesfield, Seville, and on to Coldstream. Turning on to the Maroondah Hwy for the run to the finish at a very nice winery called River Stone which has some spectacular views over the Yarra ranges. After a very nice BBQ, a raffle was drawn by our host Jenny (who donated some of their River Stone wine). Thanks also to Wurths for the Camp Chairs and Umbrellas which was appreciated by all. A couple of interesting cars were those of David Fogg and Anne in the BMC 'Rallye' specs Austin A90, also the big Ford Galaxie coupe of Derek McLaughlan and family, plus a couple Porsche 911's, MGB, BMW, and Merc' etc.

Ian Tate thanked Marg & I for putting the event on and we all look forward to the next rally in two years time. Ron Simmons

### **Classifieds**

**For sale Holley Blue fuel pump.** New. Part No. 12-802 110 GPH 14 psi complete with regulator. \$145 Tony 03) 95747117

**Wanted Australian Motor Sport 1946** - January, February, March, May to make up full set. Or will purchase full set. Ian Tate 03 9877 2317

**I have a Dorian Timer for Sale** Complete unit i.e. with charger Only used on weekends \$300 Jon Bate 0439 311 212 or 59 684 841 31 Emerald Lake road Emerald

**I have a very original 964 Manual Carrera** 4 Cabriolet for sale. Diamond blue metallic. All options. 197000kms. Asking \$51,500.00 but open to offers. Grant Patullo - Mobile 0412837357

**Austin Healey Sprite** Close ratio straight-cut gearset \$700.00 - Ken 03 9568 0363 0412 171 603

**Brand new** covered in tandem trailer. Full Colorbond with aluminium checker plate floor, two front doors, rear door/ramp, HDT mags, disc brakes, winch post, shelf, reg, never used, ideal for open wheeler or small sports car, rep. cost \$12k will sell for \$9,000 Colin Sullivan Glen Iris 0419 312 299.

**MONACO HS6:** Last in the line from Bill Lord-Milnes Monaco Autos Stable. First raced May1965 at Calder as ANF2, raced continuously in Victoria until retirement in 1969. After lying idle a total rebuild to original specs was completed in 2002. The car has raced successfully since winning it's class in the VHRR Championship, 2004, runner up 2002, 2003 and 2005. Powered by a carefully developed Peugeot 403 engine using forged pistons, high capacity oil pump and driving through a close ratio VW transmission this is a very competitive and reliable car, heaps of torque make it easy to drive.

Reluctantly this significant Australian special is now for sale complete with group "M" C of D and Log Book. Derek Smith 0403 830 390 \$29,000.00

**Wanted - Set of Girling Rod Brake adjusters** (Straight type) as used on Riley Cars throughout the 1930's era. Also found on other Marques using the Girling System. Ron Brownrigg 03 9842 3963 or rbrownrigg@bigpond.com

**Wanted Triple Weber inlet manifold** required to suit Red Holden 202 engine. Contact SYD FISHER phone 94399798 email sssf@tadaust.org.au exhaust manifold also needed

**Two 525M13 and two 550M13 Dunlop tyres for sale.** They have done four sessions; Price \$800.00. That must be about half price. Jim McConville Ph:5367 5292 Mob: 0447 783 193

**RX7 - 1981 (CH8733) Ron Simmonds reluctantly offers** his well known RX7 for sale. This 5 speed manual is fitted with a mildly tuned 13B rotary motor by Select Maz. It has been ultra reliable, being driven to all events ie. Hill climbs and sprints, and is quite usable as a "shopping" car.

Fitted with Mazda limited slip-diff, sports suspension, works extractors, larger radiator, competition clutch, two sets of wheel and tyres. Everything works, air conditioning, electric windows, pop-up headlights etc. Would make a great club level car for someone starting out into motor sport.

Reduced to \$10,500. Contact Ron on 0427 031 737 or by email: ronmargsimmonds@bigpond.com

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