



# VICTORIAN HISTORIC RACING REGISTER

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## NEWSLETTER - February 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

February	26th	MGM VHRR Clubrooms .....	Guest Speaker
March	7th - 9th	Phillip Island Classic (CCE) .....	03 9877 2317
March	8th	Phillip Island Dinner .....	03 5962 2331
March	11th	Rob Roy Mid week Hillclimb.....	03 9850 4795
March	13th-16th	Australian Grand Prix	
March	22nd-23rd	Mallala All Historic .....	0417 881 601
March	25th	Social MGM .....	0415 351 164
April	5th	Calder Twilight Meeting (CCE) .....	0409 862 949
April	6th	Myrning Sprints .....	03 9827 8124
April	22nd	MGM VHRR Clubrooms	
May	4th	Rob Roy.....	0413 744 337
May	24th-25th	Historic Winton .....	03 5428 2689
May - June	31st - 1st	Albany Classic Motor Event .....	08 9842-5526
August 2008	17th	Heathcote (CCE) .....	03 9890 3833

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

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- **Phillip Island Entries still doing very well:** Over 460 have been received as I write. Some groups are in 'reserves' mode. 30 cars in F5000/F1. Full grid of JKL. There are about 10 spots left in both Division 1 & 2 Regularities, so if you have one of those, get your entry in today.
  - **Penguin's Nest Sponsor found!** For many years we have appreciated the support of Frank Hook - HOOK PLASTICS - with the 'Penguin's Nest' ladies facility at Phillip Island. Frank has come on board once again so the VHRR, and of course the Phillip Island Race committee wish to sincerely thank Frank for his continued generosity.
  - **Phillip Island Classic Dinner - All Welcome at the Circuit "Pit Straight" Dining Room**  
Starts 7.00pm for 7.30pm \$55.00 Per head including Drinks. Dress Smart Casual. Bookings to be accompanied by payment to: Marg Simmonds 24 Eleva Rd Healesville 3777  
Phone: 5962 2331 RSVP 2nd March. Entry by ticket only. Prior booking essential
  - **Phillip Island Classic Commemorative Book**  
The VHRR have commissioned Digital Realism Motorsport Photographers to produce a very unique keepsake of this years Phillip Island Classic Race Meeting. Last year Digital Realism produced a fantastic limited edition book for the QLD Historic Racing Car Clubs 30th Annual Historic meeting at Morgan Park Raceway. They also produced their own end of year glossy hard cover book from the many race meetings they attended during the year.  
The 160 page full colour hardcover book will capture the special moments of this years event. Darin from Digital Realism has said he will guarantee your car will be included in the book for anyone who pre-orders. You can register your interest in the book at their web site [www.digitalrealism.com.au](http://www.digitalrealism.com.au) where a special orders page will soon appear, for those that do not have internet an order form will be included with the events Supp Regs due out soon.
  - **VHRR MGM Clubrooms February 26th** - Guest speaker will be a VHRR member Mac Hulbert and his presentation will be "ERA-R4D...The Competition History". Mac is the current owner of this famous car and has raced it in historic events including Goodwood for the last 10 years. He will discuss Raymond Mays vision in creating the car, its performance during the 1930s and its current successes. Mac will also be driving a Lotus 18 at the PI Classic in March.  
Roger James
  - **Ron Simmonds has sent us some photos of the RACV Mornington rally.** These are now on the VHRR Website. Thanks to 30-40 VHRR members who attended and promoted the Club & Phillip Island.
  - **Australian National Aviation Museum Wings & Wheels April 12th & 13th**  
Dear VHRR Members, Over the years we have had wonderful support from members of the VHRR. If you have an interesting historic car which you would like to exhibit, then please give me a call on 03 9515 0350 any evening during the week, between now and March 28th.  
Cars can be delivered to the museum Friday April 11th and picked up after 5pm Sunday 13th April or from 9am to 12 noon Monday 14th April.
  - **Bill Prowse** Organiser – Wings & Wheels 2008 MOORABBIN AIRPORT
  - **Phillip Island Notes.....**
  - **Bill Buckle**, the creator of the Dart and the lesser-known Zephyr-powered Buckle 2.5 Coupe, has been invited to be a special guest of the meeting to celebrate the Dart's 50th anniversary.
  - **John Bowe** will be re-acquainted with the Elfin in which he won the Tasmanian Formula Ford title in 1972, he will race the Brabham BT14 Formula 2 car previously owned and campaigned by Bib Stillwell and John Harvey.
  - **Seven-time Bathurst winner** and twice Australian Touring Car Champion Jim Richards will also demonstrate his newly acquired Ford Mustang historic touring car at the meeting.
  - **Overseas entries** – around 50 per cent more than the record 2006 Phillip Island Classic crop – include 19 Formula 5000 and 10 Formula Junior racing cars from New Zealand and some 15 cars from the UK, including another six Formula Juniors and the 1931 Australian Grand Prix-winning Bugatti T39.
  - Also from Germany there is a race-prepared Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing to be driven by 1983 Le Mans winner Vern Schuppan.
  - And the 1932 Alfa Romeo P3 in the hands of regular Phillip Island visitor Peter Giddings
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## **World's most powerful sports car for Shannons Phillip Island Classic**

The World's most powerful sports car – the Porsche 917/30 Spyder developed for the Canadian-American (Can Am) racing series – will be unleashed at the Shannons Phillip Island Classic historic race meeting over the weekend of March 7-9, 2008. Reputedly producing up to 1580HP (1178kW) in qualifying form and a reliable 1100HP (820kW) in race trim, the spectacular Porsche 917/30 with its 5.4 litre turbocharged 12 cylinder air-cooled engine could reputedly accelerate from 0-100km/h in 1.9 seconds, 0-160km/h in 3.9 seconds and 0-320km/h in 10.9 seconds, on to a top speed of 400km/h.

The 1973 Can Am winner and the 917/30's most famous driver, Mark Donohue, established a closed-circuit record that still stands today, lapping the Talladega oval in Alabama in August 1975 at a speed of 355.85km/h. The 917/30 coming to Phillip Island from the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart is chassis number 917 30 002 – the car in which Donohue dominated Can Am racing and set the speed record. Porsche Cars Australia and the Porsche Museum have been special supporters of the Phillip Island Classic in recent years, bringing a treasure trove of famous Porsche racing and sports cars to the circuit each year for the enjoyment of enthusiasts unable to get to the Stuttgart factory.

Although the theme of the 2008 Phillip Island Classic' is 'Australian Legends', the appearance of the 917/30 will be an undoubted highlight of the meeting. After breaking Ford and Ferrari's grip on the Le Mans 24-Hour race with its victories in 1970 and 1971 with naturally aspirated 12-cylinder 917 models, Porsche turned its attention to the Can Am sports cars series that hitherto had been dominated by the mighty McLaren, Lola and Chaparrals. The Porsche 917/10 open Spyder with its 5.0 litre, 12 cylinder engines fitted with twin turboschargers developed 850HP (634kW) and enjoyed immediate success in the hands of George Folmer, who became 1972 Can Am champion. However it was the 917 that the factory developed for the 1973 season that stamped Porsche's absolute authority on the series. With its displacement pushed to 5.4 litres, the 1100HP 917/30 was virtually unbeatable, with Mark Donohue in the Sunoco-sponsored Penske team car winning six races in a row, leading Porsche to take places one to four plus sixth in the 1973/4 Can Am standings. In fact, so dominant were the Porsches that the Can Am regulations were altered at seasons' end to exclude the 917/30 from future appearances, ironically leading to 917/30 sometimes being cited as the car that killed Can Am racing.

**I am currently working on dates for the 2008 run at Morwell.** As always this is a little difficult as CAMS do not have a particularly meaningful calendar at present. Possible dates are to be discussed at the next Club meeting which I hope to be able to attend. The following has been lifted of the GCC website:

"The preferred tenderer to construct the new track has been selected and advised. The land transfer contract for the current hill climb is about to be finalised between TRUenergy and the Latrobe Council. The landslip has meant that the relocation of the track is now a higher priority with TRUenergy than was previously the case – this is because TRUenergy now have to mine coal in a different location to the one they were using immediately prior to the landslip, and our current track is right where they wish to go. Work on the track part of the project will commence immediately after the Christmas period, and is still expected to be finished by the end of April at the latest. New boundary fencing has been installed at the Haunted Hills circuit, with the internal fencing to be removed shortly."

It seems a recent landslip has been a catalyst for the building of the new Haunted Hills track, but I am saying nothing about us being one of the first clubs to run on the new track. **John D'asques.**

## **Club Championship Points Score**

Those members disadvantaged by not being able to attend Phillip Island next year due to their group not being invited, will be able to gain double points at Historic Sandown 2008.

**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

## **Calder Park Day & Twilight VHRR Club Race Meeting 5th April 2008**

Calder VHRR Day - Twilight Club Race Meeting on the 5th of APRIL 2008 which is the LAST Saturday in the current Daylight Saving Period. We have the track and all facilities from 0800hrs to 2300hrs and will run the event within this time frame. This will include a lunch break of 30 mins at about 1200 and a BBQ dinner break for 1 hour late afternoon probably 1800hrs to 1900hrs or similar.

We will cater for ALL CLASSES & REGULARITY.

### **Please note a special Regularity event will be run solely for Air-cooled cars, Austin 7s & Formula Vees.**

A number of other similar clubs will also be invited. We anticipate that EACH driver will get one practice in on the long or short track (drivers preference) and at least 3 race or regularity events, this may pan out to more events as we will be running the after dark events on the well lit short track which will include the 'Drifters' lighting.

The Supplementary and Further regulations and other documentation are on the VHRR Website now. If you aren't on the 'net, just give me a call. The cost will be \$150.00 for each entrant which will include all facilities mentioned above.

This will be our FIRST foray into Calder Park and AASA and we need at least 100 entrants to make it work properly. Looking forward to a great event.

I can be contacted on paulschilling@bigpond.com 1/-

## **Classifieds**

**Wanted: I am looking for a new place to park my Matich SR4** trailer since its previous spot was on a factory site which has been sold and redeveloped. The trailer is a fully enclosed lockable tandem and does not need to be under cover. I am hoping to find somewhere not too far from Bayside suburbs, maybe around Mordialloc/Braeside/Moorabbin/Clayton etc. if possible, but further away is OK, and with access at least during business hours. If you can help or know of anyone who might be able to help, even on a temporary basis, please call 0407 521 629 Nigel Tait

**For Sale - 3 Holden " Grey " crankshafts , \$ 25.00 ea . , Brian - 0419507535**

**Dunlop Racing Tyres** 4 of 5.50 x 16.approx tread left. 75% \$1000 or make an offer!

Paul Chaleyer HVR 0398770666 or visit 17 Cottage street Blackburn.

**Wren FF Group R,** recently logbooked. Little raced and ready to go. Must sell as I have the Minda to keep me busy, and besides, I can't get used to having most of the car behind me. \$22,500 with enc. trailer or will separate. Make me a reasonable offer and it's yours.

Call Ray DaCosta on 03 59401647.

**Wanted: Grey engine in good race condition.** Repco Head etc, all the better. For my Repco Special. John Davies 0407 940 797

**I have two Peugeot 404 halfshafts,** brake drums (11" finned) , shoes and backing plates for sale. Should suit a special or Pugperson. Asking \$175. Phone 0412 347 127

**Wanted: Rear engined open wheeler suitable for restoration.** Car should be eligible for group L,M,O or Q log book. Price up to \$20,000.00 Larry Varley 03 9761 1971 0419399404

**For Sale: 1965 Austin Healey Sprite Mk11A** Champion red 42mm Weber, Extractors, Cam, Roll bar, Full Harness. David Palstra 0417 523 307

**Hewland Mk 8/9** 4 speed layshaft 14/36 integral 1st gear 19/32 gear ratio. Reverse sliding gear & hub. \$650.00 the lot Ken Zinner 61 3 9568 0363

**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

**Wanted** I am looking for a single axle "tilt trailer" able to carry a 105 Alf Romeo coupe. I need it to be single handed "drive on drive off" operation. Dad's just getting too old to winch the bloody thing on & off (talk about lazy). Please Contact Tony Prowse on 0403 052 083

**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 ring Lloyd Shaw - 0415 351 164

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