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**CLUB PATRON:** *Sir Jack Brabham* O.B.E. F1 World Champion 1959, 1960 & 1966

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## NEWSLETTER - January 2008

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

January	20th	RACV Rally Mornington .....	0407 327 682
January	22nd	Social MGM .....	0415 351 164
February	26th	MGM VHRR Clubrooms	
March	7th - 9th	Phillip Island Classic (CCE) .....	03 9877 2317
March	11th	Rob Roy Mid week Hillclimb .....	03 9850 4795
March	13th-16th	Australian Grand Prix	
March	22nd-23rd	Mallala All Historic .....	0417 881601
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 .....	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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- **Phillip Island Entries still firing:** Over 350 have been received so far. Some groups are already in 'reserves' mode. Strictly first in best dressed, get your entry in now. A few more regularity cars in the form of Pre-war racers & Sports cars would be very well received!
  - **Penguin's Nest Sponsor wanted!** For many years we have appreciated the support of Frank Hook HOOK PLASTICS with the 'Penguin's Nest' ladies facility at Phillip Island (on the top of the pits on the main straight). That support has now ended and we would be very pleased to hear from potential sponsors to take over where Frank has left off. Briefly, the idea of the Penguins Nest is a place where Competitors wives, partners and their guests (ladies only) can enjoy some peace & quiet away from the cars a bit. Give Ian Tate 03 9877 2317 or myself 03 9787 3640 if you can assist.
  - **Calder Park Day & Twilight VHRR Club Race Meeting 5th April 2008**

A committee has been formed with myself as the Chairman to promote and organise the Calder V.H.R.R. 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.

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 of more events as we will be running the after dark events on the well lit short track which will include the 'Drifters' lighting.

To enable you to drive at Calder Park which is a AASA track and not run by CAMS you will require AASA licence. Bob Jane has generously donated a 12 month licence to each CAMS licence holder. This licence will be able to be used at all AASA venues for a 12 month period and is Free Of Charge. Bob has also included a garage for each entrant and access to the full facilities at Calder Park for the duration of the meeting.

The Supplementary and Further regulations and other documentation has been requested from the Calder Park management and is expected any time soon. I anticipate that the documents should be circulated to our club members and a number of invited clubs by the time you read this newsletter.

The cost will be \$150.00 for each entrant which will include all facilities mentioned above. Calder Park is currently being developed by Bob Jane at great cost and the plan is to encourage as much club activity as the circuit is able to accommodate on a seven day per week basis. There are plans in place to enlarge the venue to be the largest motor racing venue in the country. This will be our FIRST foray into Calder Park and AASA and we need at least 100 entrants to make it work properly. The potential of this venue is enormous and will be devoted to Car Clubs. I would ask all Group Reps to get behind this event, canvass your group members and get back to me with potential numbers. Looking forward to a great event. I can be contacted on paulschilling@bigpond.com 1/-
  - **Barry Rowe** was badly injured in a race accident and members of the VHRR, and the committee, offered their support. He has sent through this Christmas card and I want to pass it on. We wish Barry and his family well. Leanne (VHRR Committee).

Dear Members,

It's been just over 12 months since my accident. I'm progressing well, far beyond expectations. Your support and generosity inspired me to push the boundaries,

Many thanks to you all. Barry Rowe.
  - **DON'T DINE ALONE!** Club members and their partners are invited to a social evening on Tuesday January 22nd 2008, from 6.00pm onwards. Bring your own picnic and drinks, or take-away dinner from the local shopping centre, (at the corner of Middleborough & Springvale Rd, just one block away) & dine with your friends at the clubrooms at 30-32 Lexton Rd, Box Hill. Door prizes for ladies & gentlemen. Marg Simmonds.
  - **Lobethal Grand Carnival** October 11-12th 2008 Tony Parkinson 0408 805 518
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## Regularity Report - Ross McKinnon

Historic Sandown 2007. What can I say, other than to echo the comments of many others, a fantastic meeting! This was the biggest Historic Sandown meeting in terms of total competitor numbers ever. With 70 Regularity entrants, this was also the highest number we have seen, and reflects on the continuing strong growth in our category at Historic meetings. Congratulations to Noel Robson, his committee, and the members of the MG Car Club, the flaggies, officials, and everyone else for their hard work in making the event such a success.

This year we had a variety of cars not seen before. The touring cars: Andrew Spiteri's Mk 7 Jag, Gary Poole's 48/215, Barry Batagol's Fiat Abarth 850 TC, Russ Mead's Cortina GT, Keith Riddell's Monaro, the FV 's of Penny Nevill and Bill Revill, a brace of Cobra's, plus our other competitors who have supported the VHRR' s Historic meeting over many years. Good to see Digby Smith bring out the 250 Dart which has been gathering dust for quite a while. Also caught up with Gerry Lawson whose Lotus 11 looked magic. The excitement must have been too much for Gerry as he sidelined the car early in the meeting. Wonderful to see the Maserati 200S of Flavio Puccine and the superb XK 140 of Bill Coombs.

As I was not competing, it gave me a chance to watch the activities from outside the track, and from my observations, I believe the driving standards and behavior were excellent. The composition of the two divisions balanced the total entries and also matched car/driver performance, always a consideration of safety. The issues of gridding were resolved much to the joy of competitors!

The results were: Division 1- Run 1. Nigel Gray 1, Glen Bishop 2, Trevor Montgomery 3, Run 2. Glen Bishop 1, Bill Coombs 2, Digby Smith 3, Run 3. Bill Coombs 1, John Goodall 2, Derek McLaughlan 3. Division 2. Run 1. Jason Nichols 1, Gary Shipton 2, Garry Ball 3, Run 2, Graham Slater 1, Vic Spitire 2, Tony Prowse 3, Run 3. Mick Hone 1, Terry Mcgrath 2, Garry Shipton 3.

The Regularity Team prize winners were: First, John Goodall, Phil Schudmak and Trevor Montgomery, with a score of 239 points, second, Ken Price, John Hardy and Colin Stark 210, third Keith Riddell, Robert Thompson and Gary Poole, 168, Fourth, Russell Mead, Gary Ball and David Hope 124, Fifth Penny Nevill, Peter Ffrench and Bill Revill 120. Well done to all competitors. I encourage everyone to put your entries for Phillip Island in very early to avoid missing out. See you at PI.

**Newsletters.** I have started a new forum on the VHRR Website Forum entitled Newsletters. The idea is to give any like minded Newsletter Editor the opportunity to publish their own Newsletter and for the rest of us to easily find that publication. So far listed on the Forum I have Dick Willis's JKL News, Ed Holly's M&O News, The NZ F5000 Racing Club News, Loose Fillings - the 'Air Cooled' journal edited by Graham Howard, produced by Terry Wright & published by Gary Simkin. I will update these as they come to hand, and I would like to hear from anyone else who may receive various 'Specialist' newsletters, emails etc. If possible I will publish them in their entirety, but if they are too long or complex, then a link might have to do. As the forum is a public domain, the easiest thing to do is for the Editors to publish them on the site themselves. As long as they are of potential interest to readers of the Website, then they will be OK. Naturally enough anything not regarded as suitable, will be removed.

**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

### 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.

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## **Classifieds**

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

**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 Mk111A** 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

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

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

### **MG TF 1500 (1955)**

Extensive competition history over last 30 years in Victoria, SA and WA. Total 2,452 miles over this period. Log booked. Engine fully balanced, lightened flywheel, 1¾" SU carbies, single port extraction. Needham C/R gearbox. 4.3 differential. 60 spoke wire wheels with Hoosier racing tyres. Front sway bar. Full restoration late 2006. Immaculate condition. Complete with purpose-built trailer, set of Hoosier tyres (used) and spare engine (XPAW). \$40,000.

Contact Tony Bagshaw on 0412078444 or email tony.bagshaw@chemicalsystems.com.au for photographs, race video clips, etc

### **You know you're a racer when:**

- you think the primary purpose of wings is to PREVENT flight.
- you take your helmet along when you go to buy new eyeglasses or check out new cars.
- you feel compelled on a road trip to beat your previous time.
- you are happiest when your streetcar's tyres are worn to racing depth (wear bars showing).
- something falls off your car, you wonder how much weight you just saved.
- you hear someone say they 'overcooked it', instead of food, you think 'off the track'.
- you change engine oil every other week.
- you sometimes hear little noises from your passengers when you get on the throttle right after turning in.
- you really enjoy showing the tailgater how to drive around a highway off ramp.
- your racing budget replaces at least one of the big three – mortgage, car payments, dating.
- your email address refers to your racecar rather than you.
- you use the proper lines with a trolley at the supermarket.
- you have paid \$4 for a litre of fuel without complaining.
- you buy new parts because you can't remember where you stuck the spares.
- you bought a racecar before buying a house.
- you bought a racecar before furniture for the house.
- you are looking for a tow vehicle and you still have not bought furniture.
- you find that you need a new house because you've outgrown your garage and the neighbours are threatening violence if you park one more vehicle on the street or in the front yard.

**I've had some good responses** for items for the Newsletter, and for the Website. Naturally there's room for plenty more. Car histories are something that's of interest to anyone involved in Historics, so keep them coming. Those not inclined to be on the internet are still most welcome to let me have material. My attitude is that anything that can be said, especially regarding Historic Cars, should be recorded for anyone to see, and the obvious & simplest place is on the Club Website. Get in touch if you need help. I know there are many willing 'Historians' out there just itching for the chance to publish their thoughts.

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