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NEWSLETTER - July 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

July	22nd	'Goodwood' Social Night VHRR Clubrooms
July	27th	Tour De Yarra Valley - Ron Simmonds.....0427 031 737
August	9th - 10th	HRCC Morgan Park Historics.....07 3394 3755
August	17th	Heathcote (CCE)03 9890 3833
August	23rd - 24th	Leyburn Sprints0407 027 491
August	26th	AGM & Committee Elections VHRR Clubrooms
September	7th	Haunted Hills Hillclimb (CCE)0429 999 675
September	19th - 21st	Speed on Tweed.....02 6672 1796
October	11th - 12th	Lobethal Grand Carnival0408 805 518
November	7th - 9th	Historic Sandown (CCE)0402 224 133
November	28th - 30th	Tasman Revival.....02 9522 6845
November	30th	Rob Roy Historic & Classic03 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 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

- **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 open July 7th Noel Robson 0402 224 133
- **Social Night On The 22.7.08 - Think you are at Goodwood** - Come in your 1940-1950 Type Gear eg. Guys In Tweed Jackets, Flat Hats, Mechanics Overalls - ladies In Pleated Skirts, Furs, Twin Sets, Large Hats etc. The more people who come the more successful the night will be. More details Marg Simmonds 5962 2331
- **Eleven complete volumes of "On Four Wheels"** magazine collected by the late Peter Cousins have been donated to the VHRR library by the Cousins family. Whilst not a member of the VHRR Peter would be pleased to know that his collection is now located in a club library where enthusiasts have access to them. Peter was a member of the Triumph Sports Owners Association & a regular volunteer when required, he was a panel beater & had restored a number of vehicles types such as Alfa Romeo, Triumph Spitfire, a 38 Ford & Fords Prefect & Anglia. A complete collection of this type are rarely available & the club thanks the Cousins family for the donation & also thank Ken Bedggood of Penrite for steering them in our direction. Peter, aged 73, died in late 2007 after a short battle with cancer.
- **Tour D'Yarra Valley - Sunday 27th July 2008**

The Tour will commence from the car park at The Big Bouquet, Barak Lane (formerly Picanniny Lane) Healesville (Mel.278 9A). Tea and coffee can be purchased from the café prior to commencing the rally. Entrants are requested to meet from 9.00am onwards and the first car will depart at approx. 9.30am for a 2 to 2 1/2 hour tour of the picturesque Yarra Valley and the nearby foothills of the Yarra Ranges, with simple navigation and a few questions on the way, as well as an interesting stop for morning tea.

The tour will conclude with a (BYO) picnic lunch at a local winery near Yarra Glen, where tea and coffee and wine and beer can be purchased at a reasonable price. Due to an increase in numbers we have found it necessary to change the venue for lunch. Participants are still able to bring a picnic lunch, however a self-catering barbeque is not available at this winery. We are however able to negotiate a barbeque (including salads) for the reduced rate of \$16 per head if there is sufficient interest (more than 20 people). Could those wishing to participate in the barbeque lunch please let Ron know asap so that we can finalise arrangements. Great fun is to be had by all, so bring your 'special car' or just the family hack. Registration is essential as numbers are limited. Entry is by \$25 donation per car. The event will be run regardless of the weather. For registration and further details contact Ron Simmonds on 5962 2331 or 0427 031 737 or by email: ronmargsimmonds@bigpond.com.

- **Sick list:** We wish Ken Zinner's wife Glenda all the best & a speedy recovery and Ken himself best wishes from his recent ill-health. Also best wishes to Jane Strauss & a speedy recovery from her recent accident.
 - **Sir Jack Brabram** can be seen on ABC1 - July 21st at 6.30pm
 - **John Bowe** gave an excellent account of his racing history at the last MGM. Thanks John.
 - **Photos of recent events** are a big part of the VHRR website. Thanks to contributors such as Neil Hammond, Damian Petrie, Gary Hill & Zoompix et al, I have recently posted nearly 800 photos of Historic Winton, Mallala and Rob Roy. Included among those are 69 pics of Haunted Hills, and I have now worked out how to include 'YouTube' videos, so there's some footage of the track live from Lloyd Shaw's Triumph. YouTube videos are well suited to short runs, so if you have some videos of Hillclimbs, Sprints etc, send them to me on a CD or DVD & I'll put them up for you (Grant Campbell 64-66 Claremont St Mt Eliza 3930)
 - **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.
 - **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 Rick Pope: rick.pope@dse.vic.gov.au
 - **Lobethal Grand Carnival** 11-12th October Entries out soon!
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Don Kinsey, long term supporter, commentator & member of the VHRR received a Queens Birthday honour in the form of an **Order of Australia** -

"For service to the community through public speaking programs and a range of executive roles with charitable, child health care and educational support organisations."

Don originally qualified and worked as a Mechanical Engineer; he joined Radio 3DB/HSV7 in 1956 as a broadcaster, later as senior executive. In 1976 he became Public Relations Director at the Royal Children's Hospital - a position he held for 20 years until his retirement in 1996. In 1972 Don founded "Communicators Melbourne" - a business in which he conducted and continues to conduct courses in effective public speaking and business presentation.

Voluntary Interests:

- He has been interested in motor sport since a young man as a spectator, driver and commentator for historic and vintage motor sport. He has acted as commentator on historic motor racing at the Australian Grand Prix, Phillip Island Historic Race Meeting, at hill climbs at Rob Roy, Winton and various other vintage race meetings and hill climbs throughout the state.
- His first car was an Austin 7 followed by a Riley 9 and a Mark IV Jaguar etc. etc. Competed in trials, sprints gymkhanas etc. A7 Club, Sporting Motor Club, PIARC
- A Foundation Director of the Mazda Foundation in 1990 he remained as a Director until 2005.
- Don is not a Rotarian, but in 1989 he became adjudicator of Richmond Rotary Club's Secondary School Public Speaking Awards, a position he still holds.
- For over 30 years a voluntary advisor to the Uncle Bob's club, which has helped to raise so much money for the Children's Hospital over those years. The Club recognised this contribution by making him Patron.
- Don presents training lectures to the volunteer guides at the Shrine of Remembrance and acts as master of ceremonies at various ceremonies associated with the Shrine.
- Don has been involved with Royal South Street Society and for many years. He has chaired the finals of the Herald/Sun Aria competition on a number of occasions.
- Since 1957 Don has been involved in various functions for Legacy, including the Junior Public Speaking Awards programme and the Children's Service at the Shrine prior to Anzac Day
- When Don joined 3DB, like many other members of the staff, he became involved with the Good Friday Appeal. The service given by the staff at 3DB and HSV7 to the Good Friday Appeal is completely voluntary and unpaid and Don's service to the appeal continued for 40 years. He has also given up much time on many Christmas Days to be with the children at the hospital, again free and voluntarily.

The VHRR is proud to be associated with Don & congratulates him on his honour.

Letters

It may be of interest for the newsletter that I'll be representing the VHRR in the Formula Junior races in August and September at Laguna Seca, Lime Rock and Watkins Glen tracks in the USA in my 1962 Elfin FJ. Two other Aussies, Roger Ealand, 1960 Lotus 18, and Don Thallon, 1963 MRC FJ will also compete. This race series is an extension of the Formula Junior 50 year Anniversary series we started in New Zealand in January, then Philip Island in March. It will conclude with 3 meetings in South Africa in February 2009 where we are expecting up to 10 Australian participants (our wives think we're taking them on an animal safari).

Regards, **Bill Hemming**

Termination of Special Pricing Arrangements for Dorian Transmitters.

"I would like to thank you for the support of your club over the past approximately 3 years. Unfortunately Dorian is unable to continue to offer the substantial discounted pricing for the Dorian dat-1 series transmitters. Accordingly the special pricing will end with effect 30th July 2008. The adjustment in pricing, to the main is being brought about by the increased costs of doing business, falling sales volumes, and increases in the price of raw materials. The revised cost will be \$457.86 including GST & Express Post. Should your club wish to purchase additional transmitters in bulk, ie 10 or more, I will be happy to negotiate a more modest discount on a case by case basis.

Dorian, through the various Timekeepers/Representatives will continue to make the bulk hire transmitters available at a price of \$30.00 per event, or other amount as negotiated."

Ian Robson - Director

Letters

Gentlemen, A very short and inadequate note to thank you all for your display yesterday. I apologise that I was not able to spend some time with you at the event and that I didn't get a chance to have a really good look at your immaculate vehicles. We were delighted with the display and thank you for your contribution. I hope you enjoyed the day and hope to see you again next year at the 2009 Ford Fan Day. Kind regards, Allison

(Ed: This applies to Colin Fulton, Nev Butler & Falvio Puccinelli - Thanks guys.)

Website I'm attempting to put links to all other 'Historic' event's Entry Forms on the site. Have a look at the 'Entry Forms' page and let me know if something is missing & I'll find the link & include it.

Classifieds

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 gearbox \$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

Wren FF Group R logbook and C of D. Third car of the second series built by Bill Reynolds.

Good condition. Little raced and a huge bargain at \$18,500 plus \$1,500.00 (note revised price!) for the four wheeled enclosed trailer if required. Easy to look after and fast enough to be exciting this is the ideal way to go historic racing

Call Ray DaCosta on 03 5940 1647 or email dacosta@net2000.com.au

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 sff@tadaust.org.au exhaust manifold also needed

Gazelle Ford 10 special (Group L, with C of D) Built in 1956 at the Victorian T.A.A. workshops by Hedley Thompson for Murray (Revs) Wright. In 1959 John Marsden on purchasing the car had Allan Stanfield of N.S.W. create an alloy body resembling the Vanwall shape, hence the name GAZELLE. Powered by a Ford 100E with rare UK Willment F. Head (OHV inlet - side valve exhaust) engine with too many modifications to list here, mated to Needham Morris 4 speed box to Needham Ford IRS diff, all recently rebuilt. Very reliable having competed 54 race meetings during last 12 years, regrettably this Aussie special requires new custodian. \$28,000.00 ONO. For full details contact Jim 02 4385 1011 or email mdenyer@iprimus.com.au

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. Offers around \$12,500. Contact Ron on 0427 031 737 or by email: ronmargsimmonds@bigpond.com

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
