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NEWSLETTER - May 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

May	3rd - 4th	Morgan Park Raceway (QLD).....	0448 946 637
May	4th	Rob Roy.....	0413 744 337
May	17th - 18th	Mt Leura Hillclimb Championship Rd 4	
May	24th - 25th	Historic Winton	03 5428 2689
May	27th	Social meeting VHRR Clubrooms	
May - June	31st - 1st	Albany Classic Motor Event	08 9842 5526
June	1st	Hillclimb Championship Rd 5 DECA	
June	15th	Rob Roy Multi-Club Challenge.....	03 9850 4795
June	24th	MGM VHRR Clubrooms	
June	28th - 29th	Oran Park.....	02 9988 4743
July	22nd	'Goodwood' Social Night VHRR Clubrooms	
July	27th	Tour De Yarra Valley - Ron Simmonds.....	0427 031 737
August	17th	Heathcote (CCE)	03 9890 3833
August	26th	AGM & Committee Elections VHRR Clubrooms	
September	7th	Haunted Hills Hillclimb	0429 999 675
October	11th - 12th	Lobethal Grand Carnival	0408 805 518
November	28th - 30th	Tasman Revival.....	02 9522 6845

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

- **Rob Roy Hillclimb this Sunday 4th May** Call K11 for more info: 0413 744 337
- **Phillip Island Classic Commemorative Book**

The VHRR commissioned Digital Realism Motorsport Photographers to produce a very unique keepsake of this years Phillip Island Classic Race Meeting. The 160 page full colour hardcover book will capture the special moments of this years event. You can register your interest in the book at their web site www.digitalrealism.com.au

- **Social Night for the 27.5.08** BYO everything including your partner! Take away food shops are not far away at Kerrimur Shopping Centre in Middleborough road. Starting around 6.00pm.
- **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. Express your interest on the Social night 27/05/08.
- **The Tour De Yarra Valley is on again.** It looks like the 27.7.08 (to be confirmed). Starting at Healesville and finishing at a winery for a late lunch. As requested by some the nav/questions will not be too hard. For more info contact Ron Simmonds on 59622331 or 0427031737
- **Graham Hoinville** has been ill and in hospital. We wish him all the best and trust he is well soon.
- **The HSRCA's next race meeting** will be an 'All Historic' two-day event 28-29 June on Oran Park's 'Grand Prix' circuit. Private practice will be available on the Friday.
- **The Melbourne Mille** will tour Tasmania in October 2008. 1000 miles, 4 days, classic sports cars and great friends. More info: visit www.melbournemille.com.au or email info@melbournemille.com.au
- **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 For students of Australia's motor racing past, for the handful of surviving drivers and riders, and for those who were there, as crew, as spectators, as awestruck youngsters; the word "Lobethal" is at once synonomous with magnificent racing machines, daunting speeds on a sealed and hugely challenging circuit of more than eight miles, and heroic measures of human bravery, inspired performance and epic endurance. 'Expressions of interest' in the expectation that Invitations will be issued in May-June at: www.lobethalgrandcarnival.com.au
- **CAMS Organisational Blueprint Released**

Following an extensive organisational review conducted by Ernst & Young, the CAMS Board has developed its blueprint for the future, having regard for the Ernst & Young findings. This blueprint has recently been communicated to members and interested parties with the President and CEO of CAMS undertaking a series of road shows across Australia.

- **Organisational Review Background:**

The outcome of the Board's position has been subject to consultation with key leaders from across the organisation, including a full day workshop of State Council and National Commission Chairs and the Board held late last month.

The Board's blueprint is about laying the foundation for the future of the organisation and the achievement of its new strategic direction. The feedback from those that have already had the opportunity to see the proposal is that, it makes a lot of sense; is nothing that wasn't expected from such a review; and it is obvious the Board have put a lot of thought into it.

A heavy and increased emphasis has been placed on sport & club development, opening up communication lines, removing bureaucracy, streamlining decision making, engaging stakeholders, providing enhanced customer service/access to service delivery, recognising the grass-roots level of the sport, volunteerism and establishing a contemporary governance structure.

The Board recognises the implementation of the outcomes will mean significant change and won't be easy, but with a concerted and unified effort by all members of CAMS, believes the change is achievable and will position the organisation and sport well for the future.

The Board also recognises the need to gain the support of the members on certain aspects of the

review and the road shows were the first step in the consultation process.

It also recognises its leadership role in this process and the need for it to make tough decisions in the best interest of the organisation. It is unified in its support for the proposals about to be put forward as a consequence of this review.

As in any review there is always an operational imperative to move quickly to fill key positions to maintain service delivery to our clubs, members and key stakeholders and the Board is insistent these should be aligned to the new organisation. The CEO has been empowered to progress this issue.

Letters

I have now returned home to England after my wonderful trip to Australia, and the first thing I wanted to do was write and thank you and all your team for a really wonderful weekend at Phillip Island.

I have been lucky enough to attend historic meetings all over the world and compete in quite a few of them too. But I think Phillip Island has to go to the top of my personal heap as the friendliest, most entertaining and most enjoyable historic meeting I've been to-and on one of the best circuits too. The scenic beauty of the track's location is matched by the demands it puts on the driver and at a time when the requirements of modern racing mean that a lot of once-great circuits are no longer much fun for older cars, Phillip Island really stands out.

Running a meeting of that size and complexity, with some 500 entries and everybody getting four races in two short days, must be an enormous load on the shoulders of you personally and also all your team. Yet you always seemed to be able to find time for a friendly word, and to answer any questions with a smile. I know that the other foreign participants felt as I did, that the whole weekend was a brilliantly well-run operation and that we were treated extremely well. I would be grateful if you could pass on my sentiments to the other members of the team that I met in particular Michael Holloway, whom I much enjoyed watching in action.

So: many thanks Ian, for a weekend I won't forget. It was my first visit to Phillip Island and my first to a VHRR-run event, but I hope it won't be my last....

Needless to say, should you find yourself this side of the world for Goodwood or any other British event, do please let me know. It would be great to see you and return some of your hospitality!

With best wishes **Simon Taylor - Motor sports writer, broadcaster and historian.**

I was fortunate, or unfortunate enough to be present at the recent VHRR introduction of our new Historic Race Commission Chairman, Bob Cracknell - Bob didn't come across as a man delighted to be serving and why should he? He was drafted in under pressure at the eleventh hour by a last minute reversal of the normal balloting procedure, seemingly implemented to make dead sure that the man who actually won the original ballot months earlier, John Sheppard, was not allowed to take the good office. So Bob Cracknell performed the necessary usual vagaries that we all expect in these situations, but then offered us a glimpse of the future by telling us that the latest CAMS sanctioned petition distributed to 1200 historic members asking if they were satisfied with any or all facets of our historic commissions performance, was undoubtedly a positive success? Yet he appears to deny almost even the existence of the 2007 - 100% response Grant Burford petition document on the same subject! A highly relevant and successful petition personally presented to approx. 300 participating historic competitors competing at two major meetings - producing 300 replies and a 98% negative outcome concerning the HC's overall direction and behaviour, - whatever happened to the results of that effective petition?! The important issues appear to onlookers to have never been properly addressed or even discussed. Cut-off dates need to be adopted as in Europe and firmly adhered to! Not caving in and lowering the bar each time someone with vested interest appears with a new car and seeks to bolster his bank balance.

Norris Miles Ed: This letter from Norris has been highly edited to fit into this month's issue. The letter in it's entirety can be read on the VHRR Forum .

• **Club Permit Scheme Review - The Story So Far** (continued from April Newsletter)

Proposals to better define replicas will help to resolve the question of certain vehicles which have sought inclusion but which are clearly outside the scope of a scheme intended for old vehicles. Finally, the clarification of an inspection regime for modifications will make for a clear set of guidelines for clubs and owners.

Since the first detailed response by AOMC to VicRoads we have sought opportunities to follow up with further explanation of the points we have put forward. Following the first Discussion Paper, a second version was released in 2006, to which AOMC again responded in considerable detail. Since then we have continued to seek regular contact to ensure that our concerns and suggestions are clearly conveyed and enlarged upon where necessary. Throughout this process we have found the attitude and approach from VicRoads to be consultative and open to reasonable suggestions. AOMC's input has been focussed on a number of aspects of the operation of a log book scheme and we have put forward alternative proposals regarding log book format, the information to be recorded and the administrative aspects of club verification of eligibility. Perhaps the most important area of our input has been the proposal for optional periods (90 and 45 days) to accommodate the needs of little-used vehicles and owners of multiple vehicles. In respect of Replica vehicles we have suggested definitions which we believe will solve the problem of inappropriate modern-type vehicles relying on a "retro" style to gain entry to the scheme. We have strenuously sought scope in the approach to modifications that would recognise the special nature of older vehicles and the inapplicability of standing regulations aimed at modern-type vehicles being imposed on old vehicles. Our view is that a code of practice needs to be developed which would fit the historic and engineering context of cars from earlier eras.

The present state of play is that a final Paper recommending changes to the scheme has been completed. We are hopeful that these final proposals include all of the major points we have sought to present. This paper will now be reviewed internally by senior management at VicRoads prior to being released for comment. It is worth recalling that VicRoads is an organisation which has been subject to significant upheaval and change during the time of this review. It should also be recalled that the scheme review has been of a lesser priority than some other issues being dealt with by that organisation in the past two years. Furthermore, much of the management structure has been changed (and is still in flux) so it is not clear how quickly the internal review process will take place. AOMC will continue to monitor the process and will report to its members as new developments unfold.

Rod Amos

Classifieds

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.

Stolen from Hurlstone Park 20th April 2008 - red and white 1973 Hawke DL 11 - numbered 11 - and trailer rego E74306. Trailer has grey canvas top, single axle. Nose cone of car can be seen while on trailer. Trailer with car taken from ute after returning from Eastern Creek Historic race. Substantial reward given. Grahame Burton 02 9559 6200 (w) 02 9559 3975 (h) 0412 660 513 (m) theguru@wcriskmanagement.com.au

Silverstone Events, organisers of the Classic Adelaide Rally, is organising a 17-day motor sports tour taking in a range of European car museums, sightseeing and three days at the Goodwood Revival. Brochure and further info: BRIAN REED on 0427 395 296 or e-mail brianr@cams.com.au

For sale 2 x SU DU6 (Dual Throat) Carbies as fitted to Coventry Climax and similar. Very rare. Complete but may need some refurbishing. \$900.00 per carbie. Geoff Kelly 03 9706 2593 the4kellys@dodo.com.au

Wanted VSCC radiator badge Gordon Hellsten 9878 5272 ghellstn@bigpond.net.au

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 bargain at \$20,500 plus \$2,000 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

Brock NA Fairlane - Very rare NA Brock Fairlane, Build No. 22. Has all id plates etc. Fitted with all Fairlane options and LPG. Reg until June 2008. BROCC22 Suit Brock/Ford enthusiast. \$10,500. Contact Mick Cameron 0419 579 497

Found - one pair of prescription glasses - left at the Clubrooms after March Club Social night - contact Lloyd 0415 351 164
