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VHRR CLUB ROOMS 30-32 LEXTON RD BOX HILL

## NEWSLETTER - December 2015

We meet Bi-Monthly - on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month 8pm  
at the VHRR Club rooms 30-32 Lexton Rd Box Hill.

### COMING EVENTS

|           |              |   |              |
|-----------|--------------|---|--------------|
| December  | 11th         | VHRR Xmas Presentation & Awards Evening ..... | 0407 825 545 |
| January   | 17th         | RACV Great Australian Rally Mornington .....  | 03 9563 3293 |
| February  | 27th-28th    | Wakefield Park Historics .....                | 02 9988 4743 |
| February  | 23rd         | MGM .....                                     | 03 9877 2317 |
| March     | 10th-13th    | Phillip Island Classic - CCE .....            | 03 9877 2317 |
| March     | 17th-20th    | Australian Grand Prix .....                   | 03 9787 3640 |
| April     | 26th         | MGM .....                                     | 03 9877 2317 |
| April     | 10th         | Myrning Historic Sprints .....                | 03 9827 8124 |
| April     | 23rd-24th    | Mallala Historics .....                       | 08 8271 5689 |
| April     | 30th-1st May | Morgan Park .....                             | 0419 778 007 |
| May       | 28th-29th    | Historic Winton - A7 Club - CCE .....         | 03 5428 2869 |
| June      | 28th         | MGM .....                                     | 03 9877 2317 |
| June      | 11th-12th    | Sydney Motorsport Park .....                  | 02 9988 4743 |
| July      | 9th-10th     | Morgan Park .....                             | 0424 321 072 |
| August    | 6th-7th      | Winton Festival of Speed - CCE .....          | 0412 351 403 |
| August    | 23rd         | AGM & MGM .....                               | 03 9877 2317 |
| September | 17th-18th    | Lakeside .....                                | 0419 778 007 |
| September | 24th-25th    | Wakefield Park Historics .....                | 02 9988 4743 |
| October   | 1st-2nd      | Baskerville .....                             | 0447 315 114 |
| October   | 1st-2nd      | Vintage Collingrove .....                     | 08 8271 5689 |
| October   | 25th         | MGM .....                                     | 03 9877 2317 |

### Wednesday Members Lunch - every Wednesday except Christmas Holidays.

CLUB LIBRARY HOURS Wednesdays 11.30 - 2.00 Club Nights 6.30 - 7.30

**Club Permit Scheme** Gordon Hellsten ..... 03 9878 5272

(Red Plate) 5 Handel Crt Blackburn Vic. 3130

\*CCE = Club Championship Event

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### **Xmas Break up and Dinner Next Friday 11th December**

Includes surprise presentation format, and on display will be the Edelbrock Special. Thanks to Derek McLaughlan for that. Deadline for tickets is tomorrow (4th December) as we need to advise the venue for catering.

Call Mike now H: 9840 6155 M: 0407 825 545

**Sandra Caffin** would like some help at Phillip Island selling apparel. Rewarding job if there's enough helpers, and in fact an essential part of Phillip Island. Give Sandra a call if you'd like to assist: 03 9744 1807

**At the AGM held on August 25, 2015** the following members were appointed to the Executive and General Committee.

President            Ian Tate  
Vic President        Noel Robson  
Treasurer            Ian McMclennan  
Secretary            Leanne Newson

General Committee: Peter    Donald,    Bob  
Harborow, Bob Morrow, Andrew McInnes, Craig  
Bowring, Rohan Carrig.

Patrick Ryan, Debbie Collins and Jenni and Ron Hatfield will continue as co-opted members.

Group reps were also appointed at the AGM. Please see the website for the current listing. The President thanked all committee members for their on-going work and a special thank you to Debbie for taking on the role of Membership Secretary this year.

Leanne Newson  
Secretary

### **Hi Noel,**

You could not have made Luke any happier with what you did for him, and the entry to the race

meeting which he loved.

Ken has had a major problem trying to get him to take medal off, just to have shower!

We would like to thank you again for your support, and look forward to seeing you at another event with Ken and Luke. If there is anything we can assist you with please let me know.

Regards, Bryan

(This is a guy & his 23 year old son Luke plus carer (the son is very handicapped). They had to pay for him at PI last year, so I sent him 3 tickets, sat the son on the F5000 & gave him a medallion, hence the email, the response seems to make it all worthwhile. Noel.)

### **Good Evening Simon,**

I would just like to drop you a line to say "Thank You" to you and the team for putting on a great weekend and making us feel very welcome! Also with a Bute spot for our cars in the Marquees... although it was a bit of a squeeze for me on the end.... Big fat Falcon Coupe Quarters! L

My only small gripe would be Simon is that it would be nice if to go back to having two Regularities 1: Faster cars (Sandown Max 1.30) and 2: Slower cars (Sandown Max 1.40). I understand it's very hard with the grid sizes, but if Phillip Island had the numbers, I feel it would be safer and more enjoyable for ALL drivers to be lapping with similar speed cars.

Just my 20 cents worth Simon and as I mentioned, I know it's a huge job to string these weekends together but it's good to have constructive feedback from competitors to keep improving on a great event! Looking forward to catching up with you at Phillip Island in March.

Kind Regards, Stuart Dearden

### **Hi Richard**

On behalf of the members who attended this weekends Classic Sandown I would like to thank you for the invite and hope we can participate again next year.

We had a total of 18 cars and 26 members and guests. Everyone had a terrific time.

Thanks again, Gary Turner  
BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc

### **Hello Richard,**

The weekend weather was kind, ideal yesterday, there seemed to be healthy fields in most events and on Sunday the grandstand appeared to be the fullest I seen for a few years. I hope the



Event Director Noel gets a guernsey in the Maybach

weekend was a successful for you and the other organisers as it was for us. Thank you again for your help and support in allowing us to display our Minis, particularly in front of the grandstand.

Best wishes, Rob Evans

Victorian Mini Club

(p.s. the only thing missing was the Ferrari display?) (I heard the Ferraris cancelled at the last minute due to the rain. Ed)

### **Big crowds also in trade alley.**

Here a crowd lines up for a chat and sign session with Bob Jane, Fred Gibson and Bryan Thomson at the SS Auto Memorabilia marquee. Event posters were very popular. Stephen Stockdale



### **A curious anomaly**

Fifth category rules for production sports cars in the CAMS manual allow for "continuation models" and the Datsun 240Z's successor, the 260Z, is given as an example. Hence I was a little confused when the entry in Regularity of my Porsche 944S2 at Sandown was rejected. Obviously the car had been manufactured after the 1977 cut-off date but it is definitely a "continuation" of the mid-seventies Porsche 924 design. (A further curiosity is that the car had been accepted for the 2014 events at Phillip Island and Sandown).

Anyway I decided to take it no further as I respect the club's decisions and could hardly argue against a strict interpretation of historic rules in Australia, having written an article on this topic for this Newsletter, which received favourable comment.

Hence members might understand my surprise when I visited Sandown as a spectator to find two "replicas"- and I use the term loosely - had been allowed to start in Regularity. First, a very pretty approximation of a fifties Porsche 550 Spyder

which, unlike an original Spyder, had a plastic body and - wait for it - a modern Subaru engine! The other car was loosely based on a mid-sixties Shelby Daytona. Again it looked quite nice but was plastic bodied (unlike the original) and had a modern EFI engine and running gear. I would be happy to own either car, but historic they ain't! Regs for the upcoming Philip Island historic are vague when it comes to the Regularity event. It would be helpful if the VHRR could clarify once and for all exactly what type of car it will allow in this category at the Island and at future historic meetings. Richard Batchelor  
Noel Robson will post a response in the next NL. Ed.



George Nakas enjoys a laugh at Sandown

### **The 2015 International Historic Motoring Awards**

Lifetime Achievement (sponsored by Richard Mille): Dan Gurney

Car of the Year: Fiat S76 'The Beast of Turin'

Club of the Year (sponsored by Footman James): Benjafield's Racing Club

Industry Supporter of the Year: McPherson College Automotive Restoration Program

Motoring Event of the Year (sponsored by EFG): Chantilly Arts & Elegance Richard Mille

Motorsport Event of the Year: Rennsport Reunion Museum or Collection of the Year: Mercedes-Benz Museum

Personal Achievement of the Year (sponsored by HERO Events): Julius Thurgood

Publication of the Year (sponsored by Hortons Books): The Magnificent Monopostos: Alfa Romeo Grand Prix Cars, 1923-1951 by Simon Moore

Race Series of the Year (sponsored by Lister Motor Company) Classic Endurance Racing

Rally or Tour of the Year (sponsored by Jaguar): Royal Automobile Club 1000 Mile Trial and The 2015 Highland Tour

The International Historic Motoring Awards evening was hosted by renowned sports commentator Steve Rider, who kept the audience at London's St Pancras Renaissance Hotel entertained as he interviewed each winner in turn. Greeting guests as they arrived was a fabulous array of historic cars outside the hotel, including the winner of Car of the Year, Duncan Pittaway's astonishing Fiat S76 'The Beast of Turin'.

Motorsport Event of the Year and Motoring Event of the Year gave the expert panel of judges much to consider, with a wealth of events across the world on the shortlists. In the end they awarded the Motorsport Event of the Year accolade to the 'fastest class reunion in the world' – the mighty Rennsport Reunion, which brought over 57,500 Porsche fans, more than 50 legendary Porsche drivers and engineers and hundreds of exceptional historic Porsche racecars to California's Laguna Seca Raceway. Very different in style and atmosphere, but equally impressive in content, was the winner of Motoring Event of the Year, the superb Chantilly Arts & Elegance Richard Mille, which brought some of the world's leading Concours cars together, and combined both coach building and the elegance of the fashion houses with fine arts, decorative arts and equestrian arts.

More: [www.historicmotoringawards.com](http://www.historicmotoringawards.com).

The full text of this is on the VHRR website.



Lloyd enjoying the day at Sandown

## Classifieds

**Lost - Camera Sandown** Anyone who may have found a camera at Sandown should check with 0425 707 113. Thanks

**Coad sports car** Lotus 23B replica built by Ian Adams and Trevor Cohan. Extensive racing history in both NZ (Timaru, Ruapuna) and Australia (Amaroo, Winton) Lotus twin cam motor. Hewland 5 speed gearbox-Reconditioned Fully adjustable suspension. New shocks and disc brakes all around. Has COD and Log book \$40,000 or best offer

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