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Newsletter - July 2008

Social Meeting - 16 July 2008

Our July meeting is a social night with the discussion starting at 8:00pm; as usual you are invited to join us earlier for a meal and/or drink.

The topic for the night will be "The Life and Death of Race Tyres". The speaker, John Mills, is from FSPORT, Kuhmo race tyre distributors, and will give us their views on what happens from the birth to the death of a racing tyre, and how to get the most out of them during that time. Topics include establishing the birth date of a tyre, running them in, maintenance when racing, maintenance when storing, heat cycling and when to say goodbye.

He will also discuss the Kuhmo range and what is planned, the Kuhmo philosophy for the compound and structure of tyres.

Kuhmo are the new kids on the block for Historic tyres and offer some new input for a variety of categories.

Ian Raymond - Social Secretary

Membership Reminder

Have you renewed your membership? If you're not sure, have a look at your membership card. If it says "Expiry Date 30/06/2008" you know what to do if you want to continue receiving these newsletters. Lost your renewal form? Contact the club and we'll send you a new one.

Family Day - 10 August - Wakefield Park

The NSW Appendix J Association are holding a Family Day at Wakefield Park on Sunday, 10 August and have invited HSRCA members to join in the fun. The event is limited to "sedans, utes and sports cars" so sorry, but no open-wheelers. Also note that all "open cars must have roll-over protection for each occupant" as per Wakefield Park requirements. We understand that there will be access to Wakefield Park on Saturday afternoon if anyone wants to leave their car there overnight. They plan to run the event much like our similar event.

If you are interested, we have put a copy of the entry form on the HSRCA's website (see the "Events" section) and if you have questions contact **Warren Bossie** on 0419 404 272 or by email at Warren.Bossie@Execujet.com.au.

Wes Dayton

Dorians

Many of you have taken advantage of the generous discount offered to HSRCA members (\$341.00 including gst and delivery) and purchased your own Dorian unit. Well, all good things must end and so, effective 30 July 2008, the price will increase to \$457.86. So if you'd like to take advantage of the old price you'd better be quick.

To remind you how to go about ordering yours, you need to order directly from Dorian on 03-9931 1371. You will be asked to confirm that you are indeed a member which we can do for you by simply sending an email to Dorian. So once you've decided you want one, just let us know at one of club's contacts points shown above and we'll send them a note.

Wes and Prue Dayton

Minutes General Meeting – 18 June 2008

Denistone Sports Club. Apologies: Brian Pymble, Ian Pope, Ian Raymond, Paul Hamilton, Tony Simmons and Steve Perry. Previous Minutes: Accepted by Barry Thew and Max Brunninghausen.

Matters Arising:

- **Members' Event Admission:** Ray Kenny asked if the committee had reviewed what event entry rights a member would have in the future. Committee has reviewed and members will have free entry to all events and can bring a guest to all non-major events ("major" to be defined by committee).
- **Seat Belts:** Bruce Smith asked if any further progress had been made regarding the age-testing of seat belts. As Michael Henderson is overseas, no new information is available at the moment.

Treasurer – Peter Addison in Brian Pymble's absence:

- **April Eastern Creek:** Peter reported that the financials for this event were now finalised and a very good profit was made.

Competition Report – Peter Addison:

- **Oran Park:** We have received more than 250 entries, well up on last year. Numbers are boosted by a healthy Group C&A field as well as such a good response from Group N that it looks as though we'll have to split them into two events; Pete McNamara suggested that, in the interests of safety, this split should be made based on lap times (or possibly under- and over-2000cc). And the JDD cars will again be on display with the usual memorial race on Sunday. Note: Kevin Bartlett will be staying on after the event and appearing on Tuesday night at the Denistone Sports Club (sponsored by the Appendix J Association).

Administration Report:

- **Renewals:** Club members are reminded that their membership expires at the end of the month. Over 200 have already renewed.

Social Report:

- **Social Meeting:** Peter Addison reminded everyone that next month's meeting is a social event and, although Ian Raymond has a few ideas, as always he welcomes suggestions.

Tasman Revival – Ed Holly

- **Committee:** Ed noted that the most recent Tasman committee meeting was held on Monday (16th); this was the eleventh meeting to date. Committee members are Peter Addison, Peter Schell, Brian Caldersmith, Paul Hamilton, Steve Knox, Terry Thompson, Wes Dayton, Noel Bryen and Bob Young. Ed emphasised that this was not a "secret society" and anyone's ideas or questions are welcomed.
- **Budget:** Ed noted that David Medley had accepted the role of looking after the Tasman Revival's financial position and ensuring it was on track and that expenses were in line with the budget which is aimed at finishing "in the black". Estimates for income from entries and spectators are intentionally modest and tight controls on expenses are already in place. In particular, overseas participants will be paying a much greater part of their costs. Cummo noted that David Medley was the HSRCA's first treasurer.

- **Joint Venture:** Our plans for running this event jointly with the ARDC are key to cost reductions while at the same time offer an opportunity to increase income due to their experience in marketing motor sport events. Examples of savings include waiver of track hire, security costs, officials' lunches and eliminating some marketing costs; total savings estimated at \$90,000 - \$100,000. The final document setting down our agreement with the ARDC is nearly completed and should be signed shortly.
- **Marketing:** As noted this will be led by the ARDC. Our own marketing budget is modest but could be increased if further sponsorship is secured. Bumper stickers will be available at the next HSRCA meeting. We will have a presence at the Muscle Car Masters and the Shannons CMC day. Paul Tilley is helping with promotion in overseas magazines.
- **Overseas Entries:** Entry invitations have been sent. Signs are encouraging for some significant cars from the UK (two BRMs and an ex-Chris Amon Ferrari included). Plans still in place for some cars from Japan (cost neutral to the HSRCA). And negotiations are under way to jointly sponsor (with the VHRR) the F5000 cars from NZ. Ray Kenny asked about the costs involved and it was noted that we were working this out to ensure a fair deal between us and the VHRR. Note: Odyssey Travel have put together an attractive package for overseas guests. In answer to a question from Max Brunninghausen regarding where overseas guests will stay it was noted that we have booked the entire new hotel being finished at Eastern Creek.
- **Legends:** Barry Carr is again looking after the "legends" activities on the weekend; will again include demonstration laps. It has been decided that trophy presentations will take place on Sunday so legends will be available to make them. Saturday will be our Christmas party and there could be an opportunity for a panel discussion of some sorts. Ron Tauranac has agreed to be our "technical advisor".
- **Entries:** Costs have been set at \$450 and garages/marquees will be \$250.
- **Sponsorship:** Shannons have already provided sponsorship funding. We are still working on a significant "naming rights" sponsor and remain hopeful. Bruce Richardson asked if budget was dependent on this sponsorship; answer was "no" but if we secure such a deal we may be able to increase our marketing investment.
- **Press Releases:** First release, announcing Kevin Bartlett as our patron, has already been sent out. Next one, emphasising F5000s will be released shortly. Release frequency will increase as we get closer to the event.
- **Questions/Comments:** Ray Kenny noted, "we can't lose again"; Ed responded that, "no one can guarantee that we won't lose again". It was asked if we had considered "event insurance"; will be looked into.

General Business

- **Dorian Timers:** Peter acknowledged receipt of letter indicating that the very attractive pricing discount (\$341.00 including gst and delivery) would be discontinued as at 30 July. New price will be \$457.86.
- **Committee Quorum:** Peter noted the difficulty in having the 75% attendance at committee meetings as required by the constitution. Suggestions from the floor including removing committee members if they continue missing meetings, or instituting a "proxy" voting system. Les Wright asked, "does everyone have a job?"
- **Jumped Starts:** Bruce Smith highlighted that, following his being pinged for a jump start at the April EC event, there doesn't appear to be any avenue to appeal the decision.

Eligibility:

- **John Cummins:** One car (Thomas MG).
- **Bryan Miller:** Two cars (Elfin Mono and Brabham BT29).

Raffle: won by Brian Wilson. Meeting closed 9:35 pm

Minutes Committee Mtg – 2 July 2008

Present: Peter Addison, Garry Hancock, Brian Pymble, Steve Weller, Geoff Morse, Ian Raymond, Noel Bryen, Peter Rose, Mark Alchin, Grant Burford, and Wayne Newman. **Apologies:** Steve Perry, Ed Holly. **Meeting Commenced:** 7:10pm. Minutes of committee meeting held June 6th 2008 read by Peter Addison, accepted by Geoff Morse and seconded by Ian Raymond.

Matters Arising from these minutes:

- Noel Bryen received email from Richard Cormick regarding his role in emergency procedures. Mark Alchin advised that emergency coordinator's role is really an OH&S issue not a pastoral issue.
- Noel also has received an email from Graham Howard raising further issues re the PA announcer's role and the requirement for liaison between the announcer and the Clerk of Course in an emergency.
- Plans for additions to scrutineering facility at Eastern Creek are progressing well.

Treasurers Report: Brian Pymble

- Oran Park June 2008 race meeting financial wrap-up indicates an acceptable profit however there are still some outstanding accounts to be paid. Too early to identify net profit.
- Profit and Loss statements for year to date are being finalised and forwarded to club's accountant Ross Hodgson for finalisation. Higher levels of entry at past years race meetings mean increased profits for association.
- Committee advised by treasurer of the appointment of David Medley to supervise Tasman financial matters. PA and BP to provide information including historical data from Tasman 2006.

Competition Report: Noel Bryen

- NB identified a need for a theme for Wakefield Park in late September and the suggestion of a feature for Group Sa cars was raised. Twenty cars are required for their own race.
- Database for Tasman 2008 invitation mail-out finalised at approx 1,500. Printing of invitations to begin with mailing imminent.
- Registrars' meeting planned for July 9th. NB to set venue and advise all Registrars.

Administration Report: From Wes Dayton, read by PA.

- Renewals now totalling 435, about normal for this time of the new financial year.
- Association will send newsletter to those who have not renewed with info that this will be their last newsletter.
- Next Oily Rag will be forwarded to all 2007/8 members as it will be the fourth for the past financial year.

Group S Report: Geoff Morse

- Colin Dodds' current MG Midget was discussed with reference to its running with Group S. Suggestion was that it should be grouped with Q&R Sports where it is more suitable and in keeping with its high level of modifications.
- Peter MacNamara's BMW 3.0CSL also discussed with reference to Group T logbook application.

OH&S Report: Mark Alchin

- MA enjoyed a fruitful and productive conversation with Ken Barnard at Oran Park benefiting from Ken's 20-plus years in the OH&S industry. Contractors now all conforming with requirements.
- Risk assessment completed on HSRCA club shop trailer; needs two steps at rear. Garry Hancock to look into supply.
- Photographers need to comply with circuit requirements as well as HSRCA requirements.

Oily Rag: Patrick Quinn

- Patrick is asking for final contributions to next issue via message sent to committee.

Tasman Report: Peter Addison

- PA reported that he is pleased that the responsibility of the managing and maintenance of the financial budget and business plan will now be shared by all the organising committee and supervised by David Medley. HSRCA General Committee to be constantly updated on developments and Peter Rose raised some business plan issues.

Social: Ian Raymond

- IR has invited John Mills from Kumho Tyres to speak at next social meeting scheduled for July 16th.
- Avalon Airshow coordinator to be asked to speak at future meeting.

General Business

- Correspondence received from members Denis Lesslie and Geoff Fry asking for some clarification regarding the constitution, financial matters and the Tasman 2008 organisation. All Committee members had read the correspondence and a draft response (one exception) prepared by Treasurer Brian Pymble and President Peter Addison prior to the meeting. Discussions ensued and some necessary changes were identified. Peter Rose suggested the addition of a paragraph identifying the committee's understanding of these issues and that was approved. Committee agreed that the revised response be sent to members Lesslie and Fry as soon as possible. PA to action.
- Grant Burford said that only a small number of members attend general meetings so that not too many members are kept informed. This led to further discussion re perceived lack of transparency and financial management.
- Peter Rose identified the possibility of accessing some sign written marquees from corporate groups such as credit unions etc.
- Grant Burford asked why financial reports are not published in Oily Rag and newsletters. Brian Pymble explained that the document was possibly too large and also that the constitution required for these reports to be available upon request from the clubs office. These statements are also available for all members at the Annual General Meeting as required by constitution.

Oran Park June 28/29th 2008 wrap-up.

- ¶ Wayne Newman raised some issues regarding dummy grid problems and PA explained the need to make some operational changes over the weekend. Problems were then rectified as a result. WN also identified issues with number of laps enjoyed by his group and placement in the race schedule.
- PA read letter from Lynn Cowan who raises issues regarding

number of tickets issued to competitors (possibly too many) and the relationship of this to entry fees. He also thanked the O/P organising team for their efforts on providing a great weekend of racing.

- Mal Brewster. Not invited to attend Oran Park as a result of restrictions on availability of time for him to conduct track walks. There were a number of suggestions for roles for someone with Mal's experience. Noel Bryen to phone him and discuss committee suggestions. PA moved motion to re-invite MB and this was approved unanimously.

Meeting closed at 10:00pm

Classifieds

SWAP?: Want the perfect tow car? We find we have two, so will reluctantly let someone else enjoy HMS Fairlane - our 1993 Ford Fairlane Ghia. The V8 engine, with just 180,000km on the clock is "just broken it" and is complemented by a recently rebuilt transmission. Towbar has been connected to some very classy K and L cars and the rego is good until June 2009. The kids won't bother you - they can play a game of tennis in the back seat and anyway, you can turn up the CD stereo so you don't hear them.

What we want to trade for is a good, reliable small car that can spend the next few years trudging up and down the hill to the shops etc. Anything considered including something of greater value requiring a cash "top up". If interested call **Wes Dayton** on 02-9988 3898.

FOR SALE: BDA motor built by Peter Molloy and Rodney Gibbes. Three meetings old and taken out of a class winning Atlantic car. All Cosworth spec internals and complete with 48mm carbs and flywheel. Excellent condition \$25,000. Contact **Peter Landan** on 0418 207 600.

FOR SALE: Ralt RT4. 1982. Complete rolling chassis. Fully reconditioned FT200 gearbox. Spare gears, body panels, moulds and wheels. Many other spares. Easily modified for Historic racing. Good condition. \$35,000 (firm). Ring **Alan Watts** on 02-6367 3222 (ah).

RACE CAR STORAGE: Peninsula Sportscars has excess space in the workshop to store up to five cars (no trailers). Access 5 1/2 days per week. Optional use of hoists and some equipment by appointment. Storage cost of \$150 per month. Ring **Geoff Morse** 02-9907 2069 (bh).

ALLOY WHEELS WANTED: 2 x 13 x 8 and 2 x 13 x 10. Four bolt pattern 3 3/4 PCD (or close to those widths). Call **Ken Barnard** on 0404808954 or email kenn47@bigpond.com.



Just a couple photos from our recent Oran Park events.
Martin Koen photo.



And this one is courtesy of Jeremy Dale.