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Journal of the Historic Touring Car Association of NSW Inc



Patron: Colin Bond

Next Meeting
Tuesday, 14th May 2013
8:00pm
"The Garage"
Sydney Motorsport Park

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"The Mountain"
inside



On Top of the World

President's Report

Driving Standards.

So much for a false sense of security. John Burke (Valiant Charger) suffered significant damage to his car in a startline incident at the April Morgan Park meeting. John was the 'Victim' as a result of a competitor in front stalling and John being left with nowhere to go. He is still making the effort to have the car repaired for MCM 2013 and you have to give him the trophy for enthusiasm, after the major rebuild following the disaster at MCM 2011

On the same subject I was advised that there was significant damage to 2 cars in PRIVATE PRACTICE, not even a bloody race!! and one of those may need to be re-shelled. All competitors need to be aware that if you want to carry on like a dickhead then you will be treated as such and don't be surprised if your entry gets lost or refused. We don't need competitors putting their car away because some competitors forget their medication or "red mist" pills. Entry Fee \$450.00 Tyres \$500.00 (per meeting) Accommodation \$300.00 DAMAGE \$3000.00-\$5000.00 ! @#%\$WTF! Doesn't really make sense, does it?

Eligibility.

The AHTCA is in full support of a structured process to do regular eligibility checks on vehicles as well as targeted and random capacity checks in the same manner as a lot of other categories. At the committee meeting it was resolved that the clubs capacity checker will be given a rebuild as required and capacity checks carried out on known engines to confirm accuracy of the unit. We understand that competitors don't like pulling rockers or camshafts (OHC) at a meeting so competitors can do it after the last race, or have the engine sealed at the circuit and inspected within 14 days or less at a place to be agreed. The only people that can have any issues with capacity checks would appear to be the ones bending the rules. Why should competitors that are doing the right thing be disadvantaged, or worse still, put their car away because they can't, or don't want to, race with cheats.

PS Vince Macri has been confirmed as EO for NSW and also Technical Commissioner Group N.

Shannons Sydney Classic August 18th

The committee feels that we should make this a social event and not just the 6-8 cars that regularly show up. Lets try for 16 cars and put on a real SHOW,

The club will pay for the tickets. We are taking out the "New Trailer" with new flags and a gazebo and we will put on a BBQ and refreshments for our members and their guests. This is another chance to promote the club AND our category so the more the merrier. We will also have MCM 2013 T Shirts for sale and push Raffle Tickets. While on the subject of raffles, we organise the raffle so we can use the proceeds to benefit the members.

The club, like most others, exists to bring together like-minded people with an interest in motor racing and Historic Touring Cars in particular. Sponsorship is becoming harder and we need to be able to provide trophies and activities for our members. Otherwise what is the purpose of the club.

Definitions:

- Club: Noun: An association dedicated to a particular interest or activity.
Committee: Individuals dedicated to a club.
Members: People enjoying the activities that a Club provides.

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Get the message, we are here for a good time, a long time is a bonus.

Remember the guest speaker for May, Life Member Max Stahl and sidekick Ray Eldershaw, with a lot of "early days" stories.

The ARDC have confirmed that there will be CAMPING ALLOWED for competitors. At MCM 2013 and we will be sending an application form out to all clubs so interstate entrants can advise us what space requirements transporter, camper/motorhome etc so we can organise the Skid Pan party. .

Chinese Dinner Social evening.

Laura Kennedy has organised a social dinner for Friday 14th June for a Banquet at the Liu Rose Restaurant at Concord. This will be a fixed price banquet and buy/BYO grog.

Limited to 60 people, Julie has the details in the magazine. Please make an effort to attend and enjoy a social event with your other members.

Cheers, Marc Ducquet


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Driver Profiles

We are creating a new page on the website for Driver Profiles. So, please get your photos to me ASAP guys, (preferably with your current car) with a bit of a story to go with it if you like.

Jules

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April General Meeting Minutes

Next General Meeting, Tuesday 14th May 2013

"The Garage" Sydney Motorsport Park.

Call me on 0409 161 357 if you need directions. Jules

Minutes General Meeting 9th April 2013

The meeting commenced at: **8:00 pm.**

Attendance: As per attendance book.
Apologies: D. Roberts, I. Johnson, R. Muller
New Members: Nil
Visitors: Nil;
March Minutes: As published in *Action-Line*
Acc: A. Mayne
2nd: W. Rogerson
Accepted: A. Mayne (April minutes)
Seconded: W. Rogerson
Matters Arising: Addressed in General Business.

President's Report: **M. Ducquet**

Correspondence: **J. Williams**

67 emails in; 52 emails out.

- Various from CAMS
- CDs from Throttle Jam Photography
- Maxinet Invoice

Secretary's Report: **J. Williams**

136 members have renewed. 40 still outstanding.

Treasurer's Report: **C. Gabriel**

\$10,104 Interest bearing On-line Saver Account

\$ 7,462 Cheque Account

The bank account is looking healthy.

HSRCA: **D. Roberts** (attending HSRCA meeting and not in attendance).

AHTCA

Substitution process is in place. There will be a teleconference at the end of this month.

EH substitution vote - all states in favour.

Eligibility : **W. Rogerson**

Inspected A. D'Onfrio's new mini. Beautifully built and presented.

The club is looking at buying a new puffer.

CAMS / CMC / ARDC: **T. Thompson / M Ducquet**

M. Ducquet reported that there is some contention between the ARDC & Chevron as to which track MCM will be run on. No decision as yet.

MCM function on Saturday evening will be held in the Hinxman Room. Won't be a sit-down dinner.

Still looking for Naming-rights Sponsor.

Guest Speaker and new Patron of the HTCA NSW, Colin Bond addressed the meeting with stories from his racing career.

General Business:

- S. Follows reported to the meeting on the repairs to the club trailer.
- M. Ducquet addressed the meeting regarding a couple of issues which arose at Bathurst at Easter. He stated that there was no scrutineer at the event.
- M. Ducquet then spoke of tyre issues, which arose at Bathurst and other issues around the current lack of Eligibility Officers. He advised the meeting of the EOI in the April issue of the magazine, for CAMS Eligibility Officers.
- M. Ducquet advised the meeting that W. Bossie has resigned his role as EO. Marc then asked V. Macri if he would accept nomination to become an Eligibility Officer. V. Macri replied in the affirmative.
- M. Ducquet then put forward a motion to the meeting that V. Macri be appointed as a Group N EO. The vote was carried unanimously.
- M. Ducquet advised the meeting that Bruce Richards has resigned as CAMS Technical Commissioner. He stated that we would be notifying CAMS that we are "prepared to take on the responsibility of controlling our own interests".
- A question was asked from the floor re tyres. M Ducquet advised that the new rule regarding Aspect Ratio has not yet been "promulgated". He stated that Aspect Ratio will still be measured from tyres on the tyre list. (i.e. width of the tread plus the height). The ongoing issue is "where does the tread stop".
- M. Ducquet reiterated that all submissions, prior to being presented to CAMS, must now go before the Board of the AHTCA, which is comprised of the President and one EO from each state. The final decision is taken from the results of a vote by club members.
- M. Ducquet advised members that new club stickers are now available. Every member will receive one free sticker. Any subsequent stickers will be charged at \$2. **Meeting closed at 9:50**



The Mini & the Mountain



Historic Touring Car Association of NSW Inc

2013 Pointscore

Points are awarded to financial members only, and cover the three categories, Na, Nb, Nc. The six best results will determine the final outcome. Class placings (as per CAMS Manual) are awarded points as follows;

- Outright results count as 6+ starters (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Points are divided by the number of scratch races held at each meeting.
- 3 Points are allocated for entering and participating in a meeting
- 1 bonus point is allocated for the fastest lap in each class over the entire meeting.
- Members flagging at a pointscore round are allocated 10 points per day, subject to a maximum of 30 points
- Written notification must be received by Chris

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6+ starters	18	15	12	9	6	3
5 starters	17	14	11	8	5	
4 starters	15	12	9	6		
3 starters	13	10	7			
2 starters	11	8				
1 starter	9					



2013 Overall Leaders

John Wright	31
Quentian Bland	30.4
Craig Robertson	29
Jerry Lenstra	27
David Wheatley	26
John Battersby	25.8
Rod Wallace	23.8
Laurie Donaher	22
Bill Attard	22
Michael Anderson	20.8
Paul Battersby	20.8

2013 Na

Daniel Homann	9.4
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2013 Nb

David Wheatley	26
John Battersby	25.8
Paul Battersby	20.8
Kerry Hughes	19.8
Brian Titheradge	19
RJ Hayden	17
Lyn Brown	16
Alex D`Onofrio	15
Colin Tierney	13
Robert Ingram	12.6
Phill Taylor	12.4
Chris Collett	10.2
Greg Meredith	10.2
Steve Beazley	8
Bob Hayden	3



2013 Nc

Quentin Bland	30.4
Craig Robertson	29
Jerry Lenstra	27
Rod Wallace	25.8
Laurie Donaher	22
Bill Attard	22
Harry Bargwanna	18.8
Wayne Rogerson	18
John Burke	17
Martin Macri	16
Paul Tierney	15.8
Harvey Felton	14
Santo Di carlo	13
Noel Roberts	12.8
Jared Cox	12.6
Greg Schwenke	9.6
Warren Wright	8.6
Allan Mayne	4.8
John Wright	3
Michael Anderson	1



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Race Numbers 28th March, 2013

(Numbers to the right of column denote paid memberships).

Race #	Name		Race #	Name		Race #	Name	
1	Club	Champion	65	Benjamin	Tebbutt	130	Daniel	Homann
2	Michael	Kennedy	66	Michael	Kennedy	131	Craig	Robertson
3	Dominic	Truelove	67	Vacant		132	Bob	Munday
4	John	Gilfillan	68	Trevor	Hutchins	133	Bill	Attard
5	Alan	Lewis	69	Daniel	Cotterill	134	John	Predl
6	Ross	Muller	70	Wayne	Rogerson	135	Dave	Probin
7	John	Predl	71	Ian	Sawtell	136	Phillip	Haynes
8	Lionel	Walker	72	Phillip	Barrow	137	Chris	Collett
9	Daniel	Kennedy	73	Trent	Ducquet	139	Lynn	Brown
10	Michael	Terry	74	Dick	Bryant	140	Mark	Lenstra
11	Michael	Anderson	75	Ross	Donnelly	141	Brad	Harris
12	Andrew	Bergan	76	David	Stone	142	James	Goldsborough
13	Graham	Russell	77	Harvey	Felton	143	Ray	Dean
14	Mark	Lenstra	78	Ian	Wilks	144	Geoff	King
15	Jason	Foley	79	Cameron	Schofield	145	Paul	Cameron
16	Stewart	Follows	80	Steve	Land	146	Paul	Tierney
17	Steve	Travica	81	Bruce	Stewart	147	Vacant	
18	Allan	Reid	82	Cameron	Worner	148	Mark	Oberg
19	John	Sorraghan	83	Greig	Malaure	150	Ray	Dean
20	David	Roberts	84	Graham	Russell	151	Frazer	Roberts
21	Colin	Higgins	85	Bruce	Walker	152	Scott	Fleming
22	Peter	Ward	86	Santino	DiCarlo	153	Trent	Ducquet
23	Max	Ullrich	87	Phil	Taylor	154	Rod	Wallace
24	Bruce	Smith	88	Greg	Toepfer	155	Santino	DiCarlo
25	Mark	Le Vaillant	89	John	Harrison	156	Ryan	Strode
26	Chris	O'Brien	90	Ray	Bailey	157	Warren	Wright
27	Peter	O'Brien	91	Steve	Burke	158	Stephen	Taite
28	Brad	Tilley	92	Stephen	Shepard	159	Laurie	Donaher
29	Jason	Humble	93	John	Burke	160	Brett	Hobson
30	Chris	Gabriel	94	Jared	Cox	161	Colin	Simpson
31	Craig	Stephenson	95	Adam	John	162	Greg	Schwenke
32	Bill	Callan	96	Adam	John	163	Mark	Oberg
33	Alexander	Bland	97	Harry	Bargwanna	164	Ian	Johnson
34	Brian	Jessop	98	Daniel	Sugden	165	Mark	Oberg
35	Grahame	Hill	99	Phil	Taylor	168	Max	Hutchins
36	Paul	Truelove	100	Paul	Palmer	169	Tom	Amos
37	Ralph	Clarke	101	Vince	Macri	170	Paul	Knott
38	John	Lockyer	102	Martin	Macri	171	Greg	Meredith
39	Chris	Dubois	104	Robert	Hayden	172	Warren	Gay
40	Chris	Collett	105	Robert	Hayden	174	Garnet	Patterson
41	Jerry	Lenstra	107	Kerry	Hughes	179	Barry	Jessop
42	Robert	Ingram	108	Michael	Anderson	181	David	Gray
43	Steven	Thomas	109	Mathew	Windsor	183	Colin	Tierney
44	Vince	Harmer	110	David	Noakes	185	John	Wright
45	Darryl	Heydon	111	Allan	Burke	186	Michael	Cooke
46	Robert	Nicol	112	John	Shuttle	189	Ben	Wilkinson
47	John	Dyer	113	Alan	Mayne	190	Ken	Ballantyne
48	Noel	Roberts	114	Darren	Burnes	191	Graeme	Hart
49	Ken	Brigden	115	Andrew	Broderick	195	Thomas	Dyer
50	Rod	Brincat	116	Vacant		197	Michael	Collins
51	Chris	Stewart	117	Richard	Huer	199	Dave	Flood
52	Geoff	Rose	118	Brian	Titheradge	200	Bruce	Whitford
53	Craig	Stephenson	119	Phillip	Yakas	202	Greg	Luca
54	Robert	Owers	120	Laura	Kennedy	222	Keith	Croft
55	Vacant		121	Ray	Dean	224	John	Beechy Snr
56	Chris	Strode	122	Tony	Land	225	John	Beechy Jnr
57	John	Dowsett	123	Wayne	Potts	270	John	Battersby
58	Steve	Pitman	124	Bob	Boulter	271	Paul	Battersby
59	Alex	D'Onofrio	125	Bill	Meeke	276	Bill	Magoffin
60	Cameron	Tilley	126	Neil	Marks	279	Alf	Bargwanna
61	David	Wheatley	127	Aaron	Gabriel	283	Greg	Tkacz
62	Chris	Collett	128	Peter	Mackay	295	Spencer	Rice
63	Ken	McGann	129	Aaron	Tebb	308	Tom	Mott
64	John	Tight				316	Stephen	Beazley
						333	Troy	Williams
						350	Brian	Potts
						351	Robert	Nicol
						411	Rod	Stait
						427	Marc	Ducquet
						777	Fred	Brain
						888	Joe	Dominello
						971	Ian	Johnson



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Pointscore & Competition Calendar 2013

FoSC	-	1st June	-	One Day Meeting, Sydney Motorsport Park
HSRCA	-	29th & 30th June	-	Sydney Motor Sport Pointscore Round
FoSC	-	10 & 11 August	-	Back-to-back 1-day meetings at SMP South Circuit
HSRCA	-	28th & 29th September	-	Wakefield Park Pointscore Round
HSRCA	-	23rd & 24th November	-	Sydney Motor Sport Park. Pointscore Round
FoSC	-	7th & 8th December	-	Back-to-Back 1-day meetings at SMP South Circuit

A Letter to the President

This is just a short note regarding your voiced opinions regarding eligibility of Group N. I would like applaud your club for their commitment on this issue and totally agree with statements regarding further modification and rule changing of the cars.

I come from a family of motor sport my father being a factory driver for VW, Ford and general Motors in rallies and early Armstrong 500. My uncle and grandfather also being motorsport competitors .

I have been competing in motorsport since the late 70's myself In Victorian and Australian rally and off championships and since the 90's in historics in group M . I say this because I believe I am a motor sport lover and a have a great affinity for the history of our sport . History of motorsport , historic racing , it should go hand in hand!

I believe historics is becoming "Formula Historic " rather than historic racing ! The cry that "they are not available just does not cut it !" I restore cars and historic race cars for a living and there is nothing that cannot be found !

I have to constantly find parts for Bugatti , old Ferrari , Abarth , climax repco etc etc .The Group N guys have it easy !! LOL

I am making comment here as I have just built a MK2 Lotus Cortina to race in Group N . Why ? Well it won't see which way the Mustangs go but I love the history and the cars . It worth remembering That McKewon actually won races in 67/68 in his and was always at the front of the pack . Not a possibility today .

Hugh concessions have already been allowed for so many cars and you are correct keep going this way and it may as well be series production .

I have watched every car that races in group in at every track in Australia in their day when they were new such cars as Datsun 1600's , the Mazda RX2;s , the Capris etc had nowhere near the performance as they currently do.

Anyway, I am sure you have plenty of support and hope you keep up the good work.

Kind regards, Steve Lunn.

HSRCA Group N Registrar's Report

The Registrars meeting last week was very positive and should result in changes benefitting all categories. It is encouraging to find all the registrars working towards a common goal. My thanks to Richard for his tireless organising in what is not an easy task!

The Easter Bathurst Motor Festival attracted a full Group N grid with close racing and very little damage. We even copped a driving standards compliment from the guys in the tower! Organiser Troy Williams promises an even bigger event for 2014.

The June meeting at SMSP is the HSRCA's Annual event featuring Group N! In the past this has been run as a relay race but the current opinion favours extra race time as this is an integral part of the HRCANSW's Pointscore and in the past scoring became a nightmare. We hope to field two full grids so get your entries in early.

Racing on the 4.5 Km Brabham circuit [as at MCM 2012] if there's enough officials, or the old 3.93 Km Grand Prix Circuit we know and love!

If you or your mates has an official's licence there are 7 extra flag points to be manned for the longer track.

Look at either: www.ardc.com.au/membership/volunteer-race-official, www.cams.com.au/get-involved/officials

Look for entry forms out soon at: www.hsrca.com/entryforms/www.motorevententry.org

Get in early and lets make this a cracker.

HSRCA's 2013 calendar remains:

Winter HSRCA 30th June & 1st July at Sydney Motor Sport Park

Spring HSRCA 22nd & 23rd September at Wakefield Park

23rd & 24th November at Sydney Motor Sport Park.

Check the latest HSRCA website photos from Wakefield at <http://www.hsrca.com/gallery/ngallery/events/hsrca-all-historic-summer-wakefield-park-2013-seth-reinhardt/>.

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GROUP N SURVEY FOR HSRCA REGISTRAR APRIL 2013

Members are asked to print out, circle their preferences and return to David Roberts, 3/16 Salisbury Road, Hornsby 2077 or david@image-fx.com.au

- Where numbers are sufficient run separate Nb and Nc races

Yes	No	No Preference
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- Na to grid up with Nb (i.e. not with other groups)

Yes	No	No Preference
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- Run unders and overs [3 litres]

Yes	No	No Preference
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- Timed Races [20 mins] as Opposed to Number of Laps

Yes	No	No Preference
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- Preferred Circuit for Use at HSRCA Meetings at Sydney Motorsport Park

Brabham Circuit	Grand Prix Circuit	North Circuit	No Preference
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- Fill up grids [vs. as you are positioned in dummy grid via results sheet]

Yes	No	No Preference
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Group N Mountain Men



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The Australian Six-Hour Endurance Race Returns



The return of the Australian Six-Hour Endurance race will mark one of the largest weekends of racing in the Shannons Australian Motor Racing Nationals history.

The July 12-14 event will see the return of the six-hour race that is destined to become one of the great 'class racing' events on the Australian Motorsport calendar.

The race was first held several years ago however will return in its expanded form and with more eligible vehicles this year.

Though final eligibility details will be officially announced within the next few weeks, the race will embrace 'Production Sports' and top 'Production Touring' cars amongst its entry list.

That means cars from the Australian GT Championship and the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Australia will race with Australian Manufacturers Championship and NSW Production Touring Car series cars – from their respective outright (A & B) classes.

Organisers have targeted a start-up grid of approximately 35 cars for the race's first year back on the calendar.

Meanwhile, a stand-alone three-hour Australian Manufacturers Championship endurance race on Saturday will allow all AMChamps vehicles to get their own chance at class glory.

The weekend doubles as round five of the Shannons Australian Motor Racing Nationals and will include some of the top national-level categories in Australia.

As well as their chance to win the six-hour, Australian GT and Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge cars will also compete in their own, stand-alone championship rounds the same weekend, as will the AMChamps.

The Formula 3 Australian Drivers Championship will hold their first round with the Shannons Nationals for the year the same weekend, whilst the Radical Australia Cup and Australian Swift Racing Series will also hold series rounds the same weekend.

Swift Series cars will also compete within the AMChamps three-hour on Saturday.

The event is a partnership between the Shannons Nationals and Sydney Motorsport Park promoters, the ARDC.

"The return of the Australian Six-Hour this year is a joint effort to develop an iconic long-distance race for Sydney Motorsport Park and also the Shannons Nationals," said Series Director, Rob Curkpatrick.

"Endurance racing is something that as a series, we do fairly well. We're developing major endurance races like the upcoming Great Southern Four-Hour (For AMChamps cars at Phillip Island, in May) and the 'Fight in the Night' at Queensland Raceway in August.

"Plus, one-hour enduros for Porsche GT3 Cup, Radical Australia and Australian GT are now a staple of the Shannons Nationals.

"The six-hour has been designed to be as inclusive as possible to cater for a wide array of vehicles and give them a chance to relatively affordably compete in a major long distance race in Sydney.

"Early indicators are positive and we're working towards a strong field for the event in what is set to be a massive weekend overall.

"We're working closely with the ARDC to make this a banner weekend for proper motor racing fans in Sydney. This will be one not to be missed."

More information including a final class structure, race program and broadcast details relating to the Australian Six-Hour will be announced soon.





MCM 2013 is jointly managed and promoted by the Australian Racing Drivers Club (ARDC) and Chevron Publishing and places on show and in competition a great range of Groups A, C and Group N Touring cars. It is the largest event in Australia.

The ARDC is the largest car club in Australia and Chevron is the largest producer/publisher of Motor Sports titles and DVD's in the Southern Hemisphere.

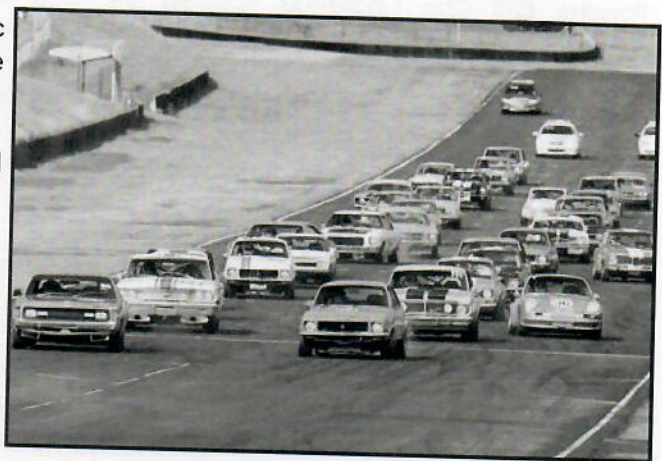
Groups Na, Nb and Nc are the featured Marque for this meeting and will be the category subject to the largest promotion.

There will be APPROX 200 Group N cars, the largest field ever seen in Australia. There will be 4 groups.

EH Race

We will have the largest grid of EH's ever assembled in Australia!

Categories will be Nc Under and Over 3500cc. Na and Nb Divisions 1 and 2 based on times and to ensure close racing all races will be a maximum of 6 laps.

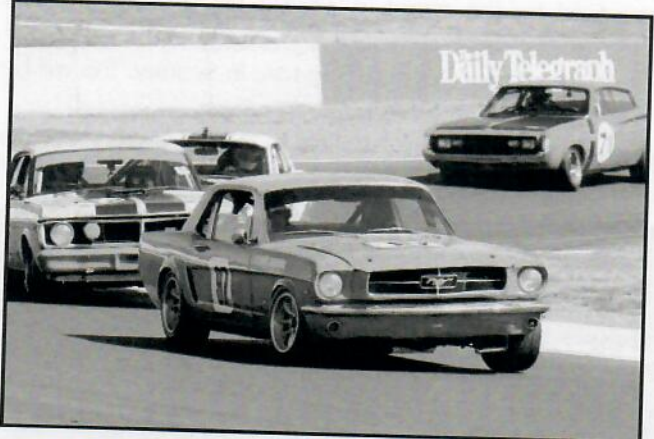


A naming-rights sponsor is currently being sought and it will be called the "Historic Touring Car Challenge"

There will be a function at SMSP on the Saturday evening. This will be a catered function for approx 400 people in the Hinxman Room..

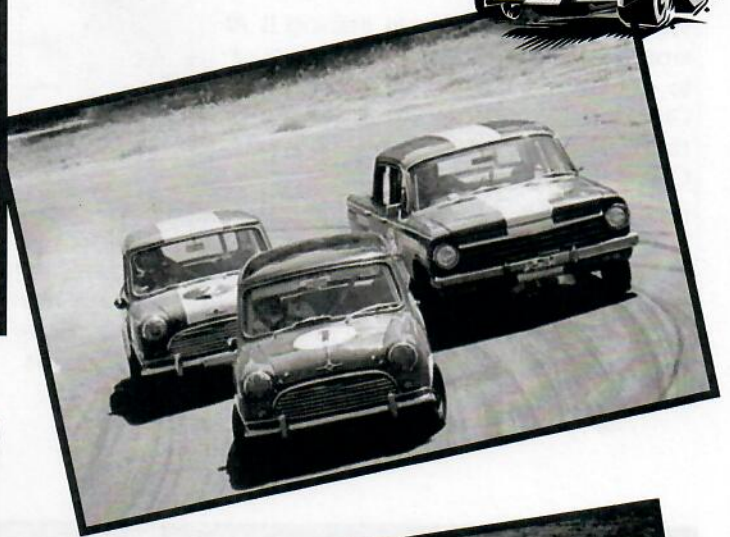
There will be major trophies for all classes as well as best presented and engineered cars for all four divisions.

We will be providing a rebate/incentive for interstaters ON A SLIDING SCALE as it is expected there will be approximately 60 entries from interstate.



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A Blast from the Past



My Bit.....by Jules

Hi All,

We have a new driver in training !! At least she will be when she is old enough to get behind the wheel, and I'm sure Grandpa (Ray Dean) will take care of that when the time comes. Congratulations Ray.



How good was it to "conquer" the Mountain guys. I have been there a few times, strictly as an Official mind you. But it's still just as magical. Well, maybe not quite, but special all the same. I guess you'll be going back next year eh? Don't blame you. On with the funnies. Hope you enjoy the latest lot. **Talk to you later..... Jules**

I'm sure I've seen this guy before.....I think he moonlights as a motor race official?

Why a flu shot??

To avoid it...

Eat right! Make sure you get your daily dose of fruit and veggies.

Take your vitamins and bump up your vitamin C.

Get plenty of exercise because it builds your immune system. Walk for at least an hour a day, go for a swim, take the stairs instead of the lift, etc.

Wash your hands often. If you can't, keep a bottle of antibacterial stuff around.

Get lots of fresh air. Open doors & windows whenever possible.

Try to eliminate as much stress from your life as you can. Get plenty of rest.

OR

Take the doctor's approach.

Think about it...

When you go for a flu jab, what do they do first? They clean your arm with alcohol...

Why? Because Alcohol KILLS GERMS.

So...

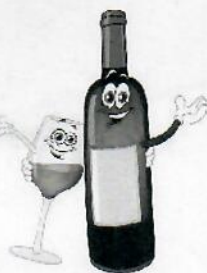
- I walk to the pub. (exercise)
- I put lime in my vodka...(fruit)
- Celery in my Bloody Mary (veggies)
- Drink outdoors on the patio....(fresh air)
- Tell jokes and laugh....(eliminate stress)
- Then I pass out. (rest)

The way I see it...

If you keep your alcohol levels up, flu germs can't get you!

REMEMBER:

A shot in the glass is better than one in the a#@e !!



message to the younger generation ?????



No one believes seniors . . . everyone thinks they are senile.

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighbourhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Jerry had carved "I love you, Sally".

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armoured car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand dollars!

Jerry said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders keepers". She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighbourhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armoured car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No".

Jerry said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile"

The agents turned to Jerry and began to question him.

One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Jerry said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday"...

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "Were outta here!"



Bathurst Motor Festival 2013

“....there is ONLY Bathurst, the rest is just waiting”

Alan Moffat, 1971



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A record field of 54 Group N entrants from all across Australia dared to challenge the infamous Mount Panorama during Easter 2013. 54 Group N cars at the spiritual home of Australian motorsport is a sight to behold, an amazing achievement, and certainly a "bucket list" item for many of the competitors. By Sunday's final race, 41 cars still managed to make the grid - a great effort to those 41 guys (and girl...) who survived the full weekend!

High quality, close racing was the order of the weekend, and a hint of rain on Sunday morning for race two certainly stirred things up. Those who Mastered their tyre choice in the changing conditions were able to pull away from the field and take advantage in Race 2.

The fastest qualifier and newcomer to the group, Dean Neville in a Camaro won Race One in spectacular style, with local Michael Anderson's Falcon winning Race Two. An incident at Hell Corner in Race Three saw front runners Anderson [Falcon], John Harrison [Mustang], Andrew Whiteside [Mustang] and Billy Attard [RX2] all sidelined - handing the win to the opportunistic Darryl Hansen.

Trophy Sponsor Matt Windsor of Windsors Automotive had a few "moments" over the weekend, the most amazing being watching his new Lotus arriving down Havannah Street as the Qualifying Session left Pit Lane! I've never seen a car off a trailer so quickly! Congratulations to Matt and his team for persevering and making their race weekend a success. All the competitors owe Matty a big thanks for continuing to support Group N at Bathurst for many years.

Competitors got the best ever value from Category Photographer Grant Paterson of Motografix with a fantastic collection of shots covering all the cars over the weekend posted to them on a CD! Thanks Grant and your team.

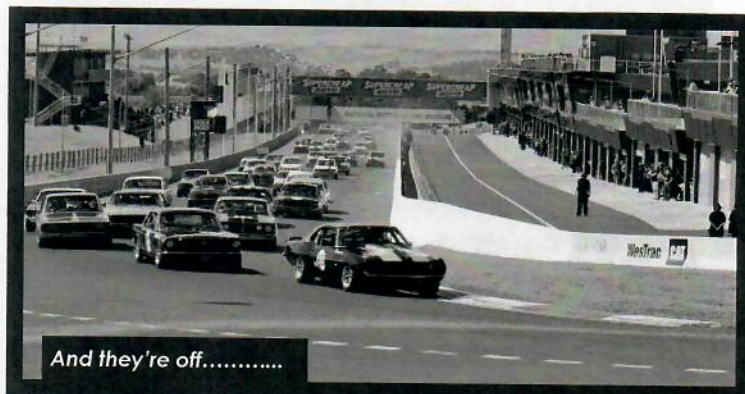
Ultimately it was the competitors who made this meeting such a success. As Vince Macri said at the Presentation ceremony - Veteran racers and newcomers alike all recognized such an amazing camaraderie and sense of community between Group N all weekend. Surely this is an aspect that all promoters and event organisers must envy!

Hopefully we will be back again next year with promise of an even better time! [if that's at all possible]. Don't miss out!

Troy & Dave



Ready to Rumble !



And they're off.....



Mid field madness



Close racing



Pack at the back....

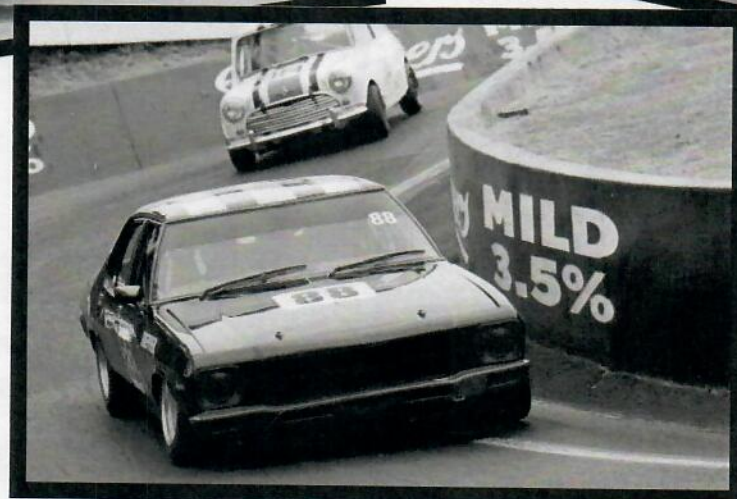


The "New kid on the block" !

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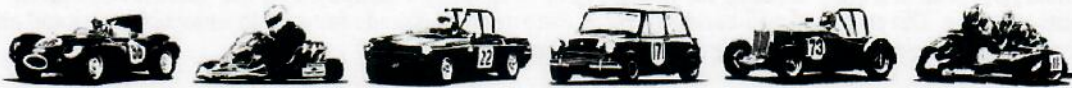


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TRACK TIMES



SHANNONS 2013 EASTER INVITATION AT WAKEFIELD PARK: 30th & 31st MARCH

We were pleased to welcome many of our regulars – like Groups S and N, Regularity - plus lots of new blood and a group of FoSC stalwarts who'd been AWOL for a few meetings but came back to enjoy our way of doing things, and Wakefield's unique climate.

With a little over 100 entrants, this meeting didn't have Goulburn hoteliers rushing for their *No Vacancy* signs, so we tried to give everyone who did come value for money and a couple of innovations to make the programme more interesting.

One was series of Handicap races, for Sports and Touring Cars – not exactly original, but new for FoSC. The other was a Partners Parade – to give drivers' friends or family a chance to get out on the circuit – behind the wheel or as a passenger – to see what it's all about (and maybe get 'the bug'). Judging by the responses, both could become regular FoSC features. We look forward to catching up with everyone again in June.

Dave Nichols & The FoSC Committee.



An unusual sight for a FoSC meeting!

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

As usual, full details are available at natsoft.com.au but here's a quick round-up of the top-runners.

Historic & Invited Touring Cars: While Les Walmsley (BMW E30), John Burke (Valiant Charger R/1) and Graeme Watts (Nissan Silvia) dominated the scratch races, Alex Donofrio (Cooper S) won the two handicap events.

Historic Racing Cars: Two of scratch races were won by Aaron McLintock (Dallara F3), and the third by Bob Saunders (Wren FF), while Barry Bates (Lister Jaguar Knobbly Replica) and Bob Saunders shared the Handicap honours.

Regularity A: Mike Hicks (Mazda MX5) was the big winner here, with John Finch (Mazda MX5) and Graeme Hayles (Royal RP42) the other most regular drivers.

Historic & Invited Sports Cars: David Stone (Mazda MX5) was hard to beat – in both scratch and handicap events – with Brad Morrin (Milano GT) and Dave Barlow (MG Midget) providing close competition.

Regularity B: Norm Clements (Clements Clubman), Ian Ashton (MGB Roadster) and Dave Lawrence (Austin-Healey 100) were the most consistent in their five events

Please note that the **Sidecar** events and **Butchers Picnic** races were not timed, BUT they both provided some great racing and a memorable father-daughter duel between Denis Tobin (Henry VIII Special) and Lisa Tobin-Smith (MGB Roadster).

DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT!

Thanks for your kind words, critiques and suggestions, all of which we take to heart.

"Thank you for another fantastic weekend of motor sport. As usual you and your team have performed magic, no pressure, no bull shit, let's get on with the fun. Congratulations for allowing me to have so much fun, it must be illegal????"

"I had not raced at a FoSC meeting for the last 12 or so months. I competed on the weekend and had a fantastic time. The standard and handicap races were great and made for a really enjoyable weekend and my son loved the parade laps. A big thank you to you and your team."

"...thanks for a great weekend, we all had a fantastic time with all our crew and fellow drivers, it was a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of track time available. Unfortunately I suffered a serious rear-end failure which was disappointing after so much preparation on the car during the last 6 months. My failure resulted in getting the tilt tray back to the pits, the salvage crew was very helpful and thanks to them for helping me out. We all stayed for the rest of the weekend and enjoyed the camaraderie and spirit of the meeting ... we had a fun time."

"Thank you for another well run meeting, I enjoyed myself thoroughly and thought the handicap race was different and challenging (but fun my first handicap race). The only small complaint I will make is to the inconsiderate people who parked their trailers where we normally park our race cars."

"Just wanted to thank FOOSC for a great day at the track on Easter Sunday. Conditions were testing in the morning, not unexpected for Goulburn, but as the day improved so did the fun. Please thank all those involved in organising the invitation and a big thank you to all the volunteers."

"Thanks to all please for a great weekend, no hassles, clean racing, all running smoothly."

"...thank you for holding the Partners Parade, as I was able to have the opportunity for the first time to drive Lisa's car around the track. It was definitely up there with the highlights of the weekend. I hope that you may consider holding this event again at future FoSC meetings."

CONGRATULATIONS, COMMISERATIONS AND THANKS

We're glad to report that there were no major racing incidents and even though we like to treat everyone as equals, some people and moments deserve our acknowledgement...

Congratulations to:

- Masters' protégé William Vining-Falvey for "graduating" into the TCM series.
- Lisa Tobin-Smith for running in almost every event, and also acting as the 'Masters Mistress'.
- Don Dimitriadis and the TRRTA boys for running in almost as many events as Lisa.
- The entire Sidecars field for close, clean, exciting racing.
- Leanne Boardman for bringing her amazing 1936 Ford "barn-find" and giving her brave mechanic the drive.
- Peter Chapman, on winning the FoSC Officials Prize.
- The entrants who bailed out after Sunday's early-afternoon rain and missed out on some fine, blue-sky racing when the sun reappeared.

Thanks to:

- The Management and Staff of Wakefield Park.
- All our Entrants, Officials, Flaggies, Recovery Crew, Dummy Grid Team, Scrutineers and all other volunteers for giving up a big chunk of Easter and braving the usual Wakefield weather extremes.
- Our Patron Mr. Lawler and The Masters, for sharing their time, experience and expertise with everyone.
- Alan Page and John Murn (and their special guests) for their expert Commentating.
- To everyone who donated to the Warren Weldon Pancreatic Cancer Foundation – we could do better though folks.

Commiserations to:

- David Falvey, whose freshly rebuilt Torana dropped its brand-new propshaft before he could compete in even one event.
- Kevin Hartup, whose tow car got an irreparable puncture, so he couldn't join his fellow sidecar competitors.

BACK TO SMP – ENTER OUR JUNE ONE-DAY ‘AMAROO’ MEETING NOW

With our next meeting only weeks away, it's time to get your entry in. We'll be on the challenging South Circuit at Sydney Motorsport Park – now named 'Amaroo' in honour of the Sydney track so many of us remember fondly. Since it's just on Saturday June 1st, entry fees are affordable and you'll still have Sunday free for family time. Our first meeting there, in September 2012, attracted a massive 170 entries – so make sure you don't miss out. Email: charles@fosc.com.au

Sydney Motorsport Park (SMP) South Circuit - Saturday June 1st

SMP South Circuit - Saturday August 10th & SMP South Circuit - Sunday August 11th

SMP South Circuit - Saturday December 7th & SMP South Circuit - Sunday December 8th

Masters Sessions feedback wanted.

Scores of competitors have participated in private practice sessions with the FoSC Masters improving skills, upgrading their licences, graduating to national series racing or simply feeling more confident. If you've had the benefit of these legends' mentoring please email: davidned@tpg.com



Thanks for the Cherokee, Chrysler Australia.

Looking for that Kodak moment?

We've kept pictures to a minimum in this newsletter, to contain the size for emails and down-loads. For a full range photographs of the Easter meeting, check out the Gallery on our website or contact Phil Sim, John Smith or MHP (details on the FoSC website).



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Happy Birthday, Firechase.

Our head firey, David Duff, tells us that Firechase are planning a *10 Year Celebration* on the 17th of August this year and they want to bring a bit of all the things from the past together for this special night.

David says, "The current plan is to have it at the Oran Park Café, which boasts a fabulous chef with a very creative flair.

"There will be tickets sold to pay for the event but we hope to keep it as low as possible with what funds we have to add to it."

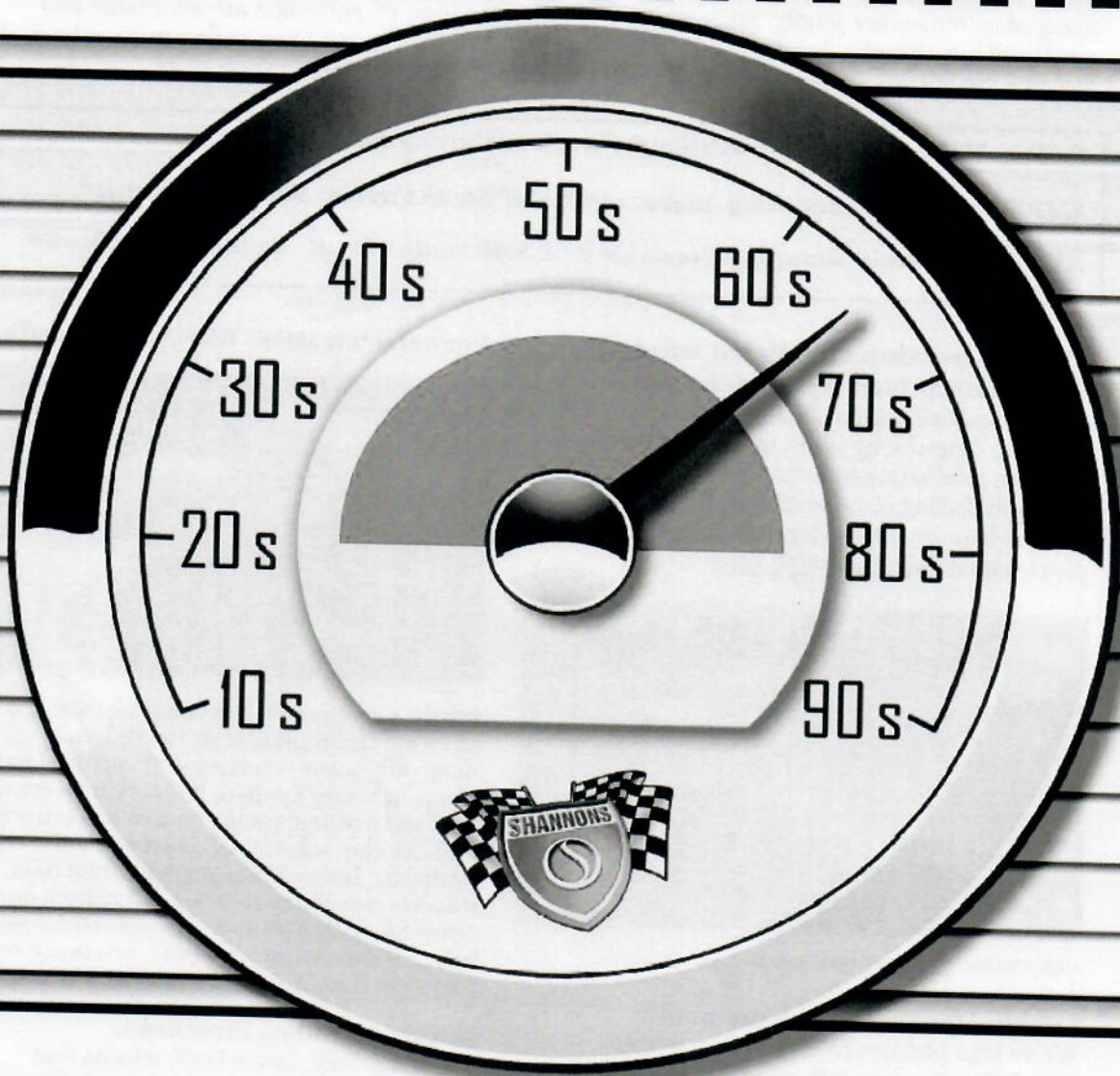
That's just a week after our meeting at Sydney Motor Sport Park, so it's easy to remember.

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 Friday 30th August - MCM Competitors Only
 Friday 13th September - Cars / Bikes / L2S, GP Circuit
 Friday 20th September - NSW MRC Competitors only
 Friday 25th October - Cars / Bikes / L2S, Brabham Circuit
 Friday 1st November - Cars / Bikes / L2S, GP Circuit
 Friday 8th November - NSW MRC Competitors only
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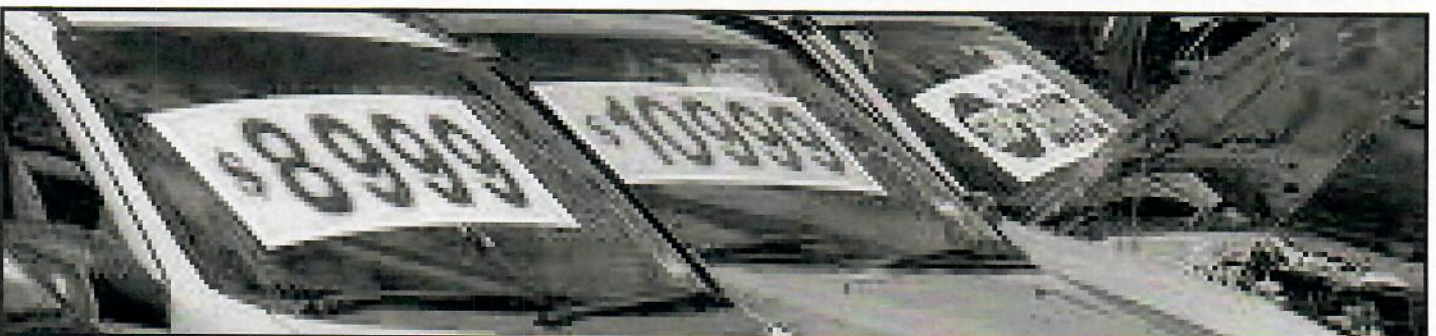
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