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### **2010 Race Calendar**

Track	Date	Туре	Club
Phillip Island Classic	April 19-21	Golden Oldie - Historic	VHRR / Mini Car Club
Phillip Island	April 17-18	State Race Series	PIARC
Winton Historics	May 29-30	Golden Oldie - Historic	Austin 7 Club
Sandown	July 24-25	State Race Series	Sports Sedan Association
Winton (Long Track)	Aug. 28-29	State Race Series	AASA
Phillip Island	Sept. 25-26	State Race Series	Mini Car Club
Sandown Historics	<b>Nov. 6-7</b>	Golden Oldie - Historic	VHRR / MG Car Club
Phillip Island	Nov 27-28	Special - Island Magic	PIARC

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### From the President



Welcome to my chat for yet another month. It's been a very busy month off the track for the committee and I'm delighted to report there's plenty of new stuff coming on line as a result of our combined efforts of late.

Jervis has done a remarkable job (is trying) with our on line shop – very exciting stuff.

New committee member Marty Lambert has taken on his role with enthusiasm and has already proven himself a solid contributor to the committee. As part of a new system for committee meetings we now take it in turn to be meeting chairperson, and this month Marty had his turn at the helm and did a fine job – thanks mate.

By the time you get this mag its possible that the last state round at the Island will have been run and won – none the less I'm delighted to say that I'm looking forward to my role this weekend as Paddock Field Marshal flying the HTCAV flag by helping out our mates at the mini club who continue to provide our members with racing opportunities. I'll be operating under the watchful eye of Danny Jonas who is the master at this position – I'm looking forward to the challenge. My two older boys are also helping out with timing so they'll have a good view of what goes on – what a wonderful opportunity for them eh?

Our numbers for this event are down by approximately 15% and this is a reflection of the entire meeting I'm afraid. There are a few conflicting factors at play this weekend so not such a bad result after all. Good luck and clean racing to all our guys having a crack this weekend.

#### **CAMS** meeting

This month I was invited to attend a special meeting held at CAMS Melbourne office attended by most leaders of the major Historic racing clubs Australia wide and the major players from CAMS and the Historic Commission. The meeting was very enlightening for all concerned and it revolved around the impact that AASA is having on CAMS and our competitors amongst other matters relating to Historics at large. I have provided the committee with a detailed report on the events of the meeting and will provide our general meeting with the same information after CAMS have issued the attendees with the minutes from that meeting. This should have been done by our October meeting so I will fill you all in on that at that time – its interesting stuff.

#### **Historic Sandown**

The numbers are coming in slowly for this premier event. If you are running I urge you to get your entry in ASAP to assist the organisation of the event.

I'm delighted to be having a run in Rob Southouses famous ex Zinner humpy at this event in Nb. The Barrow humpy from NSW will also be at this event which will be a ripper. Eddie Dobbs FE has just had a major engine freshen (no I didn't break it!!) so should be on the money also.

Lets see now, we have the Southouse humpy with a brand new engine driven by Sandown regular yours truly and the reputably quickest humpy in the land piloted by a skilled racer who has not raced this particular track before, and a club legend in the quickest grey powered FE in the land at one of his favorite tracks – we are all being coy about our prospects but I reckon it will be on for young and old! It'll be worth the admission price just to see the grey power boys fight it out – bring it on – hey Robbie, can you really put these things on two wheels – don't lie to me now!!!

Our mate Marty Lambert has entered the schmick new Alfa in Nc but seeing as he may be unable to compete (dependant upon a few things falling into place for him) I have accepted the role as first in line for the steer gig in this one also in Nc – that would be a first for me.

#### 2010 Awards Night (Yes It's Yet Another Repeat But Its Important!)

OUR AWARDS NIGHT - elsewhere in the mag you will see an ad for this event. This event will allow all members of the HTCAV to attend what will be a historic night in Historic Touring Car Racing as we know it – how so you ask? This night will be the most prestigious and lavish social function / awards night ever run in this country for our category. If you want to find out what all the fuss is about I suggest you register your interest early and mark the calendar. Saturday evening 4th December 2010 at the Bayview Eden Melbourne @ 6 Queens rd Melbourne. This venue is a marked step up from previous years and all for good reason! You now have the option to stay the night at the venue taking advantage of great club discounts on this (very reasonable pricing!). Also everyone can now park 'on site' - phew what a nice change eh. The after parties should be fun I reckon.

We have listened to many of you who have requested a return to the old days of the dinner dance type affair. We are going to achieve a good compromise by still having our awards presentations as previous years but also make those presentations more efficient thus leaving time for some music and dancing just like times of old – great stuff!

The music will be live and I'm delighted

to say we have procured the fantastic 'Rank Outsiders' to play this gig for us. These guys are the real deal and will rock the joint for sure.

Just like last year the fashions on the field will make a return seeing as it was such a huge hit last year – yes girls and guys this means you all have permission to buy at least one new outfit – te he, sorry guys!

This year we expect an increase in support for this event by the colorful and interesting HTCAV Rally members – we would love to see plenty of you guys and girls at this historic event. Last year we had a taste of the sights of this genre of our sport and it was fabulous.

You can even pay by credit card now so give Jervis a call and get it done now!

#### Memberships

Our growth target for the year has been achieved which is very pleasing indeed. Next year our target membership will be a total of 242 paid up members. Given recent interest it appears we may make a healthy head start on that target starting now – great stuff – the HTCAV is well and truly on the march.

#### **Historic Winton**

Following the club discussions and consultation with the competitors at this year's event, it has been decided that the HTCAV will request that the handicap be removed from next year's program. The Austin7 club has still not formally replied as yet but I've had verbal confirmation from their hierarchy to say our requests will be met for the 2011 event – great news.

#### Tyres And Roll Cages!

This discussion continues to roll on and a very healthy debate it has become. The winners are of course – all of us! These discussions have created an environment where our members are discussing vitally important aspects of our sport in an open and frank way. This month that discussion will be facilitated yet again with a professional in the field as our monthly guest speaker.

#### **Guest Speaker**

This month we are delighted to have David Brown from Brown Davis as our guest speaker to discuss among other things the importance of good roll cage design and implementation. He speaks from vast experience in the field and will no doubt dispel some of the long held myths in this regard – this will be chock full of valuable information for all competitors – don't miss it!

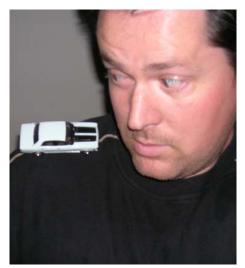
Speaking of missing it – unfortunately I will be absent this month due to family holiday commitments. Yes it does of course involve the kids, a land rover and myself – should be fun, the famous snowy river national park this time. So in my absence the right honorable Mr Jervis Ward will officiate this month.

Jervis will look forward to seeing plenty of you at The Rising Sun on Wednesday,

Yours in racing,

Deano

## Editoro



Mwahahahahahaaaaaaaa, dear reader. Yes, that's right – the Establishment has been deposed, and your favourite rag is now under Revolutionary Rule! I for one have gone completely mad with power (although to be fair we were very nearly there anyway) and have taken over the Editorial chair.

Actually, it's not like that at all. While The Ralph is in the Mother Country traipsing around Goodwood and the like, he saw fit to deputise me for the job. There was some initial confusion when Chris told me I'd be doing the Eddy Toro for the mag – who'd name a bull Edward, after all, and why am I writing about him?

But with the aid of a lengthy explanation, many pictures and several sharp whacks, the record was set straight; and here we are! So, what does the Greatest Victorian Historic Touring Car Association Magazine Ever have in store for you this month?

Well firstly, some good news. There will be no CARma this month, so this bit here now represents the only time my rapier wit will be visited upon you. Well, in this issue anyway, for we have a celebrity filling in. Taking my place in (what I am assured is) the best spot – up the back – is no other luminary than Mr Harry Firth! Hope you'll excuse my enormous head, But The Fox happened to read my column last month (!?!) and was moved to pen a response. Our esteemed President was heard to suggest that at least the backstop article would be written in English for a change. For mine, I think it's pretty special to have such a legend of our sport not only reading our humble publication, but contributing as well. Thanks, Harry.

Elsewhere, you'll find a report on all the action from the recent and enormous

Muscle Car Masters, penned by the man who called it on the spot – the REAL man with the golden tonsils, Darren Knight. And as ever, the ubiquitous James Smith has provided a surfeit of accompanying photographs. That's right, we have proof.

Closer to home, you'll also find a rundown on the Winton long track round from a couple of weeks ago. It's unfortunate that numbers were down at this round, as it really is an enjoyable meeting.

Now, how's this for a segue? On the very subject of diminishing returns, Rusty Pilven has some very interesting and, dare I say it, important questions to put regarding this club's racing future. Certainly in the short term. Make sure you check out the Competition Report for more.

Rusty's ruminations aside, there'll be another good reason to belly up to the next General meeting. David Brown is a talker of some renown, and will be giving us the benefit of his accumulated knowledge on (amongst other things) roll cages and whatnot. Off the back of extensive discussions on ROPS of late, this couldn't come at a better time. Take advantage of David's experience and make sure you

front. If nothing else, you'll make it harder for the Holloways to win the raffle!

Make sure you rip out the entry form for the HTCAV rally, as well. It's on again this year, mainly because Michael Hibbert didn't manage to get anyone arrested during the inaugural running. Not that he's given up yet, mind you. Unfortunately Boris didn't go for a run in the first dig, but he's had a wash especially for the event and is ready to blow El Presidente's lumpen great Brit Barge back into the ditch whence it came.

One other soiree to ink into your collective diaries is of course the affair of the season in the HTCAV End Of Year Christmas Awards Ceremony And Dinner Dance Thingy. You'll spot elsewhere in these pages all the information you require to secure yourself and your mischief support crew a spot on the grid for this one. And don't forget, this year there are garages on offer – don't forget to secure one, and ask for the discount as well. (Note to Nick Cascone; The Boss rang up to book our room, and got the price cut. Moral of the story, get a chick to do it!) Can't wait for the after party with the Hollywoods – better take the Monday off!!!

As usual, that's more than enough from me – enjoy the mag folks, safe in the knowledge that it'll be back in sane hands next month...\*

(\*Truth be told, it's in pretty good hands anyway. Where I'm concerned at least, the whole 'Editor' tag is more ceremonial than it is legitimate. Our very own Jervis "Psych" Ward does all of the work putting the thing together; all I had to do was this bit. Normally the Editor chases up all of the tardy late contributors as well – but as it turns out, that's me. Whoops.)

Read on!!!



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## **Winton Historic Festival of Speed**

Due to a calendar malfunction there was no official HTCAV involvement at this inaugural VHRR Winton long track Historic Meeting: but we'll be there with bells on next year.

So there's no actual report as such, there were quite a few Group N cars, most of them from interstate.

Your editors happened to pass by and watched Fraser Ross in the Mustang street the field in Race 2 on the Sunday morning, the highlight of this competition being the extraordinary battle between Denis O'Brien in the giant Galaxie and Henry Draper in the Mini, truly the two size extremes of Group N racing.

Henry kept a watching brief on the enormous swinging arse of the Galaxie, got past a couple of times but because it was the long track had eventually to

concede to 7-litres and a gun historic driver...



Also fantastic to see the efforts of Linda Devlin, daughter of long time Club member Barry Devlin. Must be the genes and lots of practice – she's quick!





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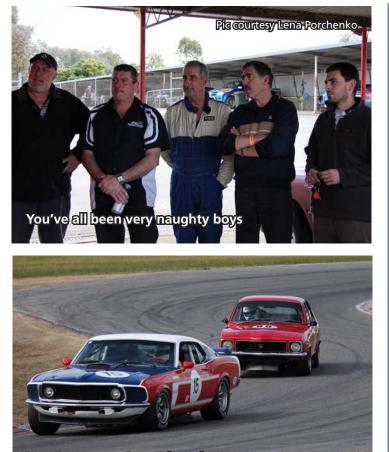
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4 Nick Cascone	Ford Cortina GT 1558	1:43.5475
5 Alan McKelvie	Holden Torana LJ 3300	1:46.0529
6 Allan Tillett	Ford Cortina 1500	1:52.6910
7 Gary Edwards	Holden Torana XU1 3362	
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2 Leo Tobin	Ford Mustang 5000	1:39.9925
3 Gary Edwards	Holden Torana XU1 3362	:38.7982*
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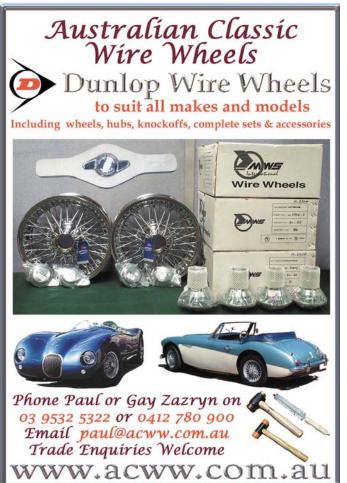
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4 Nick Cascone	Ford Cortina GT 1558	1:43.1824
5 Alan McKelvie	Holden Torana LJ 3300	1:43.1936
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DNF Elliot Barbour	Mazda RX2 2010	
Race 3		
1 Darryl Hansen	Ford Mustang F'Back 571	1:38.4946*
2 Gary Edwards	Holden Torana XU1 3362	1:38.5426
3 Leo Tobin	Ford Mustang 5000	1:39.1774
4 Alan McKelvie	Holden Torana LJ 3300	1:43.0275
5 Nick Cascone	Ford Cortina GT 1558	1:42.7811
DNF Allan Tillett	Ford Cortina 1500	1:53.2073





Lena's squeeze Gary Edwards chased Hansen hard Pic courtesy Lena Porchenko



**Historic Touring Torque** 

## **Tourers make Father's Day.**

2010 Muscle Car Masters

Over 100 Historic Tourers rolled up to the Creek to join in the celebrations for 50 years of Touring Car racing in Australia. The sixth AMC Masters would again provide some spectacular action. Intermittent rain played havoc with many competitors set ups on Saturday with some gambling on wets which soon burnt up. The greasy track was still not to be taken lightly. In contrast Sunday was fine and dry and attracted a big Fathers Day crowd.

### Nb

Greg Toepfer (Mustang) and Scott Fleming (Lotus Cortina) picked up where they left off last year by engaging in a great dice for the lead. Chris Strode found out the wet grass offered no help after coming off the circuit. The big Galaxie thumped one of the Creeks unforgiving concrete walls at undiminished pace, sending Chris to the Medical Centre for observation. Fleming was the first recipient of numerous black flags for moving before the start lights were extinguished but stayed out (as some others would also do). A time penalty post race gave the win to Toepfer with John Bryant a strong second in his just purchased ex Roger Oliver/Tony Parkinson/Alan Heath Falcon Sprint. Ben Wilkinson (the fastest EH in the land?) was third from Andy Clempson (Mustang) and the awesome Mk.II Jag of Vic Warterhouse. The Mini trio of Darren Burnes, Ian Pringle and Santino Di Carlo were next then Will Colton (Lotus) and Mathew Windsor (Cortina) rounding out the top ten. Race two saw Toepfer fall foul of the black flag which allowed Fleming a



Leaping Les Walmsley had the Silver Streak, ummmm, Streaking. slightly easier run at the front to eventually take the win. Bryant pushed hard to take second from Wilkinson and the Mustangs of Max Ullrich, David Moran, Clempson and Bill Trengrove who carved right through the field. Waterhouse was eighth then Colton and Burnes with Toepfer rejoining to finish 11th.

Fleming zoomed to an early lead in race three but then retired with an engine drama, leaving Trengrove and Bryant to stage a great dice for the win. The `Stang just beat the Sprint at the line with Ulrich next then Toepfer and Waterhouse. Stop looking at the camera, Russ!

and Waterhouse. Burnes had crossed the line in fifth but copped a time penalty for staying out after receiving a black flag for – you guessed it – moving before the start.

The Brown Panzer. Looks more red, actually.



Wilkinson posted a DNF after running in the top five on the penultimate lap while Greg Tkacz pushed the Studebaker up to eighth after starting 15th. In the feature race Bryant was a little slow off the line with Trengrove taking advantage to slip into the lead. Toepfer climbed up to second

then retired as Bryant took up the fight for the lead, setting the fastest lap on the final tour. Trengrove just managed to hold on from Bryant with Ullrich close behind in third followed by Clempson



**Nc Division One** 

Rob Burns (Charger) made a great start

to lead the early laps before Russell Wright

(Mustang) and Glenn Seton (Capri)

moved up the order after tyre issues

squeezed past. Paul Stubber (Camaro)

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Williams (Torana) and Cam Worner (Falcon) had a big dice. Wright took the win from Seton who was later relegated to 26th after not coming in after being the shown the black flag. Burns therefore grabbed second from Wayne Seabrook (Porsche), Mick Donaher (Camaro), Stubber, Williams, Worner, Chris O'Brien (Falcon), Cameron Tilley (Pacer) and Michael Hibbert (Charger). In the fading light Donaher and Stubber quickly moved to the front in race two while Burns relinquished third place after coming in for a drive through penalty after yet another black flag. Wright retired the `68 Mustang as Stubber grabbed the lead only to have



a half spin at the hair pin on the final lap, letting Donaher through to take the win. Chris O'Brien held out Seton for second with Des Wall (Geoghegan Mustang) fourth then the recovering Stubber, Fraser Ross (ex Marget `68 Mustang), Vince Macri (Torana), Jason Humble (RX-2), Hibbert and Harry Bargwanna (Mustang).

Stubber and Donaher again led the field in race three with Seton out early, soon to be joined by O'Brien, Bargwanna and Humble. Stubber took a relatively easy win while second and third across the line, Donaher and Wall, copped time penalties post race which elevated Macri and Ross onto the podium. Wright was fourth from Williams, Steve Land (Capri), Darryl Hansen (Mustang), Burns, Ron Moller (Camaro) and Hibbert.

### Nc Division Two

Queenslander Ethan Lind (Torana) led all the way to

Brown makes like two trailer park girls, and goes 'round the outside.

take a comfortable race one win from Les Walmsley (Charger) and Alan Burke (Falcon). Early pacesetter John Wilcox had the Torana up to second before retiring while Dennis O'Brien had a fantastic run in his gorgeous `63 (and a half) 427 Galaxie to finish fourth in front of Mark Forgie (Porsche) who just held off John Harrison (Torana). David Noakes (BDA Escort), Adam John (Capri), Stuart Young (Torana) and Paul Cameron (Torana) completed the top ten.

O'Brien pushed the big Gal into second behind Lind in the early stages of race two as Walmsley slowed then retired with a dud alternator. Lind took another comfortable win from Burke and Peter O'Brien (Falcon), then Harrison and a close following Alan Lewis (Capri) who had stormed up from 19th on the grid. Cameron, Young and Fred Brain (Monaro) were next then Dennis O'Brien and John.

Lind would not start race three after moving up to Division one. Peter O'Brien was never headed with Harrison second and Walmsley third from rear of grid. Cameron and Grahame Hill (Mustang) were next after Lewis gave up fifth place after receiving a drive through. Graham Jarrett (Camaro) was sixth from Brain, Young, Shane Wilson (Mustang) and Michael Anderson (Falcon). Peter O'Brien disappeared behind the hill and retired

You're going the wrong way! Andrew Williams gets all retrospective.







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whilst leading the feature race. Walmsley went on to take the victory with Harrison second and Cameron third from Hill and Lewis.

#### ATCC 50th Anniversary Handicap

An assortment of cars of the same type that had won the ATCC from the `60s to the `90s put on a unique comparison between the decades. Des Wall in the `67/`68/`69 ATCC winning Mustang won comfortably but from second back the field finished incredibly closely. Rod Markland (ex Bob Forbes Racing GTR) just beat Max Ullrich (Mustang) for second with Glenn Seton (Ford Credit EL Supercar) almost alongside.

#### Match Races

This year the Masters also recreated the popular match races held in the early `70s at Amaroo Park. Two cars each from Ford, Holden and Chrysler would score points over three two lap sprints. Each marque took a win with Chris O`Brien (Falcon), Paul Cameron (Torana) and Michael



Hibbert (Charger) all greeting the chequer. In the end Holden and Chrysler were joint winners after finishing equal on points.

### Group C&A

### Race One (C&A)

David Holc (VL Walkinshaw) made a great start to lead until Glenn Seton (M3 Evo) squeezed through on a very greasy track. As the track dried V8 Supercar star Jason Richards (A9X) moved past Bob Tweedie (Sierra)

and Chris Collins (VH Commodore) to grab third. Bill Cutler (M3) dropped out of the top ten with electrical gremlins as recent Lakeside race winner Brett Maddren (Mustang) and Gary Collins (VL Walky) climbed the order. Veteran Don Holland was back behind the wheel of the first

RX-3 to reappear in Group C ranks as Richards steered the Paul Stubber owned ex-HDT machine to the win in front of Chris Collins with Holc and Seton next, after going the wrong way with tyre selection. Maddren was fifth then Gary Collins, Terry Ashwood (GTR), Jervis Ward (M3), David



Towe (M3) and Norm Mogg (VL Walky) rounding out the top ten.

#### **Trophy Races**

Seton led all the way to notch up the Group A win with Ashwood just beating



Holc to second after the Commodore held the Nissan out for most of the race. Gary Collins was fourth from Rod Markland (GTR) who along with Seton and Ashwood all went under Holc's lap record from 2008. Chris Collins took out the Group C event with his job made slightly easier (but only just thanks to the strong field) by the retirement of Richards after the A9X broke a diff.

#### Group A Race three

Sunday's dry track was no help to Maddren who was out early with Ashwood just holding out Gary Collins for the win by .0001 of a second (!) after some great racing. Holc was less than a second back in third with Rod Markland only inches behind. Seton was next then Cutler who just beat Carey McMahon (HR31 Skyline) and Ross Donnelley (Sierra), followed by Mogg and Towe.



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**Historic Touring Torque** 

### Group C Race three

Chris Dubois (VH Commodore) made a great start as did Lindsay Woollard (A9X) and Dean How (L34) though Richards was slicing through from the back and into the lead into double quick time. Chris Collins came in for a drive through after receiving one of the 4000 black flags handed out for start line infringements over the weekend. Ed Singleton (VH Commodore) pushed hard but could not catch race winner Richards with Dubois third then Howe, Collins, Woollard, Michael Turner (A9X), Justin Nilsson (Nissan EXA), Chad Parrish (XE) and John Mina (XD).

### Feature Race

Incredibly, Richards' diff let go again



and put him out on the first lap. Ashwood and Holc then engaged in a massive dice for the win with Holc grabbing the victory by just .001 of a second. Seton was third from Markland who just beat McMahon then Chris Collins, Singleton, Mark Taylor (VL Gp.A) then Towe just inches in front of Ward.

Darren Knight



### **Competition Report.** Wow a comp report, whats up with the world?????

Well, it's been a while since I've had a topic that demands I sit at the 'puter and contribute to this fine mag. So I should offer my thanks to the boys who do such a good job each month to supply a mag that we are all truly proud of! While I won't make you laugh as the CARma report does (Don't worry Rusty, you're only human – Ed.), I will give you something to talk about.

By the time you read this the final round of the 2010 State Racing Series will be run & won. Our topic for discussion is therefore 2011. We see a continuing fall in the numbers of the 2010 state race series, and a change in the makeup of grids in that those still competing are the mainly big cars. Next year (2011) will most probably see our club supporting 4 historic rounds; our 3 normal Golden Oldies rounds & the new VHRR Winton long track round. If this is in fact the case, then I see an issue for our state series Going Forward\*.

When we lasted surveyed the club we found out that on average we each only raced at approx. 3 meetings a year. Armed with this info, we rearranged the amount of events we support as part of the club Pointscore. As history shows, we are a HISTORIC race club more than anything else. This leads me to surmise that if we were to just continue on into 2011 with the calendar as it currently exists, I believe we would hit a new low in the state race series.

If we have a 4 historic race series next year plus our old favourite Island Magic plus a good selection of interstate meetings, that may well satisfy the competition hunger for the majority. I think we would, unfortunately, likely fail the State race promoter's expectations. I would like to propose a new Victorian State Race Championship structure for 2011.

How would you like to participate in a ONE MEETING State Race Championship???? This idea has NO parameters set as yet. It may be a 3 or 4 races (with two grids), having points scored in each race going towards the crowing of the state champion. Each of the 3 or 4 races maybe a different format i.e.: Grids could be split into Nc / Nb, then under / over 2lt, then Fastest / Slowest (Er, that's, "Less Fastest", Russell - Ed.) etc. The main aim is that we set up a State Championship open for any member to win on THAT weekend.

What we need to know is YOUR comments! The above are just my ideas based on observations from this & previous year's history. The State Race Committee needs our commitment soon for 2011 season and they need to be able to count on our support. The state race series is promoted and funded by the individual clubs who run the meetings. When we say we will support an event we need to provide at least 20 cars on the grid. Based on this year's series & the new opportunities our club has in 2011, if the current format is maintained we will fall short of our obligations.

If we give our support to race meetings and the organising clubs allow for a 20+ grid and we don't meet our obligations THEY lose money! If we only request one meeting and can deliver say 80 entries (2 grids), they can sell our grids for the rest of the year to other classes and therefore hopefully make the State Series stronger & more profitable.

I hope that you will all come along to this month's meeting to give your comments on this very important issue Going Forward\*. We will offer this issue up at the general meeting so we can get your thoughts & ideas. If you can't make the meeting and you have something to say please contact myself or any other committee member with your commentslist of demands.

### \*Russ Gillard

(Note: (Mis)management may edit the Comp Report to: - a) Rectify atrocious spelling and grammar, and/or b) Extract the wee from our mate Rusty.)

### More congratulations Elliot Barbour, on your first win at a National event. Race 2 MINI CHALLENGE, at Phillip Island, Auto action [page7] at least have published the fact you won and came third outright for the round. LOOK OUT 2011.

### **New Club snapper**

'Lena the Lens' snaps State Round

Canon cutie captures the action at August Winton in August

Lena Porchenko\*, the hot pitlane squeeze of hot-shoe Holden driver Gary Edwards snapped some great shots taken at the State Round on August 29th.

The racing was tight among the eight competitors. Darryl Hansen from WA left his ex-Stillwell Mustang here from the VHRR Winton Festival of Speed two weeks prior and was rewarded with pole and victory in each of the three races.

Behind him Leo Tobin took second places, except for the last when Gary Edwards got past after a Lurid Leo spin in Turn 1. Gary had problems in qualifying but rebounded in the usual way, while Elliot Barbour qualified third in the Mazda and DNFd the rest of the time – sorting in public can be kinda frustrating – and he had TCM racing the following weekend at Eastern Creek.

Nick Cascone yet again lowered his times and set a PB for the long track while the big news was the addition of two new competitors – Alan McKelvie in Leo Tobin's yellow Torana and Allan Tillett in a neat green Ford Cortina.

The former battled hard all weekend with Quick Nick, while the latter had a great return to racing after many years, he and Tony Hubbard were mighty adversaries in the old Sports Sedan days...

\* Please, nobody tell Mrs Lyn Edwards about Lena Porchenko. Oh, alright, it's her artistic alias...

## **General Meeting Minutes**

### 25th Augustus Gloop 2010

At The Rising Sun Hotel South Melbourne. Meeting opened @ 8. 20 pm with about 30 in attendance.

#### Apologies, guests & new members.

APS- Ian Watt, Leo Tobin , Ian Cromarty , Nick Cascone ,Bill Cutler ,mark Shatz , Michael Miccelli ,Rod Evans , Jill Hergt ,Fast Johnny ,Michael Bugelly ,John Brash ,Justin Brown, Kenny Corporate. Why do we bother?

Guests: Dick Savy, David Brown and Clive Massel.

Discussion on previous minutes. Prepared by Mat Jaggier

Everything above board as usual.

Moved. M Holloway Seconded. Sneds

Secretary's correspondence

I can't find Chadstone!

### Treasurers report.

The old beige trouser man was firing off one liner's like a fiscal Rodney Rude! Funnier than Barbara from BANK WORLD!

Moved Jervis Seconded Bendell

### Presidents report:

Last months Raffle winners were

Leo Tobin's mate (no, not the grim reaper) the other one. And Janis Holloway.

We have a guest speaker for the September meeting .The famous David Brown.

Not tractors, Roll Cages...

Bad news, Jo Coad the Cams Historic

coordinator was injured in a bus crash. The club wishes Jo a speedy recovery. This year is the now over documented 50th anniversary of touring car blah blah. (I read an article that suggested V8 Supercars would like to run a legends meeting at Sandown, not unlike MCM. Everybody wants a slice don't they?) So we have a HUGE night planned for the 4th December presentation evening. Good luck to those running at Winton this weekend.

The Historic Sandown organisers would like to know how we would like to grid up this year. NB /NC? Minis all in NB? Mustangs all in NC? What do you think?

The decision to reduce the number of available meeting s on our Calender has so proven to be successful, however the latter half of the year may say differently.

Point score:

Im not sure whats happening here

### VP report.

Jervis says the EFTPOS facility will improve our bottom like and bring the money in faster. Very good Jerv, you won't get Floydy's job that easily!

### AHTCA report.

Mat says he is looking forward to the Muscle Man Masters!

The rest of us will be watching what happens at Eastern Creek!

He also noted that the AHTCA website is

crap and needs a lift.

### HCC Report.

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### Competition report.

This weekends Winton long track State round is looking very lack lustre. With only 8 entries? Where are all the cars? Are you unhappy with the Calender, please talk to the committee. This sort of turn up will harm our chances of running next year.

### Membership.

Almost 220

The Social Pages.... Magazine

Next month the editor will be Mat Jager, so expect something a little weird!

The car rally will be on the 17th October so come along in one of your other old shitters and have some fun. The starting point will be at Albert Park.

The Dutch man and Lamb Bert will work on a root? Good luck with that!

### Eligibility...

All we know, is he's called THE TWIGG. Some talk of the Holden cylinder heads. No you can't have one!

### General business.

Historic Sandown looking for display cars, contact Eddie Dobbs.

There was a short discussion on the Sandown splits and it was decided to leave it as NB/NC and leave the Minis and Mustangs as the are.

Raffle winners were David Brown and Hungry Bob!

Meeting closed at 9.55pm *Coxy* 

### Lakeside. August 7 & 8







**Historic Touring Torque** 

## 2010 Pointyscore

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## **Attention - Speed Champs**

### The 2010 Trident **Cup Series**

The Victorian Historic Racing Register, the VHRR have their second round of the series coming up soon.

Saturday 2nd October – HAUNTED

### Historic Sandown

November 5th 6th 7th looms again for this great event. Last year there were over 400 entries for the first time. Wow, you'd want to be a part of that for sure. The event is again named Return of The Thunder and the theme is 100 years of Alfa Romeo and 50 years of Touring Cars. Right up our alley !

2 key things you need to do : Enter before Monday 4th October to

### **Bean Counters Report**

program.

Greetings all. Here is an update on our financial position. As you would recall, our financial year ends on 31 May so the period to 31 August 2010 represents 3 months of activities. As far as our club goes, this is not a busy 3 months from a financial viewpoint. [That is quite handy as there is a bit on with Historic Sandown, a great event to be involved with again.] r funda in tha bank C 11  $\sim$ 

Our funds in the bank	are as follows :	
	31/8/10	31/5/10
Cheque A/c	\$ 2,937.33	\$ 1,293.68
ANZ V2 A/c	\$ 5,658.24	\$ 5,611.33
ANZ Term Deposit	\$ 19,001.42	\$ 18,882.44
Total Funds	\$ 27,596.99	\$ 25,787.45

During the last 3 months the main item of income has been

Signing off David Floyd

### New <u>GREAT</u> HTCAV Car Rally 2010

### SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER

Entries open Now and Close On 14/10/10. But - We Need To Know Numbers ASAP

### So Fill In The Entry Form Now!

Last year's event was FANTASTIC so it's on again.

Start from Albert Park, travel to mystery destinations following devious clues. NOTE: THIS IS NOT A RACE! THE

MOST CORRECT ANSWERS WIN!

But it's a great opportunity to exercise Club Permit and interesting cars family and friends welcome. Mystery finish destination but with Hot Club Soup and BBQ.

One entry form per car:

HILLS BRYANT PARK

Entry forms and supp regs are on the

timelyaccounting@optusnet.com.au

make sure you get included in the printed

you order one with your entry as they are

being handled initially by the VHRR. [So

please do not call Ted Brewster] If you

have already entered and did not order a

marquee when you should have, contact

David Floyd treasurer@htcav.com.au or

phone him on AH 9877 2243.

If you want a marquee spot, make sure

VHRR website at www.vhrr.com

Or contact the Event Secretary,

David Floyd AH 9877 2243 E

ENTRANT NAME TEAM NAME VEHICLE TYPE NUMBER OF PEOPLE **BBQ LUNCH YES NO** PHONE HOME PHONE WORK

Why not come and give this venue a try? It is near, and has replaced the Morwell Hillclimb.

Mark it in your diary now. See you there! Also check out www.gippslandcarclub. com.au for more information about the

venue.

The Sandown complex is being upgraded and several improvements will be in place by November.

The club will hold its traditional Saturday night BBQ and music will be provided by the same band as last year, the Rank Outsiders.

Watch this space in subsequent magazines for more updates and hear Eddie's updates at our monthly meetings.

subscriptions, \$1,010, representing 10 new members. Minor interest income has also accrued. Many of the advertisers who were invoiced in May 2010 have since paid in the last 3 months and these accounts for most of the increase in the banks balance. We thank them for their support.

During the last 3 months the main items of expenditure has been printing and postage of the magazine, at an average of \$700 per issue.

That's it really; see I told you there was not a lot to report ! Anyway, always good to touch base and let you know where we are at.

> PHONE MOBILE **EMAIL**

Fax this form to 9551 5859 or email social@htcav.com.au

Further regulations may be issued for this event: WATCH THIS SPACE!



### Targa Britannia... And we weren't there!

The Poms put on a Targa event specially for us and no one went - how crap is that? The 2010 running of Tour Britannia from September 7th to 9th was when, as a result of approaches from the HTCAV, the organisers arranged a 'Targa Class'. But when the GFC arrived and confidence slumped, everyone decided this was not the time for a big spending bonanza and we pulled the pin. But true to their word, the team went ahead and put on the show. But there were two lonely modern cars running in 'our' Class - an MX5 and a modern Aston Martin Rally GT, surely not what was intended. Yeah, we kind of let them down. Sorry, people.

What a missed opportunity. The Supp Regs for Tour Britannia say: "Additionally there will be an invitation class for pre 1981 cars running to the Australian Targa regulations and / or for modern GT cars. These cars will run at the end of the field and will not be eligible for overall or class awards, other than that for Class T." Of course the main competition is run to FIA Appendix K which is some way from either Group N or Targa specs.

Describing itself as a 'Race Tour', Tour Britannia is a mixture of Targa style closed road stages on private estates and around stately homes with transport sections to full on races at race circuits. Each year there are new stages and fresh race and stage venues linked by quiet roads with the the bulk of the 2010 event in Cheshire and North Wales. It started at Oulton Park with a 20 minute race then via several short road stages to more races at the new circuit at Anglesey. The second day involved a mixture of rally stages, traditional British hill climbs and a race at Mallory Park. Most of the well known circuits have been used since the first event in 2005 including Silverstone.

The organisation team is nothing short of motorsport royalty - Fred Gallagher won WRC events reading the notes for Toivonen, Waldegård, Vatanen and Kankkunen then became Clerk of the Course for the RAC Rally before many years involvement with the Dakar. Alec Poole won the BTCC for Mini Cooper and had a long career in endurance sportscars before running the Nissan works team. And Graham White is Director of the HSCC, now by far the most important club for historic competition in the UK. (Tattle was a founder member of the HSCC, which evolved in the mid 60's under the leadership of the late Batty Haig, and competed in many early races in the Healey Silverstone).

So it really is a surprise that the entry for such a well conceived event in its fifth year with a brilliant course and impeccably organised was only 21 cars in Competition and 17 cars in Regularity; plus of course the couple of Targa cars. There is a cross section of cars, from aristocratic pre war Talbot team car and WO Bentley 3/8 mixed with Porsche 911's (which win everything) and our kind of cars - Escorts and Mustangs and a sprinkling of Healeys, MG's, Jags and the inevitable specials and eccentrics. There are almost more classes than entrants so most people come away happy. But not the Elan 26R which retired after an 'impact with a tree'. Not the best car for that sort of thing ...

When the brand new Targa High

Country has a full house of 229 cars plus a waiting list, when our great historic races are fully subscribed, why is this UK event so poorly supported ?

Well, cost could be one reason. The entry fee is an eye watering \$6,800 which buys you both crew members, sporting fees, road books, event plates and competition numbers, dinners throughout the event with wine, lunch each day and prize-giving ceremony plus service crew. Targa High Country costs \$1550 (Early Bird) which has no food and wine but everything else including your licence. It makes the trip over to the UK for two days of sport into a very big budget item.

On the other hand, competing in Europe at the big historic events is pretty hard for Australians running Group S, Group N or tarmac rally cars because of the cost of conforming to Appendix K and obtaining the necessary log books licences are not so hard. Because Group N is so similar to limited modified Targa specs - race cars really only need a second seat, Terratrip, intercom, registration and insurance, although disc brakes on the back would help - the Tour Britannia format does open up a path to run at the famous tracks.

With our Club's mix of race and rally competitors, this remains an interesting option for those interested in overseas competition. If anyone's interested in trying again, let me know.

#### Round 3: Targa West

Targa West finished on 29th August after 225 competitive kilometres around Perth. It was down to 21 classic entries this year after 27 in 2009, all from WA. As usual, but rather weirdly, all the HTCAV eligible entries are made by Ford. The best, in 12th position overall, was Frank Huber and Wayne Turner in their 1964 Futura Coupe Sprint; this crew rebounded from a very fraught 23rd spot last year. They lead home six others, with last years tenth placed and best HTCAV entry, Lea Welch and Julian Smith in the 1972 Escort, having a poor run to 16th overall this year.

The HTCAV Rally Championship scores from Targa West have not changed the order after two rounds, with the Huber-Turner Ford coming into 27th spot in the Championship standings.

No Eastern HTCAV crews have made the long hall to Perth for some time and this year, six Eastern crews including Kevin Weeks stayed home. It is possible that this is die to the Targa West sanctioning by CAMS, whose rule book is getting further and further away from Targa Tasmania every time a revision is sent out. It seems as if no one is willing to cop the cost and inconvenience of changing the cars nor of having to buy a CAMS licence just for one event. Especially when the AASA licence is





included in the entry.

#### It's Really Happening !

After months of talk and planning and expectations about Targa High Country, there are now some different looking cars to the usual array of utes and muddy 4WDs moving around the High Country roads. More locals in Mansfield and Jamieson and Tolmie are talking to us about spotting the maroon GT3 (Freestones), FPV Falcon (Battens), Turbo Cayenne (Esplin, Hetherington), Mazda MPS (Team Mazda), dark blue Clubsport (who was that ?) hunting apex on stages such as Barwite, Powers Lookout and Big River. And these recce crews are giving us feedback - 'Mate, it's QUICK!' - 'Mate, it's going to be hard' - 'Amazing - the locals pull over and wave us past with a thumbs up !' - 'Everyone is so friendly' - 'Big River is going to be big test - this'll be an endurance event' - 'I was worried about Murrimbah downhill - but it'll be fine' - 'Eildon is very technical'.

Although the best snow season for many years will see the Buller road charges in place for some weeks yet, the gate staff allow recce crews through free of charge and without chains if you convince them you are a fair dinkum competitor doing recce.

The warnings in previous Tattles about the state of the unsealed section on the Eildon road have come true. With nearly 200 mm of rain in few weeks, the area is sodden but despite this the Shire's road building contractors are out there preparing the road for the magic sealcoat. This 'extreme road building' display is not just for us Targa competitors but responds in part to the time limits for spending the Government money; so yes there will be soft wet gravel instead of sharp rocks to drive on. You recce car will get muddy.

The entry just published shows 229 entrants including those not yet invited, which is a full house. Of these 97 are Classics (up to 1981) and 22 or 10% are eligible for the HTCAV Championship (HTCAV are therefore 22%) of Classic). This is an amazing turn out for a new event, with pretty well all the top crews entered, and the 22 HTCAV eligible crews compare with 23 entered for Targa Tasmania and 26 entered for Targa Wrest Point. There is a notably poor turnout from Tassie including no Kents; and Andrew White in NT and Ashley Yelds in NY are not able to get the Volvo Amazon ready in time.

But the quality is there in spades - six of the Championship Top 10 have entered, including the Battens (Volvo PV544), Woodwood/McCrow (Monaro 350 GT), the Ullrichs (Jensen CV8), Cattlins (Boss) and after a grim Targa Tas, the Freestones are back with the 'early model' Holden which has had a make over including a shorter diff. There are five newcomers to the HTCAV Championship, including the Scott/Jankowiak Hillman Hunter. Since the Mansfield Whitfield road was part of the original London Sydney rally route, this crew will no doubt reminisce about the scene of the sole notable period victory for this sturdy pommie workhorse.

This is only the second 2010 HTCAV Rally Championship event which Paul and Mike Batten have entered so they keep all the points they gain in this event; those entering their third rally will drop their worst score. Any finish score will be more than the Kents unless a last minute decision from the Devonport Bunker sees them heading north for November. Come on guys, we have to come and learn your bumpy, narrow goat tracks, the least you can do is test your mettle on our well made roads. So it looks like the Battens will stay favourites for the Big Prize to be presented on the HTCAV's Night of Glamour at the Eden Hotel on December 4th.

But the 'Little Red Shoe' will face a big challenge. The THC has many big mountains to climb (and dizzy downhills) not least being the 16 km Mt Buller stage with its 3 steep hairpins, which has to be done twice. Starting outside Sawmill Settlement, this stage has a longer and faster run in than the version used in the Mt Buller Sprint and stops before the climb up from Horse Hill. There are other big uphills, including Skyline (done twice) and Whitfield. The Big Cubes from Chrysler, Ford and the General will test the little Volvo on these stages in the hands of Woodwood, Cattlin and Ullrich, experienced and determined drivers in well sorted V8's.

Then there are the dark horses - track stars Andy Clempson and Jervis Ward in Andy's Mustang, who so nearly had a podium at Targa Wrest Point. And Port Macquarie car dealer and motorsport legend Andrew Miedecke in a Perana; after a lifetime in single seaters and at the top level in Australian touring cars, completing 13 Bathurst 1000's in 1999, we will be surprised if car 434 is not 'up there', especially on a track where no one has previous knowledge.

In the absence of the Kents, and with no Classic Adelaide this year, this is the last round in the HTCAV Rally Champioonship series and so will show who is THE BEST historic touring car crew.

Brian



## **Membership update**

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## **Firth sallies Forth**



Proof that at least someone has read Mat Jager's column at least once!

When the phone rang I could hardly believe my ears (other can't believe my nose...).

The great Harry Firth was on the line, spurred on by something that he'd read in Mat Jager's CarMa Report.

That the interest of a legend was piqued by something that Mat had written sent me briefly into a fit of jealousy, hmmm, I thought, perhaps I had better read the bugger's witterings as well one day, sort of the good editor thing to do I suppose...

Mat had written that Harry Firth, the Silver Fox, legendary gun driver, superb tactician and team manager, Holden and Ford tuning guru, discoverer of P. Brock etc., could detect a minor adjustment of one or two thousandths of an inch made without his knowledge on an XR GT race car...

"True" says Harry, "because we used to do thousands of miles in them before the race". At least four sets of 500 miles for the early Armstrong and Bathurst 500s, he said, citing the practice with the Singer Gazelle for the Rootes Group, the Triumph Herald for the Standard Motor Company (only Harry could get one to last 500 miles...) and the Ford Falcon for

FoMoCo that he drove to victory with Bob Jane.

You had to be fit in those days for the enduros, he went on to say, as the physical requirements were the opposite from "just turning and corner driving". The "wheels" had to come first, before family and mortgage and a close second to the business that allowed you to go motor racing in the first place.

It was the ultimate experience, he said, to purchase or design a car, prepare it, codrive it and stand on the dias as he did in 1963 and 67, spraying champagne on the crew below. Winning as Team Manager was just as big a thrill.

It all came down to preparation, putting in the hours, and looking for the simplest, cheapest way to fix a problem. "Listen to the computer inside your head," he told me, "shun elaboration!" The same goes for driving on the track, treat it like a business was his advice – "when in doubt – back off. When your radar says problems, it's no deal."

Harry reserved withering scorn for the "gunnas and should've wons" and those who write 30 years later about how they cheated in their day. "I was CAMS Chief Scrutineer for three years," he said, "I'd catch them, then CAMS would exclude them for a suitable period that finished a couple of days before the next event, so I left for historic racing."

Any other secrets Harry? "There's an old saying: 'win a race to win a heart'. The ultimate was being a Bathurst winner on his way to the presentation dias being dragged into a caravan for a post race service."

What? A lube and oil change? A spanner check on loose nuts? Heavens forbid! In those days? Groupies hadn't been invented then, had they? Gosh, they're probably somebody's grandmas now – maybe... Nanna, did you ever go to motor races when you were younger? You did! Eeeewwww!

Wow - the old Fox, eh...

Many thanks to Harry for getting in contact and sharing a bit of history, especially the naughty bits.

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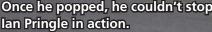
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