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"PITSTOP"

Autumn 2002 Edition

30 people attended the Annual Dinner Meeting at Phillip Island on the Saturday evening including 6 from Western Australia and 4 from New Zealand.

The Kiwi contingent included Philip Adamson, President of the Auckland based TCCOC Historic Racing Register and John Holmes, Editor of their Magazine "Bespoke", both own Lotus 18 juniors and John kindly addressed the meeting as our Guest Speaker, and spoke about Formula Junior in NZ and also his recent trip overseas where he and Philip attended the Goodwood Revival Race Meeting in the UK.

There are now 4 Formula Junior cars in WA and it was great to have their owners at the AGM where as a result of their enthusiasm the members decided to increase the AFJA Committee to include a representative from WA. Neil McCrudden was elected to that position, welcome Neil.

Graham Brown from Qld was elected to fill the vacancy created by Don Thallon who is living in England for 12 months. The meeting expressed appreciation to Don in his absence for work on the committee during his term of office.

Chairman Ian Bailey, who is still without his car due to serious repairs, flew from Sydney for the weekend, where at the AGM he addressed the objects of our Association and revealed the considerable activities undertaken by the AFJA during 2001. Ian paid tribute to Nick McDonald for the professional presentation prepared on our behalf in the form of a proposal to the AGP Corporation. /

Murray Bryden from Vic. collected all the trophies at the AGM. Murray drove his MRC Lotus with reliable consistency during 2001 and needed son Simon on the night to help carry home all the loot. Ian Bailey presented Murray with the Leo Geoghegan trophies and Geoff Fry presented the "Retireinvest" trophies for the best Australian built car.

The AFJA have purchased two canvas type banners with promotional material about Formula Junior. These signs are for display at Historic Race Meetings, especially where there is a static display of cars in the pit area.

Historic Winton in Victoria is Round 3 of our competition Series and the next event on the 2002 calendar. By using the short circuit the faster more powerful cars don't have the advantage, and our earlier juniors are able to compete with less mechanical stress in the events that highlight the drivers ability more than the car.

KELVIN PRIOR
AFJA SECRETARY/TREASURER

FORMULA JUNIOR - OVERSEAS NEWS BY IAN BAILEY

Five or six historic race meetings a year sometimes seems an indulgence and something of an effort, but it is nothing to what you might get up to if...only if!!! Although we all try to get to as many meetings as possible, notwithstanding the geographical constraints of this wide brown land, our chances are few and far between. (sorry!).. By contrast the opportunities to compete in Formula Junior races in Europe is almost staggering.

The following may form some part of an argument or explanation to "she who has an opinion on these things" about how things might be if one was over there. It also is food for thought or at least something to dream about!

The European season for Formula Junior cars allows competitors to literally choose which circuits and with which groups they want to race almost every weekend over the season. The FIA Championship Lurani Trophy is a ten round series with races including trips to Jarama in Spain, the historic circuit of Karlskoga in Sweden, Zolder, Hockenheim, Dijon, Nurburgring, Oulton Park, Magny Cours and Estoril.

In the UK there are no fewer than 16 rounds of the AMOC Formula Junior Championship with races at Mallory Park, Donington, Oulton Park, Snetterton, Cadwell, Brands Hatch, Silverstone, Rockingham and a trip to Spa Francorchamps. Further, Formula Juniors are invited to join the HSCC Classic Racing Car series, which comprises 10 events, and there will be two VSCC races for which FJs are eligible. The 750 MC also has a series including with meetings at Donington, Mallory Park and Snetterton.

As if this was not enough to keep drivers busy, there are also FJ races scheduled at Pau, Monaco, Chimay, Nurburgring, Hockenheim, Goodwood, Spa, Zandvoort and Imola (which may be a Lurani round).

I get exhausted just reading the list. Happy and safe racing, even if not frequently!!!

Peter Johnson with Sir Jack Brabham seated on the front wheel of his recently restored Brabham BT6 at Phillip Island



RACE REPORT – PHILLIP ISLAND – ROUND ONE

The first round of the 2002 Annual Series was held at Phillip Island in Victoria on February 23 and 24 with private practice on Friday.

This magical circuit is 130 km South East of Melbourne overlooking Bass Strait. It is ideally suited to the later FJ2 cars with its long straights and fast corners, 4.45 km long with anti clockwise direction. Phillip Island will test the durability of most cars as Geoff Fry, Peter Johnson and John Medley will attest.

Ian Bailey (Lynx) and Peter Stauss (BT6) both attended without their cars due to incomplete restorations, which left 5 of the 10 cars, entered to contest for the trophies.

Nick McDonald in his recently restored ex Gavin Youl Works Brabham BT2 not only won all events, but obliterated the lap record in a car yet to be totally sorted. The lap record was lowered by 2.2 seconds and now stands at 1.50.9. Congratulations Nick.

Murray Bryden (MRC Lotus) and Graham Brown (Lynx) swapped 2nd and 3rd positions in the events that counted. Graham also broke the lap record in one event, but Nick had the better result. Mark Esmore (Talisman) was very consistent in 4th and Grant Patullo (Golford placed 5th in this recently rebuilt car.

RACE REPORT – MALLALA – ROUND TWO

This level 2.6 km clockwise circuit is located 55 km north of Adelaide in South Australia and on March 30/31 hosted the All-Historic Easter Meeting.

The weather was 25 to 30 degrees c. There were entries from all over Australia with a huge contingent from WA. Unfortunately, we did not achieve the required number of entries for a separate event, and consequently contested our series in mixed Car Group M events.

Wayne Hocking from SA driving his Australian built TAD with 105E Ford engine had the advantage of the home circuit and possibly would have gained maximum points had the rear stub axle not broken at the start of the main event on Sunday. Nick McDonald (Brabham BT2) improved his times in each race and with reliability gained many valuable points from a well-contested 1st and 2nd place in the events that mattered.

JUST A QUICK MESSAGE FROM "HER INDOORS" – BUNNY PRIOR

You may have noticed I very rarely attend race meetings as after 43 years sitting in the pits and smelling racing fuel has lost its appeal, BUT I was persuaded to attend the Mallala Meet in SA with a little trepidation and the promise of an extended trip back around the coast.

The Mallala Meet was fantastic and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. We camped at the circuit in a lush green area with excellent toilet and shower facilities. The hospitality extended by the South Australians was outstanding with a fantastic BBQ on the Saturday evening and a cooked breakfast on the Sunday morning. The facilities at Mallala are impressive and the view from the stands allows you to watch nearly the whole track without moving.

I can only urge all of you out there that missed to put it down in the diary for your Easter break next year, I am sure you and your partner will not be disappointed. I for one will definitely be returning.

Murray Bryden assisted by son Simon receiving the 2001 Perpetual Trophies at the Annual Meeting



LEO GEOGEGAN AND RETIREINVEST PERPETUAL TROPHY FINAL SCORES FOR 2002

Owner/Driver	Car	Group	Phillip Island	Mallala	Total
Nick McDonald	Brabham	FJ2	10 + 10	8 + 10	38
Murray Bryden	MRC Lotus	FJ2#	8 + 6	-	14
Graham Brown	Lynx	Ft2#	6 + 8	-	14
Wayne Hocking	TAD	FJ2#	-	10 + 0	10
Mark Esmore	Talisman	FJ2#	4 + 4	-	8
Grant Patullo	Golford	FJ2#	3 + 0	-	3

Denotes Australian built car with points towards the Retireinvest Perpetual Trophy

AUSTRALIAN FJ TROPHY SERIES YEAR 2002

This year 2002 there are 6 events capable of being contested with the best 4 results counting towards the trophies. Early leader is Nick McDonald in the recently restored Brabham BT2 with 38 points towards the Leo Geoghegan Trophy whilst Murray Bryden, the current title holder and Graham Brown have equal points for the Retireinvest Trophy, but then this is early days, and as the series moves north to other circuits other drivers and cars will present themselves.

The contest is about participation and reliability with equal opportunity for early and late cars. If you look at the current scores you will note there are only late FJ2 cars represented, an astute early car owner could take all the trophies with a consistent performance from here on.

EVENTS FOR YEAR 2002



**Retireinvest
Perpetual Trophy**

Feb. 22-24	Phillip Island Classic - Vic	VHRR
Mar 29/Apr 1	Mallala Speed Week - SA	SCCSA
May 25-26	Historic Winton - Vic	A7C1
July 27-28	Ipswich Historics - Q	HRCCQ
Sept 7-8	Eastern Creek - NSW	HSRCA
Nov 30/31	Wakefield Park - NSW	HSRCA

HISTORIC WINTON 2002 ROUND 3 OF TROPHY SERIES

Program: Voluntary private practice Friday 24th May Racing Saturday & Sunday 25th and 26th May

Entries: An invitation to compete was posted late February to the usual entrants. If you did not receive an entry contact Grant Campbell Phone/fax 03 9592 9310 as entries close 20/4/02

Events: Whilst the entry form specifies formula Junior and a trophy presented, our cars will be combined with Groups L and M unless of course there was sufficient early entries (we live in hope)

Display: If you plan to attend, but not race, perhaps you could consider bringing your car for a static display. Contact Secretary Kelvin for details.

Formula Junior Static Display in pits at Phillip Island, cars from the right are Lynx, Talisman, Brabham, Jolus and Lynx



MOVEMENT AT THE STATION

Received correspondence from Don & Jeanette Thallon (Cooper T56) who are living in Headington UK this year whilst Don races the Lister Jaguar. Don Hopes to compete in possibly 12 sports car events throughout Europe during their stay overseas. Good luck Don.

Recently we sought to trace early FJ cars that had gone missing, one of which was the 1961 Macer BMC originally owned by Brian McEwan in NSW. Well the car still exists and is currently owned by Bob Hayden in NSW. Bob will possibly present this car as a junior in the near future, in the meantime, welcome to the FJ fraternity Bob Hayden.

Dick Willis from North coast NSW informs us that the ex Peter Ganderton 1962 Lynx FJ advertised in our newsletter has found a new home with Ray Dingle in Sydney. Welcome to formula Junior Ray, we hope to see you and the car in future activities.

Another Formula Junior arrived in Australia from NZ recently. Joe Ricciardo from WA has purchased an ex Midland Racing Partnership T56 Cooper BMC that we understand will possibly contest events on the East Coast next year. Welcome Joe.

Pieter Boel (MK5A Lola) from Hong Kong was back in Australia recently where he attended the AGP with Victorian Lola owner Haydon Mills. Pieter informs us that his car is now operational with a mild engine and will be entered for Ipswich Qld Historic Meeting in July.

John Best and son Roy have now commenced the restoration of the first Brabham built. This important car was designated MRD and subsequently, BT1. It is the car driven by Gavin Youl illustrated on the leader page of our website. It will be great to see this icon as it was before the late Wally Mitchell modified it many years ago.

Finally, Nick McDonald BT2 has sold the Anglia cylinder head advertised in our previous "Pitstop", so if you have something to sell, all we require is financial membership of the AFJA.

Nick McDonald assisted by father Ian in his recently restored Brabham BT2 at Phillip Island where he smashed the lap record



NOTICE BOARD



For Sale via Secretary Kelvin Prior

AFJA T-shirt including postage \$30.00
AFJA cloth badge including postage \$10.00
Business card advertising 4 issues \$50.00

FOR SALE: 109E cylinder Head (non-welded).

Modified by Peter Backhouse to suit Formula Junior Special 37-mm inlet and 33 mm exh. Valves. Porsche Springs. 22.5 cc Chambers. Price: \$1000
Contact: Kelvin Prior (03) 9707 1652

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105E Ford engine
Price: \$25,000 Phone Ben Sellers 02 964 41645



For Sale: 1962 Nota FJ. Rare one-off prototype
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Price: \$30,000
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For Sale: Lotus 18FJ

1960 Lotus 18FJ CAMS group M Logbook
and Certificate of Description

Ex Sala, Minogue and Schenken

Chassis No. 18-J-797 1100 cc Cosworth
motor with gear driven camshaft

Spares include: full set of body moulds,
wheel patters (Wobbly Webs), rear upright
patterns and spares (unmachined), Renault
gearbox, new crownwheel & pinion, gearbox
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