

AUSTRALIAN FORMULA JUNIOR ASSOCIATION



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ANNUAL MEETING

The AFJA Committee has discussed changing the venue for our Annual Meeting from Phillip Island, Vic. during February/March each year to Goulburn NSW in late November to coincide with the final round of the AFJA Trophy Series at Wakefield Park.

It was the opinion of committee members that Goulburn NSW, where we held our inaugural meeting in 1998, is more suited to the majority of members. Therefore, we have booked a meeting room with food and bar facilities at the Goulburn Soldiers Club, 15 Market Street for 7.30 p.m. Saturday 27th November for 30 people, partners and crew very welcome. Please advise secretary Kelvin before weekend how many will be in attendance.

OILY RAG ARTICLE

Members of the eastern states who receive quarterly copies of the HSRCA Oily Rag publication would have noticed the excellent three-page article in the winter edition titled "The History of Formula Junior" by Kevin Clemens with photos of local cars.

FJ AT AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

The AFJA have updated its submission to the F1 AGP Corp. for consideration of our participation at this high profile event, and whilst the program for 2005 would seem to be settled, we have requested that our cars be considered for future support events, or participation in the Historic Garage Display and Demonstration.

EXCITING FUTURE EVENTS

A recent survey of members concluded that over 15 juniors will contest events at Wakefield in November, and rumor has it that Phillip Island next year could see more cars from overseas, together with a small contingent of juniors from WA crossing the Nullarbor.

KELVIN C. PRIOR
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HSRCA ALL HISTORIC WAKEFIELD PARK 2004 - FINAL ROUND 6 OF AFJA TROPHY SERIES

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice on Friday 26th November Racing Saturday and Sunday 27th & 28th November

CIRCUIT: 10 km south of Goulburn NSW on Braidwood Road.

ACCOMMODATION: Contact Goulburn Visitors Centre 02 4821 5343

EVENTS: During the weekend the AFJA will nominate two scratch races where points will be awarded towards our Trophy Series

ENTRIES: Shall be available shortly from HSRCA, PO Box 5063, Turramurra South, NSW 2074. Fax. 02 9988 4277. Email members@hsrca.org.au.

GARAGES: Please ensure your entry forms specify your car as FJ, and that you request a garage with other FJ entrants.

DISPLAY: If you don't intend to race this weekend we would appreciate your car for a static display in the pits. Please contact Peter Johnson 02 9699 4372 to arrange pit pass and other details.

NOTICE OF 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL DINNER MEETING

DATE: 7.30 pm Saturday 27th November 2004

**VENUE: Meeting Room at Goulburn Soldiers Club 15 Market Street Goulburn NSW.
With bar & buffet facilities**

**MEAL: Self serve roast selection with desserts, coffee etc. Fixed price \$26 per person
Bar facilities at competitive prices**

AGENDA: Yet to be finalised but will include:

**· Election of committee for 2005 · Selection of events for 2005 Trophy Series ·
Presentation of AFJA Trophies**

Please contact Secretary Kelvin if you would like something discussed.

**ACCEPTANCE: All AFJA members and their guests are encouraged to attend. Dress is
neat casual. However, we need to confirm numbers before weekend for catering.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The meeting with meal should not exceed 2 hours, the 7.30 p.m.
commencement is timed to leave sufficient time between the HSRCA Christmas drinks
at the track after racing and your need to dress for dinner.**

TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

**Recent results reflect that Graham Brown Qld. is becoming more competent in his BT2
Brabham, but his times are still slower than his previous exploits in the Lynx, which, by
the way, has been shipped to the new owners in UK, Jill & Martin Carter who also own
a T4 Ausper and Elva Formula Juniors.**

**Whilst talking about bought and sold, Les Miller NSW informs that he has traced the
original gearbox for his recently acquired Lotus 22J5 which we hope to see in operation
soon, and rumor has it there could be another Lotus 22 being imported to this country
shortly giving us a total of four.**

**We understand there is serious negotiations from UK concerning the "Talisman"
advertised in the last issue of Pitstop, and yours truly has acquired the ex Dietrich T59
Cooper as advertised in the same newsletter.**

**There are three T59 Coopers in this country each having been shipped from the USA
during the early eighties by the late Andrew Osman and Rob Kirkby, and all 3 are
currently being restored with David Reid hoping to have his maiden event at Wakefield
in November.**

**John and Roy Best informed us on progress with the restoration of possibly the most
important Formula Junior car ever built, namely the BT1 MRD Brabham, which is now
mechanically correct leaving just the body now to complete the project.**

We were saddened to learn that one of our members Nereo Dizane Vic. (Brabham BT15) had succumbed to his illness in July, and we wish his family our sincere sympathy and condolences.

There are rumors that Roger Ealand hopes to extract more power from the engine of his Lotus 18 and we look forward to witnessing this competitive combination in the near future. Other members known to be operating on their power plants are Peter Strauss (BT6) and Ian Bailey (Lynx) which of course means it could be crowded at the front of future grids.

My spies tell me that Mark Poole SA who owns the original prototype Elfin FJ is looking to find a competitive Ford engine to return it back to original specifications, and hopefully historic racing.

Congratulations to Geoff Fry (Jolus) on his election to president of his local Rotary Club for the current year. His appointment seems to confirm the old adage "If you want something done, find a busy person."



*Dick McArthur-Onslow in the Lotus 18 followed by Dennis Neal in his Lynx BMC at Eastern Creek in September.
Photo courtesy of Bill Forbes*



Pieter Boel enjoyed his weekend at Ipswich In July now that his Lola 5A seems to be free of initial teething problems

RACE REPORT - IPSWICH HISTORIC - ROUND THREE

Queensland weather was perfect for mid winter racing with temperatures in the low 20's. The circuit at Queensland Raceway near Ipswich was slower than previous years, but that did not detract from a record entry for the weekend of July 24 and 25.

Formula Junior were well represented with 8 entrants, 4 local cars and 4 from NSW. The first Trophy Series event was race 18 on Saturday over 6 laps where Don Thallon, driving his Cooper T56, was just pipped for 1st outright overall, but convincingly outpaced the FJ contingent to take maximum points ahead of Graham Brown BT2, followed by Terry Perkins in the Wybe Geertsma owned Lotus 18 and Pieter Boel in the Lola 5A.

The remaining places were for interstate cars with Dick Willis (Ausper) in front of Wayne Wilson (Donford) followed by Geoff Fry (Jolus). Unfortunately, Ken Ward (Rennmax) was a non-starter.

On Sunday, the second Trophy Series Race was No. 29 over 10 laps with similar results, except that Dick Willis (Ausper) clinched 3rd and Terry Perkins was relegated to 6th by an improving Pieter Boel (Lola 5A) and Wayne Wilson (Donford).



Don Thallon seated in his very competitive T56 Cooper BMC during events at Queensland Raceway in July



Dennis Neal prepares to race at Eastern Creek in his Lynx BMC works car originally driven by Kevin Bartlett

The banner on the building in the background belongs to the AFJA, good spot Peter.

RACE REPORT - EASTERN CREEK - ROUND FOUR - Courtesy Peter Johnson

Despite all forecasted predictions, Eastern Creek remained dry for the HRCA's major meeting of the year. New cars were in evidence in all groups, and juniors were well represented within the M & O grid, including visiting Englishman Jonathon Williamson currently living in WA.

Race 1 was a close nail biter... Graham Brown had finally come to terms with his BT2, and was happy with its performance. Not far behind in qualifying, and on a new track was Jonathon Williamson in his Lotus 22, and Terry Perkins in spindly Lotus 18. Peter Johnson in his BT6, Ken Ward in his pretty Rennmax, Dick McArthur-Onslow in his Lotus 20, and Dennis Neal in his gorgeous Lynx made up the FJ numbers. After 8 laps,

driving into a strong headwind down the main straight, Graham Brown won by a mere .2 of a second from Jonathon Williamson... a close finish, with Terry Perkins third.

Race two was a repeat of the first, though Jonathon Williamson put his foot down too hard on cold tyres at turn 2, lap one, and spun off... kept it going, and rejoined the fray, to finally finish third behind a flying Terry Perkins.

Race three, late Sunday afternoon began well again for the juniors, though positions changed at the front... Jonathon Williamson was contacted by the Lotus 18, and marshals prevented his returning to the track. Terry Perkins did the impossible with the Lotus, lifting wheels and constantly on full opposite lock, on skinny L section 15" tyres, and led Graham Brown for some time, before superior handling and more rubber on the ground took Graham into a commanding lead with Peter Johnson third in his Brabham.

Juniors were well represented at Speed on Tweed the following weekend. Overall winner was Don Thallon in his very quick Cooper T56, with Geoff Fry in his newly rebuilt Jolus second junior home, followed by Ed Holly in his Lotus 20, and Dick Willis in the Ausper



Terry Perkins driving the Lotus 18 of Wybe Geertsma at Eastern Creek Raceway in September.

Photo courtesy of Bill Forbes

EVENTS FOR 2004 TROPHY SERIES



Retireinvest

Round 1	Feb 28-29	Phillip Island, Vic
Round 2	April 10-11	Mallala Historic, SA
Round 3	July 24-25	Ipswich Historic, Qld
Round 4	Sept 11-12	Eastern Creek, NSW
Round 5	Oct 2-3	Winton Festival, Vic

AFJA AND RETIRENVEST TROPY SERIES CURRENT SCORES FOR 2004

Driver	Car	Group	Phillip Island	Mallala	Ipswich	E/Creek	Total
Graham Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	-	4 + 4	10 + 10	10 + 10	48
Jonathan Williamson WA	Lotus	FJ2	6 + 8	10 + 8	-	8 + 1	41
Terry Perkins	Lotus	FJ1	-	-	8 + 6	10 + 10	34
Wayne Wilson NSW	Donford	FJ2#	-	6 + 6	6 + 6	-	24
Don Thallon Qld	T56	FJ1	-	-	10 + 10	-	20
Ian Ashford SA	Tad	FJ2#	-	8 + 10	-	-	18
Robin Longdon UK	Lola	FJ2	8 + 10	-	-	-	18
Pieter Boel Qld	Lola	FJ2	-	-	8 + 8	-	16
Dick McArthur- Onslow NSW	Lotus	FJ1	-	-	-	8 + 8	16
Dick Willis NSW	Ausper	FJ1	-	-	6 + 8	-	14
Peter Johnson NSW	BT6	FJ2	-	-	-	6 + 8	14
Murray Bryden Vic	MRC	FJ2#	10 + 0	1 + 1	-	-	12
Peter Strauss Vic	BT6	FJ2	0 + 6	3 + 3	-	-	12
Dennis Neal NSW	Lynx	FJ1#	-	-	-	6 + 6	12

Geoff Fry NSW	Jolus	FJ1#	-	-	4 + 4	-	8
Ken Ward NSW	Rennmax	FJ2#	0 + 4	-	-	1 + 0	5

Denotes Australian built car with points towards the Retireinvest Perpetual Trophy

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After four rounds with two more to finalise the results, Graham Brown Qld. (BT2) gained maximum points in round 3 & 4 to head the list so far with a total of 48 points, whilst Jonathan Williamson WA (Lotus 22) would have also had 48, but for a DNF in the 2nd event at Eastern Creek.

Terry Perkins (Lotus 18) in 3rd position from only 2 events could win the trophy with good results in rounds 5 & 6, and Wayne Wilson (Donford) seems to have a stranglehold on the Retireinvest Trophy for best Australian built car.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Received an article by Mrs Venables regarding the rear engine Nota Formula Junior purchased last year by husband Philip and driven in Europe by son Jarrah now living in the south of France.

The Nota's first race in Europe after bringing it across from Australia was the Copenhagen Historic Grand Prix that was run on a specially constructed (albeit rather short-900m!!!) street circuit right in the heart of Copenhagen. The setting couldn't have been better in the middle of the main park. We had a wonderful week staying at Jac Nellemann's Chateau (which overlooks a lake) just outside of the capital. The hospitality we received from our hosts was superb as was the weather we had. Jac arranged a short test session on the Friday at another short circuit, but this time just across the border in Sweden, so that Jarrah could acquaint himself with the car, though he found it difficult to get used to the car due to the tight and twisty nature of the circuit, however the mileage was much appreciated.

Jarrah did very well on the weekend, with a 3rd and a 2nd place and also a fastest "junior" lap of the weekend in free practice, over a second quicker than anyone else! Then he drove the car and trailer back down from Copenhagen to the Nurburging where there was a Lurani round, however the Nota was just on display, as the designated driver didn't have an international license. Philip was also looking after 3 cars for a customer; an ERA B type, A type Connaught and a C type Jaguar.

In September we took the Nota to Le Mans for a meeting on the short " Bugatti" circuit. We had a wonderful weekend camping, and Jarrah qualified 4th, but finished in 3rd place. All in all a successful 2003.

Onto 2004 and we plan to race in the Lurani round at Colmar Burg (Goodyear test track) in Luxembourg in mid July. Then hopefully at the Nurburgring in August, and finally the big one.....Goodwood Revival in the beginning of September. We have contacted the constructor of Nota's (Guy Buckingham) and he is taking a keen interest in the Nota's outings in Europe. He has been invited by us to the Revival and will hopefully enjoy being reunited with the car he made almost 43 years ago!!!

The car is of course being entered in every race and being raced by an Australian, with the flag proudly on view at every meeting!

Photo of Nota at Copenhagen Historic Grand Prix with Philip in the AFJA T-shirt instructing son Jarrah on the finer points

CARS FOR SALE



For Sale Golford Aust. Special

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PARTS FOR SALE

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