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PITSTOP

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48 people attended the Annual Dinner Meeting of the AFJA at Goulburn Soldiers Club. The guest speaker Leo Geoghegan was very entertaining, and the food excellent as was the comradeship developing between the members.

At the meeting members resolved to establish a register of car competition numbers, and enclosed is the suggested number for your car. These numbers have been derived from historical records pertaining to individual cars. If you would like to change this, contact Secretary Kelvin to discuss alternatives.

Also at the meeting Graham Brown resigned from the committee and nominated Peter Boel in his stead, and whilst we welcome Peter as the new rep. for Queensland, we extend our sincere appreciation to Graham for his past assistance to the association.

Jonathan Williamson and Peter Johnson were instrumental in organising a framed picture of FJ cars at Wakefield and this was presented to Bunny and myself at the AGM. We would like to record our appreciation to all involved. On another note if anyone has Jonathans black polar fleece jumper accidentally left at the AGM, and taken to the circuit by one of the members, please contact secretary Kelvin to arrange its return.

The Tasman Revival Meeting at Eastern Creek on December 1 to 3 is not part of the AFJA Series, but will cater for Formula Junior, possibly in a mixed grid. To give the organisers some degree of comfort in their undertaking, they would like to receive an expression of interest from individual competitors asap by email to members@hsrca.org.au.

KELVIN C. PRIOR
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*Formula Junior racing
at Wakefield Park*

*Mike Gosbell (Donford
No. 35) leads Peter
Johnson (BT6
Brabham No. 37),
Peter Boel (Lola 5A
No. 5), David Reid
(T59 Cooper No. 16)
and Geoff Medley
(Nota BMC No. 90).*

*Photo courtesy of
Jeremy Dale*

REVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN FORMULA JUNIOR TROPHY SERIES YEAR 2005

During 2005 there were 29 different cars from 5 states of Australia that contested the series of 7 race meetings in 4 eastern states of this large country. In 2005 the Trophy Series was expanded from 6 to 7 events, comprising 2 in NSW, Vic. and Qld and one in SA. with points awarded from the 4 best results. The success of the series is evidenced by the improved participation from previous years, with 3 cars completing all 7 rounds, and a total of 20 cars traveling interstate to contest other than local events.

For the second year in succession the coveted AFJA Leo Geoghegan Perpetual Trophy was awarded to Jonathan Williamson from England who currently lives in WA. and traveled to all seven events during the year. His total score was 78 after deleting his 3 worst results that just happened to be the last 3, so in hindsight he need not have contested these to win.

The new AON Perpetual Trophy donated by Geoff Fry & Associates is awarded to the best Australian built car in the series. Geoff presented the trophy to Murray Bryden who gained equal overall second place with 68 points driving his locally built MRC Lotus.



Jonathan Williamson receiving the AFJA Leo Geoghegan Perpetual Trophy for 2005 from guest speaker Mr. Leo Geoghegan at the AGM in Goulburn



Murray Bryden and son Simon with the Aon Trophy he was presented with at the AGM for best Australian built car in 2005 Trophy Series

26TH SCCSA MALLALA ALL HISTORIC 2006 ROUND TWO AFJA TROPHY SERIES

CIRCUIT: 2.6 km clockwise track 55 km north of Adelaide

PROGRAM: Dinner at car club Thursday 13th April
Private practice Friday 14th April
Racing Saturday & Sunday 15 – 16 April
Collingrove hillclimb Monday 17th April
Featured Marque – Elfin cars

EVENTS: Minimum 5 races per group

ENTRIES: To obtain an entry form contact the event secretary Joan Shearer (08) 8390 1609 or email shearers@adam.com.au. Entries close 10th March 2006

ACCOMMODATION: Most entrants including locals camp at the circuit which will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday at \$15 per car per night.

HOSPITALITY: The Sporting Car Club of SA provide the best social event on our calendar, with formal dinner at their club on Thursday, Saturday evening BBQ, possibly preceded by wine tasting and a Sunday breakfast in the pits.

HRCC QLD. – HISTORIC MORGAN PARK

ROUND THREE AFJA TROPHY SERIES

- CIRCUIT:** 2.1 km clockwise track at Warwick 160 km south west of Brisbane. Ideally suited to Formula Junior
- PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice call 0408 718 866
Racing Saturday & Sunday April 29 - 30
- EVENTS:** Potential FJ only events similar to 2005, but subject to number of entrants
- ENTRIES:** All documents will be available on www.hrcc.org.au or contact Bruce Richards Phone (07) 3832 2188 B.H. or email b_richards@bigpond.com
- ACCOMMODATION:** Check yellow pages website for Warwick area and book early, or camping sites are Available at circuit should you prefer



Through the esses at Winton Murray Bryden (MRC Lotus No. 17) leads Jonathan Williamson (Lotus 22 No. 6) followed by Graham Brown (BT2 Brabham No. 2) then David Reid (T59 Cooper No. 16) Geoff Fry (Jolus No. 61) and Peter Strauss (BT6 Brabham No. 26)

RACE REPORT – WINTON – ROUND SIX – AFJA TROPHY SERIES

The second last round of the series was held on the long circuit at Winton near Benalla, 200 km north of Melbourne, in perfect weather (mid 20's) on the weekend of October 1st and 2nd. The number of juniors was less than forecasted, and consequently 6 cars contested the Trophy Series in mixed grids that included formula Ford and Group M/O racing cars.

During the weekend the leading driver was Murray Bryden (MRC Lotus) who gained maximum points, whilst Jonathan Williamson (Lotus 22) was a close second until he overcooked it in the second event on the last lap.

Graham Brown (BT2) and Peter Strauss (BT6) kept very close company, and even enjoyed swapping places on occasion. David Reid (Cooper T59) came next in an improved car, and of course Geoff Fry (Jolus) drove his early group car to maximum points with no competition.

RACE REPORT – WAKEFIELD PARK – FINAL ROUND SEVEN – AFJA TROPHY SERIES

The final round of the 2005 annual race series was held at Wakefield Park, 200 km south west of Sydney near the provincial township of Goulburn on the weekend of November 26 – 27. The circuit recently constructed with a 2.2 km track ideally suited to Formula Junior cars, but unfortunately, with no control over the weather, it ranged from thunderous cloudbursts to brilliant sunshine and very cold temperatures.

There were 21 Formula Juniors entered, which is a new Australian record, and it was agreed that events 5 and 13 would count towards the trophy series.

The first event of 8 laps on the Saturday was a mixed grid combining Formula Junior with other cars from the sixties, and on this occasion the track was dry enabling Murray Bryden (MRC) to distance himself from Jonathan Williamson (Lotus 22) who achieved second place.

The second 7-lap event on Sunday was for Formula Junior cars only, but the track was wet making it difficult for the faster cars to maximize their superiority over other competitors. Murray Bryden (MRC) drove cautiously to make it 2 wins from 2 and Don Thallon (T56) was second and untroubled by the wet track, followed by Peter Strauss (BT6). Both of whom were practicing for a possible wet European tour in 2006. Jonathan Williamson (Lotus 22) was 4th having forgotten his wet weather skills after 3 years in Australia, closely followed by Dick Willis (Ausper), his best drive to date.

David Reid (T59) and Peter Johnson (BT6) were next, followed by Noel Bryden in Ken Wards Rennmax with mud all over from excursions off track (Oh Dear). Geoff Medley (Nota), who raced under the pseudonym "TBA" finished next followed by Peter Boel (Lola 5A), Mike Gosbell (Donford) and Graham Brown (BT2). Geoff Fry (Jolus), Allan Conway (Gemini), Robert Ingram (Lynx) and Dick McArthur-Onslow (Lotus 20B) filled the final places after Terry Perkins (Lotus 18) experienced problems early in the event and was a DNF.

OVERSEAS NEWS

The AFJA is receiving regular reports on Formula Junior activity from New Zealand, where in recent times they have established a trophy series using a point system for events held on the north island. The latest information indicates a consistent field of 10 competitors with more on the way. This includes the recent acquisition by Roger Herrick of the first MK2 Lola BRJ1 from a private museum in Germany. This very attractive front engine Formula Junior was shaped by Costin, and formed part of the Fitzwilliam pseudo racing team in the period.

The 60th Anniversary of Cooper cars will be celebrated worldwide this year; with a special event at Prescott Hillclimb UK in July, and favoured marque status at Laguna Seca Monterey Historics in August. Full particulars are available from Richard Neale (woody@coopercars.org).

Keith Duckworth, co founder of Cosworth engineering died 19th December 2005 aged 72. Keith together with Mike Costin set up business in 1958, and initially developed the Ford Anglia engine for Formula Junior which by 1963 was probably all conquering world wide, and hence the legend.

Recently received a list of permanent racing numbers from the FJHRA in England for all cars proposing to compete during 2006, and there were 323 Formula Juniors listed, that's 10 full grids in Australia.

There has been some dialogue between the AFJA and overseas FJ organizations concerning the forthcoming 50th Anniversary of Formula Junior in 2008, and it has been suggested that a World Cup involving events in Europe, UK, USA east and West, Macau, RSA, NZ and Aust. could be considered.

TECHNICAL REPORT

As from January 2006 all cars within most historic groups, including Formula Junior, will require a "Dorian" electronic timing device to be fitted, as these cars will no longer be manually timed at an historic race meeting. The device can be purchased for around \$350, or in some cases hired from your state historic racing club or register, but it needs to be correctly fitted to work properly.

Also from January 2006 all cars will now use Dunlop L profile 204 compound control tyre which on 13" wheels will be 4.50 front and 5.50 rear. Tyres on 15" wheels are 4.50 front and 5.00 rear.

The deal with Dunlop is still not iron clad and we await their confirmation on 2006 prices, which we understand will be similar to that quoted in 2005. In the meantime members decided at the recent AGM to implement a moratorium on the use of the control tyre for a period not exceeding 12 months pending supply of the control tyre from England, and the prudent use of existing tyre stocks. In short during 2006 members will replace their tyres, and it is expected that a set of 13" will cost around \$1000 and 15" around \$1300.

TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Received a list of events in Europe from Don Thallon which he hopes to contest with his T56 Cooper, and it includes the full Lurani Series (World Championship) for Formula Junior in 2006. We shall miss Don and Jeanette for several months here in Australia. Also Peter Strauss who has booked a similar program of events for his Brabham BT6. We wish them both every success.

Jonathan Williamson was transferred to Australia 3 years ago to work in WA, and regrettable, it would seem his secondment will cease mid year. Jonathan has informed us that the Lotus 22 will be shipped to WA after Phillip Island 2006, and from thereon we are unsure what the future will hold.

For the past 2 years the team at Penrite has cared for Jonathan's car, and Jonathan has flown from WA to each circuit to contest the AFJA Trophy Series which he won on two successive occasions in 2004 and 2005. So congratulations, we shall miss that smiling pom in his green race suit.

Murray Bryden is the coolest driver; nothing seems to disturb that quiet concentration that allows him to win. Well, it was a different Murray who was forced into being the centre of attention at the recent AGM when members sang Happy Birthday.

It was great to see Dick McArthur-Onslow circulating in this Lotus 20B at Wakefield. As reported last issue Dick has not been well, but he sure looks great in his racing gear.

Sorry to see Roger Ealand in trouble again with his Lotus 18 at Wakefield. It would appear the engine does not like the circuit, as this is the second time it has not responded to all that loving care that Roger heaps upon it. He will probably win the event in 2006 with third time lucky.

At Wakefield in November it was delightful to watch Terry Perkins driving the Lotus 18 to the maximum, and it was interesting to note that his style is exactly the same on wet and dry surfaces.

Ken Ward arranged for his friend Noel Bryden to drive his Rennmax at Wakefield Park. Now Noel, who was the Race Secretary, probably did not have time to practice extensively, especially on a wet track, so maybe Ken will forgive him for using the track as a guide only, and congratulate him on winning the mud bash.

Also at Wakefield Park, and driving his first Formula Junior race was Robert Ingram with his recent acquisition, the ex Laurie Tindall Lynx BMC which we hope to see more of in 2006.



Dicing for position at Winton

Jonathan Williamson (Lotus 22 No. 6) leads a Formula Ford, then David Reid (T59 Cooper No. 16) a F2 No. 5, and Peter Strauss (BT6 Brabham No. 26) Graham Brown (BT2 Brabham No. 2) and Geoff Fry (Lotus No.61)

EVENTS FOR 2006 TROPHY SERIES



*Aon
Perpetual Trophy*

Round 1	February 11-12	Phillip Island Vic.
Round 2	April 15 - 16	Mallala Historic SA
Round 3	April 29 - 30	Morgan Park HRCC Qld
Round 4	May 27 - 28	Historic Winton Vic.
Round 5	June 10 - 11	Oran Park NSW
Round 6	Aug. 5 - 6	Ipswich Historic Qld.
Round 7	Sept. 9 - 10	Wakefield NSW



*Leo Geoghegan
Perpetual Trophy*

AFJA AND AON TROPHY SERIES FINAL SCORE FOR 2005

Driver	Car	Gr.	Phillip Island	Mallala	Morgan Park	Ipswich	Eastern Creek	Winton	Wake field	Total
J. Williamson WA	Lotus 22	FJ2	10+10	10 + 10	10 + 10	8 + 10	(6 + 8)	(8 + 1)	(8 + 6)	78
D. Thallon Qld	T56	FJ1	-	10 + 10	8 + 0	10 + 10	-	-	10+10	68
M. Bryden Vic	MRC	FJ2#	8 + 8	6 + 6	-	(1 + 0)	-	10+10	10+10	68
G. Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	(6 + 1)	(3 + 1)	8 + 2	10 + 1	10 + 10	6 + 6	(6 + 1)	53
G. Fry NSW	Jolus	FJ1#	-	-	4 + 3	-	6 + 8	10+10	2 + 4	47
D. Reid Vic.	T59	FJ2	(1 + 1)	(1 + 4)	8 + 4	6 + 6	(3 + 3)	3 + 4	3 + 4	38
P. Strauss Vic	BT6	FJ2	4 + 6	4 + 0	-	-	0 + 0	4 + 8	4 + 8	38
P. Boel Qld	Lola	FJ2	-	-	4 + 6	3 + 8	8 + 6	-	1 + 1	37
T. Perkins Qld	Lotus 18	FJ1	-	-	10 + 10	1 + 0	0 + 0	-	8 + 1	30
J. Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	1 + 0	-	0+8	-	10 + 4	-	6 + 0	29
G. Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	-	8 + 8	-	-	-	-	3 + 6	25
D. Willis NSW	Ausper	FJ1	-	-	6 + 6	1 + 0	-	-	4 + 8	25
A. Conway Qld	Gemini	FJ1	-	-	3 + 2	8 + 1	4 + 0	-	1 + 3	22
P. Johnson NSW	BT6	FJ2	-	-	6 + 3	-	4 + 4	-	1 + 3	21
M. Gosbell NSW	Donford	FJ2#	3 + 1	-	3 + 2	2 + 3	2 + 2	-	(1 + 1)	18
E. Holly (NSW)	Lotus BT15	FJ1 FJ2	- DNQ	-	-	-	8 + 10	-	-	18
I. Ashford SA	Tad	FJ2#	-	8 + 8	-	-	-	-	-	16
I. Bailey NSW	Lynx	FJ2#	2 + 1	2 + 3	-	4 + 4	0 + 0	-	-	16
D. Neal NSW	Lynx	FJ1#	-	-	-	-	0 + 6	-	1 + 0	7
N. Bryen NSW	Rennmax	FJ2#	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 + 2	4
R. Ealand NSW	Lotus 18	FJ1	-	-	0+3	-	-	-	0 + 0	3
R. Ingram NSW	Lynx	FJ1#	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 + 2	3
K. Ward NSW	Rennmax	FJ2#	1 + 1	-	-	-	0 + 0	-	-	2
D. Mc. Onslow	Lotus	FJ1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 + 1	2
N. McDonald	BT6	FJ2	DNQ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Best Vic	MRD	FJ1	DNQ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F. Hook Vic	Cooper	FJ3	DNQ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C. Haste	BT2	FJ2	DNQ	DNQ	-	-	-	-	-	-

Denotes Australian built car with points towards the Aon Perpetual Trophy

RECOMMENDED CAR NUMBERS

This is not an official list of car numbers. It is merely a suggestion for discussion and negotiation where more than one car uses the same number.

Allocated numbers are from cars early history of competition, or subsequent use where early history unknown. If your car is not listed, it is because we do not have a recommended number relating to that car, and request that you propose one that has an affinity with your car.

1	Lotus 20	Ed Holly	34		
2	Brabham	Graham Brown	35	Donford	Mike Gosbell
3	Ausper	Norm Almond	36	Ausper	Dick Willis
4	Elfin	Charlie Mitchell	37	Brabham	Peter Johnson
5	Lola	Peter Boel	38		
6	Gemini	Alan Conway	39	Koala	Paul Charel
7	MRC	Murray Bryden	40	Elfin	David Reid
8	Lotus 18	John Hartnett	41	Rennmax	Dean Rainsford
9	MRD	John Best	42		
10	Lotus 20	Jim Sherringham	43		
11	Lynx	Lynn Cowan	44	Elfin	Mark Poole
12	Lynx	Dennis Neal	52	Cameron	Pat Ryan
13	Lynx	Robert Ingram	53	Lotus 22	Jonathan Williamson
14	Lynx	Herb Neal	56	Cooper	Don Thallon
15	Lotus 20	Murray Bryden	57	Lotus 18	Roger Ealand
16	Cooper	David Reid	59	Cooper	Mike Shearer
17	Lotus 18	Phil Segat	61	Jolus	Geoff Fry
18	Lotus 18	Wybe Geertsma	62	Lynx	Ian Bailey
19	Lotus 20	Chris Doub'e	63	Essenkay	Phil. DeGruchy
20	Lotus 20	Dick McArthur – Onslow	66	Sabre	Brian Beasy
21	Lynx	Howard Tucker	71	Cooper	Jim Madden
22	Lotus 22	Bruce Mansell	76	Cooper	Frank Hook
23	Elfin	Derry Greeneklee	80	Elfin	Colin Sullivan
24	Elfin	John Medley	81	Rennmax	Ken Ward
25	Cheetah	David Fogg	86	Lynx	Ray Dingle
26	Brabham	Peter Strauss	88	Brabham	Col Haste
27	Lotus 27	Janet Conheady	89	Nota	John Medley
28	Brabham	Phil. Segat	90	Nota	Geoff Medley
29			93	Brabham	Brian Pymble
30	Elfin	Lyn Archer	101	Schazum	Graham Russell
31	Cooper	Kelvin Prior	110	Lola	Robbie Nichols
32	Lola 5A	Haydon Mills	181	Stanguelini	Ean McDowell
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“Seeing double at Wakefield”

Geoff and John Medley side by side in their front engined Formula Junior Nota’s

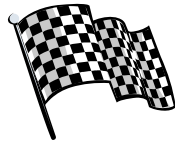
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- Business Card advertising 4 issues \$50



CARS FOR SALE



For Sale 1960 Essenkay Formula Junior

Attractive Australian Special with history.
 1089 cc Skoda engine, 36 hp VW transmission, drum brakes, alloy body, unused since 1992.
 Price \$18,500 o.n.o
 Contract Philip DeGruchy (03) 9898 3677 or 0408 398 624



For sale 1961 Lotus 20J959

This car originally owned by Lionel Ayers Qld.
 Full restoration near complete (like new).
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 Contact Murray Bryden B.H. (03) 9357 9969



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