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## PITSTOP

### SPRING 2009 EDITION NO. 48

Since the last edition of Pitstop, all members of AFJA should have received via email a questionnaire prepared by Peter Boel concerning the establishment of a consensus on how to preserve our engines. As a result Peter is currently preparing a work in progress document from the responses, where it is intended to use this via the AFJA website as the basis for ongoing development.

Regarding the Tasman Series of events that commenced last year, a book has been published concerning the cars and events comprising the 2008 FJ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that is full of photos etc. of competing cars. This book is available for NZD \$54 including postage by contacting Janice Holmes at [jholmes@groundsky.co.nz](mailto:jholmes@groundsky.co.nz).

Should any AFJA member be considering the possibility of shipping their car to New Zealand for the Tasman Revival events scheduled to be held near Auckland in January next year, you will need to contact your AFJA State Representative without delay, as there are currently container loads of cars being organised to leave from each Australian State.

The final meeting of members this year will be held in association with the Sandown round of the Annual Trophy Series, where members and guests are invited to a social function courtesy of Bill Hemming at the Elfin Heritage Centre at 29 Capella Cres Moorabbin from 6.30 p.m. on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please BYO take-away food and drink available nearby. Annual AFJA Trophies will be presented on the night.

**Kelvin Prior**  
**AFJA Secretary**



*Mixed grid of cars at Morgan Park where Graham Brown (Brabham BT2 No. 2) leads 2 FF cars followed by Doug Anderson No., 49, Peter Boel No. 5, Bill Hemming No. 23, another FF then Dick Willis and Mike Goodfellow No. 50.*

*Photo courtesy Colleen Conway*

## EVENTS FOR 2009 AFJA TROPHY SERIES

1. April 11-12 Mallala SA
2. May 30-31 Winton Vic.
3. June 27-28 Oran Park NSW
4. July 25-26 Morgan Park Qld.
5. Sept. 19-20 Wakefield Park NSW
6. Nov. 7-8 Sandown Vic.



*LeoGeoghegan  
FJ Trophy*



*Aon Aussie  
FJ Trophy*



*Nereo Dizane  
F3 Trophy*

## AFJA FJ/F3 TROPHY SERIES POINT SCORES FOR 2009

Driver	Car	Group	Rnd.1	Rnd.2	Rnd.3	Rnd.4	Rnd.5	Rnd.6	Total
Peter Strauss Vic.	BT6	FJ2	10+10	10+10	10+10	-			60
Geoff Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	10+10	8+6	8+8	-			50
Ed Holly NSW	BT15	F3	-	10+10	10+10	-			(40)
Don Thallon Qld	MRC	FJ2#	-	-	8+8	10+10			36
Mike Gosbell NSW	T52	FJ1	-	4+3	4+4	8+8			31
Kim Shearn Vic.	Lotus	FJ1	-	0+10	10+10	-			30
Graham Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	-	-	1+6	8+8			23
Dick Willis NSW	Ausper	FJ1	-	-	-	10+10			20
Roger Ealand NSW	Lotus	FJ1	-	10+8	-	-			18
Derek Smith Vic.	Lynx	FJ1#	-	3+2	6+6	-			17
Jeff Brown Vic.	BT28	F3	-	-	8+8	-			(16)
Peter Boel Qld	Lola	FJ2	-	-	-	6+6			12
Allan Conway Qld	Gemini	FJ1	-	-	-	6+6			12
Norm Falkiner Vic.	Stang.	FJ1	-	6+4	-	-			10
Mike Shearer SA	T59	FJ2	8+1	-	-	-			9
Bill Hemming Vic.	Elfin	FJ2#	-	-	-	4+4			(8)
Mike Goodfellow Qld	Talisman	FJ2#	-	-	-	3+3			6
Wayne Hocking SA	TAD	FJ2#	0+0	-	-	-			DNQ
Frank Hook Vic	T76	F3	-	0+0	-	-			DNQ
Doug Anderson NSW	Elfin	FJ2#	0+0	-	0+0	0+0			DNQ
Col Haste NSW	BT2	Fj2	-	-	0+0	-			DNQ

# Denotes Australian built car with points towards the Aon Perpetual Trophy

(?) Where points are in brackets they apply to events in excess of 4 contested, or are subject to the provision of a suitable CAMS C of D to the secretary.



*2 Brabham cars  
in procession at  
Oran Park. Peter  
Strauss leads  
followed by Col  
Haste then  
Graham Brown.*

*Photo courtesy of  
Bill Forsyth*

## 2009 AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES

Following Round four of the Trophy Series at Morgan Park in July, the positions remain the same as last reported with Peter Strauss 10 points ahead of Geoff Medley for the AFJA annual perpetual trophy, and Ed Holly still out in front for the F3 Nereo Dizane Trophy.

Whilst it is definitely too early to call a final result with two further rounds yet to be contested, if the positions remained as currently listed, Peter Strauss would win the AFJA Trophy, Geoff Medley would win the AON Trophy, and Ed Holly the F3 Trophy, but as we all know, nothing is predictable in motor racing.



*Kim Shearn (Lotus 18) leading Peter Strauss (Brabham BT6) through corner at Oran Park.*

*Rear wheel in photo belongs to Col Haste (Brabham BT2) going in different direction.*

*Photo courtesy of Bill Forsyth*

### HSRCA NSW – WAKEFIELD PARK AT GOULBURN 2009 ROUND FIVE AFJA TROPHY SERIES

**CIRCUIT:** 2.2 km clockwise track 200 km south west of Sydney near Goulburn

**PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
Racing Saturday and Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

**EVENTS:** Subject to there being sufficient entrants, the opportunity exists to repeat previous years FJ/F3 only races, two of which will count towards the AFJA Trophy Series

**ENTRIES:** Documents may be requested from the race secretary Noel Bryen on (\*02) 9913 3662 or email nbryen@optusnet.com.au **ENTRIES CLOSE 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

**ACCOMMODATION:** Contact Goulburn Visitors Centre Phone (02) 4821 5343

### VHRR VIC. – SANDOWN PARK AT SPRINGVALE 2009 ROUND SIX AFJA TROPHY SERIES

**CIRCUIT:** 3.1 km anti-clockwise circuit 25 km SE of Melbourne

**PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Racing Saturday and Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

**EVENTS:** As the required minimum grid size is 30 cars, obviously our cars will be in a mixed grid. All 3 events will be scratch races, two of which will provide points towards the final score for the AFJA Trophy Series

**ENTRIES:** Documents will be provided by the race secretary Wayne Hunter Phone 03 9800 0132  
Email – [waynehunter@bigpond.com](mailto:waynehunter@bigpond.com) or download from [www.vhrr.com](http://www.vhrr.com)  
Entries close October 12<sup>th</sup> or earlier with a maximum of 380 cars

**SOCIAL FUNCTION:** AFJA members and guests are invited to a “take-away” food night at the Elfin Heritage Centre, 29 Capella Crescent, Moorabbin from 6.30 p.m. on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November.  
AFJA Annual Perpetual Trophies will be presented during the evening



***Graham Brown driving his BT2 Brabham Ni. 2 leads Ed Holy BT15 Brabham No. 17 into the corner at Oran Park.***

***Photo courtesy Bill Forsyth***

### **AFJA TROPHY SERIES – ROUND 3 RACE REPORT – ORAN PARK NSW**

This was the final Historic Race meeting to be held on this very technical 2-62km anti-clockwise GP circuit at Narellan 45 km SW of Sydney, and whilst the weather was basically fine following heavy rain, the track surface was quite greasy in the 20 deg. heat, and many competitors had difficulty remaining on the track.

Kim Shearn from Vic. established a new FJ lap record in his Lotus 18 of 1-22.9204 that cannot be beaten, given that the earth moving equipment quite visible on the adjoining land will move onto the property containing the circuit at years end to create further residential development sites. Lets hope the proposed new short circuit extension to Mount Panorama at Bathurst can proceed to fill the diminishing availability of suitable circuits in NSW.

Following an embarrassing technical glitch on Saturday, proceedings commenced some 2 hours or so behind time, and this shortened the day's programme considerably. There were 12 FJ/F3 cars entered for the weekend including the ex Vern White Elfin FJ recently restored by John Medley, and not seen for some time, also Don Thallon from Qld. who finished installing a new engine in the MRC the day before practice.

During the weekend there was a clear pecking order of car and driver that only seemed to change when someone made a mistake caused mainly by the unforgiving track surface. Regardless of this the FJ/F3 cars were again demonstrating their ability to perform in close company with Kim Shearn (Lotus 18) Ed Holly (Brabham F3) Peter Strauss (Brabham BT6) Col Haste (Brabham BT2) Graham Brown (Brabham BT2) Don Thallon (MRC) and Doug Anderson (Elfin) all swapping places at the front.

Geoff Medley (Nota) is clearly leading the front engine cars, and is also showing his skills to some more advanced rear engine cars in the early FJ group. Derek Smith (Lynx Borgward) experienced some adverse mechanical issues, and Jeff Brown (Brabham F3) is finding new confidence in his driving ability, whilst Mike Gosbell (Cooper) is still sorting his new engine.



***“This is not a reflection”***

***Doug Anderson No. 49 and Bill Hemming No. 23 driving their Elfin's at Morgan Park.***

***Photo courtesy of Colleen Conway***

## AFJA TROPHY SERIES – ROUND 4 RACE REPORT – MORGAN PARK QLD. BY ALLAN CONWAY

Friday was free practice and the day was well attended with plenty of track time for all groups. All of the FJ fraternity were present and took advantage of the day.

It had been decided by the HRCC Committee that at this meeting the FJ's would run with FF's and that Formula V's would run with Group L. A decision appreciated by all the FJ group that I spoke with.

Nice to have some interstate representatives – Bill Hemming, Mike Gosbell and Dick Willis (although Mike and Dick are almost locals).

For Mike Goodfellow and Allan Conway it was an opportunity to test recently rebuilt/replaced components after an abortive attempt to get some track time on the Wednesday before the meeting went horribly wrong (actually arrived at the gate) when the track was closed 'to repaint the white lines'.

Mike's car had not been driven for almost 12 months. Allan's car (complete with new engine from head to sump and through to clutch and gearbox) had not been driven since Phillip Island 2008 (16 months). I should say here many thanks to Peter Boel who unselfishly spent many hours on this rebuild project and without whose help the car would not have been on the grid.

Another car that had obviously had major development work was the MRC 22 of Don Thallon. He started Friday well in front of the pack and stayed there all weekend. Rumour has it that there is much more to come as the concentration to date has been on the engine. Just wait till they start on the car!

Peter Boel was back in the Lola 5a (also with rebuilt engine), having driven the Lotus 41 at most of his recent outings. Mike Gosbell now has the Cooper T52 pointing in the right direction and is no longer looking over his shoulder as he rounds the corner. He revealed a lot of time and effort had been put into the suspension.

By Sunday night close of play, the FJ results show Don Thallon 1<sup>st</sup> x 3 – Graham Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> x 3 – Peter Boel 3<sup>rd</sup> x 3 although the actual race finishes were different due to other interspersed Group M cars. All drivers went home happy with no bent or broken cars, although Mike Goodfellow had a minor transmission problem on the last lap of the last race.



*Don Thallon driving his MRC No. 92 leads Graham Brown, Doug Anderson, Peter Boel and others at Morgan Park*

*Photo courtesy Colleen Conway*

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## TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Talking recently with Neil McCrudden regarding various cars in WA currently under restoration, and it appears that Kevin Taylor has finished work on his Brabham F3, and we look forward to seeing it in competition. We understand that the Gremlin FJ being restored by Geoff Findlay is nearing completion, but unfortunately the Peugeot engined Higgs FJ owned by John Napier-Winch, and the T59 Cooper of Glen Stewart-Richardson are yet to surface.

Some good news out of NSW regarding the ex Frank Matich Elfin currently owned by Doug Anderson, Doug is currently building an 1100cc engine so he can return this important Formula Junior back to its original specifications when Charlie Smith raced it during 1963.

Colin Haste had some traction problems in his Brabham BT2 at Oran Park recently, but nothing like he would have experienced in the period leading up to that event, when he spent some time travelling in central Australia on the Tanami Track between Alice Springs and Halls Creek, and other God forsaken parts of our outback.

In the last issue of Pitstop, Geoff Fry penned an article that included details regarding the pending completion of the second Jolus FJ he has been working on for some years now, and it now seems he will be able to track test it at Wakefield Park in Sept. and we wish him well, and hope it performs to expectations.

Great to see Don Thallon is coming to grips with the MRC where the new engine is giving him the desired performance on the track, and whilst the development of any racing car is a never-ending story, we suspect that some proposed changes to suspension settings will improve the car even further. Good luck Don.

An unusual situation has developed in Australia over recent times whereby the current world economic recession would seem to have provided us with the ability to obtain Historic Formula Junior cars from overseas at prices much lower than ever before. The current Aust. dollar at the time of writing was worth 52 pence and climbing, and car prices in the UK seem to be falling according to the list recently published in [www.formulajunior.com](http://www.formulajunior.com), interesting eh?



*Elfin FJ 626 recently restored and driven by current owner John Medley at Oran Park*

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# 2010 Tasman Revival / Bruce McLaren Festival Update

*Mike Goodfellow driving his Talisman No., 50 at Morgan Park. Photo courtesy Colleen Conway*

PLANS ARE WELL IN HAND FOR THE HUGE CONTINGENT OF Australian-domiciled racing cars going to New Zealand early in the New Year to attend the Tasman Revival / Bruce McLaren Festival 2010 events at the brand new Hampton Downs circuit and the old favourite, Pukekohe. Recent reports on Hampton Downs suggests all will be finished, if not completed, and ready for the event.



To date we have established State Coordinators in each of the mainland States to oversee preparation of their respective containers. There is feverish activity arranging racking for the 20' and 40' HC containers we plan to ship in, with demountable Dexion-type pallet racking emerging as the clear favourite. It is readily available at reasonable pricing and is easy to store once the trip is finished. Tradelanes has been able to assist the Victorian participants with a donation of racking and steel beams to erect inside the containers going from Melbourne.

Owners are also busy requesting the now-mandatory Import Permits from DOTARS in Canberra and it should be noted that without this, we can't send your car as we can't risk it not being allowed back into Australia should there be a problem with issuing your permit. We have received regular calls from owners seeking clarification on all sorts of issues, from entry detail for the event to what they can and can't take with them. These enquiries are not a problem at all ... we'd rather you got it right!

At this early stage, it seems there will be in excess of 50 cars going to Auckland, ranging from our own Formula Juniors through Formulae Ford, Two, Atlantic/Pacific, sports and sports racing cars right up to the rarest and most expensive special cars. There are even enquiries now for Group Nc historic touring cars to go too!

We will continue to provide logistical advice to anyone who needs it by recommending the best way to load and secure the cars, what is required for Customs, MAF/AQIS etc. We have had enquiries regarding cost comparisons (remember the pricing we provided is "all in") and even costs to ship transporters, trailer and tow vehicles to Auckland. I understand participant response from Europe and the US has not been as high as expected, justified I would suggest by the worldwide economic downturn.

Load dates are yet to be finalised, but we expect Western Australian cars to load and ship in the last week of December while Eastern States will go first week of January to ensure everything is waiting for you to enjoy what I am sure will be a memorable event. I look forward to putting many faces to names at Hampton Downs.

With kind regards (and thanks!!) to all ...

**Stewart Garmey**



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#### **For Sale 1963 Koala FJ ex John Joyce of Bowin FF fame**

Important Aust. car recently restored by current owner. Drum brake, 1500 cc Ford rear engine / VW Transmission. Terms of sale – All reasonable offers considered. Contact Paul Charal 08 8359 1810 or 0408 801 231



#### **For Sale 1961 Lotus 20J959**

Car originally owned by Lionel Ayers from Qld. Full restoration completed (like new) by current owner. Disc front brakes, 1100 cc Ford engine. Race ready opportunity. \$100,000. Contact Murray Bryden B.H. (03) 9357 9969



#### **For Sale: 1965 Brabham F3 BT15 F3-25-65**

Front running car in FJ racing, current Trophy holder. Car also has history with 1600 Twin Cam. Price \$85,000. Contact Ed Holly H. 02 95226845 or 0413270844



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