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## PITSTOP

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Owning an FJ/F3 car in these times would appear to bring with it certain privileges in Australia, for in recent years the international value of these cars has improved mainly due to the prestigious competition being provided to the owners. Not only do we enjoy an attractive Australian Trophy Series, but have also recently participated in spectacular international events early 2008 during the 50th anniversary Junior Tasman Series, followed by the South African Series early 2009, and now the forthcoming Tasman Festival early 2010 in NZ where 16 Australian cars will contest FJ/F3 international events at the new Hampton Downs circuit, and Pukekohe near Auckland.

Recently members would have received a questionnaire regarding a survey primarily about engine reliability prepared by Peter Boel, where owners were asked to reveal where they obtain reliable goods and services in the development of their car. The information provided has been sorted into categories, and will appear on the AFJA Website as work in progress.

On behalf of the members who attended the social function at the Elfin Heritage Centre during the Sandown round of the 2009 Trophy Series, I would like to convey our appreciation to Bill Hemming for his hospitality, and the camaraderie enjoyed by all, and I would also like to wish all members and family a safe and happy New Year during 2010.

**Kelvin Prior**  
AFJA Secretary/ Treasurer



*Don Thallon driving his MRC Lotus at Sandown in the final event of the 2009 AFJA Trophy Series where he won the coveted AFJA Leo Geoghegan Formula Junior Trophy. Photo courtesy of Neil Hammond*

## EVENTS FOR 2010 AFJA TROPHY SERIES

1. March 20-21 Lakeside Qld.
2. April 3-4 Mallala SA
3. May 1-2 Eastern Creek NSW
4. May 29-30 A7 Winton Vic.
5. July 24-25 Morgan Park Qld.
6. Sept. 18-19 Wakefield Park NSW
7. Nov. 5-7 Sandown Vic.



*LeoGeoghegan  
FJ Trophy*



*Aon Aussie  
FJ Trophy*



*Nereo Dizane  
F3 Trophy*

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

Driver	Car	Group	Rnd.1	Rnd.2	Rnd.3	Rnd.4	Rnd.5	Rnd.6	Total
Don Thallon Qld	MRC	FJ2#	-	-	8+8	10+10	10+10	10+10	76
Kim Shearn Vic.	Lotus	FJ1	-	0+10	10+10	-	10+10	10+10	70
Peter Strauss Vic.	BT6	FJ2	10+10	10+10	10+10	-	0+8	(8+0)	68
Geoff Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	10+10	8+6	8+8	-	8+8	-	66
Ed Holly NSW	BT15	F3	-	10+10	10+10	-	10+10	-	60
Graham Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	-	-	1+6	8+8	6+6	4+8	47
Mike Gosbell NSW	T52	FJ1	-	4+3	4+4	8+8	6+0	-	37
Roger Ealand NSW	Lotus	FJ1	-	10+8	-	-	-	8+8	34
Peter Boel Qld	Lola	FJ2	-	-	-	6+6	-	6+6	24
Bill Hemming Vic.	Elfin	FJ2#	-	-	-	4+4	8+8	-	24
Norm Falkiner Vic.	Stang.	FJ1	-	6+4	-	-	-	6+6	22
Dick Willis NSW	Ausper	FJ1	-	-	-	10+10	-	-	20
Derek Smith Vic.	Lynx	FJ1#	-	3+2	6+6	-	-	-	17
Jeff Brown Vic.	BT28	F3	-	-	8+8	-	-	-	16
Allan Conway Qld	Gemini	FJ1	-	-	-	6+6	-	0+0	12
Mike Shearer SA	T59	FJ2	8+1	-	-	-	-	-	9
Mike Goodfellow Qld	Talisman	FJ2#	-	-	-	3+3	-	-	6
Geoff Fry NSW	Jolus2	FJ2#	-	-	-	-	4+0	-	(4)
Noel Bryen NSW	Rennmax	FJ2+	-	-	-	-	0+0	-	0
Wayne Hocking SA	TAD	FJ2#	0+0	-	-	-	-	-	DNQ
Frank Hook Vic	T76	F3	-	0+0	-	-	0+0	-	DNQ
Doug Anderson NSW	Elfin	FJ2#	0+0	-	0+0	0+0	-	-	DNQ
Col Haste NSW	BT2	Fj2	-	-	0+0	-	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.

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*Don Thallon receiving the 2009 AFJA Formula Junior Trophy From Secretary Kelvin Prior*



*Geoff Medley receiving the 2009 AON Trophy from its donor Geoff Fry*



*Ed Holly receiving the NereoDizane F3 Trophy from Lynn Cowan*

### **2009 AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES**

Following six rounds of the annual trophy series during 2009, Don Thallon from Queensland won the Australian Formula Junior Leo Geoghegan perpetual trophy with a score of 76 points driving his MRC Lotus Formula Junior. Don's old friend Lionel Ayers originally built this car, and the previous owner Murray Bryden also won this prestigious trophy on more than one occasion

The Aon Aussie car trophy donated by Geoff Fry and Associates was awarded to Geoff Medley from NSW driving his Australian built Nota to a score of 66 points over 4 events, and Ed Holly again won the Nereo Dizane Memorial Trophy in his Brabham F3 with a total of 60 points.

The committee decided to increase the number of events to seven during 2010 due to the increased participation by members from Queensland who will now have 2 local events to help them gain points, however it is also possible that in 2011 there might be only one Trophy Series event in each State including Tasmania and Western Australia if we can arrange cost effective transport for our cars.

### **HRCC LAKESIDE HISTORIC MEETING 2010 ROUND ONE AFJA TROPHY SERIES**

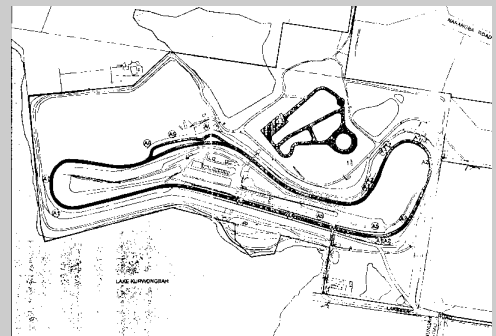
**CIRCUIT:** 2.41km clockwise track 30 km north of Brisbane Lakeside Road, Kurwongah

**PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice Friday March 19th  
Racing Saturday and Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Subject to confirmation

**EVENTS:** Subject to entries

**ENTRIES:** Download documents from [www.hrcc.org.au](http://www.hrcc.org.au)

**ACCOMMODATION:** T.B.A.



## **30TH SCCSA MALLALA ALL HISTORIC EASTER MEETING 2010**

### **ROUND TWO AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES**

**CIRCUIT:** 2.6 km clockwise track 55 km north of Adelaide SA

**PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice Friday April 2nd  
Racing Saturday & Sunday April 3rd & 4th

**EVENTS:** Subject to entries. Expect minimum four races in each category

**ENTRIES:** To obtain an entry please contact Event Secretary Ann Ozgo 0417 847 329 or download details from [www.sportingcarclubsa.org.au](http://www.sportingcarclubsa.org.au). Entries close 5<sup>th</sup> March

**ACCOMMODATION:** Most entrants including locals camp at the circuit, which will be available Friday, Saturday & Sunday at \$20 per car per night

**HOSPITALITY:** The Sporting Car Club of SA provide the best social event on our calendar with BBQ Saturday evening at the track, possibly proceeded with wine tasting, and a Sunday breakfast in the pits

### **2009 AFJA TROPHY SERIES – ROUND 5 RACE REPORT – WAKEFIELD PARK NSW - BY GEOFF FRY**

Eight members fronted up to practice on Friday, and Peter Strauss took out the 'Gardening Award' with 4 offs on Friday and 2 on Saturday.

Initial program saw us running in group 'M' with 'O' & 'V's with 27 starters, but this was changed to provide some group 'M' only events that gave us at least two extra races, and these events were designated for the AFJA Trophy Series points scoring.

It was a very exciting event for myself with the first run in my other Jolus No2 after 16 years of ownership, and a big thanks to everyone that helped me get it there. I had clutch problems on Friday, and no 2<sup>nd</sup> gear on Saturday.

In the first combined event the Juniors finished Don Thallon, Kim Shearn, Peter Strauss, Noel Bryen, Mike Gosbell DNF and I went around the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Event 11 group 'M' was our event. Order for AFJA was Don Thallon, Kim Shearn, Ed Holly, Bill Hemming, Graham Brown then myself dragging up the rear. The rest had problems.

Event 19 Sunday was a combined event, with the finishing order of Don Thallon, Peter Strauss, Kim Shearn, Ed Holly, Graham Brown, Bill Hemming, and overall Don, Peter, Kim finished 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> respectively. Don's best lap time was 1.10.6.

Mike Gosbell had clutch/gearbox or maybe crank problems, however the little Cooper certainly looked great. Lets hope it's all going well before New Zealand.

I left for home before the last event for group 'M's, and Jan Tuckey reported the finishing order was Don Thallon, Kim Shearn, Peter Strauss, Graham Brown & Bill Hemming.





*Graham Brown in his Brabham BT2 No2 closely followed by Peter Boel in the Lola 5a No5 with a BT21 close behind at the recent Sandown meeting. Photo courtesy of Neil Hammond*

### **AFJA TROPHY SERIES – ROUND 6 RACE REPORT – SANDOWN PARK VIC.**

The final Trophy Series event for 2009 was held at Sandown Park, 25 km SE of Melbourne on a dry, hot weekend with temperatures around 33 Deg. and a slight SW breeze to help cool cars and drivers. The track is 3.1Km anti-clockwise, and is possibly better suited to cars with grunt than road holding.

Being the last event of the AFJA Trophy Series for 2009, there was a lot at stake for the two leading drivers especially Peter Strauss who had the highest point score prior to the event, but then it all went wrong when his ignition coil failed on the dummy grid, allowing Don Thallon to gain the extra points needed to clinch the annual trophy.

The MRC Lotus driven by Don was performing better than on previous occasions with a new suspension set-up, and set a blistering FJ lap record of 1-27.1867 and clearly deserved to win both designated races during the weekend. Peter Boel jammed the gearshift on his Lola 5a in the first race, and spun entering the straight in the second, but otherwise seemed to enjoy the event.

Graham Brown had one of those weekends when he changed the gear ratios on the Brabham between race one and two, but subsequently lost 4 sec. a lap for his trouble. On the other hand, Norm Falkner is obviously coming to grips with the Stanguillini, and improved his lap times by over 4 sec during the weekend.

Kim Shearn's Lotus 18 was by far the fastest early FJ1 Junior over the weekend, and was well in front of Roger Ealand's 18 with its new mustard livery. The saddest story from the weekend would have to be that of Allan Conway from Qld. who drove nearly 2000 km's to find he had a mechanical problem during practice on Friday that could not be fixed in time for racing, and subsequently drove the 2000 odd Km's home, better luck next time Allan.



*Peter Strauss driving his Brabham BT6 leads Don Thallon into the corner at Sandown. Photo courtesy of Neil Hammond*

## TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

AFJA member Ean McDowell from Vic. purchased an unusual Formula Junior from the USA last year, namely a 1959 rear engine Moretti originally owned by Aquilino Branca, and raced by him in that year at Monaco. The car is obviously Fiat based, and will look great in the garage next to his other Italian Stanguellini.. Ean has contracted out the professional restoration of this car, and we look forward to seeing it in the flesh.

Graham Brown recently fitted a new muffler to his BT2 Brabham, and it is one of the quietest cars now on the track, so much so that Graham might now have problems hearing his engine even with his aids volume turned up.

Norm Falkiner received a lot of attention regarding the presentation of his Stanguellini at Sandown recently, the broadcast commentators made many complementary remarks about the presentation of this car, and Norm states that he has been asked to display it at the forthcoming AGP.

Roger Ealand from Qld. raced his front engine Gemini at Goodwood in 2009, and whilst he represented Australia, and was supported on the day by many visiting countrymen, the locals still refer to his English heritage, as we do in Aus. in jest.

## OVERSEAS NEWS

In the latest FJHRA newsletter from England there is a report concerning post race scrutineering of front engine Juniors at Goodwood where various cars including one from the USA that was the subject of some interesting emails last year, were checked for oversize engines, limited slip differentials, and 5 speed gearbox's where there should be none.

In the same newsletter and subsequent email there is a report on the continued support for Formula Junior in the USA following on from the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebrations in 2008 that three Australian cars participated in, and it would appear that Duncan Rabagliati has been involved in the promotion of stand alone Formula Junior races in that country to the extent that 12 such events are planned in various States of the USA this year.

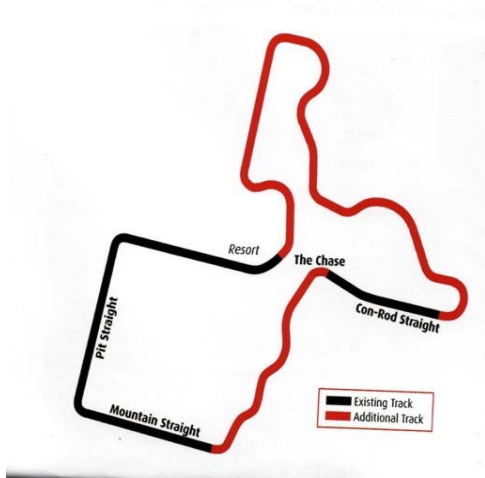
## 2010 NZ FESTIVAL OF MOTOR SPORT

The forthcoming historic racing events at the new Hampton Downs racing facilities, and Pukekohe circuit south of Auckland in late January are set to go with cars from around the globe descending on NZ, including several containers of cars from Australia comprising 16 of our best FJ/F3 cars ready to compete on this world stage. The list of Australian entrants are as follows –

Roger Ealand NSW - Gemini Mk2  
Norm Falkiner Vic. - Stanguellini  
Kim Shearn Vic. - Lotus 18  
Bill Hemming Vic. - Elfin  
Mike Gosbell NSW - Cooper T52  
Allan Conway Qld. - Gemini Mk 3  
Geoff Fry NSW - Jolus  
Peter Boel Qld. - Lola Mk5a  
Neil McCrudden WA - Lotus 20/22  
David Reid Qld. - Cooper T59  
Peter Strauss Vic. - Brabham BT6  
Mike Goodfellow Qld. - Talisman  
Don Thallon Qld. - MRC Lotus  
Colin McKee WA - McEntee  
Kevin Taylor WA - Brabham F3  
Jeff Brown Vic. - Brabham F3



*Cars being loaded into container in W.A. on route to N.Z.*



**MT. PANARAMA OBTAINS NEW CIRCUIT STUDY FUNDING**  
 “Article courtesy of Rod Harvey National Motor Museum Bathurst”

Almost simultaneously with Oran Park shutting its gates for the last time, the NSW government finally announced that \$250,000 had been allocated to fund a feasibility study into developing a second track at Mount Panorama. Treasurer and new Minister for State Development Eric Roozendaal approved the funding on November 18. "My priority is supporting jobs and investment in NSW and growing this state's \$360 billion economy", he said. "Motor racing is big business in Bathurst and this study will determine whether we can expand on that."

The idea of developing a second circuit at Mount Panorama has been around for many years, but in the past 18 months has come to the fore again with a design by former racer and local businessman Allan Cunynghame receiving plenty of exposure. The intention is to not only attract international class events such as world and national-level Superbike championship races, but to provide a venue for rider and driver training, vehicle launches and corporate functions. The result of the feasibility study will determine the extent of government funding for the project.



*The Gremlin reincarnated*

*Geoff Findlay from W.A. spent 3 years restoring the Gremlin Formula Junior and has recently track tested the finished article*



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Business Card advertising 4 issues \$50



### For Sale Brabham BT6 Ex Greg Cusack / Warwick Brown

Restored 1983 by current owner, rebuilt 2003 with little use since Excellent Aust. history. Current CAMS Log Book & C of D.  
Sale price \$130,000. All reasonable offers considered  
Contact Brian Pymble (02) 9440 0749



### 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



### For Sale: 1963 Elfin Catalina FJ6320 ex Noel Hurd

Recent full restoration using 1500cc Ford engine  
Current CAMS Log Book & Cert. of Description  
Inc. lightweight trailer, Many spares inc. wheels  
Reluctant Sale – Price \$72,500  
Contact John Burch phone W 02 97565886 H 02 97155150



### For Sale: 1963 Brabham BT6 FJ-15-63 ex Greg Cusack

Full Australian history, fully restored and maintained  
Fresh engine, Good tyres, useful spares package  
Current CAMS Log Book & Cert. of Description  
Contact Peter Johnson 02 95173751 or [peter37@bigpond.net.au](mailto:peter37@bigpond.net.au)



### For Sale – 1964 Penny Ford 1 litre Formula 3

Built and raced by David Coode in Europe, then Aust.  
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