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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The major difference between the NSW Labour Party and the AFJA is that all AFJA office holders were re-elected at the Phillip Island AGM - no Barry O'Farrell in the wings! I think this says something about the quality of the office bearers, but I am not sure!

Phillip Island, one of the world's best circuits - fun, sun and would you believe penguins and great F J/F3 racing - 17 of us in with M & O, so life is still not perfect, but we are getting there.

Statistics! Damn statistics - you can make the numbers say almost anything, but sometimes they are an arrow straight to the heart of the matter. I am thinking of Kelvin's statistics that tell us that under 25% of our cars actually competed last year. I doubt that any of us want our Association to wither through unenthusiastic owners of half finished projects, get-round-to-it's and gunna-do's. The fact is, it is not unrealistic to expect a 50% turnout and 50% in the pipeline. After all, they can do it in NZ!

Can you imagine how it would transform us if we had 51 competing cars! We would be a power to be reckoned with in our dealings with race organisers, we would have more fun and maintain car value.

Can anyone tell me why 75% of us don't use our cars? So our challenge is quite clear. We need cars in the hands of enthusiastic owners, back burner projects on the front burner and moth balled cars to be shown the light, and a 50/50 objective for the Association.

It is an exciting prospect. I know that Kelvin, myself and the state reps all acknowledge the challenge. In a couple of months time, four of us are off to Europe to race our little cars. One Van, and 4 Formula Juniors in a 40' container. Next newsletter I will send a note from Dijon or Silverstone to make you sick. This President departs for overseas, leaving the AFJA in safe and warm and capable hands.



Formula Juniors at the Phillip Island Classic L to R Roger Ealand(Koala Car 39), Kim Shearn driving his new Lotus 20/22 No. 20, and Murray Bryden on the inside in his Lotus 20B. Photo courtesy John Lemm.

EVENTS FOR 2011 AFJA TROPHY SERIES

- 1 March 18-20 Phillip Island Classic Vic.
- 2 April 20-26 Mallala speed week SA
- 3 May 28-29 Lakeside 50th Qld.
- 4 July 30-31 Morgan Park Qld.
- 5 August 13-14 Winton long track Vic.
- 6 September 24-25 Wakefield Park NSW.
- 7 November 26-27 Eastern Creek NSW



*LeoGeoghegan
FJ Trophy*



*Aussie Car
FJ Trophy*



*Nereo Dizane
F3 Trophy*

AFJA FJ/F3 TROPHY SERIES POINT SCORES FOR 2011

Driver	Car	Gro up	Rnd.1	Rnd.2	Rnd.3	Rnd.4	Rnd.5	Rnd.6	Rnd.7	Total
Don Thallon Qld	MRC	FJ2#	10+10							20
Jeff Brown Vic	BT28	F3	10+10							20
Vic LeGallais NSW	BT15	F3	8+8							16
Kim Shearn Vic	Lotus	FJ1	6+10							16
Peter Strauss Vic	BT6	FJ2	8+6							14
Tony Simmons NSW	BT6	FJ2	6+8							14
Murray Bryden Vic	Lotus	FJ1	10+1							11
Mike Gosbell NSW	T52	FJ1	3+8							11
Norm Falkiner Vic	Stang.	FJ1	4+6							10
Mac Hulbert Vic	Lotus	FJ1	8+0							8
Noel Bryen NSW	Rennmax	FJ2#	3+3							6
Roger Ealand NSW	Lotus/Koala	FJ1#	4+0							4
Jon. Williamson Qld	Lotus	FJ2	0+4							4
Graham Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	2+1							3
David Reid Qld	T59	FJ2	1+2							3
Max Lane NSW	Lola	FJ1	2+1							3

Denotes Australian built FJ car with points towards the Aussie Car 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.



**THIS
SPACE
IS
RESERVED
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MIKE
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Winners of Formula Junior groups at Phillip Island in Round 1. L to R are Don Thallon Group FJ2R, Mike Gosbell Group FJ1R and Norm Falkiner Group FJ1F with their VHRR winners trophy.

FJ/F3 RACE RESULTS 2011 PHILLIP ISLAND CLASSIC MARCH 18-20

NAME	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	CLASS	R1/ R2/R3/R4	TOTAL
FALKINER Norm	1959	Stanguellini	FJ	FJ1F	10 + 8 + 10 + 10	38
LANE Max	1960	Lola	MK2	FJ1F	8 + 10 + 1 + 8	27
GOSBELL Mike	1960	Cooper	T52	FJ1R	8 + 8 + 10 + 0	26
HULBERT Mac.	1960	Lotus	18	FJ1R	10 + 10 + 0 + 0	20
THALLON Don	1963	Lotus	MRC	FJ2R	10 + 10 + 10 + 10	40
STRAUSS Peter	1963	Brabham	BT6	FJ2R	8 + 8 + 6 + 0	22
SIMMONS Tony	1963	Brabham	BT6	FJ2R	6 + 6 + 8 + 0	20
SHEARN Kim	1961	Lotus	20/22	FJ2R	2 + 3 + 3 + 8	16
REID David	1962	Cooper	T59	FJ2R	1 + 1 + 1 + 6	9
WILLIAMSON Jon	1962	Lotus	22	FJ2R	1 + 2 + 4 + 0	7
BRYDEN Murray	1961	Lotus	20B	FJ2R	4 + 1 + 1 + 1	7
BRYEN Noel	1963	Rennmax	BN1	FJ2R	1 + 4 + 2 + 0	7
BROWN Graham	1962	Brabham	BT2	FJ2R	1 + 1 + 1 + 1	4
EALAND Roger	1963	Koala	FJ	FJ2R	3 + 0 + 0 + 0	3
BROWN Jeff	1969	Brabham	BT28	F3	10 + 8 + 10 + 10	38
LeGALLAIS Victoria	1965	Brabham	BT15	F3	8 + 10 + 8 + 8	34

2011 AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES – ROUND 1 RACE REPORT – PHILLIP ISLAND VIC.

The Phillip Island Classic held March 18-20 involved some 500 odd cars from around the world including 16 FJ/ F3 cars from the east coast of Australia who were involved in a sizable mixed grid of 1960's open wheel and sports cars on this magical world renowned 4.55 km anti clockwise circuit 128 km SE of Melbourne where the weather was basically dry and 25 deg. of sunshine.

The event involving 3 days, comprised private practice and qualifying on Friday, with racing on both Saturday and Sunday involving a total of 4 races. Kim Shearn had unpacked his new Lotus 20/22 from the USA a couple of weeks earlier, and was making major adjustments to suit his driving style during the weekend, whilst David Reid and Max Lane were both experiencing sticky throttle problems, possibly due to the long straights.

Friday lunch was held at the Visitors Centre where members and guests were involved in the annual General Meeting of the association, otherwise, most seemed to iron out their car problems for 2011, well not quite, Max Lane slid off the track in a spectacular way on entering the main straight in race 1 and in front of a huge crowd of spectators, oops!

Don Thallon, Peter Strauss and Tony Simmons in his recently acquired Brabham were the class act with less than half a sec between them, President Roger experienced some engine problems, possibly premature valve bounce, and put the car away. Noel Bryen found a loose distributor on the Rennmax, and Jonathan Williamson experienced a small problem in race 1, but made up for it in the next when he moved from last to 6th position in race 2.

Sunday's events were adversely affected by oil on the track, and a brief early shower that made things a little slippery. The beginning of race 3 saw a few cars slide off the track at southern loop, but Mac Hulbert driving Phil Segat's Lotus never left the line due to gearbox failure. Race 4 had to be restarted after the Gurney Eagle's F1 engine exploded on the starting grid, but otherwise it was an enjoyable and exciting long weekend.

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30TH SCCSA MALLALA ALL HISTORIC EASTER MEETING 2011

ROUND TWO AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES

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

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday April 22nd
Racing Saturday & Sunday April 23rd & 24th

EVENTS: 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. Entries close 25th March

ACCOMMODATION: Most entrants including locals camp at the circuit, which will be available Friday and Saturday at \$20 per car per night or arrange other accommodation with your entry.

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

LAKESIDE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT QLD. 2011

ROUND THREE AFJA TROPHY SERIES

CIRCUIT: 2.41 km clockwise track 30k north of Brisbane

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday 27th May
Racing Saturday and Sunday May 28th and 29th

EVENTS: To be determined by negotiation with AFJA prior to event

ENTRIES: The AFJA are negotiating the purchase of track time and will advise on how to enter by email early April to those who have previously agreed to enter their car.

HRCC QLD. MORGAN PARK AT WARWICK 2011

ROUND FOUR AFJA TROPHY SERIES

CIRCUIT: New 3 km clockwise track 160 km south west of Brisbane (see www.morganparkraceway.com.au)

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice \$70 Friday 29th July
Racing Saturday and Sunday \$310 July 30th and 31st

EVENTS FJ/F3 only races available subject to minimum 12 starters

ENTRIES: All documents including Sup. Regs. available 1st May at www.hrcc.org.au or contact Race Secretary Barry Nixon-Smith on 0408 723 854 or John Tupicoff on 0408 197 344

ACCOMMODATION: See Warwick yellow pages. **NOTE:** Camping is available at the circuit

AFJA PROMOTIONAL BOOKLET

The Committee recently decided to print an updated version of our 32 page A4 colour booklet that now contains photos together with detail on 78 cars on our register, this document was originally designed to impress Australian event promoters, and CAMS administration within Australia, and should do likewise for AFJA members.

The Committee also decided to supply a copy of this publication to every financial member of the Association free of charge, so if any member would like to take advantage of this attractive offer, all you need to do is ensure you have paid your annual \$30 subscription for 2011, as many have not, possibly due to a problem we experienced with Australia Post not delivering every issue of Pitstop last December.



Don Thallon driving his race winning Lotus MRC at Phillip Island. Photo courtesy John Lemm

TECHNICAL REPORT – CONTROL TYRES

Each year we renegotiate the price for our control tyres with the importer of Dunlop racing tyres, and I am pleased to announce that this years prices are 15 to 18% lower than last year due to the strength of our current currency on the international scene.

When you place your order with the local Dunlop racing tyre dealer in your state, you will be required to advise that they are for your Formula Junior, and they will then abide by the set price, namely

- 4.50 L13 CR65 204 \$290 ea
- 5.50 L13 CR65 204 \$310 ea 13" set \$1200
- 4.50 L15 CR48 204 \$345 ea
- 5.00 L15 CR65 204 \$355 ea 15" set \$1400

Please advise if you experience any problems in this matter.

Max Lane driving his attractive Lola MK2 at Phillip Island. Photo courtesy John Lemm





Peter Strauss driving his Brabham BT6 Formula Junior at Phillip Island

Photo courtesy John Lemm

TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Spoke with AFJA member Geoff Graham recently, and he advised of his recent occupational change whereby he has sold the business that consumed so much of his time, and he now looks forward to completing the restoration of his Lotus 20 that we have not seen racing for many years. Welcome back Geoff.

Another new car to hit our shores is the Lotus 20/22 originally purchased by Briggs Cunningham in the USA, and recently imported to Australia by Kim Shearn of Lotus 18 fame, and whilst on the subject, Roger Ealand has purchased the ex Stewart Rennmax BN1-2 which should be another car for our ever expanding grids.

Members will be pleased to note that AFJA member Jonathan Williamson has moved to (settled) in Queensland, and just above the flood levee I am told. I think this is his fourth interstate move in the past 8 years due to work and we wish him well in this new location.

It didn't take long for Simon Pymble to regain his competence in the families BT6 Brabham after a spell from racing, and now that the car is back to current Formula Junior spec's, as it now appears that he holds the lap record at both NSW circuits for Formula Junior, well done Simon.

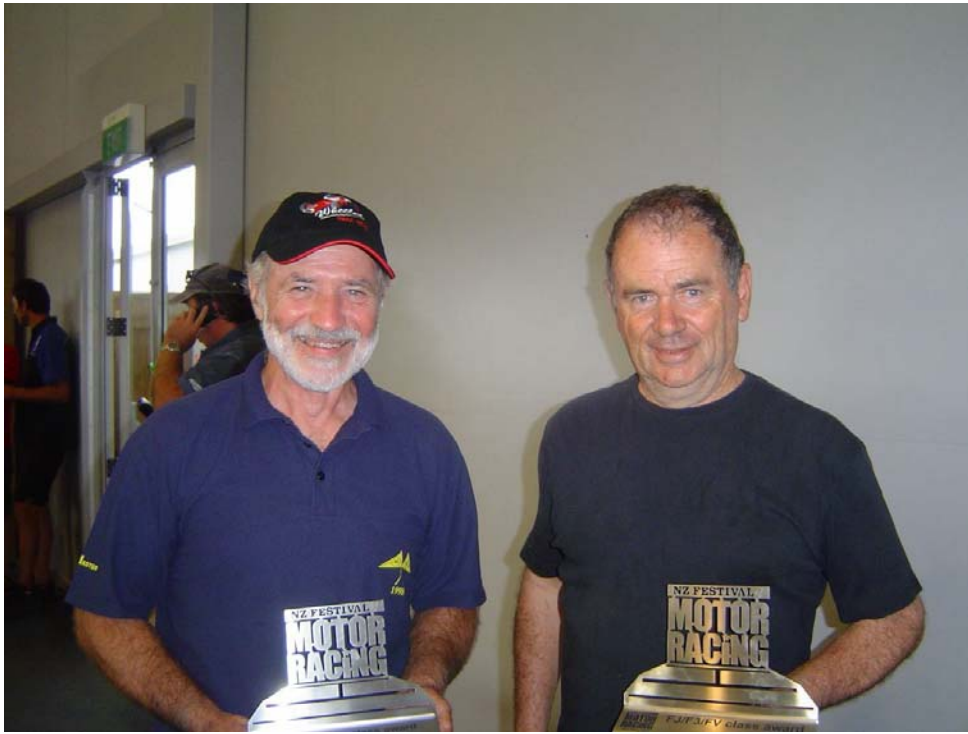
Current AFJA Trophy Series winner Peter Strauss has been receiving some undeserving flack from his crew regarding the cars new number displayed at Phillip Island recently. The AFJA rules provide for the annual winner to use No1 on his car in the following year, and rightly so.

A very important car has regrettably been offered for sale, and whilst this is a sad occasion for the Neal family following the recent death of Dennis, this car would make most people proud to own. For the record, this is the car that Kevin Bartlett first raced in open wheel competition, and it is one of the best restoration projects accomplished in this country.



Victoria LeGallais driving the Brabham F3 at Phillip Island.

Photo courtesy John Lemm



**CHRIS AMON FESTIVAL IN
NZ JANUARY 2011 – Report
from Neil McCrudden**

The attached photos of the two Australians who won trophies at the Chris Amon Festival in NZ are Peter Boel who won the Tasman Classes in his Lotus 41 and I won the Formula Junior / F3 and FV classes. As expected, the trophies don't go to the first car past the post, the promoters determine who are the most appropriate recipients,

Peter's Lotus was rammed from behind after the red flag was displayed for some time on Friday and took out the right rear corner. With the help of the locals he repaired the car and it was back on the track the next morning. Peter was also the fastest F2 non-winged car in the field and drove extremely well over the weekend.

I don't know how I managed to score a trophy when Kevin Taylor won all 4 events and I managed four 3rd places, but that's Motorsport. From Australia we had four formula juniors/F3 cars competing. Alan Conway from Queensland in the Gemini, Kevin Taylor in the Brabham BT21, Bruce Edgar in the Elfin and myself from the west in the Lotus 20/22 representing Australia.

VALE – HAYDN MILLS

It is with regret that we were informed of the recent passing of AFJA member Haydn Mills who had not been well for some time AFJA Secretary Kelvin and Lou Russo attended his funeral on behalf of the members of AFJA to wish him a final goodbye on his final lap.

Haydn had a long association with motorsport where his engineering occupation obviously assisted his desire to participate. His recent objectives to restore the Lola Formula Juniors he acquired will now pass to his family, and the AFJA have pledged to assist where we are able.



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AFJA Polo Shirt including postage \$30

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FOR SALE 1961 LOTUS 20J959

Car originally owned by Lionel Ayers from Qld

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FOR SALE 1961 LYNX FORMULA JUNIOR FJ108

Extensive racing history, ex Powell/Wherrett/Sulman car

Ford Anglia engine, Renault Transmission, Drum brakes.

Car recently restored. Current CAMS log book & C of D
Sale Price \$55,000

Full details Howard Tucker 0409 669 929



FOR SALE 1961 GARD BMC FORMULA JUNIOR

Car designed / built by Jamie Gard in WA for 1962 AGP

1100cc BMC engine, VW g/box, Drum brakes

Restoration 90% completed in SA

Sale Price \$25,000 Full details - contact Peter Bail (08) 8362 5554



FOR SALE 1962 T59 COOPER FJ-40-62

Ex Midland Racing Partnership Team car

BMC engine, 5 speed ERSA box, disc brakes

Excell. cond. FIA papers, spares incl. wheels etc.

Sale Price \$115,000 o.n.o.

Contact Glen Stewart-Richardson H. 08 9307 5609



FOR SALE 1961 LYNX FORMULA JUNIOR FJ 107

Ex Bartlett, Lynx works car, fantastic history

Top BMC engine, Gordini trans., drum brakes

CAMS Log book, C of D, many spares and trailer

Sale Price \$70,000

Full details contact Herb Neal 02 4573 2424



FOR SALE 1963 RENNMAX BN1-1 EX MAX STEWART

1100 cc Ford engine, disc brakes, VW trans.

Little use since 60's, recent total restoration




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