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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have always wanted to start a report with these words, so I will...by the time you read this I will be in Portugal. As you probably know, four local FJ Drivers will be racing their cars in Europe for the next four months. Bill Hemming-Elfin, Kim Shearn-Lotus, Tony Simmons-Brabham and myself in the Koala. We will be competing in three FJ Series; The UK, European, and Italian Championships, with about eleven races plus Goodwood, Porto and The Algarve as special extras. What a fabulous trip that is!

This does highlight the major advantage of Formula Junior, namely a very strong international following, easy to move about, (we got four in a container plus my Van) and invitations to special events like Goodwood, and the Silverstone Classic, plus many more. It is also worth noting that we are joining fields in Europe where the grid numbers are increasing and the average age of driver is reducing, EG, a maximum field of 54 cars at Silverstone with 15 reserves and 11 reserve reserves.

Enough of the European stuff. Next you will think I'm a Pom! Here in Australia we currently have 106 FJ/F3 cars on our register. We have a vibrant, energetic feel that is definitely moving forward and growing.



The experiment of buying the race at Lakeside proved to be a great success. We had free Friday practice, 5 races, sunshine, great company and free carpools. Couldn't be better and all for only \$230 each. I have to say thanks to Don and Jeanette Thallon who hosted 30 odd for a sit down roast rump dinner on the Saturday night. What a spectacular effort. We all sat around at the end and talked about the early days of Lakeside. Great evening enjoyed by all..

Have you noted who is leading our Championship? You are a great asset Victoria. My feeling is we are almost ready to invite your partner Peter to buy a Formula Junior and join us. Good luck with the ship whilst I am away - it will probably rise on the waterline!

Competitors cars under roof at Lakeside, Queensland where members enjoyed each others Company at the recent AFJA Series event. Photo – Colleen Conway

EVENTS FOR 2011 AFJA TROPHY SERIES

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



*Leo Geoghegan
FJ Trophy*



*Aussie Car
FJ Trophy*



*Nereo Dizane
F3 Trophy*

AFJA FJ/F3 TROPHY SERIES POINT SCORES FOR 2011

Driver	State	Year	Make	Model	Class	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Total
LeGALLAIS Victoria	NSW	1965	Brabham	BT15	F3	34	30	37					101
THALLON Don	QLD	1963	Lotus	MRC	FJ2R#	40	-	50					90
BROWN Jeff	VIC	1969	Brabham	BT28	F3	38	-	46					84
GOSBELL Mike	NSW	1960	Cooper	T52	FJ1R	26	-	40					66
FALKINER Norm	VIC	1959	Stanguellini	FJ	FJ1F	38	20	-					58
EALAND Roger	NSW	1960 1963	Lotus Koala	18 FJ	FJ1R FJ2R#	- 3	- -	50 -					53
STRAUSS Peter	VIC	1963	Brabham	BT6	FJ2R	22	30						52
REID David	QLD	1962	Cooper	T59	FJ2R	9	-	30					39
CRAIG Greg	QLD	1960	Gemini	MK3	FJ1R	-	-	30					30
LANE Max	NSW	1960	Lola	MK2	FJ1F	27	-	-					(27)
NICHOLLS Robbie	SA	1960	Lola	MK2	FJ1F	-	26	-					(26)
BOEL Peter	QLD	1963	Lola	MK5a	FJ2R	-	-	21					21
HULBERT Mac	VIC	1960	Lotus	18	FJ1R	20	-	-					(20)
SIMMONS Tony	NSW	1963	Brabham	BT6	FJ2R	20	-	-					20
BROWN Graham	QLD	1962	Brabham	BT2	FJ2R	4	-	14					18
TELFER Alan	QLD	1961	Lotus	20B	FJ2R	-	-	17					17
SHEARN Kim	VIC	1960 1961	Lotus Lotus	18 20/22	FJ1R FJ2R	- 16	0 -	- -					16
BUCKLEY Robert	QLD	1963	Golford	Spl.	FJ2R#	-	-	12					12
HOCKING Wayne	SA	1964	TAD	Spl.	FJ1R#	-	11	-					(11)
BRYDEN Murray	VIC	1961	Lotus	20B	FJ2R	7	1	-					8
WILIAMSON Jon	QLD	1962	Lotus	22	FJ2R	7	-	-					7
BRYEN Noel	NSW	1963	Rennmax	BN1	FJ2R#	7	-	0					7

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 for cars still subject to the provision of a suitable CAMS C of D to the secretary for required approval.

2011 AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES

The AFJA Committee have decided to amend the scoring method for our annual trophies, and adopt the FIA procedures whereby drivers can gain points in every scratch race at each nominated event, and cars are now divided into 4 different classes, namely, FJ1F front engine, FJ1R rear engine drum brake, FJ2R rear engine disc brake, and F3 - 1 litre cars.

The score sheet above illustrates the benefits of the new system which is designed to encourage members to cross State borders, and achieve their maximum results. It also helps event promoters who understandably prefer entrants to contest all races at each event, and it rewards those members who are reliably consistent, not just unreliably fast.

The AFJA was formed to promote the interests of Formula Junior owners, and subsequent AFJA management committees have resolved to encourage owners to use their car in events promoted by the Association. Unfortunately, there are many cars sitting in sheds gaining rust, whilst those who do exercise their car are relegated to incompatible grids due to lack of numbers. We need to change.

**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



Current F3 Trophy Series leader Victoria Legallais from NSW driving her Brabham F3 at Mallala SA during Easter.

Photo courtesy of John Lemm

**VHRR WINTON FESTIVAL OF SPEED VIC. 2011
ROUND FIVE AFJA TROPHY SERIES**

CIRCUIT: 3 km clockwise long track 200 km north of Melbourne

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday 12th August
Racing Saturday and Sunday 13th and 14th August

EVENTS Subject to number of entries

ENTRIES: Download details from www.vhrr.com or contact event secretary Bob Morrow 03 9439 7665
Entries close 8th July

ACCOMMODATION: Most entrants find suitable locations at Benalla and Wangaratta.
Camping is available at circuit, contact Winton Raceway for details

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FJ/F3 RACE RESULTS 30TH ALL HISTORIC MALLALA EASTER MEETING 23-24 APRIL 2011

NAME	STATE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	CLASS	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL
NICHOLLS Robbie	SA	1960	Lola	MK2	FJ1F	10	8	8	26
FALKINER Norm	VIC	1959	Stanguellini	FJ	FJ1F	0	10	10	20
HOCKING Wayne	SA	1964	Tad	Special	FJ1R	10	1	0	11
SHEARN Kim	VIC	1960	Lotus	18	FJ1R	0	0	0	0
STRAUSS Peter	VIC	1963	Brabham	BT6	FJ2R	10	10	10	30
BRYDEN Murray	VIC	1961	Lotus	20B	FJ2R	1	0	0	1
LEGALLAIS Victoria	NSW	1965	Brabham	BT15	F3	10	10	10	30



*Norm Falkiner from Victoria seen here driving his Stanguellini FJ at Mallala SA during the er Trophy Series event.
Photo courtesy of John Lemm*

CAR SHIPMENT PROBLEM

The AFJA Committee recently addressed a report by Stewart Garney regarding recent problems experienced in shipping cars to and from New Zealand, it appears that the Carnet system of controlling the importation of cars into Australia, does not take into account that our unregistrable racing cars are sporting goods being used by Australians in another country, and we should not have to pay import duties for their return to this country.

The committee have submitted to the CAMS Historic Commission a copy of Stewarts report together with a request that CAMS Board address the problem, and direct the administration to negotiate a better system with the responsible Government Department.

TECHNICAL REPORT – CONTROL TYRES

In the previous issue of Pitstop we were pleased to announce a very attractive deal from the supplier of our Dunlop control tyres, unfortunately, the manufacturer in the UK had a problem with supply which has now been fixed, and we are informed that supplies will be available in Australia early July.

In the meantime, we have a list of used 13” tyres available around the nation for anyone in trouble, but we also recommend that owners place a back order with their state supplier, to ensure your car will be first off the rank, (or is that grid) when they arrive.

FJ/F3 RACE RESULTS LAKESIDE 50TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL 28-29 MAY 2011

NAME	STATE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	CLASS	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOTAL
EALAND Roger	NSW	1960	Lotus	18	FJ1R	10	10	10	10	10	50
GOSBELL Mike	NSW	1960	Cooper	T52	FJ1R	8	8	8	8	8	40
CRAIG Greg	QLD	1960	Gemini	MK3A	FJ1R	6	6	6	6	6	30
THALLON Don	QLD	1963	MRC	22	FJ2R	10	10	10	10	10	50
REID David	QLD	1962	Cooper	T59	FJ2R	8	8	0	6	8	30
BUCKLEY Robert	QLD	1963	Golford	Special	FJ2R	6	6	0	0	0	12
TELFER Alan	QLD	1961	Lotus	20B	FJ2R	4	3	0	4	6	17
BOEL Peter	QLD	1963	Lola	MK5A	FJ2R	3	0	6	8	4	21
BROWN Graham	QLD	1962	Brabham	BT2	FJ2R	2	4	8	0	0	14
BRYEN Noel	NSW	1963	Rennmax	BN1	FJ2R	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEGALLAIS Victoria	NSW	1965	Brabham	BT15	F3	10	8	1	8	10	37
BROWN Jeff	VIC	1969	Brabham	BT28	F3	8	10	10	10	8	46



Mike Gosbell (Cooper) leads David Reid's T59 Cooper, followed by Greg Craig in Allan Conway's Gemini and Victoria Legallais in the Brabham F3 at Lakeside Qld. Photo Colleen Conway

LAKESIDE FESTIVAL OF FORMULA CARS – Report by Peter Boel

Lakeside Raceway is this year celebrating the 50th anniversary of its opening in the early sixties. To commemorate this momentous occasion, the track owners are holding four special meetings featuring the racecars of that period. As a Brisbane boy I have happy memories of those early days so was keen to enter the first such meeting in April for the 'Originals' (only pre 1969 cars) in my Flintstone Lotus. The second such meeting just held in May featured Formula cars. The AFJA entered a twenty-one car group of FJ's, historic FF's and other assorted period open wheelers with results at the meeting carrying points to our Trophy Series points score. The program consisted of qualifying and 2 races on the Saturday and 3 races on Sunday, excellent value for the entry fee.

A couple of FF's took out the fastest times in qualifying closely followed by the FJ's of Roger Ealand (Lotus 18), Graham Brown (Brabham BT2) and Peter Boel (Lola Mk5A). Uncharacteristically giving us a sporting start, Don Thallon (MRC 22) was a little further back with David Reid (Cooper T59) whose car was promising some better reliability to previous outings. Robert Buckley was showing good pace further back in the Golford just ahead of Greg Craig guest driving the Gemini Mk3A of Allan Conway. Mike Gosbell (Cooper T52) and Alan Telfer (Lotus 20B) completed the Formula Junior field. Victoria LeGallais (Brabham BT15) was well up the field with 5th fastest time in Peter Barclay's F3 and Jeff Brown (Brabham BT28) was the other F3 car in the field a little further back.

President Roger crossed the finish line the first of the FJ's in Race 1 but obviously he hadn't come to grips with the rolling starts employed at Lakeside as he was awarded a 30 second penalty for a false start dropping him to fourth in the FJ/F3 list. Peter Boel was in close pursuit of Roger towards the end of the race when the clevis pin holding the rear suspension together broke spinning him off at Hungry. This left Don Thallon to take the spoils in a close battle with David Reid and Victoria LeGallias. Jeff Brown and Mike Gosbell finished a little further back ahead of Greg Craig, Robert Buckley and Alan Telfer with Graham Brown a non-finisher. Cont.....

This more or less settled the pattern for the remaining races with Don leading Roger home in close company and the rest having their own little battles further back. Robert Buckley had a moment's excitement breaking a wheel axle at high speed in Race 2 bringing the race to an early conclusion.

Peter Boel returned to the fray for Race 3 on Sunday with a repaired car starting from the back of the field while David Reid and Alan Telfer were similarly banished to the back of the grid due to committing some minor misdemeanours ruining their chance of glory. Graham Brown had car problems in Race 4 bringing his day to an early finish.

Despite some Formula Fords finishing ahead of him in the races Don Thallon's consistency had him taking the spoils at the trophy presentation as the best performer in our group.

Although not long, Lakeside's undulating circuit is fast and challenging and most satisfying when you get it right. The meeting was notable for its relaxed and friendly atmosphere in glorious weather and enjoyed by all. A further 50th anniversary event will be held for sports cars on 22 – 24 July and for touring cars on 12 – 24 August. The circuit management has also promised to run similar events in future years so if you have the opportunity come and join us – you won't regret it.



Close racing at Lakeside where Peter Boel driving his Lola MK5A leads Victoria Legallais (Brabham F3) and David Reid (Cooper T59) during Round 3 of Trophy Series event.

Photo-Colleen Conway

TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Spoke recently with Todd Miller in the Western district of Victoria where he runs the family crop dusting business, and is considered a high flyer in aviation terms. Todd is also involved in historic racing, and owns the ex Tom Edgar Elfin Catalina that has been in the family since 1980, and we hope to encourage Todd to become involved in our activities.

Whilst talking about new cars, I was contacted by Graham Dell from NSW regarding an important F3 car he had recently purchased from someone in WA. The car is a Brabham BT15 that has not been used for some time; it was originally raced by Jim Sullivan overseas, and was subsequently converted to FF specs and maybe will reappear in its original F3 spec's we hope.

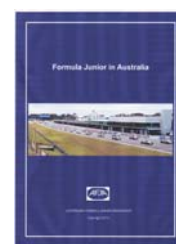
Another car recently changed hands when Ron Woodbridge from Qld. purchased the ex Warren Small Rennmax BN1 from AFJA member Brian King in northern NSW, this is the car previously restored and raced by Rob Hands in Vic. during the 1990's, and we look forward to seeing this car back on the track.

AFJA Qld. Representative, Allan Conway has had some recent health issues, and we wish him well for the future, especially if he can stay out of that Qld. Sunshine. It is interesting to note that his "works driver" Greg Craig gained some 30 points in our Annual Trophy Series at Lakeside recently. Well done Greg.

AFJA PROMOTIONAL BOOKLET

The 32 page A4 colour booklet illustrating most of the cars on our register was distributed to all financial members with the last issue of Pitstop. The committee subsequently decided to forward copies to non-financial members whose cars were illustrated in the booklet on a buy or return basis, but unfortunately only 3 of the 17 recipients have so far responded.

The AFJA did receive considerable accolades from many recipients of the booklet, together with the accompanying "come join us" flyer, and when we are in a position to determine how many spare copies remain, we will be in a position to sell further copies to those who have requested more.



DON & JEANETTE THALLON'S SOIRÉE – By Colleen Conway

On the Saturday evening of the Lakeside 50th anniversary meeting, Don and Jeanette Thallon invited the entire FJ and F3 group, plus some invited guests, to their residence for a social gathering. The evening was a huge success with all in attendance making very favourable comments at the track on Sunday morning.

Don had planned a way of getting all involved in the conversation by asking everybody present to reminisce about their favourite Lakeside memory:



David Reid had memories of being in ‘short pants’ and going with his father and Bill Pitt to a dairy farm, with a dirt track laid out on it. There they met Sid Sakzewski to give him some advice on the correct layout for a race track. After driving the ‘circuit’ in Sid’s Plymouth Belvedere, David’s father, Bill and the children (David, his brother Ian and Jeff Sakzewski) had morning tea whilst Sid went on the bulldozer to make the necessary adjustments to ‘Hungry’ corner – a corner of which Bill Pitt did not approve. After some minor road works, a second tour of the dirt track was taken and satisfaction expressed with what was to become Lakeside International Raceway!

This story brought forward Noel Tuckey to tell of a phone call he received from Sydney, whilst a cadet journalist (majoring in Motor Sport no doubt!) and advice that he should go out to Petrie where some dairy farmer had this crazy notion to build an international race track. He too, met Sid Sakzewski before the track had been laid out!

Next we heard from President Roger Ealand who regaled us with a story of racing an MG TC at one of the very early race meetings. What a wonderful spirit of friendship and camaraderie there was between those early participants, even to Roger, “a newly arrived, lily white Englishman”. When his car failed, an “unknown very nice man” climbed under the car in the dirt and grease and made the necessary repairs. Noel Tuckey stood and claimed to be the “unknown very nice man”! After some discussion between them, it was agreed that indeed Noel was the person who had fixed Roger’s MG TC all those years ago, and Roger never knew until that night who it was that had helped him!

The stories went on (Colleen Conway had her very first meat pie, as a new arrival from India, at Lakeside) and all too soon it was time to go – racing again on Sunday morning. This was an evening that will be remembered by all who attended and certainly cemented the idea that the AFJA as a group should attempt to hold similar social gatherings at all of the rounds of the National Championship.

Sincere thanks must go to Don and Jeanette for hosting and organising this most charming and successful evening.



Noel and Robyn Brtyen from NSW enjoying “Don’s Party” more than the mechanical problems experienced by the Rennmax during the weeking



David Reid (left seen here with Don’s racing mechanic Paul Neilson enjoying themselves at Don’s Party



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