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There was an excellent response from members wishing to commit their car for competition in the 2008 Junior Tasman Series early next year. To date there are 36 cars comprising 8 Lotus, 5 Lynx, 4 Brabham, 4 Elfin, 3 Cooper, 2 Nota, also a Gemini, Lola, Gremlin, McEntee, Donford, Jolus, Piranha, Rennmax, Stanguellini and Wren registered to participate, and of these, there are some 30 car owners who would like to contest the NZ events if we can contain the costs.

We are also advised there are 11 Kiwi cars being shipped to Australia from NZ, and shipping containers being arranged in the UK and USA to bring cars from those countries to make this series the largest gathering of Formula Junior cars ever witnessed in the southern hemisphere.

The last three issues of "Pitstop" have advised members of a decision taken last year, whereby each car contesting the AFJA Trophy Series should be certified as complying with the original Formula Junior specifications, and it was agreed that members should forward a copy of their cars Certificate of Description issued by CAMS, or an application for same, to the Secretary for approval, but unfortunately, there has been a poor response to this request, and consequently may prove to be a future embarrassment to the Association.

All financial AFJA members would have received 2 complementary AFJA car stickers with their last issue of "Pitstop", so please advise if you missed out, furthermore, we currently have considerable stock of AFJA merchandise which members might care to acquire prior to the Tasman Series to be in fashion. Whilst on member services, if you do not have a permanent racing number allocated for your car, please contact Secretary Kelvin to arrange one of your choice.

Wakefield Park near Goulburn NSW is the venue for the final round of the AFJA Trophy Series in late November, where besides being an excellent track most suited to Formula Junior, it is also the last opportunity for owners to ensure and prove their car is ready for the 2008 Tasman Series, and as a result, we look forward to the possibility of larger than usual FJ/F3 only grids.

KELVIN C. PRIOR
SECRETARY/TREASURER AFJA



Kevin Bartlett sitting on the Dick Willis Lynx No 36 admiring the Lynx BMC Formula Junior No 12 that he raced as a works driver for Lynx Engineering in the early 60's.

The car is currently owned and raced by Dennis Neal from NSW

Photo courtesy of Dick Willis

HRCC QLD. – MORGAN PARK AT WARWICK 2007

ROUND FIVE AFJA AUSTRALIAN TROPHY SERIES

CIRCUIT: 2.11 km clockwise track 160 km south west of Brisbane

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday 10th August
Racing Saturday & Sunday August 11th & 12th

EVENTS: TBA with supplementary regulations to each entrant

ENTRIES: All documents including Sup. Regs. Available at www.hrcc.org.au or contact or contact Alan Don
0448 946 637

ACCOMMODATION: See Warwick yellow pages



*David Reid in his T59
Cooper FJ No 16 leading
Peter Boel driving his Lola
Mk 5A No 5 at Morgan Park
QLD.*

*Photo courtesy of Darin
Mandy at Digital Realism*

HSRCA NSW – EASTERN CREEK 2007

ROUND SIX AFJA AUSTRALIAN TROPHY SERIES

CIRCUIT: 3.93 km anti clockwise track west of Sydney

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday 14th September
Racing Saturday & Sunday September 15th & 16th

EVENTS: Subject to number of entries

ENTRIES: Documents available from Secretary H. (02) 9913 3662, or download from www.hsrca.org.au

ACCOMMODATION: Ample available in Parramatta area only 20 km from the circuit

EVENTS FOR 2007 TROPHY SERIES

1	March 10 - 11	Phillip Island Vic.
2	April 7 - 9	Mallala Historic SA
3	May 12 - 13	Morgan Park Qld
4	June 2 - 3	Oran Park NSW
5	Aug. 11 - 12	Morgan Park Qld.
6	Sept. 15 - 16	Eastern Creek NSW
7	Nov. 24 - 25	Wakefield NSW



*Leo Geoghegan
FJ Trophy*



*Aon Aussie
FJ Trophy*



*Nereo Dizane
F3 Trophy*

AFJA AND AON TROPHY SERIES CURRENT SCORES FOR 2007

Driver	Car	Group	Phillip Island	Mallala	Morgan Park	Oran Park	Total
Jonathan Williamson WA	Lotus	FJ2	6 + 6	10 + 10	-	10 + 10	52
Don Thallon Qld	Cooper	FJ1	-	-	10 + 10	10 + 10	40
Peter Strauss Vic	BT6	FJ2	8 + 8	8 + 8	-	-	32
David Reid (Qld)	Cooper	FJ2	1 + 4	6 + 6	10 + 0	-	27
Mike Gosbell NSW	Donford	FJ2#	3 + 3	-	8 + 8	-	22
Murray Bryden Vic	MRC	FJ2#	10 + 10	-	-	-	20
Roger Ealand NSW	Lotus	FJ1	10 + 10	-	-	-	(20)
Geoff Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	DNS	10 + 10	-	-	(20)
Peter Boel Qld	Lola	FJ2	-	-	6 + 10	-	16
Alan Telfer Qld	Lotus	FJ1	-	-	8 + 8	-	16
John Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	DNS	-	-	8 + 8	(16)
Dennis Neal NSW	Lynx	FJ1	-	-	-	6 + 6	(12)
Mike Shearer SA	T59	FJ2	-	4 + 4	-	-	(8)
Peter Johnson NSW	BT6	FJ2	2 + 2	-	-	-	4
Graham Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	4 + 0	-	-	-	4
Dick Willis NSW	Lynx	FJ1	-	-	-	4 + 0	(4)
Frank Hook Vic.	T76	F3	DNQ	-	-	-	0
David Reid NSW	Elfin	FJ2#	DNQ	-	-	-	0
Frank Marshall Qld	Golford	FJ2#	DNS	-	-	-	0
Wayne Hocking SA	TAD	FJ2#	-	DNQ	-	-	0
Colin Haste NSW	BT2	FJ2	-	DNQ	-	-	0

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.

AUSTRALIAN FORMULA JUNIOR TROPHY SERIES

The Series is now past the halfway point with 3 rounds to go, and whilst Jonathan Williamson is clearly leading, his total score is not unassailable when you consider that only the 4 best results will count, and if you consider the odds, there is considerable interest in the car currently in 2nd position This belongs to Don Thallon and competes in the earlier class with little serious opposition.

The AON Australian built car Trophy is anybody's guess with Mike Gosbell leading in his Donford. As this car has won the prize before, you could put Mike in the position of favourite, but there are other competitive cars in this field with considerable potential, so we may need to wait and see.

RACE REPORT – MORGAN PARK 2007 – ROUND THREE AFJA TROPHY SERIES

The undulating 2.11Km Morgan Park circuit at Warwick is ideally suited to the modest power and nimble handling of a Formula Junior. This year we also benefited from newly laid hotmix on the entire track, which, compared to the deteriorating and bumpy surfaces at many other circuits, is a joy to drive on. The FJ times were significantly down on previous years despite changing to Dunlop 'L' tyres, attesting to the excellent surface on the circuit. The weather although at times threatening some much-wanted rain, remained dry with a brisk wind on the Saturday. The meeting intended as a 'No frills', relaxed, and uncomplicated event by the HRCC certainly achieved that target with a friendly and efficient officialdom putting on a typically well-run meeting. The five Formula Juniors entered were grouped with a couple of other Group M racecars and some Formula Vee's, making a small field of twelve cars for Qualifying and the four races.

Don Thallon (Cooper BMC) with the fastest qualifying time led the Juniors away in the Saturday race closely followed by David Reid (Cooper T59). David did get his nose in front at the back of the circuit but Don managed to fight him off to retain the lead to the finish. Behind them Mike Gosbell (Donford) beat a misfiring Peter Boel (Lola Mk 5A) off the line and easily retained that position to the finish. Further back Alan Telfer, still coming to grips with his newly acquired Lotus 20B, was mixing it with the Formula Vee's.

David Reid and his Cooper T59 were missing from the field for the Sunday Trophy race after suffering transmission/brake problems in the earlier morning race. Don Thallon (Cooper BMC) again launched himself into the lead off the line only to be greeted by the black flag for a false start and a drive through penalty. Meanwhile Mike Gosbell (Donford) again got the better of Peter Boel (Lola Mk 5A) off the line but Peter with his engine now on song managed to pass Mike in the right-hand hairpin at the back of the circuit to take the win from Mike. Don recovered to take third place ahead of Alan Telfer (Lotus 20B).

Sadly not a lot of FJ's in attendance but some close exciting racing was enjoyed by those present. The HRCC main 2007 race event in August, again at Morgan Park, is an AFJA Trophy event and I would urge our southern FJ cousins to think of joining us at this wonderful circuit. Practice on Friday will again be free for interstate entrants. What more do you want!!!

REPORT BY PETER BOEL



Don Thallon driving his T56 Cooper No 92 at Morgan Park QLD. where he now holds the current lap record for Formula Junior

Photo courtesy of Darin Mandy at Digital Realism P/L

RACE REPORT – ORAN PARK 2007 – ROUND FOUR AFJA TROPHY SERIES

Oran Park 3/06/07 just one week after Winton saw a small but sturdy band of Juniors appear in what was a remarkably small meeting: Jonathon Williamson (Lotus 22), Don Thallon (Cooper BMC), John Medley (Nota BMC), Dick Willis (Lynx Ford), and Dennis Neal (Lynx BMC) arranged themselves in more-or-less that order over the weekend.

Thrown in with a polyglot collection of classes, things were soon resolved up front with Jonathon Williamson winning race 1 despite close attention from Brian Wilson's Brabham BT5 with twin cam power, and TT Racing's Don Thallon a close third but with fastest lap (52.4 to the Lotus 22 52.5), and the NSW Juniors of John Medley 4th, Dennis Neal 7th and a darkly muttering Dick Willis 11th overall. Between races Dick paid attention to the Lynx handling, cooling, and steering to win the 6 lap handicap (58.8), the quick duo of Jonathon Williamson (51.6) and Don Thallon (52.4) completing the places, with Dennis Neal 4th and the still misfiring Nota Junior 7th

The final event, a 12 lap scratch race, saw Don Thallon again make fastest lap (52.25) to finish 3rd, right behind Jonathon Williamson (52.7) both beaten this time by the BT5 Brabham of Brian Wilson. David Gleen's Anderson Holden ran only on Sunday and pushed John Medley back to 5th, the Nota misfiring untraceably (57.9), Dennis Neal 8th but happily down to 1:00.1 in the ex Kevin Bartlett Lynx BMC, while handicap winner Dick Willis had drive shaft bolts shear him into retirement

We all then drove lots of miles to get home

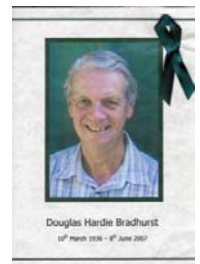
REPORT BY JOHN MEDLEY



*Dennis Neal driving his Lynx BMC No 12 leads Dick Willis in his Lynx Ford car No 36 through a corner at Oran Park
Photo courtesy of Barry Sloan*

TRIBUTE TO DOUG BRADHURST

It is with regret we advise members of the departure of AFJA member Doug Bradhurst on June 8th who lost his final race with cancer. Doug loved his cars especially the Penny Ford he restored and raced. Doug had a distinguished career in the atomic energy industry, and was a chemistry professor who sometimes lived life to the fullest in the fast lane of historic racing. Our sympathy and condolences are with Doug's family.



TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Derry Greeneklee from SA finally succumbed to a proposition regarding the sale of his Elfin to well known Victorian car owner Bill Hemming, who is no stranger to Elfin Cars. The subject car raced only twice as a Formula Junior in the period, and is currently fitted with a 1500cc engine, to be replaced with an 1100cc FJ unit from Peter Larnar, and we hope to see this car competing as a Junior before years end. Welcome aboard Bill.

Frank Marshall from QLD. recently sold the Golford to Robert Buckley also from the sunshine state. Frank had prepared the car during his ownership to make it more competitive, but unfortunately was unclassified at Phillip Island recently when his lap times required the car to be demoted. Lets hope that Robert will have better luck when he takes the car to the track.

Robert Foster from Casino NSW has recently sold his F3 Brabham to Jeff Brown from VIC. and Jeff assures us that the car has gone to a good home where all the family are involved in some form of motor sport The only question is, who will be the first to obtain a CAMS competition license and drive the car?

There is considerable midnight oil being burnt out west where Formula Junior owners in Western Australia are rapidly putting their cars in order for the 2008 celebrations. Geoff Findlay believes he will complete the restoration and return to original FJ spec's of his recently acquired Gremlin, and Glen Stewart-Richardson has been sourcing parts to bring his T59 Cooper into line with current regulations.

Charlie Mitchell also from WA is working on his very important Elfin that won the 1962 Australian Formula Junior championship in the hands of Frank Matich, and AFJA committee Rep for WA Neil McCrudden is putting the final touches on his 2 cars for the 2008 season.

Spoke with Mark Poole in SA recently where he intends to restore the original prototype Elfin FJ, so anyone with a spare 1100cc Ford engine to suit this car should contact Mark without delay. Whilst on parts required, Phil Segat from VIC. owns the first Lotus 18 to arrive in Aust. and requires a new set of wheels to suit



Bill Smith from QLD. (on left) together with his original car called Gremlin and the current owner Geoff Findlay in WA where there was considerable discussion and information provided about the cars restoration.

Photo courtesy of Geoff Findlay



*Early photo of Kevin Bartlett driving the Lynx BMC Formula Junior works car at Warrwick Farm on its first official outing
Photo courtesy of Sports Car World December 1961 issue*



1962 McEntee Formula Junior

A recent restoration by Neil McCrudden in WA of an Australian Special built originally by Stan McEntee in 1962. Whilst it used the popular Ford Anglia engine fitted to the majority of Formula Juniors in this country, it is quite unique in that the transmission is V.W. so also are the rear swing axles and brakes. Neil is planning to use this car in the forthcoming Junior Tasman Series.



For Sale 105E/109E Ford Engines etc.
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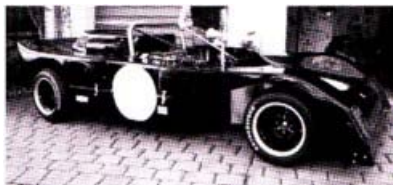
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For sale 1971 Manx Renault Group Q Sports

Car is possibly built from the 1962 ex Bert Bartrop prototype slimline Lynx
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