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The world series golden jubilee celebration of Formula Junior continues to roll on, with further major events in other countries during the year, (refer article elsewhere in this issue) and it is interesting to note continuing evidence of increased local goodwill generated earlier this year, and clearly as a direct result of the successful Junior Tasman Series that formed part of these world wide celebrations. Maybe the Association will now be in a position to promote the creation of a new CAMS Group FJ, especially if we continue to field full grids.

The last edition of the HSRCA "Oily Rag" had four different authors extolling the virtues of Formula Junior in Australia, with plenty of photos, and not all that dissimilar to the Autumn edition of "Bespoke" from NZ, where similar praise for these cars filled what is normally a well balanced publication produced by TACCOC. Who knows where all this goodwill will take the AFJA?

The Tasman Revival organised for November at Eastern Creek, looks like attracting quite a few cars not seen before in recent times, and its possible we will see some F3 cars also on the grid, as to date there are now 12 of these 1 litre screamers in the country, with more on their way from overseas.

The AFJA Committee are currently reviewing the results of a membership survey regarding the relevance of the organization to its members, and to date we have received responses to the questionnaire from nearly 40% of known car owners, so if you did not receive a copy by post or email, please advise.

KELVIN PRIOR – SECRETARY / TREASURER



Junior Tasman Series winning Lola Mk2 owned and driven by Clive Wilson, and surrounded here by other competitors at Phillip Island.

Photo courtesy of Colleen Conway

EVENTS FOR 2008 TROPHY SERIES

1. March 1 Calder Park Vic.
2. March 7 – 9 Phillip Island Vic.
3. March 22 - 23 Mallala Historic SA
4. May 3 - 4 Morgan Park Qld
5. Sept. 27 - 28 Wakefield Park NSW
6. Nov. 28 – 30 Eastern Creek NSW



*LeoGeoghegan
FJ Trophy*



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*Nereo Dizane
F3 Trophy*

AFJA AND AON TROPHY SERIES SCORES FOR 2008

Driver	Car	Group	Calder	P.Island	Mallala	Morgan Pk	Total
Kim Shearn Vic.	Lotus	FJ1	10+8	6+0	-	10+10	44
Graham Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	8+8	1+1	8+0	6+10	42
Peter Strauss Vic.	BT6	FJ2	10+10	10+10	-	-	40
Roger Ealand NSW	Lotus	FJ1	6+10	10+10	-	-	36
Don Thallon Qld	MRC	FJ2#	4+4	4+6	-	10+8	36
David Reid Qld	T59	FJ2	3+4	1+3	10-+10	-	31
Neil McCrudden	Lotus	FJ1	8+6	8+1	-	-	23
Mike Shearer SA	T59	FJ2	2+1	3+2	6+8	-	22
Bill Hemming Vic.	Elfin	FJ2#	6+6	6+4	-	-	(22)
Peter Boel Qld	Lola	FJ2	0+3	1+1	-	8+6	19
Alan Telfer Qld	Lotus	FJ1	-	1+2	-	8+8	19
Jon. Williamson SA	Lotus	FJ2	-	8+8	-	-	16
Mac Hulbert Vic.	Lotus	FJ1	-	4+8	-	-	(12)
Derek Smith Vic.	Lynx	FJ1#	1+0	3+6	-	-	10
Geoff Fry NSW	Jolus	FJ1#	3+3	1+1	-	-	8
Allan Conway Qld	Gemini	FJ1	4+4	0+0	-	-	8
Mike Goodfellow	Talisman	FJ2#	-	-	-	4+4	8
Norm Falkiner Vic.	Stang.	FJ1	2+2	1+1	-	0+1	(7)
Dennis Neal NSW	Lynx	FJ1#	-	2+4	-	-	(6)
Lance Carwardine WA	McEntee	FJ2#	0+3	0+1	-	-	4
John Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	-	1+3	-	-	4
Mike Gosbell NSW	Donford	FJ2#	-	2+1	-	-	3
Peter Johnson NSW	BT6	FJ2	-	1+1	-	-	2
Noel Bryen NSW	Rennmax	FJ2#	-	1+1	-	-	2
Dick Willis NSW	Ausper	FJ1	-	1+0	-	-	1
Howard Tucker NSW	Lynx	FJ1#	-	0+0	-	-	0
Colin Haste NSW	BT2	FJ2	-	-	0+0	-	DNQ
Ian Ashford SA	TAD	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.



Graham Brown driving his Brabham BT2 in front of Don Thallon's MRC, followed by Kim Shearn Lotus 18 and Peter Boel's Lola Mk5a at Morgan Park Qld. Photo courtesy of Colleen Conway

2008 AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES

Following the last round 4 at Morgan Park in Qld. and with 2 further rounds in NSW to complete the 2008 Series, there are 5 cars with 10 points separating them in the lead for the AFJA Trophy, and one of the 5, Don Thallon is leading the point score for the AON Aussie car Trophy.

The most interesting factor affecting the current positions, involves 4 of the 5 front running drivers who will miss out on Round 5 due to their overseas excursions, leaving Kim Shearn in his first year of Formula Junior competition to defend his slender lead over Graham Brown currently in 2nd place, and whilst it would be difficult to predict the final outcome, it is clear that either driver could win with reliability being a major factor.

ELIGIBILITY

The FJHRA in the UK have adopted new technical regulations governing Formula Junior from 1st May 2008, and these are available for inspection on their Website www.formulajunior.com under "technical info." It is a substantial document of some 20 odd pages that will interest some AFJA members, especially those who are contemplating overseas competition.

Some items that will be of interest when comparing these rules with ours include-

Rule 2.5 states that every car will be as originally constructed, where we allow the owner to nominate a date in the development of the car.

Rule 2.5.6 states that a CAMS C of D is acceptable in the UK where it states the car is a Formula Junior

Rule 5.1.2 requires car safety equipment of visiting cars from overseas to be the same as country of origin AND the FJHRA rules (impossible)

Rule 6.7 refers to maximum carby sizes, and limits Ford engines to 40 DCOE Webers; obviously there will be some 42DCOE for sale

Rule 6.10 states that 1961-63 cars can use MK8 Hewland Transmissions, and those cars with an approved alternative make of gearbox can retain it, even though the car never raced with it in the period, this is in total conflict with rule 2.5

The good news is there has been an attempt to regain some credibility regarding the specifications previously adhered to, and it would seem that the gap between Aust. specifications, and that now adopted in the UK, is a lot closer than before.

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RACE REPORT - MORGAN PARK – ROUND 4 – AFJA TROPHY SERIES 2008 - BY PETER BOEL

Morgan Park once again turned on some 'beautiful one day perfect the next' type of weather for the Historic Racing Car Club Queensland autumn meeting. With only eight Formula Juniors entered for the meeting we were combined with a gaggle of Formula Vees for the three scratch races and one handicap race.

Dick Willis's engine (Lynx FJ) was not performing as it should so he elected to keep out of our way by running with the Group L cars, and Norm Falkiner (Stanguellini) developed an engine malady in qualifying that prevented him from competing for the remainder of the meeting. That left Don Thallon (MRC Lotus 22) sharing the front row of race one with the 1500cc Elfin Catalina of Doug Anderson with Graham Brown (Brabham BT2), Peter Boel (Lola Mk5A) and Kim Shearn (Lotus 18) in that order behind. Further back Mike Goodfellow (Talisman) and Alan Telfer (Lotus 20B) were mixing it with the Formula Vees. Graham Brown bogged down on the start and lost a place to Peter Boel but despite some close tussles the FJ positions then remained in that order to the finish.

With progressive grids applied, and the Elfin Catalina missing with mechanical problems, four FJs made up the two front rows in the second race on Saturday. Kim Shearn rocketed off the line to follow Don Thallon into the first corner followed by Graham Brown and Peter Boel, and further back Mike Goodfellow and Alan Telfer were scrapping for position with the FVee's. In some close racing Graham Brown managed to sneak by Kim Shearn and Don Thallon to take a narrow win while Peter Boel was snapping the heels of the Lotus 18 for most of the race but failed to get past.

The race handicapper unfortunately did an excellent job with the handicapping in race three on Sunday morning as virtually all the competitors greeted the chequered flag like a swarm of bees. Sadly there were more cars than room and Don Thallon and Doug Anderson collected a much slower Vee just past the finish line and another couple of Vee's also had a coming together on the finish straight. The Elfin was extensively damaged as were several of the Vee's and the MRC suffered some front end body, radiator and frame damage but luckily no one was injured. Ahead of the melee Mike Goodfellow held off a fast finishing Peter Boel from the rear of the grid to take his first win in the Talisman. Good on you Mike.

A much depleted field addressed the starter for the FJ/FV feature race in the afternoon. Kim Shearn again made a lightning start to take the lead, which he held, from Graham Brown and Peter Boel in another close finish. Mike Goodfellow steadily improved his lap times to progress through the Vee field while Alan Telfer was enjoying the scrap with the Vees while keeping a watchful eye on them after the earlier pandemonium.

The HRCC again put on a wonderfully relaxed and informal race meeting much enjoyed by the competitors. Morgan Park is ideally suited to the FJ's and I hope we'll see a few more of you at our major annual meeting in August. Meanwhile Don Thallon has taken his misfortune as an opportunity to give his newly acquired MRC a full strip down to repair the damage and apply some TLC. The car is well under way to full recovery.



Alan Telfer in his Lotus 20B leads Mike Goodfellow's Talisman, and Peter Boel's Lola Mk5a with a V in between at Morgan Park Qld. Photo courtesy of Colleen Conway

**HSRCA NSW – WAKEFIELD PARK AT GOULBURN 2008
ROUND FIVE AFJA TROPHY SERIES**

- CIRCUIT:** 2.2 km clockwise track 200 km south west of Sydney near Goulburn
- PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice Friday 26th September
Racing Saturday and Sunday September 27th & 28th
- 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
- ACCOMMODATION:** Contact Goulburn Visitors Centre Phone (02) 4821 5343

TASMAN REVIVAL SERIES - NEW ZEALAND 2010

Following the highly successful 2008 Junior Tasman Series, there are plans being developed for a biannual competition for FJ/F3 cars competing in both countries during the southern summer, and the first events are proposed for late January, early February 2010 at the new Hampton Downs Circuit, and Pukekohe Circuit both 60km south of Auckland.

These events will form part of the “Bruce McLaren Festival” where feature races will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his life, and to assist overseas entrants, the organisers are preparing a packaged deal covering all fixed expenses, together with the possibility of discounted shipping costs.

To inspect the new Hampton Downs Circuit go to www.hamptondowns.com, and to register your interest in receiving further details email <info@grandprix.org.nz>, or view full information on www.grandprix.org.nz.

HSRCA NSW – TASMAN REVIVAL – EASTERN CREEK 2008

FINAL ROUND AFJA TROPHY SERIES

- CIRCUIT:** 3.93 km anti clockwise track west of Sydney
- PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice Thursday 27th November
Normal racing Friday & Saturday November 28th & 29th
Special Tasman racing including FJ/F3 event Sunday November 30th
- EVENTS:** Subject to official written confirmation FJ/F3 only racing offered provided entry exceeds 20 cars

HSRCA have invited cars from NZ to build grid numbers
- SOCIAL:** Dinner meeting planned for Saturday evening with guest speaker and presentation of Annual Trophies. Venue to be confirmed.
- ENTRIES:** Documents may be requested from the race secretary Noel Bryen on (*02) 9913 3662 or email
nbryen@optusnet.com.au
- ACCOMMODATION:** Ample available in Parramatta area only 20 km from the circuit.
The HSRCA have requested that we seek billet type accommodation for NZ drivers with NSW members
Please advise AFJA Secretary if you can assist

TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Mike Gosbell recently purchased a T52 Cooper Formula Junior from Len May in NZ, who in turn bought Don Thallon's T56 whilst in NZ, now Mike has sold his Donford recently advertised in Pitstop to another Kiwi, and according to recent calculations, that makes the score NZ 2, Aust. 1

Peter Strauss has advised that Jane is recovering from a nasty fall, when she accidentally dropped into their underground storage facility whilst the lift was being serviced, and the safety barriers were rendered inoperative. The AFJA wish Jane a swift and full recovery from her injuries.

The AFJA welcomes new member Kevin Taylor from WA who has recently purchased an F3 Brabham BT21, and imported it to our western state for immediate restoration, where he intends to race it in Historic events, and hopefully will cross the desert at some time in the future to mix with similar FJ/F3 cars in major events.

Ed Holly has recently removed the twin cam engine from his BT15 Brabham F3 and reinstalled the original 1 litre unit he previously raced with, and according to the race results from Winton in May, it appears that Ed and Jonathan Williamson in his Lotus 22 were inseparable on the track, which argues well for future FJ/F3 competition.

Last year Robert Buckley from QLD. purchased the Golford from Frank Marshall, after he was declined a grid position at Phillip Island due to lap times, and an oversubscribed grid. Since then Robert has been gaining confidence in his new car, and hopes to shortly upgrade his CAMS licence for future FJ competition.

Nev McKay from Macau (ex pat Aussie) has acquired the "Edsbrat" Formula Junior that raced in the first FJ race during the 1963 Macau GP event, where it unfortunately suffered with overheating problems. Nev is currently restoring the car originally built by Eddie Carvalho using Ford and VW bits available at the time, and maybe we will see it here in Aust. when completed.

Another car likely to surface later in the year is the Schazum originally built by Lyle Gray in 1961 using a BMC engine, quite a distinctive looking car with shark nose cone, and should be quite competitive with Graham Russell at the helm using one of his better engines.

Doug Anderson from Yamba northern NSW has just bought the Elfin FJ625 from David Reid, and the AFJA welcome him to membership of the Association, as this car was the 1963 NSW FJ championship car originally owned by Frank Matich and Charlie Smith. Doug also owns an Elfin Catalina, so the new car will be familiar to him.



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS CAR?

Geoff Fry of Jolus fame wondered if anyone could identify the remains of this car that he recently acquired.

The frame is predominately square section steel tubing, the suspension layout, and body panel are Lotus 18 look alike, as is the Renault rack and pinion steering box.

There is no reward offered for the correct information, but Geoff will express his gratitude when you contact him at work on (02) 6332 3677 or <gfry.aon@bigpond.net.au>

REMAINING WORLD SERIES GOLDEN JUBILEE EVENTS FOR FORMULA JUNIOR

Round 4	August 9-10	Laguna Seca "Prehistorics"	California USA
Round 5	August 9-10	Nurburgring	Germany
Round 6	August 15-17	Laguna Seca	"Monterey" California USA
Round 7	August 29-31	Lime Rock Park	Connecticut USA
	September 5-7	Watkins Glen	New York State USA
Year 09	Jan 30-Feb 1	Zwartkops – Pretoria	Sth. Africa RSA
Round 8	February 6-8	Killarney – Capetown	Sth. Africa RSA

The first two rounds of this Series were held in New Zealand and Australia where cars from around the world gathered in the southern hemisphere for the Junior Tasman Series, and now the role is reversed with Australian cars contesting further rounds in the northern hemisphere. What a hoot.

Peter Strauss shipped his BT6 Brabham to Europe after Phillip Island in March, and is looking forward to representing Australia at the Goodwood Revival Meeting in September, and we also have three cars belonging to Roger Ealand, Don Thallon, and Bill Hemming in transit to the west coast of the USA, where they intend to compete in all four events comprising the USA Formula Junior Series, and this involves transporting their cars by road from the West to East coast of America to complete the Series.

The final round 8 of the world series in Killarney (Cape town) South Africa in February 09, will be supplemented with events at Zwartkops (Pretoria) the week before, and at East London (Durban) the week after to help justify the cost of transporting car and driver to this country, which is estimated to be around \$3300 for the car, and non discounted airfares of say \$3000 return plus accommodation.

Several AFJA members are currently discussing the possibility of entering their car in the RSA events next year, and as time is of the essence, it is imperative that any member who could be interested should register their interest with IPP David Reid without delay by email to <anglo.scottish@bigpond.com>



*"Winners are grinners"
Clive Wilson at Phillip
Island with the Junior
Tasman Series Gold
Cup he won with a
perfect score after 4
rounds in NZ and Aust.*

*Photo courtesy of
Colleen Conway*



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- Business Card advertising 4 issues \$50

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 Contact Brian Pymble (02) 9440 0749



For Sale 1962 Lotus 22J5 Formula Junior restoration project
 Car recently acquired USA, incl. original 5 speed Hewland less engine
 Genuine offers considered around \$60,000
 Contact Les Miller H 02, 94494731, W 02, 94776333



For Sale Gemini FJ, MK2 car 1041 Formula Junior
 Ford Contina engine, CR Gearbox, car recently refurbished
 Sale incl. new tyres, some spares & special tools
 Aust. history from 1974, current CAMS Log book & C of D
 Sale Price \$70,000
 Contact Tony Caldersmith 02, 43628055 or caldy@ozemail.com.au



For Sale 1963 Koala FJ ex John Joyce of Bowin FF fame
 Important Aust. car recently restored by current owner
 Drum brake, Ford rear engine / VW Transmission
 Terms of sale – All reasonable offers considered
 Contact – Paul Charal H (08) 8359 1810, 0408 801231



For Sale – 1964 Penny Ford 1 litre Formula 3
 Built and raced by David Coode in Europe, then Aust.
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