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## PITSTOP

### SUMMER 2009 EDITION NO. 45

What a wonderful year 2008 was for Formula Junior, with celebrations world wide being experienced by owners during the 50th Golden Jubilee of this marque, it is almost tempting to change the name to Formula Senior when you consider the age of the cars and some drivers, and it would seem we have earned the respect of the Historic movement for the way in which members contributed to the occasion, and for the spectacle created by many of these cars being shipped around the world for special events, including the nine Australian cars currently on the water to South Africa for the Formula Junior World Series final.

2009 is shaping up to be an exciting year where we expect to see a lot more local cars dragged from their sheds to produce even more of the fantastic racing the public have begun to expect from these cars. The proposed AFJA Trophy Series in 2009 will be mainly on short circuits that favour our cars, and the dates have been compressed to give time for those cars being shipped overseas during our summertime, to join in the local competition.

Special mention should be made regarding the first recipient of the "Nereo Dizane Memorial Trophy" for Formula 3 cars competing in the AFJA Annual Trophy Series. Ed Holly converted his Brabham back to F3 spec's so he could compete in 2008, and it is fitting that he clinched the award at Eastern Creek during the recent Tasman Revival meeting he instigated a few years ago.

### KELVIN PRIOR – AFJA SECRETARY/TREASURER



*"Close racing at Eastern Creek" Peter Strauss driving his BT6 Brabham No 26, leads Jonathan Williamson Lotus 22 No 53, followed by Don Thallon driving his MRC No 92. Photo courtesy 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



*Leo Geoghegan  
FJ Trophy*



*Aon Aussie  
FJ Trophy*



*Nereo Dizane  
F3 Trophy*

## AFJA FJ/F3 TROPHY SERIES POINT SCORES FOR 2008

Driver	Car	Group	Rnd.1	Rnd.2	Rnd.3	Rnd.4	Rnd.5	Rnd.6	Total
Kim Shearn Vic.	Lotus	FJ1	10+8	(6+0)	-	10+10	10+10	10+10	78
Graham Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	8+8	(1+1)	(8+0)	6+10	10+10	3+6	61
Peter Strauss Vic.	BT6	FJ2	10+10	10+10	-	-	-	8+8	56
Don Thallon Qld	MRC	FJ2#	4+4	4+6	-	10+8	-	6+6	42
Ed Holly NSW	BT15	F3	-	-	-	-	10+10	10+10	40
Roger Ealand NSW	Lotus	FJ1	6+10	10+10	-	-	-	-	36
Jon. Williamson SA	Lotus	FJ2	-	8+8	-	-	-	10+10	36
David Reid Qld	T59	FJ2	3+4	1+3	10+10	-	-	-	31
Geoff Fry NSW	Jolus	FJ1#	3+3	1+1	-	-	8+8	-	24
Neil McCrudden WA	Lotus	FJ1	8+6	8+1	-	-	-	-	23
Peter Johnson NSW	BT6	FJ2	-	1+1	-	-	8+8	2+3	23
Mike Shearer SA	T59	FJ2	2+1	3+2	6+8	-	-	-	22
Bill Hemming Vic.	Elfin	FJ2#	6+6	6+4	-	-	-	-	(22)
Norm Falkiner Vic.	Stang.	FJ1	2+2	1+1	-	0+1	4+3	3+3	20
Dennis Neal NSW	Lynx	FJ1#	-	2+4	-	-	-	6+8	(20)
Peter Boel Qld	Lola	FJ2	0+3	1+1	-	8+6	-	-	19
Alan Telfer Qld	Lotus	FJ1	-	1+2	-	8+8	-	-	19
Derek Smith Vic.	Lynx	FJ1#	1+0	3+6	-	-	-	4+4	18
Mike Gosbell NSW	Donford	FJ2#	-	2+1	-	-	-	8+6	17
Jeff Brown Vic.	BT28	F3	-	-	-	-	-	8+8	16
Geoff Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	-	-	-	-	6+6	0+0	12
Mac Hulbert Vic.	Lotus	FJ1	-	4+8	-	-	-	-	(12)
John Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	-	1+3	-	-	3+4	-	11
Noel Bryen NSW	Rennmax	FJ2#	-	1+1	-	-	-	4+4	10
Allan Conway Qld	Gemini	FJ1	4+4	0+0	-	-	-	-	8
Mike Goodfellow Qld	Talisman	FJ2#	-	-	-	4+4	-	-	8
Lance Carwardine WA	McEntee	FJ2#	0+3	0+1	-	-	-	-	4
Maurice Blackwood NSW	Lotus	FJ1	-	-	-	-	-	2+2	4
Dick Willis NSW	Ausper	FJ1	-	1+0	-	-	-	-	1
Howard Tucker NSW	Lynx	FJ1#	-	0+0	-	-	-	0+0	0
Colin Haste NSW	BT2	FJ2	-	-	0+0	-	-	-	DNQ
Ian Ashford SA	TAD	FJ2#	-	-	0+0	-	-	-	DNQ
Frank Hook Vic	T76	F3	-	-	-	-	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.



*Annual Trophy presentation at Eastern Creek. On the left Don Thallon with the AON Aussie Car Trophy, and on the right Ed Holly with the Nero Dizane F3 Trophy, centre Secretary Kelvin Prior  
Photo courtesy Bill Forsyth*



*Kim Shearn with winners grin holding the Australian Formula Junior Trophy for 2008 which he won in his first year driving his new Lotus 18*

### **AFJA TROPHY SERIES - ROUND 6 RACE REPORT- EASTERN CREEK “TASMAN REVIVAL”**

The final event for the AFJA Trophy Series, and Golden Jubilee 50<sup>TH</sup> anniversary celebration of Formula Junior in Australia was held over four days at Eastern Creek NSW as part of the Tasman Revival Series, where cars from around the globe descended on this circuit to celebrate the 1960's Tasman Series and their cars.

There were 22 FJ/F3 cars entered of which 2 from Qld were withdrawn due to preparation for the forthcoming Formula Junior final of the World Cup in South Africa, Howard Tucker's Lynx had mechanical problems and was unable to race, and Geoff Medley's Nota experienced a major steering malfunction during practice, and unfortunately Bill Hemming had to race his Elfin in the M&O race due to conflicting race timing with his other car entered.

The track was slower than last year due to inclement weather on most days, and the lap record holder Jonathan Williamson was 1.4 sec slower than his previous best time. The races had similarities to the Phillip Island event earlier in the year with the leading cars circulating with minimum distance between their tyres on many of the corners, and fractions of a second between each race time.

The first two of four races were points scoring towards the AFJA Trophy, and both were won by Jonathan Williamson (Lotus 22) with the first race margin of 1000<sup>TH</sup> of a second to Peter Strauss in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Don Thallon (MRC) in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ed Holly driving his F3 Brabham won the 3<sup>rd</sup> race, and Peter Strauss (BT6) the fourth.

The racing took its toll on certain cars during the weekend, including the MRC of Don Thallon with damaged camshaft, and the Rennmax of Noel Bryen that was flying till it dropped a valve on Saturday.

Kim Shearn (Lotus 18) enjoyed close competition with Graham Brown (BT2) and Peter Johnson (BT6) enjoyed the company of Frank Hook (T76 F3) in most of the races.

Included in the grid were 2 cars from NZ, a FWD Emerson Elfin driven by Nigel Russell, and the front engine Taraschi of Roger Herrick. Jeff Brown from Vic. drove his recently acquired Brabham F3 in his first race and improved his lap times by 5 seconds, and Mike Gosbell had his new Cooper T52 moving even faster with more experience on the track, as did Norm Falkiner in his attractive Stanguellini.

Derek Smith enjoyed himself driving the Lynx Borgward, as did Dennis Neal in his beautifully presented Lynx BMC obviously advantaged by local track experience. The spectators and commentators appeared to enjoy the spectacle created by these cars nearly as much as the drivers.

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## AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES YEAR 2008

Kim Shearn from Vic. driving his recently acquired, and well presented Lotus 18 won the coveted "AFJA Annual Perpetual Trophy" in his first year with a near perfect point score, outperforming Graham Brown in his Brabham BT2 who contested all rounds during 2008.

The "Aon Perpetual trophy" donated by Geoff Fry & Assoc. to the driver of the best Australian built car in the Series was won by Don Thallon in the ex Lionel Ayers MRC that he purchased from Murray Bryden at the beginning of the year.

The "Nereo Dizane Memorial Perpetual Trophy" for 1 litre F3 cars with maximum points in each event contested was won by Ed Holly, and whilst there was little competition for the trophy in 2008, it would appear that other cars are being prepared for competition in 2009.

2008 was the Golden Jubilee 50<sup>th</sup> year of Formula Junior, and consequently the AFJA hosted events in Australia for 20 overseas drivers, and a total of 33 local cars from around Australia contested the Trophy Series as illustrated on the current points score sheet.



### EVENTS FOR 2009 TROPHY SERIES

1. April 11-12 Mallala SA
2. May 30-31 Winton Vic.
3. June 27-28 Oran Park NSW
4. July 25-26 Morgan Park Qld.
5. Sept. 19-20 Wakefield Park NSW
6. Nov. 7-8 Sandown Vic.

## 29<sup>th</sup> SCCSA MALLALA ALL HISTORIC EASTER MEETING 2009

### ROUND ONE AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES

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

**PROGRAM:** Dinner at SCCSA clubrooms Thursday April 9th  
Voluntary private practice Friday April 10th  
Racing Saturday & Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12th  
Collingrove Hill Climb Monday April 13th

**EVENTS:** Subject to entries. Expect 5 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)

**ACCOMMODATION:** Most entrants including locals camp at the circuit, which will be available Friday, Saturday & Sunday at \$15 per car per night

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

**Please Note:** Copies of this and previous issues of Pitstop are available on the AFJA website [www.australianformulajunior.com](http://www.australianformulajunior.com) which also contains current information on the association, and its rules relating to members cars etc. So if you have not visited this site in recent times it could be worth your having a peep to update your knowledge on these matters.



*Kim Shearn winner of the AFJA Trophy Series seen here driving his Lotus 18 No 81 at the recent Tasman Revival meeting at Eastern Creek, with Graham Brown runner up in the Series driving his BT2 Brabham No 2  
Photo courtesy Colleen Conway*

## TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Roger Ealand freely admits he has been smitten with the Formula Junior bug, having recently purchased another car, namely the attractive front engine Gemini MK2 offered by Tony Caldersmith, and we understand the new car will occupy space in the shed beside his very competitive Lotus 18, the real question now is which car to drive?

There was a contingent of historic car people from WA at the recent Tasman Revival meeting, and it was great to catch up with Geoff Findlay who is restoring the Gremlin FJ, and only just missed out on having the car ready for this event, but is looking forward to driving it in the near future.

Special mention should be made regarding the reappearance of the ex Geoghegan Lotus 20B at the Tasman Revival after 30 odd years living in a shed. Maurice Blackwood drove the car for the current owner Jim Sherringham, and whilst it appears in pristine condition, it still needs a little more TLC before its next outing. Welcome aboard the AFJA bandwagon Jim & Maurice.

Murray Bryden has nearly completed the restoration of the ex Lionel Ayers Lotus 20B, and hopes its maiden race will be at Mallala Easter 2009. Murray had a set back early December when he was hospitalised for some urgent surgery, but knowing Murray, this will only intensify his resolve to beat the odds, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Howard Tucker has spent considerable time restoring the ex Bruce Powell Lynx Ford, but regrettably, Howard seems to have upset the proverbial black cat, and incurred more bad luck than most. Howard entered his car at Phillip Island and Eastern Creek to celebrate the FJ 50<sup>th</sup> year, but due to mechanical misfortune, he was unable to compete on either occasion, so better luck next time

Don Thallon was lucky to find an engine problem at the Eastern Creek Tasman Revival, as this allowed him sufficient time to have the cars engine subsequently rebuilt in a matter of days following that event, and just in time to ship the car to South Africa for Round 8 of the World Series.

Les Miller purchased a Lotus 22 restoration project from the USA a few years ago, but decided it was not the car for him, and subsequently offered it for sale. Well recently it was offered at auction by "Bonhams" who sold it to a guy in San Francisco for a price similar to that advertised in Pitstop, so back it goes to the USA.

John Evans from NSW recently purchased the Penny Ford F3 previously advertised in this newsletter, and Margaret, widow of the late Doug Bradhurst is happy her late husband's car is going to a good home, and the AFJA is also happy to welcome new owner John to membership of the Association.



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## TECHNICAL REPORT

At the last Annual General Meeting of the AFJA it was resolved “that a technical working party be formed for canvassing information on the Ford engines liabilities” and after considerable discussion, the committee have agreed upon the appointment of Peter Boel to prepare a working document on the preparation and conservation of Formula Junior engines.

The primary purpose of this proposal was to minimise the cost of producing and maintaining the engines used in our cars, and to increase their reliability by eliminating the proverbial misinformation used to confuse the competition, and replace it with known alternatives that members can afford.

It may be that this submission could contain details of who have the expertise in developing these engines, or and where specialised parts can be obtained to suit different engines, so if you have any information that you believe will advance this proposal, and are prepared to share it with your fellow members, please contact the AFJA Qld. Representative Peter Boel with your ideas.



*“Nothing between them” Ed Holly, inaugural winner of Australian F3 Trophy in his BT6 Brabham No 17, hotly pursued by Jonathan Williamson Lotus 22 No 53 during the final round of the AFJA Trophy Series at Eastern Creek Tasman Revival.  
Photo courtesy Colleen Conway*

## CAMS GROUP FJ PROPOSAL

Further to an article in the last issue of Pitstop # 44, where it was revealed the AFJA would again endeavour to convince CAMS Historic Commission to adopt a new Group FJ from cars currently in existing year based Groups L & M, and in particular, remove the possibility of highly restricted Formula Junior cars from competing with inappropriate Group O cars.

The proposal was put to the Commission in October, and received with courteous enthusiasm until the matter under discussion was confused with date based FIA regulations, and the reaffirmation of the Commissions understanding that FJ / F3 only races are quite acceptable.

It was however agreed that the Chairman of the Historic Eligibility Committee would liaise with the AFJA Secretary in determining which cars comply with FJ regulations, with a view to noting this on existing and future CAMS Log books & C of D's, making Australian cars then eligible to race in Formula Junior events overseas.



*Mike Gosbell driving his new T52 Cooper BMC No 52, and leading a group of cars through the corner at the Eastern Creek Tasman Revival.  
Photo courtesy  
[www.trentwallis.com](http://www.trentwallis.com)*

## 2010 TASMAN REVIVAL – BRUCE MCLAREN FESTIVAL – NEW ZEALAND

The AFJA are advised by NZFJR that organisers of this event have received advice from various FJ/F3 owners wishing to register an interest in participating in both events, and have suggested that interested parties should register without delay, as they may need to suspend registrations for these cars if the numbers continue to increase.

### Details of Tasman Revival Events

January 23-25 Hampton Downs 3.8km Circuit 60 km South of Auckland  
January 29-31 Pukekohe 2.8 km Circuit also near Auckland.

Details of Events available on [www.grandprix.org.nz](http://www.grandprix.org.nz)  
To register your interest email [info@grandprix.org.nz](mailto:info@grandprix.org.nz)

Regarding the potential cost to compete, we are advised the Kiwis are currently negotiating with shipping companies for discounted container shipping costs, and we have suitable container racking in WA, Qld. and Vic. Furthermore, Australian cars will be shipped to and from the circuits FOC, also entry fees and limited garage/marquee accommodation will be on the house.



*The ex Geoghegan Lotus 20B back on the track after many years in the shed. Maurice Blackwood drove Jim Sherringham's car at the recent Eastern Creek Tasman Revival. Photo courtesy [www.trentwallis.com](http://www.trentwallis.com)*

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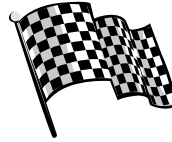
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Contact Brian Pymble (02) 9440 0749



### For Sale 1962 Lotus 22J5 Formula Junior restoration project

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Sale Price \$70,000 negotiable  
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.  
Fully restored race ready for FJ/F3 Trophy Series  
CAMS Log Book / C of D, spares and trailer included  
Sale Price - \$33 000 ono  
Contact Margaret Bradhurst (02) 9524 5715



## PARTS FOR SALE

Two fully reconditioned Weber 40 DCOE carburetors suitable for Ford engine  
New 7.25" AP racing clutch assembly with VW spline  
Contact John Hartnett 03 5987 3667



Murray Bryden in Vic. has an assortment of Anglia engines and parts suitable to create racing engines for Formula Junior, and would like to clean out the shed should anyone be interested. Murray can be contacted on 0418 332210