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PITSTOP

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During the past twelve years the AFJA have identified 85 Formula Juniors, and 12 F3 cars currently in Australia, with more on their way. We have also established that 60 of these cars will, or should be operational this year, which is considerably more than the several known cars that contested our first historic Formula Junior event at Wakefield Park in 1998.

Unfortunately, our numerical increase is insignificant if owners don't enter their cars, as currently event promoters are looking to offset their increasing costs with full grids, the consequence of which can relegate our members into events with incompatible cars, hence the AFJA are looking to encourage owners to participate in our Annual Trophy Series, or alternatively advise increasing numbers of buyers who would participate where unused cars are located.

What started as a questionnaire to members regarding engine reliability has evolved into a document on specialised services that will hopefully improve the reliability of our cars. To view this document that is based on submissions from our members, go to "parts and services" on our website, and advise Secretary Kelvin if you can improve the existing format or content.

It is with regret that we acknowledge the recent death of Kevin Shearer, father of President Mike, and celebrate his life as a major contributor to historic racing in South Australia where his involvement will be greatly missed. Our condolences to the family.

Kelvin Prior
AFJA Secretary/Treasurer



David Reid current leader in Annual Trophy Series driving his T59 Cooper at Mallala during Easter Photo courtesy of John Lemm

EVENTS FOR 2010 AFJA TROPHY SERIES

1. March 20-21 Lakeside Qld.
2. April 3-4 Mallala SA
3. May 1-2 Eastern Creek NSW
4. May 29-30 A7 Winton Vic.
5. July 24-25 Morgan Park Qld.
6. Sept. 18-19 Wakefield Park NSW
7. Nov. 5-7 Sandown Vic.



*Leo Geoghegan
FJ Trophy*



*Aon Aussie
FJ Trophy*



*Nereo Dizane
F3 Trophy*

AFJA FJ/F3 TROPHY SERIES FINAL POINT SCORES FOR 2010

Driver	Car	Group	Rnd.1	Rnd.2	Rnd.3	Rnd.4	Rnd.5	Rnd.6	Rnd.7	Total
David Reid Qld	T59	FJ2	10+10	8+8						36
Peter Strauss Vic	BT6	FJ2	6+0	10+10						26
Kim Shearn Vic	Lotus	FJ1	10+8	0+0						18
Roger Ealand NSW	Lotus	FJ1	8+10	0+0						18
Robbie Nicholls SA	Lola	FJ1	-	10+8						18
Bill Norman NSW	Koala	FJ2#	8+8	-						16
Mike Gosbell NSW	T52	FJ1	6+6	-						12
Murray Bryden Vic	Lotus	FJ1	-	0+10						10
Allan Conway Qld	Gemini	FJ1	4+0	-						4
Graham Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	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.

2010 AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES

Following the first two rounds of the series, David Reid driving his more reliable Cooper T59 is leading by 10 points clear of Peter Strauss (Brabham BT6) whilst the earlier FJ1 group has three contestants on equal points not far behind.

So far 12 cars have entered the series with more than half crossing State boundaries to compete, unfortunately, lack of car reliability due to insufficient time to prepare cars following the NZ events in January has adversely affected the overall points score, but this will resolve itself over the next events.

HSRCA NSW – EASTERN CREEK MEETING 2010

ROUND THREE AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES

CIRCUIT: 3.9 km anti clockwise track west of Sydney

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday April 30th
Racing Saturday & Sunday May 1st & 2nd

EVENTS: FJ/F3 events subject to number of entries

ENTRIES: Documents may be requested from the race secretary Noel Bryen 02 9913 or download from www.hsrca.org.au and submit ASAP

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

34th VASC VIC. HISTORIC WINTON 2010

ROUND FOUR AFJA TROPHY SERIES

CIRCUIT: 2.03 km short clockwise track near Benalla 200 km north of Melbourne

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday May 28th
Racing Saturday & Sunday 29th & 30th May

ENTRIES: To obtain entry contact Bruce Maplestone W.03 9555 0606 H. 03 9583 2635
M. 0418 376 447 or download from www.historicwinton.org.

ACCOMMODATION: Most entrants find suitable locations at Benalla or Wangaratta



*Robbie Nicholls seen here driving his very attractive front engine Lola MK2 at Mallala during Easter.
Photo courtesy of John Lemm*

HRCC QLD. MORGAN PARK AT WARWICK 2010

ROUND FIVE AFJA TROPHY SERIES

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

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday 23rd July
Racing Saturday and Sunday July 24th and 25th

EVENTS: Formula Junior races available subject to 15 cars being entered

ENTRIES: All documents including Sup. Regs. Available at www.hrcc.org.au or contact Race Secretary Bill Westerman
0419 400 240 or email billwesterman@mgard.com.au

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

2010 NZ FESTIVAL OF MOTOR RACING celebrating Bruce McLaren

During the last two weekends of January, our Kiwi friends organised an international series of events where they hosted various cars from Australia and the northern hemisphere at the brand new Hampton Downs circuit and nearby Pukekohe, both of which are near Auckland on the north island.

As reported in the last edition of Pitstop, there were 16 FJ/F3 cars shipped from Australia in containers that left ports in WA, Vic, NSW and Qld, but unfortunately, Allan Conway's Gemini made the trip, but not the driver due to unforeseen matters at home, and Neil McCrudden fitted a 1500cc engine to the Lotus 20/22 representing its Tasman Series history.

There were 4 events at each circuit with some cars contesting at only one, but in total there were 43 cars entered in the FJ/F3 races, with divisions similar to that adopted for the 2008 50th anniversary Trophy Series. Some owners had mechanical problems caused by faulty fuel supplied at Hampton Downs, which was unfortunate, as it spoiled what was a very well organised event.

Whilst Roger Ealand missed the first 2 races at Hampton Downs in his Gemini, he was the fastest Front engine competitor in the series, and Norm Falkiner in the same group was very consistent in his very attractive Stanguellini.

Within the rear engine drum brake group, Kim Shearn was the second fastest in his Lotus 18, closely followed by Bill Hemming in his Elfin. Also in this group were Mike Gosbell in the very consistent and reliable T52 Cooper, and Geoff Fry in the Jolus which didn't miss a beat.

Don Thallon in the MRC, and Peter Strauss driving his Brabham BT6 were second fastest in the rear engine disc brake group, but at different circuits, and whilst Colin McKee in the McEntee from WA only contested 4 races, Mike Goodfellow was most consistent in the Talisman. Regrettably, both Peter Boel and David Reid had car fuel problems.

There were 2 Australian cars represented in the invited F3 group comprising Kevin Taylor who drove his Brabham BT21 into the lead, and was mixing it with the overall top 4 cars competing in each race, whilst Jeff Brown was 2nd in this group driving his Brabham BT28 at Pukekohe

There is an excellent report regarding these events together with photo's on Neil McCrudden's website www.warm.org.au



Three of the Australian cars that raced in NZ seen here at Hampton Downs where Kevin Taylor's car 67 (Brabham BT21) is leading Kim Shearn in car 8 (Lotus 18) with Bill Hemming car 23 (Elfin) on the outside of the corner

HISTORIC LAKESIDE March 20/21, 2010 – Courtesy of Alan Conway – Qld. Representative

Historic racing returned to Lakeside International Raceway, now known as Lakeside Park, on March 20/21.

The total entry list (8 groups) was comparatively short by modern standards – about 125 Race cars and 25 Regularity cars, but this was intentional as this was to be a rehearsal for bigger things to come. March, 2011 is the 50th Anniversary of Lakeside's first ever race meeting and it is intended to have an 'historic' celebration.

The setting for Lakeside, as always, was very picturesque – the lake being so full (110% I'm told) that it caused problems for some of the lower areas of the park, but certainly not any areas of the track, pits or spectator areas I visited. The track has recently been completely resurfaced with hot mix, the straight has been widened and some other areas have also been given loving care. New facilities include an under track car access tunnel to the pits, carports for about 120 cars (rental included in your entry fee of \$199!!!), a small museum, club members/VIP viewing deck and a public cafeteria.

The event was run to AASA standards and with a stringent noise level policy. A number of cars had difficulty with the noise 'police' but there was a great deal of assistance given by the organisers to anybody having difficulties in this regard. In other words, they wanted us to be there and enjoy the day. For our \$199 entry fee we received use of a carport, one 15 minute practice session, one 15 minute qualifying session and four x 5 lap races. I believe this was the only down side – 5 laps is too short and I have made my feelings known to the organisers of the Anniversary event.

Our Group of cars was very mixed – FF's, FJ's, FV's, a Maserati 250 replica, a LMA Francis Monopost (supercharged) and an Austin 7 Special – 17 cars in all. Interestingly, the field separated quickly into two groups and both groups had good dicing with constant changing of positions.

There was a major incident involving Graham Brown as he crossed the finish line for qualifying having taken out provisional pole position. Fortunately, Graham was not injured although as a precaution he did go to hospital in the ambulance and had the correct procedures performed to clear his health status. Everybody was very pleased to see him back at the track on Sunday morning. The Brabham sustained substantial damage, although I believe repair work has already begun.

In other events Peter Strauss became over exuberant about passing Kim Shearn in the eastern loop and found himself backwards into the wire fence – minimal damage. Allan Conway had a DNF due to a scary miss in his new engine – no damage. Bill Norman retired Roger Ealand's Koala (great to see it back on the race track) as a precaution against some 'funny noises' – investigations pending!



Formula Juniors in a mixed grid of cars at Historic Lakeside where the Lotus 18's of Kim Shearn No.8 leads Roger Ealand in second position in front of the pack.

Photo courtesy Colleen Conway

TECHNICAL REPORT FORMULA JUNIOR CONTROL TYRE PRICES 2010

Members will be pleased to note we have negotiated the retention of last years prices for the control tyres on Formula Juniors during 2010, and each State Dunlop dealer will have been advised of these amounts when contacted for supplies, please note, you will need to advise the Dealer that your car is a Formula Junior for this entitlement.

13" 204 compound front 4-50Lx13 \$343 ea, rear 5-50Lx13 \$353 ea, or \$1392 per set

15" 204 compound front 4-50Lx15 \$413 ea, rear 5-00Lx15 \$433 ea, or \$1692 per set

We are advised that these prices reflect the exchange rate to the euro, and the supply costs of UK production, and shipment to Australia.

Please advise the Secretary if you have any problems in this matter.



David Reid (Cooper T59) leading Roger Ealand (Lotus 18) closely followed by Kim Shearn (Lotus 18) at Mallala during Easter

Photo courtesy of John Lemm



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Parts Available - Graham Brown has some brake drums suitable for Slimline Lynx cars built in 1962, and would like to find a good home for them. Contact Graham at 07 5447 1200

TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Roger Ealand has purchased the Koala recently advertised for sale by Paul Charal from SA, this is the car built by John Joyce before he went to work for Lotus in the mid sixties, who on his return created the Bowin Formula Ford marque so successful in local events. Roger is currently rebuilding the car in correct FJ specifications, and we look forward to seeing it in regular competition.

Whilst on cars bought and sold, Peter Johnson has sold his BT6 Brabham to Tony Simmons of wheel fame in NSW, and it appears that Tony is looking forward to being involved in FJ events with advice on how to set up the car from his friend Ron Tauranac. Welcome Tony to membership of the AFJA.

Peter Johnson appears to also have an overseas purchaser for his F2 Brabham BT36 advertised in Pitstop recently, and hopes to acquire another car to replace that which he has sold, and hopefully another Formula Junior that he seems comfortable driving.

Rumour has it that someone is interested in acquiring the Monarch sports car in WA with a view to extracting the Lynx slimline prototype incorporated in this car, as this was a Formula Junior in the period, and would be worth saving for its history, let alone its potential in Historic events where it could be quite competitive.

Spoke recently with Geoff Dean regarding his ex Jack Hunnam 1963 Elfin Catalina that he is restoring, and judging by the photo's he provided, the car is very close to completion, and will stand out on any grid in its current colour scheme.

It was great to see Murray Bryden driving his new car on its maiden voyage at Mallala during Easter after years of restoring the ex Lionel Ayers Lotus 20B Formula Junior, also Robbie Nichols in the very attractive ex David McKay Lola Mk2 that we haven't seen in our Trophy Series before.



*Bill Norman seen here driving the Koala recently purchased by Roger Ealand at Historic Lakeside
Photo courtesy of Colleen Conway*

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AFJA cloth badge including postage

Business Card advertising 4 issues \$50



For Sale 1963 Koala FJ ex John Joyce of Bowin FF fame

Important Aust. car recently restored by current owner
Drum brake, 1500 cc Ford rear engine / VW Transmission
Terms of sale – All reasonable offers considered
Contact Paul Charal 08 8359 1810 or 0408 801 231



For Sale 1961 Lotus 20J959

Car originally owned by Lionel Ayers from Qld
Full restoration completed (like new) by current owner
Disc front brakes, 1100 cc Ford engine
Race ready opportunity. \$100,000
Contact Murray Bryden B.H. (03) 9357 9969



For Sale: 1965 Brabham F3 BT15 F3-25-65

Front running car in FJ racing, current Trophy holder
Car also has history with 1600 Twin Cam
Price \$85,000
Contact Ed Holly H. 02 95226845 or 0413270844



For Sale: 1963 Elfin Catalina FJ6320 ex Noel Hurd

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For Sale: 1963 Brabham BT6 FJ-15-63 ex Greg Cusack

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Current CAMS Log Book & Cert. of Description
Contact Peter Johnson 02 95173751 or peter37@bigpond.net.au



For Sale: T52 FJ Cooper parts from car purchased & assembled by

Noel Kersley in 1961 using Peugeot engine & C.R. V.W. Trans.
Car damaged 1967 & never repaired.
Contact Jacob Stecher 0417 636 716

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