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PITSTOP

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The recent Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Benalla during round 4 of the annual Trophy Series, and was attended by 17 members and guests. The minutes of this meeting were forwarded to members by email, and contained election results where Roger Ealand was elected president after Mike Shearer vacated the chair.

Members at the AGM discussed the issue concerning Richardson Cylinder Heads, and the committees decision to clarify their use with a submission to CAMS eligibility committee. There was also discussion on ways to increase FJ/F3 race grids, and it was resolved to promote the Tasman Revival at Eastern Creek in November as a special event, see Presidents report this issue.

I would like to congratulate Roger Ealand on his election to the position of President of the AFJA, and record my thanks to the committee for their involvement during last year, in particular IPP Mike Shearer for his valuable contribution to the role of President.

Kelvin Prior AFJA Secretary/Treasurer



*New AFJA President Roger Ealand driving his very competitive Lotus 18 at the recent Historic Winton Event in Victoria, closely followed by the trophy series leader Peter Strauss in his Brabham BT6.
Photo courtesy of Neil Hammond.*

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 CURRENT POINT SCORES FOR 2010

Driver	Car	Group	Rnd.1	Rnd.2	Rnd.3	Rnd.4	Rnd.5	Rnd.6	Rnd.7	Total
Peter Strauss Vic	BT6	FJ2	6+0	10+10	0+0	10+10				46
David Reid Qld	T59	FJ2	10+10	8+8	-	-				36
Kim Shearn Vic	Lotus	FJ1	10+8	0+0	-	10+8				36
Roger Ealand NSW	Lotus	FJ1	8+10	0+0	-	8+10				36
Mike Gosbell NSW	T52	FJ1	6+6	-	10+10	-				32
Murray Bryden Vic	Lotus	FJ1	-	0+10	-	4+6				20
Allan Conway Qld	Gemini	FJ1	4+0	-	8+8	-				20
Robbie Nicholls SA	Lola	FJ1	-	10+8	-	-				(18)
Bill Norman NSW	Koala	FJ2#	8+8	-	-	-				(16)
Jon. Williamson WA	Lotus	FJ2	-	-	-	8+0				8
Norm Falkiner Vic	Stang.	FJ1	-	-	-	6+2				8
Geoff Mcinnes Vic	Lynx	FJ1#	-	-	-	3+4				7
Geoff Fry NSW	Jolus	FJ1#	-	-	6+0	0+0				6
John Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	-	-	-	2+3				5
Don Thallon Qld	MRC	FJ2#	-	-	-	0+0				0
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

There have now been four of the seven trophy series events contested so far in 2010, and the most recent two at Eastern Creek and Winton have changed the point score considerably with Peter Strauss driving his Brabham BT6 now leading by 10 points clear of the main opposition consisting of three cars on equal points in second place.

At this stage of the competition, its still anyone's game, with only the four best results for the year counting towards the final score, and most of the existing contestants are in with a chance provided they can survive the reliability factor that has adversely affected so many in the past.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am actually quite excited about being elected President of the AFJA for the next little while. Of course I am humble enough (only just!) to realise that it is a bit of a hospital pass - the only applicant etc. However I believe there is a really worthwhile job to do that will benefit all of us, and that is what I want to put my effort into.

I can tell what controls my efforts, and that is the belief we are a group of people lucky enough to own these beautiful little racing cars out to have some fun with friends, and feel a little of what the glory days might have been like for Jim Clarke, Denny Hulme, John Surtees etc. We drive to our ability and get as much fun coming 1st, 10th, 15th or 21st. I also believe that owning these cars (custodians only) brings a responsibility as well, to bring them out and let people see them and enjoy them too.

So - I intend to face forwards and focus my energy on three areas that have a fighting chance of improving the path we are on.

1) Getting more cars on the grid.

The first task is to concentrate on the Tasman Revival, which is the highest profile event in our part of the world. I can't bear the thought of having to combine with other car groups to make up the numbers. We should be aiming for a full grid and take our rightful place in this great event.

I am in the process of ringing every owner to talk about the Tasman Revival in November at Eastern Creek and encourage entries. A fantastic response so far - I think we can do it.

2) Enhance the image of the AFJA

We have a great story to tell. I want people to actively want to join us - looking for a car - seeing how much fun we are having and wanting to be an active part of it.

We are talking now about producing an FJ brochure selling up the FJ, F3 movement, that can be used at race meetings to attract new active and energetic members. The AFJA is ready and eager to welcome fresh blood who want to help us develop.

3) Fun - enjoyment

I can honestly say I have had so much fun with my FJ that I have to pinch myself. Probably the best fun racing I have had in my life! We race with a group of brilliant people who are great to be with, some of whom have become great friends (can't think of their names off hand!) Perhaps we could improve the social side starting with the Tasman Revival. We are going to try to improve the experience by having a room above the pits for our own use. Lunches, coffees, teas - bit of a team effort - welcome our NZ friends, that sort of thing.

The AFJA is in the strong position it is now because of the work past president Michael Shearer, and all the past presidents before him, so thanks to all of them. Let us not forget our own Duncan Rabagliati of Australia, Kelvin Prior. For sure, none of us would have the luxury of this Association if it were not for Kelvin and Bunny. Thanks from all of us.

So I see this as a great foundation for a bigger and better future. We all need to reflect on why we own these cars and how we can enjoy them more - then lets make it happen.

Roger Ealand
AFJA President



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**HSRCA NSW – WAKEFIELD PARK AT GOULBURN 2010
ROUND SIX AFJA TROPHY SERIES**

CIRCUIT: 2.2 km clockwise track 200 km south west of Sydney near Goulburn

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday 17th September
Racing Saturday and Sunday September 18th & 19th

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



*Jonathan Williamson from WA driving his Lotus 22 in the wet at the recent Historic Winton Event.
Photo courtesy of Neil Hammond*

**VHRR VIC. – SANDOWN PARK AT SPRINGVALE 2010
ROUND SEVEN AFJA TROPHY SERIES**

CIRCUIT: 3.1 km anti-clockwise circuit 25 km SE of Melbourne

PROGRAM: Voluntary private practice Friday 5th November
Racing Saturday and Sunday November 6th & 7th

EVENTS: As the required minimum grid size is 30 cars, obviously our cars will be in a mixed grid. All 3 events will be
scratch races, two of which will provide points towards the final score for the AFJA Trophy Series

ENTRIES: Documents will be provided by the race secretary Wayne Hunter Phone 03 9800 0132
Email – waynehunter@bigpond.com or download from www.vhrr.com
Entries open August 16th and close 25th October.

SOCIAL FUNCTION: AFJA members and guests are invited to a \$10 BBQ with BYO drinks at the Elfin Heritage Centre,
29 Capella Crescent, Moorabbin from 6.30 p.m. on Saturday 7th November courtesy of Bill
Hemming.

2010 AFJA TROPHY SERIES – ROUND 3 RACE REPORT – EASTERN CREEK NSW BY GEOFF FRY

It was disappointing that an initial five entrants were reduced to four when Peter Boel withdrew his Lola from this event held on the 1st and 2nd of May this year.

Peter Strauss (Brabham BT6), Allan Conway (Gemini Mk 3) and myself in the Jolus qualified in Group M, whilst Mike Gosbell (Cooper T52) was in Group L, that is until it was decided that Peter Strauss would be the only Formula Junior in Group M races, the rest were demoted to Group L due to the 130% lap time safety rule.

Peter Strauss unfortunately had some drive shaft problems, and was unable to register any points during the weekend, Mike Gosbell had a great time all weekend gaining maximum Trophy Series points, whilst Allan Conway appeared to have a misfiring engine for most of the weekend, and I did not progress beyond the first race due to engine failure Sunday morning, that turned out to be a sheared cam drive.

Editors note – Geoff also mentioned in his report that members should take notice of Noel Tuckey's notes on the AFJA Website regarding the preparation of a Anglia race engine, and in particular that section that refers to the lubrication hole that needs to be drilled into the oil gallery to lubricate the distributor drive gears.



Kim Shearn (Lotus 18) leads Roger Ealand (Lotus 18) and Peter Strauss (Brabham BT6) through a very wet corner at Winton.

Photo courtesy of Neil Hammond

2010 AFJA TROPHY SERIES – ROUND 4 RACE REPORT – WINTON RACEWAY VIC.

The 34th Historic Winton was held May 29–30th on the short 2.03 km clockwise circuit near Benalla in country Victoria, just 200km north of Melbourne, where the weather was basically cold and wet, however, the track did dry a little on Sunday to the delight of all competitors.

There were 10 Formula Juniors entered, but unfortunately Geoff Fry was unable to complete engine repairs on the Jolus in time for the event, and arrived without his car, leaving 9 cars to contest this round of the AFJA Trophy Series. This event is very popular on the national calendar, which unfortunately meant our cars were involved in large mixed grids relevant to age, rather than performance.

Don Thallon from Qld. driving his MRC was very competitive in practice till the engine expired, depriving him of any points. Peter Strauss (Brabham BT6), together with Kim Shearn and Roger Ealand in Lotus 18's were dicing together during the weekend, whilst Jonathan Williamson from WA was not at his best after his extended break from driving, and unfortunately tangled with a sports car on Sunday that denied him a result in the second race.

Geoff McInnes survived his indoctrination into Formula Junior when he drove Kelvin Prior's Lynx Borgward in very difficult track conditions, and Murray Bryden (Lotus 20b) illustrated how competent he is after a short spell away from the track. John Medley again proved how competitive his Nota BMC is against similar cars, whilst Norm Falkiner dazzled the onlookers with his most attractive Stanguellini that seems to be going faster these days.

WINTON LONG TRACK FESTIVAL OF SPEED – AUGUST 13TH – 15TH 2010

The VHRR in conjunction with Winton Motor Raceway will host an extra Historic Car racing event during 2010 in Victoria, and whilst this meeting is not part of the AFJA Trophy Series, members are invited to enter their car before July 16th by contacting 0412 351 403 to arrange entry forms.

TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Bought and sold is always a great start to rumors circulating around the pits, and to start the ball rolling, Ed Holly has sold his Brabham BT15 F3 to Peter Barclay whom we welcome to membership of the Association. For the record, this is the car that has won the AFJA F3 Perpetual Trophy in the previous two years, so Peter will have a standard to uphold.

There have been a couple of Alexis F3 cars recently brought into the country, one of which will be restored to its later specifications by current owner Lou Russo from Vic. However the other car is a Mk9 F3 built in 1966, and will reappear shortly when restorations are completed by the current owner Neil McCrudden, AFJA rep for WA.

Whilst talking about WA, we are advised that Bruce Edgar has acquired the ex Vern Cerche Elfin Catalina, and is currently restoring it under the watchful eye of Neil McCrudden in the WA Racing Museum facilities, and we expect to see this car supporting our racing grids in the near future. Welcome Bruce to membership of the AFJA.

Following a call from IPP Mike Shearer, I contacted Ian Barton in Vic. regarding the Bulant that he currently owns, as it appears that whilst this car was built late 50's by Brian Rawlings of Nota fame, it is currently log booked in its 1962 spec's, and suitable to race with AFJA cars, so welcome aboard Ian, we now have 100 FJ/F3 cars on our register.

Rumor has it that possibly two Lola Mk2 front engine Formula Juniors are on their way to this ex penal colony, and there is a strong suggestion that a Lotus 22 might also be on its way from the USA to help build our grid sizes to current requirements. There has also been tentative contact from locals regarding the possibility of acquiring a Formula Junior.

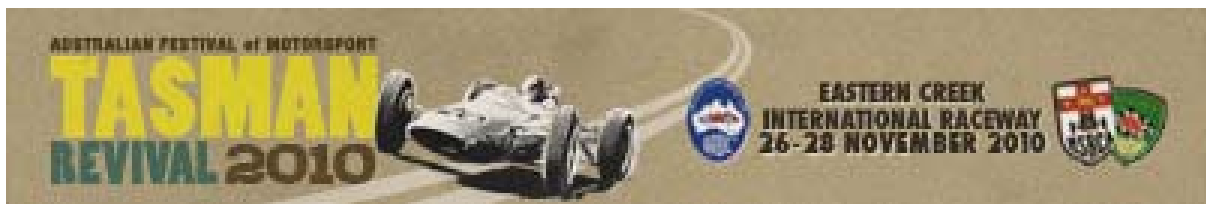
Inaugural AFJA member Peter Johnson has now sold his BT36 Brabham F2 into the USA as forecast in the previous edition of Pitstop, and is now without a car to race, that is until he can find a suitable replacement.



Norm Falkiner driving his Stanguellini FJ Car 82 at Winton when the track was dry, and leading considerable opposition. Photo courtesy of Neil Hammond



AFJA members are inviting to enter Formula Junior events in NZ next year where Jim Barclay and his crew expect to improve on similar events held this year. Anyone planning to visit NZ with their car should register an interest by emailing Jim asap.



To date there are 40 FJ/F3 cars, including 8 from NZ, that have indicated their interest in entering the Tasman Revival Historic Meeting. The HSRCA organising committee have requested that all interested participants register their intention to enter and receive regular emails on progress by visiting www.tasmanrevival.com for details.



*Geoff Mcinnes driving Kelvin Prior's Lynx Borgward FJ at Winton leading various sports cars through corner.
Photo courtesy Neil Hammond*



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For Sale – 1964 Penny Ford 1 litre Formula 3

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