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PITSTOP

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Contained within this issue of Pitstop is an article from President Roger Ealand on his experience of driving FJ's in Europe during the northern summer in company with 3 other Aussies. Further to this, AFJA members will have received regular email reports on each event thanks to Bill Hemming, and whilst we miss their local involvement the experience they are gaining for future use by our members will be of considerable value.

The unique nature of our FJ/F3 cars make them pseudo passports to everyone's dream of experiencing the exhilaration of racing on circuits we were brought up to respect, where our hero's fought to achieve their dream of being world champion one day. That same dream applies to our fellow drivers from the northern hemisphere, where they too could dream of experiencing our world renowned Tasman circuits during their winter off season, all we need to do is make it easy for them to participate.

The current register of FJ/F3 cars in Australia now contains 109 cars, and we know of several further cars on their way to new owners from overseas. We are also advised that the current number of cars capable of racing locally are continuing to increase, which argues well for our well known future aims of FJ/F3 only grids in Australia.

KELVIN PRIOR – AFJA SECRETARY



STILL LIFE IN THE OLD FART. Kelvin Prior celebrating his 75th birthday with a last hoorah at Winton Racetrack in a time trail event. He thoroughly enjoyed himself except for squeezing into his old race suit and trying to get out of the car bruised but ecstatic.

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EVENTS FOR 2011 AFJA TROPHY SERIES

Round 1	March	18-20	Phillip Island Classic Vic.
Round 2	April	20-26	Mallala speed week SA
Round 3	May	28-29	Lakeside 50 th Qld.
Round 4	July	30-31	Morgan Park Qld.
Round 5	August	13-14	Winton long track Vic.
Round 6	September	24-25	Wakefield Park NSW.
Round 7	November	26-27	Eastern Creek NSW



*Leo Geoghegan
FJ Trophy*



*Aussie Car
FJ Trophy*



*Nereo Dizane
F3 Trophy*

AFJA FJ/F3 TROPHY SERIES POINT SCORES FOR 2011

Driver	State	Year	Make	Model	Class	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Total
LeGALLAIS Victoria	NSW	1965	Brabham	BT15	F3	34	30	37	30	30			161
THALLON Don	QLD	1963	Lotus	MRC	FJ2R#	40	-	50	30	-			120
GOSBELL Mike	NSW	1960	Cooper	T52	FJ1R	26	-	40	30	-			96
BROWN Jeff	VIC	1969	Brabham	BT28	F3	38	-	46	-	-			84
STRAUSS Peter	VIC	1963	Brabham	BT6	FJ2R	22	30	-	-	30			82
FALKINER Norm	VIC	1959	Stanguellini	FJ	FJ1F	38	20	-	-	1			59
REID David	QLD	1962	Cooper	T59	FJ2R	9	-	30	20	-			59
EALAND Roger	NSW	1960 1963	Lotus Koala	18 FJ	FJ1R FJ2R#	- 3	- -	50 -	- -	- -			53
BROWN Graham	QLD	1962	Brabham	BT2	FJ2R	4	-	14	17	-			35
BOEL Peter	QLD	1963	Lola	MK5a	FJ2R	-	-	21	10	-			31
CRAIG Greg	QLD	1960	Gemini	MK3	FJ1R	-	-	30	-	-			30
LANE Max	NSW	1960	Lola	MK2	FJ1F	27	-	-	-	-			(27)
NICHOLLS Robbie	SA	1960	Lola	MK2	FJ1F	-	26	-	-	-			(26)
CONWAY Allan	QLD	1960	Gemini	MK3a	FJ1R	-	-	-	24	-			24
BUCKLEY Robert	QLD	1963	Golford	Spl.	FJ2R#	-	-	12	11	-			23
HULBERT Mac	VIC	1960	Lotus	18	FJ1R	20	-	-	-	-			(20)
SIMMONS Tony	NSW	1963	Brabham	BT6	FJ2R	20	-	-	-	-			20
MEDLEY John	NSW	1959	Nota	BMC	FJ1F#	-	-	-	-	20			20
TELFER Alan	QLD	1961	Lotus	20B	FJ2R	-	-	17	-	-			17
SHEARN Kim	VIC	1960 1961	Lotus Lotus	18 20/22	FJ1R FJ2R	- 16	0 -	- -	- -	- -			16
HOCKING Wayne	SA	1964	TAD	Spl.	FJ1R#	-	11	-	-	-			(11)
BRYDEN Murray	VIC	1961	Lotus	20B	FJ2R	7	1	-	-	1			9
WILIAMSON Jon	QLD	1962	Lotus	22	FJ2R	7	-	-	-	-			7
BRYEN Noel	NSW	1963	Renmax	BN1	FJ2R#	7	-	0	-	-			7
GOODFELLOW Mike	QLD	1964	Talisman	SPL	FJ2R#	-	-	-	5	-			5

Denotes Australian built FJ car with points towards the Aussie Car Perpetual Trophy

(?) Where points are in brackets they apply to events in excess of 4 contested, or are for cars still subject to the provision of a suitable CAMS C of D to the secretary for required approval.

2011 AFJA ANNUAL TROPHY SERIES

Congratulations to Victoria LeGallais for her consistent performance in the Brabham F3 during the first five events of the current trophy series, for which she has contested all rounds. She leads the overall score to date, and with the next two rounds in her home State, we can expect Victoria to increase her exceptional lead.

The AFJA trophy series was designed to encourage members to cross State borders to enhance our grids, and whilst Don Thallon is leading the points for the Leo Geoghegan FJ Trophy, it's worthy of note that Mike Gosbell has gained all his points interstate in his T56 Cooper, and is currently outright 3rd on the overall point score.

PRESIDENTS REPORT FROM EUROPE



It's been an eye-opener for the Aussie Formula Junior competitors presently in the UK, Bill Hemming, Kim Shearn, Tony Simmons and myself have looked closely at the way FJ operates in Europe, and we are currently preparing ourselves for the Oulton Park Gold Cup meeting this weekend, so it is a good time to reflect on the astonishing success of Formula Junior here. It may also give us some encouragement in our quest for full grids in Australia.

There is no question that success breeds success and you can see that here. The Formula attracts more and more people who want to be part of it, which means that every race meeting we have attended, the grids have been full, and in most cases a reserve list. Here at Oulton Park this weekend there are over 60 entries split into two groups and that's not counting the 1,000cc F3 group who have their own race.

So what makes Formula Junior so successful - well it didn't happen overnight. Duncan Rabagliati runs a very well organized group, Europe's equivalent to Kelvin Prior. He buys the race time from the organizers and sells entries to competitors. He also pays for a part time assistant, so that is one reason.

The FJ championship has also attracted young drivers, and maybe one third of the field are under 30, so the competition at the front is very strong, but there is still plenty of room for interesting cars and drivers, just for fun like us. The cars themselves are unbelievably reliable (excluding the Australians), the engineering is down to a fine art, so 41 starters, quite often means 41 finishers.

For the record, the camaraderie is exceptional and that is because everyone stays at the circuit in campers or tents, so there is a great corner of the paddock reserved for FJ competitors with BBQ,s and campfires, little bit of beer and tiny bit of red wine - makes every meeting a social event.

All this sounds great, but the downside is that it is expensive. Cars are in demand and so command a high price. To build the engines properly and reliably is not cheap, and entry fees are enough to send most of us pale and unheard of in Australia - over \$1,000 at Silverstone for instance.

I am sure we are on the right track in Australia, however It is important that we get these cars into the hands of people who intend to use them for the purpose for which they were originally built, so we can then strengthen our negotiations with event organizers.

We are off to Goodwood next, not many groups get invitations to such prestigious events, however FJ seem to get invitations year after year, and that's why people love them, they represent a very special place in motor racing history. So let's love them by using them!



Roger Ealand pondering if he he should take on Casey Stoner now that he has taken on the European FJ's



Roger Ealand seen here driving his Australian built Koala FJ at Dijon. This is the car that race commentators refer to as a "tree rat".

Photo courtesy Kitty Chisholm

HSRCA NSW – WAKEFIELD PARK AT GOULBURN 2011

ROUND SIX AFJA TROPHY SERIES

- CIRCUIT:** 2.2 km clockwise track 200 km SW of Sydney near Goulburn
- PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice Friday 23rd September
Racing Saturday and Sunday September 24th and 25th
- EVENTS** Subject to there being sufficient entrants, the opportunity exists to repeat previous years FJ/F3 races, with all counting toward our Annual Trophy Series
- ENTRIES:** Documents may be requested from race secretary Noel Bryen (02) 9913 3662 or download from www.hsrca.org.au
- ACCOMMODATION:** Contact Goulburn Visitors Centre (02) 4821 5343



*Bill Hemming driving his Australian built Elfin car 23 representing Australia at Dijon
Photo courtesy Kitty Chisholm*

HSRCA NSW – EASTERN CREEK 2011

FINAL ROUND AFJA TROPHY SERIES

- CIRCUIT:** New 2.58 km short anti clockwise track west of Sydney
- PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice will be Friday 25th November
Normal practice and racing Saturday & Sunday November 26th & 27th
- EVENTS:** FJ/F3 only racing offered provided entry exceeds 15 cars
- ENTRIES:** Documents may be requested after October 14th from the race secretary Noel Bryen on (*02) 9913 3662 or download from www.hsrca.org.au Closing date 7th November. Please state FJ entry.
- AFJA TROPHIES:** Venue for Presentation of Annual AFJA Trophy Series Awards to be advised
- ACCOMMODATION:** Ample available in Parramatta area only 20 km from the circuit.

MORGAN PARK HISTORICS – By Alan Conway

On 30-31 July the annual HRCC National Historic meeting was held on the new long circuit at Morgan Park in wintry Warwick. The weather was fine but cool – ideal for racing cars. We had heavy fog on Saturday morning and proceedings were delayed for about 30 minutes until the fog lifted. Sunday was similar.

The new extended track has had limited use, so most of the drivers were unfamiliar with the layout, but soon adapted. The new section is quite fast, but a little bumpy due to recent floods.

Seven (7) Formula Juniors and one (1) F3 car presented for qualifying. Victoria Le Gallais (F3) only making the start line after an overnight cannibalising of Peter Barclay's Brabham. Victoria's clutch failed and Peter's timing chain also failed in Friday practice. The decision was made to change the clutch from one car to the other. Well done guys – some people would have gone home Friday!

Our qualifying and racing was shared with a large group of FF and one (1) other 1600cc group M Racing car – a field that made for comfortable racing. Fastest in qualifying, as he was all weekend, was Don Thallon.

Close racing was noticed between David Reid and Victoria Le Gallais, Peter Boel and Victoria Le Gallais, Mike Goodfellow and Allan Conway and in the final event Don Thallon, David Reid and Peter Boel. Fastest FJ lap for the weekend went to Don Thallon in qualifying 1.32.2745 whilst Victoria Le Gallais (F3) managed a 1.32.1966 in the HRCC Trophy Race.

Other happenings over the weekend included:

- An unfortunate electrical problem during qualifying for Peter Boel which resulted in his starting from the rear of the grid.
- The main lead from the battery had separated from the terminal;
- Mike Goodfellow hitting what must be the toughest 'witches hat' ever made – it bent both trailing arms and damaged his car underbody;
- Graham Brown damaging an engine on the last lap of the last race;
- A successful social evening at the Warwick Steak House where more than 20 FJ drivers and associates enjoyed dinner and a glass of red 'whilst telling tall tales and true'.

FF/F3 RACE RESULTS FROM ROUND 4 AT MORGAN PARK QLD 30 – 31ST JULY 2011

NAME	STATE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	CLASS	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL
GOSBELL Mike	NSW	1960	Cooper	T52	FJ1R	10	10	10	30
CONWAY Allan	Qld.	1960	Gemini	MK3A	FJ1R	8	8	8	24
THALLON Don	Qld.	1963	MRC	22	FJ2R	10	10	10	30
REID David	Qld.	1962	Cooper	T59	FJ2R	6	6	8	20
BROWN Graham	Qld.	1962	Brabham	BT2	FJ2R	8	8	1	17
BUCKLEY Robert	Qld.	1963	Golford	Spl.	FJ2R	4	3	4	11
BOEL Peter	Qld.	1963	Lola	MK5A	FJ2R	0	4	6	10
GOODFELLOW Mike	Qld.	1964	TALISMAN	Spl.	FJ2R	3	2	0	5
Le GALLAIS Victoria	NSW	1965	Brabham	BT15	F3	10	10	10	30



David Reid driving his T59 Cooper FJ No. 16 seen here hotly pursued by Victoria LeGallais in her Brabham F3 No. 87 at Morgan Park in Queensland

Photo courtesy Colleen Conway

WINTON RACE REPORT

Normally winter is not the best time to contest the AFJA Trophy Series at Winton in Victoria, but surprise surprise, the clouds disappeared in time for all to experience an unusual burst of brilliant sunshine this weekend, and whilst the number of cars were less than expected, those who entered were party to a well organised event on the long circuit that was developed for V8 supercars some years ago.

Peter Strauss (Brabham BT6) was the leading Formula Junior for the weekend, and established a new lap record of 1-41.3452, Peter also raced his BT31 Tasman car, and you could tell which car he would be driving by the colour of his helmets that matched the colour of each car.

The surprise performance for the weekend was that of Victoria Legallais in the Brabham BT15, where on more than one occasion she was seen pushing Peter Strauss through the corners of this tight circuit, but then lacked the horsepower in the straight to claim the lead.

Murray Bryden burnt the midnight oil in preparing his car for this event, but unfortunately suffered some mechanical malfunction in the first race that denied him the joy of racing his attractive Lotus 20B on the Sunday. John Medley drove the Nota BMC to victory in the front engine division, but unfortunately Norm Falkiner had gearbox problems in the Stanguellini on Saturday that precluded him from achieving a reasonable result for the weekend.

FJ/F3 RACE RESULTS FROM ROUND 5 AT WINTON VIC. 13-14 AUGUST 2011

NAME	STATE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	CLASS	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL
MEDLEY John	NSW	1959	Nota	BMC	FJ1F	10	10	0	20
FALKINER Norm	Vic.	1959	Stanguellini	Fiat	FJ1F	1	0	0	1
STRAUSS Peter	Vic.	1963	Brabham	BT6	FJ2R	10	10	10	30
BRYDEN Murray	Vic.	1961	Lotus	20B	FJ2R	1	0	0	1
Le GALLAIS Victoria	NSW.	1965	Brabham	BT15	F3	10	10	10	30



Peter Strauss seen here driving last years Trophy winning BT6 Brabham No. 1 very closely following by Victoria LeGallais in her Brabham F3 at Winton

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Whilst talking with past president Mike Shearer the other day, he revealed that his leg was badly damaged last Easter when the flywheel of his late fathers A model Ford racing car exploded at Mallala whilst he was giving it an airing, the good news is that his health is returning to normal, and he hopes to carry out some necessary repairs to the T59 Cooper in the near future.

For some time we have endeavoured to trace what happened to the Cooper FJ that was dismantled after the then current owner Bill Stephens had a fatal accident in the car at Hume Weir circuit in 1967, well Bill's son Bob introduced himself at Winton in August, and is now hot on the trail of recovering the parts, and identifying the cars history.

Further to our recent advice regarding the lack of Formula Junior control tyres available in Australia, I am pleased to inform you that new stocks have arrived from England in the past 3 days, and these should be recent production, making them stickier than previous supplies. I personally would like to thank those members who offered their old stocks of tyres to other members who were unable to race on their damaged ones, for whilst we are about being involved in our chosen activity, safety is still our primary concern.



Murray Bryden seen here driving his attractive Lotus 20B at the recent Winton long rack event in Victoria

Photo courtesy Colleen Conway

PROPOSED FUTURE OVERSEAS JAUNTS

For anyone considering the possibility of emulating what President Roger and the three other Aussies have done this year, we are advised that Don Thallon from Qld. and Peter Strauss from Vic. will ship their cars to Europe next year for their summer racing season, so if you are considering your options, contact either Don or Peter to discuss how you could participate.

There is also a proposition being developed in the West that involves cars from New Zealand and the northern hemisphere being shipped to Western Australia, together with cars from the Eastern States for a special Historic event at Barbagallo Raceway in early November 2012, after which they will be railed to Eastern Creek in NSW for the beginning of the bi-annual Tasman Series where these cars will compete before being shipped to NZ for the remaining two Tasman events.

Following the January 2013 NZ events celebrating the life of Denny Hulme, the container of several WA cars, together with some interested NZ drivers and the Northern Hemisphere cars will proceed to Europe, possibly via Phillip Island with an event at the AGP. Obviously, the Australian and NZ cars will tour the FJHRA events in Europe, before returning their cars home in late 2013. Wow!



Graham Brown driving his BT2 seen here leading David Reid in his T59 Coper (partially obstructed) with Victoria LeGallais car 87 Brabham F3 close behind at Morgan Park, Queensland

Photo courtesy Colleen Conway



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