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2010 RACING CALENDAR

CP	FEBRUARY 27	RINGWOOD HILLCLIMB
SC/CP	MARCH 13-14	EASTERN CREEK
SC/CP	APRIL 10-11	WAKEFIELD PARK
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CP-Club Pointscore, SC – State Championship, NS – National Series, NT - National Titles

POINTSORE SYSTEM

Pointscores are as follows

State Championship 1600 – 30, 27, 25, 23, 22, 21, 20, etc down to 1, with 1 for all finishers.

State Championship 1200 – 30, 27, 25, 23, 22, 21, 20, etc down to 1, with 1 for all finishers.

Club Pointscore 1600 and 1200 – As above, for ALL races throughout 2009.

Division Two – As above for Division Two drivers only for ALL races throughout 2009.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Dylan Thomas



As the incoming President there may be a question as to what my motives are or if there is an agenda that I would like to get through..... **NO!** Just in the wrong place at the right time!

One of the lessons in life that has stood out to me in the last decade is that whatever you do you only get out what you put in. So I could have just tinkered away in the shed and kept on making improvements to my Stinger (some would say that it may need some! but honestly the Stinger is starting to become a bloody good car), but the truth is I feel that I have really found a home here in this category and therefore found myself wanting to give a little back; hence the joining of this committee, and after a couple of years on the committee have found myself as President... I am aware that this position doesn't always keep all the people happy all the time so we will see how it pans out.

With the loss of Oran Park the demand for track time at the remaining two circuits leaves no time for the promoters to hold multi club rounds this year. This then presents our committee with the challenge of finding two rounds for club point score. One round was the obvious choice for club points was the NSW national round of the series. For the other we have taken an idea out of left field and are running a hill climb. Hill climbs are a great place to practice your starts for the year as there is a timing beacon just after the start. Also it's a place where you can share your car and give your helpers a go, whether they be financial or with a spanner. This may not appeal to all but we will probably see a few people come out of the woodwork and they may hopefully stay on for some of the state rounds. The committee has also sent out some FVANSW patches for your race suits. And are in talk about doing some stickers for us to display on our cars and trailers, so hopefully we can be proud of our state.

My hope for the following year as President is to hopefully stay somewhere in the background as my primary focus for the year at the track will be the Championship. Let's hope we have some good competition again this year, with the **RUMOURED** return of Shane Hart and Nick Herford with Daniel Reynolds returning to defend his crown. In addition hopefully we will see one or two other experienced guys return plus there will be a couple of fella's step up from where they were last year - which should add some spice.

Other things of interest to watch this year is who is going to be the rookie of the year? Who will be best presented car? Who's most improved? Who will get the pit crew award and so many other awards. Who will win 1200, Div 1, Div 2, Club point score?

With the New Year upon us, we all start with hope and anticipation. Let's hope that we can fill most of the objectives that we set for ourselves, but most importantly let's remember to enjoy the year!!! As sheep station 101 does not go to the champion.

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Pic – Dylan “The Pres” Thomas lines up at a Ringwood Hillclimb meeting last year

The closure of Oran Park at the end of 2009 left us without our two usual club-level race meetings, and with only six race meetings in total for 2010, including the Australian Series Eastern Creek race meeting..

As a result, the committee (through the efforts of Dylan Thomas) has taken the adventurous step of promoting something different – a hill climb – to get one more opportunity to drive our Formula Vees in a meaningful competition.

Apart from being different and fun, a Hillclimb can give you valuable grid start practice, and makes a safe shakedown for your car prior to a hard season ahead. Even better, its only \$165 entry fee for at least 12 runs.

The Club Pointscore rewards the most committed competitors rather than the fastest, so **GET YOUR ENTRIES IN NOW AND BE THERE!**



NEWSFLASH!



2010 FORMULA VEE AUSTRALIAN SERIES IS GO, GO, GO!

The 2010 Formula Vee Australian Series is go, go, go!

The interstate series for 2010 is confirmed. The format will be different from the Shannon's series of recent years in that it will be run in conjunction with state championship and/or club pointscore events in the various states.

Dates are as follows:

Mallala	South Australia	1-2 May
Sandown	Victoria	24-25 July
Eastern Creek	New South Wales	11-12 September

The series is being administered by a sub-committee set up under the auspices of the Formula Vee Association of Australia, with representatives from each state. The FV association in each state will be responsible for organising the event in their state. The NSW event will take place at a Shannon's round which will be a NSW club pointscore event.

It is important that Formula Vee has a series that showcases the category at the highest level. The desire amongst competitors for such as series has provided the impetus for the FVAA to create the **Formula Vee Australian Series**. The committee is keen to use the 2010 series to build momentum for the coming years and will be working very hard in 2010 to secure a series partner for 2011 so that the **Formula Vee Australian Series** can be taken to the next level.

In addition to being significant promotion for the category, this series will give our state level competitors somewhere to test themselves against the best drivers on the track, and provide a platform to build on interstate camaraderie among competitors.

The series will be run in two classes – Open Class for 1600 and 1200 cars, and 1200 Class for 1200 cars. The pointscore system in each class will be the NSW system – 30, 27, 25, 23, 22 points etc. Trophies will be awarded for each round and for the overall pointscore winners.

Mark the dates in your calendar! A great weekend of motorsport is promised at each round. Please contact Leigh Porter, raceentries@fvansw.asn.au for further information.



OUTSIDE LINE – FORMULA VEE GOSSIP FROM NSW AND INTERSTATE

- Ben Oldfield only raced once in 2009, with his debut race meeting cut short with a blown engine in his Evolution Vee. However, Ben has now made the jump to serious racing after purchasing the ex-Ryan Simpson-Ryan Stott Jacer. Ben debuted the Jacer, still in its black and red livery, at the final-ever Oran Park practice day on January 24, and he was soon pleasantly surprised by the power of the Jacer's Kleinig engine.
- South Australia-based FVANSW member, Asher Johnston, is the 2009 South Australian Formula Vee Champion after dominating the year with competitive and fair driving in his unique British GAC Formula Vee, complete with unbelievable WWII Spitfire paint scheme. Asher's story on his year is elsewhere in this Vee News, and we expect to see racing in NSW a few times next year.
- The Anglo-Australian Formula Ford test day took place a few days before last Christmas, with the two test-drive winners, Daniel Reynolds and Aaren Russell, impressing Anglo Australian owner, Time Beale, with their speed and attitudes. Only one point of a second separated the two with the fastest laps, with times that would have put them on the front two rows of the latest Formula Ford championship qualifying.
- Young Formula Vee driver, Jon Collins, looks like he will be jumping quickly to Formula Ford, after having received an invitation from Anlgo Australian Motorsport proprietor, Time Beale, to race an Anglo Australian Formula Ford in the 2010 NSW Formula Ford championship. Jon test drove an Anglo Formula Ford in December, and quickly impressed Tim with some lap times that would have put him on near the front of recent Formula Ford grids. Jon is deciding whether to race a current-spec Formula Ford, or to go with a tried and proven earlier version.
- Michael Stipo has sadly (for us) sold his trusty Mako and is preparing to travel to the US to test with the Skip Barber Racing School. Good Luck Michael.
- Get ready for the return of the Anglo Australian Formula Ford Test Drive for another Formula Vee driver at the end of 2010. The criteria are Commitment, Youth, Attitude, and Performance.
- Could the fast and talented Ryan Stott be making a re-appearance in a new car soon?
- One of our top drivers will be racing a brand new car in 2010, to replace last year's car which most of us would consider a brand new car!
- Expect an exciting new design car at the pointy end of the races sometime during the year.
- Another young lady Formula Vee driver with a lengthy motor racing history will be racing with us before long.
- A Formula Vee that started construction over 20 years ago will finally make its racing debut in the next few months.
- Which manufacturer will win a competition to see who can release the most new design Vees in one year?
- A top rookie from last year will switch from an older car to a newer car for 2010. Look out!
- The FVANSW could be getting its first International driver in 2010.
- Bruce Colbey returns as Formula Vee Driving Standards Officer for 2010.



NEW MEMBERS AND RACE ROOKIES FOR 2010

Corinne Black – Corinne has a notable racing record in karts across Australia. Corinne has purchased the Andy Goodall Supavee

Richard Nairn – Richard has been based in Hong Kong for the last few years, and almost started his career in Formula Vee a few years ago after placing an order in for a new Jacer, but the deal had to be postponed. Richard has a new Jacer almost ready to go, and we will see him on the tracks with us in the next few months.

Michael Gale – Michael, from Penrith, has purchased the Michael Stipo Mako, and his aim is to become the oldest Rookie of the Year!

TECH AND DRIVING TIPS FOR 2010.....

1. Check every nut and bolt on your Vee for tightness before every race meeting. It's easy to take them for granted, and easier for them to come loose.
2. When testing, change only one related thing at a time. For example, don't change tyre pressure AND damper settings.
3. Backing off the accelerator can be just as important as flooring it in winning races.
4. Give room to your fellow competitor when entering a corner. You might need them to give you room in the next corner!
5. You can't win races if you don't finish them. How many crashes do the championship winners get into?
6. How many races are won at the first corner? Drive with your brains, and not your adrenalin.
7. Oil leaks caused great consternation last year, so spend extra time sealing up your rocker cover gaskets after adjusting the tappets.
8. Don't forget to use the same fuel all year – write the brand of fuel on your fuel can and on the fuel tank cap.

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DAVID CUTTS TECH TALK



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FVANSW'S ASHER JOHNSTON WINS 2009 FVASA CHAMPIONSHIP by Asher



It was great to be back racing again after 18 months on the sidelines. I was surprised at how far the class has come since the end of 2005, not only in engine development, but also in presentation and professionalism as well.

Our year was all about learning a brand new car, and getting back into the groove of going racing again. At round one of the SA State Championships, Alan Woodward from GAC was on hand to oversee proceedings, and with his help we were able to win the round.

We knew however that our speed wasn't fast enough to mix it with the best, so the rest of the year was about trying new things with the car, both suspension and engine, in search of our target lap time we set ourselves at Mallala.

After a disappointing Shannon's round at Winton where I did quite a lot of bodywork damage, I decided to change the livery on the car to look like a Spitfire plane. I got one of my signwriter mates to help, and we wrapped the car over a weekend. It's been a big talking point and generated quite a lot of work for my business along the way.

In the final rounds of the SA Championship we made some big improvements with the car, and had some great racing to go with it. At round 4 the temperature got to 42 degrees and it was a massive effort for everyone involved to come home with 4 wins and the championship.

We haven't achieved everything we set out to this year, but we set our goals high and I'm happy with where we are at. We still have a way to go to mix it on a National level, but we'll keep developing and hopefully be on the pace come the Nationals in 2010.

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THE LAST PRIVATE PRACTICE DAY AT ORAN PARK – JANUARY 24 2010

Although the last-ever race meeting at Oran Park was cancelled only days before it was due to take place, the weekend was not wasted after it was turned into private practice days. Six Formula Vees made the journey to Oran Park to participate in the last-ever private practice day there, only three days before the bulldozers move in.

Jon Collins, Garry Hook, Sue Cannon, Jayson Williamson, Ben Oldfield, and Steve Wood, took their cars there for the last time, with Garry Hook taking the honour of the last Formula Vee driver to lap the Oran Park circuit.

Ben Oldfield debuted his new Formula Vee – the ex Ryan Simpson/Ryan Stott Jacer – and performed creditably with times not far behind the fast Jayson Williamson, who commenced his 2010 practice season early, no doubt with the intention of having a very competitive 2010 racing season.

Jon Collins ran a few laps in his famous orange and white Jacer before he prepares for a season in a Formula Ford. Sue Collins, (yep, Jon’s mum) also took the opportunity to drive a few laps, although its hard to drive fast when you can’t reach the pedals!

Garry tested some cooling system ideas (it’s amazing what PVC plumber’s pipe can do!), while Sue Cannon continued her weekly practice program. Steve Wood simply savoured the memories!



Clockwise from top left – The Vees in the garage, Sue and Steve for the last time, the determined Jayson Williamson, Garry Hook - the last-ever Formula Vee on Oran Park with only metres to go.



ELIGIBILITY MATTERS

BY KEVIN HUMPHREY

As we are about to start a new year of Formula Vee motor sport it is a good time to take stock and make sure that we are fully conversant with the latest rules.

The 2010, 1st quarter CAMS manual is now on the CAMS website. From my quick reading through these rules it appears that at the moment there are no changes from the last quarter 2009 rules. However, there is likely to be a bulletin issued in the (hopefully) near future with amendments that are mainly about allowable reconditioning procedures. Keep an eye on the CAMS website for any bulletins relating to Formula Vee. These proposed changes are not yet in effect so don't pre-empt them.

The FVAA website now has a section under "Rules & Technical" relating to eligibility issues. It is in every competitors interest to read these rulings so that you don't get caught out with something you may interpret as being OK.

Last year we had a few issues regarding eligibility scrutineering at meetings. The main problem being with the post race weighing of vehicles. The rules state that the minimum racing weight for a 1200 Vee is 475kg and for a 1600 Vee is 490kg. The definition of "racing weight" is given in "General Requirements for Cars & Drivers – Definitions-Technical" in the CAMS Manual- viz: "The weight of an automobile during or immediately after a competition including the driver wearing all apparel including helmet. No materials, liquid or otherwise may be added prior to weighing".

The scales at the track are considered to be the sole measure of weight and the reading from those scales on the day is the weight of your car as far as that competition is concerned. The scales (at least those at Eastern Creek) are checked by weights and measures at least once a year. However, the reading on any particular day can be affected by temperature and other things such as mud dropped onto the scales.

The weight of your car should be checked each day before competition to avoid the embarrassment of going to the rear of the field (or worse) for being underweight. When carrying out a check weight ensure that the scale is zero'd before going onto the scales as the aforementioned blob of mud may be already on the scales from a previous car and give you a higher reading than it should. If you run very close to the minimum weight you should carry out a check weighing more often than those of us who have great difficulty in getting below 500kg.

Eligibility scrutineering will be carried out at all events so please ensure you know and abide by the rules. Make sure all seals are on your engine & gearbox and you have the relevant sealing cards with you at the meeting.

Let's hope for a safe and enjoyable year without too much controversy caused by poor knowledge of our eligibility rules.



PICTURES FROM 2009



From Top Left – Best Presented Car of 2009, Simon Pace; Clem Fama; Morgan Freemantle; Michael Kinsella; Glenn Moulds; Bernie and Steve Wood;