

# Newsletter of the (Phantom) Thoroughbred Sports Car Club



April/May 2020

Hello members,

*'I never thought the comment 'I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole' would become a national policy, but here we are!'*

*'2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.'*

*'The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!'*

The internet has found a new subject to bring out the humorists – it makes a change from cartoons and quips about Trump (although he still manages to get a mention).

**This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊**



Nothing much has happened since our last (first) newsletter. Jill and I had flu injections – that's about it really. Mothers' Day was different. We saw our kids in shifts (not like kaftans – one family after the other) and after such a long isolation, it was great to see them even at arm's length.



Thanks to the committee members who have come out of hibernation to bring us up to date with the club's (limited) activities.

I don't think it's indulgent to pat ourselves on the back for following the guidelines set by those in charge. About 100 deaths in a population of more than 25 million is remarkable. Now let's keep it that way.

*Stephen*, the Phantom President

JEREMY BRAITHWAITE – WEBMASTER

No changes on the [website](#) this month but a huge amount of activity on the TSCC Facebook page.

We made the decision to expand the membership to include family members and past members. John Williams joined from the UK where he is now living, the two Korte boys quickly jumped on board, as did John Moody's daughter Leanne Murray and partner Ross. Leanne finally managed to get John on board as well!

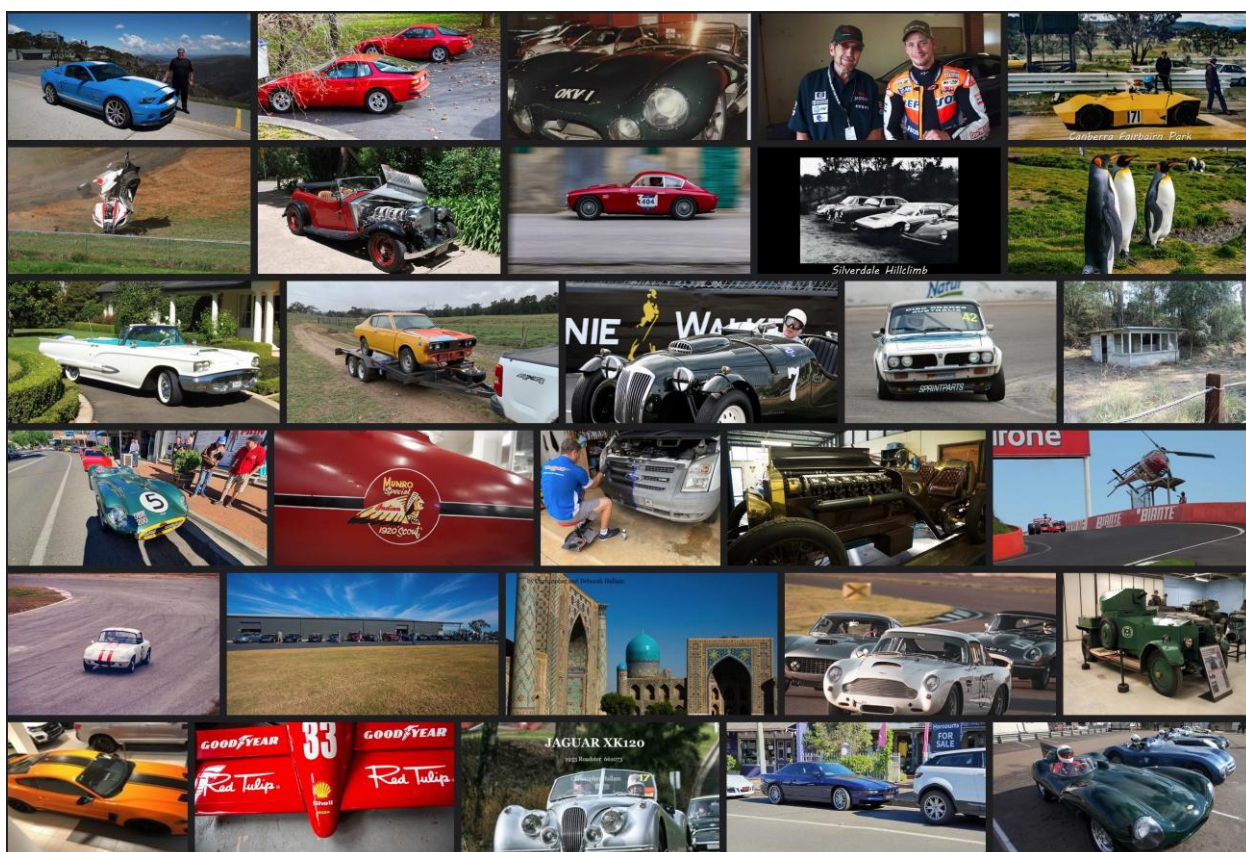
Others to join were Donna Shiel, Leigh Larmour, Chris Haigh, Amanda Edds, Jan Goddard, Judy Breen, Dott Forrester, Jeni Smith , Carol Edds, Jill Day, Tess Morgan and Colin Piper. We've hit the magic ton with 100 members!

Lots of fun with our daily Lockdown Photos every morning and frequently lots of good discussion! We had 2 D Types over April one being Jumbo Goddard's. Vic Andrews told us about his self built Viper with stealth bodywork, and Lionel & Gael Walker went to Antarctica ... and only just made it home before the lockdown started. We sadly lost the incredible Sir Stirling Moss and included my photos of one of his last races at Monaco. Roger & Pat Korte visited the world's fastest Indians at Invercargill, also just making it home on time. Stuart Saunders is selling the contents of the Binalong Museum where we have many happy memories, and we were delighted to see the full contents of Chris Hallam's XK120 book which detailed the cars history and restoration.

And quite a few members' cars and we revisited the Inverell Motor Show and Terry's Shed Tour. And John Bailey was sprung heading off to Bathurst to pick up the new Type R Mustang in Twister Orange.

All in all a pretty good month!

We'd welcome your input on future photos. Please email me: [webmaster@thoroughbredssportscarclub.asn.au](mailto:webmaster@thoroughbredssportscarclub.asn.au)



**TESS MORGAN - SECRETARY**

Pretty much quiet on the western front!

Welfare: - nothing to report.

Incoming Mail: - Motorsport Australia Speed Read May 2020

Motorsport Australia - Covid19 update and letter from CEO

Pitstop Magazines and DVDs

The Bend Motorsport Park

Membership Application

plus sundry other junk mail/spam items as usual.

Looking forward as always to seeing everyone again!

Just back from our cruise. Had a great time.



**LES JOHNSON- HISTORIC VEHICLE REGISTRAR**

I would like to thank all TSCC members on HSV /CVS plated cars for their effort in helping me with correct information in dealing with the historic plate scheme.

Please remember it is a waste of time using photo copies of historic car paperwork, so please use originals at all times.

Mail is slow these days both ways so please if posting your paperwork for signing , don't leave it go until the last minute.

When this dreaded Virus is under control and we are allowed of isolation, I for one will be more active on Jeremy's Historic Plate Runs.

Please find numbers of Vehicles on Historic HVS/ CVS

Changes from last month 2 cars added to HVS 2 cars came off CVS. 2 cars have been sold last from last month's report.

With the Corona Virus restrictions it's up to you to keep up with the ever changing conditions.

<b>HVS</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>Motor Cars</b>	
<b>CVS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Modified (CVS)</b>	<b>Motor Cars</b>
<b>HVS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Motor Cycles</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89</b>		



## GARY MAHER - SPORTING SECRETARY

I promised I'd never say 'No Report' – so here goes!

Several cases of 'Car Owner Virus' have been reported in our little sporting group, with a number of competition cars in ICU. Having some weeks ago, successfully escaped from the South Pole and the most southern city in the world in South America, Lionel Walker told a 'journalist' that he was fitting his new diff to the racing Mk2 Jaguar. Guess What - MAYBE next week!!

Geoff Williams is making huge steps forward with the 'new' Morgan that he is literally building by hand – not that he needs it for competition events as he has another racing Morgan and his very quick Rally BMW rearing to go. Talking BMW, Les Payne is thinking of giving his Sprite a rest and putting some sticky tyres on his TSCC BMW 2002 and trying it out at CSCA Super Sprints. At least with those bright colours, we won't miss him!

Lindsay Day always turns up with a new motor or gear box - or something, so I shudder to think what he'll come up with in the Triumph, having all this time on his hands. Jeff Breen only had to fix his trailer shackle after it broke before the last CSCA event but I'm sure he's put his time to good use on the Triumph TR. I know that 'wanna-be' member John Croft, new owner of the Member John Moody's Sunbeam Alpine has been busy fitting new tyres, replacing the accelerator cable he broke at the last HSRCA weekend at Wakefield Park before the axe fell on motoring events. He's also having the Webers serviced after their long rest.

Team Maher has been super busy (and trying to keep the country's economy going) with the Escort. We, son Ian doing the surgery and me, labouring, have built a new carby linkage system, so hopefully now we'll have full throttle and we are in the throes of fitting adjustable strut tops (sorry, ladies, just 'glaze over' like you do at meetings) to assist with better handling.



**Above:** Maher Escort

### **Mv new friend**



Events?? The next scheduled CSCA Super Sprint is mid June at Marulan run by MGCC (Newcastle). I have been leaning on the organisers and some CSCA people to keep their collective eyes on the ball so we don't miss any announcement, so maybe we can work a deal like the NRL. I am sure a new TSCC member who is on the board of Motorsport Australia, is looking after our grass roots interest.

**AND**, if all else fails, I've got friends I haven't used yet

**JACK JONES – SOCIAL SECRETARY**

It's been so long since we have seen each other that by the time we have our next club meeting we may have to wear our name badges in case we have forgotten who we are talking to. In my case I keep my name badge beside my bed so when I wake up in the morning I know who I am.

Considering how the COVID-19 virus has affected us all, if awards are handed out this year for the first time in many years Terry Daly may not have his name on the Clubman's Trophy.

In regards to the BON VIVANT tour in Nov. it is looking more likely that this will still go ahead. We still have 32 couples plus 1 single. Nobody has pulled out as at this date. We have shored up 33 rooms and if anyone else is thinking of joining us for this great trip we may be able to acquire another couple of rooms. Please let me know if you are interested and I will see what I can do. Just give me a call 0414387944 or email me, [jennyandjack@gmail.com](mailto:jennyandjack@gmail.com) Looking to catching with everyone shortly.

**VIC CLARKE – CLUB SHOP**

Shop closed due to social distancing, on-line only.

**JOHN SLATER – TOP GEAR EDITOR**

Latest issue of Top Gear will be out as soon as the ink dries.

**LESTER GOUGH – CMC AND MSA DELEGATE**

Nothing happening!

**STOP PRESS! 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

This message from Motorsport Australia arrived in the Secretarial inbox from Shawn Fitzgerald  
Please see the Motorsport Australia document 'Return to Race' that was released earlier today:-

[https://www.motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/covid19/20motorsport-australia\\_return-to-race.pdf](https://www.motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/covid19/20motorsport-australia_return-to-race.pdf)

This document is available (along with other Motorsport Australia resources) within the COVID-19 webpage on the Motorsport Australia website:-

<https://www.motorsport.org.au/covid-19>

Should you have any enquiries or questions concerning this document, please feel free to make contact with the 'Key Contacts' listed on the document's final page.

