

Newsletter of the (Phantom) Thoroughbred Sports Car Club



July/August 2020

(I'm running out of images of phantoms. Any suggestions?)

Every newsletter gets harder to fill. Nothing changes except that the restrictions continue and in some areas and for some people, they get worse. Imagine that at our excellent Christmas Party and Awards Night, someone had said, "That's all folks. See you in 2021. 2020 has been cancelled. There'll be no events next year, state borders will be closed, overseas travel eliminated, pubs and restaurants off-limits and public gatherings outlawed." It's La-La-Land!

So let's take inspiration from our farmers. In a crippling drought you'll hear them say that every day is a day closer to rain. For us, every day is a day closer to the resumption of the things that TSCC members enjoy – Wednesday runs, weekends away, the annual Big Trip, even our always-enjoyable general meetings.

Reading Les Johnson's contribution to this newsletter, I see that our list of club registered cars is probably inaccurate because cars have been sold and Les not notified. How about as a Covid exercise, we all send Les a list of cars previously on TSCC plates that have now been de-registered so he can update our list?

Finally, we did dodge a bullet recently. The Mystery Run was scheduled for 25/26 July. Jill and I did a survey and considered Batemans Bay as a destination. Had it proceeded, we would have been in Batemans right in the centre of a cluster!



Stephen, the Phantom President

PS. As I stated above, newsletters get harder to fill during these difficult times and yet your committee has managed to fill six pages plus Mike's Financial Report. Thank you.

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JEREMY BRAITHWAITE - WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Webmaster

On the website we have a new page that explains how to Zoom and you can see it [here](#).

Most of the other changes have involved removing events that we can no longer do!!

I was surprised to see the turnout for Cars 'n Coffee in the middle of an east coast low. It amazingly cleared and dawned free of rain. We had a pretty good turnout considering! Peter Landan whose shed we visited on the last shed tour organised by Terry Daly brought his recently purchased and very early Prince Skyline and invited along a matching car. Very impressive! All my pics are [here](#):

We also had a great turnout at the Plates Ruin to Riverside Oaks. There was a squadron of E types and we got to see the recently acquired Javelin of Neil and Joy Hood and the R32 GTR of Roger & Tess Morgan.

We were very impressed with the way that the Riverside Oaks club had organised its brasserie for Covid safety.

The tables were set with a spare table between each set table creating a really good social distance between guests and as we had the place pretty much to ourselves we could hear the conversations around the table!

Both events are on again next month and lookout for an email from Tess with the details.

Jeremy Braithwaite



JACK JONES – SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

In this troubled time we find ourselves in, the committee has decided to cancel all activities until next year at the earliest, with the exception of the club plate run on the first Wednesday of the month and Cars and Coffee once a month on Sunday which are both organised by Jeremy.

In regards to our BVT Victorian trip, once the refundable deposits are returned we will be reimbursing all those who have \$500.00 in the club's account with an amount of \$300.00. By postponing the event rather than cancelling, we have preserved some deposits which can be credited to costs of a 2021 BVT. We are still negotiating these details but expect to have more to return to members in due course.

We have a Scoopon deal worth \$5180.00 and have until 31/5/2021 to use for 2 nights at Lakes Entrance. If we can't travel by that date we will seek an extension to a later date. If we can't travel to Victoria, Scoopon may be able find us alternate accommodation before consideration of a refund. This needs more talks with Scoopon in the future.

Our Xmas/Awards night has been deferred until a date next year to be determined.

MIKE COLLETT - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

I would like to thank all members who assisted in dealing promptly with their 20/21 membership renewals. 119 of our 120 ordinary members have renewed or are renewing for 2020/21.

Doug Nancarrow advised he would not be renewing. We extend our best wishes to Doug and Pamela and thank them for their contribution to the Club.

We will soon welcome Geoffrey (Geoff) Burgess and his partner Ruth Croft to the Club. Geoff and Ruth were proposed by John Bailey and seconded by Barry Farr. I am sure Geoff and Ruth will receive a warm welcome and I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to introduce themselves in due course.

We currently have 11 completed Applications For Membership on the waiting list and 2 applicants who have approached the Club and commenced the application process; neither having member contacts to propose and second their applications at this stage. We will invite them to attend an event or two when possible in order to meet members of the Club.

MIKE IS ALSO THE CLUB'S TREASURER AND HIS FINANCIAL REPORT IS BEING EMAILED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

JOHN SLATER – MAGAZINE EDITOR

John conjured up an issue of Top Gear from next to nothing except stories of Alfas past. In the absence of event reports he seeks articles on any subject that might interest members – cars from your past, restorations, personal road trips, ones that got away, cars you should never have sold and so on.

VIC CLARKE – CLUB SHOP

Nothing to report

TESS MORGAN – SECRETARY and WELFARE OFFICER

Welfare:

On July 12th, it was with much regret I informed the membership of the death of Ray Ross, a past President and Life Member of TSCC. On behalf of the members I sent a card and flowers to his widow Margaret, spoke to her a few times expressed our condolences. I told her of the many tributes that were posted on the club's Facebook page and emails received. Margaret was very appreciative that he had been so fondly remembered and said TSCC was very dear to him.

Sadly also, on July 25th I wrote to advise members of the death of Rob Clare's darling wife Sue, who succumbed to cancer after a two-year tenacious struggle. A few club members were able to attend her funeral as in Covid times numbers are strictly limited, but others were able to live-stream the service. This was held in their local church where Rob and Sue married 50 years ago. Flowers and a card were delivered to the Clare family, we sent our sincerest sympathy and condolences on their loss. Rob was most touched with the concern expressed by members over the long period of his wife's illness for both his and Sue's well-being. There were many positive comments on Sue's determination on our Facebook page.

Other members I am aware of who have been unwell, or undergone operations have been wished the speediest recoveries and sent very best wishes on behalf of club members.

Incoming Mail:

Motorsport Australia Speed Read online magazine

Motorsport Australia Grassroots Sports Fund information

Motorsport Australia Covid19 Updates, Advice and Information emails

Careflight news

Slattery's Auto Auctions

Pitstop magazines and DVDs

Assn. British Car Cubs: Advice that All British Day at Kings School cancelled

Robertson Classic Car Show cancelled

CMC The Preserve magazine

Plus, sundry other junk mail/spam items as usual.



Thoroughbred Sports Car Club Historic Plate Report.

August-2020

Well it's certainly not without its dramas this year due to Bush Fires, Floods and the dreaded COVID-19 Virus being the main instigator, of our car enjoyment.

All is going well with Historic Registration, members sending their registration papers to be signed and stamped, then returned by supplied return envelope, this seems to be the most efficient way to do this at the moment and probably in the future, so far the longest turn-around time as being 2 days on my part, fortunately have a mail pickup box within 200 metres of my home.

Two new cars have been added to the growing list of TSCC Historic Plated Cars this month, most members do not notify me if they are to sell cars or take them off Historic registration, and this makes it extremely hard to know the exact number of cars on the plate scheme.

Oldest & Youngest Automobiles on TSCC Historic Registration plates.



1910 Model 40 Willys Overland Gentleman's Sports Roadster. 1987 Mitsubishi Starion Coupe

Kind regards in keeping you on the road for TSCC events.

Les Johnson

LESTER GOUGH – CMC and MSA DELEGATE

Nothing to report.

COLIN PIPER'S PHOTO CAPTION COMPETITION

In the current issue of Top Gear, Colin submitted this photo and invited readers to submit amusing captions; the one deemed best will earn a bottle of wine. Editor Slater kicked it off with this one:

"The water comes up to about here, yes, I understand the car park was full and it's difficult to drive with flippers on."



Send your entries to Secretary Tess at tess.morgan.fxa@gmail.com and she will pass them on to Colin.

GARY MAHER – SPORTING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Happily, the few of us who 'play' with our cars, managed to get a day at the upgraded 'Pheasant Wood' Circuit at Marulan. We had three competitors and one official – read all about it in the next issue of 'Top Gear'. I have to tell you that the new owners, the Shelley Family, of soft drink fame, have a \$30 million budget and plans already approved for a 6 kms circuit with a straight longer than Conrod Straight at Mt Panorama.

At time of writing, the Triumph Club is still planning their CSCA Super Sprint at Wakefield Park, Goulburn, in September (12th) and the Jaguar Club is organised for their CSCA Super Sprint at Eastern Creek in October (18th). The HSRCA is also set up for their Historic Racing day in August – but without spectators. The Classic Rally Club has a one-day rally on the South Coast on 26th September and their two-day Alpine Rally, overnighing at Wellington, is set for the 17th & 18th October. Let's hope that all these events get to happen.

It has been decided to not conduct the Sporting Championship Point Score this year due to the cancellation of some major events and the doubtful nature of the calendar. If anyone has a spare room that they would like to decorate with a HUGE trophy – let me know!