

Newsletter of the (Phantom) Thoroughbred Sports Car Club



March 2020

Hello members,

Has there ever been a month like the one since our February meeting? On 12th February a good number of us enjoyed a talk by Skye Sharpe from Careflight, had a nice meal and something to wash it down, good company and a few laughs and now it's Netflix, jigsaw puzzles and hand sanitiser. The only excitement comes from lining up, at an approved distance from each other, in the hope that toilet paper has returned to the shelves. *(When I was a kid living in the bush away from shops and supplies of toilet paper ran out, we'd use a lettuce leaf – but it was only the tip of the iceberg – boom, boom).*

During this period of isolation, your committee has been at work, mainly postponing, cancelling or moth-balling events that were planned for 2020. Here are some very brief reports from us.

JACK JONES – SOCIAL SECRETARY

As at this date our Victorian 'Bon Vivant' trip will still be going ahead if Government restrictions are lifted in the near future. However if this is not the case we will endeavour to retrieve your deposits, most of which will be no problem. Those non refundable deposits can be deferred to a later date.

Several places on this trip have temporarily closed so I am unable to get a decisive answer in relation to some deposits. However in a worst case scenario, and I repeat, worst case, we may lose about \$120.00 of your \$500.00. But these deposits can be used at a later date, so if the trip is cancelled we will look at another date, perhaps early next year.

We were due to pay a couple of large deposits this month but have negotiated to delay these until we are certain of our travel dates. We have 32 couples plus one individual who have paid their initial deposit of \$500.00. The second deposit of \$1000.00 due on 30/06/20 will be reviewed as we get closer to this date.

If you have any concerns in regard to the above please give me a call, 0414387944. JACK JONES.

JEREMY BRAITHWAITE - WEBMASTER

We've been having some fun on the TSCC Facebook page sharing a photo of an interesting car or place every morning. Lots of good discussion!

The pics show some of the cars and places we have featured so far. The Reliant Scimitar photo elicited a lot of information from Lionel Walker. We had three of these beasts in the club, one belonging to Geoff Belshaw who designed the club's logo.

We'd welcome your input on future feature cars. Please email me at:

webmaster@thoroughbredsportscarclub.asn.au

I've given the [website](#) a bit of a spruce up. We now have a simplified navigation bar that allows you to go directly to any page on the site. We also have a new site specific search engine which amongst other things allows you to search through the entire backlog of published Top Gear. Go on ... see how many times you've featured!

And please stay safe!



VIC CLARKE – CLUB SHOP

Vic has had to close the Club Shop due to problems of maintaining approved social distancing.

JOHN SLATER – TOP GEAR EDITOR

As there hasn't been any official TSCC activity since the Millthorpe run, I thought I would devote the next two issues of TG to car stories and restoration projects. Accordingly, all contributions will be gratefully received. I intend to kick this off with a story about my latest project.

GARY MAHER – SPORTING SECRETARY

Like the rest of Australia, the sporting fraternity has gone into voluntary isolation; however, I was pleased to hear that some of our V8 Supercar brethren are putting the time to good use by creating, building and supplying ventilators for hospital use.

A few TSCC members have been out and about, with Trevor Booth competing at the historic races on Phillip Island with his Nota Clubman. The CSCA Super sprint at Wakefield was run by the Lotus club in dreadful conditions, with heavy rain and a freezing southerly all morning, which eased off later in the afternoon. Three TSCC members entered but only two made it to the circuit. Jeff Breen had the misfortune to break a shackle on his trailer axle when he was loading his Triumph but Lindsay Day and I successfully managed to get his Triumph 2500 and my Ford Escort to the track. We had a fairly treacherous day on the wet track. My best time was 7 seconds outside my PB but it was fun – especially for an ex rally driver. An interesting feature of the day was the appearance of the ex John Moody Sunbeam Alpine. This beautifully prepared, quick car has been bought by John Croft, one of the 'Kurrajong Set'. As the car doesn't have a roof or windscreen, John battled with the rain all day. He also competed the following weekend at the Historic Races, again at Wakefield Park.

Sadly, everything else is either cancelled or 'on hold'.



Drama by Gary Maher

Photo by Tyrie Starrs

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.

Jeremy Braithwaite has been involved in trying to have as many of our historic cars on club plates out and about runs , as not many historic plated cars, in fact only a small percentage attend major TSCC club events.

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

Please find numbers of Vehicles on Historic HVS/ CVS

30/03/2020

HVS	84	Motor Cars	
CVS	3	Modified (CVS)	Motor Cars
HVS	2	Motor Cycles	
TOTAL	89		

TESS MORGAN – SECRETARY

Welfare: - nothing to report.

Incoming Mail: - Motorsport Australia Speed Read April 2020
Motorsport Australia - Covid19 update and letter from CEO
Pitstop Magazines and DVDs
CareFlight appeal plus sundry other junk mail/spam items as usual.

That's all folks!! - except to say we really look forward to getting back to normal, and meeting up with everyone.

LESTER GOUGH – MSA AND CMC DELEGATE

No meetings, no reports

GENERAL BUSINESS – a reply from Gae Bristow who with Andrew, is safe in Italy.

No, we didn't make it home as all our flights were cancelled a week before we were due to fly home on 20 March and with no other possibility of any flights for quite some time. So we are here for the long haul but as long as we stay at home other than for essentials food shopping and the occasional walk for health reasons, we should be okay.

We have books, Netflix and Australian TV which is great and we also have the garden to wander around in and as it is now Spring, the weather is warming up nicely.

Everyone on our village is taking the rules very seriously, wearing masks, rubber gloves and keeping our distance. You are only allowed one person at a time in the shops and we are very fortunate to have a very good small shop across the road from us which is a combined butcher, green grocer, wine shop and mini supermarket with fresh bread each morning. So all is not bad and even if we had made it home, we would have had to go into quarantine and then we would not have been able to see our family and friends due to the distancing rules.

I do hope you and the TSCC members are all well. Thanks for your email and we keep in touch.

It's all very inconvenient but let's keep it in perspective. Our parents and grandparents fought in the war in horrible circumstances. We're being asked to wash our hands and sit on the couch!

Stay safe, well and occupied, with my best wishes.

Stephen Phantom President

PS Mike's financial report and a warning about the use of cars with conditional rego follows



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TSCC

Period 01/03/20 - 31/03/20

Cash Basis Presentation

Bank Acc. Opening Balance 01/03/20

£

18413.40

Receipts

Income

Bank Interest

1.47

Mutual receipts

Raffles

120.00

Sales of regalia

Big Trip 2020 'Bon Vivant'

Nepean Belle (see refunds below)

421.00

Millthorpe In March'

550.00

Total mutual receipts

120.00

550.00

421.00

1091.00

Total receipts

1092.47

Opening Balance And Receipts

19505.87

Expenses

Club meeting room

65.00

Ass. British Car Clubs sub.

30.00

Big Trip 2020 'Bon Vivant'

1,500.00

Christmas/ Presentation Dinner 2020

677.00

Nepean Belle refunds

421.00

Dept. Fair Trading - Annual Summary

47.00

Club Raffle Expenses

40.00

Millthorpe In March

1,815.00

Shannons Sydney Classic

500.00

All British Day 2020

150.00

Total expenses

182.00

1,815.00

3,248.00

5245.00

(5245.00)

Bank Acc. Closing Balance 31/03/20

14260.87

Unpresented cheques

Total

0.00

Cash Bal. Net Of Unpresented Cheques

14260.87

Total Assets

Regalia at cost

1,824.00

Cash balance net of unpresented cheques

14,260.87

16084.87

Commitments* - Major Events - contracted to 31/3

CMC 'Shannon's Sydney Classic'

500.00

500.00

SSO 'Viennese Gala'

3,482.00

698.40

Christmas/ Presentation Dinner 2020

6,770.00

3,385.00

Big Trip 2020 'Bon Vivant'

38,925.00

7,430.00

Total to month end. Note: 'Bon Vivant' total may not be exhaustive

45,687.00

12,013.40

* The Committee continues to have contracts and commitments subject to Covid-19 implications under review and is managing obligations.

A special thanks to Bob Adby, President of the Jaguar Drivers' Club of Australia (and valued member of the TSCC) for permission to add this important piece of information about the use of vehicles on conditional rego during these difficult times:-



Hi Everyone,

Important Message From the President

Use of Vehicles under Conditional Registration For Essential Purpose

It has come to our attention that the NSW Police have pulled over a number of vehicles on conditional registration (H, D or J plates) and questioned whether their use is for essential purposes.

The Council of Motor Clubs (CMC) has sought clarification from the Policy Branch of Transport for NSW (RMS) and has received the following advice.

As long as club members follow NSW State restrictions, such as only going direct to the mechanic, the shops, medical practitioners, pharmacies or to work they are allowed to use HVS and CVS vehicles **with the filled out log book.**

That does not include trips to try the car out or charge the battery etc. As far as CMC interpret it. Those reasons could be considered spurious by any authority who pull a vehicle up and question its use.

There obviously can be no club events where people gather. CMC suggest that no club sanction or organise any such activity as fines are substantial.

Note that two unrelated people in the front seat of a vehicle are breaking the distancing rules. If they are not family or live with you then they are unrelated.

If you have not opted for the log book scheme then you cannot use the vehicle as there are no club events and going for a maintenance run is not considered an essential use.

If you are taking such a vehicle to a mechanic it is suggested it be for essential work and you have a prior appointment with the mechanic.

Go it alone is the safe way if you must go out in ANY vehicle.

It is suggested that members who do NEED to use a vehicle under conditional registration have a copy of this advice with them.

Cheers,

President

Bob Adby

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bob Adby'.

