

NEWSLETTER 10TH APRIL 2010

Around the pits – Round 1 Morgan Park 13-14 March 2010

By: Bob Roberts

G'Day one and all.

Well our first race meeting is behind us and what a good turnout it was making the meeting very interesting. A grid of 19 cars was very pleasing to see. It was one of those, who is driving whose car weekends. That alone made it more interesting. Also we had some new blood eventually finding out what we all did when we started in FVs. That it is so enjoyable and satisfying to be part of the group racing. I am referring to Brady Nicholls and Ben Beasley, Brady in a cat1 1200 FV and Ben in a 1600. It was a strong learning curve for both but they managed to stay out of trouble and both learnt a hell of a lot in the space of two days. More to come.

The front runners were swapping positions all weekend with Tim Hamilton leading the charge for a successful weekend. He never had it easy though as the likes of Shane Hart, Mike Smith, Paul Kellaway, John Doidge and Robert Thomson keeping him on his toes. Luke Battaglia in a 1200 FV was nibbling at their heels all weekend, one to watch in the not to distant future.

In the mid field runners a little of show and tell was exhibited between Andrew Moran and Craig Hughes having a touch up resulting in Andrew missing all of the races except the last scratch race where upon Shane Hart lent him his car to participate in. Good to see good sportsmanship demonstrated.

Also amongst that group we saw Mike Russell driving one of the John Alder Rapier cars and I think he was enjoying himself but it was hard to gauge. He and Bruce Acheson had a coming together during one race and some damage was recorded on the Alder car I believe, and Bruce and Mike seemed a little shaken up after the incident.

The rest of the group saw a mixture of cars in that one worth a little extra mention was David (Legs) Boulton driving Mike Russell's Concept car, set up for Mike, in that David is somewhat taller than Mike and it was a remarkable site to see legs and arms working furiously as he went past trying to keep the extremities of his body within the car. However, he still was able to display his craft irrespective of being somewhat seemingly uncomfortable.

The rest of us enjoyed ourselves with good tussles between Bob Roberts and Graeme Clarke, a demonstration of consistency from Alan Don once again. Clinton Leibinger showed a weekend of brilliance and consistency by not spinning off, much to Sarah's delight. Ted Sibley is showing signs of improvement also and enjoyed himself as usual. Young Peter Fry was keeping very consistent and will be another one to watch in the future, especially when he obtains his full licence to play.

A mention must also go to our pit crews and in particular the ladies of our social group. I am referring to Kim, Sarah, Chris, Andrea, and the other ladies who assisted over the weekend with such things as the BBQ, time sheets etc and just being there. Very much appreciated. Another mention should go to our Tech Man, John Alder and our Eligibility Officer Brett Curtis, busily going around and inspecting cars and collecting data to start the process of all running to the same specs as required and answering any enquiries members may have regarding their tasks.

A special mention must also be made for the car care group that did the rounds and offered to polish FV cars over the weekend. I think their mums actually told them to go around and do it to give them a break over the weekend and gain some occupational therapy for the kids concerned.

I noticed a few unfamiliar faces there over the weekend looking very interested in our cars and asking lots of

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questions. As an aside, I think that we all should consider congregating in one central area if possible. Let me know your thoughts via email on the matter. I would initially suggest down where I am usually located as it is much quieter. It has easy access and a safer area for the young ones to move around in, and also much cheaper.

It would also establish an area for those amongst us who want to stay at the track overnight. Food for thought. Something about a family that stays together, plays together? Either way where ever we congregate will have to be established and secured early on the Friday of race weekends. If power is your concern I am sure that amongst us, some one has a generator that we could all utilise over such weekends.

Looking forward to our next race meeting hopefully with a few more cars on the grid.

Watch your mirrors. Regards,

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Next FVAQ Committee meeting: Thursday 13th May, 6.15pm start

Location: 'AAD Patterns', Unit 7 / 22-26 Allgas St, Slacks Creek 4127

Send any topics for the agenda to: secretary@fvaq.org.au

Next Qld race meeting: Round 2 Morgan Park, May 29-30

Entry forms now available at: fvaq.org.au/central

Competitors be aware of Supp Reg: "10.9 (iii) Timing – Due to an event scheduling clash, the Dorian timing system will not be available at this meeting. Timing will be by the MyLaps electronic system, and transponders will be available at the circuit at no charge. A refundable security deposit of \$100 cash is to be lodged on issue of the transponder. Results will be available directly to competitors who have laptops or iPhones."

Next, next Qld race meeting: Round 3 Lakeside, June 12-13

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Competitors who submitted 'expression of interest deposit': Final full payment due to FVAQ by 8 May 2010
AASA licence is required to race, CAMS licence holders can purchase annual AASA clubman licence for \$55.00

National Series kicks off: Round 1 Mallala SA, May 1-2

The 2010 *Clemenger International Freight* Formula Vee Australian Series fires into life at Mallala early next month. Qld'ers attending are Shane Hart (Jacer 1600), Paul Manteit (Rapier 1600) and Ben Beasley (Elfin 1600).

Media: Formula Vee in VW Magazine Australia

At Newsagents now until May 1: Issue 25 - February 2010

Interview - Tim Hamilton - On getting started and his season 2009 racing in NSW

Race report - 2009 QLD Round 5 Morgan Park November 7-8

At Newsagents from May 1: Issue 26 - May 2010

Race report - 2010 QLD Round 1 Morgan Park March 13-14

Technical: CAMS Bulletin B10/034 amendment released

Available from: www.cams.com.au (follow: Sport > Bulletins and Regulations)

Corrects the rule change for 1600cc gudgeon pins. Implementation date: 30/3/10. Contact State Technical Director John Alder if you require clarification of the ruling. (0408 199 639 or technical@fvaq.org.au)

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