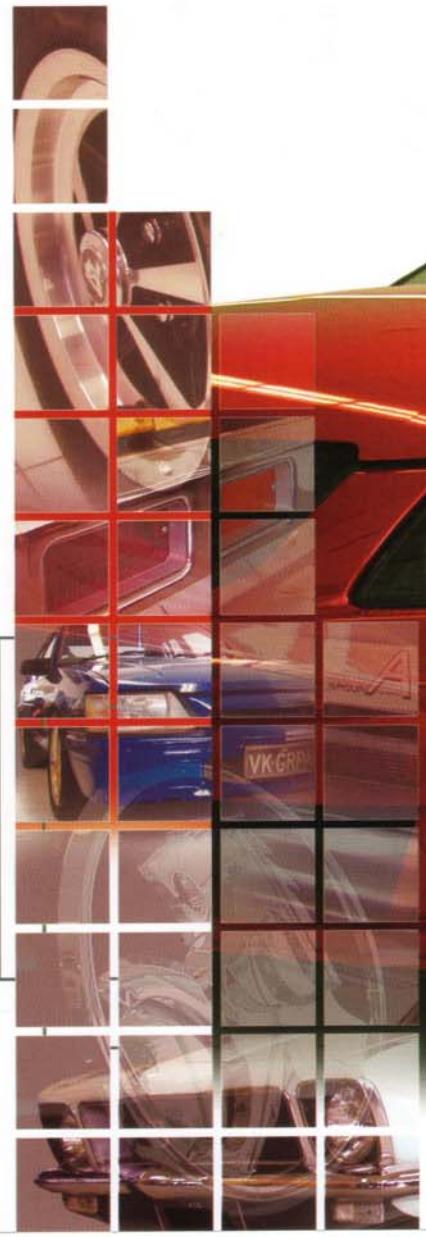




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June 2005



Executive *Torque*

President

Hello to all for the month of June.

It has been a very busy time in motor racing for all of us. Between GP's and Supercars, motor khana's and rally locally and around the world, we just about need a break.

Before I get on to that though, I would just like to extend the thanks of the committee to Ron Janzs for attending our last general meeting. To those that do not know, Ron is not very well, and despite this, still made the effort to attend, knowing we have some constitutional matters to attend to.

Furthermore, once there, he like the rest of us, had to go to the upstairs meeting room at Bells Hotel. Given Ron's limited mobility, the effort was very much appreciated by all.

Shanghai proved to be a tear away success. Ever since I was a little boy, I dreamed of the day we would see Aussie cars on the roads over seas. Our interpretations of Mustangs or BMW's or MG's and Caddy's etc. China was hopefully just part of the puzzle. We can do anything and we are the New World in this GOD BLESSED LAND. Anyway, there was a great crowd on race day and from what I could see, also on Saturday. Crowds have to be the measure used to judge success, and I hope that the true crowd figures are released by AVESCO. Why am I going on about this? Simple actually.

The things that Harry Firth, Jack Brabham, Norm Beachey, Frank Gardner, Alan Jones and Stan Jones, the brothers Geoghan and many many more did set the scene for these guys to go over seas with their heads held high. Because of these people, the world knew to expect Aussies to come one day. Our generation has benefited from their work in old Holdens, Fords and the best of British too. Anyway, well done to the Supercar people and the Shanghai organisers for putting on one hell of a show. Good to see Nascar bound Ambrose put in his place and The GBGM's Holdens come in 1,2 and 3.

Even saw Chris on TV during the final stages of the first race!

The European GP was sad for Mark Webber and disappointing all round really. Canada was another matter though. I managed to stay up all night to watch it and was rewarded for it by seeing Mark Webber come in fifth, from fourteenth on the grid. I hear that WILLIAMS are unveiling an all new aero package for the next leg in the championship. I for one can't wait.

Our Motor Khana on the 20th May turned out to be very very successful. Compared with last year, more entries turned out, bought more food and thus we made more money. Simple. We even managed to sell a shirt to Kylies Mum as a gift for Kylies Dad. Plenty of people commented to Bruce and myself how well run the event was and how positive the mood was amongst HSCCV members.

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A third of the entries were Hscv members and I made a mess of the Werribee dust in the ute. Not very good at the objective of getting around as quickly as possible. Full thanks to the crew that ran the event and forwent having a go, to officiate. We also got a fantastic group photo of the Class of 05, all HSCCV members attending the Khana.(al la formula 1 season opening GP)

Please note in this months report the state of our finances. We have made steady progress this year in improving our balance. We are a grand or so better off than for the same period last year with more to come. Buy some stock and some tickets in the model car raffle to bolster things even further. There are some surprises coming up as well in the way of raffles for members. Not rubbish, but high quality stuff.

Don't forget to come to this months meeting to be involved in the changes to the constitution. See you there.

Wayne Paola

Vice President

It's June, almost tax time, nearly half the year is gone, V8s in China and Ferrari still haven't won a race, we did it Greek style and had fun in the dirt.

We have just had our G5 motorkhana round at Werribee, it was a success for the club and I will give a full review in the motorkhana report. On the Wednesday after the khana we had a pig out Xmas in June at Agapi's Greek restaurant in Richmond where we enjoyed fine Greek food and had an enjoyable evening with a good turn out of members. The Monday after the motorkhana our fearless leader WWW (Wrong Way Wayne) Paola rang me wanting information for the motorkhana for the Revheads Review radio program on 97.1 FM, after a quick chat Wayne decided it was my turn to be interviewed, the guy from the show rang me we had a chat and he said you'll be on about 6.15 that night, ok, so we did the interview and spoke about what a motorkhana is and the results, I was having such a good time I nearly let the golden word loose but remembered that I was on the air and didn't offend any of their listeners, I also got a plug in for the club and the website.

The Queens birthday weekend was busy, Saturday I went to Phillip Island to see the state racing round, I ran into ex member Michael Gray and his daughter Lauren. Michael was having his first run for some time in his improved production Corolla, unfortunately the car overheated due to a leaking water pump, Michael and I ended up changing the pump and after a couple of hours we filled up the water hit the key and found that the engine had a blown head gasket, that's motor racing. Lauren was running her procar series Toyota Echo, all she had to do to the her car was wash it then go racing. Sunday sat in front of the telly watching the V8s from China, I enjoyed the racing and the venue would have to be second to none, some of the Australian track owners/promoters should take note as the facilities at some of the tracks could do with a revamp. Monday I attended the Monaro club's dyno day at Autotechnique in Rowville, the car with the most power was a CV8 Monaro fitted with a stroker engine (383ci I think) a Harrop manifold fitted with eight throttle bodies custom exhaust etc, it recorded 342kw at the wheels. WOW.

Glen and I will have our Aussie muscle cars on display at Summit Holden for a seventies based

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advertising campaign from Thurs 23rd through to Sat 27th, so pop down and have a look, you never know you may even get a good deal from Wayne.

Don't forget to come to the next meeting at Bells as we have a change to the constitution and we need numbers for voting.

Cheers Bruce.

Secretary

Well the middle of the year already. Big time for me at the moment, I actually almost forgot to write my reports! Thanks for reminding me Kim! There is no racing going on, I am too busy with midyear exams and a rather nasty 8000 word essay that has been my foremost thought for the last few weeks! Greg took me away last week to get my mind off things. Now I am back on track.

I hope you all enjoyed the HSCCV motorkhana. I did and so did my Dad who had his first go. For those who weren't there, you missed out. If you don't know what a motorkhana is or think they are boring and for kids, you need to come and have a go with us! I laugh so much I feel sick!

Just a reminder of the special vote that is to be undertaken at the next general meeting. Please come along so that we can obtain a quorum. A quorum is currently one third of the current adult membership, we need you. If you come along on the night I will update your daggy black and white membership card with a shiny new colour one as a thank you! If you don't come along, you will have to suffer the embarrassment of handing over your old one for the rest of the year!

Well I hope we see you all at the next meeting. If you haven't been to one before or haven't seen us for a while, come along and get revved up!

Kylie Lewis

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Club *Calendar*

June

1st
13th
19th
20th
26th
27th

Club Pig Out Night at Agapi's! Yumm!!
HSCCV Committee Meeting
VMC6 AHSDC Motorkhana
HSCCV Print night
FFCC Sandown Sprints
HSCCV General Meeting

Contact Social rep
Contact Club President
Somerton – contact Motorkhana rep
Contact Mag Editor
Sandown – contact Motorsport rep
Bells Hotel, cnr Moray & Coventry Sts
South Melbourne 8pm

July

2/3
10th
11th
17th
18th
25th

Grp5 NCC John Mott Sprint
Grp5 VWCV Motorkhana
HSCCV Committee Meeting
VMC7 MUCC Motorkhana
HSCCV Print Night
HSCCV General Meeting

Sandown – contact Motorsport rep
TBA - Contact Motorkhana rep
Contact Club President
Somerton – ContactMotorkhana rep
Contact Mag editor
Bells Hotel, cnr Moray & Coventry Sts
South Melbourne 8pm

August

8th
15th
22th

HSCCV Committee Meeting
HSCCV Print night
HSCCV General Meeting

Contact Club President
Contact Mag Editor
Bells Hotel, cnr Moray & Coventry Sts
South Melbourne 8pm

Please contact the editor with any events that need to be added! Let the Pointscore rep know if you competed in unlisted events.

NOTE: ALL EVENTS IN BOLD ARE CLUB EVENTS THAT QUALIFY FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

FOR ALL SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS /ENTRY FORMS OR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CALENDER DATES COULD CHANGE. HSCCV WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INACCURACY IN THE CALENDER; THEREFORE WE SUGGEST YOU CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE OR ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO CLARIFY. YOU CAN ALSO REFERNCE THE HSCCV WEB SITE AT www.holdenclub.com TO DOWNLOAD ANY SUPP REGS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY.

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Club *Regalia* *And Stock Report*

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Stock Report

Hi all,

Since the last stock report we have not sold a great deal of stock. At the Motor Khana we sold a vest and I think a shirt at the last General Meeting.

All up, we have sold around \$450 in stock this year. We had to drop the prices to do it, but better than keep it all for years then sell it hey? We still don't have any caps, but we are working on it.

Even better, we are working on something that will blow people's minds when they see it.

CLUES: YOU CAN BUY THEM AT MEETINGS, NOT EDIBLE AND CAN COME IN A RANGE OF COLOURS YOU CAN WEAR THEM BUT THEY ARE NOT MADE OF FABRIC THEY WILL BE EYE CATCHING AND ARE VERY MODERN THEY WILL MAKE GROWN UPS LOOK AT YOU TWICE

All the stock will be at the meeting again so bring your wallets for that and Model tickets.

**Wayne Paola
Stock Rep.**

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Club *Information*

Magazine

Articles and advertisements to be published in the magazine can be submitted via e-mail to the Editor at editor@holdenclub.com. Microsoft Word format is preferred and each months items must be received by midnight on the second Thursday of each month.

Website

Why not visit our website for further information. You can also download all competitive supplementary regulations (entry forms) via the site. Find us at: www.holdenclub.com

Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month (except December) at Bells Hotel, cnr Moray and Coventry Sts, South Melbourne, 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. All members and their friends are very welcome. Meals are available prior to the meeting at bistro prices.

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NOTICE TO ALL FINANCIAL MEMBERS

Due to the current trend of low attendance of financial members at the general meetings, it has become necessary for the Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria, Incorporated to change its constitution.

The changes required involve decreasing the number of members required to make a quorum at a meeting. Quorums are required so that items of business can be presented and voted on. Currently the constitution requires a) at general meetings, one third of adult financial members to be present to constitute a quorum.

And

b) at committee meetings, seven committee members must be present (including the President or Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer or club captain)

The Consumer Affairs Victoria, Associations Incorporation Act (1981) Model Rules for an Incorporated Association states that;

Item 13(2) Five members personally present (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a general meeting.

And

Item 27(1) Any 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the conduct of business of a meeting of the committee.

As a committee, we would like to change our club constitution to reflect these model rules as in the past, poor turn out to our meetings has resulted in an inability to pass official business and vote on raised issues. For these rules to change, an official vote must be undertaken under the rules of the current constitution. We are hereby giving notice of the intention to vote on this issue at the June general meeting at Bells Hotel, corner Moray and Coventry Streets, South Melbourne at 8:00pm. Attendance by all available members of the club would be appreciated, as we require a quorum before we can vote. If you cannot personally attend, a proxy vote form has been included for your use. This form must be returned to the secretary no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting stating the person who will vote on your behalf.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Yours sincerely,

Committee of the Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria, Incorporated.

Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria, Inc.

Application of Proxy Vote

I, _____ member#_____
Appoint _____ who is a current financial member of the Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria, Inc. to be my proxy vote at the general meeting to be held Bells Hotel, corner Moray and Coventry Streets, South Melbourne on Monday, 27th June at 8:00pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

Note: proxy voting forms MUST be received by the club secretary at least 24 hours prior to the meeting being declared open.

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Treasurers

Report

(otherwise known as the buck stops here)

16/06/2005

TREASURER'S REPORT 16th.JUNE 2005

Deposits for the period of 12th May 2005 to 16th June 2005

1	New member (pro rata)	\$ 24.00
2	Stock sales	\$ 40.00
3	Proceeds from H.C.C.V. Motorkhana entry fees	\$ 672.00
	Proceeds of stock sold at Motorkhana	\$ 30.00
		\$ 766.00

Outgoings for the period 12th May 2005 to 16th June 2005

1	Food and sundry purchases made for Motorkhana	\$ 113.90
2	CAMS Permit	\$ 190.00
3	T.C.CV. Venue Hire	\$ 150.00
4	Kim McConchie January magazine expenses	\$ 168.00
		\$ 621.90
	Current account balance as at 16th June 2005	\$ 2,713.37

Stock left over from Motorkhana valued at approx \$21.00 and will be used at future club events (21 cans of coke and 7 greenish coloured sausages)

So far so good, we're on track.! Thank you to all the loyal members of the club As outlined at the beginning of the year, this year was going to be a tough year but it was going to be a year in which we could, and needed to, rebuild the financial integrity of the club on behalf of it's members

I say this with all respect to all recent previous committees but I believe, time, costs, and support levels, caught every one out last year.

We have great plans for the future and as the pieces of the plans fall into place we will keep you informed

Onwards and upwards

Pete

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Holden *Hype*

Editors

Report

We welcome another sponsor this month, with Summit Holden coming on board – check out their ad in the magazine and if you're in the market for a new or used Holden, give them the opportunity to do it right for you.

Remember advertising in this magazine is available to all members and non-members: got something for sale, its free for members / \$12 for non-members quarter page, half page \$20, full page \$35 per month – BARGAIN!! And in colour!

I am sad to report that Louise McMillan, a long serving committee member and life member of the club, is hospitalised at present. I am sure you will all join the committee in wishing her a complete and speedy recovery, and we hope to see her back on her feet (or more to the point, back in her Brock) in the very near future. We have sent flowers on behalf of all club members, although she would probably prefer a '69 Yenko Camaro delivered to her door....

Oh yeh, SEND ARTICLES!! Place ads!!
Cheers, Kim McC.

...Years ago when the club was known as the Torana Club of Victoria, we had a segment called "Torana Tappets"...this was purely a gossip column on who, what, when and where about the club and its members. Anyone is welcome to submit gossip or be creative and conjure something up...who cares, just have some fun!

Well the club khana was very revealing of peoples ability to follow simple directions – or, in the case of people acting as navigators, their ability to give simple directions (or even correct ones!) with one particular father – daughter combination being outstanding for the entertainment provided to the timekeepers. And no, it wasn't Phil and Amelia – although they provided plenty of entertainment as well, with Amelia proving that life in a dustbowl can actually be a lot of fun. Speaking of the family, Justine finished the day by stepping out of the always awesome Civic and had a bit of a crack in the red Torrie – her first time in a rear wheel drive on dirt. She seemed pretty impressed – so was everybody who heard the language used! Might be time to trade the Civic in....maybe for a ute like Wrong Way Wayno's, the man who thought WD meant Well Done so kept trying for more. Actually his biggest problem was the amount of dust thrown up – trying to keep to the course when you can't see past the bonnet must be difficult at the best of times, and the fact that the ute was sideways / slideways/backwards more than forwards added to the spectacle. Overall a great day and a lot of fun for all the entrants.

Minutes of Holden Sporting Car Club of Vic. Inc. – General Meeting Bells Hotel, South Melbourne – 23/05/2005

Due to a technical hitch, the May General Meeting minutes could not be included in this months magazine. They will be included next month.



Picture of the Month.

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Motor *Racing*

Hello to you all. Well what a month in motor sport! Formula one has continued with the competitive and very interesting season. Renault are very fast but seem to destroy their tyres as the race goes on. They gradually get slower and slower and you can see how bald their rear tyres are towards the end of the race. Ferrari are coming back into some form with good results at Canada in particular. And so they they should given the huge amount of testing they have been doing all year!! Kimi Raikonen is starting to close in on Alonso, though could have been closer if they'd changed his front tyre. Watching the super slo-mo was fascinating. You could actually see the suspension moving around under the braking loads. That flat spot was huge! You just knew it was a matter of time before something let go! Webber continues to score points, except for one first lap faux par! I believe the Williams is just not as good a package as the McLaren, Renault, or even Ferrari. Surprisingly Red Bull (formerly Jaguar) have been quite competitive, especially David Coulthard, good to see him doing well too.

V8 supercars. Hmmm. Eastern Creek brought an interesting ruling. Seems if you overtake, then they hit you on the rear bumper and turn you around, it's your fault!?!? Apparently it's up to you to leave enough room down the inside at the next corner so they can go past you! Although it was Ambrose, and we all know you're not allowed to pass him!! Good to see Craig Lowndes have a win, even if he does drive for them, he's still a great driver and deserves to do well. Off to China, and what a great show that was! It was interesting to see who was able to set their car up from scratch, with no prior data to work from. Hooray for Holden, 1 2 3 was a great result for the red team. The Shanghai track proved to be a beauty as there was some really great racing over the weekend with some superb overtaking moves. One that was particularly notable was by Lowndes on Ambrose, you will not see a better faint left then dive up the inside under brakes. Just brilliant. Turns out you can pass Ambrose, you just need to be in a Drot!!

Now to more mundane events. Sunday 26-06-05 Ford Four are running a sprint event at Sandown. If you want a run get in quick! The next weekend, 2/3-07-05, is the John Mott, held by the Nissan Car Club at Sandown also. A two day event where Saturday is a training/familiarisation day, and Sunday will be timed sessions. This is a group five this year and should be well attended. Certainly I'll be there in the A9X having a ball. First run for nearly a year, I can't believe it's been so long! See you all there.

Drive well, drive safe

Glenn

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Members *Cars*



The editors new weapon trying to get to the club khana.....finally arrived 3 days too late

Club *Raffle*

We are running a fundraising raffle over the year and the prize is a truly unique 1/18 scale model of Mark Skaife's 2003 HRT VY Commodore signed by Mark Skaife, Todd Kelly, Peter Brock and Denny Mooney CEO of Holden. The model is highly detailed and would look great in your display cabinet. The model will be on display at each general meeting where tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and will be drawn at the presentation night in December. Haven't got your tickets yet? Get to the next meeting, open that wallet and give the moths a look at the outside world, buy HEAPS of tickets, you know you want it, we know you want it, the moths know you want it and most importantly the club needs your money!!



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Social *Events*

Hello everyone and thanks to all the lovely club members who came to our pig out at Agapi's for our Greek Christmas in June. It was great to see everyone get into the spirit of the event and bring along some interesting K.K pressies, which ranged from practical car care products to handy tools and rubber chickens?????? I'm sure everyone enjoyed seeing the weird looks on everyone's faces as they opened their mysterious presents. The food was an absolute smorgasbord of bread, dips (the snot looking one was the best), meat and seafood (Yummy I luuuuuuurve seafood).

I have to complain about the lack of oysters though, they were the first things gone off the plates. All in all a lot of fun was had by everyone and was a nice midweek event to fill you up Greek Style! I hope to see even more of us at the next one, maybe then we can fill upstairs and downstairs of the tiny restaurant.



*Hmmmm – could be the basis of a future club trophy awarded on quantity consumed at a club pigout!
Based on this years event, competition would be fierce!*

Don't forget we have set a date for our drive in night, Saturday September 3rd; so write it on your Calendar now. It will be at Dromana drive in and we will have a club cruise to the drive in. There will be more details in the mag to follow.

So see ya'll round, hopefully round and round in the trough, pigout style!
Amelia.

BATHURST AT BRUCE'S

A couple of years ago we had a Bathurst day at Bruce's, there has been some interest in holding this event this year.

The go is that the club hires a big screen TV Bruce decks out his garage, the day starts at 7am with breakfast and lunch all for a small fee (\$30.00 last time we ran it) if there is any profit, the money goes to the club coffers, you bring your chair and drinks and we have a fun day watching Holden kick Ford arse.

We need about 20 people to break even, if you are interested please call Bruce on 0417014304 or see him at the meeting

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Motorkhana *Madness* *And Group* *Five*

We have just run our most successful and profitable motorkhana ever and all I can say is a big huge THANK YOU to all the members who helped and competed on the day. 37 entries, 12 from the club, 12 tests and all finished by 2.30pm.

New member David Davies had his first run in his Gemini coupe and had a ball, the man with the special Mike Excel had his all new rear engined Mini powered special out for it's first run and was experiencing teething problems.



How good is this? Smiling despite the cold & dust!



Dave, chief cook & bottlewasher at Café de HSCCV

We ran twelve tests and used some that haven't been run for a while and even resurrected the Elliot goblet, from the feedback I have had from competitors, they enjoyed themselves which, from a directors point of view, is very pleasing.

I must again thank all the helpers, Peter for bringing his van which was turned into Café de HSCCV, Dave for being BBQ chef, Ray for supplying a generator and transporting all the equipment and to all the officials who supplied their time so we could have a successful event. It was interesting to note that all of the committee were either competing or helping, this is a first in the time I have been directing the motorkhanas.

I must say it again, to all the officials and helpers, THANKS GUYS, it was a pleasure to have directed the motorkhana this year.

The next G5 khana is July 10 run by VWCV at Avalon, the next VMC is at Somerton July 17 run by MUCC. The June 26 khana has been cancelled at this stage.

Cheers Bruce

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Membership

Report

And Pointscore

Welcome to our new members;

Daniel Garrett – Torana GTR

Judy Hill- 2001 Commodore S

The current membership is 121. If you would like a shiny new membership card, come along to the June general meeting at Bells Hotel and I will swap your old one!

The point score is unchanged from last month, there is a Phillip Island sprint that I need to clarify some details of and the club motorkhana that requires the final official information to score. These events will be included next month. If you have attended any events and they do not appear in the score, please post me the results and I will include them for you. The club championship is a hard fought battle, don't miss out on any points that you have earned!

ELIGIBLE EVENTS

NO	EVENT NAME	DATE	NO	EVENT NAME	DATE
15	PAC VMC	20/03/2005	20	CRBCC MOTORKHANA	17/04/2005
16	KCC VCAS RND1	20/03/2005	21	VMCI MOTORKHANA	24/04/2005
17	MARCH GEN MEETING	28/03/2005	22	APRIL GEN MEETING	25/04/2005
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Q. Can a person be converted to the dark side by an hour in a Mustang?

A. Yes, even if there's no blue oval attached

Q. Is 2000 horse power adequate?

A. Barely. Up the boost to 35 psi and lets try for 2400

Q. What happens when the world turns upside down?

A. Don't think about your stomach, which is being forced down somewhere between your knees and intends to stay there, just be pleased with the marvelous view

Just for something different for my birthday, I was presented with a certificate by wife and family entitling me to spend some serious time in a Mustang – not the blue oval product, but a genuine World War 2 P51 fighter plane, complete with 27 litres of Rolls Royce V 12 (doesn't that sound good? Say it to yourself slowly – twenty-seven-litres-of-supercharged-V-12 Merlin-engine....makes a 6 litre Gen IV sound like a...well, starter motor maybe?) and, even better, dual controls with the chance to actually take control once in unrestricted air space – “is this heaven on a stick, or what?” I thought as we arrived at Tyabb airfield to meet up with High Performance Aviation.

The Mustang landed just as we arrived, and I had the pleasure of watching the lucky passenger alight from the cramped rear seat (originally the spot where the radio was fitted – apparently about the size of a couple of decent microwave ovens, and now replaced by a unit slightly bigger than a DIN std car radio) and, pale of face and with knees knocking, stumble off the wing and announce that yes, he'd had a great time, no, he hadn't thrown up, and yes, he was about to....he was led away for a bit of a sit and a think about the relationship between life and solid ground, but still with a bloody huge grin on his face!

After a bit of manouvering, I managed to get comfortably(?) strapped in to the rear seat, went through the briefing of what to do in the event of ditching (save the pilot), crash landing (save the pilot), explosion and fire (ditto) and airsickness (there are no bags, hope you have big shirt pockets) and we were off.

First thing you notice is its loud. Check the headphones for fit, still loud. Take off headphones, immediate industrial deafness is threatened, refit headphones. After a while it becomes just another background white noise, not particularly attractive – there is no magnificent V8 rumble, no sensational V12 snarl – it just BLOODY LOUD! Ignore it and it does go away.

Our flight path was a run up to the Dandenongs to attempt a tight turn over our home, but missed it and entertained the residents of Emerald instead, and then head for French Island – and was passed the controls for that leg. No loops, no spins, but otherwise reasonable opportunity to get the feel of it without trying to be a hero – hell, I know my limitations!! Once over French island the fun began – rolls, loops, obviously I wasn't in control at that stage! – then a fast run past Cowes township with an awesome tight turn at the end, and then more stick time for me as we headed back to Tyabb.



Too soon time was up and we had landed - and, pale of face and with knees knocking, I got to stumble off the wing and announce that yes, I'd had a great time, no, I hadn't thrown up, and yes, I was about to....hmm, sounds like a common theme! And I had the bloody huge grin as well.

Kim McC.

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by Nick Mason and Mark Hales

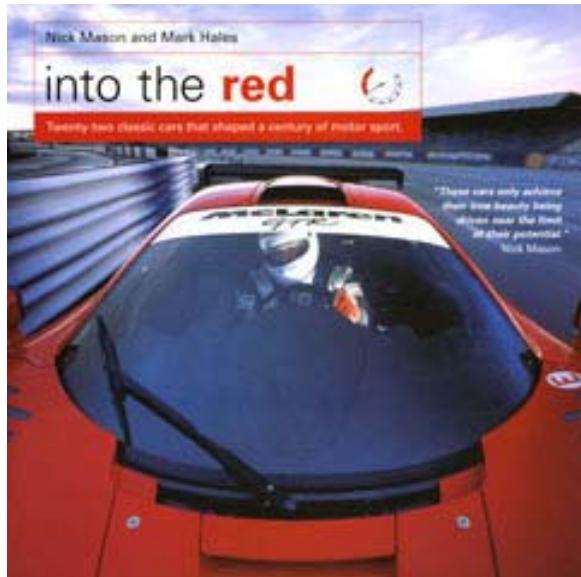
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Review by Bob Campbell

Imagine having the money and garage space to own a fleet of the cars you have lusted after since childhood. If your name is Nick Mason, you don't have to imagine it.

Nick, drummer with Pink Floyd, is also a highly experienced racer of historic cars and owner of one of the great private collections of those cars. In this book, he and successful historic racer Mark Hales (check the Goodwood Revival results for the past two years) drive some of Nick's favourite cars to the limit and report on their experiences.

Great photography takes you trackside while you read and the CD supplied with the book provides sound effects that will have any lover of classic racing cars reeling with ecstasy.



The 22 cars described include a 1901 Panhard, over 100 years old and still able to cruise at up to 80 km/h, and a McLaren F1 GTR from 1995 that must be close to the ultimate modern road car. In between those two are Bugatti, Alfa Romeo, Aston Martin and ERA from the pre-World War II era, and Frazer Nash BRM, Jaguar, Maserati, Lotus, Ferrari, Porsche Lola and Tyrrell from more recent times. I know that doesn't add up to 22, but there are several Ferraris - including the legendary 250GTO - and two each of Maserati and Porsche.

I challenge any enthusiast to read this book without a twinge of envy. You will find it all too easy to be green.

Into the Red is available from The Pitstop Bookshop, freecall 1800 622 422 (within Australia), or on their website at www.pitstop.net.au.

(Editors note – I have a copy of this particular book and its worth the investment – the CD is awesome!)

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