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Executive *Torque*

President

Hello all,

This month see's plenty of club news and motor racing going on around the state and of course the world. I would like to air my thoughts on one part of the sport we love in this months report.

F1 has been interesting in the races if nothing else. I reckon the rule makers are half way to getting it right. Not being able to change tyres during the races has brought the fields closer together, allowing more dramatic racing and overtaking, better durability test of the drivers and cars, and of course the engines. My personal view is that a couple more steps would return F1 to the top of the sport.

1. REDUCE AERO.

smaller wings and side pods make a smaller hole in the air allowing closer racing through corners

2. REDUCE ENGINE REVS 12000rpm red line would reduce speeds and cost and be far more realistic technology for for application to road cars

Cut out refuelling and make it all about the car and the driver. In all races, a car comes and goes during the course of a race. Tyres and fuel load, driver fitness and attitude, the engines power and damaged body work all contribute to a car going faster or slower during a race, and changing within a race. To me it's how the driver deals with all these things that makes a racing driver. Fangio or Moss or Brabham never needed pit stops for fuel and or tyres to entertain the crowd. It was the variables during the race that made for great action. If the tyres go off and they had to change them, they would lose places, but might drive heroically to recover some lost ground, especially if the points are within reach, which they would be if paying to eighth place. Same with fuel if they were heavy users and need more, they could pit, rejoin and drive like scalded cats to salvage something. Strategy is not about the car and driver. Strategy is about chess or politics, buying or selling. Eliminate strategy from sport and we will get back to sports men and women who do it for the sport and not firstly for the money.

The weekend saw lots of activity around the state. We went to the Island to check out the Sprint action, expecting a small field, but were suprised to find around 90 cars had turned up. I myself was very jealous of Bruce, Peter, Ray and Vlad. We have bought a block of land, so the money may be tied up for a few months. One of the above went straight of at turn one doing 180kms per hour, tyres would not turn. Luckily no damage done but they had a ball generally. Sadly Peter's Aussie cried enough so his day was over far too early.

Dean and I went to Calder for a private test day on Wed 13th, in his genuine VK Group A. It was his first time on the track and he handled himself very well. No spins or getting in the way of faster cars, lots of common sense. The brakes were shown not to be good enough for a fast place

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like the Island, but now he can think of ways to improve his driving and the car, then we will have another regular. At some stage, I will give him a run in my car at Calder or Winton before testing himself at the Island. Oh, Brocky was there but never got to see the Blue Meanie on the track unfortunately. Jack Perkins was there too, testing his FF.

Chris is off to NZ as I write this, for the ATCC round. Team Tasman have shown so far very good form, and why wouldn't they with Wally and Part Burns in the team. Jamie Wincup is also surprising a few people so good luck guys.

We have set some dates for Social Activities this year, so please, all members, look for them in the magazine. Support Amelia's initiatives, because friendships formed during these kinds of activities form the fabric of our club, and lately it's been a little thin.

Have a great month and hope to see members out and about.
Wayne Paola.

Vice President

Hi movers and groovers welcome to April, a couple of things have been happening since last month, there has been a twilight driver training meeting at Calder, a sprint at Phillip Island, Kylie and Greg have been doing it in the dirt, a new membership card is coming, wow, what else.

First thing first, Honda sport car club of Vic invited us to their driver training event at Calder, four members attended and with only 25 entries they all had plenty of track time, but with a twist, it was a twilight event and believe me Calder looks different in the dark. Phil and Amelia, James Towers and Brad Lovett entered and I attended as a driving instructor as I have done for Honda for around four years now and we all had a lot of fun in the dark. Brad had some overheating problems with his Commodore and had to put it back on the trailer after a few runs, Amelia's Torry was kept busy going round and round all night and James wanted to go faster in his Dato. One of the guys there threw me the keys to his current model WRX to have a go, as I have not driven one before I didn't hesitate, after three laps and approaching turn 1 at 195kph the brakes decided they had had enough, escape road here we come, I was very surprised as I had driven my VX Commodore earlier approaching the same turn at 180kph and was able to brake at the 100mtr mark and slow down to take the turn on standard pads and a lot heavier car. Note to Subaru your brakes aren't the best for that type of car. Honda's next track day will be at Winton in November.

Phillip Island I will cover in G5 report.

Greg Kastellic has designed a new club membership card and it looks fantastic and should be available soon. Thanks to Greg for his work you won't be disappointed.

Heard that Alf Zientek's oil pump played up the other day, but after talking to Vlad at Phillip Island last weekend he told me the doctor found a small blockage in an oil gallery around his oil pump and has prescribed friction modifier to keep his oil pump performing at the right pressure, hope to see you running on all cylinders soon Alf.

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Secretary

Well, this time of the month again. It seems as though I just finish writing reports for the mag, run a couple of events, and it is time for reports again.

Had an awesome time at Round 1 of the Victorian Club Autocross Series. Seems the owner of a certain blue Rx-7 should be getting worried, as I was only 5 seconds behind him for the entire day. Beats me how he manages to get mud on the roof though, I know it's a small car but is it really necessary?

Also ran at round 3 of the Avalon khanacross series. In a moment of wisdom, we had taken the rear stabiliser bar off the car, worked well at Kyneton, but at the faster Avalon track neither of us could control the thing. Along with the incredibly hot north wind blowing oodles of dust off the track and over the pit area (even without cars going around) and a heavy rain fall in the early afternoon, we packed our grumpy selves up early and went home. It was no fun being hot, dusty and tired (my contact lenses also packed up, the rain turned the dust in my eyes to mud!) and the thought of having to clean mud off the car again for the benefit of one, maybe two laps was just too much. The thought of a pajama party and carpet picnic in front of the TV had much greater appeal.

If you are interested in showing your racecar, give Amelia a call as she has had the club thrown into Pentridge for the day. Sounds fun, too bad I have to work. Also, the SS needs some urgent repairs before going anywhere, its just one thing after the other with that car!

The first club sprints have been run with a Calder night sprint and Phillip Island. It's probably a good thing too as certain aspects of some members driving after the last club meeting was appalling. Please remember that when we are out as a group or you have club stickers on your car you are representing the club. Keep the sideways stuff for the track! We don't want a reputation like another club with Holden based vehicles.

Hope to see you all at the next club meeting, please come along and share some time with us. Remember it's a public holiday again, and luckily, Bells Hotel is open this time, as it is too cold for outside.

Kylie Lewis.

Car for sale – new aircon recently fitted!



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Club Calendar

April

3 rd	F1 Power Boats – Club Cruise	Contact Social Rep
9-10 th	PIARC Sprint	Phillip Isl – contact Motorracing rep.
10 th	GMSC Khanacross Rnd 3	Avalon – contact Motorracing rep.
11 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting	Contact a Committee Member
16 th	Tunbridge Trial	Contact Rally rep.
17 th	CRBCC Grp5 Motorkhana	Somerton - contact Motorkhana rep
18 th	HSCCV Print night	TBA
24 th	HSV/HDT Owner Club Nationals	Sandown Racecourse
24 th	MSCA Hillclimb	Morwell – contact Motor racing rep.
25 th	HSCCV General Meeting	Bells Hotel, cnr Moray & Coventry Sts South Melbourne 8pm

May

1 st	GCC Khanacross	Morwell – contact Motor racing rep.
7 th	Pentridge prison-Market & Club Display	Contact Social Rep
7 th	PAC VCAS Round 3	Boisdale - contact Rally rep.
9 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting	TBA
15 th	GMSC Khanacross Rnd 4	Avalon – contact Motorracing rep.
16 th	HSCCV Print night	TBA
23 rd	HSCCV General Meeting	Bells Hotel, cnr Moray & Coventry Sts South Melbourne 8pm
29 th	GCC Hillclimb	Morwell – contact Motor racing rep.
29 th	HSCCV Motorkhana	Werribee – contact Motorkhana rep.

June

13 th	HSCCV Committee Meeting	TBA
20 th	HSCCV Print night	TBA
27 th	HSCCV General Meeting	Bells Hotel, cnr Moray & Coventry Sts South Melbourne 8pm

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 INACCUARCY 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

No stock has been sold since the last meeting. We are going to order some Caps however, so I will keep members informed. I would like to get good American style caps with a proper peak on them, not this skull cap style which is so common now, but cost and time will determine what we end up with. Take note of the reduced prices of all of our stock. The Polo shirts and Chambray's and Jackets are all cheap for clear out prices. BUY BUY BUY BUY.

WAYNE PAOLA.

Scenes we wish we could see.....



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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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Treasurers *Report*

(otherwise known as the buck stops here)
16/03/2005

This month has been financially quiet for us
Deposits For the period of 28th March 2005 to 16th April 2005 were..

1. Club member renewals,	\$ 128.00
Total	\$ 128.00

Payments totalling \$189.80 were made to,

1. Aust Post	\$ 59.00
Total	\$ 59.00

Current account balance as at 16th April is \$ 2,638.29

Pete.

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Holden *Hype*

Editors

Report

Another month and another issue – and who says advertising doesn't work?? In our February issue we had a VL SS GrpA Commodore advertised, and with no other advertising the car was sold! The HJ Ute advertised the same month has also been sold, and this month there is an LX hatch that has to represent a great opportunity for someone! Mark Delahoy, who is currently building the XU-1 V8 prototype replica we reported on earlier this year, has put this one up for sale and I must say I was seriously tempted when I saw the pics – however I was persuaded that other things, such as my health and the vague possibility of seeing another birthday, were probably more important. Neat car though, and could make a great club racer.....
If you have stuff to sell, are clearing out the garage (god forbid its come to that, but we all have our moments of weakness) or have simply accumulated too much crap and have a desire to move it on to others – stick it in the mag, its free for members / \$10 for non-members quarter page, half page \$15, full page \$20 per month – **BARGAIN!! And in colour!**

...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!

OK there have been some comments about the last club meeting...it was great to have a lovely summers evening in Jells Park, the BBQ's were fired up, the snags were good, the company was just fine and of course the conversation was pretty much as good as you get.....but a coupla members are gonna be a bit lighter on the \$\$\$ front after this:



This is apparently one of our club members leaving the meeting; this isn't but we tried to get him to join on the basis that anyone who can get a Chrysler so seriously sideways can't be all bad; and



finally we have the combined efforts of several club members who managed this. **THEY HAVE ALL BEEN FINED!!!!!!**

Please remember that we display club id on our cars, and people do note how we behave in public places – leave it for the track!! (and yes, the editor will be paying his fine at the next meeting!!)

Seriously, the public notices, and so do park rangers – we may be looking for other venues for future open air meetings.....

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Members

Tracktime

A Day at the Island

Aah yeah, love the smell of Methane in the morning...sorry, that was me. I love the smell of Octane in the morning is what I meant.



Here it is, 9 am in the morning at Phillip Island, I've been getting the car ready all week, new brake pads, dosed up the fuel, changed the oil, now its time to start the engine It coughs into life, (I think all the pistons huddled into one cylinder for warmth) but anyway, now its running better.

Off to scrutineering, I guess it was just bad luck to be following two late model Monaros and an Elfin, because the scrutineers got a fit of the giggles when going over my car...rude bastards

I've done Sandown, Calder, and Winton, but I haven't been to Phillip Island before, and I'm really looking forward to this meeting.

I can see already that horsepower and good brakes are going to be the secret of success for this track...pity I don't have enough of either, but as I keep the revs to around 5,500 and watch the brake markers, what could go wrong ?.

First session,

More of a 'suck it and see' approach on the first lap, getting the tyres warmed up checking out the lines, I'm beginning to 'dial in' (love that term) on the lines now, and I don't need the map anymore to get around, I'm feeling good.

Second lap; just found which of the brake markers at Honda to take notice of, sideways into Honda is not a good look, (trying to be the best of the late brakers' can be tricky here)

Third lap, starting to notice the rear of the car stepping out a little over Lukey Heights, Oh Oh, just remembered, this is 'Phil's corner, better back off a little.

Already the flag marshal's' waving the chequered flag, though I'm sure this doesn't mean I won.



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Next session. Getting back to my question earlier about ‘what could go wrong’?, the gearbox!! That’s what could go wrong, the gearbox.

It now has 3 reverses and fourth gear is where 1st should be.

How embarrassing, being towed in!

That’s it, up on to the trailer with it, I looked up to the sky and shouted ‘what next?’

Then the rains came, I noticed a guy in the car park building some kind of big wooden boat with some animals being lined up, and sure enough everything started to flood.

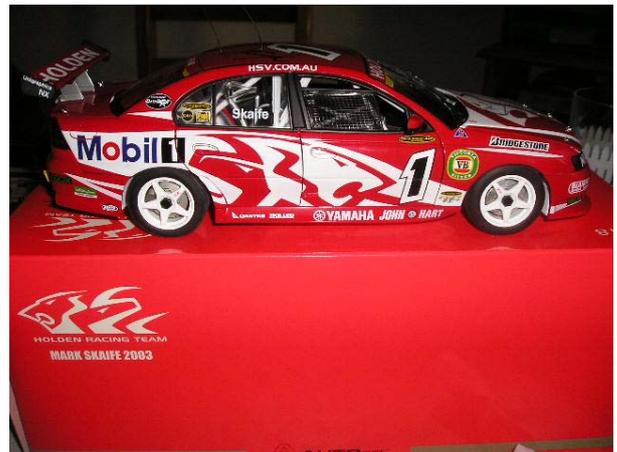
After about half an hour of solid rain, they declared it a ‘wet track’. hmmm

I have to say that I had a great time, even after I divided the total of the petrol, the trailer hire, and the entry fee by the three laps I had managed, it was still a great day and I’m looking forward to going there again

Pete

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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Motorkhana

Madness

And Group

Five

Two rounds of the VMC have been run since last month the first was held at Werribee with only twenty entries and nine tests it was all over by 1.30pm. I entered the Barina had two WDs and found out that in VMC when you WD you get the slowest time for the test plus five seconds, not slowest in class like G5, this added around 25 seconds to my times which helped me to come 15th outright and 4th in class, ah well, easy come easy go. The next round was in Deniliquin but I didn't go, too far.

The next G5 khana will have been run at Somerton by the time you read this, so I will have a report next month. The next VMC is at Werribee April 24th and the next G5 khana is back to Somerton May 1st. Our round of the G5 motorkhana series is at Werribee May 29th, and I need some members to give us a hand to run it. We need 6 people to do timing, we also need scrutineers and someone to run the BBQ, the BBQ is where the club has a chance to make some money and is very important to us on the day. So if you aren't competing and can help, please call me your help will be very much appreciated.

The G5 speed series opened with PIARC sprint at the Island, Ray Cardwell, Vlad Kowal, Peter Stewart and myself entered, Wayne, Sue and Dean came down to watch, we had four runs with plenty more on offer as the numbers had thinned down after an early afternoon storm had hit. After four years I finally convinced she who must be obeyed to let me run the Commodore and it was good to have some top end speed down to turn one after running the old Barina last year. At the time of writing no results had arrived but after three runs the best time I saw was a 2.11.12, 200kph at turn one, I didn't think that was too bad for a stock V6 VX 'S' Commodore on road tyres. I quickly found out that you can't go through turn one at 180 on road tyres, I had visit to the grass and gravel trap early in the day. Peter found out that M21 gearboxes don't like a hard time, after his first outing the gearbox said I've had enough and refused to find a forward gear so the car was loaded onto the trailer and now Pete's looking for a stronger gearbox, maybe from Japan. Ray had a fairly trouble free day until we watched one of his front tyres go down in front of our eyes in the pits, and Vlad was having fun catching cars that he hadn't caught before in the Escort.

The next G5 speed event is an autocross to be held at Melton on May 22nd run by VWCV, I don't have any details yet, but please call me closer to the event.

Recently I had a TG Gemini given to me that I am going to convert to a track car and I am looking for some go fast bits for the engine, so if you have any or now someone who has, please call me.

Cheers Bruce

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Motor racing

Report

G'day all,

well another month has raced on by for us all. Group five has started with the first event at P.I. on April 10. Haven't seen any results yet, though I know several members attended and had a good day, despite a heavy shower of rain. If you did show up and had a run, please drop us a line and give your impressions of the event.

Formula one is still showing that they can have interesting and exciting racing! Renault have been quite dominating so far, although the new Ferrari looks to be a potential threat with a few more race miles. Can you believe that was the first mechanical retirement for Schumacher in something like three and half years? Quite an amazing statistic for F1!! Unfortunately for our man Webber, the Williams appears to still lack some ultimate speed and looks to be a little unstable compared to some of the competition. Delarosa showed quite amazing pace in the Maclaren. He ran off the track three times and still had a good result. Webber did a great job holding him out for several laps despite clearly being much slower. The extreme temperature (40 Celsius, track 53!) didn't have as big an effect as many thought it would, with still some excellent reliability shown by all the teams compared to years past.

Now the V8's. That damn F... of Ambrose just keeps on winning! He showed his usual turn of speed, and won the round again. There is some promise for us though as HRT were as fast as anyone over the weekend, and with a change of luck will be a real force this year. I believe that now Skaife has delegated a good deal of the work throughout the team, he will return to his best form. Still having some issues with some of the rules, however. Can someone help me out here? why no morning warm-up? Picture this, you had a big shunt on Saturday arvo, the boys work all night to re-build the car to race on Sunday. The first opportunity to test the car is when the race starts! How dangerous could that be? Surely better to give it a shakedown run in a morning warm-up don't you think? Or Skaifes problem could have been found and fixed before the race. Then we might have seen a good challenge for the lead. I believe some of the driving further down the field seems to be a little, well, erratic. Some of the attempted passing moves appeared somewhat ambitious, especially considering the close confines of the Adelaide circuit. And did you see those little Aussie racers? They are one of the best series running around at the moment. Really close, lots of overtaking, fast. I guess because they're so small they have lots of room to move.

I might shoot up to Somerton and try this motorkhana thing on the 17th of April. I reckon since its a sealed surface, and I have some old commodore rims and tyres, I'll make some smoke with the torana. Should be quite a hoot tearing round the cones with skinny tyres, no doubt there'll be more than one WD!!! Tell you about it all soon.

Drive well, drive safe

Glenn.

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Membership *Report* *And Pointscore*

ELIGIBLE EVENTS

NO	EVENT NAME	DATE		
9	GRAND PRIX	06/03/2005	14 AVALON K/CROSS RND 2	13/03/2005
10	GCC HILLCLIMB	12/03/2005	15 PAC VMC	20/03/2005
11	COC M OTORKHANA	12/03/2005	16 KCC VCAS RND1	20/03/2005
12	COC TRIAL B	12/03/2005	17 MARCH GEN MEETING	28/03/2005
13	COC AUTOCROSS	13/03/2005	18 HSCC DRIVER TRAINING	09/04/2005

Name	Tot Evnts	Name	Tot Evnts
Greg KASTELIC	80 10	Kim MCCONCHIE	15 2
Kylie LEWIS	70 10	Ronald JANSZ	15 2
Bruce LETHBORG	62 11	Justine SLATER	13 2
Richard WALES	45 7	Glenn MASON	13 3
Amelia SLATER	38 7	Barry CLOUGH	13 2
Ray CARDWELL	38 6	Susan WELFARE	10 1
Malcolm CARDWELL	35 5	Jason PERCY	10 2
Alf ZIENTEK	30 3	Jay WROBEL	8 2
Wayne PAOLA	28 5	Nicholas KOWAL	8 1
Vlad KOWAL	28 4	Cassandra CARDWELL	8 2
Philip SLATER	27 5	Samantha CARDWELL	8 2
David WILLIAMS	23 3	Rowena CARDWELL	8 2
Sandra MASON	23 4	Liam MYERS	5 1
Kerry CARDWELL	23 4	Brad LOVELL	5 1
Peter STEWART	23 4	Ian BLACK	5 1
Richard KOWAL	23 3	Ken SCOTT	5 1
Robert MCMILLAN	23 4	Geoff PATTERSON	5 1
Louise MCMILLAN	23 4	Michael SANTA	3 1
Troy FITZPATRICK	20 3	Caitlin CLOUGH	3 1
Bianca ZIENTEK	16 2	Joseph CLOUGH	3 1
Antonia FITZPATRICK	15 2	Kathleen CLOUGH	3 1



Club Social

Events

Pentridge Prison Market

Show 'n' Shine



Saturday 7th May
8am Pentridge Prison
Champ st. Coburg

The best day you've ever had in Prison!

Bring your car, family and friends to jail for an enjoyable day of food, arts, crafts and spooky prison cells. This day runs from 9am to 2pm, so is a very reasonable way of spending a great day without spending the whole day there!!

There will be a bbq and soft drinks supplied but feel free to bring your own picnic. We will also have the privilege of having our own personal tour through the infamous 'H' division.

All cars will be safely displayed within the prison grounds along with other car clubs and the Shannons Insurance marquee. There will be first, second and third prizes for the best cars.

Please let me know before 30th April if you intend on going to jail.

Thanks, Amelia Slater 0422 035 204



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Book & DVD

Review

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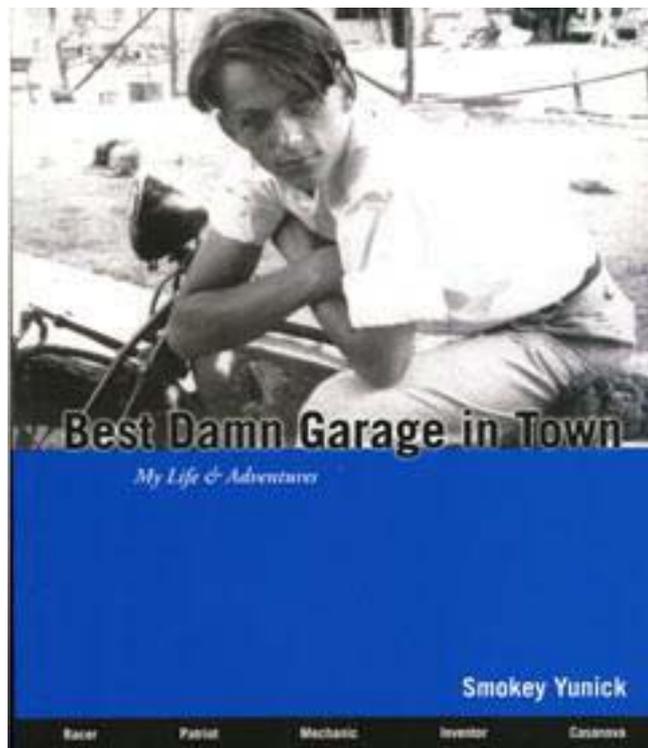
by Smokey Yunick

Soft cover book, 19 x 23 cm, 652 pages, code 13920

Review by Bob Campbell

Smokey Yunick is best known for the way he crashed through loopholes in race regulations, but there was more to Smokey than that.

He was a total maverick with little or no respect for the establishment. Political correctness was an alien concept, as will become clear to any reader of this book. His war career has been described as equally divided between hot planes and hot nurses and his race career was punctuated by disputes with officialdom and adventures with more hot women.



Smokey was a bomber pilot in World War II and a racer after it. He made and lost several fortunes, but his skills in race car preparation made him a legend. He tells us of the revolutions in racing that happened in NASCAR and Champ Car racing from his own unique point of view.

His undersized Chevrolet stock car, the Indianapolis car with wheels leaning into the corners and the Pontiacs he made into winners are only a few examples of Smokey's ability to think outside the bounds of convention. Away from the track, his inventions show that there was more to Smokey than an expert crew chief, and his adventures in South America add yet another dimension to the picture of this astonishing man.

It is a fun book to read and presents a total antidote to the "official" or "authorised" histories.

This book is available from The Pitstop Bookshop, Freecall 1-800 622 422 (within Australia), or on the Internet at www.pitstop.net.au.

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Minutes of Holden Sporting Car Club of Vic. Inc. – General Meeting

Jells Park, Wheeler's Hill – 28/03/2005

MEETING OPENED AT 5.32PM

PRESENT K. Lewis, W. Paola, S. Mason, G. Mason, C. Cardwell, S. Cardwell, R. Cardwell, R. Cardwell, D. Williams, J. Percy, K. McConchie, K. Scott, L. Myers, G. Kastelic, A. Fitzpatrick, T. Fitzpatrick, P. Stewart, B. Lethborg.

APOLOGIES B. Lovell, A. Slater, P. Slater.

Previous minutes Moved: G. Mason Seconded: G. Kastelic
Any business arising from previous minutes? Nil.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motorsport has begun thank goodness. Some sprints are coming up that our members will be competing in.

Affiliation has gone through. Welcome to new members who are present.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

V8's, F1, club sprints and motorkhanas have all started. Have been busy competing in Challenge of Clubs and the VMC at Werribee.

The affiliation and incorporation is all sorted and went through quickly.

SECRETARY

Mail is in. Lack of mail at last general meeting was due to redirection.

Rallysport mag, In business mag, advert drive autoparts.com.au, Advert for mag from G. Ford, Events Tasmania Touring Event grant program, Tattersalls fundraising offer, Aust. Int. Motor show invite to display club vehicles, Unicar mag, FFCC mag, GP Rally News, Fox Classic car collection Auction details, Promo for Mornington Peninsula tourism, Officeworks brochure, Chequered flag stables promo material, NGK and KYB product manual, bank statement, Australia Post mailbox account.

Renewals from: D. White and G. Haley.

Membership application: L. Myers and R. Atkins.

Reiterate that mail diversion is at secretary's own cost due to confusion during past month in regard to the situation.

TREASURER

\$2500 after outgoings. Bank statement for current month has not appeared yet.

Looking into ING account to maximise return from club funds.

EDITOR

Articles wanted, wanted, wanted.

Have had no bad reports regarding emailing of the mag. W.P. noted that K. Scott made a positive comment regarding the new scheme.

SOCIAL

Not present.

B.L. noted that clipsal 500 ran last weekend. As GP is late next year should have club run to Adelaide. Australian Muscle Car show on at Bathurst at same time, some members would like to go there, probably cheaper too.

Need a drive in night soon. Must support social events so organiser does not lose interest.

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RALLY/VCRS

Not present.

B.L. noted that he and R.Wales competed in Challenge of Clubs. Rally great, 180km with approx. 80 competitive. Good roads, well run. 50% route chart, 50% plot. R.W. hit the only loose rock in sight and damaged floor of Corolla. Ran equal 15th in Trial B. 1st in ORV class. Motorkhana 16 events, 63 entries and all done in 4.5hours. Autocross ran on the Sunday. RW 12/22 and BL 1/12.

This event is the best value on the motorsport calendar.

W.P. noted that Chris Atkinson ran 4th in Rally of Mexico. Going well.

MOTORKHANA/ GRP5

Nothing happening. Meeting 3rd April.

10/4 Grp 5 sprint PI, 17/4 M/K Somerton, 3/4 VMC Dennilquin, 24/4 M/K Werribee, 9/4 twilight sprint Calder \$130.

29/5 HSCCV M/K Werribee. If you don't compete in motorkhana series, please lend yourself to help out.

MOTOR RACING

F1-Honda blew 2 engines in first 4 laps. Webber unlucky.

V8- Holdens up there this year.

Get out and have fun on the track.

WEBSITE

Need new images for website to change. Especially for 'Members at Play'.

MEMBERSHIP/POINTSORE

Unsure of exact number of members as rushed from work to meeting. New member present

Liam Myers (introduce). New application from Rod Atkins, friend of B.L.

Pointscore going well, get out there and compete as I am sick of seeing Greg's name on top.

CAMS STATE COUNCIL

Not present.

PUBLIC OFFICER

Nil to report.

STOCK

Prices slashed. Current stock value, \$2,100.

B.L. went through old rally stuff at his house. Kept corflute rally boards but disposed of old smelly, MOULDY rally boards with old club name.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Short of quorum again, need to get quorum at meetings.

D.W. brought up using a hall for meetings and having a BBQ. Cost involved that we cant cover.

Spoke re idea of investing in factory in the long term for the club to lease half and use rest for club events.

B.L. has just scored a TG Gemini.

K.Mc. has HQ Monaro coupe for sale.

Need to make more money from fines as wasn't worth sending in on Good Friday.

Lotto: 2-3-4 No winner.

Discussed legality of our club raffle. As prize is under \$200 we are not breaking any laws.

MEETING CLOSED 7.40PM

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Please tick MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

Name(s):

Address:

.....Postcode:

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Reg. Numbers:.....

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I am interested in: Motorkhana.....Race:.....Rally:.....Sprint/Hillclimbs:.....

I hereby certify that I will abide by the rules and regulations of the Holden Sporting car Club of Victoria Inc. and also the National Competition Rules of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport with which this club is affiliated.

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

<u>Membership fees:</u>	Single:	\$48.00 full year/\$24.00 from July
Please mark clearly	Family:	\$70.00 full year/\$35.00 from July 1
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