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THE BACK COVER

Covered in this edition is some great news for the Front Engine Racing brigade, a chance to meet with [Mark Webber](#) and our own [Daniel Ricciardo](#) from Red Bull Racing as well as other local born and bred champions like Dean Herdridge, Dean Fiore from Triple F.racing as well as other well known race and rally drivers from Australia will be at the Festival of Speed at Brbagallo Raceway on November 28th 2010.



As well, a wrap of the action at the Collie Crown. A great meeting albeit not that well attended, The weather for Collie was just magnificent for mid winter.

The Front engine racing car championship looks like its already decided and a surprise winner by a newbie to the championship.

Our calendar is in tatters as predicted in FERN earlier in the year, we are still feeling the after effects of the V8's and WASCC negotiations as the calendar keeps on changing, this time the truck meeting in November is the culprit..

Changes are afoot at the WASCC which see the

latest round of changes to the constitution at the club, this will no doubt have a bearing on the activities of all classes but I think the changes we have seen to the calendar are pre-emptive of what we will see in the future for FER.

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AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL OF SPEED
Perth 28th November 2010 **AAC** Australian Automobile Club
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Featuring **Mark Webber**
and Perth's own **Daniel Ricciardo**



WEBBER ON HIS WAY TO PERTH

Here is your chance to be at Barbagallo when Mark Webber comes to town. For many this I presume would be their one and only opportunity to come and see a F1 car in action. As The organisers of the Australian Festival of Speed have invited the Front Engine Racing Brigade to the event and you are all welcome. Whilst it hasn't been formalised it looks like free entry to the competitors, the event program will see the evolution of the racing car so we will be cover from the Edwardian cars right through to the 1960's, so get ready for November.

This is going to showcase our classes from Veteran to Group L and I'm busy trying to find some of our special cars, (all Front Engine Cars are special) especially the early ones, firstly we need a list of invitees, so if you want to be part of the action, get me your contact details and I will pass them onto the promoter, who by the way isn't the WASCC, they will be conducting the on track aspects of the event but this is a promoter running and organising the show. Our event will be in the form of a demonstration so a level 2 licence will suffice, traditional safety checks will be in order and affiliated club membership will be the minimum requirement.

I have a list of potential competitors prepared but it would be very presumptuous of me to think that I could list all of the cars here in WA that could or would attend, so please talk with any owners of the early racing cars or likeness and encourage them to make contact with me early so they can be invited.

Think in terms of the early cars like the Lea Francis which I haven't seen for 10 years, where is it? And the Hudson of course, Then the J class of early sports and racing cars the Austin 7's and Imps and alike, The Classic Vintage sports and racing cars like the Bartlett, the Bantam and the numerous British sports cars.

Group K specials and the 30's sports and racing cars which I would believe will be the biggest group followed by the Group L sports and racing cars. The rear engine groups will follow us and they have their own organiser so if you are more inclined to have it at the rear then let me know I will pass on the details to the co-ordinator.



It is envisaged that the groups will go out according to there capabilities, so that the very early cars wont be getting buzzed by the later rocket ships. Its a demonstration so whilst it will be a display of capability, it isn't a race, Jacks Hill will be running so it would be great to see some of the cars having a go at the hill climb.



on circuit, club displays are there as well as all disciplines of motorsport like motorkhana. The only fly in the ointment might be

the circuit upgrades if they get off the ground but I feel sure there will be a work around for that.



There will be many other attractions on the day including some off road demonstrations and Kendrick trying to pilot a sprint car around the track! I wonder how it will go at the Left Hander?? (Reminder note:



For event details here is the link to the Festival web site
[FESTIVAL OF SPEED](#)
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A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE YOUR HISTORIC CAR

Better get crash crew ready at the bottom of hill to pick up wreckage)

The other big attractions will be the bikes of all of the historic groups as well as the rally cars



THE COLLIE CROWN

The dirty weekend was on again this year at Collie, the two day extravaganza at the Collie Motorplex, and a great weekend it was. Weather was fantastic, circuit dry and for a regularity meeting it surely showed the performance of many cars. The usual culprits for FER were there and one certain Holden powered race car driver was full of excuses about his lap times. MRNKD????

The hill climb was on the Saturday along with free practice, albeit there was some consternation during practice when some hot laps got thrown in, seems that we should have been briefed about overtaking, well some of course didn't get that bit of news. Oh well no harm done.

Eddie Melle did a flyer on the hill climb on Saturday and ended up with a second outright only marginally behind one of those 4wd Japanese specials. All of the classes got to compete. Hillclimb results are available on the VSCC website

[COLLIE CROWN HILLCILM BRESULTS CLICK HERE](#)

[REGULARITY RESULTS HERE](#)

14th and 15th
of August at
Collie



Pay particular attention to event 6 and 14 !!! Everyone loves a winner.

On a personal note I must thank Rob Stewart for being available to assist with my car all day as it didn't want to start without a fresh gulp of air when it was hot!

Thanks Rob



COLLIE PHOTOS

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VINTAGE STAMPEDE 5TH DECEMBER

THE VINTAGE STAMPEDE IS ON AGAIN IN DECEMBER 2010. THE DATE HAS CHANGED DUE TO THE ARRIVAL OF RED BULL RACING AT THE FESTIVAL OF SPEED, SO THE WASCC HAS REQUESTED THAT THE VSCC MOVE THE STAMPEDE BACK A WEEK TO ACCOMMODATE

THE VSCC AGREED TO THE MOVE AND WILL BE RUNNING THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND. THIS WILL ALLOW ANYONE NOT ABLE TO COMPETE AT THE FESTIVAL TO HAVE A GO OR IF YOU LIKE IT HAVE MORE OF A GO. THE STAMPEDE WILL BE A FULL REGULARITY MEETING SO WHEN ENTRY FORMS BECOME AVAILABLE ON THE WEB BE QUICK.

VINTAGE
STAMPEDE
BARBAGALLO
DECEMBER
5TH 2010



VINTAGE STAMPEDE DECEMBER 5TH 2010
VSCC OF WA

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STATE CHAMPION- Brian Jarvis



Well done Brian,

Some may be aware that the WASCC has removed us from the final event in our series, JK and L have now been replaced by the Super Trucks, this means that the championship was decided over only two events, the Spices Cup and the Clem Dwyer, as one was wet we were all out driven by Brian in the MG and as all **of us failed to finish (or in ET's Case failed to start)** in at least one event the man who finished them all was the winner.

WASCC NEWS

Arriving in your mailbox this week was a letter from the President of the WASCC inviting you to a Extraordinary General meeting of the club.

The reason for this meeting is to again change the constitution, a process we have all seen before.

Whilst there isn't a position that FERNs has on this matter it is certainly a fair cop to point out what is happening to the club and racing for FER cars.

Nothing in a word. You have been axed unceremoniously from the calendar without any notice. You pay our dues (and your partners associate membership) as any other member and receive very little in return, as the club has deemed that no other promoter can conduct a race meeting at the venue you have no choice other than to accept this a given. You wont be racing.

Whilst I am sure that the President will point out that its not ME that dictates and decides on who races when and where "its the team" he manages and oversees that

does, and if the unelected determines that we wont be racing, then as retaliation you are duty bound to block the constitutional change that will only give you more of this except that the executive will be more powerful and have greater powers of exclusion as well as access to your money to spend at their own whim.

Basic changes called for include appointment of business style management (nothing sinister in that) but to then remunerate these unelected representatives who have no accountability to membership! They even want to negate their own accountability. Why?

Its a club, not a business and its there for your benefit and if you don't benefit then there is no point paying your membership, it will only be going to feed others.

The club has operated for many years with its ups and downs, never has it ever had to be an incorporated body to create profit to pay management, its a club of enthusiasts managed by volunteers, don't waste your vote by being complacent, vote at the EGM. Vote leave things that aren't broken alone.

Want to come and play with the
FRONT ENGINE RACING GROUP!

Become a friend of FERN and stay
informed of the latest developments
email us and we will add you to the
mailing list

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