



President's Prologue

By Geoff Noble,
President, LCQ.

Thanks to Daryl and David for pumping out the last edition in record time - and your cover shot - it pre-empted the excellent win by the very same car at Morgan Park a few days after the mag's release. Have you got the Lotto numbers too?

We seem to have 'hit the wall' in terms of new members! Despite having another excellent roll up at the August club meeting, there were no newbies present! We'll catch up next month, I'm sure.

Thanks to former member and honorary club solicitor, Ken Philp for offering members the opportunity to camp at his property on the Lions Road during the weekend of the WRC. Apparently Ken's place had some prime viewing of the cars on one particular stage, as well as being close to Kyogle where there was a service centre (pits) setup in the main street on the Sunday.

The National Historic Racing and Classic Car Festival at Morgan Park on July 25/26 saw us well represented with 8 of our number competing. John Barram, Doug Lucas (in John Lungren's 7) and Sean Conway were in the Regularity events along with Alan Saunderson in the Cortina, Peter Boel, Mike Goodfellow and Alan Conway were in the racing car class, while Peter Yeomans was running his Eleven in the Sports Car class.

We had some good results too, with Doug and Alan winning and John handily placed in a couple of the regularity events, while Peter scored a second place in the Handicap race. Good to see Mike's Talisman back together, although he now has a broken driveshaft and associated bits to deal with! Peter Boel has written an article for this issue, with some pics from Colleen Conway.

The following weekend we had round 3 of the Supersprints at Warwick with Peter and Mike backing up from the previous weekend, albeit in different cars. The other 'usual suspects' were a bit down in number due to work commitments or other misfortune, but for those of us who were there it was another great weekend with 3 class wins and a number of placings. Read Jason Patullo's report in this mag.

Then back again to Warwick the very next weekend (August 8 & 9) for the Shannons Nationals. One of the events on this program was the Cue Production Sports 1 Hour Enduro, and a number of our Lotus brethren made the trek north for their first taste of the tricky Morgan Park layout. I've known most of these guys for a couple of years since I had the Honda engine put in my car, and since they asked so nicely, I had agreed to be Pit Wench, Gopher, Wheel Polisher, whatever, for the weekend. I've never seen the pits at Morgan Park so full

and gone was the laid back approach to venue access. There were checkpoints requiring the proper passes and definitely no camping allowed at the track! The other thing that struck me was the amount of investment that goes into categories other than V8 Supercars. The paddock was crammed with semi trailer style transporters - there was even a merchandise trailer up on the hill! I've written a separate article on the racing and thanks to Giles Cooper for his pics. Thanks also to the other LCQ members who made the journey to support the NSW contingent - I know they appreciated it.

We also had round 5 of the Tighe Cams Hillclimb at Mt Cotton on August 9th. Giles was in Warwick on Saturday, but made the trip back to compete on Sunday, winning his class from our other regular, Ron Prefontaine. I missed this round as I was at Morgan Park, but will be back next time. Somewhere in here Giles has written a few words with an interesting twist - I'm sure you'll appreciate this new angle!

Our August social run was another winner with an excellent roll up of eager participants. Mal and Chris even dusted off the replica 7 for a run! A perfect winter's day with a quick blast in the sunshine, followed by a fantastic lunch by the seaside at Woody Point. There were no mechanical gremlins, and Greg Bray did manage to get Derek's 340R going again after last month's drama. There will be a full wrap up of the day in the next Lotus Notes.

Fancy doing over 3500km in an old Fairlane through the outback? Recent member and Elise owner Steve Whittam did just that by 'competing' in the 2009 Queensland Variety Club Bash which was run in August. He didn't do it too tough - the Fairlane had air conditioning! Reading his on line blog, it looks like this type of event is a lot of fun, while at the same time helps to raise money for a needy cause. Good on you, Steve!

Coming up later this month we have the All British Day - the annual showcase of vehicles from that part of the world. This will start at 7.30am at Vivian St, Tennyson. It's worth a look. Remember also, the visit to the Bowden's Collection is happening in October and I know many members are looking forward to that.

Finally, thanks to Alan Conway for alerting us to the Jack Brabham piece on the ABC's Australian Story on August 17. This year marks the 50 year anniversary of Jack's first World Formula One Championship, and we should pause to remember his remarkable accomplishments!

Until next month...



Next LCQ Club Meeting:
Tuesday 4th AUGUST 7.30pm.
Shannons office
Unit 3/11 Ross Street Newstead

