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NEWSLETTER



Bob Hebert receiving trophy from
Bob Turner



Len White, Stan Mathers & Des Stone



Saloon Car Star Roy Olive



Stan Mathers & Brian Brent

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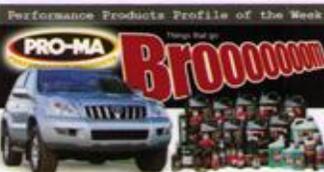
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CSAQ Vehicle Information Page



Photo courtesy of Col's Action Photo's

QLD 76

Previous Owner: Doug Kelsey - TOOWOOMBA

Present Owners: John & Shirley Stephen

Year Built: 1973 **Engine Type:** Chev 307cui Motor (V8)

Gear Box: Toyota Gear Box **Differential:** J. Van Differential

Vehicle History: Since John & Shirley Stephen have owned this Super Modified they have been able to travel around with the Classic Speedway Assn (QLD) Inc. to put the car on display at local Country Shows, School Fetes, Car Displays as well as travelling down from Toowoomba to attend the Lockyer Valley Speedway events held at the Gatton Showgrounds where John takes part in the demonstration runs during the meeting.

Tracks Raced At: This car during its racing career has raced at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds, Toowoomba Showgrounds (OLD) and the track at Dalby.

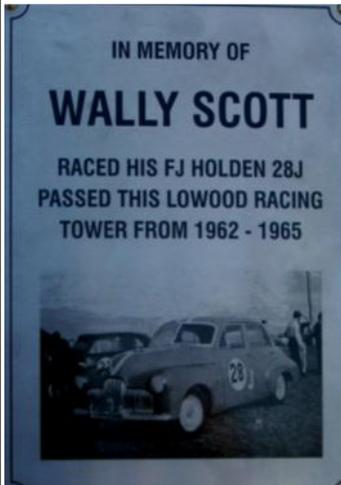
Special thanks to John & Shirley Stephen for making this Super Modified available for all the CSAQ events during the calendar year. For any further information on the car please talk to John at any of the CSAQ Events during the year.

CSAQ Visits Lockrose Museum

SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2012:

Motorsport enthusiasts from all parts of Queensland rolled up to the Lockrose Museum for a day that had been planned by the Owners of the Lockrose Museum Neil & Gwen McLeod who along with a strong support from a large group of friends to tidy the venue up for a day, that will go down as one of the most exciting days of the year.

The Classic Speedway Association had six (6) classic vehicles that had turned up for a static display along with a range of former racing cars that had run on the Lowood Motor Racing circuit in the early sixties, plus some beautifully restored road cars to make up the day of motorsport memories.



At around 1.00pm a special plaque was unveiled in memory of Wally Scott who raced on the Lowood Racing Circuit from 1962 - 1965 and Wally's Daughter and Wife were on hand to unveil this plaque on the day.



The above photo shows the great crowd that had turned up on the day to support the event at Lockrose Museum, and we hope that everyone had a great day looking around especially in Neil & Gwen's museum shed where there was plenty of items to look at and enjoy.

The photo to the right shows two of the CSAQ FX Holden Salon Cars



owned by Tony & Matthew Woods and Bob & Margaret Hebert on display during the day along with one of the former race cars which raced on the Lowood Circuit.



Maskell's miniature Speedcar, plus Frank Cox's Compact Speedcar also on display on the day.

This photo to the left shows QLD 3 Barrie Watt Holden Speedcar along with Trevor



The photo to the right shows Peter Chandler having a look over Barrie Watt's Pontiac Speedcar also on display on the day. In closing this report the CSAQ Newsletter Editor would just like to thank Neil & Gwen McLeod the owners of the Lockrose Museum for putting on this event, and we hope that this will be a regular event and hopefully some more of the Classic and Vintage vehicles turning up for the event. Photos and story by Col's Action Photo's.

Lockrose Museum Photo Page



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Manufacturing MACTEC Race Cars



Gatton Speedway Announcer Howard Napper talks to motor racing legend John French during the day at Lockrose.



Early Model Lotus race car.



Former Speedway driver Graham Lehmann Councilor for the Lockyer Region speaking to the visitors to the event at Lockrose Museum on the day.



One of Neil & Gwen McLeod's race cars on display on the day.



These photos of just a small number of the vehicles that were on display on the day around the Lockrose Museum area.



1951 Ford Twin Spinner Sedan

CSAQ Visits the Camp Oven Festival

2012 AUSTRALIAN CAMP OVEN FESTIVAL

The Classic Speedway Association (QLD) Inc., were on the road again to the Western Queensland Town of Millmerran to place some of our Classic Speedway vehicles on display at the 2012 Australian Camp Oven Festival, and on Friday morning as the Newsletter Editor and Andy Thompson arrived at the Millmerran Showgrounds we were swamped with spectators who watched us as we unloaded



QLD 3 Barrie Watt Holden and QLD 3 Watt's Bus & Coachworks Pontiac speedcars, and then again on Saturday morning as John & Shirley Stephen who brought along QLD 76 V8 Chev Super Modified along with Bob & Margaret Hebert who turned up with QLD 26 XXXX Formula 250 RM/Micro Sprint as well as VIC 33 Formula 500 owned by Brian Jones to help make the display complete and the interest that was shown by the large group of spectators who had turned up for the week long festival, and then on Sunday morning

Frank

Cox and Sue Green turned up with QLD 14 Datsun powered Compact Speedcar.

The Australian Camp Oven Festival is only held every two years but according to event Secretary Katrina who informed both Andy and Col on our arrival on Friday that it is becoming bigger and bigger every time with approximately 1500 to 2000 campers with their vans, trailers and what ever they have to sleep in during the week long event.



Both Andy and I were so surprised to see the large number of campers along the Millmerran Airstrip as we arrived at the showgrounds on Friday and then to watch even more visitors arriving for the rest of the day, and on Saturday afternoon we were able to sit back and watch the Damper Throwing contest for all ages from children to adults and after the damper competition the cheeky John Stephen managed to collect one of the dampers and place it in front of the Barrie Watt Pontiac Speedcar as a wheel stop as the photo shows, so I thought that I would bring it home for Barrie to add to his collection.

In closing this report on our trip to the Australian Camp Oven festival the Newsletter Editor on behalf of the CSAQ Committee and members I would like to thank all those who made the effort to make the approximately four hour round trip to Millmerran that we were able to hand out many flyers for the 2013 8th CSAQ Car Show as well as some of the Official race dates for the Lockyer Valley Speedway meetings which begin within a couple of weeks after this event, and I hope that everyone who attended had a safe trip home afterwards.

Report and Photos from Col's Action Photo's.



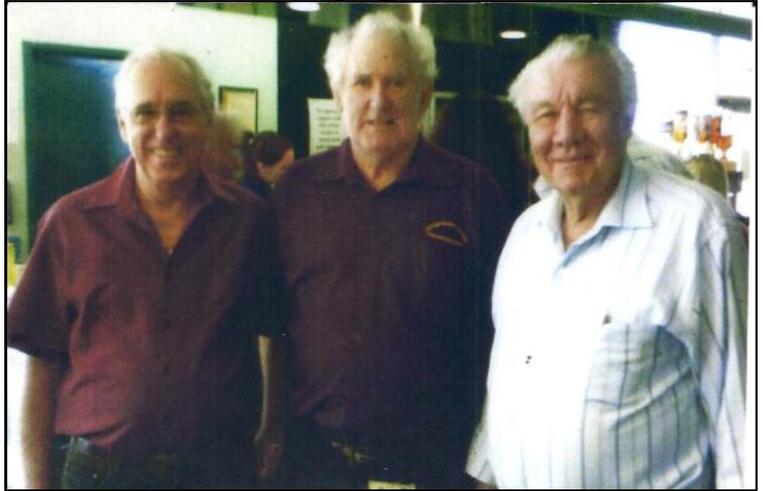
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CSAQ Sew-on Patches,



BOB BEST ALLAN TIMMS BERT KINGSTON
Known as the West End Terrors in the Mid Sixties.
Photo supplied by Allan Timms and taken at Jack White's
Funeral back in August 2012.

CSAQ CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

The CSAQ Christmas Function has been
set down for
Sunday 18th November 2012

Location:

Geebung RSL Upstairs Function area.
The Collings Room
Newman Road Geebung
Cnr: Collings Street Geebung
(Just before Railway crossing)
Meeting time around 11:30am
Lunch served at 12:30pm

The Bar is located outside of our area
Cost: Financial Members \$15.00 per person.

Non-Members \$25.00 per person
To confirm your attendance full payment
to be received by Club Secretary by 10th
November 2012. No bookings accepted
after this date.

Please Contact Tony 0407 125 986

LOCKYER VALLEY SPEEDWAY RACE DATES

Saturday 20th October 2012 - Machinery Checks
and meeting No.1

Saturday 10th November 2012

Saturday 15th December 2012

Saturday 19th January 2013

Saturday 9th February 2013

Saturday 9th March 2013

Saturday 13th April 2013

Saturday 16th May 2013

All the above dates for the Lockyer Valley
Speedway are also available on the Classic
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events planned for the coming year.

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Home Grown Speedway Hero

OF ALL the Australians to wear the Kangaroo race jacket, none would get a better home town ovation than Queenslander Jack White.

Possibly the best Aussie since Tommy Bestead never to venture overseas, his robust style would have made a great impact there.

Within Australia, though, he was well travelled and represented his country in Perth and Adelaide and raced on almost every track where solo racing was presented.

From 1967-76, he represented his country 23 times in some of the toughest-fought Test matches. In challenge matches against touring British, Swedish and Polish speedway teams. Mr White twice got the lot - six unbeaten rides.

He was also state champion in 1957, 1968 and 1972.

The Australian title eluded him. He was pipped by Jim Airey in 1969, the closest he got (he did manage to win three Australian Track Championships - in one day - at Arthur Park, south of Brisbane, in 1968).

But it was at the Ekka where Mr White gained legend status for his numerous bursts from the back in handicap contests.

Remarkably, no one taught him how to ride a speedway bike. Although his father religiously took him to speedway races in the late 1949's, he had to teach himself how to ride, modify and fix bikes.

His career started on the short circuits, then stock bikes and progressed to solos. His first bike was a JAP, which he purchased from ex-rider Bob Hamilton.

Then he was offered a new ESO by sidecar ace Billy Sewell (later to become a mentor and sponsor), the first ESO in Queensland. His engines were tuned by another well-known Brisbane speedway identity George Gordon.

As his career blossomed, Mr White toyed with the idea of going to England to race but after marrying his first wife Denyse, he decided to give it a miss as most of those who did returned badly injured.

However, while in Sydney for his honeymoon, he took part in a ride in a handicap event and fell. Another rider, Bill Bryden, hooked a footrest under his right arm and nearly tore it off. Doctors wanted to amputate it but were firmly told "no". After a week, the arm was smelling horribly, so his alarmed bride drove him back to Brisbane for an operation. It was six months before he got on a bike again. So instead of heading overseas, Mr White made his mark at home. "We didn't need anyone else. We could race and beat the Pommies here in Queensland", he once recalled.

"We'd do a lot of racing, too, like three nights a week - say, four or five races every night at Gladstone, Bundaberg, Maryborough or Kingaroy."

When Arthur Park, south of Brisbane, opened in 1965, promotor Frank Arthur brought up all the top guns from interstate, including Bob and Ray Sharp, with their expensive bikes. Mr White cleaned them up with a modified speedway bike.

One of the most spectacular spills that Mr White was involved in was during a Test match at the Ekka was caught on TV camera cartwheeling the length of the straight. Mr White, a colourful character at the best of times, startled the speedway public in 1967 when he appeared in magenta leathers, adorned with Confederate stars and white stripes. Mr White races cars for a few seasons after retiring from solos and also kept up a keen interest through his sons Jon and Adam, who race, and through his work with Jon manufacturing race suits and speedway accessories.

Mr White is survived by his second wife Sandra, their children Jon, Adam and Carlie, stepchildren Lindsay, Toni and Peter and 11 grandchildren.

This story of the Late Jack White appeared in the Brisbane Courier-Mail following his passing.



LEGEND ON WHEELS: Jack White was a colourful speedway rider who wowed the crowds.

CSAQ Visits the HCVAQ at Gatton Showgrounds

Members of the Classic Speedway Association of Queensland made it's second visit to the Gatton Showgrounds over the Queens Birthday long weekend from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th September for the 19th Annual Truck, Tractor & Machinery Show where some of the most spectacular painted vehicles were on display for the large number of spectators that had turned up to view what was on offer over weekend.



This photo of some of the members of the CSAQ enjoying a chat with each other on Saturday morning after they had set up the display of the Classic Speedway vehicles who had turned up from Friday and spent most of the weekend relaxing and talking to many of the visitors who turned up at the event.

The Classic Speedway vehicles who turned up are as follows, QLD 26 Bob & Margaret Hebert with the FX Holden Saloon Car, QLD 76 John Stephen with his Chev V8 Super Modified, QLD 3 Barrie Watt Holden Speedcar as well as QLD 3 Watt's Bus & Coach Works Pontiac Speedcar, plus QLD 35 Max Newton Holden Speedcar owned by Lyle & Joyce Gough along with QLD 50 Terry Wanless Renault/

Fregate Speedcar owned by Allan & Brenda Timms as the following photo will show.

Then on Sunday afternoon it was time for Bob Hebert in his FX Holden Saloon Car along with John Stephen in his V8 Chev Super Modified to hit the track in the grand parade to show the spectators how their cars sounded.

This photo shows John & Bob lining up for



the camera as they drove passed the main grandstand in front of the spectators who were sitting in the grandstand as well as along the seating up close to the track safety fence.

This was the second time that John & Bob had been on the track since the new concrete safety fence was put around the Gatton Showgrounds track since May following the end of 2011-2012 Speedway Season had finished, and I can tell you that the safety fence is nearly finished as Ian Jones and

his crew were at the showgrounds on Monday morning to finish putting up the safety wire and the timber on the gates around the track in readiness for the start of the 2012-2013 speedway season within a couple of weeks time.

In closing this report the Newsletter Editor on behalf of the CSAQ Club Committee would like to thank all the members who turned up for this special weekend, and also hope that they had a good time at the Historic Commercial Vehicle Association event here at the Gatton Showgrounds.

Story and photos by Col's Action Photo's.

CSAQ Annual Car Show Advertisement



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Sunday, 12th May 2013

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Lockyer Valley Speedway Roars into Action

2012 - 2013 SPEEDWAY SEASON BEGINS WITH A BANG.



3 Terry White/Dud Lambert V.W

On Saturday 20th October 2012 it was time to head to the Lockyer Valley speedway for the first meeting of the 2012-13 season following the a five (5) month of hard work by Ian & Shree Jones the Promotors of Lockyer Valley Speedway to construct the new concrete safety fence around the Gatton Showgrounds, and what a way to begin the season with approximately ten or eleven different sections programmed over sixty

event programme where we witness the best crowd in attendance for a long time and I think that the Promotors were very happy with the support.

The Classic Speedway Association had one of the strongest lineup of vehicles at Gatton for the first meeting with Speedcars both Caged and Uncaged, Litre Sprintcar, Sprintcar, Super Modified, Formula 500 and after talking to some of the drivers they had

enjoyed the meeting and were also proud of the support by the spectators who had rolled up for the meeting.



81 Jeff White & Donna Ryan

During the afternoon when Frank Cox and Tony Woods had the task of doing the annual machinery checks it was time for all the drivers and officials to attend the drivers briefing and then it was time for the demonstration runs by the CSAQ club to begin with the Uncaged Classic Speedcars to head track side.



QLD 96 Gary White Sprintcar

The Caged section was the next group to head to

the track for there demonstration run and what a line up of seven cars who put on a great demonstration run for the crowd in attendance. The next group to hit the track was the Saloon Car of Bob Hebert, Super Modified of John Stephen, and the Stock Car of Tony Woods along with Gary White in the Sprintcar and they also had a good run on the track considering the numerous times that the track

had to be watered because of the 37degrees heat that everyone felt during the entire running of the meeting, and it was noticed that the track was starting to break up because it was hard to get the water into the track during the heat and I know that the promotors had been watering the track during the day, but all in all it was good to see that the meeting went of without to many problems. In closing this report a special thanks for all the CSAQ members who made the trip back to the Lockyer Valley Speedway for the first meeting of the season, and I hope that everyone had a safe trip home to soak in the shower after the meeting.

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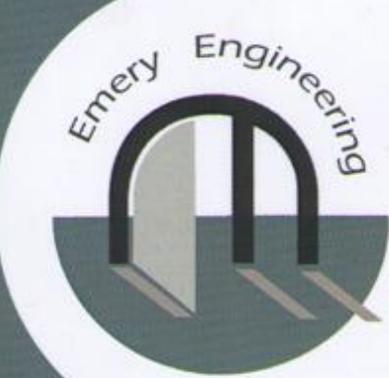
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Man airlifted after bike crash

A 39 year-old motorbike rider suffered major cuts to his arm after crashing into a barbed wire fence near Kingaroy.

The RACQ CareFlight rescue helicopter airlifted the Brisbane man from motorcross track Manar Park, north-west of Kingaroy at 2.45pm.

He was taken to Toowoomba Hospital in a Stable Condition. The Members of the CSAQ would like to wish Scott Johnston a speedy Recovery. Photo to the right with Scott about to be airlifted to hospital.



The Classic Speedway Assn (QLD) Inc., would like to thank all of the above Businesses for their continued support of the CSAQ during the past twelve months, and we hope that we have their support during the next twelve months. Please support the Businesses who support the CSAQ.