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2009 Formula Vee Road Racing Calendar

March 21 – 22	NSW State Championship R1	Eastern Creek
April 18 – 19	NSW State Championship R2	Wakefield
May 30 – 31	NSW State Championship R3	Oran Park
July 4 - 5	NSW State Championship R4	Eastern Creek
September 12 – 13	NSW State Championship R5	Wakefield Park
31 Oct – 1 Nov	NSW State Championship R6	Oran Park

Presidents Report, by Ray Filetti

Since the last magazine, we have had our presentation night and our AGM.

I hope everyone enjoyed the presentation night. I certainly did. I thought Suzy and Dylan Thomas, Daniel and Naomi Pauperis, and Liz and Leigh Porter did Formula Vee proud with their organisation. Special highlights were the recognition and presence of some of our great members from the sixties and seventies. Most of all, thanks very much to all the eighty-odd people who attended it.

A new committee was elected at the AGM on the 26nd of November. Fortunately, there were only two changes to what was the best committee ever, with Glenn Moulds and Michael Kinsella stepping down, and Jason Cutts and Anthony Cavanagh stepping up.

Glenn and Michael will take away with them my thanks for their time and effort in the last year, and they should be pleased to know that they made a significant difference to Formula Vee in NSW in 2008. Fortunately, Jason and Anthony bring with them their own personality and wisdom, with Jason now being a senior member of the FVANSW, and Anthony preparing himself for a culture shock!

In a double first, we now have a co-social officer, with professional Sue Cannon sharing the onerous duties with Naomi Pauperis, and Colin Contessa now looking after the promotional duties.

With this increasing level of enthusiasm for Formula Vee in NSW, and with a great team of people on the committee, I am confident that we can aim to have the best organised and most fun year ever.

The committee really is a team of very capable people, and we should all believe that Formula Vee is in good and careful hands.

Also, Ian Chivas stepped down as our FVAA Board of Management representative at the end of his three year term. Greg Hepburn was elected as his replacement. No one can ever hope to match Ian's passion for Formula Vee, so we will need to give Greg all the support we can to steer this great class through the minefield that the future will be for us at National level.

Already, apart from all the non-sexy administrative work, a number of positive initiatives have been raised by the new committee, some not properly completed from last year. These include a member's survey, carrying a review of our constitution, a bulk purchase on HANS Devices, display/s at kart meetings, and more social functions. Also, expect an updated FVANSW web site soon.

The 2009 Formula Vee State Championship Calendar has now been finalised, and it is a radical departure from previous years. To spread the season out and give more breaks between race meetings, the year now starts in March, and finishes in early November.

The following dates are possible pointscore race dates, but are yet to be confirmed by the committee.

5 April	Multi	Eastern Creek
1 August		NSWRRC Oran Park Day/Night
26-27 September		NSWRRC Oran Park Enduro

These will be finalised before the end of February.

Don't expect a radical departure though with our races and race meetings. The emphasis this year will be on looking after and supporting all competitors to go racing, and getting more new members to join up.

In the short term, the first round of the 2009 Shannons National Series at Bathurst is coming up in late February, and we should all do our best to use Bathurst to promote Formula Vee because this is the prime purpose of the National Series. So let's all make the effort to be at Bathurst to support all the competitors from around Australia, and invite as many potential Formula Vee drivers and members up there. Wait for more details on social activities over the next few weeks.

Finally, thanks to all Formula Vee members and supporters for really was for me the best ever year of Formula Vee in 2008. I hope we can all make 2009 for the best racing category and the best bunch of people in the world even better.

Editors Piece

Hi All

How good was Winton. What a track, what town, what a great event. Congratulations must go to Ben and Phillip, both long time FVANSW members. Also welcome back to Chivo who made a welcome return to racing, having a solid weekend driving the Jacer that was last driven by Jason Cutts at Oran Park.

Stirring the rumor mill further is one that has Jason Cutts back in a Vee next year, and it won't be the latest and the greatest 1600 either.

We are heading very quickly towards Bathurst! This could be the last time we are there for some time, so make it a good one. A lot of us will remember the president's words from last year, drive safe and prepare your car well. Now he did have to eat his words (and I hope that I don't have to eat mine) but he is spot on. We have all paid a lot of money to go there, let's make the most of every lap.

Finally we have a new social, well um, committee made up by Naomi and Sue Cannon and I have been involved that there will be a dinner on Friday night at Bathurst, so bring some cash to pay for it please. The good news is that it will not be me organizing it. So, be safe and see you all soon.

Daniel

Photos of 2008



Luke Warner comes up with a novel idea to hobble his opponents!



Oh dear.....!



Enjoy the Moment John - the first leader of the year.



Chivo's satnav failed.



We are all individuals!.



See you Zane. Thanks for the memories!

Photos: Trent Wallis

4th January Formula Vee Test Day

Sunday the 4th of January was the first Formula Vee test day of the year. 10 Vee's converged upon Oran Park in Sydney's South West. Nathon Samson unveiled his repaired "Stinger" after his previous Oran Park crash and Ben Oldfield had his first drive in a vee before taking on the NSW State Championship this year.

Many more drivers swapped cars to try out what the different chassis had to offer. Sean Birk and Ben Oldfield shared the Evolution owned by FVANSW President Ray Filetti, a car that they will share for 2009. Early in the day Brad Lewis tried out the Daniel Pauperis owned Gebert, complaining that he could not reach the pedals, he only completed limited laps. Finally our esteemed MC and occasional reporter Matt Coch also drove the Evolution, impressing all who watched. Even though no times were recorded, more than one person commented that if he drove the entire circuit like he drove turn 1, he would be on the pace.

Also of interest was Sue Cannon's first test day in the ex Birk Elfin. Her solid progress was hindered only by an incident involving a piece of tyre carcass left by an inconsiderate drift competitor. Furthermore another piece of tyre carcass contributed to husband Bernie's brush with the wall at the end of the day.

Brad Lewis enjoyed a rare trouble free day in his ex Nathan Pring Specter. Brad worked on his setup, slowly improving the handling, by inserting a 19mm ring spanner between his H-Beam and chassis.

Steve Wood came along with his ex Filetti Revell, once again helping out the 1200 drivers and enjoying some solid seat time. And lets not forget Naomi Pauperis and Collin Contessa arguing over who would wave the red flag at the end of each session!

Overall a good day was enjoyed by all. Formula Vee spirit really came through when everybody present drove to the back of the circuit to help lift Bernie Cannon's car onto his trailer.



Filetti owned Evolution, Lewis owned Specter



Daniel Pauperis tries to fool his fellow competitors



Michael Stipo



Nathan Samson



Steve Wood



Sue Cannon

Photos: Matt Coch