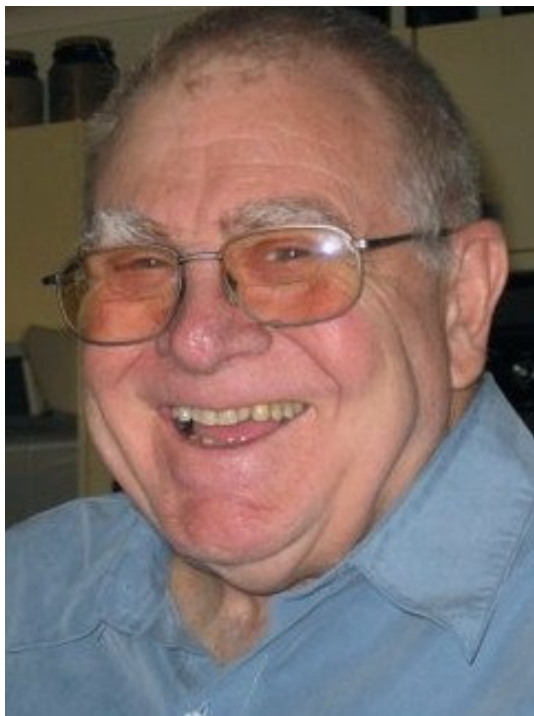


FORMULA VEE ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

# FORMULA VEE LEGENDS



## JOHN MOXON

*Many years ago, John Moxon's youngest son, Ray, was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. "Just an ordinary bloke, like Dad," he said. However, John Moxon is not ordinary, as you'll now find.*

*John grew up around Sydney in the early Fifties, attending Fort Street Boys High School before leaving to pursue a rural lifestyle. After several years working on farms, the bright lights of Sydney drew him back, and to an apprenticeship as a Fitter and Turner. While working in a factory and studying his apprenticeship duties during the day, John also studied Mechanical Engineering at Sydney Tech at night.*

*Despite his heavy workloads, John always remained passionate about motor racing, regularly following the major meetings across NSW. He joined a car club, and owned a succession of cars, rallying and racing them for the next few years. The turning point in his motor racing life came when he joined the FVANSW within a month or so of it being formed in the mid 60's. Soon he was on the Committee, also taking a position as an engine sealer. Acquiring one of Frank Kleinig's Mako kits and a wrecked Vee, John proudly built his own Moxon Vee in 1969, debuting it in February 1970.*

*But things didn't quite go according to plan when, after only a few months, a crash left him a quadriplegic.*

*While stuck endlessly in hospitals, then rehab, and finally in a wheelchair, John continued to serve selflessly on the FVANSW committee, even holding the position of President for a time while also representing the FVANSW on the FVAA. Despite not being able to enjoy his beloved race driving, his continuing cheerful and loyal service to Formula Vee was deservedly recognised with an Honorary Life Membership of the FVANSW.*

*By the late 1970s, John and his first wife, Pauline, split up, and he finally graduated with an Honours degree from Macquarie University. Despite all his obstacles, he soon found a job that complemented his strong interest in the rights of people with disabilities, culminating in the last part of his working life as director of a successful consultancy business advising corporate and government clients.*

*John also still found the time to meet a new lady, although it took nearly 20 years before he finally married Margaret Tucker.*

*Well, he is one for thinking things through very carefully!*

*Fortunately, John never lost his interest in car racing. In the last few years, he has started popping up at historic meetings, often politely pestering the Group V Formula Vee people! He and his good friends, Formula Vee greats Ken Goodwin and Bob Britton, also regularly get together to reminisce about their glory days.*

*Margaret and John courageously travelled to the UK in 2008 and spent several adventurous months living in a motorhome. He is now retired, which means he works only some of the time! He is writing a family history for his five grandkids, and he occasionally still causes a stir among the local council when something's not 100 per cent right.*

*By the end of his working life, John's commitment to Australian values of fairness have earned him a reputation as being one of Australia's leading advocates for the disabled. And despite his obstacles, and amongst his fantastic achievements, his family may say that this determined, patient, and thoughtful man is an ordinary bloke. But deep down, they, and everyone else, know that John Bruce Moxon is a very special man indeed!*