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PERKOLILLI 1914-2014

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR THE LAKE PERKOLILLI 1914-2014 CENTENARY

The Lake Perkolilli 1914-2014 Centenary of Speed is taking shape and we are now asking for Expressions of Interest from intending participants so we can get an appreciation of the number of cars and drivers coming out to the claypan in October.

Ross Oxxwell from the Vintage Sports Car Club of WA has been in discussions with CAMS and we have submitted a track plan for approval.

The involvement of CAMS is very important as it provides us all with the very best event insurance available in Australia.

The event permit is for an un-timed single release event with up to six cars on the track at any one time. How this will work is that cars will be flagged away at different times with the possibility of a massed finish over every event.

As it is un-timed, it will not be a race but we are confident that it will result in a lot of fun for the drivers who can experience the thrill of racing in the dust with other cars whilst not having the risks of racing.

For the first two days of the event, participants will be able to drive the Perkolilli circuit in individual trials throughout the day. Cars and drivers will be looked at so the fields can be constructed for the weekend.

It is not necessary for drivers to come for the whole four days if they do not have the time. However, if you want to relax for a few days in the bush and occasionally exercise your car then the first two days could be for you.

The fee to be able to participate in the event has been kept to \$100 per driver (if you come for all four days then it will only end up costing you \$25 per day) which must be the cheapest motor sport in the world! The fee is per driver, not per car, so that one car can have several drivers.

We have limited the fields to cars constructed before World War II, with some exceptions for cars built after 1939 which are pre-war in character. Cars do not have to be out and out racers — Perkolilli welcomes everything from taxis to Brooklands outer-circuit cars.

So if you have a roadster, a tourer or a sedan, you are welcome to enter as well. This is what Lake Perkolilli is all about. If you are not a member of the Vintage Sports Car Club of WA then a small fee will be charged to provide you with temporary membership of the Club so that you satisfy the CAMS permit which requires everyone to be a member of a CAMS affiliated club.

Several people with Perkolilli era cars have asked whether they can drive on the track over the weekend so we have decided to have regular drives for non-competitors during the event. To be a part of this please fill out the attached form and tick the parade laps box.

Greg Eastwood from the Vintage Motor Cycle Club of WA is arranging exhibition runs with vintage motorcycles from the Club. A large group of motorcycle enthusiasts is coming to watch. Of course, motorcycle racing was a big part of Perkolilli events in the old days.

We have had two aero clubs express an interest in flying in to the claypan at the weekend as well. With the Goldfields Dust Devils also heading aloft with their tethered hang gliders it should make for an interesting weekend.

So please fill out the attached expression of interest form. There is space to say whether you intend to come as a participant, for the exhibition drives or as a pure spectator. Which ever way, you will be made most welcome to join us for the Lake Perkolilli Centenary of Speed.

GRAEME COCKS
DREAMER



What will happen at the Lake Perkolilli 1914-2014 Centenary of Speed.

The City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder is very supportive of the Centenary Celebrations for Lake Perkolilli.

Details are being worked through so that participants will be able to camp at Lake Perkolilli for the duration of the event. More details will be available in the next newsletter but we encourage anyone who wishes to bivouac at Perko to fill out an expression of interest form so that we can assess numbers.

Ross Oxwell from the Vintage Sports Car Club has submitted the necessary paperwork to CAMS and we are confident that the event will be fully insured under the CAMS umbrella.

The event is limited to cars and motorcycles built before 1940 or after 1940 by invitation. The aim is to re-create the feeling of race meetings from the 1920s and 1930s. Some people have asked whether they can bring their newer car. If you have a car which is a little bit later, but has a pre-war look about it, let us know and we might fit it in. Modern classics are still welcome to come and park on the claypan during the event so come along.

The current plan is for activities to begin at Lake Perkolilli in a low-key way on Thursday 16 October. The first two days will be for free practice and trials to test and tune and to work out elapsed times.

Depending upon the number of cars at the event, Saturday and Sunday will feature a program of demonstration events where cars are released onto the track at intervals depending upon their speed with the timings designed to achieve massed finishes for up to six cars on the track at any one event. Non-competitive motorcycles demonstrations and parades of cars from the era will add to the fun.

Peter Briggs, the owner of the spectacular 15-Litre 1904 Napier racer called Sampson, is equipping the beast with big brass Rushmore searchlights to recreate the first 24-hour speed record set at Brooklands near London on Saturday night. This will be something not to be missed.

The extent of the celebrations will depend upon the number of cars and motorcycles attending, so please let us know if you plan to attend. Also you are welcome to forward this newsletter to anyone who you think may be interested. The more the merrier.

For accommodation in Kalgoorlie-Boulder see <http://kalgoorlietourism.com/accommodation>.



2014 NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY

Part of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Motoring Festival

With more than 70 entries already received for the National Veteran Rally, the Eastern Goldfields will be alive with the sights and sounds of about 100 veteran (pre-1919) cars and motorcycles from Sunday 19 October to Friday 24 October.

Both Perkolilli and the National Veteran vehicle rally are timed to complement each other so that visitors to the region for either event will be able to enjoy both.

It is hoped that a good number of the veteran rally participants will brave the dusty track to Perkolilli to add to the atmosphere of the centenary event.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



The Lake Perkolilli Centenary of Speed 1914~2014 is only three months away and we need an indication of how many many cars will be making their way to the Eastern Goldfields to be a part of the Centenary.

If you would like to participate in the speed demonstration events, or you wish to drive your pre-1940 car or motorcycle around the claypan, or you'd like to fly in, please send us your details. We will then be able to get a draft programme together.

Please fill in the form below and email to Graeme Cocks at email gacocks@iinet.net.au or PO Box 297, Inglewood WA 6052. If you can't fill out the form, just send me the details on an email. No worries.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST **Lake Perkolilli Centenary of Speed 1914~2014**



Send to: c/- Graeme Cocks, PO Box 297, Inglewood WA 6052

Email: gacocks@iinet.net.au

Dear Graeme,

Yes, we would like to participate in the Lake Perkolilli event. Please send me the entry forms when they are available.

NAME/s:

EMAIL:PHONE.....

MAIL ADDRESS:

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I have a: Car Motorcycle Aircraft Pushbike (tick a box)

Vehicle Type/Name/Year of Manufacture

I would like to enter the:

Speed Demonstrations

Drive in the Perkolilli parade laps

I am in Kalgoorlie for the Veteran Rally and I intend to come out to Perkolilli in my veteran car or motorcycle

I would like to volunteer to help out when I'm there

I would like to camp out at Lake Perkolilli

Number of people in your party who will camp:

"RED DUST RACERS", THE LAKE PERKOLILLI CENTENARY BOOK, TAKES SHAPE

BY GRAEME COCKS

I have been overwhelmed in the last few months with the number of photographs of Lake Perkolilli which have come to light. Combined with the need to finish another book on MG Magnettes from 1933 which I have been working on, I have decided to send the Lake Perkolilli book to print after the Centenary of Speed.

The good news is that it will allow us to include an extra chapter covering the Centenary event and to publish photographs of all the cars, motorcycles, riders and drivers participating in the Centenary. The book will then truly cover 100 years at Lake Perkolilli.

With the support of motoring historian Terry Walker, we have compiled a comprehensive results list of every event conducted at the claypan from 1914 to 1939. This will help the book be an invaluable record of early motorsport in Western Australia.

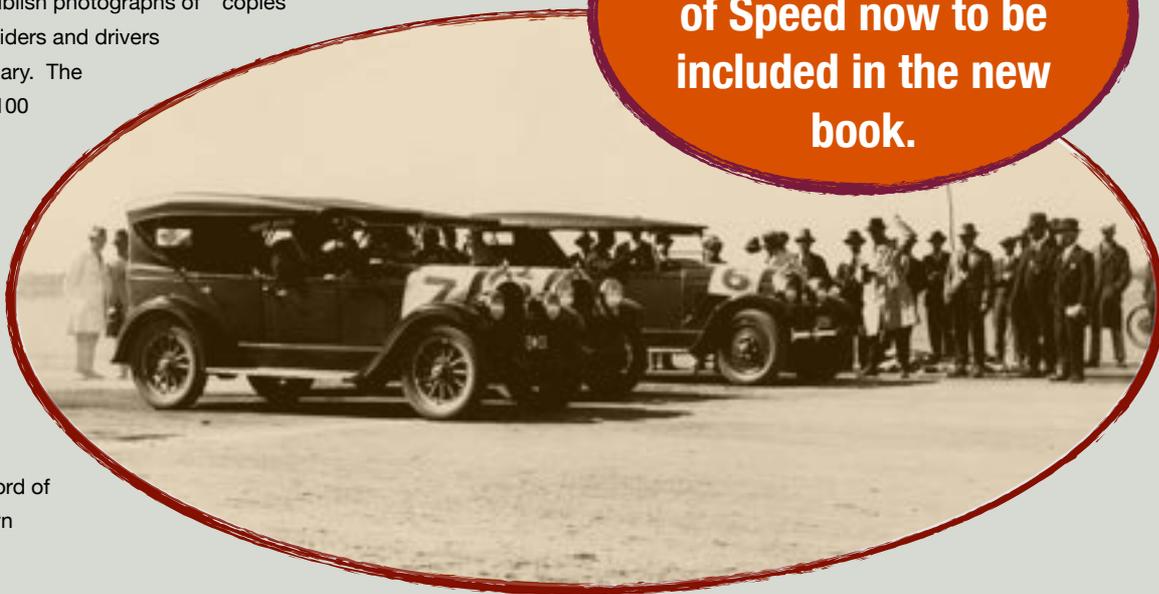
It is not too late to contact me if you have any photographs taken at Lake Perkolilli or family reminiscences. I am also keen to include photographs of any Perkolilli memorabilia which may be out there.

Order forms will be available at the Lake Perkolilli 1914~2014 Centenary of Speed and the book will only be available in limited edition. There will also be 100 "Heirloom" edition copies

available by special order.

Red Dust Racers is expected to be 500 pages in coffee-table, full-colour, hardbound format.

The
1914-2014 Centenary
of Speed now to be
included in the new
book.



Updates at:

www.motoringpast.wordpress.com

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The Dust without the Bulldust!

Paul Dean in his Lagonda Rapier - a genuine Lake Perkolilli racer from the 1930s. Cars get dusty at Lake Perkolilli and sure, you'll have to clean your car afterwards. Perko is not for trailer queens, but for those who want to experience what it was really like in the good old days. It is not to be missed: an unforgettable experience. Just ask anyone who has been there before.

CARS

If you have a car built before 1940 then you are eligible for the Lake Perkolilli Centenary as a participant, either in the speed demonstrations or in the parades.

Updates at: www.motoringpast.wordpress.com

MOTORCYCLES

Motorcycle racing was every bit as important as car racing so pre-1940 motorcycles are also welcome. Let us know you are coming and we'll make sure you get a run.

AND SPECTATORS

If you don't have a pre-war vehicle you are still welcome to attend and soak up the atmosphere. Newer classic cars are also welcome to come out and add to the festivities.

Event Organiser: Graeme Cocks email: gacocks@inet.net.au



CARS OF LAKE PERKOLILLI 1914 - 1939

For 25 years, a great variety of cars raced at Lake Perkolilli. Here's a year by year list, lifted from the race programmes. If you have one of these cars or one from the era, bring it along. I planned to do one of these for motorbikes but it is too big!

1915 - 12/15hp Sunbeam, 35hp Studebaker, Ford, 25hp Buick, 45hp Cadillac

1916 - 25hp Studebaker, 30hp Overland, 20hp Ford

1917 - Buick, Overland, Ford, Dodge, Studebaker

1920 - Studebaker, Austin

1921 - Ford, Studebaker, Hupmobile, Clement Bayard

1923 - Dodge, Studebaker, Essex

1924 - Dodge, Overland, Bean 14, Studebaker Six, Ford, Rugby, Jewett 6, Chevrolet, Hupmobile

1925 - Oakland Six, Dodge, Chrysler, Willys Knight, Baby Citroen, Fiat (509), Austin 7, Rugby, Bean 14, Oldsmobile Six, Ford, Jowett, Overland, Fiat 4, Chandler, Schneider, Nash Six, Studebaker

1926 - Fiat 509, Essex 4, Oakland Six, Overland Six, Jewett 6, Dodge

1927 - Jewett, Buick, Chrysler Six, Ford, Whippet, Dodge, Buick, Nash, Bugatti

1928 - Studebaker, Chrysler 70, Chrysler Six, Ford,

Bugatti, Chrysler 72, Oakland Six, Erskine Six, Oldsmobile Six, Fiat 509S, Buick Six, Salmson Sports, Essex Six, Whippet, Austin 7, Chevrolet

1929 - Chrysler, Plymouth, Auburn Six and Eight, Graham-Paige, Ford

1930 - Triumph supercharged, Austin 7, Ford, Hudson, Chevrolet, Whippet, Ford A, Triumph 7, Chrysler, Salmson

1931 - Chrysler, Chevrolet, Ford, Pontiac, Whippet, Austin Tourer, Fiat, Lambert Sunbeam Special, Lambert Oldsmobile Special, COB Special, GP Salmson, Wolseley, Triumph, Austin 7, Bugatti

1932 - Chrysler, Dodge, Lagonda, Triumph Imp, Ford

1934 - Auburn, Vauxhall, Lagonda, Chrysler, Ford V8, Austin 7, Bugatti, Plymouth

1935 - Ford V8, Ford 4, Austin 7, Buick, Oldsmobile

1936 - Bartlett Special, Lagonda, Cranston V8, Ford V8, Ballot Special, Bugatti, Lagonda Rapier, MG, Hillman, Chevrolet tourer

1937 - Ballot V8, Hudson Terraplane, MG Midget

1938 - Ford V8, Jowett 4, Chevrolet Six, Terraplane, Auburn

1939 - Chevrolet Six, Ford (V8)