



UPDATE NUMBER 2.

LAKE PERKOLILLI RED DUST REVIVAL 2019



*It's only 12 months until the
Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival
2019*

The Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival will run from 12 to 16 September 2019. Expression of Interest Form Inside.

Online updates at: <https://motoringpast.wordpress.com/lake-perkolilli-red-dust-revival-2019/>

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Who'd have thought? Cars being built all over Australia to get to Perko in 2019!

Since we announced that we're heading to Lake Perkolilli again in September 2019, the response has been nothing short of amazing. Cars and bikes are being built all over Australia to get on the clay at the Red Dust Revival 2019. Yep, the red dust gets in your veins alright.

The Red Dust Revival will be held at the old Lake Perkolilli motor circuit near Kalgoorlie from 12 to 16 September 2019. Ted Mumme from Darwin has already committed to bring his 1915 Ford T Speedster down to the Goldfields.

The "Dad's Army" group from the Vintage Sports Car Club of WA are putting together a Ford Model A dirt tracker for the Red Dust Revival. It will be a group effort.

Rod Vogel has built an awesome (and I don't use that word every day)

Chevrolet Racer. More pictures of that are elsewhere in the newsletter. Marilyn and Neil from Portland in Victoria were inspired by the book *Red Dust Racers* (available at www.motoringpast.com.au) and have also built a Chevrolet roadster to drive at Perko. For the first time, the Model Ts will have some competition.

Doug Todd will be debuting his 1928 Ballot V8 Special inspired by Jack Nelson's Ballot V8 which raced at Perko in the 1930s. It's a beautiful machine.

Tim Dwyer whose father Clem Dwyer raced at Perkolilli as co-driver when Alan Tomlinson (WA's only Australian Grand Prix winner) raced his Ford V8 sedan in his first ever race has purchased a Ford Model T to compete. His grandfather was Dan Dwyer, part-owner of Grave & Dwyer which was the principal Ford dealer in WA when up to 80 Ts a month were going out the door. A lot of history there!

Talking of Ts. Graeme Lockhart is building a Ford Model T "barn find" racer, too. Graeme has an eye for getting a rough'n ready period look to his car so it should be great.

Shane Burns and Cameron Davey from the Ford T Party group of young blokes in Perth who are building Model Ts will both have speedsters to burn across the clay.

Kevin and Kris Boardman from New South Wales have also put in an "expression of interest" for their 1914 Ford Speedster. It's great to see so much interstate interest.

Bruce and Allison Brown have also put their hand up with their Ford Model T Rajo Speedster.

The cars which competed at Perkolilli were not just racing cars – vintage sedans and tourers, even taxis raced for many years and

Richard Baird will bring his Terraplane roadster to throw up some dust. His father, Richard Baird, was a legend at Perkolilli with a Terraplane racer which set an Australian 10-Mile speed record at Perko in the 1930s.

Stuart Elvidge has entered a 1930 Ford 5-window coupe.

Peter Harrold who was one of our very able volunteers from Perko

in 2014 has gone from the dark side (driving very fast Datsun 260Z cars) to buy a Chrysler tourer to compete at Perko next year. Silverwings will, at last, have a friend on the clay!

We've given Kevin Coote from Albany who has a 1947 Bentley MkVI roadster which looks like a pre-war car, the go-ahead to enter. We're flexible if cars have a pre-war look. Many years ago, the MG TC club drove on Perkolilli but we're yet to have any entered. We'd love to see an

MG TC on the clay again - especially considering that the Austin boys are all fired up to kick up the dust. Hugh Fryer is thinking about bringing two Austin Sevens - his single-seat racer and a Chummy. Steve Williams was our very first entry with his supercharged race car which was at Perkolilli in 2014.

The pre-war MGs will be represented by Westly Partridge who has entered a 1939 MG TB.

Tom James from New South Wales has also announced his intention to come to Perko with his remarkable 1924 Dodge speedster which has raced on the beach at the Rattletrap event hosted by Drag-Ens Hot Rod Club at Crowdy Head NSW.

Harry and Deidre Pyle are also considering entering their marvellous Amilcar. Nigel Makin is also thinking about bringing his Eric Armstrong Triumph Super Seven replica back to Perko again. It last raced at Perko back in 2009.

Added to this are the 1926 Rajo racer Heza Henry, 1927 Chrysler Silverwings, the 1915 Ford Model T Ashton racer, the Pontiac-based "Bullywog Special" and the 1928 Miller Ford single-seat racer.

Rodney Cocks has been working on his Eric Armstrong Buick racer and, of course, Cactus, the 1928 Ossie Cranston Model A replica will be there.

The Cranston Ford V8 Special will also be back at Perko sporting a new front which makes it look much more like the original Cranston V8 which carried Ossie Cranston to many victories in the 1930s.

There are also rumours of cars being built in Kalgoorlie, Esperance and Sydney and already we have more than 30 possible entries. It's the magic of Lake Perkolilli casting its spell all over again. Don't miss it.





Are you building a car or bike for Perko? Send us a pic and we'll feature your work !

Doug Todd's superb Ballot V8 Replica inspired by the legendary Ballot raced at lake Perkolilli by Jack Nelson.



Kevin Coote's 1947 Bentley MkVI roadster from Albany will be the first "Bentley Boy" to put a Bentley on Perkolilli.



From Portland to Perkolilli. Neil and Marilyn Williamson's Chevrolet special inspired by Red Dust Racers.



Peter Harrold's Chrysler tourer. Chryslers have a great race heritage, coming third and fourth at Le Mans.

Rod Vogel's Perkolilli Chevy



Rod Vogel came to Perkolilli in 2014 with a newly built Chevrolet boat-tail speedster. He's got the bug and he's been putting together a 1919 Chevrolet with eye-popping specifications! Says Rod: "Hand made billet higher lift cam shaft, durations modified, Ford A counterbalanced and oil drilled Scat crankshaft with Babbitt bearings and new billet main caps, Ford Conrods increasing stroke, special made flat top pistons with taller pin height giving 9.1 compression ratio, port and polished head, flow tested for max flow, 2" ports both sides, oversized stainless valves, high comp springs and roller rockers. Should GO ok, but proof will be in the pudding so to speak or in the dust if you know what I mean!" Yes, Rod, we can't wait!





WHO'S RUNNING THE RED DUST REVIVAL?

The Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival 2019 has been created by car and motorbike enthusiast Greg Eastwood and Graeme Cocks to follow on from the 2014 Centenary of Speed. To enable competitive motorcycle events on the claypan they have formed the Lake Perkolilli Motor Sport Club Inc. This will be the official club of the motorcycle competition. The historic motor car events will be conducted under the auspices of the Vintage Sports Car Club of Western Australia which is affiliated with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport. We are proud to once again have the support of the VSCWA. Of course, anyone is welcome to enter the event and will automatically become a member of the very exclusive club of the claypan: the Lake Perkolilli Motor Sport Club and have a badge on their bike or car to prove it!

Tom James' 1924 Dodge from the beach sand of NSW to the Goldfields clay of WA



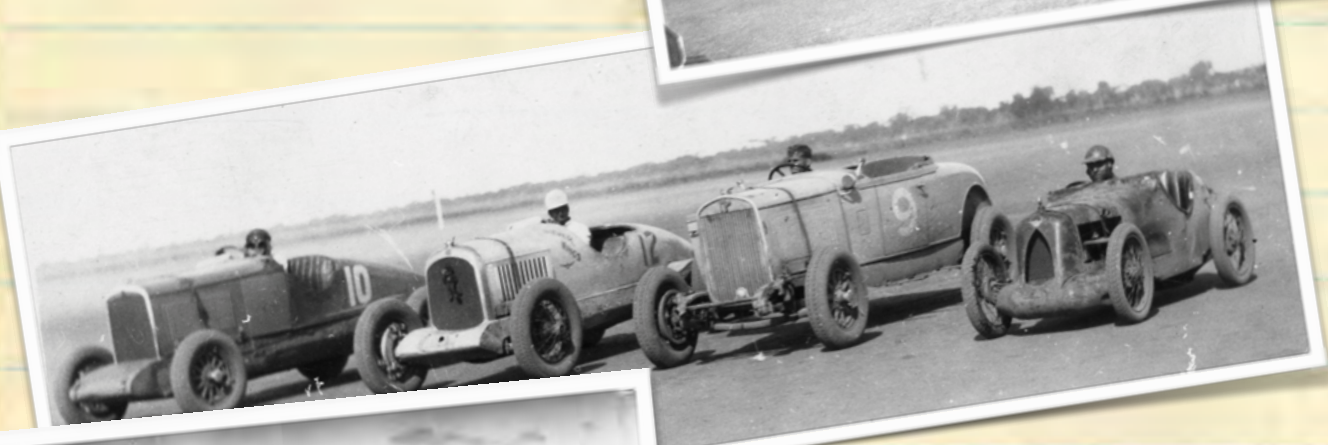
"It's a 24 Dodge chassis and cowl, 27 Dodge Four motor with twin su carbs, single plate clutch conversion with a 4 speed Aussie gearbox. Front axle is 29 Dodge with a 60 Studebaker rear end. 4wheel hyd brakes also off the Stude and bonnet off a 29 chev. Radiator and surround is 22 Dodge. Body is actually a Hino truck party hat cut up and pieced together to form the speedster body. Rad motor are moved back 6 inches and cowl another 4. Built by myself and a mate, Peter Ford, it took a little over 14 months and a lot of beer!!! Hope you like it."



Let us know if you're building a car for Perko and we'll feature your trials and tribulations in a future issue. There is still time!



PERKOS OF THE DISTANT PAST



Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival
12 to 16 September 2019 - Don't Miss It!

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



The Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival is now only 12 months away.

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 keep you in the loop.

Please fill in the form below and email to Graeme Cocks and Greg Eastwood at email perkolillimc@gmail.com or

PO Box 297, Inglewood WA 6052. If you can't fill out the form, just send us the details on an email. No worries.



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Send to: Graeme Cocks or Greg Eastwood,

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Hi Guys,

Yes, we would like to participate in the Lake Perkolilli 2019 event. Please keep us up to speed and send me the entry forms when they are available next year.

NAME/s:

EMAIL:PHONE.....

MAIL ADDRESS:

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

Vehicle Type/Name/Year of Manufacture

I would like to enter the:

Speed Demonstrations

Drive in the Perkolilli Parade laps

I'll probably be in Kalgoorlie for the Veteran Car Club Rally and I intend to come out to Perkolilli in my old car or motorcycle

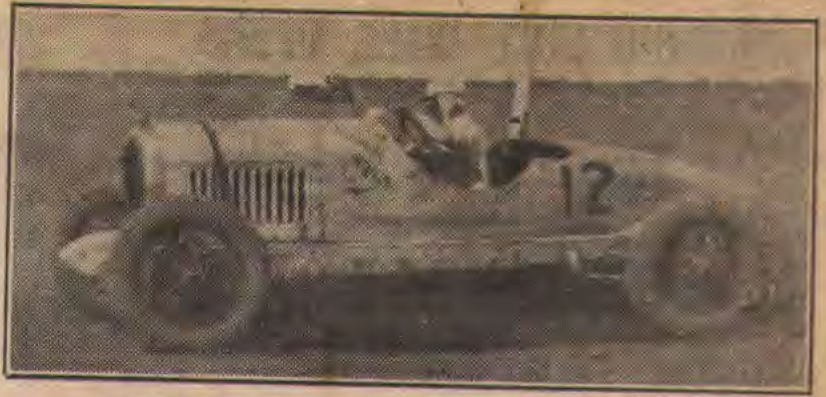
I would like to volunteer to help out when I'm there

I would like to camp out at Lake Perkolilli



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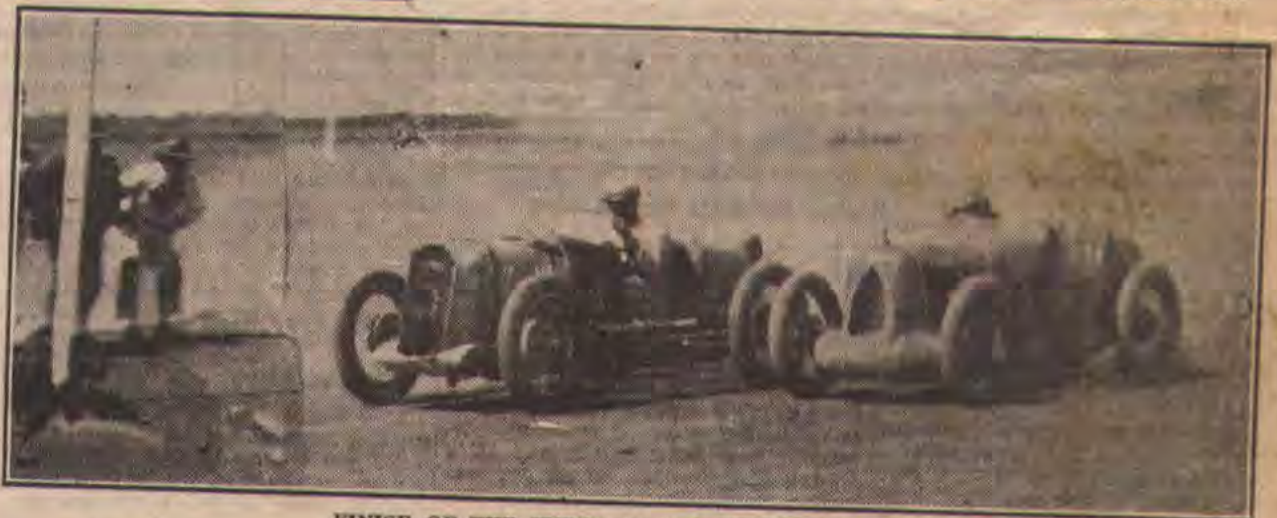
"Daily News" - 31/8/31
SCENES FROM THE PERKOLLI SPEEDWAY



ARTHUR COLLIVER IN THE CHRYSLER "SILVERWINGS"
He was first in the 20-mile State Championship, first in the Miniature Grand Prix, and second and fastest time in the W.A. Grand Prix (70 miles). Time was 1hr. 31min. 0 4-5sec.



E. T. ARMSTRONG IN HIS SUPER-CHARGED TRIUMPH
He won the 70 miles W.A. Grand Prix, the under 10 h.p. State Championship, of eight miles; dead-heated for first in the Lightning Short Handicap, of six miles, and was second in the Miniature Grand Prix.



FINISH OF THE UNDER 10 H.P. CHAMPIONSHIP
E. Armstrong (No. 5) in his super-charged Triumph beating A. E. Chick in a super-charged Austin. The time taken was 7min. 3½sec.

GREAT RESPONSE FOR VINTAGE BIKES

BY GREG EASTWOOD



Within the next twelve months the Red Dust revival will be in full swing.

With the level of interest shown from the vintage biking fraternity we are sure to have the largest field of bikes the track has ever seen.

Ideally we would like the bikes entering into the competition to be pre 1940, however anything that is in the spirit of the event will be considered.

So far we have 12 entrants with 15 bikes. With people coming from as far as Queensland and New South Wales.

I have also had verbal entrants from another 10 or so participants from around Perth.

We will be limiting the number of our motorcycle competitors to 40, so if you think you might want to come along get your expression of interest in as soon as possible.

Currently the events have not been set in concrete, as it will depend on the number of competitors, however we aim to have $\frac{1}{4}$ mile sprints, full lap races, handicap races and an "Australian Pursuit" event. The "Australian Pursuit" is not a common event. The start of the race sees four bikes positioned equidistant around the track.

Everyone starts racing on the sound of a pistol. Then as a competitor is passed they are knocked out of the race until there is only one competitor left.

There will be displays and events from all sorts of vintage and veteran vehicles from aeroplanes to sand yachts so there will be something of interest for everyone.

If you don't have a vehicle yet there is still plenty of time to build one!

Alternatively just turn up and enjoy the show.



1913 BLERIOT "SAND YACHTS" TO DEBUT AT PERKOLILLI



The Lake Lefroy land sailing group is planning to bring its magnificent replica 1913 Bleriot "sand yachts" to the Red Dust Revival.

Louis Bleriot was the first person to fly across the English Channel but he was also a great inventor.

The sand yachts are works of art.

Paul Day documented the build at: <https://www.seabreeze.com.au/forums/Land-Yacht-Sailing/Construction/Bleriot-Society-of-Australia?page=1>

C'est magnifique!



LAST MONTH AT PERKO

Muzza Wood took this shot of Perkolilli from his ultralight last month. It shows the grading to make multi lanes for the track thanks to the City of Kalgoorlie/ Boulder and it is bone dry. Perfect for the Red Dust Revival this time next year.