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PERKOLILLI

RED DUST REVIVAL 2019



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⚙️ Our first International Entry

Don't forget: 12 to 16 September 2019.

Online updates at: <https://www.motoringpast.com.au/red-dust-revival>

Email Graeme Cocks or Greg Eastwood at
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RED DUST REVIVAL 2019





PERKOLILLI'S LOOKIN' GOOD

RED DUST REVIVAL ON TRACK

Since our last newsletter, Expressions of Interest have continued to roll in and we now have 60 cars and 40 motorcycles registered to make the trek to Perkolilli. With such an extraordinary response your team of Greg Eastwood, Graeme and Cathy Cocks and Ross and Lynn Oxwell have been drinking lots of coffee and working through how we can make another legendary Perko Meeting.

ORGANISATIONAL STUFF

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are now affiliated with MotorcyclingWA. This means that the Lake Perkolilli Motor Sports Club Inc. can conduct a ridgy-didge historic motorcycle race meeting. Motorcycling WA has given us lots of good advice and a structure to work under.

The Vintage Sports Car Club of WA is our CAMS affiliated club for the motor car action. Every time we run a Perko event the event approvals and the hoops we have to jump through seem to get more challenging. A big thank you goes to Lynn and Ross for filling more than a dozen different applications. They have also booked in the St John's Ambulance so we are in accordance with current standards of care.

The large number of participants compared with previous years brings its own challenges and we are taking extra care with the conduct of the meeting. We don't want to lose the character of what we are doing (having fun and exercising the old bangers) but we also want to make sure it's as safe as possible.

Broadly, here's how your event will run. For one and a half days, you'll be able to practice on the clay pan, then we'll time everyone on flying laps and award performance certificates. We'll have a good idea of what everyone's machines are capable of. Then over the weekend, the motorcycles will race in a variety of events and the cars will have events designed to give spectacular finishes. On Sunday night, we'll celebrate. On Monday, we'll head off home.

GETTING A GOOD CAMPING SPOT

The event begins on Thursday 12 September and it is first come, first served for camping in the bush. We'll be at Perko early but if you come even earlier than us, please do not camp on the claypan. This area will be set aside for the pits and the event areas. The bush goes on forever so there is plenty of space. The toilets and water supplied by our friends at the City of Kalgoorlie/ Boulder will be on the claypan.

JUST IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW

Thursday 12 September is free practice. This means that we'll be alternating between cars and motorcycles all day with no times recorded. It will be your chance to do some tuning and get to know every skid mark on the track. We'll be driving anti-clockwise.

Mick Rust's Kalgoorlie Motor Works will be setup with everything you didn't think you'd ever need to use but you'll probably find indispensable when you break something. Kevin Cochrane has volunteered to bring his portable mig welder just in case something happens which makes you really depressed.

For the superstitious, check your oil more than once on Friday, 13 September. The morning will have more practice with car and motorcycles alternating. We've looked at streamlining the officialdom so that cars and motorcycles operate seamlessly. We've firmed up on our plan for Friday afternoon. All comers will be able to do a timed lap of Perkolilli at their own top speed. The circuit is about two miles long so with up to 60 cars and 40 motorcycles, everyone should be able to explore the capabilities of their own driving and their car. As we keep stressing, the event is about fun – not who wins or who is fastest. If you are sharing drives or mounts, everyone will get a go.

Saturday and Sunday will be the main public days and we'll have a series of events over the two days. The car events will be arranged so that we have staggered starts and massed finishes across the line. This will make it very entertaining for participants and spectators. We'll be organising the start times on Friday evening. Look out for the "Australian Pursuit" races for the bikes.

For those who are planning to come with their historic car or motorcycle but don't want to get involved with the competitive side of things, there will be times when the track is open for spectators with old cars. No, you can't take your Nissan GTR for a spin when the track is closed and cut it up! Driving on Perko at these times is at your own risk.

YOU'VE HEARD THIS BEFORE

With practice beginning on Thursday, we suggest that you arrive on Wednesday and find a camping spot in the bush by the clay pan, behind the area which will be the pits. It is first in, best dressed. Take a look on google maps and you'll be able to see the layout of the claypan. Camping is in the bush only, not on the clay pan itself.

If you arrive before Wednesday there will be no water, toilet or rubbish disposal facilities. There will be a communal fire pit (coincidentally near the pits) and we're discouraging but not banning individual cooking fires. Gas is preferable as it is less likely to start a bushfire. You are camping in the bush so it is entirely at your own risk. The bush area for camping is quite open but with lots of small trees and shade. Race cars can be parked and workshop tents can be erected on the surface of the clay pan in the pit area and car trailers can be left there. As in past events, the camping area is adjacent to the pits but separate.

You must be self reliant and clean. Bring your own water, food, sleeping and cooking facilities and collect your own rubbish. There is no power available. What we do provide, thanks to the City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder, will be toilets and water. There will also be bins to place your packaged rubbish in. There is no charge for camping at Lake Perkolilli but we expect everyone to leave this very special place as clean and neat as they found it. Have I repeated this enough?

In the 1920s, the camping at Perko was legendary. The motorcycle and car teams would camp in the bush for a week tuning their mounts and enjoying the evenings around the campfire. There is no reason why we all can't do the same.

KAL ACCOMM IS FILLING FAST SO BOOK NOW

There is lots of accommodation in Kalgoorlie which is only a 30 minute drive away from Perko, if you don't want to camp. Contact the Tourist Bureau [(08) 9021 1966 or 1800 004 653] and they'll be able to point you in the right direction.

We've been told that accommodation is starting to get tight so don't leave it to the last minute. The public is welcome to attend each day but we expect more will come on the weekend.

SCRUTINIFICATION, OR MAKING SURE THE WHEELS DON'T FALL OFF

If you haven't entered any CAMS historic events in the past, don't be alarmed by the dreaded word "scrutineering".

The requirements for a dirt track are less demanding than a tarmac event. Your scrutinisers will look at a few things. Your brakes should work (for obvious reasons). Your car should have an electrical cutoff switch so that in case of emergency the engine can be stopped. The carburettors (and every car and motorcycle at Perkolilli will have carbs) should have return springs so that the engine will return to idle if something happens. It is also very sensible to have a fuel shutoff tap. The car needs an up-to-date fire extinguisher (metal top - not plastic - so it doesn't melt). You'll also need to paint red or put some red tape on your tow points so the rescue team can tow your car without damaging it. Also mark where your battery is with a blue triangle so it can be easily found in a hurry. There is no requirement for catch tanks for oil or water but they are a good idea anyway. And last but not least, your car has to be safe. – both for you, the other participants, the officials and spectators. Make sure everything is tight, nuts have lock washers or split pins, your wheels aren't wobbly and bits aren't going to fall off. Our scrutiners will give your car the once over to make sure there are no obvious things which are a worry but ultimately it's your responsibility to turn up with a machine which will pass muster.

ENTRIES OPEN SOON

Once we have the final costs in and we can finalise the budget we'll get the entry forms out. There will be a basic entry cost per driver. Our aim is to structure an entry fee which is as low as possible. Camping is free thanks to the support of the City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder. Our entry fee also ensures that our volunteers are not out-of-pocket for coming to Perko and helping out. We are enthusiasts doing it for our fellow enthusiasts.

DRIVER'S INFORMATION SESSION

For Red Dust Revival motor car drivers from Western Australia, you are invited to attend the Vintage Sports Car Club's JK&L Category get together at 10am on Saturday 27th April at 18 Northwood Street, West Leederville 6007. The morning tea will be hosted by Bryan Scrivenor. There will be a short presentation with latest news on the event. It is a chance to ask questions about the Red Dust Revival and to meet other competitors. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Hugh Fryer on email: hmfryer4@bigpond.com.

Volunteering

We love volunteers. The event is run by vollies and they have just as much fun as the drivers. Ross Oxwell is putting a roster of volunteers together for the Red Dust Revival. If you'd like to get involved and be part of the team, email Ross at iroxwell@westnet.com.au.

City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder is working on the road

The City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder reports that the bitumen will be in place within 6km of the claypan turnoff.

We'll be at the WA Hot Rod Show and Street Machine Spectacular 2019

Les Smith has invited us to display some Perko vehicles at the WA Hot Rod Show. It is at the Claremont Showgrounds on 15 and 16 June. Come and say hello if you are visiting the show.

Our First International Entry

Big news last week! We've welcomed our first international entry - Stephen Alexander - who has confirmed that he is shipping his Lagonda to WA from the United Kingdom. He said he has completely stripped out the asbestos at huge cost, and the car is now being reassembled. It will be finished by the end of March, and shipped to Perth for late August. It is fantastic to have him involved. Lagondas have an impressive record at Perkolilli both in the gold old days and in the good new days. Paul Dean's Lagonda Rapier was there in the 1930s and has returned to the claypan in recent years.

Chryslers Rule

Couldn't help using this picture, just to say thank you to Peter Harrold for flying the flag at the Phillip Island Historics in Victoria recently. He even got two separate spots on the event commentary to talk about why Lake Perkolilli is a better track than Phillip Island. Peter has just put a set of wire wheels on his Chrysler to replicate the 1926 Chrysler of Attwood and Cady which went for the Australian 24 Hour Speed Record in 1926. Go Chrysler!



Ford T and Ballott Stories

Check out <https://motorshedcafe.com.au/red-dust-racers/> for a nice story on Graeme Lockhart's T.

Also <https://thewest.com.au/lifestyle/motoring/ballot-v8-on-course-for-return-to-track-ng-b881126889z> for the story of the Ballott-inspired re-creation.

SOME CARS COMING TO PERKO



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



The Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival is now only **5** 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 will keep you in the loop. Entry forms will be available soon.

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.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival 2019

Send to: Graeme Cocks or Greg Eastwood,

PO Box 297, Inglewood WA 6052

Email: perkolillimc@gmail.com

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.

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

WHO IS RUNNING THE RED DUST REVIVAL?

The Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival 2019 has been created by car and motorbike enthusiasts Greg Eastwood and Graeme Cocks to follow on from the 2014 Centenary of Speed.



To enable competitive events on the claypan they have formed the Lake Perkolilli Motor Sport Club Inc. This will be the official club of the event and all participants automatically become members of this exclusive club!

We are especially grateful for the assistance of Lynn and Ross Oxwell who have been working hard behind the scenes to make sure our event is run within the rules and regs of motor sport.

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Eastwood about the bikes and Graeme Cocks about the cars. The shared email for the Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival 2019 is:
perkolillimc@gmail.com.

The motor car events will be limited to cars built before 1940 or after 1940 by invitation. The aim is to re-create the feeling of race meetings from the 1920s and 1930s. If you have a car or motorcycle which is a little bit later, but has a pre-war look about it, let us know and we might fit it in. (yes, MG TCs do look like pre-war MGs).

For accommodation in Kalgoorlie-Boulder see <http://kalgoorlietourism.com/accommodation> or ring 1800 004 653.



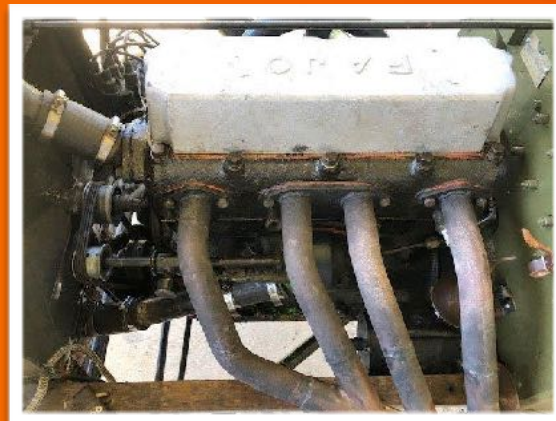
**LAKE PERKOLILLI
RED DUST REVIVAL
12-16 SEPTEMBER 2019**

SEE YOU THERE!!

PERKOLILLI CAR NEEDS NEW OWNER AND DRIVER!

A feature of the Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival in 2019 will be the fleet of Ford Model Ts competing. At last count there were a dozen Ts coming from as far away as Darwin.

Bruce Brown has this 1918 Ford Model T Speedster for sale. It's an ideal Perko car. It is a hot item with a Rajo overhead valve head, superb wire wheels and racing V radiator. If you're interested give him a call on 0427088320. He's open to reasonable offers.



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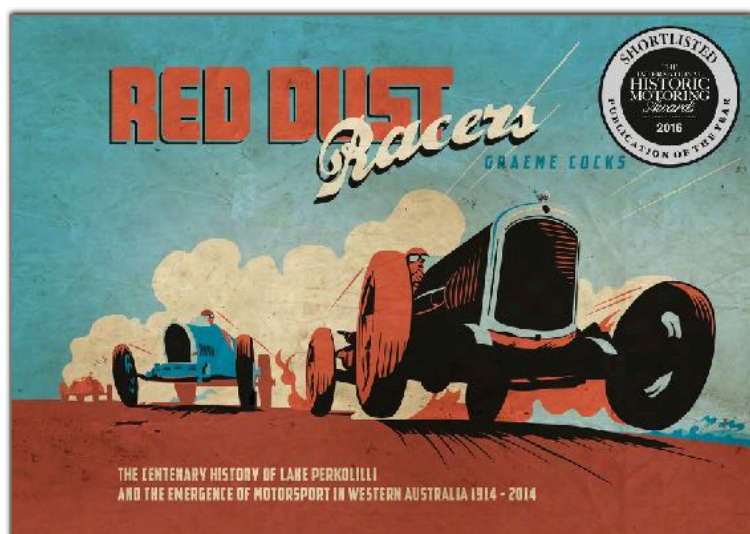
Lubricants



Plume fuel and Mobil Gargoyle – Part of Perkolilli History

Since the early days of motor racing at Lake Perkolilli, Plume and Mobil Gargoyle have been a part of the story. When the Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival is held from 12 to 16 September 2019, Mobil will be part of the event as a major sponsor.

Look out for more news on Mobil in the coming months. Meanwhile, we welcome them aboard!



RED DUST RACERS
STILL AVAILABLE

Copies of the definitive centenary history of Lake Perkolilli are available from www.motoringpast.com.au.

Purchase your copy before they sell out!



**LET'S
GO!**

**LAKE
PERKOLILLI
RED DUST
REVIVAL**

**12 TO 16 SEPTEMBER 2019
NEAR KALGOORLIE
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Kathryn Paynter Memorial Back to the Goldfields Rally

The Veteran Car Club of WA Eastern Goldfields branch is running a rally to coincide with the Red Dust Revival. The entry form with contact details is below. If you don't have a Perko eligible car but you still plan to come, then this is a great option. Of course, if you have a Perko car and it is road licensed, you could do both!

V.C.C of W.A. inc Eastern Goldfields Branch Kathryn Paynter Memorial Back to the Goldfields Rally Expression of interest and registration form

The Rally will run from the Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th September leaving a short interval before those interested in participating in or attending the Red Dust Revival at Lake Perkolilli (12th-16th September), event to prepare their cars or visit more of the attractions the Goldfields have to offer. To ensure a quality event and the logistics of catering numbers will be limited

To secure your position in the Kathryn Paynter Memorial Back to the Goldfields Rally please complete the following form and return with your deposit of \$ 25.00 per vehicle by 1st August 2019 (Non-refundable) cheque payable to VCC Eastern Goldfields Branch or direct deposit BSB 806043 A/C 100062961 or mail to A. Gallo 118 Davis ST Boulder W.A. 6432

Please enclose bank receipt or details with your entry form.

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Kathryn Paynter Memorial Goldfields Rally 5th- 8th September 2019
Deposit enclosed for the sum of \$25.00 per vehicle.

Name_____

Address_____

State_____ Post code_____

Telephone_____ Email_____

Vehicle_____ Year_____ No of Passengers_____

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND DECLARATION OF INDEMNITY

I understand that my participation in this rally and/or event may expose me, my reserve driver and passengers, if any, to risk of death, personal injury, loss or damage, which risk may or may not be foreseeable and I hereby voluntarily assume all such risks as a condition of my application to participate. I have read the **Constitution and Rally Rules of the Veteran Car Club of W.A. (inc)**. In consideration for my being allowed to participate in this rally event, I hereby agree to be bound by the said Constitution and rally rules and further agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the rally organisers, promoter and all club members, their respective officials, servants, agents and representatives, from and against all actions, claims, cost, expenses and all demands in respect of death, personal injury, loss or damage to property or myself, my reserve driver and/or passengers however caused, that arise or are alleged to arise out of in connection with my entry or participation in the rally event, except in so far as such actions, claims, costs expenses and demands are covered by an Insurance Policy with the State Government Insurance Commission or some other insurance company.

I understand all monies shall be refunded should my application be denied.

I declare that my vehicle is currently licensed and road worthy and that I hold the appropriate driver's license.

Signed..... Date.....

Contact Alex Gallo 08- 9021 5944