

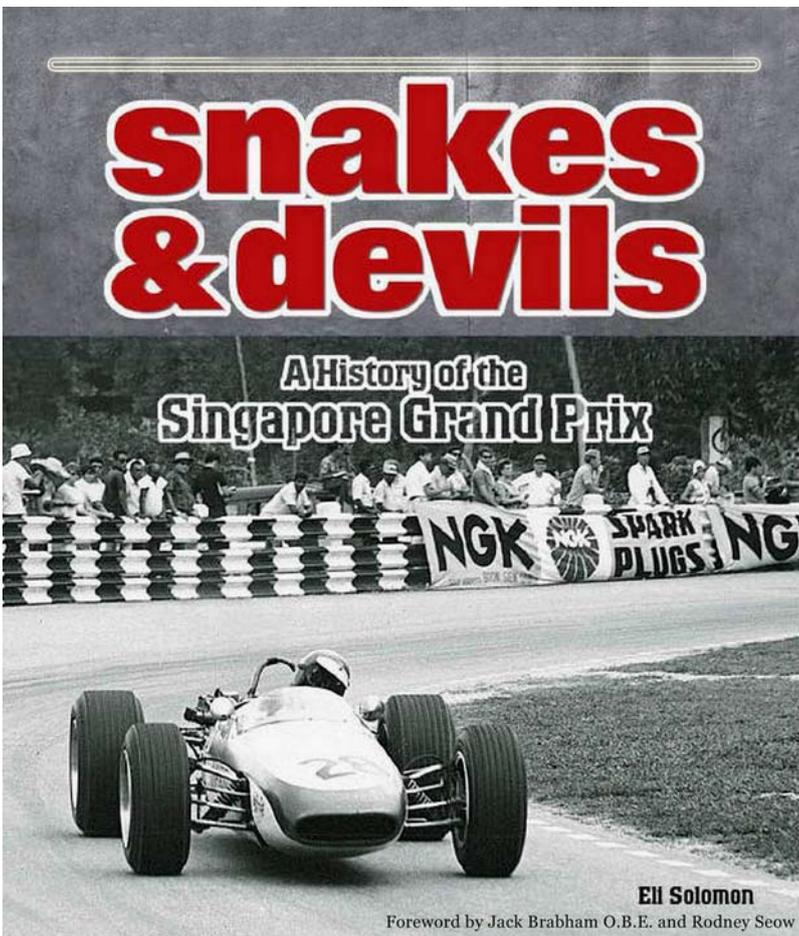
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GRAND PRIX: THE UPPER THOMSON ROAD PREQUEL 1960s–1970s

a talk by Mr Eli Solomon

venue	Basement 1, Central Lending Library @ National Library, 100 Victoria Street
date / time	Saturday, 7 Sep 2008, 2.30 – 4.00pm
admission	Free and open to the public
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The Singapore Grand Prix ran from 1961–1973. The first event was called the Orient Year Grand Prix and held on a stretch of Upper Thomson Road that encompassed the Sembawang Hills Circus and a section of Old Upper Thomson Road. The Singapore Grand Prix was by no means a single-seater procession, and included the Saloon & Tourer, and Sports & GT, car support races, along with the highly popular races for motorcycles. Based on his book *Snakes & Devils*, Mr Eli Solomon traces the turbulent history of the Singapore Grand Prix through his extensive research examining documents and doing interviews across three continents.



Eli Solomon has spent a lifetime, punctuated by a spell as an equity salesman in an investment bank, in the company of good and bad cars. His interests are varied, and his latest venture is into the world of rare Southeast Asian books. He now spends equal time between Hong Kong and Singapore. His racing interests include wringing the neck out of his single-seater Brabham BT18 at historic

motor sports events when he can afford to, and rebuilding old race cars, including one that was entered in the Singapore Grand Prix of 1971 and 1972. He has also written a bibliography on Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles for the National Library of Singapore, and a chronology of the life of Colonel William Farquhar, first Resident of Singapore, for Singapore Resource Library. Eli is presently Editor and Vice President of the Malaysia and Singapore Vintage Car Register.