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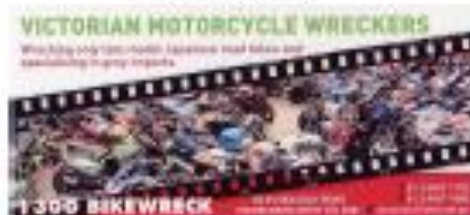


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Presidents Report

Following on from my last Prez message....these sure are busy times! Seem's like everyday I'm on the phone or emailing a club member about a bike, a race meet or some other thing linked to our sport. Don't get me wrong....I love it...but its go go go!

So...Winton was a great success. Once again over 100 entries, great weather...(lucky to finish just before the rain hit on Sunday), top organisation by Marg Todd and Brendan Ferrari, great camaraderie amongst competitors and almost no crashes.

At the May committee meeting we had Eddy Garner come along and give us a talk about his tour to NZ in February 2018 and the Burt Munro race meet. This tour is the result of conversations a number of us have been having about racing over in Unzud. Mick Cheg had spoken with Eddy at the Harley v Indian Great Race and asked if he could put a package together. Being a fellow hand shift racer, Eddy, through his company, Aussie Bike Tours, was the perfect person to create such an opportunity. Eddy spoke at the meeting about his tour and was on hand at Winton as well, speaking to all and sundry about the great tour he's got organised. Leanne and I and many other racers are joining up and we're all really looking forward to what we believe will be a fantastic trip. If you want to know more contact Eddy at eddy@aussiebiketours.com.au or 0416046901.

Sunday the 18th of June was the first "Cold old fella's and ladies ride" organised by Doghouse. About thirty of us joined in on a ride from Lilydale through to Eildon and back....Out through Healesville and the black spur. It was a great day and I won't say much as there's a report further on but let's just say cold doesn't begin to describe it!

Its membership renewal time and we've included a copy of the renewal form in this issue.

We also have the AGM coming up at the August meeting and we ask all of you to consider stepping up and taking on a role at committee. I can speak from experience and say that it is one of the most rewarding things you can do and you will learn so much. Being on the committee is a great way to understand how your club and historic racing is run plus you will meet so many other racers and characters that make up our sport. Why not give it a go and help put something back.

Leanne and I are as busy as ever. We have the Big Chill in Stanthorpe and then our annual "run to the sun" the Townsville TT. And there's also the July Come and Try in the middle. So as always we have a pretty full dance card.

There was one thing though that stopped us all in our tracks....it was the tragic passing of Bruce Flack and Vanessa Cameron. It hit a lot of us hard and there were simply no words to describe the shock we all felt. I along with seemingly all the sidecar racers in Australia joined around 800 people at the memorial service to show our respect to the families. It was a wonderful service and I'll admit to shedding a few tears. Life can be very cruel at times. We hope to honour Bruce and Vanessa at this year's Southern Classic.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Flatchat....Reg has done another great job.

Cheers,
Marchy.



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Come along and join us!



From the editor

Well as we near the half way mark to 2017 its time for membership renewal. In this edition you will see a copy of the new form that Glen Dane has kindly updated, nice work Glen. A copy will also be on our website at hmrav.org Please note our membership coordinator is Tony Greenwood. Membership forms can be emailed to Tony on tlgreenwood@bigpond.com If any members have questions please feel free to give Tony a call on 0407097486. For those who receive Flatchat in the mail you will also receive a membership form.

Being the owner of a smokey Suzuki T350 2 stroke there is often the inevitable questions about spark plug temperature and what the numbers mean. This topic is the subject of much debate and also a lot of different opinions so after a bit of research and talking to a few mechanically minded individuals I found the following information to be helpful.

The temperature range of the plug relates to how effectively the plug can transfer heat from the tip to the cylinder head. Different manufacturers use different numbering conventions so do your research if changing brands or types. i.e. bigger numbers could mean colder or hotter plugs. A plug that is too hot can cause detonation, pre ignition of fuel and power loss. A plug that is too cold can be susceptible from fouling due to carbon deposits or it can't self clean properly. So what might influence our choice?

As a general rule, the same bike used for normal road riding versus racing would probably benefit from a different plug temperature. Typically for road use we would benefit from a hotter plug to make starting easier and as high rpm conditions are not sustained the plug is unlikely to overheat. For racing with its sustained high rpm conditions, a cooler plug is often the better choice.

Other factors that can influence our choice are, higher compression ratios increase cylinder pressure and temp, so a cooler plug may be best, methanol may benefit from cooler plugs but starting might be hard, a lean mix runs hotter so cooler plugs whilst a rich mix runs cooler and a hotter plug may help to prevent fouling. If you run really advanced timing this raises temperatures so a cooler plug is probably the go. If you have a forced induction race bike, such a 1938 Moto Guzzi 250 Compressor, (I wish!) you might want to go for a cooler plug due to the increased temperatures this creates.

And as I am aware this is a subject of endless debate, I very much welcome if any members would like to provide their experience in an article on this topic, or for that matter on any HMRV related topic. Send me an email!

I do hope you enjoy this edition of FLATCHAT.

All the best,
Reg #71

HMRAV cold old fellas and ladies social ride, Eildon 2017

Our larger than life Vice President, Dave 'Doghouse' Philpots organised a social ride for the good men and women of HMRAV. Given the vice presidential endorsement of the ride it was sure to be a hit! The members turned out in droves to embark on a venture towards the chilly shores of Lake Eildon. It is unconfirmed if any members enjoyed a trout at the Golden Trout pub but what is confirmed is the sub zero temperatures on a chilly winters morning!

A great day was had by all, after lunch the HMRAV crew headed home via the black spur. A great variety of machinery was on display, which shows that everyone can join in on a club ride. A big thanks to our VP for organising the event that was enjoyed by all.

Members, please keep a lookout for future ride days and of course if any members would like to organise something similar feel free to come to a committee meeting or get in touch and we can put the details in FLATCHAT. Its not all about racing, so if you're a red plate member keen to enjoy socialising with other members why not organise a ride day or two, here's an opportunity!



A bunch of motorcycles reportedly belonging to the HMRAV.

Editors comment—looks like a Guzzi 5 bikes from the right!



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A motorcycle traders advertisement from the 1928 Leeds Motor Club Magazine, the Machines and manufacturers referred to in the advert are as follows: Calthorpe 3.5 OHV, OK-Supreme 3.5 2-Port, Levisette 2.5HP, AKD 1.75 OHV & Sports, Triumph Model N & Model W De Luxe, New Imperial 2.50 OHV & 3.50 OHV, P & M 4.9 OHV & 600cc OHV, Excelsior OHV JAP & 2.5 Villiers and Cotton. Some of these makes are long gone. According to the Reserve Bank, 50 pounds in 1928 is equivalent to about 4000 dollars today!

So you wanna race..... by Marchy

You've watched from the sidelines, maybe helped a mate out as pit crew, or even cut a few laps on your road bike at a Come and Try day. The bug has bitten and now you can't stop thinking about taking that next step. What to do....where to start?

I guess the first question is - What bike should I race? Well for a lot of us that's the easy part. Always going to be a Norton for me. HD's for Doghouse, Trumpy's for Toddy. If you've grown up with a particular make and they're part of your DNA, then that's what you race. You know the bikes, you've got one in the shed and the shelves are stacked with spares. It makes sense and you'll feel comfortable on it. Race your Bonnie, Atlas or Sportster and just join in and have fun.

But what if you don't have a favourite marque or are fairly new to motorcycles in general? A good starting point is to come along to an historic race meet, camera in hand, and walk through the pits taking shots of bikes that take your fancy. Then watch them race and see how they fare. Do this a few times and get to know which are the more popular bikes to race. Generally speaking, the more popular bikes are the ones where there are still lots of spares available and they can handle a bit of race tuning. It doesn't mean you can't race your Royal Enfield Continental GT, it just means you might be the only one out there...(still not a problem...the world needs more individuals!).

Another thing to consider if you're fairly new to racing is to maybe err on the side of a bit less horsepower for a bit more tractability. A good mate of mine reckons you should always start out on a standard motor. Something that starts easy and idles for you. Nice and tractable and easy to ride. Plenty of people have started out with full house race motors only to miss races battling with a tricky starting technique or running around at the back of the field trying to come to grips with an 800rpm power band, (and that's on a four stroke single!).

So....what bike? My advice is to go something simple, light and Japanese. RDLC Yamaha's for the two stroke brigade, four stroke singles and mid-size fours for the four stroke fans. Japanese 'cause the spares are out there, the fasteners are metric and the prices are very reasonable. Sub \$5000 and you'll be on track with a good bike and some change in your pocket.

You should be looking at something fairly stock that fits you physically and fits your wallet. There are plenty of bikes out there and race bikes come up for sale all the time. There are also lots of bikes that change hands without ever being advertised. Hanging around at race meetings, getting involved as a volunteer, just being around the scene and talking about wanting to race will bring you to the attention of racers and you'll be surprised at what's available. Lots of racers have more than one bike in the shed and most of them prefer to sell to someone that'll race the bike.

Editors comment: Absolutely agree, most racers would prefer to sell their bike to someone interested in racing rather than simply put it on eBay so if you are interested get to some race meetings, walk the pits and talk to racers!

Winton 2017 Solos



Heaps of hand shifters! (what do you call a group of hand shifters?!)



2017 had great numbers of entries which equals full grids!



Traffic
In
The
Corners



Photos courtesy of Paul Stevenson Photography

Winton 2017 Sidecars



Steely eyed sidecar racers ready for the start... (ok maybe not everyone!)



Who says
that you
need three
wheels?



Rubbing is
racing!

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HMRAV'S 2017 DATES

Come and Try Day - 30/7
Mt Tarrengower Historic Hillclimb
14/10 & 15/10
HMRAV Southern Classic - 4/11 - 5/11
Come and Try Day - 3/12

Attention all Red Plate members of HMRAV

The club has hundreds of members with Red Plate (or Historic Plate) registration which means there are hundreds of renewals to process by members of our volunteer committee. To ensure that your renewal application is processed, you **must** include the following along with your renewal notice from Vic Roads: You **must** send a photocopy of your current membership card to show that you are a financial member of HMRAV. This is essential and a Vic Roads requirement for red plate renewals.

(In regards to family membership, It is important that each person who is part of that family membership, is known to the club and has been allocated a membership card)

You **must** send a stamped, self addressed envelope to ensure that your renewal gets back to you in a timely fashion and arrives at the right address.

Failure to adhere to these conditions will mean that we can't process your renewal and will lead to delays and frustration for all concerned. If you have any questions, our fantastic Red Plate coordinator, Mick, is only too happy to give out advice. Please call Mick on 0401 819 609 if you need some assistance with Red Plate issues.

The red plate scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRAV, so please let's all ensure we are supporting the club by getting our renewal processes right the first time.

Please remember you need the following items for successful renewal: 1. Renewal notice from Vic Roads, 2. Photocopy of current HMRAV membership card, 3. Stamped self addressed envelope. Any questions please call Mick or a committee member!

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GENERAL MEETING

Date: 19th of June 2017

Time: 7pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Brian March, Leanne March, Dave Philpots, Glen Dane, Phil Watson, Tony Stevenson, Mick Cheg, Reg Boeti, Anthony Bann, Warren Grubb, Tony Greenwood, Craig Longhurst, Andrew Pobjoy, Andrew Lewis, Doug Hicks, Ian and Dave.

Apologies: Keith Campbell, Aneta Philpots, Chrissie Clancy, Pete Large, The Todds.

The meeting opened at: 7:10 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Minutes circulated for all to read.

Moved: Glen Dane

Seconded: Phil Watson

ITEM 2: Presidents report

Winton appeared to be a great success. All agreed that Brendan Ferrari did a top job.

Concerns raised by Vic O'Driscoll about the handicap races.

Rob Mestrom rang Brian and explained that the Bendigo Auto Club had complained to MA about the motorcycle handicap races at Historic Winton. MA had written to MV - MV had contacted the club. The problem was that there were still bikes/sidecars on the grid stationary whilst others completed their first lap. Discussion took place regarding options/alternatives. Brian explained that we needed to make changes as the handicaps could not continue in the same manner. A number of options were discussed. Further discussion to take place.

Historic Racing Commission minutes are out and on the MA website.

MV want clubs to put signage up at the Broadford entry gates. Clubs are to provide their own signs.

Moved: Mick Cheg

Seconded: Reg Boeti

GM Minutes Continued

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Phil to confirm the Broadford Crew for the Come and Try day.

Phil is getting things organised for the AGM.

Web site - Problem with authentication. Site still works. Reg will have a chat with Dan Boeti.

Moved: Craig Longhurst

Seconded: Doug Hicks

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

Delegates unable to attend the last MV meeting. Nothing to report.

Dave explained about the possible MA takeover of the SCB's. MV are looking to create Motorcycling Victoria and Motorcycling Victoria Property. This is in line with what NSW has recently done.

Dave also discussed possible changes to racing licence fees. Moving to more of a user pay type arrangement.

Moved: Glen Dane

Seconded: Phil Watson

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

We need a new race secretary

Southern Classic - Contact Francis Conroy or if not available, Brendan Ferrari.

Tarrengower: Chrissie/Marg

Southern Classic: Chrissie (pre).....?

SUPP REGS: Need to get July Come and Try up asap.

Moved: Mick Cheg

Seconded: Brian

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Brian read out report from Pete.

Moved: Doug Hicks

Seconded: Craig Longhurst

ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

Chase up outstanding sponsorship

Email Shannon's to confirm Southern Classic participation

Moved: Mick Cheg

Seconded: Phil Watson

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Merchandise for Winton....sold \$967mostly via eftpos

Moved: Reg Boeti

Seconded: Craig Longhurst

GM Minutes Continued

Item 9: WEBSITE

ISSUES.....Get it sorted!

Moved: Dave Philpots

Seconded: Glen Dane

Item 10: Come and Try

Permit: Phil

Entry forms:

Race Secretary:

Scrutineer's:

Flaggies/marshals/CoC?

Need to go on the website...Phil has it under control

Chrissie?

JC, Mick Cheg, Marchy?

Phil to organise.

Moved: Doug Hicks

Seconded: Dave Philpots

Item 11: Maryborough

Maryborough Wings and Wheels - Saturday 23 September 2017

To be discussed at the June meeting.....

Decision needs to be made so we can start to organise. Vote taken on whether HMRV participate...Agreed.

Phil to call Marg re:race secretary duties.

Phil to email Vic to confirm his availability.

Need to organise Supp regs and permits if going ahead.

Moved: Mick Cheg

Seconded: Phil Watson

General Business

Hand shift Challenge - Mick Cheg explained that the S'Classic clashes with the International Indian Rally. Some of the Indian and Harley guys won't be racing. Asked could the last round of the hand shift battle be postponed to Mac Park. Discussion on keeping S'Classic but maybe having a bonus round at Mac Park.

Mick raised the issue of a new member transferring to HMRV and wanting to red plate 6 bikes. Normally the fee is a "one off" \$60 to red plate a bike, ie: 6x\$60. Committee agreed to charge a reduced rate.

Doghhouse advised that the red plate ride was very successful - 30 bikes in attendance - however it was VERY COLD!

Sid is currently completing the poster for the Southern Classic. Brian will speak with Doug Flack about a possible memorial to Bruce.

Tony Greenwood explained that membership renewals are due. Tony will liaise with Reg and Phil.

Anthony Bann reminded everyone that there's an Interclub on in 2 weeks - all welcome.

Reg is putting Flatchat together.

Moved: Brian

Seconded: Dave

GM Minutes Continued

Next meeting: 10 July 2017
Meeting closed: 8:15pm.

Next meeting will be a general meeting at: 7:00pm at the
Mitcham Angling Club 19 Brunswick Rd Mitcham

MINUTES ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

DATE.....

SignedPRESIDENT

