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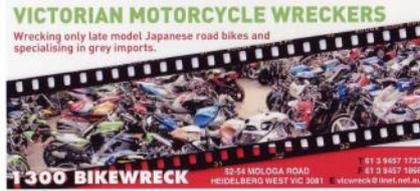
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Presidents Report

Welcome to another edition of Flatchat. The racing season is once again upon us and I'm sure, just like me, you're all busy prepping machines and working out the year's schedule.

There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes also. A number of your committee have taken on new roles and responsibilities. We've all been busy ensuring things like sup regs, mail outs and the website are running smoothly and I'd like to say here that everyone has done a great job.

Recently, as a result of some good work by photographer Colin Rosewarne, I've been liaising with Australian Motorcycle News. They've seen the massive growth in historic racing and have decided to focus a bit more attention on this aspect of competition. Issue 6514 saw a page outlining some general info about the Bonanza and a historic racing calendar of events. We had some input into this and we hope to have more as the year goes on. This hopefully will include an overview of HMRAV and our activities, a preview of the Vics and a small report on Eddington.

Exposure like this in a "mainstream" magazine is huge and should help to promote historic racing not only for our club but all the clubs round Australia.

This year see's the 40th running of Historic Winton. Our club has been there from the start and it's an event that's a firm favourite amongst a lot of us. There really is nothing else like it and it sits somewhere between the "picnic" meetings like Tarrengower and the full on open race meets like the Vics and S'Classic.

We've worked hard to maintain our involvement in the event and have faced some trying times over the years. Falling competitor numbers, track licences and race programming were hurdles that we've overcome and the future looks bright for the event, (but with Winton you can never be too sure!).

We'd really like to encourage you to enter this year and be part of the 40th celebrations. If you're a long time competitor you really can't miss it and if you've never raced there before....what are you waiting for!

The Austin 7 car club, our partners in the event, recently attended a committee meeting and they have a number of initiatives proposed for this year. I've outlined them a bit further on in this issue. If you'd like to get a bit more involved with Winton, either on track or off contact me, Secretary Keith Campbell or Austin 7 liaison Mick Large.

Cheers,
Marchy.

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Come along and join us!



From the editor

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the first edition of Flatchat for 2016. After a bit of a break its time to look forward to coming events. First for HMRAV is the Eddington Sprints on March 19, a great car and bike event with plenty of action up the main street of Eddington sure to draw a crowd. Even if you have not entered it's a great day out from a spectators point of view.

The following weekend is Easter and time for the Broadford Bike Bonanza. A relaxed fun event always, its an ideal opportunity for our Red Plate members to get some time on the track. This year is particularly exciting for some (me!) as there is a focus on Moto Guzzi. The famous Moto Guzzi V8 from the 1950's will be one of the stars of the show as will some other race bikes from many years ago. Google 2016 Broadford Bike Bonanza for details.

Finally rounding off three weekends in a row are the 2016 Victorian Titles at Broadford. Entry closure is imminent so get in quick as no late entries are accepted. This year promises to be another great event!

Further out is Winton—In this edition of Flatchat Marchy has provided some extra detail on what will be a fantastic 40th anniversary event! Also look out for a nice article on last year's Maryborough Sprints and a great write up on Mt Tarrengower—nice work Marg!

For the 2016 Vic Titles we have again encouraged online entry, as more members take advantage of entering online we will progressively work to make all events online only. This not only makes it easier and more convenient for members, it also provides the Club with earlier notification of entries which reduces some of the manual processes that your (volunteer) committee members undertake.

Our website, online services and payments will have a big focus from HMRAV this year, so we really welcome input from members to ensure we are making your club the best historic racing club in Australia. Please feel free to give me a call or an email if you have any suggestions.

So for now its time for the shed and prepping my bikes for the coming events. I hope you enjoy this edition of Flatchat and more importantly the coming events brought to you by your club!

All the best,

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Below is a list of plans/ideas/proposals from Austin 7. At this point in time I don't have any specific details but if you're interested in anything in particular, drop us a line and we can chase it up for you.

The track is being resurfaced.....hopefully this will encourage more competitors to enter especially P5 Unlimited as our numbers are low in this group.

Historic Motorcycle gathering - ' All Makes ' - combined with Vespa Display and Trike Display....most of us are in "Marque" clubs. Would your club be interested in displaying some bikes?

Motorcycle trade vendors.....Do you run a business and would you be interested in setting up a Vendor stall?

Race sponsorship and advertising....are you currently a HMRAV sponsor? If you want extra exposure please contact VP Doghouse Dave.

Motorcycle VIP Guests/Invitation to early days competitors.....are you a competitor from the early years of Winton? Contact us if you'd like a free gate pass.

Possible Vintage / Classic Regularity motorcycle event.

Social Function on Saturday night - early day's re-union - meet and greet.

Sunday Ride Day to Historic Winton....open invitation to clubs to come up and check out the event.

Friday Benalla and District tour - possible motorcycle participation.

Camping Area....Austin 7 informs us that there have been some improvements here.

I know as racers we're pretty narrow focussed at events. We're either on track racing or sorting the bike for the next race. But there are a lot of activities that take place at Winton that help to create the spectacle that it is.

We all have mates that have bikes and would love to be involved in some of the activities listed. Next time you're at a club meeting or social gathering how about promoting Winton and encouraging some of your mates to come along and join in.



Maryborough Sprint Results ~ 20th September, 2015

Bike No.	Rider (& Passenger)	Machine	Best Time	Award
62	Stacey Heaney	1972 Kawasaki 900cc	13.4	Fastest Solo
89	Tim Loone & Lisa Hickenbotham	1962 Norton Atlas 750cc	16.1	Fastest Sidecar
7	Mick Cheg	1970 RED PLATE Triumph	15.4	Fastest Red Plate Bike
38	Paddy Clancy	1972 Honda Scooter 125cc	28.5	
92	Ben James	1970 Suzuki 250cc	16.4	President's Choice

The 3rd annual *Wings & Wheels* historic sprints held at Maryborough Aerodrome was again a great success with 26 HMRV competitors racing against the clock in perfect weather conditions.

Club members riding solos jumped in to passenger for those sidecar riders without passengers, showing the great HMRV commraderie spirit. Fastest solo rider, Stacey Heaney, also rode passenger for Doug Gorrie, Jeff Hoinville helped out Lyn Jones in the mini cyclecar and Lisa Hickenbotham helped new club member Neil Prowse. Unfortunately, after many months of building his beautiful 1962 Eso 500cc sidecar, Neil was forced to retire before the first run due to persistent problems. It was interesting to see Toddy back in the chair passengering (for a change AND on a Norton!) for Dave Betteridge on his new sidecar #942. Well done to Tim & Lisa for their fastest sidecar time, followed closely by Tiny & Greg.

Times were generally quicker from last year; Stacey's fastest time (on new member Peter Donoghue's 900cc Kawasaki) was nearly 2 seconds off Ken Maher's fastest run in 2014. Mike Panayi had bike problems, while Mick Cheg and Dave Philpots battled for the fastest Red Plate time. Milliseconds separated Robert Liddicoat, Des Heaney, Jeff Hoinville, Ken Maher, Peter Donoghue & Ben James.

Looking forward to another *Wings & Wheels* next year!



Doug Gorrie & Stacey Heaney



Ben James



Mick Cheg



Neil Prowse & Lisa Hickenbotham - no times!



Tim Loone & Lisa Hickenbotham



Paddy Clancy



Dave Betteridge & Toddy



Lyn Jones & Jeff Hoinville

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2015 Mt Tarrengower

The 86th running of the Mt. Tarrengower Hill Climb this year was specially dedicated in memory of Nairne Elder and Guy Brown who have unfortunately 'taken their last checkered flag' recently. Numbers were well up this year in honour of these two gentlemen - 34 entries in all, which is a record for the bikes (normally there is a limit of 20). Unfortunately, there were 5 withdrawals due to mechanical problems, including Russell Craddock, Butch Stevens and Dale Knox who were disappointed to have missed out riding for their 'Team Africa' mates.

Mike Panayi reclaimed **King of the Mountain** title from Stacey Heaney, but only by .002 seconds! New Club members Wayne Donehue, Robby Turner and Neil Prowse and long standing HMRAV member Brendan O'Neill all made their debut runs on the mountain. It was good to see John Rosser return to the mountain riding Guy's number 59; also Trevor Spiers' return. Proud fathers Paul McGahan and Reg Boeti watched their respective sons Pat and Dan both make their first climb up the mountain, with Pat taking out the Classic 350cc class and Dan receiving the President's Choice Award.

What a battle for the sidecar times - 3 out of the 7 teams had the identical fastest time of 61.3 seconds, while Toddy & Bec battled with Tim & Lisa for fastest overall sidecar times, Toddy & Bec finally taking it out. Pete Large has finally enticed wife Kate into the sidecar chair, so welcome Kate (good times, too, and well done)!

A new award in honour of Nairne and Guy has been set up - the **Elder Brown Commemorative Award**, which was presented to Russell Craddock for all his generous, tireless effort & enthusiasm he puts into helping **everyone** at **all** our race meetings. Thanks Russell! This award was in the form of a HMRAV polo shirt and 2 bottles of wine kindly donated by Yarra Valley boutique winery **Wild Cattle Creek** in Wandin; many thanks to their head chef Lloyd Todd who organized this.

Saturday night's party theme was Halloween this year - a VERY BIG thank you to all who contributed to food, drinks and decorations! Laura Clancy took out the best costume; it was difficult to recognize her covered in "bloodied" bandages, heavy "makeup" & teased hair!

Oh, and great commentating too, thanks John!

HMRAV dates for 2016

Eddington Sprint - March 19

Vic Titles – April 2 & 3

Historic Winton - May 28 & 29

HMRAV C & T – July 31

Southern Classic – November 5 & 6

HMRAV C & T – December 4

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GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

Flaggies: RMV - confirmed

Timing: Chrissie to confirm with Computime

Flyer/Program/tickets: Sid/Doug

Scrutineers: Morgan's (and accommodation) booked.

Volunteers: Lisa?

(Brian to speak to people about some volunteers as it is difficult to get the numbers this time.)

Merch: Bec

Canteen: Keith to confirm with Tess

Trophies: Round 1 of the Hand-shift battle.

Trophies - pewter tankards - to pick a clubman that deserves recognition in Period 5 500/600 in memory of Guy Brown.

Trophies: Marchy

Program: Reg to talk with Chrissie about classes, etc.

Open MV practice on Friday before Vics.

Moved: Jamie H

Seconded: Lisa H

Item 12: GENERAL BUSINESS

Doug has booked 4 HMRVAV sheds at Bonanza. Open to all HMRVAV members.

Pete requested that the major trophies at the Vics and the Southern be handed out at the start of trophy presentation.

Also that it might be of value moving presentation back to the veranda of the classroom - closer to the bar!

Meeting at Wakefield in September 2016 - dates to be provided in Flatchat.

Historic Winton - to dress in 1976 gear. Program will be about the same as every other year.

Lisa to buy all normal goodies for volunteers.

HMRVAV plaques - approximately \$80 - \$85 each. Belt buckles approximately \$60 - \$65.

To be put on display in merch and orders taken.

Six brass plaques and six belt buckles to be ordered initially.

Family memberships - what is red plate constitution? Need to make clear to all members that you need to be listed as part of the membership, and have your own card, to be considered a member of HMRVAV. Run some information in Flatchat about family membership rules.

MV to put in grandstands at Broadford, over behind schoolhouse. May have containers available for storage. If cheap, e.g., \$100 per annum - HMRVAV to take one.

Purchase best Telstra subscription for internet usage at the track.

