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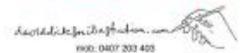


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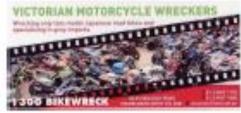






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## **Presidents Report**

2017...start of a new year ....lots of plans and hopefully lots of good racing. The year began for me at Mac Park. Unfortunately <u>all</u> my Norton's had a problem, (or 5!) so I had to withdraw from the meeting. Doesn't matter I thought...I'll just head down, help out Dave Betteridge and have a social weekend.

Well it seems a couple of old stagers had the same idea....Ray Iles and Doug Gorrie were doing the same thing. So the three of us sauntered off round the pits, enjoying a chat with mates and a few beverages at the end of the day.....very civilised!

It was great to be down there too as Dave, with Jo Mickelson on the platform, took out the Unlimited class in the Classic Sidecar Challenge. Those perennial off road racers, Ditchy and Tiny, put on another fine display of sidecar motocross and cleaned up the 650 class. So both trophies are staying in Victoria this year.

In club news, we had 22 members at the January meeting, and that was with 4 or 5 regulars away on holidays. There were some new faces in amongst the group too. Always good to have some of the Life Members there....Garth Rhodes, Dougie Hicks and newest "Lifer" Mick Cheg...all were there offering their support. Be great if we could continue to have this kind of turnout at the club meetings. Remember it's your club.....come along and help keep our sport growing and heading in the right direction.

We've also confirmed our dates for 2017. All have been loaded onto the website and the Facebook page. We have a few committee members who are reviewing our website too - so look out for some changes there.

In racing news - the club will once again be promoting the Classic Sidecar Challenge and the Handshift Battle. I know of one new P3 sidecar making its debut at the Vics and at last count there were 5 new Handshifters being built. A pretty large contingent of club members are heading north to Qld for the QEMSC Big Chill meeting in July. Plus the racing gypsies are in full organisational mode for this years "run to the sun" for the Townsville TT. If you're interested in attending either, (or both...) of these meetings, give me a call and I can let you in on the plans.

So, bring on 2017. Another great year of travelling, racing and socialising....as only HMRAV members can!

Cheers, Marchy.



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## From the editor

Welcome to the first edition of Flatchat for 2017. This year our club has the chance to keep building on so much of the positive work that has occurred in the last couple of years.

Whilst I normally try and share stories about racing, working on bikes or making modifications, (some less successful than others!), this edition I'd like to point you towards the minutes of the January Committee Meeting. As is usually the case with meeting minutes, not many of us are that good at reading them! But if you do you will see that Marchy, our club president, has indicated that he will not stand for election as President at the next AGM. So what does that mean for our club?

Well firstly it means that the Club clearly will need another member to nominate for the position of president, and for that matter a range of other jobs. The current committee is made up of many long serving members, and given the growing numbers of racers, growing numbers of red plate members and strong financial position of the club, they are really doing a great job. Marchy, in particular as President has overseen some great years and success of HMRAV and really deserves our appreciation and thanks. Nice work Pres.

But there is always the opportunity to do better, for new people to bring their skills and experience and to maybe share the load a little. There is no doubt that there is some time and effort involved but you do get to work with a great bunch of people who make up the committee. In addition to this it is also a great opportunity to help to shape historic motorcycle racing in this State, and given the size of our membership you are also contributing to historic racing on a national level.

Whilst the club is doing really well in some areas, we have a lot of opportunity to do more with our red plate members with things such as ride days. We also are working hard on moving the club into the digital world for things such as payments and membership, but would welcome additional help.

The pay is not great (there is no pay!!) but you do get to make a contribution to a great club. I encourage every HMRAV member to think about looking to see how you might contribute and even nominating for a committee position, or even for President.

All the best,

Reg #71



After twenty five years in the arts and entertainment industry I changed careers and worked for Indian and Victory motorcycle as their full time in house detailer at the factory store in Elizabeth Street for two years before starting my own business last year. I have a love of all machines and things that go, especially things that go fast.

For my detailing business I service bikes, cars, trucks and boats, from a quick inside and out for well kept vehicles for clients such as real estate agents and delivery vehicles up to full pre-sale / presentation detail. I offer general cleaning, interior only details, cut and polishing, minor scratch/swirl removal, upholstery shampooing, leather/plastic treatment, surface rust removal and metal polishing.

I am a mobile service that comes to your home or work providing professional service at a reasonable price, with several packages to suit all peoples needs and budgets.

I enjoy the variety, the different locations and meeting so many people that have a common passion. This business provides a high level of satisfaction for me when I see someone's pride and joy rejuvenated and looking its best as it means so much to the client, especially when I have done something that they didn't have time for or could not do themselves. I get to see a huge variety of cars and bikes that I would not come into contact with as well as some excellent sheds and garages. Its such a thrill to have a passion and work in a field that fills that need, I have been extremely well supported by the motorcycle community especially the historic bike lovers it has been a privilege to be a part of their passion.

Ed's comment: Guys Dan Sandler, one of our HMRAV members who gets around the track on a Z500 Kawasaki has started a detailing business and is offering HMRAV members a 10% discount. Have a look and like his Facebook page and also to see examples of his work. Dan's a top fella with a real passion for his work so if your bike or car needs a clean or full detail get in touch and Dan will look after you.

## Photos from Mac Park 2016 Historic RR Championships of SA



Craig Longhurst and Nina Eikenberg—Tranzarc Honda P4



David Betteridge and Jo Mickleson—Norton Atlas P3

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Keith Cambpell—ESO solo



Ken Lucas—1928 Douglas solo



## HMRAV'S 2017 DATES

Eddington Sprints 25 March

Vic Historic Champs - 8/4 - 9/4 (The weekend before Bonanza/Easter)

Historic Winton-27/5 & 28/5

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

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### GENERAL MEETING

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 Time: \_\_\_\_7.00\_\_\_\_ pm Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Brian March, Leanne March, Chrissie Clancy, John Clancy, Colin Rosewarne, Mick Chegwidden, Dave Philpots, Aneta Philpots, Doug Hicks, Phil Watson, Doc, Jo Mickelson, Garth Rhodes, Nina, Craig Longhurst, Andrew Pobjoy, Doug Haddad, Peter Mackinnon, John Taylor, Bruce Marchetti, Martin Scarlett, Paul Stevenson.

Apologies: Keith Campbell, Pete Large, Toddy, Marg Todd.

The meeting opened at: \_7.05\_\_ p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Minutes circulated for all to read. All happy.

Moved: Dave Philpots Seconded: Aneta Philpots

#### ITEM 2: Presidents report

Refer attached notes.

Discussion on need for permanent race secretary.

Brian discussed that he will not be standing as President at the 2017 AGM.

Moved: Doug Hicks Seconded: Phil Watson

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

No official correspondences in or out over Christmas.

Worked on sup regs for all meetings - run by Vic O'Driscoll for suggestions.

Should be able to submit them by the end of the week.

Vic has put his hand up for everything. Need to speak with Ross Martin and lock in officials for the year.

Moved: Jo Mickelson Seconded: Garth Rhodes

## GM Minutes Continued

#### ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

Nothing major to report.

Email advising CEO of MV is off on stress leave, full pay, for a couple of months. Rob Maestrom is running circuit and MV. Auditors report indicates that MV have been accounting for money that they do not have - gov't grants, money put aside for resurfacing. No fraud, but auditors indicate the practice is misappropriation. Mismanagement throughout MV and MA. Watch this space.

May need to increase entry fees in line with increases in charges for track hire by MV. Vote on increase to fees: \$220 across the board passed. (Price for an extra bike \$30.)

Contingency plan if Broadford is no longer available. Discussion on service offered by Race Solutions. This may be the future of race meetings.

Moved: Leanne March Seconded: Chrissie Clancy

#### **ITEM 5**: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

We need a new race secretary Eddington: Marg

Vics: Chrissie (pre)

Winton: ?
Maryborough: ?

Tarrengower: Chrissie/Marg

Southern Classic: ?

Flat Chat up on Web page - finally.

SUPP REGS.....ANY COMMENTS? (Covered in Secretaries Report.)

Moved: John Clancy Seconded: Mick Chegwidden

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Report from Pete read by Brian. (Refer attached.)

Moved: Dave Philpots Seconded: Aneta Philpots

#### ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

Advertisers invoiced.

Shannons major sponsor of the Bonanza - may not sponsor Vic Titles. Need to confirm, and if not attending what are other options for major sponsor.

Moved: Doug Hicks

Seconded: Phil Watson

## Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Order in for the Vic Titles. Van and trailer to be stored at Clancy's.

Moved: Jo Mickelson Seconded: Craig Longhurst

## GM Minutes Continued

#### Item 9: WEBSITE

Sub-committee (Chrissie, Phil and Jo) met and will be creating a new web site design; same address. Jo to create; Aneta to do the merchandise page.

Paypal will be set up on the new web page.

All money earners; race entries, merchandise, red plates to be easily accessible on the main page.

On-line entries for Vic Titles will need to be completed on the Blue Gorilla web page. New web page should be up and running for Winton entries. Automatic reply to be established confirming that entry has been received. Must have reference numbers so payments, specifically direct debit, can be reconciled.

Moved: Leanne March Seconded: Chrissie Clancy

#### Item 10: GENERAL BUSINESS:

Can HMRAV offer some sort of road ride day, or a track day for red platers. Need a sub-committee to determine how this can be done. Basically pick a date and a destination; meet somewhere and 100 K max. Peter MacKinnon has been arranging rides for years, may be able to assist.

Suggestion to rope off section of car park so red plate bikes can park in one area. Only issue at present is personnel to do this. Merchandise and red plate page on facebook to be closed down.

Garth raised issue of missing hot air engine that he brought along to a meeting several years ago. He would like it returned with no questions asked.

Program - who is going to do the program. Perhaps Glen?? Brian to speak to Marg. Colin Rosewarne offered to do the program. Dave to arrange a more powerful portable pa. Brian to send schedule of events for the year to guests. Chrissie to post them on the web page. Colin advised that media vests have arrived. Rules and process to be provided by Colin to Committee.

Banners/flags organised for presentation photographs. Banner across the verandah of schoolhouse at a minimum.

Moved: John Clancy Seconded: Mick Chegwidden

Next meeting: 13 February 2017 Meeting closed: ...8.55..... pm.

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.....

Signed ......PRESIDENT