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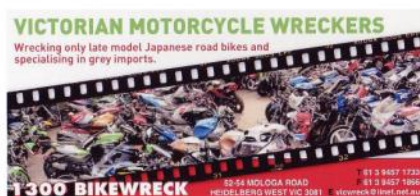
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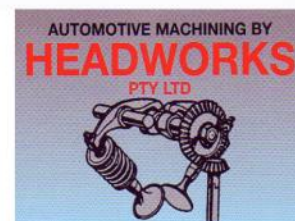
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Presidents Report

As I write this the 2015 AGM has just been conducted and we're all very pleased with the results. We now have a total of 19 on the committee and have finally filled the "assistant" positions that we've been working towards. So now we can add Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Race Secretary and Assistant Merchandise officer that were filled last year.

This is a very important part of our plan. The creation of these assistant roles takes the pressure off the "main" officer and allows us to create a succession plan. As you can imagine, being on a committee is extremely rewarding but it can be tiring. We need to recognise this and create a situation where the knowledge is shared and people can take some time off if they wish.

We're finding that we have created a sort of "apprenticeship" committee system. People come along to meetings. Start to get to know everyone and make sense of how things are run. At their first AGM they tentatively put their hands to join as a general committee member. They spend a further year getting more involved, working alongside more experienced people, then moving up to take on a role at the next AGM. This system seems to be working and I can personally say the HMRAV committee is a very cohesive unit that gets things done. Can't ask for more than that!

The results of the AGM elections are included in this issue of Flatchat and I'd like to personally thank all the returning members for their support of the club and welcome all the new (and not so new) members.

On a different and very sad note, we lost Nairne Elder recently. Nairne was a much loved member of the HMRAV family and a part of the Team Africa crew. He was a quiet man but a true gentleman racer. In the days after he passed it seemed that everyone I knew had a story about Nairne and all spoke of how good a bloke he was. We have decided to say a few words about Nairne at Mt Tarrengower this year and maybe raise a glass or two in his honour. The club sends it's condolences to all of Nairne's family and friends.

Cheers,
Marchy.

HMRAV Club meetings are conducted at the

Mitcham Angling Club - 11 Brunswick Road, Mitcham
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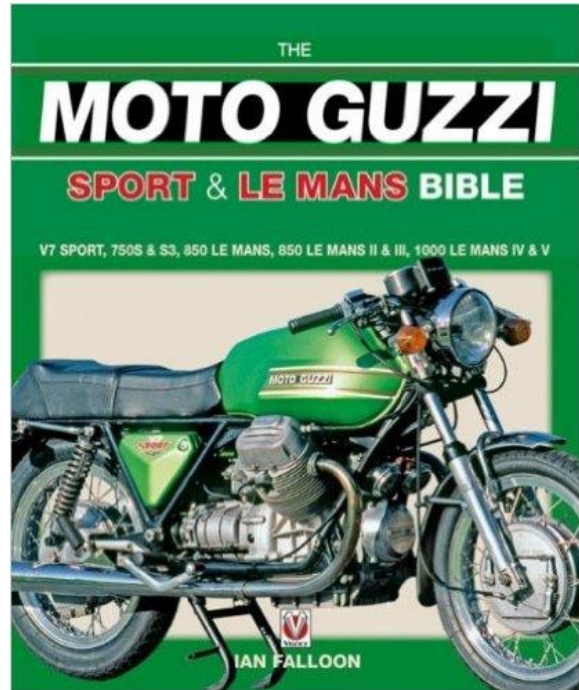
Come along and join us!



From the editor

Well as the days start to get longer and a little warmer its time to turn our attention to coming events. At the time of writing there were still a few spots left for the Wings and Wheels event in Maryborough with the hill-climb at Mt. Tarrengower coming up in October. Both great events leading into the Shannon's Southern Classic in November at Broadford. Your committee is working hard to ensure this year's events are the most successful and enjoyable yet.

I recently had the good fortune to meet Ian Falloon. Ian is a respected author of many motorcycle books, with a focus on Italian bikes but also covering a range of other makes. As we were discussing the finer points of owning a 'Guzzi, I offered Ian an invite to attend this years Shannons Southern Classic. Ian was pleased to accept and will set up a book stall to offer some of his books for sale, close to where the ever popular HMRAY merchandise tent is near the canteen. We are also hoping to have other related traders there to add to the enjoyment of the fans at the track. So please look out for Ian's stall and maybe you might find a good read on your favourite bike.



In this edition of Flatchat you will see the minutes of the AGM and the names of your new committee. Lisa is chasing volunteers for the Shannons Southern Classic, we have some requests for our red plate members and an opportunity for owners of older race bikes with racing history to show their race bikes at Motorclassica.

As for me I have moved from P5 to P4, with the recent purchase of a T350 Suzuki. As I start to prep the new machine and sort out a few niggles like the slides in the Mikunis sticking open (not a good outcome coming into crash corner!) I have been busy trying to learn the differences between racing a 2 stroke versus a 4 stroke. I have been talking to slim Phil a fair bit about his experience with 2 stroke Suzukis and looking on the various forums on the internet. No doubt there will be plenty of things to learn over the next few meets but that's a good thing. I also am in the process of getting the new machine log-booked, so in the next edition of Flatchat I will give an overview of the process of how to get your bike log booked and ready to get out on the track.

All the best,

Reg #71

Notice for Red Plate Renewals

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** to 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.

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.



BIG ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SOUTHERN CLASSIC THIS YEAR.

The committee of the club are proud to announce that we have secured Shannons Insurance as our major sponsor for the Southern Classic this year. The event this year will now be known as The Shannons Southern Classic, hopefully a few people will sign up for some insurance and they'll continue on next year as our major sponsor.

Shannons are aiming at their "Laid Up" Insurance policy which covers everything from race bikes to Hot Rods you'd be surprised how cheap and easy to get it is. A few of us on the committee already have our race bikes and sidecars covered its not dear at all. Shannons will be offering a discount to those that sign up over the weekend. Its been a big job to secure Shannons and we are excited that we have finally landed a major sponsor.



SHARE THE PASSION

VOLUNTEERS! NEEDED

As we all know the Southern Classic is fast approaching and will be this year on November 7 and 8 at Broadford. We would really appreciate if any of our members or people who know the club can assist with some volunteer work—it's a great way to be involved and in return you will receive free entrance to the track, get to see more up close racing than most and we will even throw in a free lunch!!

Our volunteer coordinator, Lisa would really appreciate if you are able to assist with a few hours or the day. Please call Lisa if you can assist on 0408 029 958.



MOTORCLASSICA

This years Motorclassica is being held at the Royal Exhibition Buildings in Carlton in late October. If you own a historic race bike in good condition with a bit of racing history, there might be an opportunity for you to display your bike.

Any interested owners, please contact Mick Cheg to discuss on 0401 819 609

In addition to the generous support from Shannons, HMRAV is proud to announce HEAVY DUTY, Australia's #1 V-Twin Motorcycle Magazine as a sponsor in 2015





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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—Minutes



Date: 10th of August 2015

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Brian March, Leanne March, The Betteridges, John & Chrissie, Marg & Toddy, Lisa & Jamie Hickinbotham, Dave Philpot's, Reg Boeti, Keith Campbell, Mick Large, Kelly Spargo, Mick Cheq, Phil, Dougie, Craig Anson, Animal, Anthony Bann, Tony Greenwood.

Apologies: Dave Large, Pete Large, Tim & Michelle Loone, John Daly

The meeting opened at: 7.05 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Nothing

Moved: Rebecca

Seconded: Leanne

ITEM 2: Presidents report/AGM.....

Brian welcomed Toddy to go thru AGM

Elections resulted in the following positions being filled:

President: Brian March

Vice President: Dave Philpot's

Secretary: Phil Watson

Assistant Secretary: Keith Campbell

Treasurer: Dougie Hicks

Assistant Treasurer: Pete Large

Flat Chat Editor: Reg Boeti

Race Secretary: Kelly Spargo

Assistant Race Secretary: Chrissie Clancy

Volunteer Liaison: Lisa Hickinbotham

Promotions Officer: Dave Philpots

Red Plate Officer: *Mick Cheq*

Merchandising Officer: Rebecca Betteridge

Merchandising Officer Assistant: David Betteridge

Membership: Lisa Hickinbotham

MV Delegate: Keith Campbell & Dave Philpots

Austin 7 Liaison: Mick Large

Ladies Liaison: Leanne March

Ordinary Committee Members: Jamie Hickinbotham, John Clancy, Toddy, Marg,

Moved: Dave

Seconded: Keith

GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

No correspondence.

Thanked all Committee members for efforts for last year - looking forward to this year.
Phil away for six months at the end of the year. Keith to take over in Phil's absence.

Moved: Chrissie Seconded: Doug

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

No recent meeting to report on.

Gary Tinnerman is Acting MV Board President.

Moved: Leanne Seconded: Lisa

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

Everything ready to go for Southern Classic - sup regs, etc.

Brian (Blue Gorilla) ready to switch new page on when sup regs have been sent out.

Testing has been completed - system works really well.

E:mails will be sent out if people pay with Pay Pal.

Kelly still has all the information in hard copy so if any problems she can complete via old process.

Reporting is now a simple process - just hit collate and print.

Moved: Bec Seconded: Dave

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

\$132,560.13 at present.

(Refer to Doug's report)

Annual report circulated for all to look at.

Committee questioned some of the figures on the balance sheet - Doug to follow up with Mandy.

Eddington Sprints - profit of \$452

Winton -\$1,768.92 loss

Maryborough - \$382 loss

Mt Tarrengower - \$444.60 loss

Some of these numbers are questionable. - to be followed up.

Moved: Keith Seconded: Chrissie

GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

Dave to deal direct with Heavy Duty Magazine.

All American Motorcycles - interested in doing something - just requested how much Club wants. Dave to follow up with All American Motorcycles and Heavy Duty Magazine.

Trophies to be presented by Shannon's and Heavy Duty Magazine to be provided by the Club.

Perpetual trophy to be arranged for the Hand Shift Challenge. Mick Cheg advised that the club will buy a trophy.

Shannons are happy with support and HMRV promotion. Wanting to have Shannons on board for future years, build on what we offer.

Between Heavy Duty and Shannons and other sponsorship we will be approximately \$6,000 ahead on previous Southern Classics.

Flyer to be sent out to other clubs that attend the Southern Classic, also on website and on Flatchat advising that 10% off for people taking up insurance over the Southern Classic weekend.

Moved: Doug

Seconded: Leanne

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Vic Titles - over \$700 up on last year.

Winton - over \$700 up on last year.

Moved: Lisa

Seconded: Bec

Item 9: COME AND TRY DAY 26/07/2015

Chrissie:

Great day, good turnout, ran smoothly.

Ended up taking over \$2,000.

Moved: Bec

Seconded: Lisa

Item 10: MARYBOROUGH SPRINT 20/09/15

Marg has spoken to David Lowe several times on the phone - talk about upping price as small amount of cars entering. Marg to call in next couple of days - should do a general push for more bike entries (up to P4).

Mick to speak to some of the Indian guys to get some more interest. Entries are \$61 for solos; \$72 for sidecars.

OFFICIALS: Toddy, Vic and John D.

SCRUTINEERS: John Clancy

GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

RACE SECRETARY: Marg
VOLUNTEERS: N/A
PERMIT: Phil (Permit is in, not yet received. Phil to follow up.)
MERCHANDISE: No
PITS: N/A
TROPHIES: Brian

Marchy's won't be there.

Moved: Dave

Seconded: Keith

Item 11: SOUTHERN CLASSIC

SUPP REGS To be sent out/put on website
OFFICIALS: Trevor Franklin (Clerk); Ross Martin (Steward);
SCRUTINEERS: MORGANS
RACE SECRETARY: KELLY
VOLUNTEERS: Phil and Lisa to organise
PERMIT: Phil - all done
MERCHANDISE: Having trouble getting Shannons "green" right. Black
T Shirts to be arranged for the race meeting. Three white t. shirts in each
size for women.
MEDICAL: Race Solutions Booked
TROPHIES: Brian

Brian to contact Race Marshalls - back up plan - Brian to speak to the Broadford crew. Brian to contact Race Marshalls.

Moved: Mick

Seconded: Chrissie

GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

Item 12: GENERAL BUSINESS

Sid to prepare posters for the Southern Classic - should be available to view at next meeting.

T shirts for the Indian and Harley battle - all done.

Race bikes with history (about half a dozen) for show at beginning of October in the exhibition building. Preferably bikes with history - Ken Lucas may be a good place to start. Discussion on what might be good bikes. Reg to put a note in Flatchat.

Toddy spoke about Sydney Special car doing a lap at Broadford with Mick Hone driving it. **Brian to follow up with MV.**

If you want a One Event licence for Southern Classic - you can apply before the event through MV. Interclub days - dying, so if you want to come to get some time on track look at it as a practice day. One in about 3 weeks time.

Can we please pay Blue Gorilla - Doug to contact him, will drop it around as overdue by 10 days.

Club Internet connection - cancel and get and get "dongle" instead. Kelly will go ahead and do.

EFTPOS machine at home - Club to pay Kelly's phone line connection of \$30 per month.

Question about Secretarial position - is there a computer, club computer, templates. Phil to put on a stick for Keith.

Bands booked for the Southern Classic - The Lairs - 4 piece band, lighthearted and a lot of fun.

Reg advised putting out Flatchat this week - anything you want included, just let him know.

Met Ian Falloon - Ducati books - happy to come up to the Southern Classic to display books.

Moved: Doug

Seconded: Leanne

Next meeting: ____14__ September 2015

Meeting closed: ____8.15__ pm.

Next meeting will be a general meeting at: 7:00pm at the
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MINUTES ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

DATE.....

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