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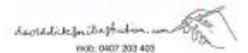


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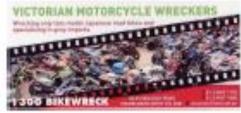






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Presidents Report

Welcome to Flatchat.

How did you go at Winton? Weren't we blessed with the weather!

Great entries, top racing and only a couple of crashes....(hope Paul McGahan and Peter O'Neill are feeling better).

Big thank you to the Handshifters....16 entries in a class that is just going gangbusters at the moment. The Handshift battle arose out of a conversation we had with Chris Beaumont and Mick Cheg at last year's Winton. The boys wanted to create more interest in their class and to try and drag some bikes out of sheds. They were hoping to eventually get their own race. To me it seemed a very similar scenario to the Classic Sidecar Challenge and we could see no reason why that formula wouldn't work with the Handshifters.

Well the proof is in the pudding and the class is growing, the racing's great and the crowds are loving it. The boys do a lot of work behind the scenes to co-ordinate everything and it's all paying off. A special mention should also go to Patsy Beaumont who manages to keep that motley bunch in line, while still totalling up all the points.

It seems that when we start a new series it piques the interest of competitors and creates renewed excitement in a class. The committee is very open to expressions of interest from other classes and would love to work with you to help build your particular group. We can keep it Victorian based or even go interstate as per the Sidecar Challenge. Contact the committee or come up and have a chat to one of us at the next race meeting.

On a personal note I would just like to acknowledge the passing of a great young man, Dwight Beare. Dwight and his father Noel were stalwarts of the Victorian modern sidecar scene and great friends to a lot of us. Dwight passed away after an accident racing his F2 sidecar at the IoM. It broke Leanne and my hearts to wake up on that Sunday morning, hoping to read of Dwight's and Chrissie and Mick Alton's successes, and to be greeted with such devastating news. The club and committee send our heartfelt condolences to the Beare family.

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From the editor

Well what a great few months we have had racing. The 40th Historic Winton was a memorable event, with plenty of great racing on two, three and four wheels. Marg has put together the results and a few nice pictures of some of the action and a very detailed report by Marchy. I even managed to get the little Suzuki into third place, but I must add I was about an hour a lap behind Keith Campbell!

You will also see a membership notice in this edition. So either wait for your renewal in the mail or why not come to a committee meeting and pay your renewal there. We are always on the lookout for new people to get involved and have their input into how our fantastic Club is run!

Well another bike was recently added to the stable—I bought a 1959 Moto Guzzi Lodola. (editors tip, never mix red wine and eBay!!) A great little bike, the Lodola was the last bike designed by Carlo Guzzi. I hope to have

it ready for a run up
Mt Tarrengower next
year! More importantly, I was really pleased
to learn that I had
bought it from Steve
Hazelton, in Goulburn
NSW. Steve has been
dealing in classic motorcycles for a long
time, some of our
members may have



bought a bike or two from Steve over the years. Some may recall that Steve was the creator and editor of Classic Motorcycling magazine for many years. Steve was kind enough to show me some of his bikes that would be the envy of many. He has a Facebook page and lists his bikes for sale on eBay. I'm really happy with the little 'Guzzi and would recommend Steve to anyone looking for a classic motorcycle, he is a top fella with a genuine interest in classic motorcycles.

To our red plate members please do the right things with your renewals to ensure that there are no delays. And to members thinking of going for a ride, please take care on the roads as way too many riders have been injured or lost so far in 2016. So now there is a bit of a gap on the local racing calendar, time to get on the tools and maybe have a go at a historic practice day, the next one is at Broadford on Monday September 12. Followed by Maryborough Wings and Wheels later in September.

All the best,

Reg #71



HMRAV memberships are due.
Current members will shortly receive their renewal notices in the mail. Or why not consider coming to the next Committee meeting on 11th July at the Mitcham Angling Club, starting 7:00pm.

All members are welcome, especially racing and red plate members. Get to know your Club and your committee, there are always opportunities to get involved and for you to have input into how your Club is run!

40th Historic Winton

Historic Winton reached its 40th birthday this year and what a celebration it was. With over 110 solo and sidecar entries promoting club HMRAV, we were well pleased with the turnout. Competitors had come from far and wide to race on Winton's twists and turns. Included in the entries were 16 Harley and Indian 'Hand Shifters' which were there as part of Round 2 of HMRAV's **Hand Shift Battle**. The hand shifters all pitted together and when not out on track, parked up their bikes in the sunshine allowing the spectators the opportunity to get a close up look at these venerable old war horses.

Practice and qualifying got under way Saturday morning in crisp but clear conditions. In fact we were blessed with the weather as we had clear skies and sunshine all weekend. First out to qualify were the Vintage, Class C and P3 250/350 solos. Keith Campbell put his Class C AJS on pole, with Peter O'Neill fastest P3 250, Greg Watkins fastest P3 350 on his Manx and Stan Mucha the quickest Vintage on his 1926 8 valve Indian 'Altoona'. Warwick Ellis from NSW led the Hand Shifters on his Indian.

Sidecar qualifying saw the Knight/Rumble combo put their Kellett Suzuki P5 on pole. Tim Loone and Craig Longhurst were the quickest of the P4's and Geoff and Wal Dodd's fastest P3. Great to see Lyn Jones and Stu Gorrie out having fun on their P4 Mini Cyclecar as well. P3 500 and Unlimited, P4/P5 250 and 350 qualifying once again had Keith Campbell on pole, this time on his 500 ESO Special. Stan Mucha was fastest P3 Unlimited on his 750 Norton and Ben Shaw on his P5 250 and Pete Large P5 350 the quickest in their classes.

Final qualifying saw Scotty Webster quickest P5 Unlimited on his Moto Martin Suzuki. Stacy Heaney was fastest P4 Unlimited on the XS650 club's racer. Special mention to Wayne Donehue for bringing his road registered 750 Commando into 2nd place in P4 Unlimited. Mark Lithgow was fastest P5 600 on his GPZ Kawasaki, Lindsay Russell quickest P5 500 and Peter O'Neil fastest P4 500 on his Suzuki.

Two groups of races followed with Keith Campbell taking solo wins on everything from Class C Ajay's to Honda 350's. Scotty Webster cleaned up in P5 Unlimited, chased home each time by Bernie Leen on his 1100 Honda.

The Knight/Rumble combo took out the sidecar races but Tim Loone and Craig Longhurst spoilt the P5 party by pushing their P4 Honda 836 up into 2nd in both outings. Nice to see Doghouse Dave Philpots and Jason Skewes finishing the day on their P3 1200 Sporton outfit after having gearbox dramas at this event last year.

The Hand shift Battle was in full swing with Bill Brice first home in R1 and Ross Bolding in the second, both on 750 Harley's.

Day two once again dawned fine. Everyone was at the track early, eagerly looking forward to the day's events. Sunday at Winton is always a great day as it features special trophy races and handicaps.

In the Bill Luke Memorial race, Keith Campbell continued his winning ways, followed by Bob Rosenthal and Phil Paton. The Sidecar Handicap was won by Bruce Flack and Warren Grubb on the Flack Engineering P4 Honda after a hard fought race that at one stage had 8 outfits bunched together through Winton's infamous sweeper.

The Ken Lucas Handicap was won by Stacey Heaney on the XS650, just holding out a fast finishing Keith Campbell.

Harley took out overall honours in the Hand shift battle with young Mason Birthisel receiving

the coveted "Rider of the meeting" award from his racing peers.

At the end of the weekend we'd had another great meeting featuring some incredible machines, plenty of skilful riding and only a few crashes.

HMRAV's next major race meeting is the Southern Classic, held at the State Motorcycle Complex, Broadford, 5^{th} and 6^{th} of November. As well as completing the third and final round of this year's Hand Shift Battle, the "Southern" will feature 4 hard fought legs for every class plus all the usual feature races and sidecar handicaps.

Keep an eye on HMRAV's website: www.hmrav.org and Facebook page for further details.

Cheers, Marchy.



Historic Winton - 28th & 29th May, 2016 RESULTS

Class	First	Second	Third
Vintage Solos	Stan Mucha	Peter Birthisel	Daniel Urquhart
Class C Solos	Keith Campbell	Clive Harrop	Ross Bolding
Classic Solos 250cc	John Imrie	Ken Lucas	Peter O'Neill
Classic Solos 350cc	Philip Paton	Greg Watkins	Les Toohey
Classic Solos 500cc	Bob Rosenthal	Les Toohey	Greg Watkins
Classic Solos Unlimited	Stacey Heaney	Stan Mucha	Graham Hehir
P/Classic Solos 125cc	Stacey Heaney	Des Heaney	
P/Classic Solos 250cc	Ben James	Alaina McCarthy	
P/Classic Solos 350cc	Keith Campbell	Ross Bolding	Reg Boeti
P/Classic Solos 500cc	Allan Murray	Rex Beard	
P/Classic Unlimited Solos	Graham Hehir	Stacey Heaney	Wayne Hehir
F/Era Solos 250cc	Ben Shaw	Lindsay Russell	Neale Weddall
F/Era Solos 350cc	Peter Large	Des Heaney	Joe Valenzisi
F/ Era Solos 500cc	Clark Russell	Lindsay Russell	Noel Heenan
F/ Era Solos 600cc	Mark Lithgow	Daniel Sandler	
F/ Era Unlimited Solos	Scott Webster	Anthony Bann	Bernie Leen
Classic Sidecars up to 650cc	David Wain & Greg Ditchfield	Geoff Dodds & Wal Dodds	Neil Prowse & Nina Eikenberg
Classic Sidecars Unlimited	Warren Johnson & Matthew Johnson	Chris Large & Peter Heywood	Dave Philpots & Jason Skewes
Post Classic Sidecars 836cc	Tim Loone & Craig Longhurst	Ray Smith & Mandy Smith	Bruce Flack & Warren Grubb
Post Classic Sidecars Unlimited	Lyn Jones & Stuart Gorrie		
Forgotten Era Sidecars	Mark Knight & David Rumble	Ray Early & Rod Foster	Geoff Irwin & Stacey Heaney/Brad Gor- rie



Historic Winton Results continued:

Award	Presented To:	
Ken Lucas Trophy	Stacey Heaney	
Bill Luke Memorial Trophy	Keith Campbell	
Sidecar Handicap Trophy Race	Bruce Flack & Warren Grubb	
Rider of the Meeting	Mason Birthisel	
Female Rider Award	Bianca Bonner	



Noel Fernando, Clint Chegwidden & Bianca Bonner followed closely by Mason Birthisel & Chris Beaumont



Alaina McCarthy



Mark Lithgow followed by Joe Molloy



Historic Winton Results continued:



Sidecar Handicap – Michelle Loone & Reg Boeti leading the pack with David Wain & Greg Ditchfield (43) just about to cut the corner (fortunately no mishaps!)



Bruce Flack & Warren Grubb - Winners of the Sidecar Handicap Trophy



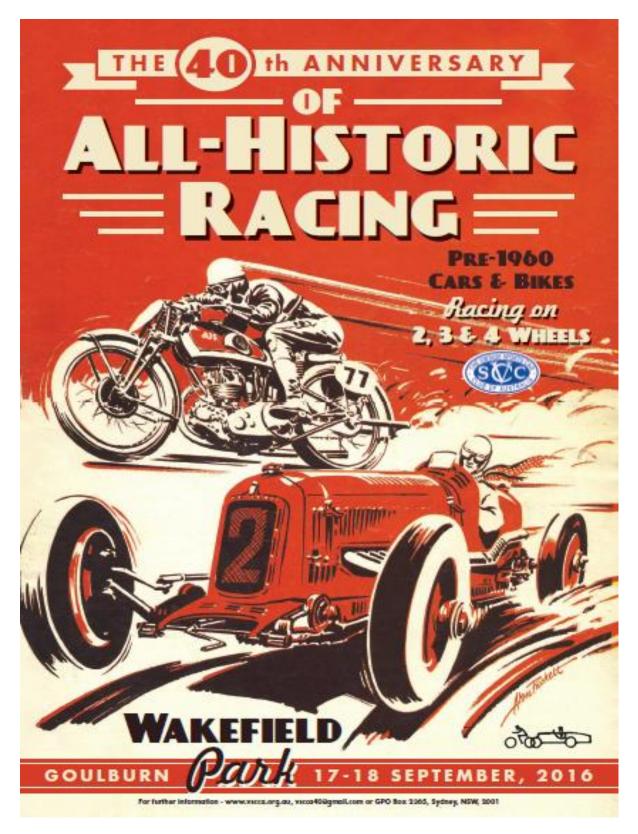
Great work Stacey!!



Stacey Heaney just in front of Keith Campbell



Graham Hehir chased by Wayne Donehue



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Races and ride day events for period 1,2, and3 solos and sidecars Races and regularity trials for pre 1961 Racing and Sports cars

HMRAV dates for 2016

HMRAV Come & Try day – July 31

Maryborough Wings and Wheels 24 & 25 September

Mt Tarrengower Hillclimb—TBC

Southern Classic – November 5 & 6

HMRAV Come & Try day – December 4

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 lets all ensure we are supporting the club by getting our renewal processes right the first time.

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GENERAL MEETING—Minutes



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Date: 16th of May 2016

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Doghouse Dave, Mick Cheg, Mick Large, Doug Hicks,

Garth?

Apologies: The March's, Pete Large, Reg Boeti, Rebecca

Betteridge

The meeting opened at: 7:25p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Minutes provided for reading.

Moved: Doug Seconded: Mick C

ITEM 2: Presidents report

Winton preparations are going well.

Great overall entry - 110

Excellent turnout by the hand shifters - 15

Actually 16 Hand shifters

Need to look at the Come and Try, 31^{st} of July - Entry form to be loaded up on Website. We should start to work on Southern Classic too

Moved: Seconded:

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Not Present

Moved: Seconded:

GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

AGM for MV on 31 May 2016.....Marchy, Doghouse and Keith? Two not here but it's assumed they will all attend.

Moved: Mick L Seconded: Mick C

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES
Pit sheds booked for Winton - 1, 2&3.
Not Present

Moved: Seconded:

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

As tabled at the meeting.

Still has Chas from Vics to go in, no sponsors money either

*Discussion on whether we have a special committee meeting to try and come up with some new strategies to attract more spectators. Didn't happen......

Moved: Seconded:

ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT
Shannon's - payment for Vic's sponsorship? Not done
Need to invoice for sponsorship. Doghouse and Reg to prepare a list of sponsors for invoicing. Needs doing ASAP
Discussion on rules for sponsorship - to be obtained from
Marg so Reg can have a draft of the program with the appropriate details. Sponsors will need to opt out rather than advising each meeting that they want to opt in.
Doug to advise BSB and ACC details to go on the invoices that we can email out

Moved: DP Seconded: Garth

GENERAL MEETING-Minutes

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Last Winton gave everyone a Beanie – do we want to do something similar this year. Give everyone a peaked cap this year. – NEED TO ENSURE BEANIES ARE TAKEN TO WINTON.

Belt buckles were very popular. Need to order more. Mick has ordered 15 should have them before Winton

Moved: Mick Seconded: Doug

Item 9: FLATCHAT - REG.

May be able to go a bit bigger with Flatchat as mailout has

decreased drastically and costs have reduced.

Moved:

Seconded:

Item 10: Winton

Permit - Copy sent to Winton Mgr

Entries - finished - 110!

Volunteers - Lisa to arrange. Need a volunteer co-ordinator for Winton.

Mick Large put his hand up to do it

Volunteers Accommodation -booked at Painters Island Caravan Park

Scrutineers - Done

Officials - Done

Passes/car Park passes - Marg.

Transponders: Marg

PA - Doghouse to donate p.a. 1600 Watts.....

Trophies - Brian has ordered.

Club van - Tim Loone to bring up.

Keith to follow up with Doug Dukes to confirm he wants to come to Winton and also book in for the Southern Classic.

Unknown about Doug D

Brian has booked 3 HMRAV pits through Winton.

Moved: Mick Seconded: Doug

GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

Item 11: GENERAL BUSINESS

Brian to speak with Lisa about Keith Campbell having his own membership card, as he doesn't currently have one.

Keith confirmed rooms all booked for volunteers for Winton. Not many vests and ear muffs left - need 10 for Winton. Vests can be labelled with 'HMRAV Official' so less likely to be stolen. Bec to arrange. Clip boards also to be purchased. Van needs to be serviced at a new mechanic in Lethbridge.

RACV insurance for club van. Let RACV lapse and insure through Shannon's.

A7 definitely don't want any loading in the pits on Sunday until after the meeting is totally over. Bikes can be wheeled to the carpark and loaded there for those wanting to leave early, this will be enforced so it needs to be mentioned at Riders Briefing both days

Moved:	Dave	Seconded:	Doug			
Next meeting: 6th June 2016						
Meeting close	d: 8:25 pm.					
Next meeting will be a general meeting at: 7:00 pm at the Mitcham Angling Club 19 Brunswick Rd Mitcham						
MINUTES ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE						
DATE11 Apr	il 2016					
SignedDI	P	VV	PRESIDENT			