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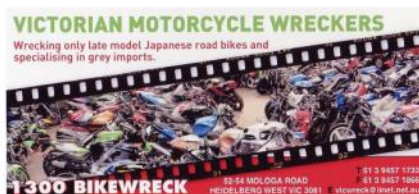
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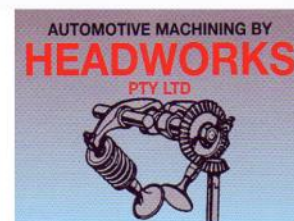
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Presidents Report

“In the middle of a difficulty lies opportunity.” ~Albert Einstein

As we reflect on 2015 I think we can all acknowledge that at times it was a difficult year. We lost friends and club mates, some of them taken way too soon. For me personally I also lost a couple of ex work mates who had only retired last year.

But there were also plenty of fun times. Lots of race meets, travel, social gatherings and camp fire laughs so typical of our club and its members. It's the black and white nature of the year that's been such a difficulty for a lot of us. To have such good times on the Townsville trip and be confronted with the loss of another mate on the day we returned, just seems to sum up this year.

But I guess as Albert says, from these difficulties come opportunities. The realisation that life is short is a powerful motivator. I've managed to finish my kneeler at last and I'm slowly but surely working my way through my garage "to do" list. Doghouse has worked tirelessly, (but not quietly!) through the many rebuilds of his troublesome Sportster motors. Reg has stepped over to the dark side and gone P4 two stroke and many other club mates have started, completed (or maybe just begun collecting bits for) new projects.

I guess this is what we all need to take from a year when we've lost some good mates. Life is short, it's not a rehearsal....go out in that shed, finish those projects and get out on track. Take the opportunity while you can.
Have a good Christmas and a safe New Year.
See you in 2016!

Marchy.

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From the editor

Well since the last Flatchat we have seen a few fantastic events. The 2015 Mount Tarrengower hillclimb has come and gone with a great field of cars and bikes competing to race up the hill. This year saw Mick Panayi return to be King of the Hill with a blistering run of 45 seconds. He had some very good competition from last years winner, Stacey Heaney, and despite setting some fantastic times up the hill not even Stacey was able to catch that yellow Norton up the mountain! Congratulations to all competitors and especially to Mick.

There were also a number of first time competitors to the hill climb so it is great to see this event continuing to attract new competitors on both two and three wheels. For me it was great to watch my son Daniel have his first go at the hillclimb on his GT250 Suzuki. There were a few of us who set up camp towards the back of the bike area, all with Suzuki 2 strokes, it was referred to as 'smoking Joes alley' by the rest of the racers! There was plenty of fun also off the track with a big cookup on Saturday night and a few tales with a cold beer or two to round off the evening.

We also saw the running of the Shannons Southern Classic, please see the writeup in this edition of Flatchat.

You will also see a notice asking you how you would like to receive Flatchat, either in hard copy or by downloading it from the website. Whilst many of us have now moved online, our club does have some more senior members who still prefer to receive a hard copy. Please be sure to complete and post the form if you want a hard copy of Flatchat—this edition is likely to be the last posted to all members; in future it will only be posted to those members who have requested a hard copy in the mail.

As a club we want to provide what our members are looking for, please don't hesitate to contact a committee member to discuss anything about how we can make our club better, or feel free to turn up to a committee meeting—our next meeting will be on January 11 at the Mitcham Angling Club at 7pm , members are welcome to attend.

Thinking about the festive season, I hope that you all might have some time off for a break, or to get some time on the spanners for the endless work associated with those of us silly enough to race old bikes! For me, I hope amongst the socks and jocks that there just might be a couple of 32mm Mikunis under the Christmas tree...

As we look back on another great year at HMRAV, your club wishes all members and families the best for Christmas and for the New Year.

All the best,

Reg #71

Concerned of Moonee Ponds...

Dear esteemed editor,

My good lady wife and I were on our annual excursion to the Barossa wine district in South Australia when we chanced upon the small rural village of Mallala, (or was it Mallallala.....). The township itself is quite quaint and one could purchase a fairly reasonable Chai latte but I noticed road signs directing to a local race track. Mmmm I thought, this Mallallallala place has just gone up in my estimation!

So on engaging 1st in the Roller we pointed our wheels towards the track. On arrival we were greeted with hundreds of competitors participating in the Australian Historic Road Racing Championships. By jingo our luck was in!

Perusing the program I noted that HMRAV VP, world famous musician, man about town and member of the hoi polloi, Mr "Doghouse" Dave Philpots had entered on his Harley Davidson/Norton combination. His ballast for the weekend was listed in the Mallallallallala program as one J.Skewes.

I approached the Philpots/Skewes pit but was immediately taken aback by the loud and quite colourful language emanating from within. It seemed obvious to all within a 500 yard radius that things were not going well. It appears a head gasket thingie was not performing satisfactorily and whilst Mr. Skewes worked tirelessly, Mr. Philpots was to be found prowling the pits like a panther, all the while espousing profanities and mumbling to himself.

Too frightened to actually approach Mr Philpots, I asked a gentleman from another of Mallallallallallala's pits what was going on. He explained that the motorcycle had "blown" three head gaskets already and the HMRAV VP was not in the best of moods. I'm told that the recalcitrant sidecar did in fact participate in two races and that the Philpots mood managed to improve. All thanks I believe should go to young Mr Skewes for working under such horrendous conditions!

My questions to you esteemed editor are.....Would HMRAV consider implementing a "Swear Jar" to discourage the use of colourful language similar to that of which Mr Philpots is so fond of.... and.....is it true that young Mr Skewes has in fact lodged a work place harassment claim with Slater and Gordon?

As always....Concerned of Moonee Ponds.

From the editor: Dear 'Concerned', the fine club of HMRAV would indeed consider implementing a so called 'swear jar' however it is understood that actually getting payments to such a jar would be less reliable than Mr Philpots outfit so was definitely not considered viable.

In relation to young Mr Skewes work place harassment case, whilst his chance of winning were considered positive, his lawyer advised not to proceed, as based upon the well known difficulty of even getting Mr Philpots to shout a beer, any prospects of financial compensation were deemed about as likely as a Harley Davidson actually finishing a race.



2015 Shannons Southern Classic

HMRAV would like to thank Shannon's for sponsoring the 2015 Shannon's Southern Classic. A great weekend of racing was had by all. The weather was perfect for racing and this helped to ensure a well run and enjoyable weekend for all. An absolute highlight for the weekend was Jed Metcher's scorching 58 second lap which is a new all time record for Broadford—congratulations Jed.

As usual there was a great deal of competition on the track of both two and three wheeled varieties. Congratulations to Peter Large and Brad Gorrie on their Triumph Tiger outfit to win the Ray Kelly Classic Sidecar Handicap. Another mention goes to Greg Watkins for winning the fastest classic solo of the weekend. A full breakdown of all results is available on the Computime website, www.computime.com.au.

Please support of the photographers, Colin Rosewarne and Sid Evans who have pictures available on their websites. Sid kindly arranges the graphics for the Race Programs, thanks Sid! Colin has also put together a magnificent full colour book commemorating the 2015 Southern Classic, please get in touch with Colin if you would like to order one. Yet another well run meeting raced in the best of spirits by all competitors.





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2015 Shannon's Southern Classic

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RACING GYPSIES

This is a semi regular column designed to highlight some of the great interstate and overseas meetings that are out there just waiting for you to enter. Hopefully we can generate some interest in travelling and racing at some of the more out of the way places. We'll start with the best.....**The Townsville TT.**

Held every year on the last weekend in August by the Road Racing Association of Townsville, (RRAT) this event is becoming more and more popular with us southerners. In 2015 we had our biggest contingent of around 30 racers and families make the trip. Usually a road train of about three or 4 vans with trailers carry the bikes, which allow some racers to fly in/fly out. Accommodation on the way up is usually caravan parks and we average around 4 days to make the 2600k trip, (via Coonamble, Roma and Charters Towers). We have travelled lots of different highways over the years and we find this to be the best route as far as distance and road conditions are concerned. Once in Townsville accommodation is pretty variable. You can camp at the track - Suncity Go Kart track - there are toilet facilities but only one shower. The Boehle Barn is a pub/motel about three minutes away. This is a pretty popular spot. There are also caravan parks within a 10 minute drive. A lot of us camp at former RRAT President, Tim Hewitt's house. This is situated about 10 minutes from the track and is definitely the social centre of activities!

As far as the racing goes, the best way to describe the track is....challenging! 900 metres of left and right hairpins connected together by a decent length straight. You'll get practice on Friday, (it goes all day and if you want to keep going when it gets dark they'll turn the lights on for you!) a prac, qual, 4 races per class on Saturday and around another 4 outings on Sunday. Plus there are feature races, a night time novelty sidecar event and best of the lot, a one hour race under lights for solo's. All this for less than \$250. I take a solo and a sidecar and I'm on track around 20 times over the weekend. Definitely value for money!

The meeting is becoming more and more "historic" orientated but you will see juniors and Motards racing up there. You don't need a big bike to race; RDLC's are perfect as are big singles. This year I raced an Atlas solo and we had some hand shift bikes make the trip as well. The track isn't too tough on the old bikes but the rider does work pretty hard. A tight twisty circuit combined with 28 - 30 degrees and a bit of humidity, does take it out of you. The highlight of the TT for me is the one hour solo race. Held under lights it has a Le Mans style start. It's a team's event and you must have rider changes. You can't refuel but you can use two bikes, (you simply transfer the transponder when the other bike goes out). However you'd only be looking at around 60 klms for the hour so most bikes could handle that. The promoting club, RRAT, are very easy going. They cook up bbq's at presentation, provide lots of cool trophies and just have a very laid back attitude.

This year there was another race meeting organised for the following weekend at Proserpine. They do this so we get even more bang for our bucks. It was another go-kart track and a real ripper of a circuit. We're hoping that in 2016 they might run a second meeting as well. Next year a number of us are also planning to throw our red plate bikes in the trailers and do a ride from Port Douglas to Cooktown/overnight at a pub/and return. Just to add more adventure! We'd love to have more people join our happy band of racing gypsies and make the "run to the sun" with us next year. Contact me if you'd like to get involved and watch this space for more info.

Cheers,
Marchy.

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IN THE PAST THE TODDS HAVE DEVOTED MANY HOURS TO PRINTING, FOLDING, ADDRESSING AND MAILING OUT FLATCHATS TO EVERY MEMBER. OUR CLUB HAS NOW OVER 350 MEMBERS FROM EVERY STATE IN AUSTRALIA AND TO ASK TODDY AND MARG TO CONTINUE TO COMPLETE THIS TASK IS UNREALISTIC. ALSO THE COST INVOLVED IN GETTING A PROFESSIONAL MAIL OUT COMPANY TO DO THIS 6 TIMES A YEAR IS PROHIBITIVE.

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Cheers,
Marchy.



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

Dates for Maryborough and Mt Tarrengower are not confirmed as yet.

For sale!

Molnar Manx 86 bore, including exhaust, rev counter and cable, Amal G.P. carburettor, heavy duty drive side bearing assembly and 5 speed Quaife magnesium case gearbox and output sprockets. Only done Goodwood Revival since Lindsay Urquhart inspection and check over. Replacement cost landed in Aus. in excess of \$34,000. Offers over \$14,000. Not to be split.

Further details on request.

Bob Minogue.

0418-386238.

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GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

Date: 16th of November 2015

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Doug Hicks, Mick Cheg, Phil Watson, Dave Philpots, Chrissie Clancy, Jamie Hickenbotham, Marg Todd Pete Large, Reg Boeti, Keith Campbell, Colin Rosewarne, Bec and Ryan Betteridge, Brian and Leanne March

Apologies: Robert Todd

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

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Nil.

Moved: Mick

Seconded: Doug

ITEM 2: Presidents report

Race Secretary - Brian outlined the situation with HMRAV and Kelly Spargo. Let's try and get organised for 2016 during the next 4 weeks.
Vic O'Driscoll happy to come back on board.

All permits/Supp Regs/officials organised - it'll get us ahead of the game and help us to not make any errors.

Chrissie happy to be Race Secretary prior to Race meetings. Marg to be Race Secretary on the day.

HMRAV has a checklist for the role.

Bec happy to help as well.

Moved: Bec

Seconded: Chrissie

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Permits - C&T sorted

Jody can provide the "Broadford Crew" at the C&T.

We still need the P6 Statement on the website.

Website: update photos, change calendar. Changes currently being done by web designer - club needs to be able to do this.

Moved: Reg

Seconded: Dave

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

Keith requested MV to provide copies of plans for building at Broadford. Apparently tenders have gone out.

World Trials Championships potentially to be held at Broadford. MV to be requested to help Vic Trials Club. Tough Mudder competition held at Broadford.

Moved: Jamie

Seconded: Marg

GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT— No report

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Qantas Account - \$9203.33

Q Saver - \$49226.46

Term Deposit - \$67509.78

NAB Account - \$2355.59

PayPal account - \$1,409.50

Total - \$129704.66

Moved: Mick

Seconded: Leanne

ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

Heavy Duty paid \$500

Shannon's happy with the Southern Classic

Found a place in Bayswater that does laser cutting. Would like to get HMRAV logo done on an A4 sized piece of stainless steel. Bec to email jpeg file to Doghouse of logo.

Moved: Phil

Seconded: Pete

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Tarrengower - \$215

Southern Classic - \$4511.30

Ladies and kids t shirts sold well.

Some didn't like Shannon's logo on the front of the shirt.

Gave away old badges.

Record amount of this year's badges sold.

Programs are not popular/big sellers.

Colin suggested a centrefold of a particular bike as a feature. Helps to make the program collectable.

Moved: Chrissie

Seconded: Reg

Item 9: COME AND TRY

Medical is booked.

Entry forms are on the website.

Permit and licence books - Phil - organised. Chrissie has books.

Scrutineering - John Clancy

Sign up and helping out on the day - March's, Chrissie, Phil.

Need to have a conversation with Vic O'Driscoll about Level 1 official's course and training up of flag marshals.

Moved: Dave

Seconded: Keith

GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

Item 12: GENERAL BUSINESS

Christmas dinner - Hawaiian shirts and money on the bar - yes to both.
Doug has booked 4 HMRAV sheds at Bonanza.

Keith queried the SC being run in November. It was explained that we had settled on November to be clear from the Moto GP as almost impossible to get flaggies or officials.

Also we were asked to submit our 2016 dates in July. 2016 Nats location and dates were not announced until Mallala in October.

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!

Moved: Brian

Seconded: Leanne

Next meeting: 11 Jan 2016

Meeting closed: _____9pm.

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

DATE.....

SignedPRESIDENT

