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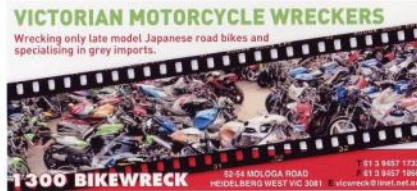
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## **Presidents Report**

Welcome to another issue of Flatchat. As always it's been a busy time in HMRAV' land. Maryborough have been run plus many club members attended the The Big Chill, The Old Farts and the Nats, and of course Tarrengower is just around the corner. Plus there was a mass migration of racing gypsies who made the run to the sun for the annual Townsville TT. Some of us are even travelling to NZ for the Trans-Tasman Challenge....phew!

There certainly is plenty there for the clubbie who wants to get out and enjoy their racing. I know I've mentioned it before but travelling round the country, race bike in tow, making new friends and catching up with old mates is a great life. There just seems to be so much out there that it's hard to say no when a meeting is advertised and you think.....mmmm that'd make a great road trip!

We might run some info pages over the coming year highlighting a few of the great interstate, (and overseas?) meetings that some of us go to. Hopefully it will encourage you to join in. We think it might help if we provided some info on the planning and logistics involved. It'd be great if we could convince a few more of you to join us on the road in 2016.

This year has been a tough one with the passing of some much loved friends. I think when you look back on it though at least you can say they lived their lives to the full, loved their racing and the lifestyle it brought. Maybe that's one of the reasons we should all get out there a bit more and do those meets we've always wanted to do.



Enjoy Reg's latest effort and I hope to catch up with you all at the Southern.  
Cheers,  
Marchy.

### **HMRAV Club meetings are conducted at the**

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**Come along and join us!**



## **From the editor**

After a very successful Maryborough Sprints we now turn our attention to the Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb in Maldon, on the 17th and 18th of October. This is truly a great event, some say it is Australia's oldest motorsport event. Whether as a competitor or as a spectator, you will see a great mix of historic motorcycles, sidecars and cars all being prepped to fly up the hill as fast as they can. Of course last year we saw a changing of the guard with the first ever Queen of the Hill, when Stacey Heaney was overall fastest solo competitor.

Having previously been a competitor in the hill climb as a passenger in Marchy's ever popular number 42 Norton outfit, I'm keen to be entering for the first time as a solo competitor on my P4 T350 Suzuki. Last edition of Flatchat I mentioned getting the little Suzi log booked, so here's a bit of a summary of what you need to do to get an old machine out of the garage and on the track where it belongs...

Firstly, the purpose of a logbook is to ensure that your machine is correctly categorised for the class of racing you want to be in. As an example, certain machines or features are not allowed in the interests of our sport, such as no disc brakes in period 3 solos and no RD or TZ Yamahas in period 4 solos. There are also general compulsory modifications for all bikes, such as removing centre and side stands, reflectors, horns, indicators and lamps. Where do I find this info you might ask...

The full version of the 2015 Manual of Motorcycle Sport (MoMS) is on your HMRAV Club website, under 'Member Information', 'Rules and Log Books'. You will also need a Historic Logbook Application Form, available on the Motorcycling Australia site, googling MA historic logbook application will get you to the right info.

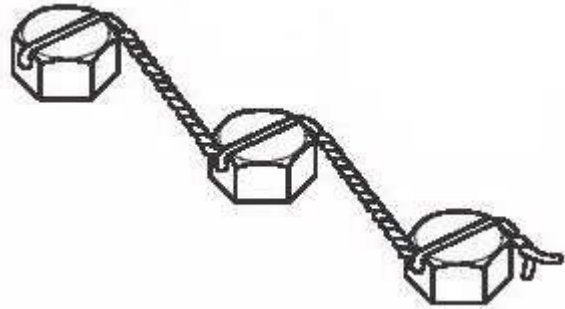
Before you get to your application you first need to read the relevant sections of the MoMS, in this instance we'll talk about Period 4, which is for bikes from Jan 1963 to Dec 1972, otherwise known as Post Classic. Most of the required modifications can be done by the enthusiast, such as removing components such as lights, stands etc. You will need to attach the right shape and colour of race numbers, eg P4 up to 350 is blue oval or rectangular plates with white numbers. These plates and stick on numbers are readily available on eBay. For ideas have a look at pictures of race bikes on Google or in the pits, you will see how some different approaches are available with how you go about setting up your bike. Some may attach numbers to the frame, whilst others may make up small metal brackets. Your exact approach is up to you...



### **From the editor cont.**

Next we need to look at some of the more involved modifications required for obtaining a log book. In most cases, some bolts on the bike need to be 'lockwired' in place. This is where a small hole is drilled into the head of the bolt (or hex head bolt) and a special type of wire is threaded through the hole to prevent that bolt from coming loose. These requirements typically include the bolts attaching the brake calipers and bolts where fluids may leak, such as your sump plug.

The wire and pliers to assist in the process are available on eBay and there are a number of videos on youtube that you can look up. Some people also choose to wire up their grips to ensure they don't come loose off the handlebars.



The other larger piece of work is to construct some type of guard over the engine where there is oil behind the metal cover of the engine. This is to avoid oil being dumped onto a track if a crashed bike slides and wears through the engine covers. You will see a fair variety of approaches to this type of engine cover, however the MoMS has a number of requirements that must be met. In the picture you can see an example with an additional aluminium plate that protects the engine cover in case of a crash.



So once you have completed your bike modifications then fill out the application form, there is a small fee around

\$55 dollars to cover processing by MA. Whilst this may appear difficult to some, you will be surprised how much help you can get by looking at other bikes, talking to guys about how they modified their bike and also with a huge amount of resources online. You're also welcome to come to a club meeting where you can have a chat to a committee member who are more than happy to give some advice.

So I hope this may be useful to some members, please remember its general advice and the MoMS is the official rules which must be met. We look forward to Mt Tarrengower and then the first Shannon's Southern Classic at Broadford on November 7&8—hope to see you there!

All the best,

Reg #71



### **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**





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.



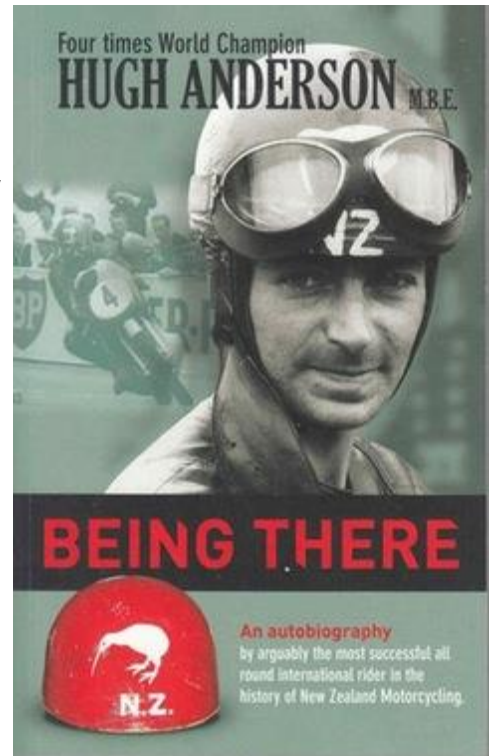
In addition to the generous support from Shannons, HMRAV is proud to announce HEAVY DUTY, Australia's #1 V-Twin Motorcycle Magazine as a sponsor in 2015



Dear Phil,

As my colleague Chris just discussed with you, we have a new publication that might be of interest to you and your members. It is an autobiography of four times world champion Hugh Anderson. It is a great read and gives wonderful insight into the golden era of motor cycle racing, from being a privateer member of the 'continental circus' to a fully paid professional factory rider. His description of the development role he played with the small grand prix Suzukis is fascinating. Anderson is also actively involved in the historic racing scene in both NZ and Europe which he details. The book has been hugely successful and I am sure it will be of great interest to your members.

Description: Motorcycle racers aren't like other sports people. When they enter the arena they are taking their lives in their hands. When they are on the race track, if they are not there in every sense of the word, they are more likely to be at risk of serious injury or death. Very few champions can explain exactly what it takes to compete at the highest level. What makes them tick, how they cope with the challenge and what the science is that makes them so dominant in their chosen sport. Hugh Anderson is one who can. From humble origins as a lonely boy on the family farm in New Zealand to the heights of world domination, he explains in his own words his motivation, race strategies, psychology of winning, heartache and triumph that helped him deliver Suzuki its first major Grand Prix successes in the 1960s. This was a golden age, when Japanese and European factories battled for supremacy on the world's most dangerous circuits. When rapid development in technology allowed, for the first time in the history of Grand Prix racing, two stroke engine machines to compete with and beat the dominant four stroke design. Hugh Anderson's career continued for decades after winning four World Championships, with motocross and then classic racing affording him a showcase for the talent that has made him arguably NZ's most successful racer. The book demystifies the Grand Prix scene that seemed so sanitised on television. It takes us inside the mind of one of the most resourceful, brave and analytical riders in the history of Grand Prix racing.



I have also included a link to our website

General link:  
<http://www.pitstop.net.au/>

You can view Being There on our website here:  
<http://www.pitstop.net.au/products/being-there-an-autobiography-by-hugh-anderson/>



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## GENERAL MEETING—Minutes



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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2015

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Brian March, Leanne March, Rebecca Betteridge, Ryan Betteridge, Reg Boeti, Dave Philpot's, Mick Chegwiddden, Visitor, Phil Watson, Pete Large, Doug Hicks, Keith Campbell, Kelly Spargo, two friends.

Apologies: Chrissie and John Clancy, Jamie and Lisa Hickinbotham, Marg and Robert Todd.

The meeting opened at: 7.10 p.m.

#### ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Nil.

Moved: Leanne March  
idge

Seconded: Rebecca Better-

#### ITEM 2: Presidents report

Sad news of death of Guy Brown - funeral details to be advised when known. Discussion on how his life can be honoured at future race meetings.

Moved: Reg Boeti

Seconded: Dave Philpots

#### ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Vera from Minute Man Press sent examples of their work - as an alternative to Seagull. Accounts given to the Treasurer for payment.

Moved: Mick Chegwiddden

Seconded: Peter Large

## GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

### ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

Keith requires copy of minutes signed by the President to become a delegate.  
Phil has already sent an e:mail to MV advising of who the delegates are.  
MV required advice on whether delegates will be happy to have  
As yet Keith has not received any confirmation.

Re Austin 7 and Winton - Brian has sent an e:mail to MV CEO.  
Superbikes are returning to Winton - under MA. Track will be licenced and so will not face same issues as this year.

Moved: Doug Hicks

Seconded: Leanne March

### ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

New internet set up has been established.  
Timing for the Southern has been booked.  
Reg has tried entering details on new internet sight - feedback is that it is great.

Moved: Rebecca Betteridge

Seconded: Reg Boeti

### ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Qantas Account - \$8,093.49  
Q Saver - \$49,050.06  
Term Deposit \$67,509.78  
NAB Account - \$9,700.45  
PayPal account - approximately \$12,000

Tickets for the Southern Classic circulated in different colours to highlight the Shannon's logo.

Moved: Dave Philpots

Seconded: Mick Chegidden

### ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

Everything is in order - no confirmation of cash from Heavy Duty - they have their ad in Flatchat and their name on the poster.

Shannon's all organised - contacted re badge colours. Posters to be sent to Shannon's.

Moved: Doug Hicks

Seconded: Leanne March



## **GENERAL MEETING—Minutes**

### **Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT**

All good - merchandise to be collected this week.

Moved: Peter Large  
Betteridge

Seconded: Rebecca

### **Item 9: MARYBOROUGH SPRINT 20/09/15**

OFFICIALS: Toddy, Vic and John D.

SCRUTINEERS: John Clancy

RACE SECRETARY: Marg

VOLUNTEERS: N/A

PERMIT: Toddy has the permit

MERCHANDISE: No

PITS: N/A

TROPHIES: Dave

Marchy's won't be there.

This will be the last Maryborough sprint - Austin 7 has advised that the event is losing money.

Moved: Reg Boeti  
pots

Seconded: Dave Phil-

### **Item 11: SOUTHERN CLASSIC**

**Currently 115 entered riders.**

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: Kelly - all done

## GENERAL MEETING—Minutes

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  
BAND BOOKED.

Back up plan - Brian to speak to the Broadford crew. Brian to contact Race Marshalls closer to the event. Dave to speak to his Rick at Pablo's.

Moved: Mick Chegwiddden  
Watson

Seconded: Phil

### Item 12: GENERAL BUSINESS

Flyers and tickets for all.

Phil - to book Broadford Crew - 4 - for Southern Classic and be used elsewhere if overstaffed.

Toddy has permit for Tarrengower.

Accommodation booked for Ross Martin for Southern Classic.

Dave Gittus wrote about poor performance of new website - links not going anywhere. Kelly to advise Brian, (Blue Gorilla) when she sees him tomorrow.

P6 statement needs to transfer over.

MV's website - Southern Classic not on their calendar. Phil has liaised with Hannah at MV and advised.

Reg - a bit prior to the Southern Reg to contact Ian Falloon - Reg to speak to Marg this week about the program - sponsors details to be confirmed with Dave.

Kelly has an entry from Mt Tarrengower - Doug to give to Marg.

Doug to bring along banner given to Doug by Mark Bondini

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.

Moved: Keith Campbell  
Peter Large

Seconded:

Next meeting: 19 October 2015

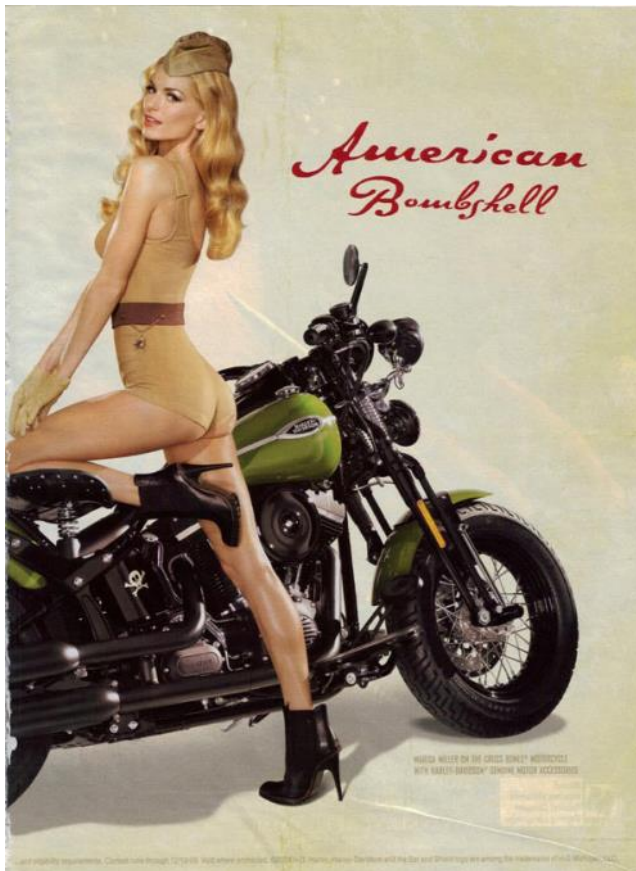
Meeting closed: 7.50 pm.

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

DATE.....

Signed .....PRESIDENT



## The Norton experience

You probably first saw this masterpiece of shape and pace through the glint of plate glass, or in a magazine, maybe being handled by a friend or even worse by someone you don't know. Long before your eyes laid her you knew that somewhere sometime you would meet for that never surpassed experience. Not for you the fussy, the temperamental, the Dresden touch or the big flashy bore. You wanted a high flyer with scintillating looks, superb performance capabilities, that could hold on tight even during the wildest inclinations. Of course she can also be easy and gentle like a purring cat, as smooth in motion as a ski on virgin snow – but only if you're man enough to move fast with her when you both get turned on. Most experiences are dulled by time and repetition, they become indistinguishable in a world of mediocre happenings. Only a few remain fresh and exciting as on the first encounter – admittedly they are hard to acquire but well worth waiting for.

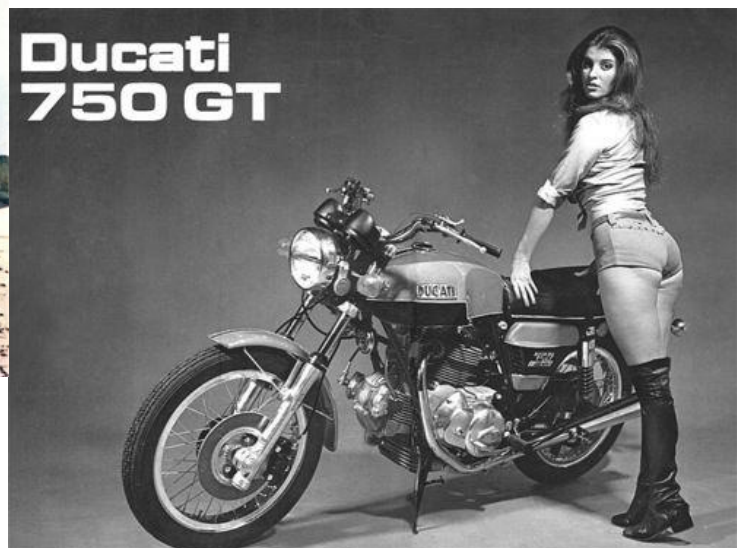
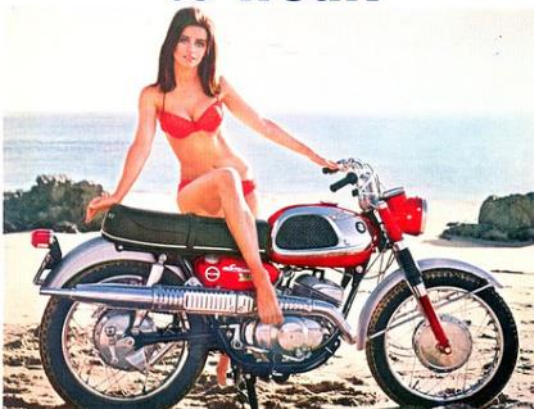
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**Suzuki has almost nothing to wear.**





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