
The Good Oil



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Joe Ahern at Pukekohe
2011.



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Editorial

I'm at a loss for words – suffice to say that I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break. Mine was spent with family in sunny Queensland. So just sit back and enjoy this issue.

Stay Upright #77

The Classic Sidecar Challenge.

The epic sidecar battles of the 50's and 60's are set to once again become a feature of the premier historic motorcycle racing events across Australia. Norton, Vincent, Harley-Davidson and Triumph outfits will take every corner sideways as the first round of the Classic Sidecar Challenge gets under way at the Pirelli Masters of Morgan Park, Qld June 10-12. The three round series will then make its way to Broadford, Victoria for the HMRAV's 30th Anniversary Southern Classic, October 28-29, before the decider at the South Australian Historic Titles, Mac Park, Dec 31-Jan 1. The surge in popularity of the traditionally styled, methanol fuelled, big wheeler sidecars and their all out action style of racing will ensure a great spectacle both on and off the track. For more information contact Brian March (HMRAV) at bmarch12@hotmail.com

Presidents Report

Thanks to the alignment of the planets that have put Easter at an unusual time, we've had to adjust the date of this month's meeting. For those who made the trek to Mac Park for Easter, I hope you've had a successful meeting. But I'd expect rather more of our number to be heading to the South-East in May for the Old Farts' meeting. All who have sampled it would list it as one of the highlights of the year.

I'm hoping that the interest generated by the two club days at Tailem Bend last year continues into 2011. To this end, in response to requests for a run before the 'Seniors', we are planning a 'Try' n 'Tune' day at the Bend on Saturday, May 7th. Let's have a good turn out of bikes, to which end I've invited Atujara and Mount Gambier members to attend. But we also need several non-riding members to help out at machine examiners, starter and assistant,

flaggies and general hands. Judith Rowley has once again agreed to be our "Responsible Person", which means Clerk of course and Steward combined. But she shouldn't, and can't do everything herself, so let's put our shoulders to the wheel and make it work.

Trevor Henderson

HMCRRSA 'Try' n 'Tune' Day
 At Tailem Bend Motorsport Park
 9am to 3pm, Saturday May 7th
 B.Y.O Food and Drink
 Cost \$40.00 per head
 Inquiries, Trevor, 8384 5284

Trev's Titbits

King Herbert was worried. Nearing the age where he should be able to put his feet up, he could see many of his knights in a similar position. But there were many in his army who still wanted to do battle, if not as frequently these days. He remembered an old piece of wisdom, "a dozen men, expertly led, will beat a hundred without a head". To this end, he mused, we must be organized, so that when we enter the fray we win!

He realized that several of his inner circle, a group vital to the preparations that lead to success in the field, were tired/worn out/burnt out, and replacements were vital! In his mind, he ran through some of his most trusted lieutenants. There was Sir Danahern, loyal and trustworthy, but kept busy taking the fight to the enemy across the border on their home ground. Campaigns cost money, but at least Sir Milkybob, the Treasurer, had a younger

"CAMELOT LOST"

apprentice from the medical side ready to take over and give stability there. And the Sir Belltinker, still happy to send out the despatches, but looking to offload other tasks as he can't get to inner circle meetings. This, and the resignation of Sir Kimander, who had been the organizer of battle plans, but was now having to defend his own lands, had the King feeling nervous.

Coming up as the Annual Senior stoush at Montgamba in the Southeast, where at least that lot from over the border couldn't send younger men. But his men wanted him to organize a warm-up event, and his scrambled brain was struggling with the details.

Did we win the battle at Montgamba? Did the HMCRRSA (his majesty's corps for the resistance to rust, sloth and apathy) survive? Maybe the King did get help and it did!

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING of the HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER of SA held at MSA Clubrooms on Thursday 17 March 2011.

- Meeting Opened: at 8.00pm with 33 present.
- Apologies: Lorraine Rake, Len Dyson, John Whallin.
- Visitors/New Members Ian Davidson joined again welcomed by applause.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting: held February 2011 were moved for acceptance by Neil Watson, seconded by Peter Strawhan, and carried.
- Business Arising: Nil.

REPORTS

1. President's Report

1. Trevor advised that he will try and continue to put a note in the Advertisers "Club Notes" on the Thursday appropriate to each monthly meeting.
2. Trevor noted that Kim Anderson has stood down as Competition Secretary, and that Les Bell has expressed a desire to do the same as Secretary, both due to work commitments.
3. Trevor spoke about the "Interstate Sidecar Challenge" being run in Qld, Vic and SA culminating at our SA Champs in Dec-Jan at Mac Park. Webpage and Good Oil advertising to follow.

2. Secretary's Report

• Correspondence In

- i. Bank SA – Statement
- ii. Australian Executor Trustees – Statement
- iii. Shannons – brochure for Vic Auction - 7 March 2011.
- iv. Café Racers – Entry Form for Easter meeting - Mac Park
- v. Café Racers – List of 2011 SA Road Race Series
- vi. Thank You card from Len and Joan Dyson.
- vii. Tailem Bend Motorsport Park – email notifying Eric Ozco as new manager of facility.
- viii. Kym Anderson – resignation as Competition Secretary.
- ix. Sunraysia Historic MC Club – notice of Mildura Meander 14 – 15 May.
- x. 2011 Ararat's Jailhouse Rock weekend 18 – 20 March.

• Correspondence Out

- i. Nigel Lemon – reply to last months queries.
- ii. Brian March – reply re Interstate Sidecar Challenge.

3. Treasurer's Report: Bob gave a comprehensive report on the clubs finances which were Moved for acceptance by Graham Rowley and Seconded by Ian Davison and carried.

4. Competition Secretary's Report Vacant.

5. Delegates' Reports:

Road Race Phil reported that the following have been discussed:

1. Not a lot involving Historic – the Supp Regs for 21 – 22 May meeting for the Mt Gambier Club Seniors meeting were passed.

2. There has been a lot of work by the modern clubs in their quest for sponsorship for the SA Series.
3. Phil noted that he has registered the first P6 racing number.

MSA Nil to report.

General Business:

1. Trevor reminded all of the two vacancies of Competition and Club Secretaries.
2. Phil Baughan advised that he had forwarded a submission to MA re rule changes that have to be in by March 18.
 - a. The implications of jumping up a class (Rule 16.2.1.2 b)) and suggestions to remove this rule.
 - b. A discrepancy in the P3 sidecar rule relating to carbies – conflicts with current rule book.
 - c. Back Protectors – Inbuilt vs portable.
 - d. P6 – no fuel restrictions on methanol as per P5.

Copy will be forwarded to the Secretary.

3. Phil has been invited to attend the ASBK round in Darwin where Historic P3's are invited to attend with free transport available.
4. Steve Frost has been following up on his enquiries re a Street Circuit event;
 - a. Has spoken with the Woodside council's Event Co-ordinator and will also follow up with a contact at the Gumeracha library who has more information on the track details. The council would like a formal proposal and a follow up presentation to Council.
 - b. He has also made contact with a gent who has intimate knowledge of the Pt Wakefield GP Circuit.
 - c. Steve has contacts who are providing space at the Parabanks Shopping Centre and wishes to hold a small display (up to 6 bikes) and co-ordinate the display with a Lions sausage sizzle. No fees are being charged by shopping centre. Steve was advised that by contacting MSA a permit can be obtained which will cover Public Liability.
5. Terry McBride suggested that the club hold a Test and Tune at Tailem Bend prior to the Seniors meeting at Mac Park – May 20th. Tony advised that he is away until the end of July, Trevor will follow up – trying for May 7.
6. Peter Strawhan expressed his excitement for a Woodside re-enactment and suggested that the Club get behind Steve Frost's efforts but that the event should not be limited to P3 machines as previous recent events have been.

This invoked a general discussion from the group highlighting the difficulties with volunteers and lack of fiscal tenacity that will be required for the club to run such an event.

7. Phil Baughan suggested that the Club investigate the running of a Low Key ride weekend at Mac Park similar to the one that he just attended as a guest of the Atujara Club. He gave a glowing report of the weekend and how well it was attended and would be of benefit to our members.
8. Graham Rowley advised all that the Australian Speedway Sidecar Championships are on Friday 25 – Saturday 26 March, and will be a very competitive meeting.
9. Tony Tildesley had information on obtaining our own timing transponders for a competitive cost.
10. Richard Rake had a question of the Treasurer in relation to the Club finances growth which were adequately answered.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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For Sale/Wanted

EARLY HONDA ROADBIKE 250, 360, 400/4, 500/4 or 550. Un-restored and complete in reasonable condition.	WANTED	Peter Strawhan #136 04/11 Ph 7423 8339 or 0439 724 804
2006 HYOSUNG 650 COMET – YZI 446 Café Racer 18,700 Kms. Great bike but too quick for ancient owner. New Chain and Sprockets, New Tyres, One previous owner well maintained.	FOR SALE \$4500	Peter Strawhan #136 Ph 7423 8339 or 0439 724 804 04/11
Flanged alloy rim 1.85"x18" (WM2) 36 hole, drilled for small diameter disc brake hub.	WANTED	Contact Nick 0417 871 532 12/10
BENELLI 250. P3 Log Book. 2 Motors, C2 Cam Profile, 5 Speed C.R. Gearboxes. CB72 2 LS Brake, plus original Front Brake. Many Spares	FOR SALE \$4500	Len Smith 8336 5090 10/10
Bultaco Metralla (M23) – Engine or parts thereof. Complete bike considered.	WANTED	Trevor Henderson Ph: 83845284 05/09
Club Shirts – \$35.00 Club Caps – \$15.00 Club Hats – \$18.00 Club Mugs – \$4.50 Cloth Badges – \$10.00 Club Transfers – \$2.50	FOR SALE	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mac Park Ride Days Last Saturday of the Month followed by Working Bee's on the Sunday. All help appreciated 29 Jan, 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May.		<i>Mallala Motor Sports Park Open Practice Days</i> <i>Phone 8276 7744 during business hours to confirm dates – 15 Jan, 20 Feb, 16 Apr, 14 May, 18 Jun, 13 Aug, 17 Sep, 22 Oct,</i>
Date	Host Club – Event	Venue
7 – 8 May	Australian Superbikes	Barbegello WA
20 22 May	Seniors Meeting	Mac Park
28 – 29 May	Café Racer	Mallala
4 – 5 June	Australian Superbikes	Qld Raceway
20 – 21 August	Australian Superbikes	Qld Raceway
27 – 28 August	Phoenix	Mallala
1 – 2 October	Master of Mac Park	Mt Gambier
14 – 16 October	Moto GP	Phillip Island
29 – 30 October	Café Racer	Mallala
12 – 13 November	Australian Superbikes	Symmons Plains
18 – 20 November	Australian Historic Championships	Symmons Plains
18 – 20 November	Australian Superbikes	Phillip Island
26 -27 November	Pheonix	Mallala
3 – 4 December	6hr Endurance Championships	Phillip Island
10 – 11 December	Café Racer	Mallala
30 Dec – 1 Jan	HMCRRSA – 2011 Historic Road Racing Championships	Mac Park