
The Good Oil



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Next Month's General Meeting will be held
Thursday 28th April (after Easter).



Levi Day on the Honda CB72/77 Special leading the field at the
2010 SA Historic Road Racing Championships.



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General Meeting Venue (third Thursday of each month)	MSA Office 251 The Parade BEULAH PARK	Committee Meeting (first Tuesday of every month)
Honorary Life Members	Peter WESTERMAN (†Deceased) Richard RAKE Danny AHERN David MANSON Len SMITH Ken LUCAS “Doc” WATSON (†Deceased) Trevor HENDERSON Phil BAUGHAN Len DYSON	1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2007 2009

Editorial Not enough hours in the day, month, year!

I was r兔biting on last month about retirement, and how far off that is. It still is a possibility that the lotto fairies will rain on me, but until then I have left the shiny seat of the office environment behind and perched myself back behind the steering wheel. Unfortunately this requires regular shift work until one of my colleagues actually does retire next year and I will take his place working daylight hours again.

I raise this perspective as I am finding it difficult to juggle the position of Secretary and turn up to Committee meetings and General meetings then run home grab a couple of hours kip and get back into it. Doing 14 hours and 10 and a half hours, alternating daily puts the

sleep bank into deficit if I have to attend a meeting. I would much rather come to grief on the track (which I seem to be getting rather good at!) than on the road:

SO YOU ARE ON NOTICE:- We need another Secretary, please give this some consideration, I will be able to maintain my role as Editor, but the attendances at the meetings will drop off in the meantime and others on the Committee will be given extra work. Work that another could easily cope with and all assistance is appreciated.

Stay Upright #77

Presidents Report

I guess you never stop learning, as I found out when Sharon from MSA advised that we need to book our use of the hall annually. This meant putting off our March committee meeting by 2 days, and almost caused a date clash with our February presentation meeting.

I was particularly pleased that our patron, Len Dyson, and his lovely wife Joan, were able to attend, and that we could present them with a card, signed by those present, commemorating their 65 years of wedded bliss.

Other welcome guests were our friends from the Atujara club, who attend for the presentation of the "Les Diener Memorial". This time, its second year as an Interclub competition, they won it! We shall be trying doubly hard to get it back in 2011!

Great that Simon Cook was also present, as he doesn't just live around the corner. As well as giving him the Period 4 award from 2010, I could reiterate that he'd won the Ken Blake Trophy yet again, this time being 3 years on the trot.

Unlucky rider was Phil Baughan, 2nd overall, 2nd in Period 3, 2nd in Period 4, but no cigar!

Our "Peter Pan", the evergreen Peter Strawhan, topped the Period 5 point score after winning the Len Dyson "Rookie" award last year, which now resides with Danny's neighbour Chris Hayward.

Tony Tildesley was a worthy winner of "Clubman of the Year", as he'd made our activities at Tailem Bend happen, and Graham Rowley/Terry Hutchinson and Geoff Grant /Craig Lawson took the three-wheeled awards in Periods 2 and 4 respectively.

Somehow, I scored an unusual double, the "Peter Westerman Trophy" and "Pass the Spanners", graciously handed to me by Andrew Bannerman. I must work out how that happened! Seriously, there were less opportunities for us than in previous years, as

the points accrued will show, and 2011 may well continue that trend. As the Café Racer meeting on 2nd and 3rd April at Mac Park is not catering for Period 3, here is an opportunity for an enterprising Period 4 or 5 rider to get off to a flying start.

Sadly, at 4am on Saturday March 5th, Claire's mother passed away, and I'm sure you'll all join me in passing our condolences to Claire and her family.

Trevor Henderson

Simon Cook accepts the Ken Blake trophy at the 2010 SA Historic Road Racing Championships



CLARKE'S COMMENT

By the time you read this, my education will have improved. I can't say that about my typing.

Roger Klobe from Hamilton in Western Victoria is a long time friend of mine, and he lives about 8-10km from Les Toohey. Roger is a Norton man, as much as Les is a BSA stalwart.

Adorning the shed of the Klobe residence, amongst other tasty things are a pair of Norton Internationals; a 1949 iron motored plunger with questionable brakes, a beautiful and artistic creation, and a 1953 all alloy Inter, aeons away in design and appearance despite only 4 years between birthdays. It is one of only a very few all alloy Inter's made by the factory in a Featherbed frame, and has the Manx cambox with open valve gear. Oil sealing at the top is not its forte.

It also has a TT carburettor. HAD the TT carburettor. That was the purpose of the trip. The '49 has Inter cams, but the '53 has Manx cams with longer timing and more overlap, and it is nigh on impossible to start without pushing. Attempts at kick starting were essentially fruitless. Its manners about town could be described as fractious, and that would be polite. Once in the open and ridden with verve, all is fine, but the gearing is very tall.

Let me illustrate. In a 4 speed gearbox, the change from first to second is about 25 mph, second to third at 35-40mph, third to top at about 55mph, and it does not settle until about 75mph. The policeman does not like that, and the Speedo is accurate.

To refine the behaviour and add some civility, conversion to Amal Mk2 was the choice. Installation and tuning therefore was the primary purpose of the trip, aiming for kick starting hot and cold along with civilian tractability.

A local genius artisan in metal made a manifold, I made the cable, and away we went. Or so I thought. The bloody thing flooded madly as soon as we turned the fuel on! With

the fuel bowl off, all was well, the needle and seat had no foreign matter, and flow stopped as it should when connected. Crud on the needle and seat in these Amals can be an irritating problem, because the fuel flow is UP into the bowl (Mikuni flows down) so rather than flush away to the bottom of the bowl; any crud eddies around in the seat housing. On top of that, apart from hitting the seat fitting from below, float height is not adjustable, and therein lays the problem. When assembled, the float level was so high; the float itself hit the carby body before rising far enough to shut off the fuel flow. I had a spare gasket, so we put that in as a second layer, and hey presto! Cured.

It still wouldn't start cold, with or without the choke (enrichening lever), however it did settle to a nice idle once going. Out the road on a suitable stretch with a longish gentle climb, plug chop colours at all throttle settings to $\frac{3}{4}$ were good. Moving the jetting one step richer at each stage went too far, so back to the initial guess we asked for in the new carby, which was supplied by Murray Johnson.

Ridability became SWEET, an experience to be treasured; absolutely transformed into a lovely enjoyable trip. And it started first kick every time when hot to boot.

In the late afternoon, we took both the '49 and '53 over to Toohey's for a brag trip, inspecting his newly finished BSA Catalina scrambler in between discussing trenches, weeds and the weird weather.

I was still not happy with the starting. On Sunday morning, I took out the jet from the enrichening circuit altogether to see if that made a difference. It drowned the plug in two kicks. When I went to put it back, I noticed that it was a PLUG, not a jet. However, there was another JET in the carby body I wasn't sure of, so I left it be and went home, looking at an exploded parts diagram of a Mk2 later, and pulled apart a carby from the Yamaha to check. Lo and behold.....light at the end of the jet!

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A(ni)mal Mk2 carbs have available TWO idle jet positions; one for 4-stroke, one for 2-stroke, and a blanking plug for the unused hole. At the factory, the idle jets had been put on BOTH positions, and the blanking plug in the starting circuit! Oh Dear! Oh Dear!

A quick phone call to Roger had him on the spanners, way out of his comfort zone doing fine fiddly things changing the jets to the right spots. Tah Dah! It started FIRST KICK! But, and there is always a but, the idle mixture, now running on only one smallish jet is way too

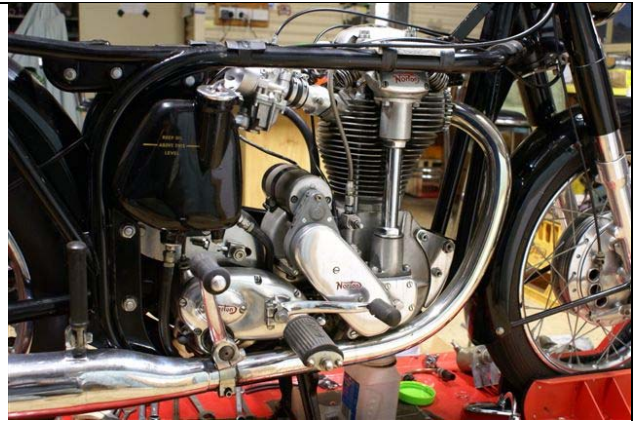
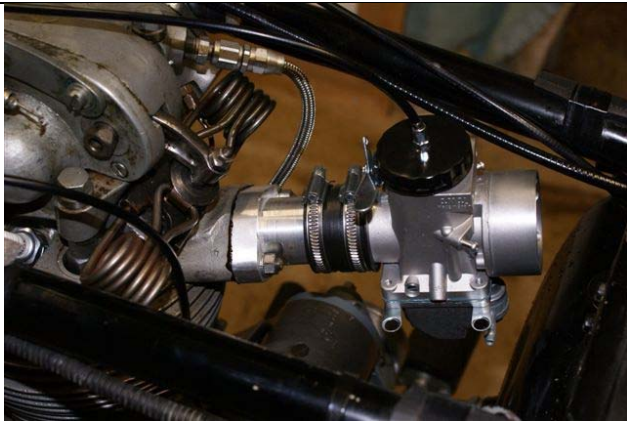
lean, so today I am posting him four alternative jets to play with for best idle.

That all sounded like a bit of a chore, but I actually enjoyed the process. I do like to tinker, you know, and the satisfaction of a good outcome makes it sweeter.

Off to the Post Office now with those extra jets!

Nick

PS Quality control at Amal??



Nice Bits of Kit – Photos Courtesy of Nick Clarke.

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING of the HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER of SA held at MSA Clubrooms on Thursday 18 February 2011.

<u>Meeting Opened:</u>	at 8.02 pm. with 43 present.
<u>Apologies:</u>	Bob Glynn, Lorraine and Richard Rake, Nick Clarke, Hamish Cooper.
<u>Visitors/New Members</u>	Several Atujara Club members/ Colin Higgins.
<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u>	held January 2011 were moved for acceptance by Phil Baughan, seconded by Danny Ahern, and carried.
<u>Business Arising:</u>	Phil noted that the minutes should read that he spoke to the Historic Commission and not MA as reported.

REPORTS

1. President's Report

1. Trevor welcomed all with a special welcome to our Patron Len Dyson and his wife Joan who recently celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary.
2. Trevor mentioned that we were unaware we needed to confirm our requirements for booking the hall. This nearly ended in a double booking for the hall to-night, and that our scheduled Committee meeting will now be held on Thursday 3 March.

2. Secretary's Report

• **Correspondence In**

- i. Bank SA – Statement ; Cheque book.
- ii. MSA – Account for SA Championships
- iii. SA Ambulance – Account for SA Championships
- iv. A Sommer – Membership dues.
- v. W. Ryan – membership dues.
- vi. Australian Executor Trustees – Statement
- vii. Databord (SA) PL – Account – Photocopier maintenance
- viii. Australian Concours D'Elegance – Magazine covering 1st show held in Sydney Oct 2010 including invitation to participate in 2011 event.
- ix. Shannons – brochure for NSW Auction Feb 2011.
- x. Nigel Lemon – re Awards meted out for SA Champs and perceived anomalies.
- xi. Lee Kernich – Membership dues.
- xii. Sporting Car Club – invitation to Easter Classic Car Show – Mallala (30th anniversary).
- xiii. Tweed Heads Motor Cycle Enthusiasts Club – invitation to swap meet
- xiv. Qld Early Motorcycle Sport Club – invitation to Masters of Morgan Park 11/12 June 2011.
- xv. Café Racers – Atujara ride day Mac Park 5 March
- xvi. Café Racers – invitation – coaching day 31 March Ride day 1 April – Mac Park
- xvii. Café Racers – Reece Bancell – Fundraiser raffle tickets available.
- xviii. Café Racers – Ralph Splett cheap tyres.
- xix. Steve Millar – Query re, P6 classes, referred to the Committee.
- xx. Jo Molloy – advising that she has finished at Tailem Bend Motorsport Park.
- xxi. Michel Tucker – re Junior Coaching as per MOM's.

• **Correspondence Out**

- i. Mt Gambier Motorcycle and light car club – letter highlighting concerns raised at last months SA Championships. (speakers in pits; grid positions).
 - ii. Mark Lindner – refund of entry fee SA Champs.
 - iii. Rob Kenna – refund of entry fee SA Champs.
 - iv. Paul Herft – refund of entry fee SA Champs.
 - v. Mark Segar – refund of entry fee SA Champs.
 - vi. Classic Speedway supporters – letter of support to rule change (sidecars).
3. Treasurer's Report: Bob is an apology so no report given.
4. Competition Secretary's Report Absent.
5. Delegates' Reports:

Road Race Phil reported that the following have been discussed:

1. Rider grading.
2. Supp. Regs. for Café Racer meeting at Mac Park – noting that provision is only made for Historic Group 2 – being P4 and P5.
3. Supp. Regs. for Easter Cup at Mac Park including rounds for the BEARS series and Juniors. Mt Gambier club is offering free membership for 5 days.
4. No Australian Super Bike rounds are being held in SA.

MSA Phil reported that the following have been discussed:

1. It is yet to be confirmed, but it is highly likely that The Sporting Car Club has withdrawn from the Tailem Bend Consortium.
2. Jo Molloy has joined the consortium for the Gillman Motor-Sports Park.
3. A major Sponsor has expressed interest in purchasing Tailem Bend.
4. Granite Ridge is still on the market.
5. Phil attended an Official Seminar in Melbourne; only 3 of the 15 attending were involve in road racing, highlighting that this is not the only discipline suffering shortages of officials. Phil took the opportunity to also talk to Tasmanian reps about the upcoming National Championships.

General Business:

1. Trevor opened discussion on the Committee's recommendations for the MSA positions of Vice President and Director. It was moved Trevor/Seconded Geoff that the Club endorse Rick Dowsett and Lynn Long respectively for the positions.
2. Brett Metcalf reported to the meeting on issues relating to Tailem Bend Motor-Sport Park that the Sporting Car Club is definitely out of the consortium, and that Ivan Golding has had meetings with MA in Melbourne and CAMs and is looking for substantial financial assistance of \$300k.
3. Tony Tildesley supported Brett stating that Hamish Cooper been investigating what sponsorship is also available. The Park is still functioning and the new contact is Eric OZGO on 0403 767 315. The EPA has approved the track against various regulation criteria. And there are new plans for improvements including a drag strip and new buildings.
4. Phil stated that Hidden Valley raceway in Darwin is holding support races for P3, P4 and P5 and the ASB round. 14 – 17 April. Free bike transport is available.

5. Trevor presided over the annual Trophy presentations:-
- a. Ken Blake Trophy – Simon Cook
 - b. Les Diener Interclub Trophy – won by Atujara accepted by Richard Metcalf.
 - c. Patron's Trophy – Most Improved Novice – presented by Len Dyson to Chris Hayward (4th P5)
 - d. Peter Westerman Trophy
 - 1st – Trevor Henderson 55 points (1st P3)
 - 2nd – Phil Baughan 42 points (2nd P3 & 2nd P4)
 - 3rd – Simon Cook 36 points (1st P4)
 - 4th – Peter Strawhan 35 points (1st P5)
 - 5th – Andrew Bannerman 31 points (2nd P5)
 - 6th – Jonathon Gutte 28 points (3rd P5)
 - e. Highest Points-score
 - i. P4 – Simon Cook
 - ii. P5 – Peter Strawhan
 - iii. P2 Sidecar – Graham Rowley and Terry Hutchinson
 - iv. P3 Sidecar – Geoff Grant and Craig Lawson
 - f. Clubman of the Year – Tony Tildesley
 - g. "Pass the Spanners" – Andrew Bannerman passed on the trophy to Trevor Henderson.

Trevor concluded the evening with a presentation to Len and Joan Dyson celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.



David Betteridge Norton 750 Atlas leads Des Heaney Triumph T110 at the 2010 SA Historic Road Racing Championships.

MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING of the HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER of SA held at MSA Clubrooms on Tuesday 3 March 2011.

Meeting opened at. 7.40pm

Present: Bob Glynn, Neil Watson, Stuart Penn, Paul Walker, Danny Ahern and Trevor Henderson.

Apologies: Tony Tildesley and Les Bell, Neil Watson will be an apology from committee meetings for the next 3 months.

Minutes of previous meeting were moved for acceptance by Danny Ahern, seconded by Bob Glynn, and carried.

Business Arising: – Nil

Treasurers Report: – Bob Glynn reported he'd paid the bills and figures from the State Titles are looking good.

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence In:

- (1) Nigel Lemon re State Titles.
- (2) Kim Anderson – Resignation as Competition Secretary.
- (3) Thank you card from Len & Joan Dyson.
- (4) Entries for Ararat Jailhouse Rock and Mildura Meander.

Correspondence Out: Nil

General Business: -

- (1) Tailem Bend is available at \$100 per person per day.
- (2) We will put up \$200 for trophies for "Period 3 Interstate Sidecar Challenge", to be run in Queensland, Victoria, and South Australia at our next State Titles.
- (3) All agreed we need someone who is I.T savvy on the Committee or available to the club.
- (4) Due to clashing with Easter, the April General Meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday, i.e. April 28th. Trevor to check hall is available with MSA (confirmed).

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

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For Sale/Wanted

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
LEATHERS for sale: suit 5'11" 80-85kg. A bit scruffy, needs zip at left wrist. Structurally sound.	FOR SALE \$100	Nick Clarke 0407 621 559 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>
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Date	Host Club – Event	Venue
1 – 2 Jan 2011	HMCRRSA – 2010 Historic Road Racing Championships	Mac Park
22 – 23 January	AMCN International Island Classic	Phillip Island
26 – 27 February	World Superbikes Round 1	Phillip Island
6 – 7 March	Atajura	Mac Park
11 – 13 March	Hartwell Road Race Meeting	Mac Park
2 – 3 April	Café Racer	Mac Park
16 – 17 April	Australian Superbikes	Hidden Valley NT
23 – 24 April	Easter Cup	Mac Park
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