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# The Good Oil

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Isle of Man – anyone??



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Editorial It's Going at last!

Last month I wrote about the trials of fixing the Trident. Well I got the grommets and put the carbies back on only to have one leak, back to the spare parts desk for the bowl gaskets that I wouldn't need and another couple of days wait. Oh and I found those filters, at least one of them in the primer side of the line the main line must have been removed some other time.

I had to wait till early this week to fit them all as I was on night shift last week and the weather was still good for riding so I managed to get it going on Monday when the cold and rain started so it sits in the shed still, but at least it sounds as if it is fixed as it idled for quite a while without stopping.

I am getting really good at getting the carbies on and off. I was going to replace the sprag

clutch while they were off but after pricing the part decided that I will wait until it really goes which knowing my luck will be next week.

The other thing that I forgot to mention last month was that the Norton Club had a demonstration from the bloke who manufactures the Tri-spark Electronic ignition systems manufactured for twins and triples right here in Adelaide. He gave a warts and all presentation of the development hassles and manufacturing processes that he has developed and of course had units for sale. Of course I have a unit sitting waiting for fitting to the commando.

Great gear and it is made right here in Adelaide!

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President's Report

I hope you all have earmarked Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month for our ride day at Mallala. The details have been public for a while now, and there's certainly nothing complicated about it. Let's hope for good weather and a large turnout of bikes and riders, some of which we haven't seen for a while.

Ride days used to be quite common in our Club, but suffered from rising costs, so all credit to our Competition Secretary, Danny

Ahern, for coming up with a formula to address this. For those of us who went to the Seniors at Mac Park, reports, Club Points and true fabricated stories will have to wait for next month's "Good Oil". Speaking of the "Oil", it would be nice to have a replacement Editor for Les lined up. Even Committee Members and Editors tire and need a break. Trevor Henderson.

CLARKE'S COMMENT

I chanced upon a book a little while ago, a book left unclaimed for several days by a temporary transient and unknown character who visited my place of employment.

This is not a commentary on the contents of the book, rather the style in which it was written.

You see, the title is "My Mother Warned Me About Blokes Like Me", written by Boris Mihailovic, who some of you may know through his column in Australian Motor Cycle News. It is a series of chapters being short stories of past escapades on the edge of life and motorcycling, and previously published elsewhere in (much) tamer form.

His choice of words is, er, rather forthright, not for the faint of heart or delicate of soul. If you find this kind of language confronting, then don't bother to open the front cover, or any other part for that matter.

But therein lies the charm. His skill as a wordsmith has you sharing the related experience as if you were there, scared out of your pants, hurting from the cold of riding in sub freezing temperatures at extreme velocity, plain riding at extreme velocity, or any of his other manic activities.

His mastery of description is staggering....something most journalists could aspire to regardless of content.

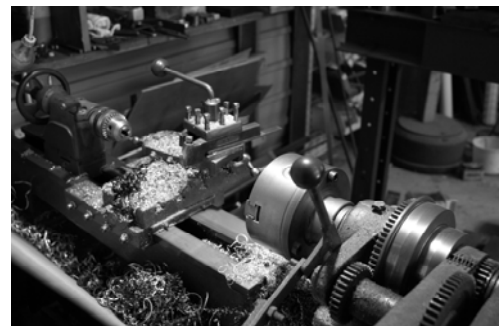
Now, I wouldn't necessarily engage in any or all of the behaviours described, but I have ridden in sufficient difficult, awkward and antisocial situations to appreciate the escapades mentioned, and I know some of the country described (the high country between Sydney and northern Victoria) having been through parts of it by car a LONG time ago, and when I had my BMW R100GSPD. His words rise off the page with a disarming accuracy.

Boris was born of Serbian and Russian parents who emigrated to Australia, and from a very young age, has led a very colourful life. Psychedelic even, and this comes out in the storytelling. No holds barred.

Agree or disagree with his commentary, he still writes with panache and descriptive ability that eludes most of our professional wordsmiths. Blunt, crude and in your face he may be, his talent to write and totally engage the reader I find to be almost without peer.

Just as well he's a motorcyclist.

Nick



**MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING of the HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER of SA held at MSA Clubrooms on Thursday 18 April 2013.**

<u>Meeting opened</u>	8.10pm
<u>Apologies</u>	Chris Hayward, Claire Harmon, Mike Wooster, Artie Sommer, Lorraine Rake, Len Dyson & Ronna Fisher.
<u>New members/Visitors</u>	Nil
<u>Minutes of previous meeting</u>	Moved for acceptance by Phil Baughan, seconded by Len Smith. Minutes accepted.
<u>Business arising</u>	No business arising

Reports

President

Trevor gave the floor to Richard Rake, who spoke on Tim Gibbes' visit to Adelaide, when he had lunch with VMCASA members. Tim rode in the ISDT & SSDT, & had parts in "The Great Escape" & "On Any Sunday".

Secretary

- No correspondence received

Treasurer

Those going to Thai in a Wok see Dean first.

Delegates report

*Competition Secretary*

Paperwork for May 24<sup>th</sup> Ride Day has been organised.

*MSA*

Good turnout at MSA AGM. Lyn Long now on MA Board, Chris Kelly elected in her place. Granite Ridge 2 has been sold at a loss. Current lease @ Tailem Bend expires 30-6-13. Cost of \$2 million offered @ \$900,000 down + \$1.1m over 5 years. Financially, MSA are +\$14,000 now, compared with minus last year. Next General Meeting is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm.

*Road Race*

Reasonable progress this year, but serious decline in C20 competitors. Next year cut-off for this class will be 2004.

Phil will approve Supp. Regs for Mac Park "Winter Classic" on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July tonight. It will have Laurie Fox P3 Cup + P4, P5 & Sidecar Features.

Danny asked about Tailem Bend after 30-6-13.

General Business

- 10 Year Membership + Back Issues of “Good Oil” for Artie Sommer.
- Geoff Grant off for 5 months o’s seas, expect a full “Good Oil” on his return.
- Richard Rake is offering his 500 & 750 Domiracers for sale.
- Also for sale, a 1963 Norton Atlas with alloy barrels & on Club Rego. See Phil Baughan.
- Levi Day was 16<sup>th</sup> on the Thruxton grid, & finished 11<sup>th</sup>. After 2 rounds, he is 8<sup>th</sup> in Superstock Championship. Dave Johnson won there.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

<p><b>MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER OF SA: held at the MSA clubrooms on 2 April 2013</b></p>
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Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

Present: Trevor Henderson, Dean Watson, Danny Ahern, Chris Hayward, Paul Walker, Stuart Penn and Tony Tildesley.

Apologies: Geoff Grant and Neil Watson

Minutes of Previous Meeting: President took minutes of past meeting in the absence of the Secretary. Minutes unavailable at time of meeting

Business arising See above

Treasurers Report

- Treasurer reported that he was experiencing difficulty locating a suitable person to undertake the annual audit of finances.
- Following discussion it was agreed that the President would approach Ronna to gauge her interest in undertaking this audit

Secretary’s report

No correspondence received

General Business

- Trevor provided a review of HMCRRSA Honorary memberships
- A general discussion was held re the ridged Period 3's becoming eligible to race in the Period 2 class. Trevor to pen letter to those involved expressing our club’s opinion.
- Thai restaurant event to go ahead on 19 April
- Dan discussed posters and tee shirts for 2013 state titles and suggested that people order these when submitted their entries. Agreed the need to get some design work happening promptly.
- There was a general discussion re proposed 2015 National titles to be held at Mallala.
- Over 20 HMCRRSA members have expressed interest in attending the joint ride day with the Ducati riders club on 24 May.
- 2way radios will be required for officials.
- A BBQ will be brought along to provide food for riders and visitors

- HMCRRSA's possible provision of a mechanical sweeper for Mac Park was discussed. This was seen as potentially beneficial for both the running of our annual state titles meeting as well as cementing our ongoing close ties with the Mt Gambier club.

Meeting closed 10.00pm

2013 Road Racing Dates

Date	Event	Venue
24 May	Club day	Mallala
25- 26 May	Rnd 3	Mallala
27 – 28 July	Phoenix	Mallala
21 – 22 September	Café	Mallala
5 – 6 October	State Titles (Moderns)	Mt Gambier
9 – 10 November	Phoenix	Mallala
15 – 17 November	Australian Historic Championships	Wannaroo
14 – 15 December	Cafe Club Championship	Mallala
28 – 29 December	State Titles	Mt Gambier

For Sale/Wanted

Wanted	Kneeler outfit any power unit considered	Joffre Booth 0434104508 03/03
For Sale Offers	Australian made 1hp 3 phase electric motor forward and reversing switch Runs nice	Ray Stevens 8332 5786 5 Stapleton St Firlie 03/03



Nick's TX 750 – "made up from bits lying around the shed"