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Dan Gleeson at Taillem Bend Ride Day!



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Editorial - Another Milestone goes unnoticed!

Due to my inability last month to write an editorial, (was I really that slack?) we missed another milestone of the club. We clicked over another year of the good oil, making this our 20th year of producing a magazine for the members.

Hopefully you are finding the information in it as enjoyable and informative as ever. Regular contributors like Geoff Grant, Nick Clarke and of course Trevor make for interesting reading as well as the odd sort`e from Danny and anyone else that I have forgotten. Special thanks goes to Vicky Burnett for converting Trevor’s handwritten notes into electronic format for ease of insertion into this document and lets not forget Len and Judy Smith who

make it all happen on the night and forward it on to those who don’t make it to the meetings.

All ready the Christmas drinks have started to flow around the traps, next meeting will be the last for the year and we are into a new year. Those heading off to the Australian Historic Championships this weekend will probably be reading this after the event, so I hope that you all do well.

As for my fortune, I will be sitting next year out again, as there are lots of things to be straightened out in my life, apart from the bikes of course. And I need to concentrate on those before I can contemplate any sort of FUN!!!

Stay Upright #77

President's Report

Thanks to Tony Tildesley, Judith & Graham Rowley, Dean Watson, Phil Baughan, Richard Rake, Tony Early (flaggie), my partner Claire and her son Rhys for their efforts at last month's club day at Tailem Bend. We are also grateful to our ambos, Chris Mc Ardle (manager) and Nick Clarke for retrieving the club rollers from Callington. The number of riders who turned up was a bit disappointing, barely more than the head count of officials and helpers. I'm sure any members would have known it was on, and invitations were issued to like-minded clubs and riders. My apologies to anyone who arrived too late for check-in and riders' briefing and then couldn't take part. I believe all who did ride enjoyed themselves, were able to do any tuning required, and got in enough time on the tarmac, because we pulled stumps when no more riders were lining up.

The following weekend was the veteran competitors' dinner on Friday night, and the Gillman Classic Speedway on Saturday evening, which was again an excellent meeting. Sadly, the sidecar contingent saved all their troubles for the finals, several fancied competitors having dramas that spoiled their podium aspirations.

At the Friday night dinner, everyone was given a "30 question quiz" on various aspects of mainly classic motorcycling to peruse and fill in over dinner. I've taken 11 questions I believe relevant to us, for a maximum of 15 points, that you may mull over during the evening, and we will give a small prize to the winner at the end of proceedings.

Heaven help us we don't have a dead heat!

Trevor Henderson

"MOTORCYCLING QUIZ"- MAXIMUM 15 POINTS

- Question 1. Name the Irish International who came to Australia to ride in the 1936 (two parts) Centenary TT at Victor Harbor and the factory he represented.
Answer: _____/_____ (2 points)
- Question 2. S.A's Bill Horsman won the 1997 Junior Manx GP Classic event on which Italian-made machine?
Answer _____(1point)
- Question 3. What famous brand won the inaugural IOM TT twin cylinder class and in what (two parts) year was it run?
Answers: _____/_____ (2 points)
- Question 4. Name the three local clubs that formed the AVA Road Racing Association.
Answers: _____/_____/_____ (3 points)
- Question 5. Give the surname of the two Irish brothers who in 1950 made the Norton Featherbed frame.
Answer: _____(1 point)
- Question 6. Name the South Australian, formerly chef technical engineer with Repsol Honda, and now with Ducati and Valentino Rossi.
Answer: _____(1 point)
- Question 7. Winner of 26 IOM TT races was Irish born publican.
Answer: _____(1 point)
- Question 8. Name the captain of the Official Australian Team at the 1965 IOM TT, at which Len Atlee and Peter Richards rode.
Answer: _____(1 point)
- Question 10. Name the Australian responsible for designing the V-Twin Vincent engine.
Answer: _____(1point)
- Question 11. To the nearest metre today, how far around is a lap of Philip Island's Grand Prix Circuit.
Answer: _____(1 point)

Your Score _____

Huge congratulations to Nicolas Teroll! As the 2011, and final, 125cc World Road Racing Champion, he has become an icon. As the last winner of the last surviving class of those that formed the World Championships' 63 years ago, he will be, in my opinion, a hero regardless of where the sport takes him. But hey, the 125cc class was dominated by two-strokes, as were the other classes that were killed off by politics. "There's more politics in football than in politics!" Well, Mr. Haysman, your sport doesn't have a mortgage on that!

But life changes, and us with it. Read of Aussie riders on the continent in the 60's and 50's, in jacket and tie, attending formal presentations after race meetings, and the likes of Mike Hailwood and Giacomo Agostini, suitably attired for the grand prize giving after the IOM TT. You don't hear of Messrs. McGuinness, Martin, Dunlop and co. in the their Sunday best after the TT these days, and I'm not sure the men's and women's

champions still do the formal waltz at the ball after Wimbledon.

So while the likes of Jeremy Burgess, Loris Capirossi, Kevin Schwantz and Daryl Beattie regret the demise of the two-strokes, as does Jorge Lorenzo's crew chief who hopes the new class will bring on the next Stoner, Rossi, Pedrosa or Lorenzo, something Moto 2 and Superbikes don't seem to regularly do, the die has been cast.

I'm probably wearing my heart on my sleeve here, having been involved with 125cc bikes through lean times, in which they were labeled the "Cinderella" class. So does that make the new class the ugly step-sister" and what self-respecting prince would want to take her to the ball?

Thumbs Up and Change Right

Trevor Henderson #55

CLARKE'S OCCASIONAL COMMENT:

Ah! Something to write about at last!

For those who did not go to Tailem Bend, you missed a good fun day, organized and run with the usual panache by Tony Tildesley, Judy Rowley, Mr Henderson and the Honourable Phil. There was one other face in there giving cheek too. Now who was that? Rumour has it that his name is Graham, and he lives in the crankcase of a BSA.

It is a year since the great unsilenced Yamaha had been started.....shameful. In that time I had changed the clutch plates from Kevlar to standard material to try and control the judder when starting off, and it worked! Sweet as.....in slow or hard starts. Lovely predictable feel.

The other messy job has been in the front suspension. Over a period of time as I got a bit faster, keeping in mind that I am no Agostini, the front end started to chatter in turns. That is not exactly confidence inspiring, because it feels

like it just wants to spit you off without warning. The solution has been elusive, and having the unsprung weight of an extra disc and caliper does no favours, but believe me the behemoth needs BOTH to pull it up. The issue is high speed damping. Not high road speed, but high response speed of the suspension, as if you hit a sharp edged hole and the suspension has to compress very quickly. In the primitive early forks, this is not easily tailored, but if you recall when I took the bike to the Club meeting as guest speaker, I took along the front suspension damper mechanism. This system was common to the TZ750 racer, and has an early version of a shim pack, in addition to the standard damper rod with side holes. This little shim has 2mm holes, so they were opened out to 2.5mm to let the oil pass faster, and therefore reducing high speed compression resistance without altering rebound or low speed compression. Confused? Don't worry

your little peepers. It worked too. Not a hint of chatter! Oh Joy! Oh bliss!

However, despite running sweetly all day, the clown riding it went on one of the straight line runs, missed a gear change, over revved to billy-o, and bent both the exhaust valves, that normally only miss the piston by 60 thou. On the trailer.

Now all you people with 2-strokes can stop laughing. You only burn pistons and wreck big ends.

The day actually had a secondary purpose. Vicki's nephew Matt has "L" plates and a Hyosung GT650R, which is an exceptionally pleasant bike to ride. While it was up on the trailer for transport to and from TB, it was

amusing to note that the handlebars, footpegs, gear lever and seat are all in the same place as the 40 year old Yamaha next to it! The sophistication has improved a little though. Matt was invited to come along and play to get some experience and build his riding skills. It worked, and now he wants to go to a ride day at Mac Park. His greatest surprise was how fast those "old things" went, as he found chasing Dan Gleeson on the plunger Inter.

While there wasn't a huge crowd, we all enjoyed a relaxed successful 29 degree day with a gentle breeze, some cloud to reduce the sunburn, and the smells and sounds of "old things".

Nick

CLUB POINTS FROM "MASTER OF MACPARK", 1ST & 2ND OCTOBER, 2011

| NO | NAME | PERIOD | CAPACITY | RACE 1 POINTS | RACE 2 POINTS | RACE 3 POINTS | MASTER of MAC POINTS | TOTALS |
|-----|------------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|--------|
| 7 | Joe Ahern | 3 | U/L | - | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| 7 | " " | 4 | 350 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 12 |
| 24 | Andrew Bannerman | 5 | 500 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| 27 | Danny Ahern | 3 | 500 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 32 | Jonathon Gutte | 5 | 350 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 34 | Chris Hayward | 5 | 500 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| 40 | Simon Cook | 4 | U/L | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 |
| 55 | Trevor Henderson | 3 | 125 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| 83 | Phil Baughan | 3 | 700 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| 84 | " " | 4 | 350 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | 5 |
| 86 | Mick Skeer | 3 | 500 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 136 | Peter Strawhan | 5 | 500 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 204 | Wally Ryan | 5 | 250 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |



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

- Meeting Opened: at 8.00pm.
- Apologies: Judy Smith, Lorraine Rake, John Gutte, Ronna Fisher, Nick & Vicki Clarke, Peter Strawhan, Tony Tildesley, Len Dyson
- New Members/Visitors: Thomas O'Neil.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting: held September 2011 were moved for acceptance by Phil Baughan, seconded by John Kroon, and carried.
- Business Arising: Champions Ride days toe MA Board.

REPORTS

1. President's Report Trevor presented Dan Gleeson with his 10 year Membership Certificate.
2. Secretary's Report
 - **Correspondence In**
 - i. City of Playford Australia Day Cavalcade of Vehicles
 - ii. Tickets to see Closer to the Edge, even though time had passed to use them.
 - iii. Redback Tourers Motorcycle Club holding a rally at Sedan 4th February 2012
 - iv. MSA asking for nominations for persons to form an Officials Committee, nominations close 28th October, also keen to see Womans Committee re-established
 - v. Campbells Wholesale catalogues
 - **Correspondence Out**
 - i. Nil.
3. Treasurer's Report: Dean gave a gave a detailed summary of accounts and asked to be able to go to electronic banking, this was to be decided at committee meeting.

General Business:

1. Phil has acquired a large range of bearings that he will advertise in the next Good Oil
2. Judith Rowley spoke on the Tailern Bend ride day, need 4 or 5 flaggies, gates will open at 7.30 for those who come early, riders brief at 9.15 and scrutineering to be done by 9.15, Tony will explain the procedure at the briefing. Cost \$40 for members \$60 for non members \$20 for licence. Dean will be doing that at the gate.
3. John Kroon Café Racer ride day on the Saturday 22nd October need flaggies.
4. EMT unable to transport injured rider to hospital, after Chris was told only had bruised shoulder but was later diagnosed with broken collarbone. Committee to investigate.
5. Ken mentioned the classic Speedway meeting on the 29th. He is also doing vinyl cut stickers of logos for your bike.
6. Speaker for the night was Keith Whistle? Who brought in his 1918 Excelsior which he has been restoring for 30 yrs and spoke of some of the problems associated with trying to work with parts that no longer existed and finding alternatives. He passed around some pieces to try to confuse everyone and keep them guessing, a great achievement by him to get this far.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm.

For Sale/Wanted

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| '86 Suzuki GR 650 Parallel Air Cooled Twin. 32000 Kms, Full floating suspension, great 5 speed. Mech A1 Just spent \$350 on Electrical tidy up 1 prior owner. | FOR SALE \$1700 O.N.O. | Romy 0405 782 755 11/11 |
| 9" Hircus Metal Lathe – 3 & 4 jaw chucks + heaps of tooling, thread cutting etc single phase oldie but a goodie! | FOR SALE \$1200 O.N.O. | Les Bell Ph 0419 272793. 07/11 |
| Leathers; New Black and Grey, Well padded. Chest 42" Waist 38" suit 5'10" up | FOR SALE \$275 | Trevor Henderson Ph: 83845284 07/11 |
| CARBURETTORS: Mikuni VM36 x2, brand new, never mounted. Includes manifold adaptors, air filters, 1 into 2 throttle cable, 2 alternative slides. Jetted 4-stroke methanol \$600 complete Doherty quick action throttle grip, used \$20 Tacho: Yamaha, unknown model, 0-10,000rpm (7000 red line) Likely 5:1 ratio. New, still in box \$100 Book: BSA Twins Restoration (Roy Bacon), new cond. \$40 | FOR SALE | Nick Clarke 0417 871 532 |
| Flanged alloy rim 1.85"x18" (WM2) 36 hole, drilled for small diameter disc brake hub. | WANTED | Contact Nick 0417 871 532 12/10 |
| 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

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| 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 |
| 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 |



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Contact the editor for additions to the following.

| Who are they | What do they do | Where are they |
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| Manta Precision Engineering | Cast iron brake disc rotors for historic bikes. | Peter McWiggin, 67A Kolora Road, West Heidleberg 3081, (03) 9455 0255 |
| Full-On Motorcycle Parts | Goodridge metal sintered brake pads for use on cast iron discs | (08) 8374 3588 |
| Amal Spares | Amal Carburetor Replacement Parts | John Parker, 12 Clarke Drive, Ringwood 3134 (03) 9879 3817 (AH) |
| PBE Engineering | General Machining and mechanical repairs. | Phil Baughan 0412043987 |
| Ken Hurley | Motorcycle Photos | ned@fastphotos.net www.fastphotos.net 8261 9033 |
| SBP Superbike Performance | Dyno Tuning Service | Unit 29/798 Marion Road Phone 8377 0028 Mobile 0407400 074 |
| Murray's Brit Bikes | British bike spares | Unit 5 5 Kingston Ave Richmond 0408 833 511 |
| Birdwood Motor Cycle Engineering | General Machining and mechanical repairs | Martin Adams 0421 874 513 |
| Classic Restoration | Motorcycle Restoration Services | Tony Codrington 20 Bethay Road Tanunda 8563 3095 |
| Maggyman | Rebuilds buy/sell | RAC Johnson Naracoorte 0418852277 (Mornings only) |
| Bill's Bits & Bikes | Spares and service | Birdwood. |
| Electrasil (LM Electroplating) | Electrasil/Nikasil bore replating: | 7 George Court Briar Hill 3088 (03) 9435 7029 |
| HPC (High Performance Coatings) | Teflon and ceramic performance coatings of internal and external engine parts. | 6 Watson Road, Leongatha 3953 |
| The Pitstop Bookshop | For motoring books and DVDs | 33 King St, Perth 6000 Freecall 1800 622 422 www.pitstop.net.au |
| Bike Books and Bits | Books – Manuals – Magazines | Richard Sampson Ph 0438 848 366 email: bikebooks.bits@yahoo.com.au |
| ChromeMasters | Chrome and Nickel plating restoration specialists Discount given to members. | Steve Provis Unit 2/42 Stanbell Road Salisbury Plain – 0410 337 898 |
| Digital Sports Media | Sports Photographer | Peter Brunner Ph 0402 230 777 Email: peter@dsm1.com.au Web: www.dsm1.com.au |
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| www.cmsnl.com in England, and www.siriusconinc.com in Canada. Good supplies, reasonable prices, but keep in mind freight costs. | Internet parts suppliers for vintage and classic Japanese bikes: | www.mikesxs.net in USA supplies for XS650 Yamaha , but many bits fit across other models. www.m3racing.com for Honda CB750/450/350. |