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# The Good Oil

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**Mike Wooster puts Nick Clarke's TX750 through its paces at Mac Park SA Champs 2010**



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**Editorial**

**Any Excuse!**

I was going to put a photo of a scraper on my truck on the front page, and go into a spiel about how hard done by I was at the time of the July monthly Oil and why I missed it, but I won't bore you with the detail of going to Cook SA to pick it up and taking it to Moomba only to get stuck by rain at Lyndhurst. Then the boss saying drop the scraper there and head to Whyalla to pick up a Compactor and take it to Solomon mine in WA then on the way back pick up the same scraper at Lyndhurst and continue on up to Moomba with it. Packed for 5 days away - ended up 19 with 11500 kms under the wheels replacing 12 tyres. I've been back to Moomba 3 times since, even picked up a broken down motorcyclist and his KTM who

ran into none other than Joe Ahern at Innaminka, small world eh!

But instead I decided that a photo of Nick Clarke's TX will suffice. But I need some more photos for the Oil, in reality I can get away with 12 a year but more gives you as members the opportunity to get a picture published. So its in your hands.

Things are moving on the personal front as well with the house on the market and me moving into new digs with Nasreen. Hopefully next year will see me able to tackle some of the jobs on the bike and get back on the track. In the meantime as a measure of goodwill I will try to help out at some of the meetings that are coming up.

Stay Upright # 77

**President's Report**

Congratulations to all those elected to positions at last month's AGM. Fortunately, the changes were minimal and Chris Hayward, Secretary, and Peter Gouws, committeeman, were present for their first committee meeting. I believe this duo will be of benefit to the club, Chris with the secretarial duties and Peter with revitalizing our website. It's good to have Paul Walker, with a story to tell, back from his African holiday, and he is another whose input is always welcomed.

I believe MSA, under the presidency of Brenton Matters, will achieve much more with Tailem Bend Motorsports Park than could have happened at Granite Ridge. Road racing facilities will be a while coming, though we have been able to effectively utilize the bitumen already in place there. Other branches of the sport, where the track surface moves under the tyres, will be catered for rather more immediately.

I'm attempting to take tentative steps into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, with encouragement and

support from Dean and Danny, we've organized internet connection through Bigpond, though our first attempt to hook up failed when the computer had a hissy fit. If at first you don't succeed" seemed good advice, so "watch this space" for our progress. My office space is rather cramped, so throwing my hands around could result in components going in all directions.

Let's hope for good weather and a good entry for the Master of Mac Park at the end of this month, it has seemed forever since our last trip to Mount Gambier for the Seniors' in May. It would be great to have sufficient bikes to do justice to the Classic, Post-Classic, Forgotten Era and Sidecar "Master of Mac Park" events and keep them going well into the future. It's partly up to us, and to the Historic competitors from Southern and South-Eastern Australia who have raced at Mac Park over the years.

Trevor Henderson

**TREV'S TITBITS – "BACK TO 1996"**

This was started by a "senior moment", an occurrence that seems a companion more and more these days. I missed recording the Moto GP from Laguna Seca, USA, due to forgetting that the telecast was Monday morning not Sunday evening. So what was I going to show my friend Len on his fortnightly visit. I have a carton full of speedway and road racing tapes recorded by our late secretary Ian Corlett, and given to me by Curly, so which one to drag out? What about 1996 Australian Grand Prix from Easter Creek?

First up was 250cc production for the locals, with a full grid and a few more, meaning some riders unfortunately missed out. How are Superbike fields doing in 2012? The field of predominantly RGV 250 Suzukis turned on some great racing, particularly for the lead which changed constantly. This was followed

by the 125cc event, won by Australia's Garry McCoy after he resisted and overcome the best efforts of the world's best in this class. Being the season finale, the world title was up for grabs for some riders, (not Garry), who may have played safe for points. But this took nothing away from an exciting race and Garry's victory.

Then the International 250cc and 500cc races, two strokes of course, with the usual cut and thrust racing. So, how have we gone now? I wondered if I've become a bit of a cynic, dreaming of old days and old bikes, but reading this month's Cycle Torque (the freebie), maybe I'm not alone. Darryl Flack's article "The Tide is Turning" suggests that riders moving from Moto GP to Superbikes are no longer taking a backward step. Unpopular rule changes, CRT bikes and control. Tyres maybe leading to control everything, led Jeremy Burgess to

remark “what next, control spark plugs?” Then, in CT’s editorial, Chris Pickett, admitting to personal burnout, states that “when Casey walks away I don’t think I’ll bother watching Moto GP, unless Valentino starts winning again”. Are these guys right?

Maybe there is a message in “Warriors of Motocross”, also in Cycle Torque. The hard riders of the 1970’s were just that. No personal trainers, dietitians, semi trailers and specialist engineers. Roger de Coster was one of the best, and in those days would roll up in a small van with one mechanic, one bike, one fuel can,

on tool box, and win. I’m sure road racing in those days paralleled this. An MV work rider stripped to the waist and rebuilding an engine in the pits was a featured photo in the 1970’s, and you certainly won’t find such a shot repeated today.

So, maybe it has all become too professional, too clinical, too homogenized? Give me a ticket back to the sixties.

Thumbs Up and Change Right

Trevor Henderson #55

**MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING of the HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER of SA held at MSA Clubrooms on Thursday 19 July 2012.**

Meeting Opened: at 8.10pm

Apologies: Neil Watson, Graham and Judith Rowley, Nick and Vicky Clark, Ronna Fisher, Bob Ballestrin, Brian Stuart, Len and Judy Smith, Rob Ritchie and Glenda St John, Danny Ahern, Clear Harmon, Len Dyson, Les Bell and the Good Oil.

New Members/Visitors: Nil.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Not available.

Business Arising: Nil.

**REPORTS**

1. President’s Report Rob R was a rider in the 3 hour..
2. Secretary’s Report
  - **Correspondence In**
    - i. Barrossa Valley MCC – Rally 21 Oct.
    - ii. Shannons –
    - iii. Curly Corlett In and Out.
  - **Correspondence Out**
3. Treasurer’s Report: All sponsors paid up from 20110 State Titles.  
Dean to liaise with Bob re auditing of the books  
In response to a query from Bob there a 60-70 financial members.
4. Delegates’ Reports:  
**Competition Secretary** absent

**Road Race**

1. Supp Regs for Phoenix August meeting passed. Preliminary work on the 3hr Regs including a round of the Australian Sidecar Championships.

**MSA**

Next meeting 2 August, Presidents and Secretary’s meeting  
Officials seminar 30 August here.

General Business

1. John Whallin – protection for rear chains and sprockets will be in 2013 rule book. Handlebar and tank clearance – no specific rule.
2. \$50 a pair of TT900 X 18” tyres ex Greg Kennedy.
3. No date available for Mac Park – Atajura –Mallala Saturday is cheaper.
4. Bob Glynn suggested that No Club days means P3 riders give up and their bikes remain in the shed.
5. Sporting Car Club would like bikes for display and demo Runs.
6. Tony Tidesley is working in dates for Tailem Bend and Mallala. He also has body amour for an 8 year old.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm.

**MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING of the HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER of SA held at MSA Clubrooms on Tuesday 7 August 2012.**

Meeting Opened: 7.45 pm

Present: Trevor Henderson, Dean Watson, Danny Ahern.

Apologies: Paul Walker

No Minutes to pass

Treasures Report: Dean will put the excess Funds into the Trust account tomorrow.  
All receipts and payments are up to date.

Correspondence Power Brakes their Business is being diverted to North East Road only.

General Business:

1. Review of the MSA Presidents/Secretary’s Meeting.
2. Discussion on State Titles.
3. Get more members to pick up sponsors.

Meeting Closed 9.05pm.

**MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING of the HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER of SA held at MSA Clubrooms on Thursday 16 August 2012.**

Meeting Opened: at 8.00pm with 19 in attendance.

Apologies: Len Dyson, Len Smith, Ronna Fisher, John Whallin, Lorraine and Richard Rake, Bryan Stuart, Artie Summer, the Burnett Clan, Nick and Vicky Clark, John Kroon, Terry Mcbride and Paul Walker.

New Members/Visitors: Nil.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: held July 2012 were deferred.



Business Arising. Nil.

## REPORTS

5. President's Report Comprehensive report in AGM.
6. Secretary's Report
- **Correspondence In**
    - i. Glen Dane – email P3 Norton Sidecar for sale
    - ii. Aust GP Corporation – sticker for MotoGP
  - **Correspondence Out**
    - i. Nil.
7. Treasurer's Report: Dean has paid for the website, moved funds into the Australian Trustees account and noted that the books need auditing.
8. Delegates' Reports:
- Competition Secretary**
1. Sydney Raceway – formally Eastern Creek holding Australian Historic Championships with limited time to practice due to bookings.
  2. Master of Mac Park Supp Regs are ready for the October Long Weekend.
  3. Broadford is hosting the Southern Classic the weekend before the MotoGP.
- Road Race**
2. Supp Regs for Phoenix 3hr race have been approved and it will include a round of the Australian Sidecar Championships.
  3. Track Licencing is an ongoing issue with Mac Park and Mallala due for major inspectiosn next year.
  4. Meeting next Tuesday about Taillem Bend.
  5. Lots of noise being made about numbers being hard to read on modern bikes.
- MSA Nil.**

The meeting was suspended whilst the Annual General Meeting was conducted.

<p><b>MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER of SA held at MSA Clubrooms on Thursday 16 August 2012.</b></p>
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Les Bell chaired the Meeting

Members Present: 19

Apologies: Len Dyson, Len Smith, Ronna Fisher, John Whallin, Lorraine and Richard Rake, Bryan Stuart, Artie Summer, the Burnett Clan, Nick and Vicky Clark, John Kroon, Terry Mcbride and Paul Walker.

President's Report: Trevor

I'd written a script, but then I chanced to read last year's report, and found a fair bit of repeat info. Firstly I must thank my fellow committee people who've put in over the last 12 months. I like to mention Dean Watson for his efforts as Treasurer, following on from several previously excellent predecessors. Come to think of it, I can't recall one bad Treasurer during my time in this club. In last year's report, I suggested I'd do one more term, a plan scuppered by my friends on the committee, so you havn't seen the last of me. The carrot dangled was for a computer to enable me to keep up electronically, so goodbye hot tube ignition.

## THE GOOD OIL

I've been remiss lately with organising bikes for display and guest speakers for our General Meetings, so had better sharpen myself up there. Does anyone have any alternative ideas that we could try? More movie/DVD nights perhaps.

Unfortunately we missed the "Good Oil" last month. We've been so used to Les delivering that we forget primarily he has to earn a living, so sometimes something has to give. Well done Les.

Anyhow enough of me, let's get going.

All positions were then declared vacant, with Les conducting the elections.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	RESULT
Patron	Len Dyson	Trevor Henderson	Danny Ahern	Elected Unopposed
President	Trevor Henderson	Danny Ahern	Bob Glynn	Elected Unopposed
Vice President	Danny Ahern	Trevor Henderson	Phil Baughan	Elected Unopposed
Treasurer	Dean Watson	Bob Glynn	Tony Tildesley	Elected Unopposed
Secretary	Chris Heyward	Danny Ahern	Trevor Henderson	
Competition Secretary	Danny Ahern	Les Bell	Trevor Henderson	Elected Unopposed
Newsletter Editor	Les Bell	Trevor Henderson	Mike Wooster	Elected Unopposed
Social Secretary/Librarian	Geoff Grant	Danny Ahern	Trevor Henderson	Elected Unopposed
Committee Members	Paul Walker Tony Tildesley Stuart Penn Neil Watson Peter Gouws	Danny Dean Les Les Tony		Elected Unopposed Elected Unopposed Elected Unopposed Elected Unopposed Elected Unopposed
Club Delegates	Phil Baughan – MSA Phil Baughan – Road Race	Les	Danny Ahern	Elected Unopposed

With the elections concluded, the membership congratulated all those elected; Trevor resumed the Chair as President.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

### General Business:

1. Phil Baughan presented the club on Nick Clark's request a comprehensive booklet that describes the building of his TX 750.
2. Danny attended a ride day at Mallala last Saturday and noted that Dan Gleeson also attended on his International and Ross O'Neil on ex Ian Davison's BSA.
3. The October long weekend is the Master of Mac Park
4. Phil noted that he had the displeasure of excluding a rider from a meeting at Mallala.
5. Phi reminded that we need helpers for the November 10-11 3 hour meeting.
6. Trevor welcomed the new committee and reminded everyone of the next committee meeting being 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of September.

Meeting Closed 9.10pm.

**MINUTES of the COMMITTEE MEETING of the HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLE RACING REGISTER of SA held at the MSA Clubrooms on Tuesday 4 September 2012.**

The meeting opened at 7.45pm

**Present:-** Trevor Henderson, Danny Ahern, Paul Walker, Chris Hayward, Stuart Penn, Dean Watson and Peter Gouws.

**Apologies:-** Neil Watson

**Minutes of previous meeting:-** Moved for acceptance by Trevor and seconded by Danny and carried.

**Business arising:-**

1. Trevor reported that audited books have to be checked annually.
2. Dean reported that \$15k has been transferred over to the Executor Trustee account. This brings the total in this account to approximately \$55k - \$60k.
3. Dean also reported that a small amount of membership fees were received during the past month.

**General Business:-**

*1. Social media*

- The Committee discussed the use of social media to promote issues and events to members as well as to encourage exchange of member's views.
- It was generally agreed that the current website required some improvements including publication of up to date race results, access to sup regs, and publication of news and events information etc.
- It was agreed that the contact details of all committee members be published on the website.
- Peter agreed to take on the role of website coordinator with a view to implement changes to the website and to establish a Facebook page for members.
- A trial will be undertaken to assess the value and rate of use of the Facebook resource.

*2. Social Events*

- The proposed social evening was discussed with Dean providing details of the likely venue to be 'Thai in a Wok' Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide.
- It was agreed to tentatively book this venue for Friday 2 November 2012.
- Promotion of this will be via the next edition of the 'Good Oil' as well as during the next general meeting of 16 September 2012.
- Members will be required to pay a \$10 deposit to confirm their booking.
- It was agreed that members will be subsidised \$10 towards the cost of their meal.

*3. Member contact details*

- Members will be asked to provide their email address details to support more timely notification of club information and notifications.

*4. Ride day update*



- Danny reported that arranging a ride day in conjunction with the Ducati Club is still work in progress.
- Trevor and Phil attended an MSA meeting on 21 August that dealt with ongoing progress re Tailem Bend. Trevor reported that whilst progress is slow, there is nevertheless positive developments.
- Trevor advised that an inspection and showcase of Tailem Bend is scheduled for 4 November for invited club officials.

5. *Competition Secretary Report*

- Danny reported on progress towards 2012 State Titles and the upcoming work on the Sup regs. Planning to publish by Mid October with close of entries likely to be 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November.
- It was agreed that there will be no provision for Period 6 machines at the State Titles 2012.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

**For Sale/Wanted**

Honda 750 K2 or K3 from the 70's	<b>WANTED</b>	Trevor Henderson Ph 8384 5284 09/12
B33 or M 33 Motorbike for restoration	<b>WANTED</b>	Drew Nolan Ph 89767162 05/12
Dunlop 325 x 18 KR124 front Dunlop 350 x 18 KR 124A front/rear Dunlop 375/500 x 18 KR –rear Avon 90/90x18 AM 22-front Avon 110/80 x18 AM 22-front/rear all made 2010 or later- ALL SOFT!!!!!!! FRESH RUBBER-call for details Hi I am a member of the HCMC here in WA, we have landed a quantity of Avons and Dunlops historic racing tyres - tied of receiving 3-4 year old stale tyres	<b>FOR SALE</b>	Murray West <a href="mailto:ttmotorcycletours@e-wire.net.au">ttmotorcycletours@e-wire.net.au</a> <a href="http://www.ttmotorcycletours.com.au">www.ttmotorcycletours.com.au</a> Perth-Western Australia Ph 0407-687759 05/12
Parts to convert R5 Yamaha twin into Race Bike, fibreglass tank/seat/fairing, clip-ons, alloy rims, pipes, tuning info. Any assistance appreciated.	<b>WANTED</b>	Paul Glode # 30 Phone 0458352276, 86713361 02/12
<b>Club Shirts – \$35.00</b> <b>Club Caps – \$15.00</b> <b>Club Hats – \$18.00</b> <b>Club Mugs – \$4.50</b> <b>Cloth Badges – \$10.00</b> <b>Club Transfers – \$2.50</b>	<b>WANTED</b>	Trevor Henderson Ph: 83845284 05/09

**Upcoming Events**

Mac Park Ride Days Last Saturday of the Month followed by Working Bee's on the Sunday. All help appreciated	<i>Mallala Motor Sports Park Open Practice Days Phone 8276 7744 during business hours to confirm dates</i>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Host Club – Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
29 – 30 September	Master of Mac Park	Mac Park
27 – 28 October	South Aus RR – Café Racers	Mallala
10 – 11 November	Phoenix Road Race	Mallala
16 -18 November	Australian Historic Road Racing Championships	Eastern Creek
8 – 9 December	South Aus RR – Café Racers	Mallala
29 – 30 December	South Australian Road Race Championships	Mac Park