
The Good Oil



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GET YOUR RACE FACE ON

Fresh from Phillip Island, our Register's active racers urge you to get involved in some exciting upcoming events. First up is Sellicks Beach. If you aren't going out on track there is a seriously good opportunity to get involved helping run the pits. Then in March we have a special Register meeting. Manx Grand Prix racer Royce Rowe and team give a rare insight into what it takes to compete on the world's toughest race track. This year we can look forward to two club ride days, the Vic Park Motorsport Festival, meetings at Mac Park and across the border. So let's do it.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our Annual Presentation Night, and February General Meeting. Welcome to our friends and rivals from Atujara Club, with whom we contest the Les Diener Memorial Trophy. This year was close, a mere 8 points between the clubs at the final round, helped by the odd DNF.

The revised point scoring for the Peter Westerman Trophy and Period awards, in its 2nd year, has opened the chance of success to more members, and that's all I'm revealing here. I hope as many as possible are with us tonight, as we have drinks and supper provided.

At a spirited and at times sellout MSA meeting here on 31st January, a moratorium was placed, for 4 weeks, on the steep increases planned for Permit Fees and Rider

Levies, subject to MSA producing figures for a minimum increase that would still keep the budget in the black. Licence fee increases, we were told, were non-negotiable being an MA issue.

Recently, “The Advertiser” advised that “Club Notes”, a free service offered to car and motorcycle clubs each Thursday, and going back at least to 1929, would cease. A symptom of our headlong rush into the digital world? Other clubs were also disappointed, and Brian “Nip” Kuershner, who has been submitting on behalf of AJS and Matchless Club since the 1960s, and more recently the Veteran Competitors Association, and I have emailed “The Advertiser” for a reprieve or explanation. To date, neither of us has had the courtesy of a response!

Your Committee met last week, the main topic being the aftermath of our State Titles, with lessons learned and things to improve so we have another successful meeting in 2017. We can again look forward to two Club Days, The Motorsport Festival and State Titles, plus the opportunity for meetings at Mac Park and trips over the border.

At next month's meeting we shall have Royce Rowe and his Dad, Les, to speak of their exploits on the Isle of Man, illustrated by projected images of a place spiritual to motorcyclists. Certainly it fascinates us, whether we plan to ride there, visit as a spectator, or watch on a screen.

For those of us involved, Sellicks Beach is on this weekend, and it will be interesting to see how it unfolds. Let's hope riders, spectators

and organisers get satisfaction from it. After that, real racing at the Classic Master of Mac Park.

Finally, I sadly acknowledge the recent passing of Mallala circuit owner Clem Smith, aged 90. He was one of a unique breed of person, who had the courage to buy a disused race track, jump through legal hoops to be it recommissioned, then spent the rest of his life developing it.

In recent years he had that amazing flagman Glen Dix at his side as a key volunteer worker at the track. All our thoughts are with you, Glen, at this sad time.

Trevor Henderson, President

SELICKS BEACH RACING

Helpers are required to run the pits, generally marshalling up riders for their next event to keep things running smoothly.

Hoping to get a few then we can roster and everyone gets to see a few races etc Saturday or Sunday or both

Register interest and availability asap with Danny Ahern dannyahern@senet.com.au Mob 0407826951

Guest Speaker Thursday 16th March IOM RACER ROYCE ROWE

Our March general meeting hosts guest speaker Royce Rowe. He is coming to share his story about racing at the Isle of Man in two classes of the Manx GP. If you still have blood running through your veins you will do all you can to be there to hear firsthand what it is like to take on the Mountain Course.

Great photos like these are available from Colin Rosewarne (www.colinrosewarnephotography.com)

ISLAND CLASSIC REPORT FROM DANNY AHERN



Team Register line-up. A great cross-section of bikes and all achieved excellent results. Well done.

Well there is no doubt about it this racing lark is a drug eh?! 26 years ago I rolled up nervously with my newly built rigid T100 Triumph and circulated at the back of a big field and was chuffed when I got under 2.30 as a lap time!

Things have changed lots since then! Back then Joe and I had no marquee, no garage and the weather was a bit ordinary. We found a carport spot unused, one of three, we grabbed one, Charlie palmer and his Harley and Paul Rachow on his radical and super-fast T350 Suzuki (which these days can be seen in the museum at Mount Panorama) grabbed another and my now long-time friend Bert Skuce and his Queensland mob grabbed the other along with Arthur Wheeler. So that was the start of my racing and the start of friendships all around the country and the world. Bert rang me this weekend to see how I was going and to give me some tips as he always does.

This year for the second time the Register had agreed to help out club members with garaging which is hard to come by these days. I again liaised with the circuit management to make this happen. Prior to the club engagement, I had for some 20 years arranged garaging for me and a few mates including my Kiwi friends Dave Cole and Ross Graham et al. We even had a quick Yank share with us some years back! Wow what a turnaround, back at my first meeting the Register had their mob in a garage and Joe and I did not even get a hello, let alone do you want to get out of the rain and share our garage! I have no doubt the club is the best I have seen it in the 27 years that I have been involved.

This trip I had my two bikes, they were all prepared well and ready to go, but we all know that Phillip Island is hard on bikes so we were all hoping for nothing too harsh to happen with our bikes. I was spoilt having had the Wednesday on track with my Triumph Daytona track bike and clocking about 150k's. Thursday was practice day for those wanting it. I took to the track with my bikes and felt good. The Manx G50 stripped a belt one session so that was an easy fix, stones and belts just don't get on! That bike ran sweet apart from that and did likewise all weekend. The G50 broke a stud out of the clutch, so I soon had that sorted with some help from Trevor Birrell and Dale Gilbert, luckily they weren't overly busy with their fast Suzukis that they were fettling.

Club members that were in the garage along with myself included, Simon Cook and his Unlimited P4 Honda, Chris Hayward TZ350 and SR500, Dan Gleeson with his 500 and 750 Domiracers, Andrew Bannerman with his 250 and 400 RD Yamahas, Nathaniel Wilson LC Yamaha and Andy Pitman on LC too, Otto Muller TZ 350 and Adler 250 and Peter Heles CZ 250. We also had Alec Simpson take up a spot for which he paid for, Alec has been in my garages for years having met him through my friendship with Cam Donald. Alec campaigns a TT2 Ducati and this was a good meeting for him. Greg Kennedy and his gun rider Brendan Roberts chose to share the WA garage with their interstate friends, but got engaged with the club photo.

Andy and Richard Molnar had been offered some space in our garage having brought over three Manx Nortons to play with, but they ended up sharing a garage with Greg Watkins. They had to get through some hoops before they could race, with their bikes clearly running two 'not allowed' bits in Period 3, being a 250mm front brake and 44 mm carburettor, which of course is different in UK. Anyway my guess is that some whinge guts protested the Molnar bikes presence and it was not handled very well in my opinion and others for an overseas guest rider. Anyway it was sorted and they rode in Period 4 where their bikes fitted in to the letter of the law.

Richard got into the 1.49s which is one fine effort. One bike needs some sorting as Richard threw it away on the approach to Lukey Heights, fortunately he was fine!

Apparently there was in excess of 500 motorbikes participating, but for me and others too, the numbers seemed a little down. Behind our garage last year were large marquees full of bikes, not so this year. The area cordoned off for exhibitors and trade sales also seemed light on too!

Whilst Phillip Island is a huge attraction to many, others find the cost prohibitive and others don't particularly like the way the promoters mix up the different categories and as such just opt out. I just hope people that stop coming doesn't eventually kill some of the classes.

Apart from the racing it a very social weekend all-round. Murray and Joanne Johnson came over as Davo was racing. He was drafted into the Irish team so I nick named him Dave O'Johnson and that is sticking! Jeremy Burgess again came over as a guest, whilst he had some set engagements he was very free with his time and visited the Register's garage numerous times over the weekend. After the racing on Saturday he had a few bevies with us. Alec Simpson had an entourage of mates down from Brisbane and they enjoyed the chats with JB.

The drinks and nibbles meet and greet on Friday night was a bit average really, although the Jeremy Burgess session with Alan Cathcart was most informative and interesting and kept many enthralled with the stories that kept coming.

For the Ducati nuts one Patrick Slinn was in attendance, mechanic / engineer to one Mike Hailwood and Tony Rutter. Many got good advice from Patrick over the weekend, others were privy to a private dinner and talk session which apparently was just oh so good.

The Ducati racing group is slowly building and they are lovely things to see out on track circulating, both bevels and Pantah based bikes.

I had a pleasant surprise with Jeff Beatty's brother Dave call by to say hello and wish me well. Gee the Beatty family have been doing that for 20 years to me n Joe at race tracks, last saw Jeff at the titles at Lakeside!

The race program this year was a little different, with one only qualifying session then into racing. So 15 Qualifiers and 56 races over three days. The second qualifier saw a bad incident that required paramedics etc and culminated in a helicopter ride to hospital for one poor chap. This held up proceedings substantially. My guess was that by 10 am they were an hour behind! Later in the morning same again. Whilst they lost a couple hours in all they got through all but two races that were scheduled for the day.

Saturday was not much better with many a red flag and hold ups to go with it, but to the organisers' credit, they were swiftly calling up the next race and getting bikes on track swiftly. By the end of Saturday they were one race short of where the program suggested they should be!

Sunday we were again greeted to great weather and the show ran like clockwork. Over the whole weekend I think there was only one or two 'oil on track' issues one being the Ducati Pantah losing his 'sight glass in crankcases spewing oil out leading into turn one! Yes the poor rider got knocked up pretty badly and was the aforementioned first helicopter ride. This year all the Period 5 bikes appeared to hold together as did all the old Pommie stuff too!

Our club saw Brendan Roberts get some amazing results having to start from the rear due to hiccups in qualifying! Simon Cook was up there getting seconds in his two races then in the third race he had a 10 second jump start penalty then got a puncture so came in. On inspection he had a gearbox gremlin and so packed up early and made a mile. Dan Gleeson ended up 4th overall in Unlimited Period 3 on his Norton and in the last race got into the 2.01 bracket, top stuff Dan. Andrew Bannerman had the worst of luck when flat out in 5th gear around the Hayshed his RD400 locked up, sending him and bike for a wild slide. Fortunately Andrew just had a few bruises and scuffed leathers and was soon ready to go again with a new lid. He and Pete Hoeymaker soon had the spare motor into the bike and that one behaved the rest of the weekend.

Chris Hayward as always was competitive and put in good times on his machinery. Bringing them both home in one bit saw him well pleased. Nathaniel Wilson showed good speed all weekend, like at Mac Park he had a whoopsie and luckily did not get hurt at all and was back out in the next races. He rode in both the 350 and 250 events to get the extra rides. With Nathaniel not finishing every race the door swung open for Andy Pitman, who had dad Dean fettling for him, get the third place gong for 250 Period 5 at his first visit to the island to race.....wait until he gets his TZ!

The oldest racer in the garage, yeah not me but one Otto Muller, got a place on his Adler, well done Otto. Otto also campaigned his TZ 350 all weekend putting in good times. Yours truly had a ball two bikes three classes some ding dong racing and got to within .2 sec of my PB. Ended up 5th overall in the 500 P3 and 5th overall behind Dan Gleeson in the Unlimited P3.

Former Competition Secretary Kim Anderson and his lovely wife Michelle rode their Moto Guzzis over to the event and we spent some good time together. A number of my friends in DOCSA also came over and enjoyed the event. More and more people are talking about it and with so much racing it is surely a good thing for the spectators. The roar at the start of races is something else indeed.

The International Challenge was again won by UK but was so close and could have easily gone to Australia. It was so good catching up with many of the overseas riders. Dave and Lorraine Crussell from San Francisco and Pat Mooney and his partner Lori from Florida are always good to catch up with. Pat and Lori are having an extended holiday touring Tassie on a bike, good on you guys.

As I have done over recent years, I hand out a few of our State Title Wines to some of the overseas guests and for that they are most grateful and it good to get our name out there too.

Well in wrapping up all had a ball, I reckon it was the best Phillip Island I have experienced, 5 days of ace weather and close to 500kms spent circulating one of the best Grand Prix tracks in the world. Yeah OK I reckon I'll do it again next year.

Never got to crack the holy grail of 2 minutes on my G50s, but hey I did on my Triumph, that will do fine.

Danny Ahern #327

Letter from Nathaniel and his team

To Danny, Chris and all on board the committee,

Just wanted to really thank the club and all those who helped organise the pits for us members to use at Phillip Island over the weekend.

It was a big help financially as racing at Phillip island is not cheap.

As well as making it an awesome weekend with all members of the club together in the same pits, helping each other out, having a laugh and encouraging each other throughout the weekend.

I had an absolute blast with the racing which was a lot of fun, achieving personal goals with lap times (1:55.060 LC250 lap record) and also top speed of the bike (193 kph) which was beyond what Mal and I were aiming for.

Looking forward to more racing events in the future!

Nathaniel Wilson



The Britten with Andrew Stroud on board. Danny with Kevin Grant the Britten owner and Alec Simpson the Ducati nut and all-round decent bloke who has been garage sharing with Danny for nearly 10 years.



JB drops in for a cold one and a Danny debrief.

Jane gets her camera out

“The Princess” gives her take on the meeting. Thanks for the words and pics!



How would ride this son of a gun?



Cookie chills out before a race while the “two Dans” get “into the zone”.



ABOVE LEFT: One of our club's winner for the weekend, young Andy Pitman he came 3rd has only been out for a short time racing, He started last October when he joined the club. So good to see some more young guns getting into the classic racing. Good work Andy. Otto Muller came 2nd in the 250 classic. Nathaniel came 5th and had some close battles with each other. Andrew Bannerman was busy all weekend pulling motors out, swapping clutches, but finished the weekend on a high. We had another winner and that was Brendon Roberts 500cc class he came 1st Brendon had a bad qualifying ,so he had to start at the back of the grind every race,Ha but our Brendon showed them a trick or two .like your style Brendon cheers to you guys. Danny Ahern in the unlimited classic got 5 th and Dan Gleeson got 4 th with a pb of 2.01 .Cookie started of well with 2 seconds from 2 racers then it all turned sour. 3rd race had a jump start ,gear box issues ,and a flat tyre all in that race poor cookie .Peter Helens came 5 th in the 250 post classic.Chris Hollywood Waywood came 7 th on the TZ and 6 th on the 500 and thanks to Mighty Mouse who is his rock.

ABOVE RIGHT: Davo O'Johnson with his two favourite people .Davo rode for the Irish team at this meet to get it happening again after he had that very bad spill in Ireland .Nice work Davo.



Murray Johnson with his new Yamaha TZ. He was telling me that he had one of these in 1975 and use to race with Otto in the day.The Yamaha Murray had in the '70s he uncrated it himself. He was happy to snap this one up when he saw it for sale. Nice work Murray.

Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday, Jan 17.

The meeting opened at 8pm with 14 attending.

Apologies: Dan, Claire
Visitors: Kate Clarke
New members: N/A
Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed Phil Baughan, Seconded Dean Watson. Accepted via show of hands.
Business arising: None

Reports:

President's report

- Trevor announced that HMCRRSA was again successful in retaining the Les Diener trophy from Atujara with a very close points finish.
- Most riders contributed to this success.
- The Advertiser newspaper has discontinued their 'Club notes' section after over 90 years of publication. Following discussion amongst members it was agreed that the club would follow this up with other clubs and write to the Advertiser expressing our disappointment and requesting that this feature be reinstated.
- Trevor reminded members that Colin Rosewarne's photographic publication featuring riders competing during the 2016 Southern Classic at Broadford was available for short-term loan.
- Races featured at Broadford's Southern Classic are still available via YouTube.
- Last Sunday (15 January), Pennys Hill Winery at McLaren Vale was the venue for pre-scrutineering for machines entered in the upcoming Sellicks Beach race event.
- Trevor reported that ABC film media were present.

Secretary's report

- Correspondence from MSA included notification of cost increases in event permits and rider levies.
- Dire financial circumstances impacting MA and a 60% increase to its primary insurance cover costs have resulted in these increases.
- MSA has offered clubs a promotional opportunity during the upcoming 2017 Clipsal 500 Adelaide event. Posters, calendars or stickers can be displayed at the MSA stand.
- The Club is likely to take up Malcolm Bulley's offer to attend a committee meeting early in 2017 to discuss any issues impacting on historic motorcycle racing in SA. This is likely to happen after February 2017.

Treasurer's report

- Running of the State titles has resulted in a healthy increase in the overall balance sheet although at this stage not all transactions have been finalised.
- Outgoings include reimbursement of 50% of the ride day costs paid to DOC.
- Detailed annual balance sheet available for perusal from Dean.

Comp Secretary's report

- No delegate report available

MSA/RR Delegate report

- Nothing to report, since meetings not held since last report.

General business

- There was a general discussion about historic (log book) registration requirements for road bikes. Otto provided an overview re the Juventus Club's management of this.
- It was noted that a change is to be implemented in June 2017 – back to 30 years for historic licences.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held on February 7 at MSA Clubrooms

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present: Trevor Henderson, Danny Ahern, Chris Hayward, Neil Watson, Dean Watson, Bob Balestrin, Tony Tildesley, Stuart Penn, Paul Walker

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of previous meeting: No January meeting held.

President's Report

- Trevor spoke about the upcoming February general meeting re the Club awards and that catering should be arranged.
- An overview was given re the recent MSA general meeting where much of the agenda dealt with the proposal to increase a number of fees.
- Secretary's Report
- Correspondence included letter of thanks from Nathaniel Wilson re the club's support for riders attending the Island Classic; and MSA notification re voting for new Board member.

- Treasurer's Report
- Dean reported the term deposit investment account (9 month term) has matured with interest now paid.
- It was agreed that the principal amount would be reinvested and the interest amount transferred into the club account to support outgoings during the year.
- Detailed account from Mt Gambier club re the State Titles discussed. The increasing overall cost to run this event each year was a cause for concern with this impacting on the final balance sheet.
- Costs billed for 'machine pick up', 'Race Sec Assistant' and 'Pit gate attendant' are normally unbilled services. It was agreed that Chris would draft a letter to Mt Gambier Club expressing our concern and seeking clarification over the amount in dispute.
- Meeting discussed and agreed that more detailed costing required prior to next state titles in order to determine appropriate rider entry fees etc.
- It is likely that after all accounts are paid HMCRRSA will only break slightly above even re the 2016 titles event.
- Dean identified a small number of sponsors who are yet to pay up. These included 'Show and Go', 'GC's', 'Retro Yamaha' and 'Shannons'. Committee members agreed to chase these up.

General Business

- Meeting discussed 'letter of concern' from member Geoff Grant re the nature and level of rider support provided to members.
- It was agreed that the club would reaffirm (promote) current benefits available to club members including: Subsidised Club ride days, Vic Park Motorsport Festival – Free participation, \$100 per annum for riders participating in interstate competition (on application) for members with 5 years continuous membership and Rebates on entry fees from 2015 National (Mallala) and State Titles at Mac Park.
- This as well as issues re Period 5 sidecars acceptance at HMCRRSA race meetings discussed and it was agreed that a written response would be sent to Geoff ASAP.
- Trevor reported that he had attended the recent MSA General meeting and that it was at times quite hostile.
- There was much concern during this MSA meeting re a proposal to increase charges and fees. It was however agreed during that meeting that 2016 fee levels would be maintained for 4 weeks to allow time to review and investigate any other possible funding options.
- HMCRRSA has been approached by Royce Rowe to present at upcoming monthly meeting. He has recently presented to Atujara to promote his previous and planned future IOM exploits.
- Stuart agreed to provide AV equipment to facilitate this and the meeting agreed that Royce would be invited to attend the Club's meeting on 16 March to deliver his presentation.
- It was agreed that pizza and refreshments would be provided for members attending the February meeting. HMCRRSA club awards will be presented during this meeting and our Patron Mal Pitman will be invited to attend and present a number of the awards.

Meeting closed 9.45pm

2017 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
Feb 18-19	Beach races	Sellicks Beach
March 4-5	Master of Mac Park	Mount Gambier
March 10	Interclub Ride Day with DOCSA	Mallala (but pending)
Mar 23-24	International Festival of Speed	Sydney Motorsport Park
April 7-9	Vic Historic Titles	Broadford
May 27-28	Historic Winton 2+4	Winton, Vic
Sept 23-24	All Historic 2+4	Wakefield Park, NSW
Nov 9-12	Aus Historic Titles	Wakefield Park, NSW
Nov 18	Interclub Ride Day with DOCSA	Mallala
Dec 30-31	SA Historic Titles	Mac Park
Last Saturday of each month	Mac Park Ride Days	Mount Gambier

For Sale/Wanted

Wanted	Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long	Trevor 83845284
	JAP 350 ohv inner timing cover and a 350 ohv cylinder head from the mid-1930s.	Bob Glynn 8263 9133
For Sale	Hinckley Bonneville Triumph garage clearout. Standard exhaust complete, genuine Triumph windscreen and fittings, front and rear mudguards and stays, airbox, standard carbs rejetted for K&N filters with standard manifolds, plus more	Hamish 0419 039010
	Club Shirts \$35, Caps \$15, Hats \$18, Mugs \$4.50, Cloth Badges \$10 and Stickers \$2.50.	Buy at next club meeting