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THE PREZ PRESSES ON

The recent combined club ride day with SA's dedicated Ducati owners brought some determined people out of their workshops for spring. Sadly the weather closed in but it didn't dampen members' enthusiasm. Our President Trev Henderson makes Mac Park look like an Irish road racing circuit in the late afternoon. Good on you, mate.

Photo: Nick Clarke



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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 (†Deceased) Les Bell	1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2007 2009 2013

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motorsport has just lost two more of its valued contributors with the passing of Alan Marks and John Wilkinson. The Veteran Competitors Association remember Alan for his excellent work up until this year as MC of our Annual Dinner. His dulcet tones kept the evening running smoothly, along with a barrage of clever jokes. Alan had been the announcer at Rowley Park Speedway and numerous other motorsport events. I have a fond memory from my early days in this Club, when we were guests of the Sporting Car Club at Collingrove Hillclimb. Alan was the announcer and, as Richard Rake fronted the starter, said "Here's Richard Rake on his Norton. We shall be watching 'The Rake's Progress' with interest". Gillman Speedway Manager Dave Parker, formerly a Rowley

Park competitor, posted a lovely appreciation on Facebook.

Regulars at Mac Park Seniors will recall John Wilkinson with his 1914 AJS 350. A Seventh Day Adventist, John only came out to the track on Sunday. Unassuming, he was a daredevil in his younger days, at one stage Laurie Fox's sidecar passenger. Peruse the photos and clippings on Mac Park's clubroom walls and there's John Wilkinson, riding his motorbike through a flaming hoop. Years ago he was involved in converting a pushrod AJS single to overhead camshaft. Did it eventuate? I'm guessing John will be honoured with a paver in the Mac Park patio.

We're now between our Mac Park Ride Day and the Victoria Park Motorsport Festival. Bring it on!

Trevor Henderson, President

TREV'S TITBITS: WHEN LEAN BECOMES BLOATED

Ever noticed how many bikes, lean and mean when first released, become slower and heavier? Phil Irving had a real empathy for the AJS OHV machines of the 1920s.

After competition success, solo and sidecar, he was disappointed when later versions lost their "zip" and put on weight.

Ariel's Red Hunter had a deserved reputation as a sporty model before and just after World War 2, but then seemed to get heavier and become a plodder, whilst the Triumph Bonneville was regarded as being at its zenith in 1969/70. Revised running gear, a fifth gear and 100cc more did not seem to have made it any better in the mid-1970s!

The Japanese went down a similar path when Honda replaced their sporty CB92, CB72 and CB77 with machines with smaller brakes, less go and mundane styling, whilst Kawasaki detuned their two-stroke triples, once the domain of riders with hairy chests.

In the mid-sixties, Production Racing was all the go with strict rules enforcing standard specifications.

In the 250 class, the Bultaco Metralla and Suzuki Hustler slugged it out, both street-legal but certainly sporty. Later versions of both bore the "GT" tag, nowhere near as sporty.

I'd always thought a good development engineer could make improvements in areas that needed it, without losing any of the better features the model had, but even in MotoGP some teams start a new season with a machine not as competitive as the previous year's.

Thumbs Up & Change Right
Trevor Henderson # 55.

COMP SEC: SA HISTORIC CHAMPS MAC PARK Dec 30-Jan 1

Supp regs are available on line at our website

historicmotorcyclerracing.org

Options are there for online entry or the old fashioned way too. Let's get the word out to everyone we know who wants a great weekend at Mac Park.

Danny Ahern, Comp Sec

Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA (incorporating the 2016 AGM) held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday, Oct 20.

The meeting opened at 8pm with 21 members attending.

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

Reports:

President's report

- Trevor provided a 'Champions Ride Day' update. It would appear that Champions are likely to no longer run ride days at Mallala.
- Phoenix and Cafe Racers are likely to run these in future.
- Colin Thompson from Mt Gambier has contacted Trevor. He is a racer turned author and has written a book about the history of Mac Park.
- First race meeting at this venue was in 1904.
- Colin has indicated that he will be attending the next joint HMCRRSA/DOC ride day at Mac Park in November.

Secretary's report

- MSA's offer of \$100 as reimbursement for promotional costs associated with the Cub's running of the 2015 National titles discussed.
- A letter has been sent to MSA Board expressing the club's disappointment and disgust at this offer.
- In light of a recent MSA offer of \$1200 to 'Mud N Tars' for their running of the SA dirt track titles, HMCRRSA will be submitting a claim to MSA for similar financial support towards printing and marketing costs for our next state titles.

Treasurer's report

- Minimal activity throughout Sept.
- Overall combined balances basically unchanged.
- Pay Pal will be introduced in time for the State Titles.
- Detailed annual balance sheet available for perusal from Dean.

Comp Secretary's report

- Adelaide Motor Sport Festival discussed. A good selection of bikes has been secured. 25 – 28 bikes will be displayed with 20 parading on track.
- Joint HMCRRSA/DOC ride day at Mac Park discussed. There will be no club catering but rather the Mt Gambier Club will be opening their canteen. Riders can camp on site over Friday night.
- National Titles in Tasmania. Otto, Dan Gleeson and Geoff Grant will be travelling over to race. The meeting wished them all the best.
- It appears that around 120 entries have been received for this race meeting.
- Levi Day Coaching day is scheduled for Mac Park during November.
- Dan provided an update re the upcoming Island Classic. HMCRRSA has funded pit garages for members who will be racing.
- State Titles – Online entries will be encouraged.
- Dan provided a verbal report re the recent Wakefield Park 2 x 4 meeting.
- Venue for the 2017 National titles has been confirmed as Wakefield Park NSW.
- Sellicks Beach race progress report given. Dan and Trevor attended the most recent meeting where it was confirmed that the minimum number of prepaid spectator tickets had been revised down to 2000. Sales are approaching this figure.

Delegates report

- Trevor attended the RR Committee meeting. He provided a verbal report of the proceedings.
- Both HMCRRSA and DOC have agreed to continue their participation on this committee.
- Trevor attended the recent MSA meeting. A new Board member was appointed.
- MSA Awards night discussed. Timing for this is unfortunate in that it clashes with the Adelaide Motor Sports Festival and the National titles in Tasmania.

General business

- Phil spoke re a 1935 Ariel he has been working on and that he entered into the recent Port Adelaide Vintage Bike Expo.
- Paul gave a very entertaining expose of his experiences around his attempts to obtain a single-event licence for the recent Wakefield Park 2x4 race meeting.
- Andy spoke about his experience re the Sellicks Beach race online entry form. He provided a short report re the recent Balhannah swap meet and the Historic speedway event at Gilman.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Draft Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of South Australia held on Tuesday, Nov 1, at the MSA clubrooms.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present: Trevor Henderson, Dean Watson, Chris Hayward, Neil Watson Bob Balestrin, Stuart Penn, Paul Walker, Tony Tildersley.

Apologies: Dan Ahern.

Visitors: None.

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed Trevor, seconded Bob. Accepted unanimously.

Business Arising:

- Chris informed the meeting that the approved letter to MSA Board requesting \$1200 towards the marketing and printing costs associated with the upcoming State Titles event in December at Mac Park has been sent.

Treasurer's Report

- Dean reported that a few entries have been received for the upcoming state titles via Pay Pal.
- The 2.7% handling fee charged by Pay Pal was discussed. It was suggested that future entry fees and other payments using this service will have to be increased to offset these fees.
- Event program sales for the upcoming State titles discussed. It was agreed that HMCRRSA should in future recoup production costs via sponsorship (advertising) as well as program sales. Currently all sales proceeds go to Mt Gambier Club.

Secretary's Report

- There hasn't been any response to date to the letter sent to MSA Board re the \$100 reimbursement offer towards the club's running of the 2015 National Titles.

President's Report

- Trevor ran through a list of issues associated with the upcoming State Titles event at Mac Park in December.
- Doug Duke is confirmed as the announcer. A discussion followed re the payment amount provided for this role.
- Trophies are now ready to be rebadged.
- The 'Yellow vest' for the LC Cup discussed. It was agreed that Trevor would make enquiries to ascertain who currently has this.
- It was proposed that the LC Cup become a memorial event for Jon Gutte. It was also suggested that Lisa Gutte be approached to present the trophies.
- Phillip Island pit garages discussed. The issue of possibly inviting external visitors (subject to available space) was discussed. It was agreed that all HMCRRSA members who have entered the Island Classic should let Dan know details of their entry as well as the number of bikes entered.
- A proposal to purchase a new club banner was discussed. It was agreed that the existing banner should be complemented with a new banner with its design to facilitate its use affixed to the side of a gazebo (or similar).
- Trevor ran through the list of sponsors for the State titles with Dean to forward invoices to each.
- The committee then discussed the HMCRRSA's participation in the upcoming Adelaide Motor Sports Festival. Further information will be forwarded to those members participating in this event.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

MAC PARK: Photos Nick Clarke



The damp weather won't stop Cookie



BSA burps.



Honda honks



Future classics stage a duel



Naked wrestlers at play



Finding the dry line

Determined riders made the most of one of Australia's best club racing circuits, despite varying weather conditions. Buy the current issue of Australian Motor Cycle News for a great multi-page feature on Mac Park. This magazine recently held a "naked bike" test there that included some of Australia's leading racers.

2016-17 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
Nov 19-20	Adelaide Motorsport Festival	Victoria Park
Nov 17-20	National Historic Titles	Symmons Plains
Nov 26 and Dec 18	Mac Park Ride Day	Mac Park
Dec 29	Levi Day Historic coaching	Mac Park
Dec 30-Jan 1, 2017	SA Historic Titles	Mac Park
Mar 23-24	Barry Sheene Festival of Speed	Sydney Motorsport Park

For Sale/Wanted

Wanted	Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long	Trevor 83845284
For Sale	Suzuki TS 250 with LC mag wheels No seat or exhaust Unfinished project, need the space. \$50.	Tony T 0434620457
	Club Shirts \$35, Caps \$15, Hats \$18, Mugs \$4.50, Cloth Badges \$10 and Stickers \$2.50.	Buy at next club meeting