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## CLASSIC TT CONTROVERSY

**TT legend John McGuinness finally finished and won a Classic TT Senior race on Roger Winfield's Paton but four of the top six finishers in the Superbike race were excluded from results Page 9**

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An unusually small throng attended last month's AGM, surely not through fear of nomination or wintry weather. The usual suspects are back in office, committed to doing our best for the members again. That "best" is in providing riding opportunities without having to take a sledgehammer to the piggy bank. Coming up is our Club Day, with DOCSA, at Mac Park, the Victoria Park Motorsport Festival and our State Titles at the end of the year. Now I'm wishing I was going to Wakefield Park with the two Dans, Paul Walker and Chris "Pit Bitch" Hayward, but my bikes aren't quite as I'd like them.

For those looking for something different, there's the Classic Speedway Championships at Gillman on October 15<sup>th</sup> and the Sellicks Beach races next February. Entries are open,

and spectator tickets available for the latter. A bold attempt to resurrect an iconic event deserves to succeed, but the environmentalists have been able to apply conditions that put the organisers in a virtual straitjacket. If the "Green" movement wins this, what next?

MSA are holding two Level 1 Key Officials' Seminars next month, and those interested can book online on the Officials' page of MSA's website. First seminar is at 6.30pm, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at the Mud'n'Tars Clubrooms, Victor Harbor, with the second at MSA Hall Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm.

Back to the Motorsport Festival, I'm taking both my bikes but can only ride one at a time, so if anyone is keen to ride but doesn't have a bike going, see me.

Happy Motorcycling,

**Trevor Henderson, President**

## TREV'S TITBITS: THE GOOD OIL ON OIL

**O**il! Our engines can't survive without it. In pioneer days, crude oils were fed haphazardly into crude engines, between extremes of a smoke screen or a seized engine. The simple hand pump in the tank top worked as long as the rider regularly depressed the plunger.

Then a simple mechanical pump was made to do the same, with surplus oil being burned or leaking out. A well-known pump of the day was the Pilgrim, which then found ready appeal with the new sport of Speedway in the late 1920s. Two plungers fed the big-end bearing and top end respectively, used oil finding its way to the bottom of the crankcase, the downwards stroke of the piston pushing it past two non-return valves and out on to the track. This system carried on into the 1980s, from the four-valve DOHC Jawa to the English Weslake and Italian GM.

Modern speedway engines use a simple system to direct the oil, which remains in the crankcase until regularly drained, older machines being expected to do the same. If unsuccessful, the outcome is a crankcase full of oil, lots of smoke and a fouled plug.

That was me, the ESO trying to impersonate a two-stroke on several occasions. Time to bite the bullet and seek the help of Tim Osmond of McLaren Flat. A seal fitted to the drive-side mainshaft, new rings and a general tidy up, and used oil started appearing in my catch bottle. Job Done!

**Thumbs Up & try speedway and give your gearchange foot a rest!**

**Trevor Henderson # 55.**

## COMP SEC: NEW PASTURES FOR MY SPRING RACING

**W**ell at last it is spring and that means better weather for bikes. As I write, a bit earlier than the deadline this month, I am getting ready for the first race for me for the season as is Paul Walker and Dan Gleeson. We all head east for the Wakefield Park 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 2 + 4 Historic meeting which was the start of Historic Racing in NSW as it was to Winton the same year.

The Motorsport Festival at Victoria Park is shaping up well and it would appear that we will likely have the number of bikes that the Sporting Car Club is wanting. Any stragglers get onto me asap as I have to get info across to the organisers real soon. Should be a real fun weekend.

Once again the club is keen to fund some garage space for club participants at the 2017 Island Classic. If that is your wish get back to me so I can work on getting it happening.

The Balhannah Swap Meet run by the V & V Motorcycle Club is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. They are keen to have us in attendance, so if anyone is up for it we can have a little stand with a couple of bikes and who knows if I can get some posters organised for the State Titles we can get the word out.

Meanwhile I hope to squeeze in a ride day at Mallala before I head off to Wakefield Park. Needless to say I will be an apology for the September general meeting as I'll hopefully be in Goulburn in readiness of some Friday practice at a track I have never been to let alone raced at.

**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, Aug 18.**

**The meeting opened at 8pm with 15 members and one visitor attending.**

<b>Apologies:</b>	Paul Walker, David Beechey, Claire Harmon,
<b>Visitors:</b>	Jessica Peake
<b>New members:</b>	John and Norma Moss from Pt Augusta. (not present)
<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b>	Proposed Dean Watson, Seconded Otto Muller. Accepted by members via show of hands.
<b>Business arising:</b>	Phil noted that the minutes of the previous meeting incorrectly recorded that proposed rule change still under consideration was for E85 fuel and not coolant.

**Reports:**

President's report

- Trevor acknowledged the support of the committee and other members throughout the year.
- The sad passing of Jon Gutte during the year's state titles at Mt Gambier was recalled.
- Trevor nevertheless provided an overview of the year in retrospect, concluding that apart from the passing of Jon it was overall a positive year for HMCRRSA.
- National titles, state titles and Adelaide Motor Sport Festival discussed.
- Overall the financial position of the club is healthy in spite of the financial support provided to Jon's family and the increased level of financial support provided to riders participating at the nationals, Island Classic and sponsored ride days.
- Trevor expressed his view that the club can look forward to a productive year ahead.

Secretary's report

- Chris reported that he (as well as Phil Baughan) attended the recent MSA/MA all club's seminar relating to insurance for the sport as a whole. Phil to speak re this in more detail during his report.
- The Willunga and District Lions Club are holding its annual swap meet on August 21 at Centenary Park Willunga.
- Chris expressed his appreciation to the club for the tangible support provided during the year including financial support to riders attending such events as the National titles and the Island Classic (pit garage hire) and the subsidised support for the joint ride days.

### Treasurer's report

- Dean provided opening and closing balances for each of the club's accounts.
- Recent expenditure included the purchase of HMCRRSA promotional stickers and MSA affiliation. Outgoings included a \$20,000 payment to Jon Gutte's wife as well as a number of refunds in support of HMCRRSA riders who competed in this event. Other expenditure related to funding the two ride days held during the year.
- Nevertheless the running of the Nationals resulted in an overall profit.
- With these factors taken into account there has been an overall minor loss for the year.
- Detailed annual balance sheet available for perusal from Dean.

### Comp Secretary's report

- Danny provided an overview of the 'year that was'.
- General consensus is that with exception of the tragic incident at the state titles it has been a very good year.
- Dan updated members on the planning for the upcoming Adelaide Motor Sport Festival and reminded everyone that he is still accepting nominations from members to display and parade their race bikes at this event.
- Work is being finalised for the state titles at Mac Park in December and a good rider turn out is expected.

### MSA

- Phil provided an overview of the recent MA seminar dealing with insurance. He reminded members that this was part of the review into the whole of sport.
- The issues discussed included sections covered under current insurance; these being professional liability, management liability, association liability employment practice and employee fraud or dishonesty.
- Proposed changes are likely to see a more realistic level of insurance cover for riders participating in overseas competition and who require care and repatriation back to Australia. Also under consideration is the inclusion of a compulsory levy on the cost of a national licence for income protection insurance. This is likely to increase the cost of this licence by approx \$60 and will provide loss of earnings benefits to income earners.
- Phil notified the meeting that he had withdrawn from his role as MSA R/R Manager and will not be seeking selection for the roles of MSA or road race delegate on behalf of HMCRRSA at the upcoming AGM.

R/R Committee

- n/a

**2016 AGM**

At this point the meeting was suspended with all current Committee members vacating their positions. The AGM was chaired by Phil Baughan who led the AGM and undertook the role of ‘Returning Officer’ for the election of new Committee. Nominations were called for each position with voting undertaken by a show of hands. The following outcomes recorded:

	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
<b>Club Patron</b>	<u>Mal Pitman</u>	Chris Hayward	Dan Ahern
<b>President</b>	<u>Trevor Henderson</u>	Otto Muller	Neil Watson
<b>Vice President</b>	<u>Dan Ahern</u>	Trevor Henderson	Neil Watson
<b>Treasurer</b>	<u>Dean Watson</u>	Neil Watson	Dan Ahern
<b>Secretary</b>	<u>Chris Hayward</u>	Dan Ahern	Dean Watson
<b>Competition Sec</b>	<u>Dan Ahern</u>	Trevor Henderson	Dean Watson
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	<u>Dan Ahern</u>	Trevor Henderson	Chris Hayward
<b>Editor</b>	<u>Hamish Cooper</u>	Dan Ahern	Trevor Henderson
<b>Social Sec/Lib</b>	<b>It was agreed that these positions would remain vacant</b>		
<b>Committee members</b>			
	<u>Bob Balestrin</u>	Neil Watson	Dean Watson
	<u>Paul Walker</u>	Dan Ahern	Bob Balestrin
	<u>Neil Watson</u>	Bob Balestrin	Trevor Henderson
	<u>Stewart Penn</u>	Trevor Henderson	Chris Hayward
	<u>Tony Tildesely</u>	Neil Watson	Dean Watson

**MSA Delegate** As a result of Phil’s decision not to nominate for this, It was agreed that this position would not be filled at this time but the Executive would discuss at the next Committee meeting.

**Road Race Delegate** As a result of Phil’s decision not to nominate for this, It was agreed that this position would not be filled at this time but the Executive would discuss at the next Committee meeting.

Each position (other than MSA and RR Delegate) attracted only one single nominee

The August General meeting was then reconvened with newly elected executive.

**General business**

- Dan reported that there are currently 73 entries for the Sellicks Beach event.
- Trevor notified the meeting about the ‘Southern Times’ editorial concerning the event.
- A council networking function for anyone interested in this event has been scheduled for Wednesday 21 September.
- Phil Baughan expressed an interest in acquiring Suzuki 500T parts.
- Otto Muller has access to accommodation at Phillip Island for the upcoming Island Classic event in January 2017.
- Update provided by Dan re Davo Johnson’s recent Ulster crash.

**Meeting closed at 10.00pm.**

**Draft Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of South Australia held on Tuesday, Sept 6, at the MSA clubrooms.**

**The meeting opened at 7.30pm**

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

Apologies: Tony Tildersley

Visitors: None.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Proposed Dan, seconded Dean. Accepted unanimously.

**Business Arising:**

- Chris updated meeting re proposed letter of support for Phil re his volunteer status. Phil had informed Chris that this letter of support was no longer required.
- MSA's reimbursement of \$100 towards expenditure for promotions associated with the 2015 national titles was again discussed. It was agreed that Chris would draft a letter to MSA expressing the HMCRRSA's disappointment and embarrassment at being granted such a modest amount following MSA's offer of support and their request for account receipts.
- This letter to be cc'd to other road race clubs.

**President's Report**

- Trevor informed meeting of 'Level 1 officials' seminar.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Dean provided overview of individual account balances and provided total combined balance.

**Secretary's Report**

- N/A

**Comp Secretary**

- Dan informed the meeting of Phil Baughan's recent withdrawal from his role as Road Race Manager and HMCRRSA's road race and MSA delegate.
- It was agreed following discussion that Chris would draft a letter to MSA informing them that HMCRRSA would like to receive the agenda for each of the monthly Road Race club delegate meetings and that we would attend these meetings if/when specific issues necessitate a HMCRRSA delegate to attend. On these occasions a member of the HMCRRSA committee will attend.
- Adelaide Motor Sport Festival discussed. Dan reported that sufficient race bikes have been secured and the club will be seeking 3 -4 easy-ups (gazebos) from members for the display. He will soon provide a list of bikes to be showcased.

- Promo video for this year's Adelaide Motor Sport Festival is showing via Facebook link. Dan and his G50 are featured from last year's event. .
- Wakefield Park 2 x 4 meeting discussed. Dan, Paul Walker and Dan Gleeson have entered for this event scheduled for early September.

### **General Business**

- Dan provided a selection of poster 'mock ups' for our State Titles event at Mac Park in December.
- The meeting agreed on a design and Dan suggested that the poster could be displayed at the upcoming Wakefield Park race meeting and the Adelaide Motor Sport Festival to help promote the State Titles event.
- Swap Meet at Balhannah on the 2 Oct discussed. It was agreed that HMCRRSA will attend and showcase a selection of race bikes. This event will be used to help promote HMCRRSA as well as the State Titles at Mac Park in December.
- Dan, Chris, Trevor, Dean, Bob and Neil agree to attend. Chris to bring his gazebo.
- Island Classic discussed. Dan informed meeting that he had sought up to x3 pit garages on behalf of the club.
- Unused trophies from the 2015 state titles will be rebadged and used for the 2016 titles.
- Working towards facilitating electronic entries via our website for State Titles 2016. If so, Pay Pal to be made available as a payment option. Dean to make necessary enquiries with Pay Pal to facilitate this.

**Meeting closed at 9.45pm**



## MANX CLASSIC TT CONTROVERSY



**James Hillier rode like this for four laps, for nothing.**

In one of the most contentious endings to a day's racing on the Isle of Man, four of the top six finishers were excluded from the official results of the Superbike Classic TT.

Michael Dunlop won, taking his Team Classic Suzuki XR69 to new lap and race records.

He duelled with Dean Harrison to eventually win by 19.2 seconds and set a 126.808mph lap record.

Third was James Hillier and the top three were all inside the lap record.

But a few hours later both the ZXR-750 Kawasakis of Harrison (Silicone Engineering) and Hillier (Greenall Racing) were disqualified by officials for having oversized engines.

The teams supplying the ZXR-750s of 5th place finisher Jamie Coward (Mistral Racing) and 6th placed Horst Saiger (Greenall Racing) then withdrew their machines voluntarily.

This promoted Team Winfield Suzuki XR69 rider Michael Rutter to second and William Dunlop (Herheim Racing Kawasaki) to third. William's ZXR-750 was examined and declared legal.

Superbike TT rules set a 1300cc limit for pre-1986 machines, such as the XR69, and 750cc for pre-1992 machines, such as the ZXR-750.

These machines are similar to those seen each year at the Phillip Island International Challenge.

James Hillier reacted by publicly quitting his Greenall Racing team, saying: "I was unaware of my bike being against the rule book. I took risks and tried my best for nothing."

Early that day Dunlop had clawed his way back into contention in the Junior Classic TT after a fuel stop to beat Michael Rutter (Honda twin) on his 350cc MV triple with Alan Oversby (Honda) third. Cameron Donald was fourth, winning the Peter Williams Trophy for the highest-placed AJS or Matchless, while Maria Costello won the 250cc sub-class.

*Aussie Alex Pickett won the Superbike race's privateer's trophy with a gutsy 7th place after battling through the field from 35th.*

Earlier in the week, John McGuinness won the Senior Classic TT on Roger Winfield's Paton twin, setting a new class lap record at 113.342mph and the first sub 20-minute circuit.

He also smashed the existing race record by 57.5 seconds to 1hr 21min 10.189secs.

The race started as a split-second duel between McGuinness and Dean Harrison on a three-cylinder MV Agusta. Both riders lapped under the record from a standing start but a refuelling stop for Harrison blunted his charge.

Maria Costello rode another Paton into third and her first Classic TT podium while history was made for the BSA marque when Philip McGurk set the first 100mph lap ever for a Gold Star (101.030mph).

Kiwi Bruce Anstey, who had won the last 250cc race run in 2002, set a new lap record in the reintroduced Lightweight race.

He smashed John McGuinness's 1999 record by over 4 secs with a 118.74mph second lap, which included slowing for fuel. On a Padgetts Honda RS250, Anstey led all the way to win by over a minute from Ian Lougher (Yamaha TZ) with Phil Harvey (Honda) third.

### **History at the Manx GP**

The Manx Grand Prix followed on from the Classic TT and Adelaide rider Paul Van Der Heiden soon rode into the history books as the first Aussie since Cameron Donald in 2008 (Superstock TT) to win on the TT course.

Riding a South Australian designed and built Brian Rosser Ducati "650", the Moto Adelaide mechanic set a new race record in the Newcomers B Race. He finished 10 seconds ahead of Marc Ironside (Kawasaki), who set a new lap record of 111.101mph.

Van Der Heiden then finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the SuperTwin race, while fellow South Aussie and Rowe Racing team-mate Royce Rowe backed up his excellent debut at last year's Manx Grand Prix with top-10 results in three classes.

He followed up his 10<sup>th</sup> placing in 2015 with a 7<sup>th</sup> in this year's SuperTwin race on another Rosser Ducati. Rowe also finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the Junior and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Senior races on a Suzuki GSX-R600.



Michael Dunlop

**2016-17 Dates**

Date	Event	Venue
Sept 17-18	2+4 All Historic Racing	Wakefield Park
Sept 24	Mac Park Ride Day	Mac Park
Nov 5-6	HMRAV Southern Classic	Broadford
Nov 12	Club ride day with DOCSA	Mac Park
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
Champion ride days at Mallala	9th Sept, 24th Sept, 7th Oct, 22nd Oct, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec, 18th Dec	

**For Sale/Wanted**

<b>Wanted</b>	Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long	Trevor 83845284
<b>For Sale</b>	<p>CB72 Racer parts</p> 	Ken 0412805476
	Club Shirts \$35, Caps \$15, Hats \$18, Mugs \$4.50, Cloth Badges \$10 and Stickers \$2.50.	Buy at next club meeting