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WORLD'S BIGGEST CLASSIC MEET

David Johnson is one of the TT stars saddling up for the Manx Classic TT. In just a few years this Island of Man event has become the world's most important classic racing event. Preview on Page 8



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On the occasion of our AGM, I must report some sad news, the passing of our member Paul Gloede.

At 56 years of age, Paul, who had nine years of HMCRRSA membership, left us on July 26th.

Many of you would have admired Paul's 350cc rigid BSA that he rode most competently, and would have had a chat with him at the meetings he was able to attend.

I guess my ownership of a 350 BSA gave Paul and I plenty to talk about, the last occasion being the Mac Park Seniors in May.

Unfortunately, we received this news too late to attend the service held at Kadina by the local Club on July 31st.

I have emailed Paul's son Michael, also one of our members, with our condolences, and our Treasurer has sent an appropriate donation to the Cancer Council.

Rest in peace, Paul.

Trevor Henderson, President

TREV'S TIDBITS: NOT SUCH A SOUND IDEA

Once upon a time, on a TV set from a long time ago, I stumbled upon a B Grade US movie titled "The Hot Angel". The main character was a pilot, but 3 other guys rode motorbikes, a BSA single, BSA twin and Ariel Square 4. I didn't understand why all 3 bikes sounded exactly the same. I later learned that such noises are put on to soundtracks from a "bank" of such things. Hence all British cars had the same whine in reverse gear. American TV shows seem to care little whether the dubbed exhaust note is of a two or four-stroke.

"Nitor", in his "On the Four Winds" column in the "Motor Cycle" in 1959, referred to a "cops and robbers" TV show where the hero's chum gave chase to the crooks' car on a Francis Barnett (slow car?). But the soundtrack was a four-stroke, also used on a documentary, heralding the arrival of a postman on a BSA Bantam. Did the BBC cut a two-stroke record? If so, let's hope its debut wasn't as the soundtrack for that June's IOM Senior TT winner flashing across the line!

To conclude, here's a little quiz for you.

Which of these 3 Australian Prime Ministers never rode a motorcycle? (Malcolm Fraser, Bob Hawke or John Howard)

Who said "There's a grey blur and a green blur. I try to stay on the grey blur" (Robert, Joey, Michael or William Dunlop)?

Steve McQueen tested 6 off-road bikes for a US magazine, and said one was "too heavy and had a tendency to go its own way".

(Triumph Tiger, Rickman Metisse Mk3, BSA Hornet)

Who has to sell Ducati to pay for its current and impending consumer liabilities? (MV Agusta, the Italian Government, Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz)

Who won the Joey Dunlop Championship at the 2017 IOM TT? (Ian Hutchinson, Michael Dunlop, Peter Hickman). Answers on Page 10

**Thumbs Up and change right
(Barry Sheene did!)**

Trevor Henderson #55.



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FROM THE COMP SEC: LAST MONTH OF WINTER

Not a great deal to report this month, apart from the fact I am closing expressions of interest at end of month for the Motorsport Festival in December at Victoria Park. We have ended up with a good spread of classy bikes that represent the period that the Sporting Car Club asked us to include. We will have close to thirty bikes and it should once again shape up to be a great fun weekend. Re closing books, I'll be doing same with expressions of interest with garaging at Phillip Island Classic 2018. I have been in contact with Phillip Island and as per previous years need to get in pronto for our club to grab garaging for our members. Those dragging their tales do not make my life easy. So if you drag too long you miss out!

Chris Hayward has now experienced what it is like rounding up cats, he was keen to get club members heading to Wakefield Park for the Nationals to work in together in getting pitted together. If you are at all interested get onto Chris and hope it is not too late!

I have put in our order for track days at The Bend Motorsport Park, so fingers crossed we get our preferred date.

With August being AGM month it will be good to see some new blood get involved and help steer the club. Whilst I believe the club is in good hands and the committee works well, none of us are getting younger! New young blood would be good to see come on board, learn the ropes and hopefully one day have more in the overall running of what is one great club.

Danny Ahern
Competition Secretary

INVITATION TO JOIN MEADOWS MC SHOW

Hello,

I am the president of Battunga Country Lions Club and we are planning a proper classic bike show dedicated to bikes of all nationalities.

Our plan is to host it at Macclesfield footy oval on 5th November 2017 and we would like to invite you and your club to be involved.

Exhibitors will be provided with a goodie bag by Shannons Insurance and be in with a chance to take the best of show prize. We are hosting clubs as well as individuals as long as the bike is over 30 years old and they are booked in before the day. Exhibitors are free, swap meet stalls are \$20 and visitors pay \$5 entry at the gate.

Early November is when the fair weather riders will be venturing out so we plan to offer an annual excuse to ride into the hills for the day. Visitors will be parked around the outside of the oval in an informal show and shine with a prize for the best looking visitor, regardless of age.

The format for the event will be bikes on display on the grass oval, processions of machines around the perimeter to show the public, swap meet stalls nearby, sausage sizzle and the club house bar providing refreshments.

We want to see everyday rides and 'just found in the shed' examples as well as the concourse machines so there is plenty of scope.

I look forward to hearing from you soon as time is tight if we are to make a success of our first show.

Best wishes
Fred Keal

Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday, July 20.

The meeting opened at 8pm with 17 members present.

Apologies: Neil Watson, Stuart Penn, Otto Muller, Keith Wissell.

Visitors: None

New Members: Application received from Craig Longhurst (Vic).

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed Phil Baughan, seconded Dan Ahern. Unanimously accepted.

Business arising: None

President's Report:

- Trevor reminded members that next month's meeting will be the AGM.
- Trevor thanked Luke Charlton for attending last committee meeting to provide input into ongoing development of the HMCRRSA's website.

Secretary's Report:

- No correspondence received.

Treasurers Report:

- Dean provided details of the June balance sheet.
- MSA affiliation charge of \$500 paid.
- Embroidery cost re the LC cup emblem.
- Levis Club \$500 donation banked.
- Postage costs re mail out of new membership cards.
- Overall balance provided.

Competition Secretary:

- Adelaide Motorsport Festival event discussed.
- Although there was an initial poor response from members re nominating for this event, with support from other non-HMCRRSA club sources there are now 27 period 5 and period 6 bikes confirmed.
- 2016 National titles to be held at Wakefield Park NSW discussed. Supp regs expected to be available early in August.

MSA & RR Committee Delegate:

- No Report (No meetings held).

General Business:

- Luke Charlton provided an update on the HMCRRSA website
- Developments will be ongoing with additional posts as well as improved access to forms etc.

- Machine log books discussed, specifically when log books require amending if components are replaced or upgraded. Phil provided invaluable information re this matter.
- Discussion took place around the need for a replacement club banner. It was generally agreed that this should be considered.
- Future proposed phasing out of leaded avgas supplies discussed.
- Phil spoke about his involvement in the engine capacity verification (sealing) for Royce Rowe's machine prior to its shipping over the IOM.
- Dave Beechy informed the meeting that he has a copy of a DVD featuring Dave Johnson's 2nd lap of the TT.

Meeting closed at 8.55

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held on Aug 1 at the MSA clubrooms

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Attendees: Trevor Henderson, Dan Ahern, Paul Walker, Chris Hayward, Neil Watson, Stuart Penn.

Apologies: Neil Watson Bob Balestrin, Tony Tildesley.

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed Dan, seconded Dean. Unanimously accepted.

Business arising:

- Joint DOCSA/HMCRRSA ride days discussed. Dan continuing negotiations.
- Levi Day has indicated that he is happy to do something (re rider coaching/training) during the scheduled ride day with DOCSA although he isn't available during the state titles.
- Dan to follow up with Kate re availability of the Scouts to provide support for state titles at Mac Park in December.
- John Kroon confirmed as gate attendant for state titles.
- Track days for Tailem Bend in 2018 discussed. Possible dates include Friday 13 April or Friday 20 April.
- Feedback re members preference for ride day at Mac Park vs Mallala has been minimal.
- Adelaide Motor Sport Park discussed. Full complement of bikes confirmed.
- Island Classic for January 2018 discussed. It was agreed that up to 4 Garages would be secured for members. Members with less than 5 years membership will be required to pay a nominal fee of \$60 for use of these.
- Nick Clarke's assistance in providing photographs of ride days at recent Mallala and Mac Park for inclusion in HMCRRSA website was acknowledged. These will be posted within the next month.

Treasurers Report:

- Dean reported that a detailed balance sheet will be available at the upcoming AGM.
- Working on electronic receipt generation tool.
- Developing active electronic application forms for use via website.
- Run through of current balances discussed.

Secretary's Report:

- No correspondence received.

General Business: Refer 'other business'

Comp Secretary Report:

- Dan has circulated draft supp reps for state titles to all committee members for comment.
- Period 3, 4 and 5 side cars discussed. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Period 5 side cars would not be invited to compete at the state titles. Concern related to the significant speed differential particularly between period 3 and 5 machines. It was considered therefore that there was increased risk of accident and injury as a result if all 3 classes were on the track at the same time (particularly during practice and qualifying).
- Adelaide Motor Sport Festival (Vic Park) list is now confirmed.
- April 21/22, 2018 likely dates for repeat of this year's car club event at Mallala which was well received by HMCRRSA members. It is highly likely that we will again attend this event to exhibit and parade our bikes.

Other business:

- The recent passing of club member Paul Gloede was discussed.
- Condolences extended to his son Michael and the rest of his family.
- It was agreed that the club would donate \$200 to the Cancer Council in keeping with the wishes of his family.
- Trevor to arrange article for inclusion in the Good Oil.
- Club members participation in the upcoming National titles at Wakefield Park NSW discussed.
- Chris to liaise with Wakefield park promoters to facilitate group booking of pit sheds. Confirmation of which riders will be attending will be required. Chris to co-ordinate.
- Paul recommended that pit facilities near the start line be avoided.

Meeting closed 9.45 pm

MANX CLASSIC TT. GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH



Building on his recent great form at the Isle of Man TT race for Norton, Davo Johnson last week finished fourth in the Ulster Grand Prix Superstock race, then took the same spec BMW to sixth and seventh in the two Superbike races. Now he combines with Lincolnshire's Gary Johnson for the Manx Classic TT later this month. They will be riding for Team York Suzuki/Big Dog Classic Racing in the Motorsport Merchandise Superbike Classic TT race on board a pair of identically prepared XR-69 1000cc Suzukis for Kevin Pearson's York-based team.

On debut in 2015 Davo (pictured above) took a fine fifth place, just 15 seconds adrift of the podium. His fastest lap of the race was an impressive 122.914mph and he makes a welcome return to the Classic TT having been forced to miss last year's event due to injuries sustained at the Ulster Grand Prix.

At this year's TT earlier this year, he recorded three top ten finishes including a pair of sevenths on the Norton SG6 in the Superbike and Senior TT races, where he started with the coveted number one plate, and again lapped in excess of 130mph.

Gary Johnson, winner of the 2011 and 2014 Supersport TT Races, has been an ever-present at the Classic TT since the inaugural event in 2013, deputising for David Johnson last year. Despite having no time on the Team York Suzuki prior to practice week, he lapped at 123.843mph during the Superbike Classic TT race and claimed a fine fifth place.

In 2014 and 2015, the 36-year old rode for Roger Winfield on board one of the 1200cc Harris Yamaha's and although he was forced to retire from fifth place in 2014 he bounced back in 2015 with eighth place.

A former racer in the 1980's York's Kevin Pearson set up his own team, named Big Dog Classic Racing, with support from the York Suzuki Centre, and has been a staunch supporter of both the Classic TT and the Post Classic races that took place at the Manx GP between 2010 and 2012.

Meanwhile, Team Classic Suzuki will have a three-rider assault with team owner Steve Wheatman having signed a formidable looking line-up of Michael Dunlop, Lee Johnston and Danny Webb for the Superbike Classic TT Race.

All three riders will ride identically-prepared GSXR1100 Suzuki-powered XR69s in the four lap race on August 28 with Dunlop hoping to make it three wins in a row and four in total at the event. The 15-times TT winner took victory in the inaugural event in 2013 before retiring in 2014 but he bounced back to take victory in both 2015 and 2016, setting a new lap record last year with a stunning speed of 126.808mph. With that kind of pedigree, he goes into this year's race as the red-hot favourite for the win although an incredibly strong entry means nothing is guaranteed.

Dunlop, pictured below, will also demonstrate a dustbin-faired Gilera four cylinder around the circuit.

A surprise entry on the Superbike race is Aussie Josh Brookes. Fresh from a highly successful campaign for the Norton factory at the 2017 Isle of Man TT Races, he will make his Classic TT debut riding a 588cc rotary for Wiz Norton Racing.

Brookes has been testing the bike at the Donington Park, and the Norton produces approximately 120bhp and is running an original specification from the era when the likes of Robert Dunlop, Trevor Nation and Ron Haslam all enjoyed success on the British-built machine.

Arguably the Norton's finest moment though came in 1992 when Steve Hislop won the Senior TT after a race long duel with Carl Fogarty - the race voted the greatest ever by race fans in a 2011 survey to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Mountain Course. The Scot lapped at 123.50mph, the fastest ever lap by a rotary machine, and this is the lap time that Brookes and the Wiz Norton Racing team are aiming to beat.

In another case of "back to the future" James Hillier will be racing an Oxford Products-sponsored Ducati 888 for Celeres Racing. This Ducati celebrates the 25th anniversary of Oxford's last TT campaign. To fully authenticate this replica the bike has been painted in classic 1992/3 Oxford livery, as used by Trevor Nation, Robert Dunlop and Mark Farmer.

Hillier will run race number 5 in 2017, the same number as Trevor Nation did 25 years ago and he will also wear replica leathers for the event. He is upbeat about his prospects.

"I have a real ambition to win the Superbike race of course, but I will also make every effort to be the fastest man around the Island on a Ducati 888," he said.

Fans can follow all the action via www.iomtt.com/Classic-TT.aspx



2017 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
Sept 23-24	All Historic 2+4	Wakefield Park, NSW
Nov 9-12	Aus Historic Titles	Wakefield Park, NSW
Nov 4-5	Southern Classic	Broadford, Vic
Nov 18	Interclub Ride Day with DOCSA	Mac Park
Dec 9-10	Motorsport Festival	Victoria Park, Adelaide
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	Triumph 650 bare High Comp. +20 piston (may suit BSA B31) \$40.	Trevor 8384 5284
	Club Shirts \$35, Caps \$15, Hats \$18, Mugs \$4.50, Cloth Badges \$10 and Stickers \$2.50.	Buy at next club meeting

Answers to Trev's quiz:

- (1) John Howard.
- (2) Joey Dunlop.
- (3) BSA Hornet.
- (4) Volkswagen.
- (5) Peter Hickman.

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