
The Good Oil



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NO CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH!
See you in February Trophy night

Rob Lewis again came up with bags of goodies for the podium getters in the Ken Blake Memorial. The club cannot thank Rob enough for his enthusiasm around all things Ken Blake (just don't call him Kenny.....I've warned you!)



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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 Les Bell Joe Ahern	1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2007 2009 2013 2018

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Well I took the opportunity to get some words to The Border Watch to help promote our Championships at Mac Park. It must of helped because along with Bob Balestrin’s good gift of selling programs we extended our gate takings from 2018 by about 15%, well done Bob n Dean. This year saw us doing things a little differently with more members and partners getting involved at the cutting edge. I have extended an invite out to those involved to a Presidents Dinner for the want of a better title. It is so appreciated people donating their services and time to help the club’s cause. Us not having to engage people that charge helps so much in keeping the running costs down for all competitors.

For those that are interested all the results are now up on the club’s website historicmotorcyclercing.org Shannon Reiman of revolution timing again working with the club and being so user friendly we are well blessed that she doesn’t choose to have a break at Xmas like Computime does or else we would be in a pickle with us choosing to run the titles when we do.

The journo from The Border Watch came out to the site and got his own pictures to help in the coverage and then the following week had me throw some words together for another spot. We are grateful that the local fraternity get right behind what we do.

As does happen each year the committee has a post mortem, this year was no different. The consensus from one and all was that the meeting was well run and a true success. Getting through the full program with a couple of fairly major hiccups is always a challenge but it was achieved with good teamwork and discussions behind the scenes.

More and more people are taking on some genuine ownership of this event and club activities in general. Andy McDonnell is one that comes to mind, new on committee, loves asking questions, now has two years under his belt being the starter and coming up with discussion points on how to do it better, good on you Andy. Likewise, Paul Walker has stepped up and with some good points made at our post mortem we will see things improve around the start-up area getting bikes out etc. Kate Clarke stepped up big time and it is well expected that by our 2019 event

she will be holding her own Level 3 accreditation and with such and her keenness to have a happy effective race secretary office as well as all the lead up documentation, the club can consider itself extremely lucky as it has been sometime since we have had such an occurrence. Kate has a top assistant role at Sellicks so say gooday if you see her, she will appreciate it.

Danny Ahern, President



SECRETARY'S BITS: VIC TO MAC PARK

The Motorsport Festival at Victoria Park keeps getting better, and I hope our 1945 to 1985 theme went down well. After cruising round conservatively in the first three sessions, with a constant stream of bikes flashing past I decided to lift my game. On Sunday afternoon, I determined to keep the Bully's revs up around 10,000 by playing a tap dance on the gearchange pedal, the best method for a two-stroke that likes to rev, and was rewarded by my most enjoyable ride of the weekend.

The following Friday, the Club Day (with DOCSA) at Mallala, was marred by high temperatures and a strong North wind. I went out on the Bully first, buffeted and almost stopped by the wind, although the heavier BSA was much less affected. Getting my leathers off at lunch time was a relief, as I was told my face was as red as them. I didn't ride in the afternoon, my undergear still dripping wet. The day finished early, but bouquets to the helpers, particularly the flaggies, and brickbats to those who didn't show, particularly if they hadn't prepaid as requested.

On to our State Titles, and a most successful event. Commiserations to our old mate Otto, who crashed heavily on Saturday afternoon. Mend quickly, mate. We did more on the administrative side "in house" this year, and a big thank you to those concerned. The racing was great, Simon Cook winning the "Ken Blake" yet again, and Greg Watkins with his 350 and 500 Molnar Manx Nortons winning both classes and the "Bob Jolly Memorial". I was pleasantly surprised by my "new" Bully engine, finding an exhaust that was my idea pulled better than the one I've used these last few years. My carby settings were rather rich, which explain why I ran out of fuel in the last event. I also ran out with the BSA, even though i brought almost 20 litres for each. It gave me a buzz to again match several Period 2/Class C bikes on speed with the Bully. I hope everyone else had something positive to take home from the Titles.

Thumbs Up and Change Right

Trevor Henderson #55

FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY: IT'S TIME TO RIDE

Well am I glad to see the end of December! Just as you may recall we had a track day at Mallala, we had the Motorsport Festival at Victoria Park and finally our State Titles at Mac Park. All of this meant a great deal of work, luckily I enjoy most of it, yeah most but not all.

The club rides we organize along with the Ducati club have been an enormous success over the last few years. However both clubs commit to putting these days on and we expect members to commit to come along and pre pay as per the structure in place. With the weather hitting us hard with our last club day a few chose not to come, those that had paid that is their choice, but people choosing not to

do the right thing and pre pay will find themselves financially disadvantaged in the future that is if we even allow them along. By doing this they are disadvantaging their club mates and that is not on. Consider yourself forewarned!

Dates are currently being chased for track days 2019 so watch this space.

We have a reasonable contingent heading over to Phillip Island again this year and we have some good garage space to share as a club, which is fantastic.

I also take this opportunity to wish all club members good luck who are down to run at

Sellicks. I am again running the pits etc so will see you there.

The festival of Speed is on 15th – 17th March at Sydney Motorsport Park, I hope we get a few along to that super event. Supp regs should be out anytime now!

Big thanks to Jane O'Neill for taking pics at the presentation, good on you Jane.

Competition Secretary, Danny Ahern #27



LC Cup lads receiving their gongs, Brett Metcalf winning from



John Inkster back in the winner's circle, note two of our banners in the background, well done John



Bob Jolly Memorial was well fought out with Greg Watkins winning on his Manx Norton from Les Toohey on his Goldie and David Large on his borrowed 250 Ducati, fourth was photo bomber me!

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held on 9th Jan 2019

Minutes of Committee Meeting of HMCRRSA at Riverside Grove, Dernancourt on Wednesday 9th January 2019.

Present were Danny Ahern, Dean & Neil Watson, Bob Balestrin, Paul Walker, Chris Hayward, Andy McDonnell and Trevor Henderson. The meeting opened at 7:56pm, with an apology from Nathaniel Wilson.

Post Mortem on Mac Park :- Chris thought no-one missed the sidecars, and Neil felt it ran smoothly with a fantastic holiday atmosphere, but that we weren't being catered for, canteen-wise. Trevor queried the Lap Sheets format, and Dean received no whinges but thought manning the gate was not very exciting, whilst Bob enjoyed what he saw. Dan reported that presentations went well at 35 minutes, then 25 minutes for the LC Cup. The trophies were well-received, but those for the "Ken Blake" and "Bob Jolly" were all inscribed "1st Place". The timing didn't always work, with delays in getting results. We paid \$220 to use a printer that didn't work, so it was moved we purchase our own for next time. Paul asked what we should expect of the Ambos, citing delays and parking over rider access. Dean suggested a designated area, though the Clerk of Course makes these decisions. Dan mooted discussing it with the Road Race Panel and getting a MSA directive. Andy got no support for having a dummy grid marked on the pit exit. Speeding in pits, dummy grid and between sheds could be controlled by a Hi-Vis-equipped Official and Paul's announcements. Paul asked about John Kroon's performance, Andy unhappy over comments he made via his headset. Paul's Mandy asked if Andy could be more flamboyant like Glen Dix. Some riders are not taking up their correct grid positions. We need to chat to Mt. Gambier Secretary, Alex, re internet access. Danny spoke of a fantastic pull-together of Members and Committee, with a group helping at scrutineering. We started on time both days, and the system for accidents worked. There is a procedure not to move crashed bikes until the medics take photos. We did not manage shed allocations. Chris praised Andrew Bannerman's commentary, and Andy Burford helped on the gate. 11 bottles of wine were surplus. Chris Peake had suggested finishing after the "Ken Blake" but Dan stymied that.

A suggestion for next year's poster was photos of deceased members on their bikes.

Letters to be sent to Mt. Gambier MCC re cost structure for next year, and Mick Morris of SAFMA. Trevor to send "Get Well" cards to Otto and Alex Simpson. We shall draft some info about HMCRRSA for the MSA Newsletter, and Dan will contact Sean Hocking re his Membership Application.

The President has initiated a "Thank You" dinner for those who gave up their time without reward to get our State Titles up and running. The Committee unanimously support this initiative as a way of saying a big thank you to those that make a definite difference. The President will arrange emails to invite those nominated.

Meeting Closed 10:30pm.

FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE

A short story from the starter. Travelled down to our State championship late Thursday and arrived early hour Friday morning. Remove bike from back of van and get some sleep in back of hotel Toyota. Woke to the familiar sound of the call to the canteen breakfast. Moved camp to alongside Dave Beechey and Trevor Henderson. Will attach photo of the camp. As the practice day carried on was great to see our club members involved with the scrutineering and the general running of the sign on area. The day concluded and we did the usual and to the Commercial Hotel for a drink and as always a front bar counter meal. Back to camp and a walk around the track before getting some sleep in the back of Hotel Toyota. The race day was here soon enough and the start of my duties as an official on the start line. There is the required sign on and meeting the other officials then to the line with flags ready and headset checked as well as a couple of fire extinguishers. The qualifying/practice went well and the start of racing after lunch this also progressed well. From the line i would say most competitors knew where they were gridding up and we got racing under way with good speed. The day concluded and we decided a counter meal at the pub was required this time with a passenger Mick Jones from NSW a good chat and back for a good night's rest in the back of Hotel Toyota. Sunday arrived and back to my duties at the start line for the day. We had a good day of racing with only minor delays. I would like to thank everyone involved for the successful weekend and a speedy recovery for any injured competitors. This is why i love MAC Park such a good time always.

Andrew McDonnell #15#



2019 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
24 -26 February	Island Classic	Phillip Island
16,17 March	Sellicks Beach Racing	Sellicks
15-17 March	Festival of Speed	Sydney Motorsport Park
March	Collingrove Hillclimb	Collingrove
13,14 April	Vic Historics	Broadford
Easter	Broadford Bike Bonanza	Broadford, Vic
10-12 May	Seniors Race Meeting	Mac Park
27-30 September	Historic Nationals	Collie WA
28,29 Dec	SA Historic Titles	Mac Park

For Sale/Wanted

Wanted	Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long	Trevor Henderson 8384 5284.
	JAP 350ohv timing cover and cylinder head from mid 1930's	Bob Glynn 8263 9133
For Sale	Unfinished project Ariel swingarm frame, BSA forks, Triumph gearbox, clutch and wheels plus many other Ariel engine and chassis parts \$800 ono	Trevor Henderson 8384 5284.