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HISTORY REPEATS

Register patron Mal Pitman, along with Nathaniel Wilson, brought the ex-Greg Pretty XS1100 to life again at Sydney's InterFoS. More pics: Page 9

Photo: Jane



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Things are fairly busy at the moment, with our Club Day at “The Bend” almost upon us. Members will have been involved with the Victorian Titles at Broadford, the Bonanza at the same venue over Easter and the Collingrove Hillclimb. After all that, we have the Mac Park “Seniors” in early May before, for many of us, a self-imposed Winter Break. Club Points and “Les Diener” scores have been updated since Collingrove, and, in the former we see that Geoff Grant is the only competitor to score at both meetings. With the “LD”, each Club had 2 representatives at each event. After the scores being tied on 290 points after the Master of Mac Park, Keith Wissell and Tony Tildesley bettered Simon Cowling and Chris Lang by 18 points to put

HMCRRSA ahead after Collingrove. The Hillclimb is a good fun day, and if you perform well in your class you may go home with one of Atujara’s self-made trophies. Who wouldn’t want a pre-loved piston, con rod or gear on their mantelpiece? Congratulations to Geoff Grant and Craig, who, after being very close previously, took out the “Hec Henderson” Sidecar event against Modern and Historic outfits in the Period 4 sidecar’s swansong! After a disappointing run at the State Titles in December, and missing the Classic Master of Mac Park through attending my mate Graeme’s funeral, my mojo certainly needed to get working again. After enjoying, and having my best day yet on the BSA at Collingrove, I packed up the Bulty and

headed for the Broadford Bonanza. An excellent event, except for the hiccups detailed in my "Titbits", but bike and rider OK and ready for another day.

From an admin point of view, the Committee has agreed to an amendment to our Constitution, with the object of streamlining proceedings on the 3rd Thursday in August.

On my swansong, I'm confident we'll find that conducting the General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting a much smoother process.

Trevor Henderson, President

TREV'S POINTSCORE UPDATE

2018 Les Diener Point Score							Updated 22/03/18					POINTS				
Master of Mac March 3/4		Rider	Riding Age	No.	Machine	Bike Age	Results	Race 1	Race 2	Points	Points	Rider's Age	Bike's Age	Total Points		
Rider 1	Mark Schuppan		52	31	Eso S/C	56	1st	1st		25	25	52	56	158		
Rider 2	Ken Ball		56	62	RDLC 250	38	3rd	2nd		18	20	56	38	132	250	
Collingrove 25/3/18		Rider	Riding Age	No.	Machine	Bike Age	Number	Runs	Overall Results	Number	Final					
Rider 1	Simon Cowling		48	82	JAP 250	56	7	1st		70	25	48	56	199		
Rider 2	Chris Lang		63	9	Triumph TR5T	46	8	1st		80	25	63	46	214	413	
<i>Accumulative Total 703</i>																
Master of Mac March 3/4		Rider	Riding Age	No.	Machine	Bike Age	Number	Runs	Overall Results	Number	Final					
Rider 1	Geoff Grant		62	30	Kawa S/C	42	3rd	2nd		18	20	62	42	142		
Rider 2	Chris Haywood		60	34	Yam SR500	38	1st	1st		25	25	60	38	148	290	
Collingrove 25/3/18		Rider	Riding Age	No.	Machine	Bike Age	Number	Runs	Overall Results	Number	Final					
Rider 1	Keith Wissell		63	11	Harley XR1000	35	7	1st		70	25	63	57	215		
Rider 2	Tony Tildesley		76	8	Honda CB350	57	8	1st		80	25	76	35	216	431	
<i>Accumulative Total 703</i>																

TRACK DAY AT THE BEND

All payments are due not later the Thursday the 19th of April (General Meeting Night). As our competition secretary has previously pointed out a late payment will incur another \$100 fee, remember the Club is committed to

this and it will cost us money. If you have no intentions of going to the ride day for whatever reason please let Danny Ahern know as there are some people who couldn't get in and are on a waiting list.

Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

The meeting opened at 8pm with 19 Members, 0 Visitors.

Apologies: Neil Watson, Andy McDonnell, Nathaniel Wilson.

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed Dan Ahern seconded Dean Watson, unanimously accepted.

Business arising: None

President's Report:

- Trevor provided a run down of the Les Diener points scores for the recent race meeting at Mac Park (Classic Master of Mac Park).
- HMCRRSA and Atujara finished tied on points with 290 each.
- Chris Lang on Coast FM via their 'Moto Chat' program promoted the upcoming Collingrove hill climb.
- Trevor reminded members of Colin Rosewarne's kind gifting of his photographic publication and that it is available to members for their perusal.

Secretary's Report:

- Secretary recently telephoned Chris Pash. He reported that Chris has now left hospital and is recovering at home.
- An overview of the recent Master of Mac Park race meeting provided.
- A general discussion followed during which concern was again raised about the use of the light system as a replacement for the traditional flag marshals.
- It was generally agreed that the use of flag marshals is preferred from a safety point of view.

Treasurers Report:

- Dean provided details of the February balance sheet.
- Some outgoings from the state titles are still pending.

Competition Secretary:

- Tailem Bend ride day discussed
- Those people who have registered their interest in attending will receive an invoice within the next few days
- The ride day will now utilise the west track (3.5km) rather than the original eastern circuit. Advantages included gaining access to the pit garages.
- Garages are 6 x 12 metres and pricing per bike will be \$30.
- There will be 4-5, 15-minute sessions throughout the day.
- A Subway catered lunch will be provided.
- Beverages to be self-supplied.
- The main gate will open at 8.00am and track will open at 9.00am.
- Track time finishes at 4.00pm and main gates close at 5.00pm.

- 2018 National Championships are to be held in November at Broadford Vic.
- Due to the potential lack of pit garages available at this venue it was agreed that the club Secretary write to the Preston Club with the aim of securing pit garage facilities for HMCRRSA members intending to race at this event.
- With this in mind, HMCRRSA riders intending to race at this event will be asked (via the Good Oil) to inform the Secretary of their intention to attend.

RR Committee Delegate:

- There has been no Road Race Panel meeting this month. (Future meetings to be scheduled as 'e meetings).

MSA delegate:

- No meeting to report.

General Business:

- Dan provided details of his recent (Bert Munro) trip to NZ.
- He has published a more comprehensive account of his drama filled trip in the March edition of the Good Oil. (Including how he broke his leg – not racing but being a tourist rambling through the countryside.)
- The meeting further discussed issues involving the track warning lights at Mac Park and specifically incidences of confusing/incorrect red-light usage during the events at the recent Master of Mac Park event.
- It was therefore agreed that the Secretary would write to the Mt Gambier Club to raise this matter and seeking their response.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Minutes of the HMCRRSA Committee meeting held on 6 March 2018 at Dernacourt.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Attendees: Trevor Henderson, Chris Hayward, Dean Watson, Bob Balestrin, Neil Watson, Stuart Penn

Apologies: Nathaniel Wilson, Paul Walker.

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Spelling of new member's name corrected to 'Welch'.
- Otherwise proposed Dan, seconded Trevor. Unanimously accepted.

Business Arising:

- Chris Pash update provided. He has now returned home to convalesce.

Treasurer:

- New revised account received (and now paid) from Mt Gambier Club re the 2017 state titles.
- Account for 47 sheds reduced to 41. It was agreed follow discussion that that in future riders that have not pre-booked and pre-paid for garages must contact Marg Trotter for any last minute (on the day) allocations.
- The quote received from EMT for medical support re the upcoming The Bend ride day was discussed. It was agreed to accept this provider.
- The Mt Gambier ride day monies have now been banked and Snap printing invoice re the programs has been paid.

Gen Business:

- Upcoming Campbelltown swap meet discussed.
- Dan produced a spreadsheet listing the fees for the upcoming Joint HMCRRSA/DOCA ride day at The Bend (April 27).
- Costs: Members with more than 5 years continuous membership - \$80, All other members \$140; and non-members including invited riders \$180.
- All these fees are to be prepaid by 19 April and those missing this deadline will incur an additional \$100 late fee.
- To date 46 HMCRRSA registrations have been received.
- Helpers will be required to run this event. Flaggies, spotters etc required.
- Gates will open at 8.00am with track opening at 9.00am.
- Track time will close at 4.00pm with gates closing at 5.00pm.
- Catering discussed. It was agreed that Subway at Tailem Band would be approached provide catering.
- The meeting discussed the potential issue of uninvited riders turning up on the day. It was agreed that someone will attend the main gate and ensure that only pre-booked riders with their bikes would be permitted entry.
- Following discussion and a motion put to the meeting by Trevor, seconded by Dean it was agreed that 2019 membership fees would be increased by \$10 to \$40 per year.

Meeting closed pm 9.45

TREV'S TITBITS: TWO BRIANS, TWO PAULS AND ME**Ol' 55 just keeps rolling on.****Pic IAN RODDIE**

Some months ago, Brian (Nip) Kuerschner asked if I'd be interested in going to the Broadford Bonanza over Easter 2018. Seemed like a good idea, and I'd go with him and a couple of his mates. Now, there are Aussie blokes who won't "rough it", refusing to sleep under canvas, so delete a couple of potential starters. Eventually it would be Nip, Paul and I, with Nip's trailer accommodating the Corlett 1912 Triumph, Nip's "10R" AJS and my 125 Bult. Every other cubic inch of space was taken up with tools, food and clothes.

We left Summertown on the Thursday, first stop Tailem Bend to meet up with travelling companions Brian and Paul, shall we call them Mk.2? I still have a soft spot for the AJS and Matchless marques, the main interest of my 3 amigos. It was agreed to stop at Bordertown Bakery, which only achieved a temporary loss of contact between both vehicles. CB radios, anyone? No

further dramas, arrive at Broadford mid-afternoon to confirm it is a town and not just a spot on the map. On to the complex to find neither Nip's or my entry on record. Mine was finally found, but Nip's hadn't gone through, so he had to come up with cash to rectify it. Despite this delay, we managed to have our camp set up before darkness fell. Brian and Paul Mk.2, being spectators, had to camp a short walk away, and as they had the kettle we needed them to have a cuppa prior to Ken Lucas' arrival next morning. Ken was bringing 8 bikes, 2 for Nip to ride, starting rollers (12v and 240v) and a BBQ. I felt for Ken over the weekend as he struggled with technology, his aircon with a keypad and his generator with its digital control panel.

The only activity on Friday was 8 x 15 min sessions on the Road circuit from 1pm. Nip elected to take out the Corlett Triumph first, but unfamiliarity had him stranded on the uphill Turn 1 on the first lap. No such trouble with the Bulty, but I did feel at sea in that first session, very slow through the turns. Nip was going out in the Road Bike section on Ken's street-legal G50, but the big M proved recalcitrant, as you'd expect when a coil wire is detached. Tomorrow, Nip!

The complex came alive Saturday morning, and I looked forward to 3 sessions over the day. Nip got to sample the G50 and 7R, being most impressed with the performance of a mere "350". Sadly his own "10R" stopped and trouble with the spark plug thread retired it for the duration. I was starting to feel comfortable, the Bulty running consistently and me gaining some confidence.

We were looking forward to the Speedway Spectacular from 4pm and then the dinner. With my last session finishing at 3pm there should be no problem. I parked the Bulty, leathers off and clean rags on and look for Nip. He'd returned on the 7R, lost his balance whilst stationary and was at the Medical Centre. Diagnosis a broken or dislocated collarbone, and the Medics recommended an X-Ray at Epping Hospital, 50km away. The next 5 hours were taken with travelling, waiting, treatment and returning from said hospital, once we'd found it! When told you "can't miss it", you worry. We found the complex, but the Accident/Emergency Department was well disguised!

Eventually we found it, and, as none of the Car Park boom gates liked me, I parked in a "Wheelchair Only" spot in front of the Mental Health facility, which was closed for Easter.

We got back to Broadford as the stragglers were leaving the marquee, but were able to get a beer. Sunday morning I was the sole rider from our camp, needing a bump start after one of several hiccups with Ken's rollers. A piece broke off the side of the Bulty cylinder head in the first session, so I also called it quits. Ken had said he'd like to leave just after lunch, but that didn't quite eventuate. Brian and Paul Mk. 2 left Sunday morning, so at lunch time Paul Mk. 1 and I went for a stroll down pit lane, very slow with me having a chat at each pace forward.

Eye candy aplenty, many magnificent Vincents including committee member Stuart Penn's Black Lightning and Ron Angel's Grand Prix exotica. Ken eventually got away, taking the BBQ, but we were able to singe our meat on John Clancy's hotplate that evening. During this gathering Nip was able to get his chair to lay down on its back, fortunately without further injury.

Monday morning, we broke camp in good time and hit the road. Passing through Heathcote, Paul driving, saw the temperature gauge hit the danger zone. Stop the car, cool off, water dripping when we tried refilling. As Paul and I, but not Nip, were in the RAA, Paul made the call to be told it had to be the owner, so Nip signed up over the phone. When RACV arrived it was "radiator gone, nothing available until tomorrow, I'll come back and tow you to our yard after I do a few jobs".

Two hours later, no RACV, and neighbour Sue enquires about our predicament, offering her driveway to work on the car and her shed if we needed to stay the night. Then she made a phone call, and a new radiator was available in Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo, and they were open until 4pm. She offered to drive us, but then said husband Peter could pick one up in Sunbury on his way home. Paul and I set to and removed the old unit, done by Peter's arrival. We bought him a carton of beer, tried one each to ensure they were OK, and were on the road at 4pm. Did the RACV come back

while we were in Sue's drive? At 6pm we were in St. Arnaud, found a motel and enjoyed a counter meal at the "Farmers Arms" Hotel.

I took first stint at the wheel next morning, and nothing else could go wrong, could it? With Paul driving we passed through Tailem Bend and entered the South Eastern Freeway. Suddenly, flat tyre! Spare under a ton of gear in the boot, but we were soon mobile again. No more dramas, and we were soon back at Summertown. I cursed city traffic as it took me 1.5 hrs to get home. We'd missed our VMCASA luncheon, just enough time to unload, clean up and attend our Committee Meeting. But this won't be my last visit to Broadford!

Thumbs and Change Right
Trevor Henderson #55

OUT AND ABOUT AT InterFoS and BROADFORD BB



Troy Bayliss mingles with two of our stars of InterFoS.



Nathaniel Wilson at speed on the XS1100, brought back to life by Mal Pitman.



Speedway legend Phil Crump demos the amazing Neil-Street-Ivan Tighe DOHC Jawa that got the jump on Weslake and Co in 1975. Above right is one of the 200 conversions fitted to a potential land-speed record machine. It will be supercharged!

Pics IAN RODDIE



Three generations of the Crump family with a Phil's original Street-converted Jawa.



They call it the Speedway Spectacular.



And you thought Jawa was just speedway.



A pair of cool old air-head Beemers.



Beau Beaton aviates the Irving Vincent.



Air-cooled 8-valve Ducati

2018 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
April 27	Joint club track day	The Bend
May 26-27	Winton 2+4	Broadford
Nov 8-11	Historic nationals	Broadford
Last Saturday of each month	Mac Park Ride Days	Mount Gambier
Most months, check Mallala website	Mallala track days	Mallala

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. Triumph 750 piston +20 \$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