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THE MOCK-UP IS THE EASY PART. SO HOW DID IT TURN OUT?

Last month we got a fascinating insight into one man's project and the passion and skill required to bring a piece of history to life again. **See Page 4.**



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Honorary Life Members	Peter WESTERMAN (†Deceased)	1998
	Richard RAKE	1999
	Danny AHERN	2000
	David MANSON	2001
	Len SMITH	2002
	Ken LUCAS	2003
	“Doc” WATSON (†Deceased)	2004
	Trevor HENDERSON	2005
	Phil BAUGHAN	2007
	Len DYSON (†Deceased)	2009
	Les Bell	2013
	Joe Ahern	2017

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Barring unforeseen circumstances, this is the last time I’ll be putting my name to such a report. It seems like an eternity since I first accepted this role. As a result of discussion within the Committee, I shall not be disappearing completely. I must praise the members who make up the Club’s present Committee, not forgetting those others who have been there in my time and before that. I wasn’t going to list individuals, but would like to thank Stuart Penn, who has decided not to nominate again to make space for “new blood”. Thanks for your input, Stu, your responses to issues and comments have often been the catalyst for us taking responsible action.

Among the changes since I joined has been an irregular newsletter becoming the monthly “Good Oil” under the editorship of Danny, Alec, Les and now Hamish. We are fortunate to have Mr Cooper’s professional input, articles and photos thanks to his many contacts.

We have had changes in our meeting place and State Title venue, and the gradual incorporation of extra classes and newer periods in our program. I recall Period 4 being our latest, and our first 125cc Championship as a stand alone event in 1992. We have risen to the challenge of involvement in modern meetings, car events, Motorsport Festivals, Grands Prix, sprints and static displays, and I don’t see any change in the Club’s philosophy happening there.

In recent years we have revived regular Ride Days, which seem to be equally popular with our racers and those preferring a less competitive outing. If we can further enhance the camaraderie

that occurs when members and friends get together and everyone has had a ball, then we're on the right track. Building a bond with Ducati Owners' Club and allowing Atujara members (our "Les Diener" rivals) to participate is a win-win situation.

Let's just keep getting stronger!

Trevor Henderson

FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY

Before talking race stuff and track stuff, I hope members have given some thought to the upcoming AGM and the voting in of new committee et al. Even if you are not one to be on the committee you can still make an effort to support the club when events are being run and organised.

State Titles are at the forefront of the committee's agenda at the moment.

Ronna Fisher has kindly offered her time and had her license updated so that we have a level 3 race secretary in attendance as Marg Trotter cannot do this year! Ronna's condition is that she has help and to that a big thankyou goes out to Kate Clarke, who is giving her time up to do much of the work involved before and during the event, a golden opportunity to learn the ropes with good guidance from Ronna, thanks.

If you recall, last year Kate took on the role of gatekeeper and program seller, so yeah you guessed it, we are on the hunt to fill that spot this year!

The supp regs have been approved and will come out in due course, this year after much discussion etc it has been decided to run Period 6 bikes but to give the sidecars a break as their numbers have been oh so low last few years.

I got the tip that the Southern Classic sup regs have been approved and they should be forthcoming in next couple of weeks.

After much negotiating with the Sporting Car Club, I have had them agree to run bikes as part of the festival which is great. However I have just realized that they have again moved the event to early November! This clashes with The Southern Classic. Anyway I will see what we can come up with.

On a good note Phillip Island management have confirmed that they will again give us priority with garaging at next year's Island Classic. I need names and bikes to get it settled right out.

If you haven't been onto me re the track day at The Bend Friday 7th September, you need to get onto it quick smart!

Danny Ahern

A Night at the Speedway

The club is arranging an evening in the **"VIP" Room at Gillman Speedway** on Thursday 3rd January 2019, the night of the South Australian round of the Australian Solo Speedway

Championship. Just show **your admission receipt** to enter the VIP Room, where the Club will pick up the tab for nibbles and drinks.

Register with Trevor Henderson by phone (8384 5284) or email trevbul@bigpond.com

TIM'S RIDE, Aug 26: A GREAT RIDE AROUND THE HILLS AND A GREAT WAY TO REMEMBER A GREAT PERSON. **DETAILS BACK PAGE.**



One Man's Replica that didn't break the budget

At last month's General Meeting our guest was Brian (Nip) Kuerschner, who brought along his AJS "10R" Replica. Why "10R"? Back in the days of Flat Tanks and the Giant-Killing 350cc "Big Port", AJS used the designation "7" for 350cc models and "10" for 500's. As Brian explained, there actually were "10R" machines produced in the 1950s at the request of a South American distributor. Although they were G45 Matchless bikes in AJS livery and stamped accordingly, this was no great stretch of the imagination as the G45 frame was practically the same as the 7R item, and the engine was a modification of the roadster unit available in both marques.

Brian had long wanted a 7R, but the cost of both a genuine bike and a race-replica were outside the budget. Ken Lucas offered one of the latter and, although not making a sale, played a major part in the supply of many significant items that characterise a 7R. Brian's first find was a 7R front number plate cowl at a swap meet, at first destined to be a shed talking-point, but later to have the rest of a bike hang off it. AMC roadsters provided a swing arm, "Jampot" rear shocks, gearbox, front forks and a donor engine, while Birmingham rivals BSA/Triumph supplied the conical hubs.

The distinctive fuel and oil tanks and drive case for magneto and overhead camshaft (though not used for the latter), had many believing they were looking at a pukka Ajay 7R, helped by Gavin Porteous' frame construction and the Eldorado-built seat.

The finishing touches, the little bits and pieces that can make or break a project do the former here, a credit to Brian's handiwork. We are fortunate to have been taken on the journey of this motorcycle from concept to reality.

**Thumbs Up to this bike, which certainly does Change Right.
Trevor Henderson #55.**

Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday, July 19, 2018.

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

Attendees: 19 members attended.

Apologies: Les Bell, Nathaniel Wilson, Claire Harmon, Neil Watson, Dean Watson, Dan Ahern, Bob Balestrin, Aaron McDonnell.

Visitors: Nip Kuerschner

New Members: Terry Phillips

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed Phil Baughan, seconded Andy McDonnell. Unanimously accepted.

Business arising: None.

President's Report:

- Trevor welcomed new member Terry Phillips to the meeting.
- Trevor then welcomed Nip Kuerschner who attended as a visitor who presented his replica 10R AJS racer at the conclusion of the meeting.
- Lee Kernich was acknowledged as the club's longest serving member with 40 years continuous membership.
- A member's 'Speedway at Gilman' social event was discussed. Trevor has tentatively booked this for Thursday 3 January and asked for members to indicate their interest via a show of hands. 10 members indicated their interest in attending although Trevor will arrange to promote this via a notice in the Good Oil.
- Trevor raised the issue of potentially arranging transport for members who would like to attend club ride days (including at the Bend raceway) but are 'non-track riders'. Either hire of a bus or coordinating 'shared' rides with other members could be arranged subject to the level of interest.
- Correspondence received from Richard Metcalf from Atujara Club re Mac Park ride day scheduled for 6 -7 October. HMCRRSA members are invited to attend.
- Atujara Club has withdrawn as a participating member of the MSA Road Race Panel forum.
- HMCRRSA AGM next month will include voting on changes to the constitution to streamline the running of the meeting and the transition between the monthly meeting and the AGM. The specific proposed amendments were read to members.

Secretary's Report:

- Notification received re the Lions Bike Show scheduled for Sunday 4 November.
- MSA special general meeting scheduled next week to discuss constitution amendments. Chris and Trevor to attend.
- 2019 Historic titles discussed. Members reminded to let Secretary know if they are interested in attending the event in 2019 at Collie WA.

Treasurer's Report:

- In Dean's absence Trevor provided a brief overview of balance sheet

Competition Secretary:

- No report

MSA delegate:

- No report

Road Race Panel:

- No Report

General Business:

- Andy provided the meeting with a report re the Onkaparinga council meeting where the 2019 Sellicks Beach event was discussed.
- He reported that there was near full support from the council for the running of the event again in 2019. He noted that there was only one council member who didn't support the event.
- We are still waiting for feedback from the organisers of the Adelaide Motor Sport Festival re our omission from the program.
- Trevor reminded members that a number of publications including the Kork Ballington biography was available for loan to members.
- Geoff Grant's resignation from the club was briefly discussed and clarified.
- The club's next ride day at the Bend was discussed.

At this point Trevor introduced Nip Keurschner, who displayed his replica 10R AJS racer and spoke about his journey constructing the bike from scratch. Following Nip's presentation Nip invited questions from members.

Meeting closed 10.20 pm

Draft Minutes of the HMCRRSA Committee meeting held on July 3, 2018 at MSA clubrooms Beulah Park.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Attendees: Trevor Henderson, Chris Hayward, Bob Balestrin, Dan Ahern, Nathaniel Wilson, Paul Walker, Dean Watson, Stuart Penn, Neil Watson

Apologies: None.

Visitors: None.

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Proposed Dan, seconded Bob. Unanimously accepted.

Business Arising:

- Pitmans sponsorship payment still not paid. Chris to chase up again.
- Still waiting for formal response to letter sent to Mt Gambier Club re the faulty lights.
- Additional wine bottles are confirmed for supply to a small number of riders who missed out at the 2017 state titles meeting.
- Ronna has agreed to take on the Race Sec role with support from Kate for 2018 state titles.
- Trevor to complete permit application for 2018 state titles.

Treasurer:

- Dean provided detailed balance for the month.
- Tee shirts – Most of the ‘Bend’ ride day tee shirts have been distributed.
- Club tee shirts have now been ordered.

Secretary:

- To date, only 2 responses received re the call for ‘expressions of interest’ for riders looking to attend the 20129 national championships to be held at Collie WA. Chris to chase up members to seek their interest and to post a notice in upcoming edition of the ‘Good Oil’.

Comp Sec:

- Ride days discussed. It was agreed that these were well supported by members and that joint events with DOCSA will continue.
- Because of the disappointing response from the organisers of the upcoming national titles at Broadford re pre-securing pit garages for HMCRRSA members; it was agreed that we would keep a close eye on the posting of the supp regs.

Gen Business:

- The recent issue relating to some uncomplimentary/inaccurate public comments of this club’s scheduling of track time for sidecars during the recent ‘The Bend’ ride day was discussed.
- The club’s response to Geoff Grant’s letter of complaint and resignation from the HMCRRSA was further discussed. It was agreed to refrain from engaging into a protracted and detailed response of all the various allegations made against the club; but rather to simply acknowledge each party’s position on this matter, accept his resignation and wish him all the best in his future racing endeavours.
- A general discussion followed re the upcoming AGM with Trevor confirming his intention not to seek re election as President following this present term.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Draft Minutes of the HMCRRSA AGM of 2017.

President's Report:

Trevor thanked the current committee members for their support during the year and recounted highlights of the past 12 months including the highly successful joint DOCA/HMCRRSA ride days and the club's participation in the Adelaide Motor Sport Festival.

Treasurers report for 2016/17:

Dean informed the meeting that increased costs associated with the running of the 2016 state titles had an adverse impact on income for the year. There had been increased financial support for riders including subsidised ride days and group pit garage hire for riders attending the Island Classic. A significant amount was spent supporting these events although some returns from one event license fees etc. moderated this expenditure. A healthy income received via membership fees. 2016 State titles resulted in only a modest gain in revenue compared to previous years. A full and detailed run down of the balance sheet for the past year was made available to members on request.

At this point in the proceedings, the President announced that all current committee positions be vacated and called on Phil Baughan to chair the meeting and undertake the role of returning officer for all new committee positions. Voting was via show of hands.

Position	Nominations	Proposed/seconded	Outcome
Club Patron	Mal Pitman	Trevor Henderson/Dean Watson	carried
President	Trevor Henderson	Dan Ahern/Dean Watson	carried
Vice Pres	Dan Ahern	Trevor Henderson/Bob Balestrin	carried
Treasurer	Dean Watson	Bob Balestrin/Otto Muller	carried
Secretary	Chris Hayward	Dan Ahern/Trevor Henderson	carried
Comp Sec	Dan Ahern	Dean Watson/Bob Balestrin	carried
Publicity	Dan Ahern	Trevor Henderson/Dean Watson	carried
Editor	Hamish Cooper	Dan Ahern/Bob Balestrin	carried (nom accepted in absence)
MSA deleg	Trevor Henderson	Otto Muller/Dan Ahern	carried
RR delegate	Chris Hayward	Dan Ahern/Trevor Henderson	carried
Com members	Bob Balestrin	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried
	Neil Watson	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried (accepted in absence)
	Nathaniel Wilson	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried
	Paul Walker	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried (accepted in absence)
	Stuart Penn	Dan Ahern/Otto Muller	carried (accepted in absence)

The AGM wrapped up following the endorsement of the new committee and the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

NOTICEBOARD

- Brian 'Nip' Kuerschner, Vice President of the AJSMOC (Aust) Section, invites Register members to join his motorcycle display at the 'Kenny Blake Festival' at Strathalbyn on 27th and 28th October. He has room for three more machines. Contact nipper@nipper.net.au
- The 2020 International Jampot Rally will be held in New Zealand in February of that year. It includes a pre-rally tour of the South Island leaving Nelson and travelling south down the West Coast through some of the finest scenic roads in New Zealand to Invercargill to view the Burt Munro Challenge. It then returns through the Alps to Nelson for the rally. Contact the Rally Organizer, Murray McLean by emailing matchlessnz@icloud.com

2018 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
Sept 1-2	Wakefield Park 2+4	Wakefield Park
Sept 14	Register/DOCSA joint ride day	The Bend
Nov 3-4	Southern Classic	Broadford
Nov 8-11	Historic nationals	Broadford
Dec 29-30	SA Historic State Titles	Mac Park
Sept 27-30 2019	Historic nationals for 2019	Collie WA
Last weekend of most months, check Mac Park website	Mac Park Ride Days	Mount Gambier
Most months, check Mallala Motorsport Park website	Mallala track days	Mallala
13-14 th July, 10-11 th August, 9-10 th Sept, 1-2, 14-15 th Oct, 25-26 th Nov, 2-3, 16-17 th Dec.	Ride days	The Bend

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

"TIM'S"
RIDE

26th Aug
Sunday

COAST YAMAHA

9.30am sharp

212 Main South Rd,
Morphett Vale,

Heading South on South Rd to the Range Rd turnoff, on to Victor Harbor @ Crown Hotel, regroup & then head through Goolwa to Alexandrina Rd, left onto Creek/Bull Creek Rd through Meadows in Clarendon for drinks & lunch with memories.