
The Good Oil



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HAVE A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS

Being our last general meeting of the year, we will have a simple BBQ for all those in attendance along with bevies to be consumed. Come along and mingle with your club mates as a good wind-up to what has been a full club year again.

Danny Ahern



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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		

Having just got home from a Xmas get together Hamish gives me a prod, next issue of The Good Oil is due. I knew well that was the case and would be onto it, but a week or so out from Xmas it gets hectic with all things. I have been putting in good hours with assistance from Kate getting all things paperwork wise ready for the State Titles. I was so pleased how the program came together and that we were a couple days earlier giving the nod to go to print. This morning before heading out I prepared the 150 scrutineering cards that will be used for those racing at the championships. Kate has stepped up in being a key stakeholder in the race office. She will be taking up the gauntlet as assistant Race Secretary with Ronna Fisher being her mentor as she chases up getting her level three certification. Paul Walker's wife Mandy has offered to help in the office too. I am so pleased with new people taking up new roles and doing their thing for the club to help make it a great event and maintain its respect around the country as one of the best All Historic motorcycle events.

At risk of missing people we have Andy McDonnell doing starter's duties, we have Andrew Bannerman helping Doug Dukes with commentary, Joe Ahern will help with scrutineering as will Phil Baughan, Trevor Henderson and Chris Hayward. Joe will also jump in for a few races with Doug and Andrew in the commentary position.

People in and around the club coming to the fore is just fantastic. Nathaniel Wilson with some guidance and help has been able to put together the trophies this year and we all think everyone will be well pleased with the different direction we have taken.

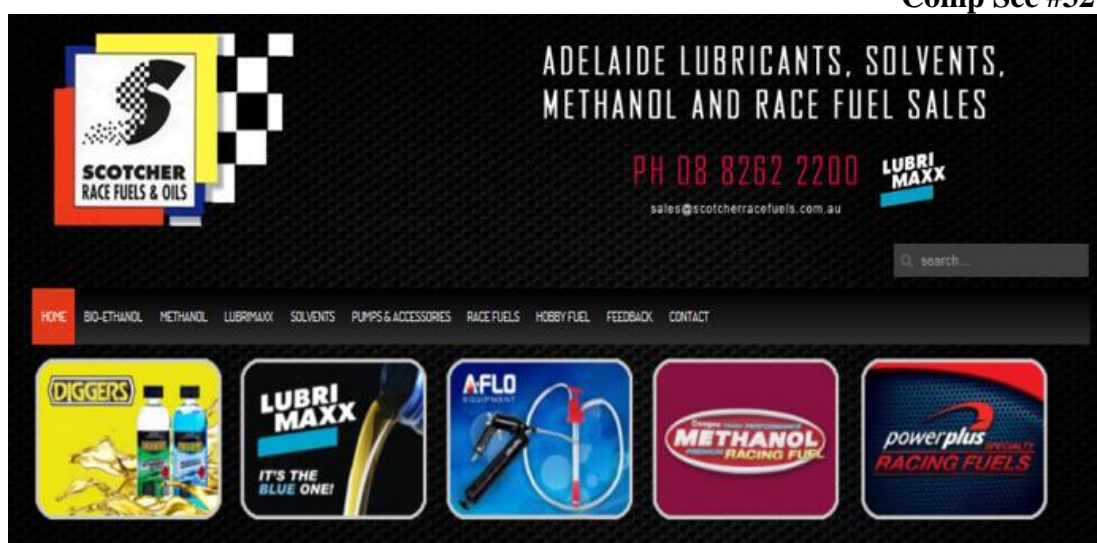
Xmas means different things to different people, whatever it does for you enjoy and thank your lucky stars for all you have and friends you share life with. Safe driving, see you at Mac Park with your well prepared tackle ready for another bumper fun weekend.

Danny Ahern

FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY

With the titles all but upon us, I am proud to say most of our long term supporters have continued with their support as well as some new blood, all of which we say a huge thank you. This year garages at Mac Park are all administered by the Mount Gambier Club and will probably remain that way for some time. Racing there we will all be on a track that has been slightly modified some more, so be ready for a different track to what we are all used to. We have made a big effort getting a good group of handshiffters / Class C bikes. It is a good turnout and I am sure all will enjoy the racing of these ol' gals. We will try and get all the fields up on to the website real soon. Period 6 again is getting a go and the turnout has been encouraging indeed. I, like a few, are sorry to see the demise of the sidecars but the support was no longer there! Those club members that have entered the Island Classic, I have secured some good garaging to share between members. Please email me with your intent to come along with which bikes. The new MOMS are out on line, with all the talk re Avgas, yes it is no longer a fuel choice come Jan 1st 2019! Various alternatives are available. Our long term supporter Peter Venn of Scotcher Race Fuels and Oils has let it be known he has PowerPlus 99+ available to memebers for \$95 / 20 litre drum. This fuel has been homologated by MA as a replacement for Avgas. February sees Sellicks Beach racing return and with some helpers I will again run the pits as we did in 2017. The fields are strong and a little larger than last year. 2019 sees spectators being able to buy one day tickets, but all tickets must be secured online. Sydney once again will hold the Festival of Speed in March. I thoroughly recommend you get involved if you can, it is a bumper event and the track is just great. For those into track days, the offering of The Bend for 2019 sees a membership of \$599 gets you lots of admission to various events plus two Champions ride days plus 15% off any further track days booked. Worth it indeed! Monday coming sees me at one of these track days at The Bend, looking forward to a serious shakedown of my TT2. Wherever you get to race enjoy.

Danny Ahern
Comp Sec #327



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I finally made the time to visit Len and Judy Smith's home at Campbelltown, and collected photos, books, VHSs, DVDs and tools that sadly Len will not use again. I'd like to share some of them with fellow Club members. Judy and I visited Len, who is now resident at Clayton Church Homes, 43 Fisher St, Magill, and he would welcome a short visit from any of our members.

We were fortunate to have Phil Baughan bring his recently-completed "Tribsa Mk2" to last month's meeting. The finish alone on this bike would rival many new machines on showroom floors. With the number of mods that Phil has made to so many components, he could have resurrected the brand name "Baughan". I'm sure those present were impressed by the bike and Phil's presentation in which he kept no secrets. We need to keep up our roll call of guest speakers and interesting machines, which I'm sure make the monthly meetings so much better.

December monthly meeting falls after the successful outing at the Motorsport Festival and hot and windy Mallala Club Day. Now we have the end of year State Titles, so let's make them Champion Championships.

Don't forget our Speedway Night on Thursday 3rd January 2019 (SA round of National Solo Championship), where you pay at the gate and keep your ticket, which is your access to the VIP Room. Racing is due to start at 7:30pm, but naturally arrive a bit earlier. On the list are Andy McDonnell, Paul Walker (x2), Otto Muller, Keith Wissell, Jack Kah, Peter Hirst, Stuart Penn, Phil Baughan, Chris Hayward (x2), Trevor Henderson (x2), Danny Ahern (x2), Dean Watson, Neil Watson, Richard Rake (x2) and Bob Balestrin. The Club will pick up the tab for nibbles and drinks. If anyone else would like to go please get in touch with me.

**Thumbs Up and Change Right,
Trevor Henderson #55**

BUDDING EDITORS NEEDED

Like any club it can be difficult filling roles and Newsletter Editor is a role we are now in need of. We have been blessed for some years now, having a professional journalist, all round good bloke and keen motorcyclist at the helm of The Good Oil, with Hamish Cooper. Hamish now finds himself in a position where he can no longer fulfil the role on a monthly basis. The club is keen to have someone put together the magazine to continue its monthly production, which at the moment has a couple of regular reliable contributors.

Give it some thought and if you are up for it, or know someone who is, we can help you along the way of getting this club institution out every month. Hamish is still available to help and advise anyone taking on the editorship.

It goes without saying a huge thank you to Hamish for taking on the role and being able to afford his knowledge and insights into the sport we all love. While thanking you Hamish the same goes for your input and help on our track days which was on good show the other Friday when single handedly you took on the role of pick-up man in what were less than friendly conditions, as always hand up to help and do it well.

On behalf of the club, Hamish, a big thank you and we look forward to you sticking around for things other than The Good Oil!

Thank you, Hamish.

Danny Ahern

TRACK DAYS

Just a quick note to let you know we are currently chasing dates with The Bend for 2019. Hopefully we will have at least one event at The Bend hopefully two. This year we had 75 participants at the inaugural event followed by 50 at the second one. Mallala earlier this month had 25 takers.

The track days are a big commitment by the club. Once booked it is not negotiable, as such same goes for participants. Early payment is required and any late payments will see a late payment levy. With the Mallala track day in December there were a few no shows. Some made the courtesy call to explain their situation and as it happens they had all prepaid and realised that they would 'do' their money! Some chose not to pay on time then not show up. This is not on and needs to be addressed, it is not club like nor fair on others. If we cannot all be realistic we will have to reconsider our total stance on track days.

While on track days, I have to put out a huge thank you on behalf of all the club to the key helpers that endured some shite conditions so the rest of the club could cut some laps. But 40 degrees and huge northerly winds are not a bit ideal. Dean Watson, all things money and organising the lunch and water etc, Mr Paul Walker for picking up and dropping off the two way radios and then announcing the sessions all day, Mick Myles responsible person, Trevor Henderson and helpers doing the bike checks, thank you all. But in all seriousness the real champions of the day were the flaggies: Graham Frew, Betty Bailey, Tony Fountain, Ray D'lorio and Dan Gleeson, gee big thanks to you lot enduring that weather.

Danny Ahern
President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome goes out to our newest members Kate Clarke and Mick Myles. We hope you enjoy the good camaraderie the club affords its members and that you get involved with some of the club's activities. I know you both are and have been keen with helping out at events and to that we will love to have you on board.

Kate is my partner and has been tremendously supportive in much administration within the club that I get tangled up with. In the last 12 months Kate has helped in various roles from Responsible Person at ride days, to assisting as Clerk of Course and Race Secretary. She has moved up to Level 2 and hopes to get to Level 3 in good time to be of good help to our club running events as we do.

Mick Myles is a long time member and main mover and shaker at DOCSA. In recent years he has been keen to help at our combined track days. Mick has a number of older Ducatis and is currently seriously thinking of getting one of his singles race ready.

Catch you all around the traps, be it club meetings, track days, race days or social outings, welcome aboard chaps.

Danny Ahern
President

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

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

Attendees: 19 members.

Visitors: Greg Summerton and Gary Jolly were welcomed, and it was good to have Wayne Higgins in attendance again.

Apologies: Kym Anderson, Joe Ahern, Claire Harmon, Les Bell, Bob Balestrin and Andy Pitman

Minutes of the previous meeting: Moved for acceptance by Phil Baughan, seconded by Dean Watson, and carried without any "Business Arising" being raised.

President's report:

Danny, back from two weekends of racing and having done heaps of laps, promised more detail when we got to General Business.

Competition Secretary's report:

- Currently we have 25 entries for our State Titles, for which good feedback was received at Broadford. Extra toil will be required from the Committee.
- There are currently around 20 starters for the Mallala Ride Day, anyone else interested should contact Danny.
- Danny will be talking to the Sporting Car Club next week about the Adelaide Motorsport Festival, at which we have the same spot as last year. The bikes will be in a row running from 1945 to 1985, we will have Royce Rowe + Brian Rosser + Ducati and all should "PROMOTE THE CLUB".

MSA Delegate's report:

There is a meeting tomorrow, and Dan needs to speak with "The Bend".

Treasurer's Report:

A quiet October and November, Comwide (Radios) being one of few accounts to pay. An interstate subsidy has been paid to one of our members.

General Business:

- Dan Gleeson asked if anyone went to the Kenny Blake Festival at Strathalbyn. Feedback was that it was a good event, though Dan queried why it took 40 years to honour Ken.
- Dan reported a good Club turnout at Broadford, the biggest Southern Classic in its 37th year, and the Nationals. Preston MCC did a reasonable job, the garaging working out OK but the program wasn't so good. Otto, who got 2nd in Period 3, 250cc, enjoyed his "home among the gum trees", but found some areas of organisation less than satisfactory. Chris praised the roving Machine Examiners, but the hooter mooted for 5 and 2 minute warnings to be a non-event. Speed in the pits and use of the noise meter were also discussed. Among the 16 to 19 Hand-change Indians and Harleys, Bianca Bonner blew up her WLA big time. Dan's mate Duff crashed his Norton, and visited several hospitals to secure treatment. Brendan Roberts, on Greg Kennedy's G80, did a motor swap but then had an oil line split, whilst the Metcalfs had a good meeting.
- Andy McDonnell reported on the "Red Dust Hustle" in Kalgoorlie, WA, the weekend before the 2019 Nationals. Brian Stuart's father-in-law had raced there, where weather can be a problem.
- Dan, who will run the pits and scrutineering at Sellicks, reported entries of 118 solos and 13 outfits, and asked anyone keen to help to see him.

- The floor was then handed to Phil Baughan with his new Tribsa. The much-modified 650 Triumph engine with a 90 degree crank bristled with modifications designed for performance and reliability. The chassis and suspension have also had the PBE treatment, resulting in a bike lighter and more powerful than the machine it replaced. After giving details of his pride-and-joy, Phil fielded questions from members about it.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Draft Minutes of the HMCRRSA Committee meeting held on December 4, 2018 at MSA clubrooms Beulah Park.

Meeting commenced at 7.45pm

Present: Danny Ahern, Chris Hayward, Paul Walker, Dean Watson, Bob Balestrin, Andy McDonnell, Nathaniel Wilson and Trevor Henderson.

Apology: Neil Watson.

- As per the agenda circularised by Danny, discussion focussed on Friday's Ride Day at Mallala and the State Titles.
- Mallala gates will open at 8:00am, with bikes on track at 9:00. Mick Myles, Andy Bedford and Danny will share the Responsible Person role. Paul will pick up the radios on Thursday and call up riders on the day. All will be issued armbands, Chris and Trevor will do scrutineering, Dean will handle sign-on and Dan Gleeson has volunteered to help. 90 Subway lunches will be ordered (plus cookies). Riding will cease at 4:00pm and we need to be out by 5:00. Anyone who wants shedding should pay \$30:00 per bay to Russell.
- The meeting then reflected on last weekend's AMSF, which was certainly a positive. Chris to check on stocks of water and liaise with Dean.
- For the State Titles, sponsors and program ads were clarified. We have 88 or 89 riders entered, which with extra bikes will give around 140 machines. Discussion then sorted out a suitable mix of classes which won't disadvantage riders with more than one machine. Personnel will include Andy as Starter, Bob and Dean on the gate, Kate and Ronna sharing Race Secretary and Joe Ahern for scrutineering and commentary. Flaggies will be catered for with meals, camping and wine. 120 bottles will be obtained, with a labelling night at Danny's next week. 500 tickets will be purchased. After research by Nathaniel and Trevor, trophies will be supplied by Webb Plastics, with RSUP Racing providing those for the LC250 Cup. There will be a display by the Royal Enfield Club. Mt. Gambier MCC will run Friday Practice and do bike checks, whilst we shall do Machine Examination from 1:00pm on Friday.
- For our December (Xmas) General Meeting on 20th December we shall do a BBQ, with Chris and Dean to liaise over plates and salad.
- As Hamish will be unable to do a monthly Good Oil after December, we discussed necessities and will seek interest at a General Meeting. Hamish will be invited to dinner with key personnel after the State Titles.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.

VICTORIA PARK MOTORSPORT FESTIVAL



For a moment it was looking that bikes would be omitted from the program. This would be most disappointing our club having been so supportive with our bikes from the get go. With lobbying from a few, including Steve Phillips who is tied up with cars as well as bikes, we were invited back. The turnout of about 30 bikes was one of our best yet. Setting the bikes up in year order was well received by the public and car club. We had bikes from 1938 to 1992.

The on-track demonstration was well put together with bikes always spread out which gave the public a better chance to take in the sounds and smells.

I rode my TT2 and Matchless G50 on Saturday, then took up commentary duties on Sunday, which was really appreciated by Ann who does all the car stuff. This also gave me a chance to advertise our events. I even gave a few plugs for the Levis Club's Sellicks beach races.

A thankyou must go out to the helpers as well as the riders, Nathaniel Wilson organising the BBQ food, Chris Wayward bringing in and taking away the BBQ and drinks etc.

Once again a ripper club activity. Next year I am pushing to get The Britten over from NZ!






2018 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
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	Unfinished Project. Ariel Swinging Arm frame, BSA forks, Triumph gearbox, clutch and wheels plus many other Ariel engine and chassis parts. \$800 ono	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



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