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# The Good Oil

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## WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT 5.45am LAST SUNDAY?

**Danny Ahern and our mates from DOCSA were manning a checkpoint at the 24 Hour Trial. Here they check off sidecar racers Hector Evans and Shaun Buckley.**



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<b>General Meeting Venue</b> (third Thursday of each month)	MSA Office 251 The Parade BEULAH PARK	<b>Committee Meeting</b> (first Tuesday of every month)
<b>Honorary Life Members</b>	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

Tonight we welcome Brian (Nip) Kuerschner as our Guest Speaker with his unique “10R” AJS machine. I’m sure you’ll all be as fascinated as I was with its concept and construction.

This is my penultimate President’s Report, with next month being our Annual General Meeting at which I am relinquishing the position, though not sliding into oblivion. Although there may be a little shuffling around as regards Office Bearers, I’m not anticipating major changes to a Committee that has steered the Club in the right direction. However, we are certainly open to any “new blood”, younger members who wish to have an influence on the Club’s fortunes.

I have finally taken the plunge and retired from Southcott’s. This has been under consideration for a few years now, and several have said “I’ll believe it when I see it”! Southcott’s gave Des, who had over 50 years’ service, and me a wonderful send-off. The staff from Athol Park, plus a few earlier retirees (and partners) were treated to dinner at the Hackney Hotel on the Saturday night, then Graeme Southcott and our boss Alby took Des and me for a “long lunch” on Thursday, after which we were given an “early minute”. On Friday, the last day, Lindsay Southcott and his wife Ann came down to wish us well. I must admit to a rather surreal feeling driving home.

Back to the bikes, so let’s survive the cold months, giving bodies, budgets and bikes the chance to revitalise before September and our second ride day at “The Bend”. I’m confident the weather gods will smile on us that day.

**Trevor Henderson**

## FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY

In a rush to meet deadline here are my thoughts, in no particular order. Thoughts to share include ride days, putting in for your club and racing stuff.

- The 2 plus 4 they run at Wakefield Park, NSW, over the Father's Day weekend is on again and entries are out.

- The committee is getting all things ready for our State Titles and good news for those with Period 6 bikes we are going to give them a go this year. Hand shifters Harley, Indian and others will get their own race too. Watch out for the upcoming sup regs.

- Track day at The Bend is locked in for Friday 14th September, registrations of interest etc will be forthcoming.

- The club is also looking at a club day at Mallala maybe Nov, December.

- A little reminder that the AGM is in August and it would be good to have interest shown by new young blood to get involved. Nathaniel Wilson has done his bit this year and plans on continuing with it for the next year too. Good on you Nathaniel.

### 24 Hours of Fun (you should try it!)

The weekend just gone had me involved with a checkpoint at the 24-Hour Trial. It's been going since 1924, making it an Aussie classic.

The trial caters for sidecars as well as solos and has a mix of riders and machines.

Quite a few people go and watch it but the best way to really enjoy it is to become part of the action, either by competing or helping out as an official. For about the sixth year I hooked up with mates in DOCSA and in particular Paul Hoey, who runs the competition part of the DOCSA control. This year my partner's daughter April joined me and together with Paul we were there for each and every bike to come through over the 24 hour period.

This year was as dry as and our bit of paddock was soon bulldust. An interesting competitor was one Cam Donald, racer turned writer for Motorcycle Trader magazine. He rode and finished on a little Gas Gas two stroke, describing it on Facebook as "epic".

The event attracts journalist-riders every few years and they always come up with an entertaining feature story, so keep your eye out for an upcoming edition of Trader.

I understand only about half of the 160 starters finished the course. Dry makes it hard for different reasons than when it is wet.

Our control was early in the lap which meant we were finished by early morning, but bugged for the rest of the day! The pig on spit with vegies etc was the best yet, so thanks to Clynton and team at DOCSA for his continued support. Ah yeah fireworks, huge fire and ice bombs still get a go at DOCSA's control!

My guess is if Paul does it again maybe I'll help him again!

**Danny Ahern**



**April turns 18 at the 24-Hour Trial and gets a cake to go with the pig on the spit.**

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



## **Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday, June 21, 2018.**

### **Meeting opened at 8.00pm**

**Attendees:** 17 members attended.  
**Apologies:** Nathaniel Wilson, Claire Harmon, Otto Muller, Neil Watson, Keith Wissell.  
**Visitors:** Brad Scotcher.  
**New Members:** None.

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

**Business arising:** None.

### **President's Report:**

- Trevor clarified possible misleading message in Good Oil re Nip Kuerschner's showing of his replica 10R AJS racer during the July meeting.
- An 'all member' email to be sent promoting this special guest appearance.
- Atujara's Mac Park ride week end on 6 -7 Oct was discussed.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- All rider email from HCMC (WA Historic Club) re the 2019 Historic titles was discussed. It was agreed that coordinating a whole of club response to this request for rider interest in attending this event would be advantageous.
- Notice has been included in June edition of Good Oil for riders who might be interested in attending this event to notify Secretary.
- Trevor and Chris attended the MSA AGM. Chris provided an overview of the topics covered.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Dean provided details of current income and expenditure.
- Payments have been made relating to recent joint DOCSA/HMCRRSA ride day at the Bend.
- Outgoing cost included payment for changes/upgrades to club website.
- Term investment has matured – will be reinvested.

### **Competition Secretary:**

- The Bend has been booked for next joint DOCSA/HMCRRSA ride day scheduled for Friday 14 September.
- Will be run similarly to the previous event.
- An additional pit garage will be hired to accommodate rider sign in and provision of lunch.
- Bottles of wine to be distributed to riders who missed out on allocation during 2017 state titles.
- Period 6 bikes will be encouraged to participate in the 2018 state titles at Mac Park.
- The annual Sydney International Festival of Speed was discussed with Dan concerned that it may not be happening this year due to escalating costs.
- The medical services have been booked for state titles and the upcoming Bend event.

**RR Committee Delegate:** There has been no road race panel meeting this month.

**MSA delegate:** MSA AGM attended by Chris and Trevor.

**General Business:**

- Phil provided meeting with an update on Levi Day's broken collarbone injury.
- John Inkster promoted the upcoming annual 'Tim's ride' scheduled for Sunday 26 August. This will be also promoted in upcoming edition of the Good Oil.
- Phil discussed his experiences re purchasing parts from overseas with particular reference to excessive freight charges.
- Harry Richards' health update provided.

**Meeting closed 9.30 pm**

**Draft Minutes of the HMCRRSA Committee meeting held on June 5, 2018 at MSA clubrooms Beulah Park.**

**Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Attendees:** Trevor Henderson Trevor Henderson, Chris Hayward, Dean Watson, Bob Balestrin, Dan Ahern.

**Apologies:** Paul Walker, Nathaniel Wilson, Neil Watson, Stuart Penn.

**Visitors:** None.

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

**Business Arising:**

- Pitmans sponsorship payment still not paid. Chris to chase up again.
- Letter earlier sent to Mt Gambier Club re the faulty lights has been acknowledged by their club secretary. Awaiting response.
- Dan has acquired some additional wine bottles to be distributed to a small number of riders who missed out at the 2017 state titles meeting.
- Booking confirmed for 'The Bend' raceway for another joint DOCSA/HMCRRSA ride day scheduled for 14 September 2018.
- DOCSA have been approached for a possible joint ride day at Mallala. Feedback has been positive and dates across late November/early December are being considered.
- Dean agreed to distribute an 'all member' email promoting the sale of the revamped 'club tee shirts'. Deadline for booking 15 June.

**Treasurer:**

- Dean provided detailed balance for the month.
- There are still a large number of outstanding accounts yet to be paid.

- MSA affiliation fees are due to be paid.

**Secretary:**

- MSA's 'around the tracks' short face-book and website discussed. This might be a useful source for promoting our upcoming events. It was agreed that Chris would look into this further.

**General Business:**

- Kelly Ryan's membership status discussed. It was agreed that a one-year membership duration was appropriate.
- Dan reported that the organisers of the Adelaide Motor Sport Festival had contacted him suggesting that bikes wouldn't be included in the program for the next event. It was agreed that Dan would seek more detailed feedback from the organisers to confirm the reasons for this decision.
- Trevor reported that Nip Kuerschner has agreed to bring his AJS 10R replica to the July general meeting. An 'all member' email will be sent out promoting this.
- Geoff Grant's letter of 25 May addressed to the Committee was discussed. Following a comprehensive discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to Geoff accepting his resignation from the club. Chris agreed to draft something for Trevor to consider and sign off on.
- The matter of Craig Lawson's public criticism of the club was discussed. MSA's feedback re this was considered and it was agreed that Otto's earlier motion (re his exclusion from any future HMCRRSA events) be presented to members at the next general meeting.
- 2018 state titles discussed. Selection and confirmation of officials is progressing well. Formal contract from Mt Gambier club for the hiring of the complex to be chased up by Dan.
- Mt Gambier Club practice day on the Friday to be confirmed.

**Meeting closed at 10.00pm**

**2018 Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
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 <b>2019</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> July, 10-11 <sup>th</sup> August, 9-10 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 1-2, 14-15 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 25-26 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2-3, 16-17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Ride days	The Bend

**For Sale/Wanted**

<b>Wanted</b>	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
<b>For Sale</b>	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**

**Sunday  
26th Aug**

**COAST YAMAHA**

**9.30am sharp**

212 Main South Rd,  
Morphet 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.

