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SPECTACULAR WINTON

Chas Hern and Beau Beaton crashed spectacularly at the recent Historic Winton. Fortunately neither were seriously hurt but the Harris-Honda and Irving-Vincent were smashed to pieces. Photo: Colin Roswarne

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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

With us in the grip of winter, no road racing for a while and our AGM two months away, this column may seem more like “Titbits”.

For several years Claire and I have been going speedway over the June long weekend in the winter sunshine at Mildura. Having now become the proud owner of the 1963 ESO that was on loan from my late mate Graeme, I wished to continue the tradition. Car issues not finalised, a chance that Cyndie and Rob Kempton would be away, and reports of horrendous weather at Mildura were hardly encouraging. I lodged an entry, we borrowed a car from Claire’s family, and Cyndie confirmed they’d be home. We loaded and left Saturday morning, arriving after an uneventful trip. After a meal, much chatting and a good night’s sleep, we headed for the track where we unloaded and signed in. A modest \$45 covered my entry, Claire as my mechanic and a hot roast meal each at the end of the day. Solo entries were down, but sidecars were plentiful, with Japanese 4-stroke for riders under and over 50, British/European/American, 2-stroke, Evolution, Post Classic and “Any Classic Sidecar, rider 60 or over. All this, plus Speedcar and TQ demonstrations, in a 73 event program that finished under lights.

Our 2-valve solo field of 3 under 50 and 2 over was combined for the heats and separated for finals. There were also 2 of us in Over 60 Classic solo; Ronny Parker, known to Gillman followers as the “Prince of Port Adelaide” and myself. Despite also riding 2 outfits, Ronny still showed me his back

wheel, and we were both happy to miss our 4th heat, and I was content with 9 rides on the day. To the finals, and in over 50 Martin Williams had a comfortable win over yours truly, as he had 2 years ago, but with another rider between us then. My left leg was tiring, feeling rather heavy.

Drama in the Over 60s! Ronny Parker, riding a bike loaned by “Wingy” Fisher, shot into the lead, me trailing. Then he slowed, did his bike sound right?, and I (almost embarrassingly) passed him. For the rest of the journey I expected him to flash past, but it didn’t happen. I crossed the line in an unfamiliar position, and as I came around after the slowdown lap, a chequered flag was passed to me and became my companion for another circuit, when I realised people were clapping and cheering, and then I almost ran over the starter as I handed back the flag. And I thought the chequered flag lap was only for real speedway riders!

Ronny then went out and won his sidecar final, but had his solo really gone off song? Wingy said he’d shut off too much and filled it with fuel so it wouldn’t respond, so I won’t, and don’t want to know. At the Clubrooms, and with so many sidecar competitors thanking everyone, presentations did take a while. Kym McConnell, who had blitzed the 2-stroke sidecars, had to leave early, and I got to dedicate my efforts to Graeme, whose name shall continue to grace the ESO’s rear mudguard. We enjoyed the roast meal and more socialising before heading back to Cyndie’s and a much appreciated rest.

No dramas on the trip home, then swapping towballs and cars as I faced the reality of back to work next morning.

To put my modest efforts in speedway into perspective, I quote the title of the Paul Newman film of boxing champ Rocky Graziano, “Somebody Up There Likes Me”.

Trevor Henderson, Special Guest at our July meeting

TREV’S TITBITS: TALEM BEND TO MAC PARK

These days there appear to be long breaks between me jumping on my bikes, but with both the BSA and Bully nominated for “The Bend” Ride Day and Mac Park Seniors a fortnight later, this was to be a step in the right direction. As stated by many, the former was a huge success, so we headed home, happily forgetting the trials and tribulations of the trip home from the Broadford Bonanza. But with 185,000 miles on its bores and bearings, the 186 engine in the Holden had other ideas. We made it home, but on Saturday morning a compression test showed nil on #4 cylinder. With work each weekday, I didn’t see myself having the time so I farmed the job out. Number 4 piston had destroyed itself and its bore, so we decided to refresh the engine that came out of the car when I first got it, losing days and making Mac Park look doubtful.

Having missed the “Classic Master”, I was determined not to do the same again. The mechanic offered to hire me a “ute” with an extra allowance of daily kilometres, and had it been a good old Holden ute, several of which I’d owned in the past, I may have accepted. But this would have been a Rodeo or Hilux, with a high tray that would have made loading the BSA a struggle. On to the computer and check the rider list at close of entries, to see if I may hitch a ride. Wally Ryan may be a chance, as he’s entered one bike, and daughter Kelly is hardly eligible for “Seniors”. Wally was flying solo, so he’d have room for a passenger and, most importantly, another motorcycle. As on the Broadford trip, I elected to take the lighter and more compact Bultaco, which had come through “The Bend” unscathed. Wally came around earlier to load my bike and bulkier gear, leaving me to coerce Claire to deliver

me to Mount Compass at 4:00 am on Friday 11th.

Wally and I headed off into a dark morning, a few hours before we swapped headlights for daylight. Any concerns either had about something to talk about soon evaporated, the car radio and CDs being forgotten. We discussed family, friends, historic bikes (Wally is a Triumph fan), Mac Park and other circuits and colourful characters.

“The Bend” Ride Day being fresh in our minds, we re-lived all the good memories of that ground-breaking day, Wally assuring me that the comments on Facebook did not come from, nor were condoned by “RSUP Racing”. Stopping at IGA in Penola, Wally did his best to convince the woman on the checkout that I was his Dad. Mid morning we arrived at Mac Park, most of RSUP already there, and set up camp, erecting my original 2-man tent opposite Dan Gleeson and Jane. A big thank you to Dan for letting me use his rollers all weekend.

I hadn't planned to do Friday practice, Wally was going to do a few laps, and Dan went out on his faithful 600, saving the 750 for the weekend racing. What else to do but “have a chat” with all and sundry.

Saturday saw attrition begin in event 1, the 500 and unlimited P3, Keith Campbell and Russell Craddock both DNFs. This left Darren Trotter a comfortable winner and Dan Gleeson a safe second, a position repeated over the weekend. Having another P3 125 in the program made me pleased that I'd brought the Bulty. Jonathon Houston has not had much luck in SA to date, and this weekend went the same; DNS and DNF on the 125, and DNS and a win on the 250. HMCRRSA members fared well at this meeting; Dan Gleeson, Phil Baughan, Otto Muller and even yours truly picked up trophies. Our quickest rider, Simon Cook, competing in Moderns, didn't quite make the podium, Steve Welch and Mark Salt were solid in P6, and Wally Ryan made a habit of chasing Dan Gleeson home in his class.

The Saturday night meal went over well again, and the post race presentations supplied the usual merriment. Sunday night became beers and banter, with Monday morning the least enjoyable part of the weekend, packing up!

We left with Sean Kelly and his parents for company, stopping for lunch in Keith, the bakery offering a lovely filling pasty, and free tea and coffee on hand. My recently acquired mobile phone is hardly winning me over, only letting me ring home from Broadford on the third day, and having no coverage at all at Mac Park or Keith. This trip was mechanically uneventful, and as Claire met us back at Mount Compass it was just a matter of heading home and waiting for Wally, to whom I am most grateful, to bring my Bulty and bulkier gear later.

Thumbs Up and change Right,

Trevor Henderson # 55.



Strange but true: The 186 engine was offered in the first years of Holden's Monaro. The stylish coupe took 12 secs to do 0-60mph, had a top speed of 98mph and took 19secs to cover the quarter mile. It sure looked good, especially with the optional rear window venetian blind, but was no competition in the speed stakes for a good Bonneville, Spitfire or Commando.

CLUB POINTS FROM COLLINGROVE HILLCLIMB: MEETING #2/2018									
No.	NAME	PERIOD	CAPACITY	NO OF RUNS	RUNS POINTS	POSITION IN CLASS	CLASS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	
8.	TONY TILDESLEY	3	350	8	8	1ST	25	33	
11	KEITH WISSELL	6	U/L	7	7	1ST	25	32	
30.	GEOFF GRANT	4	S/CAR	7	7	1ST	25	32	
55.	TREVOR HENDERSON	3	350	8	8	2ND	20	28	

CLUB POINTS AFTER MAC PARK SENIOR 2, 12/13 MAY. MEETING #3/2018									
No.	NAME	PERIOD	CAPACITY	LEGI	LEB.2	MEETING POINTS	MCMP	COLLIN-GROVE	TOTAL POINTS
8	TONY TILDESLEY	3	350	DNC	DNC	NIL	DNC	33	33
11	KEITH WISSELL	6	U/L	DNC	DNC	NIL	DNC	32	32
26	CTTC MULLER	3	250	NIL	20	20	36	DNC	56 } 146
26	CTTC MULLER	5	350	25	25	50	40	DNC	90
30	GEOFF GRANT	4	S/CAR	DNC	DNC	NIL	DNC	32	32 } 84
30	GEOFF GRANT	5	S/CAR	NIL	NIL	NIL	52	DNC	52
34	CHRIS HAYWARD	5	350	DNC	DNC	NIL	95	DNC	95 } 170
34	CHRIS HAYWARD	5	500	DNC	DNC	NIL	75	DNC	75
55	TREVOR HENDERSON	3	125	25	25	50	DNC	DNC	50 } 78
55	TREVOR HENDERSON	3	350	DNC	DNC	NIL	DNC	28	28
83	PHIL BALIGHAN	3	700	25	25	50	61	DNC	111 } 232
84	PHIL BALIGHAN	4	350	25	25	50	71	DNC	121
107	JOHN INKSTER	4	500	DNC	DNC	NIL	95	DNC	95 } 160
107	JOHN INKSTER	4	350	DNC	DNC	NIL	65	DNC	65
117	DAVE BEECHLEY	2	350	DNC	DNC	NIL	75	DNC	75
121	MARK SALT	6	U/L	16	17	33	46	DNC	79
124	STEVE WELCH	6	U/L	17	18	35	57	DNC	92
311	DAN GLEESON	3	700	DNC	DNC	NIL	54	DNC	54 } 145
311	DAN GLEESON	3	U/L	20	20	40	51	DNC	91

Technical issues means the Good Oil can't publish the LD points but they will be available to view at the next general meeting. Apologies.

Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at the MSA clubrooms on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

Attendees: 18 members attended.
Apologies: Nathaniel Wilson, Brian Stewart, Claire Harmon.
Visitors: Steve Jackson.
New Members: Martin Renfrey (not present) and Wayne Fazzalari (not present).

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed John Inkster, seconded Dan Ahern, unanimously accepted.

Business arising: None.

President's Report:

- Proposal for an amendment to constitution concerning the order of business during AGMs was discussed.

Secretary's Report:

- Dan has received a response to his request to the Preston Club re securing early bookings for pit sheds during the 2018 National Championships at Broadford. The outcome is not particularly positive although Dan to explain in more detail in his comp sec report.
- Trevor and Chris to attend the revised MSA AGM scheduled for May.

Treasurers Report:

- Dean provided details of current income and expenditure.
- Still waiting for payment of some 2017 state titles sponsorship monies.
- A number of outgoing payments re the recent ride day is still pending.

Competition Secretary:

- Ride day (The Bend) with DOCSA discussed.
- We are currently in early negotiations with DOCSA FOR another 3 ride days in 2018/2019. Suggested dates are 18 September 2018, 19 April 2019, and 19 September 2019.
- Dan explained that he had no luck securing early pit shed bookings for 2018 Nationals at Broadford. We will have to wait until entries are released and 'get in very quickly'.
- However, there will be additional pit facilities constructed and availability should be vastly improved.
- Nationals scheduled to take place at Collie WA discussed.
- Marg Trotter will not be available as Race Sec for upcoming state titles.

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

MSA delegate: No meeting to report.

General Business:

- Andy has been approached re his potential availability to be starter at the upcoming state titles. He indicated that he would be subject to him not riding during the event.
- Steve Jackson (visitor) was introduced to the meeting.
- Andy apologised for his recent non-attendance at monthly meetings. He provided a detailed 'run through' of his injury involving 'false teeth', a 'septic tank' and a visit to the hospital.
- Dean showed members the new club tee shirt design and asked members to let him know if interested in purchasing these at \$25 each.
- There still a few of the 'The Bend' tee shirts to be distributed.
- Chris Pash attended the recent Mac Park Seniors race event. He seemed in good spirits and recovering well.
- There was a general discussion about this particular event.
- The meeting discussed at length recent scathing comments targeting the HMCRRSA by a member of the sidecar fraternity, Craig Lawson. His online criticism of the club related to false and inaccurate assertions around the inclusion of the very small number of sidecars in The Bend ride day program. Following this discussion it was agreed that any future entry by him for any HMCRRSA convened race or ride day will be rejected.
- It was however agreed that Dan would seek advice from MSA prior to formalising this course of action.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm

Draft Minutes of the HMCRRSA Committee meeting held on May 1 2018 at MSA clubrooms Beulah Park.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Paul Walker.

Visitors: None.

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

Business Arising:

- Pitmans sponsorship payment still pending.
- Draft letter to Mt Gambier Club re track lights discussed. Letter to be emailed to each Committee member for feedback prior to sending.
- Trevor presented suggested changes to constitution re AGM.
- Shortage of wine bottles re 2017 state titles discussed. Further supplies arranged and will be given to those competitors who missed out.

President: Trevor provided his feedback on The Bend ride day.

Treasurer:

- Dean provided updated balance for April.
- Some payments relating to the recent 'The Bend' ride day are still outstanding.
- There will be a slight additional cost associated with the late change to the hiring of the longer 'international' circuit.
- This cost includes the use of the CCTV facility.
- Overall, we received positive value for the venue hire.
- The club should make a profit from this activity.

Secretary: Draft Mt Gambier letter re track lighting system circulated.

Comp Sec:

- A comprehensive debrief of the joint DOCA/HMCRRSA ride day at The Bend focused on what worked and what could be improved at future ride days.
- The 11th hour notification that the eastern circuit wasn't available due to its licensing status, resulted in The Bend offering us the longer International circuit.
- The additional cost to utilise the International circuit was minimal at the end of the day.
- It was suggested that subject to DOCA's support, the 28 Sept 2018 be booked again for the International Circuit joint ride day. The meeting fully endorsed this initiative.
- A further two ride days at this circuit for 2019 was discussed utilising either the eastern or western circuit. The meeting endorsed this proposal.
- Overall positive feedback received from all those that attended the ride day. Riders received 5 ride sessions throughout the day.
- The situation re the sidecars was discussed at length. The reduced number of sidecar sessions (two in total) was due to the very low number of registrations.
- A discussion took place re the inaccurate and negative comments against the club from a member of the sidecar fraternity who participated on the day. It was agreed that the Committee would submit a general notice in the next edition of the Good Oil to rebuke inaccuracies being said about the treatment of sidecars during the ride day. Additionally, the Committee will invite Geoff to the next committee meeting to address any concerns he has re this matter. Due to some issues relating to a small number of non-riders/non-officials availing themselves of the catering provided on the day; a revised scheme utilising tokens will be used for future ride days.
- For the first time, catering was combined between each club this year.
- Dan reported that DOCA might still want to run a track day at Mallala or Mac Park this year. It was decided that HMCRRSA could join for the Mallala venue but not for Mt Gambier since Mt Gambier club holds monthly practice days in any event.
- The upcoming 2+4 race meeting at Wakefield Park and Mac Park Seniors race meetings discussed.

- The club's state titles (2018) will be discussed at next committee meeting. Dean reported however that ambulance service has already been booked.

General Business:

- Dean reported that the tee shirt design is close to finalisation and that members will be asked to submit their orders at the next member's meeting.
- The HMCRRSA will again support the Variety Club Bash by sponsoring Dene Davies and Steve Baker \$250.00.
- Dan agreed to contact the Preston Club seeking to secure pit sheds for HMCRRSA riders who have registered an interest in attending the 2018 Nationals at Broadford later this year.
- Discussion re HMCRRSA website. General consensus is that it is overall up to date although some minor 'tidying and updating' is required.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

IMPORTANT EMAIL REGARDING 2019 TITLES AT COLLIE, WA

After reading please let our Secretary (Chris Hayward) know of your potential interest so that we can coordinate a 'whole of HMCRRSA club' response'.

HISTORIC MOTORCYCLE ROAD RACING - 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - COLLIE MOTORPLEX, WESTERN AUSTRALIA - 27/28/29/30 September 2019

Motorcycling Australia has announced the 2019 Australian Historic Motorcycle Racing Championship will be hosted by the Historic Competition Motorcycle Club of Western Australia, HCMCWA, at the newly extended Collie Motorplex, from 27th to 30th September 2019.

The HCMC cordially invites expressions of interest from riders of solo machines and sidecars based in SA, NT, Vic, NSW, Qld and Tas, who might intend coming to "The West".

The Management Committee would like to gauge the likely demand so we can assess the facilities, required pit spaces, accommodation, catering and to design the race program.

Collie is located 200km south of the Perth CBD, and 60 km east of Bunbury, in a region famed for its scenic forested hills, farm produce, fruit and wine. The town has several motels and hotels as well as various options for camping in town, at the track or in bushland campsites around the area.

The race circuit is located 15 km southeast of the town.

The current Collie Motorplex is a 1.6km circuit but works are virtually complete to extend the track to 2.5km, anticlockwise with 13 corners. The circuit is in the final stages of an extension: The track surface has been laid and gravel run-off traps installed – the construction of flag marshal points and the completion of sections of tyre walls are in progress and is rapidly nearing completion, thanks to the recent allocation of over \$2 million in State Government funding.

The HCMC(WA) also have a reliable transporter, who would be happy to arrange a round trip for a sea container of crated machines.

The HCMC would like to hear from anyone in SA, NT, Vic, NSW, Qld and Tas, who might be seriously considering competing in the National Championships, and we would be grateful if you could circulate this letter to your members.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Corsini, Club Secretary secretary@historicracing.asn.au

For the HCMC (WA) Committee

JANE REPORTS FROM MAC PARK AND WINTON



Mac Park Seniors had over 100 entries, which made it a great weekend. It went along very smoothly and was just a fantastic experience to be part of. All bikes rode around like a dream, with all the riders out having a lot of fun and no nonsense.

The weather was very cold and icy every day but we were all very grateful that no rain came down over the three days, which made the riders happy .

The canteen girls were all sick, so myself and Kate Kroon worked the canteen for the whole three days as they had no one to fill in.

At presentation the president of Mount Gambier club gave us both a bunch of flowers and a bottle of wine to say thank you, which was a nice gesture.

Here's a photo I took of our happy club trophy winners. A couple of them don't have enough hands to hold them all! Well done, guys.

Now it's off to Historic Winton know for the 2+4 and, oh my, it's going to be cold!

Jane



As expected the nights were very cold at Winton but daytime temperatures climbed to 20C. This old “bushranger country” with its beautiful gum trees and rolling hills really is a beautiful part of Victoria. We camped in our usual spot down the road and everything worked out just fine.

Here is a photo of the pit shed at Winton, which had over 100 entries and looks like the ultimate man cave. Plenty of old Indians and Harleys there as usual doing their thing.

It was good to see other members from our club there. With a mix of old cars and bikes this really is a special meeting and one to put down on your list of race meetings for next year. **Jane**



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