

The Good Oil



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READY TO RUMBLE

In what should be the first of many great joint events at The Bend, the Register and DOCSA fired up for an unforgettable day: Report Page 7 Photo: Jane



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April went out with a bang with the Ride Day at The Bend on Friday 27th.

The unexpected use of the International Circuit, which happened at the 11th hour, was a big plus for the huge turnout of riders, numbers we could not entice to Mallala or Mac Park.

A big thank you to Danny, who did his normal professional job in organising the event despite being laid up. Had he been fit and well, and able to ride, his task would have been even greater, and things may not have run as smoothly as they did.

I'm sure the Ducati guys also had a ball, awesome being a word heard so often. Incidents were minimal, and the garage facilities were certainly appreciated.

We had a four-star toilet right next door to our garage, something not normally provided. The idea of one of us looking after bike checks and indemnity forms for everyone in our garage was an efficient way of spreading the workload, and, being done “on site” meant the riders weren’t having to push their bikes all over the place.

Thanks also to Treasurer Dean with One-Event Licences filled out awaiting the rider’s signature.

So many riders enjoyed the challenge thrown up by the vast and fast circuit, which took some time to get used to, and, even if you made a mess of the entry to the main straight, that long stretch of bitumen let your engine have its head and give you a serve of speed not normally on the menu.

After all that, we go to Mac Park Seniors with 6 solo riders and one outfit, rather a comedown in numbers as we didn't see a lot of broken bikes at The Bend.

Seems some members aren't comfortable with so many more newer bikes in the age and Cup races.

This is a result of the years rolling by since the "Old Farts" started, but this year we have a 120 plus Cup in lieu of the previous 110.

I feel there is still a lot of fun to be had at this meeting, and everyone still gets 2 events within their Period and/or capacity.

The one thing that could make or break a May meeting is the fickle Mount Gambier weather.

From now we shall be looking to the preliminary organising of our State Titles in December, not so far away and it will soon be upon us.

Before that will be our Annual General Meeting, at which the future direction of our Club will be decided. Also, we have another Ride Day later this year, which is where this report started.

Trevor Henderson, President

Great image by Matthew Orr of a couple of our members belting around the Bend. If you want a keepsake image view his library of photos taken on the day and contact him at

<https://m.facebook.com/StrayaPhotography/>



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

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

Attendees: 13 members attended.

Apologies: Neil Watson, Nathaniel Wilson, Otto Muller, Dan Ahern, Keith Wissell, Clare Harmon.

Visitors: Nil.

New Members: Steve Phillips. (not present)

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed Bob Balestrin, seconded John Inkster, unanimously accepted.

Business arising: None.

President's Report:

- Trevor reported that Keith Wissell was in hospital for scheduled heart surgery on 7 May.
- Keith to attend John Nichols' wake next week.
- Correspondence received inviting club to submit letter of support for Ken Lucas's nomination for Order of Australia award.
- New member, Steve Phillips acknowledged and his profile read to meeting.

Secretary's Report:

- MA's 2019 changes to permissible fuel for Period 5 solo machines discussed. It was agreed that the changes prohibiting avgas and the continuation of prohibition of the use of methanol is unfair.
- To date 19 bike registrations have been received for early garage bookings for 2018 national titles. Dan to contact Preston Club to try to secure these bookings.
- Trevor and Chris to attend the MSA AGM scheduled for 26 April.

Treasurers Report:

- Dean provided details of current income and expenditure.
- Payments are coming in from riders registered for the upcoming 'The Bend' ride day.

Competition Secretary:

- No report (due to Dan's absence)

RR Committee Delegate:

- There has been no road race panel meeting this month.

MSA delegate:

- No meeting to report.

General Business:

- A number of MSA courses are available for interested members.

- Richard Metcalf has sent an email enquiring whether HMCRRSA members are interested in participating in a SA Sporting Car Club joint car/motorcycle hill-climb event.
- There will be no HMCRRSA involvement at this year's Sporting Car Club at Mallala.
- Stuart and Trevor gave an overview of this year's Broadford Bonanza.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm

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

Meeting commenced at 7.45pm

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

Apologies: None.

Visitors: None.

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Proposed Dan, seconded Bob. Unanimously accepted.

Business Arising:

- Pitmans and 2 other businesses are still to pay their sponsorship monies from the state titles meeting. Chris to follow up re Pitmans payment.

President:

- MSA AGM scheduled for Thurs 26 April. Chris and Trevor to attend.
- Email received from Richard Metcalf re proposed joint car/bike hill-climb scheduled for October 2018. HMCRRSA to notify members of this proposed event.

Treasurer:

- Mt Gambier account re state titles finally wound up.
- Payment for upcoming ride day has been made.
- March account details read out.
- Some ride day fees have been received.
- A small number of membership fees (both new and renewal) have been received.
- Most sponsorship monies from state titles have now been paid.
- A refund has been paid to one rider who had entered the state titles.
- General financial focused discussion re the upcoming 'The Bend' ride day.

Secretary:

- Notice drafted inviting members to register their intent to book garage for 2018 national titles to be held at Broadford. This will be sent out to members via email.
- General discussion re 2019 changes to Period 5 and 6 permitted fuel requirements. It was agreed that the rule allowing only Period 5 sidecars to use methanol (and prohibiting its use by solo machines) is unfair. Further discussion will take place at future meeting to discuss this issue.

Comp Sec:

- Logistics re the upcoming Bend ride day discussed.
- Future re potential 'The Bend' ride day discussed. The merits of undertaking a 'stand-alone' HMCRRSA The Bend ride day discussed.
- It is likely that riders will receive 4 – 5 sessions re the April ride day.
- It was agreed that a post ride day debrief would be held at the next committee meeting following the ride day.
- Potential dates for follow up ride day include Sept 7, 14, 28. Oct 12, 26 and November 16, 23.
- Process for rider check-in discussed.
- Dan to conduct riders briefing on the day.
- EMT no longer available re medical support. First Care medical to be engaged.

General Business:

- It was agreed that there would be a focus on analysing the current state of the HMCRRSA website at the next meeting.
- Committee members will review website and provide feedback and recommendations at next meeting.
- Nathaniel has volunteered to coordinate the supply of trophies for the 2018 state titles.
- Dan suggested that HMCRRSA members might want to meet at the pub in Tailem Bend following the completion of the ride day.
- Trevor spoke about alterations to the constitution. In particular the process of transitioning from the general meeting to the AGM need to be better streamlined. Trev will email members of the Committee with his recommendations.
- Dan noted that additional bottles of wine are required to supply to those riders who missed out during the 2017 state titles. Paul to arrange.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

MAKING HISTORY AT THE BEND



Matthew Orr <https://m.facebook.com/StrayaPhotography/>

Well foresight is wonderful and good was it that clubs Historic and Ducati put their hands up real early to get involved at a world class circuit from the get go. Enthusiasm for the track day had been oozing for months with many wishing the weeks by just to get on track. History shows that with such a huge undertaking by the Peregrine Group there would, like any big construction job, be a bit of slippage, The Bend was no different. For the clubs, we found out some time back that the East Circuit was a low priority now in the build program and the West Circuit would be the one for us and The Bend management came up with a satisfactory solution for both clubs. The weekend prior to our outing saw the ASBK run at The Bend, they ran on The International Circuit, which one and all said was a great challenge and fun thing to learn etc. The day before our event I had a phone call from senior management explaining that they had still not been able to get The West Circuit licensed, which is a requirement for our MSA permit, which of course carries lots of things including various insurances and covers club liabilities too. A busy few hours were spent with The Bend Management doing their best to secure said license or come up with a satisfactory solution. Long story short I managed to come up with a solution that satisfied both clubs and track management. The rest is history with over 140 riders getting to ride the International Circuit. The first little hiccup was a sprinkler malfunction putting water onto the track! It was agreed that a 9.30 start instead of 9am would give track staff time to tidy things up. Riders briefing was a sight to behold with one huge crowd indeed that got the message it is a track day not a race day and look after your club mates. History shows most if not all heeded to the message being shared. First group up was the DOC SA fast group, with much anticipation they worked their way around the 4.95km track, all with big grins under their helmets. The onlookers all thinking, 'can't wait for my turn'. The onlookers and spectators throughout the day were in for a treat, with the calibre of bikes brought along by both clubs and then all being ridden in a spirited way. Mid-morning saw the only need for a track red shutdown when a DOC SA club member misjudged a bend and saw him get flung off. Ambos saw to him in good time and the show was soon back under way. It was initiation for a few, including me! My role as responsible person, saw me in the control room where little opportunity is given to see live action on track but with a huge wall of large TV screens the CCTV was world class. What the operators can track through is quite amazing to.

All day I was working with two Bend techs on the CCTV and the track lights. We were continually adjusting what was primarily a 15 minute window to get bikes out on track and then off track. With a few adjustments made, we kept things rolling well. With the small turnout of sidecars, there were to be just two sessions for them, one immediately before lunch and one end of day, the best thing here is that I could easily allocate their sessions to 20 minutes which I did, but the on track sidecars finished both their sessions on their own accord before the session got Chequer Flagged! The clubs supplied lunch, unfortunately some dived in that were neither paid up riders or volunteers, leaving a couple of volunteers missing out! Poor form there, we will have to come up with a bit better system for the next one.

The garage facilities were fantastic, the Historics loving it and with a maximum of 16 bikes to a double garage were very happy with what they got for their \$30 / bike bay. Most the DOCSA crew were the same, but there were a few who wanted more room and wanted to spread their wings. Next time we will offer more than the one option, but still user pay. FYI a garage is \$220 so if you want one with your mate, easy just need to pay the higher cost.

Both clubs are most appreciative of the helpers that really put in, I won't name you all but you know what you did and a big thanks goes out to you.

At one stage we had a wandering spectator in the venue, which was ok but he brought his dog with him! Anyway with Kate calling shots as directed from control room we soon had ground helpers round up the offenders and move them on before we had to halt proceedings.

A good measure of fun factor was the number that packed up prior to doing their last session, saying they had had enough!

The staff that I had to deal with were just great and most helpful. I was appreciative of the few that came up to the control room to say hi and see how we were working things, with my shite leg and only 3 days out of hospital I had no chance of throwing a leg, ah well next time should be better! As Jeremy Burgess does at tracks he caught up with me and had a chat, no Engel up there to grab a bevvie from, but was good to catch up and chat about the facilities et al. JB was most glowing in his take on what the clubs had put on and how well run it was. He suggested it would be great if Sam Shahin was in attendance to witness how well we did it! I have since found out that he was there and it was well noticed by one and all.

Come end of day, all that could be heard is 'when is the next one?' Well I can tell you that will soon be put in place, in fact we are looking to lock 3 more in between now and end of 2019 at The Bend The Riverside Hotel did well as many chose to stop off for a bevvie before heading home. Kate, Richo and I joined many of our DOCSA mates for a drink and a meal. Once home the bed looked inviting so 5 am to 9.30 pm was one full day!

DANNY AHERN #327





Photos on this page by Jane. Thanks!





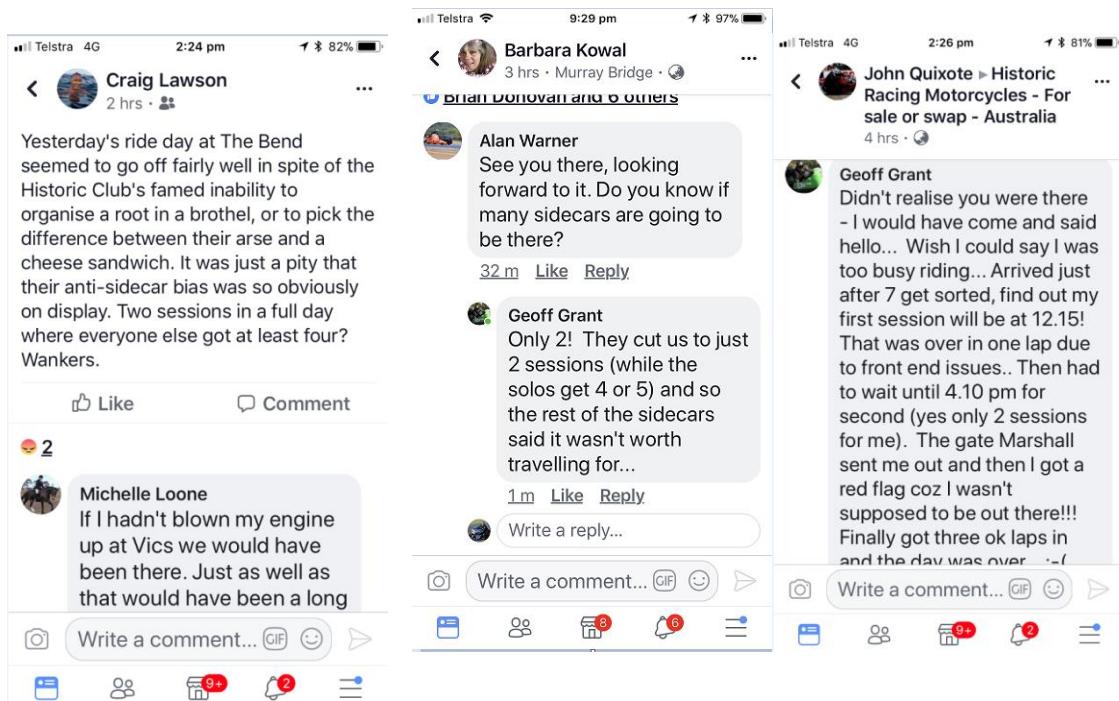
PUTTING THINGS STRAIGHT

The lead up to the inaugural HMCRRSA / DOCSA combined track day was something else. On the main it was good, positive vibes all around and the anticipation was something else from members of both clubs.

Unfortunately there was some very toxic dialogue getting thrown around on Facebook, which demonstrated why, to date, the committee has refrained from having a FB site as it often attracts key board warriors that are not particularly constructive but more destructive.

This is what many got to see leading up to and particularly during and straight after what was one sensational, well run and enjoyed by most track day at The Bend. To put it into perspective some 145 participants on track over the day, one ambulance incident the rest was smiles mainly. All bar the sidecar team of #30 were happy with track time offered, a few commented about overtaking options delivered at the start of day, but that option worked as red flag incidents were absolutely minimal.

The FB posts included.....



Attached FB screen shots show the slander taking place! Totally unacceptable in a club at all. Worth having a read of the club's constitution if one is going to conduct themselves in this manner. There is no need, nor will it be tolerated to use social media to bully the club or the voted in officers of the club. Be warned one and all.

So that all members know what transpired, here is a dot point overview of what went on and how the club has done its best to facilitate one single active sidecar in the club

- Registrations of interest went out, Sidecar rider member registered. To be fair we were caught off guard as sidecars are so few in our club (really just Geoff)

- Danny spoke with Geoff and said we would confirm or otherwise whether we would cater for sidecars
- Discussion had at length at committee and against many a judgement we said we would do our best to cater. Danny spoke with Geoff again suggesting that there is a process and likely people wanting to participate in this event needed to register with Danny in the first instance and we would go from there.
- Geoff's FB activity went far and wide and in fact was causing some angst to some committee members making it look like a free for all any one come along to the ride day. This started out as a club track day!
- Geoff was asked to pull his FB post, never happened.
- Come day of reckoning we had 3 only registered for the day on Sidecars. Two were from interstate of which one was only bringing a sidecar! They were notified that because of the poor uptake only two sessions would be made available on the day and they might want to reconsider their options. One interstater decided not to come, the other group had solo bikes too so figured they would come regardless.
- Geoff saying he had seven starters is a non-sense as no one emailed me or rang seeking further clarity.

The committee feels compelled to put up their side of the story. The committee are extremely disappointed that a club member and his close associate decided to bag the club over social media and not take matters up in a more civilised manner by communicating through the committee. Worst still what was being communicated on said FB was incorrect!

The purpose of this notification is that from now on in the Register will no longer tolerate this sort of behaviour.

Committee members HMCRRSA

2018 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
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