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BIG-BANG THEORY

Beau Beaton and the Irving Vincent were looking good at the Superbike Masters support event at last weekend's ASBK finale before a titanium conrod let go big time. Everyone had an opinion on what caused this expensive disaster. Photo: HAMISH COOPER



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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		

A warm welcome goes out to new members John Snoad, Wayne Fazzalari, Joel Wilson and Bruce Nankivell. We hope you enjoy the good camaraderie the club affords its members and that you get involved with some of the club’s activities.

John is known to many with his strong allegiance to the Café Racers Club and the fact in that club he has always been a keen helper when he is not racing. John has acquired a Suzuki X7 to work on, I mean race. Enjoy all it brings you John.

Wayne too got out at The Bend on his recently acquired unit construction Triton. With some help in the fettling department Wayne had a good day. He has a good history of being involved with fast sport, so welcome to the tar on your bike Wayne. Maybe when you can’t go any quicker on the Triumph you might need to grab a G50 like I did.

Joel Wilson is another one who has decided to be in the club and has already taken up a couple of opportunities to get involved. He is Nathaniel Wilson’s brother. Time will tell if he is as quick!

Bruce Nankivell is our very latest new member as I write this. Bruce raced for many years in his younger days and can tell some good stories from his days gone by. Bruce reactivated his enthusiasm with last year’s Sellicks event. Now he is doing Sellicks again on his Norton and wants to do more stuff and reckons we are the right club for him.

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

Welcome aboard.

Danny Ahern

FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY

It is a concern that with only two weeks left the numbers are way down for the upcoming nationals. I guess if they somehow get up to 250 plus bikes it will be an okay meeting, but one wonders how many classes will enjoy title status as 10 bonafide entries are required for solos to get the nod.

From memory we have, Chris Hayward, Andy Pitman, Murray Johnson, Otto Muller, Simon Cook and Brendan Roberts heading over there, I'm sure there are a few others too that haven't yet done their paperwork. Good luck to all involved.

The Motorsport Festival has slowly come together and I expect to have about 25 bikes on track and a further half dozen or so for display. I am also hoping to promote Royce Rowe's endeavours for the Isle of Man next year. Once I am back from the titles I'll get emails flying around telling all about the logistics of the event, ticketing, parking et al.

Most things are in place for our titles. Poster getting designed as I write, sup regs done, Alice our website lady is just getting sorted for the online entries etc.

The track day 7th Dec at Mallala is all set and in place. I will have emails going out where you will be invited to join in on our third track day this year and it will be the cheapest being at Mallala.

Once again anyone willing to put their hand up to help just flick me an email please.

As we have done we will keep costs down best we can and we will feed you lunch.

Danny Ahern
Comp Sec #327

TREV'S TITBITS: THE GRAND NATIONAL

"Grand National" is a title normally associated with horse racing, but in this case it's scrambling. Prior to my start in competition, a friend and I rode to Lobethal for a scramble which incorporated the "Traders Grand National", a marathon of 50 laps. This was 1963 or 1964, run by the Velocette Club, which I would soon join. I recall Dave Basham was not long back from England, and, without a solo, passengered for Murray Williams. The main event was won by Club Secretary Keith Almond on a 350 BSA in a hybrid BSA/AJS frame, after Barry Kirk, on a Gold Star BSA, was disqualified for cutting the course. The 250cc award went to Vince Emili (250 Greeves), who collected it on crutches after having done his ankle, but putting up more laps than any other 250. Similarly, 125 honours went to the Bantam of Laurie "Squeak" Parker, brother of Dave from Gillman Speedway, having amassed more laps than Murray Williams on a Castle Brothers' Bantam. The 1965 Grand National at Clarendon, the first year of that circuit, and the length as I recall was 25 laps. My reliable little Villiers got me home, the only 125 to finish, but any thoughts of glory faded when the awards were issued to A, B and C grade, not capacity classes. The next year, Bultaco mounted, I was pleased to be 3rd in C grade, and competing with my two mates from Mannum, Joffre Booth and Brian Lynch, both on 250 Greeves. Joffre had recently won at his first ever start in a scramble, with Brian 3rd, in a C Grade scratch at Lower Hermitage. The three of us were scattered within a large field, but I wasn't expecting to see anything of the other two unless they lapped me. But then I saw Joffre ahead, distinctive in his Sturt footy jumper, and I was gaining on him. His mount was blue and silver, as a Greeves would be, but there was something different about it. Catching and passing him, I saw that his engine belonged to BSA not Villiers. As well as his Greeves, Brian had a Bantam, that he'd painted in Greeves colours, for 125cc races. Joffre's bike had stopped, so he made it back to the pits and resumed on Brian's Bantam. We had a group of volunteer ladies who lap-scored, their efficiency at recognising riders regardless of number plates meant accurate results even on muddy days. So having two bikes with #371 circulating did not cause any grief, and in those days all capacities used black figures on yellow number plates!

Thumbs Up and Change Right,
Trevor Henderson #55.

Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA held at MSA clubrooms on Thursday, Sept 20, 2018.

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

Attendees: 16 members and visitor Steve Jackson.

Apologies: John Inkster, Les Bell, Bob Balestrin, Nathaniel Wilson, Aaron McDonnell and Andy Pitman.

New Members: Joel Wilson and John Snoad were welcomed in their absence.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Moved for acceptance by Dean Pitman, seconded by Andy McDonnell and carried. There was no business arising from these minutes.

President's Report: The track day was a great success, with the weather kind and a good number of helpers. Danny thought the Wayne Gardner movie night was one of our best social events.

Treasurer's Report: Dean detailed the Club's finances over the recent period.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence:

- We can still accept more for the Speedway Night on 3rd January 2019.
- The dates for Sellicks Beach 2019 are February 16th and 17th.
- Atujara Club are having a stand at the Kenny Blake Festival of Motorcycling at Strathalbyn on 27th and 28th October.
- Trevor has sent a card to Judy Smith in view of Len's poor health.

Competition Secretary's Report:

- We do not yet have reasonable numbers for the Motorsport Festival at Victoria Park.
- All garages for the Nationals at Broadford have been taken up.
- Mt. Gambier MCC are showing GST on their invoices, and their fees have risen by \$2000. They did not respond to Dan's email, but rang Phil Baughan. Nevertheless, we can expect a good weekend at our State Titles.
- Dan noted that Ken Blake hated the "Kenny" appellation.
- Ken "Ned" Hurley took a heap of photos, which will be on disc, at Tailem Bend.
- Thanks to Dean for his good work with the new T-shirts and jumpers.

MA/MSA Report:

- MA has vacancies on Track and ATV Commissions.
- MSA have acknowledged our renewal of Affiliation.
- Trevor passed on to Danny MSA's request for a copy of our logo.
- MSA have emailed us re Sound Level Meters, Physiotherapy, 2019 Reliability Trials, and nominations for 2018 Awards.

General Business:

- 7th Oct Motorcycle Only Swap Meet at Balhannah.
- Phil offered a big "Thank You" to those workers who allowed the riders to have a great day at Tailem Bend. Praise for the big sign with the group colours. Paul praised rider behaviour, and was impressed with our headsets, which were better than those of "The Bend". We will need to hire headsets for Mallala in December and our State Titles. The red lights were good, but they have trouble with their sprinklers. Otto said the sessions worked well, everyone getting plenty of laps, less pickups but machine examination was difficult if the rider wasn't with his bike. Chris noted that the PA wasn't working in the sheds.

Meeting closed 8.36pm

Draft Minutes of the HMCRRSA Committee meeting held on Oct 2, 2018 at MSA clubrooms Beulah Park.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

Apology: Nathaniel Wilson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were moved for acceptance by Dan, seconded by Dean, and carried. There was no business arising from these minutes

President's Report: Dan to start a new column in the Good Oil to welcome new members. Wayne Fazzalari and John Snoad are such, and potential sponsors through their businesses.

Secretary's Report:

- Tim Osmond had been suggested as a Guest Speaker at a General Meeting, but declined.
- The new member application from Bruce Nankivell was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

- Comwide Radio bill is still to be paid.
- An amount has been paid to "The Bend", Subway and medical are paid, we have not yet been billed for the garages, so we will need to sort out them and the radios with DOCSA.

General Business:

- A discussion on "The Bend" included costs and the weather at certain times of the year. We will look to run a Club Day on the East Circuit when it is licensed.
- The email from MGMCC shows how costs have risen. They will run the Friday practice, but want us to pay for all sheds and give us a refund on those not used. Our Secretary will respond re the fee structure, and Mount Gambier can manage the sheds. Chris noted that our meeting is good for South East tourism.
- Trevor will email all Committee Members with a list of last year's program sponsors, and co-ordinate the confirmation of this year's sponsors.
- There are currently 19 bikes nominated for this year's Motorsport Festival on 1st and 2nd December. Royce Rowe's bikes for next year's IOM could be a static display. Trevor will contact Dan Gleeson re possibly bringing his "Inter". Kevin Grant's Britten may be able to come next year.
- Ken Hurley will be paid \$20 for a disc of photos he took at "The Bend". Dan will bring his laptop next meeting and run the photos over the evening.
- Our next Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday 30th October in lieu of 6th November. Trevor to check hall availability with MSA.
- Mallala, the future of which was discussed, is the venue of our next Ride Day on December 7th, costing us \$3630.00 including Ambulance. Registration of interest needed. Cost will be \$120 for non members, \$90 for -5 year members, \$60 for +5 year members and Subway lunch provided for those with armbands. These costs do not include garages, paid on the day to Mallala Motor Sport Park, and licences.
- Sellicks Beach, for which Trevor and Danny will attend a meeting tomorrow night, was discussed.
- The Interstate Subsidy is subject to having 5 or more years' continuous Club membership.
- Dan needs names of those going to Phillip Island, for which he has secured shedding, and will use last year's list as a guide. Wine will again be given to participants at this year's State Titles.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

LIONS BIKE SHOW MACCLESFIELD

From the Battunga Country Lions Club:

The inaugural Lions Bike Show was in 2017 and it was a roaring success so we plan to run it every year on the first Sunday in November.

This year it will be on Sunday 4th November from 9am to 4pm on the Macclesfield footy oval.

We only charge \$5 entry for visitors or exhibitors and \$20 for trade stalls.

It's also a chance to clear a lot of old stock and turn it into cash.

You will be pleased to hear our swap meet section runs on gentleman's hours as it opens at 9am so you can arrive between 8am and 8.30am to set up.

There will be a perpetual shield awarded for the best club display.

2018 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
Nov 3-4	Southern Classic	Broadford
Nov 8-11	Historic nationals	Broadford
Dec 1-2	Motorsport Festival	Vic Park
Dec 7	Register/DOCSA joint ride day	Mallala
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