
The Good Oil

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New member **Andy Bedford** got some practice in on his recently acquired Yamaha LC at Mac Park a fortnight before the championships

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2019 is coming to a close, and I guess a few like me are looking forward to some regular racing over the next few months. Having recently entered our State Titles and The Island Classic, the bank account has taken a hit, but hell you can't take it with you eh!

The club's garaging is full at the Island Classic in January with a couple of late stragglers as usual. It should again be fun for one and all. Once I have more information I'll pass it on to those involved. The V8 weekend in Adelaide coincides with the Classic Master of Mac Park but who wants to watch cages when they can see real racing at Mac Park! The Classic will have some modern 125's and sidecars, so not quite an exclusive Historic weekend, but nevertheless it should be a great meeting to be at.

For those who are happy to travel, the revamped Festival of Speed at Sydney Motorsport Park goes ahead over the third weekend in March, and then in April, one week before Easter, the Victorian Historic Titles will be run. A week after Easter we will have our next joint ride day with DOCSA, and this time it will be on the East Track at The Bend which is now licenced; this should be a great day out. In the middle of that lot is The Shannon's Collingrove Hillclimb run by Atujara MCC - give it some thought, it's going to be fun!

The Sporting Car Club are keen to have us involved with their Historic weekend at Mallalla and will have us and our bikes up to Period 5 participating. It would be great to have a reasonable turnout for this event. Watch this space! This event will be on the Anzac weekend.

Well my bikes are ready for Mac Park, just have to load the trailer once Xmas is behind us all.
I wish all our members a Happy Xmas and a healthy new year. 2020 should be more fun!

Danny Ahern #27

HELP REQUIRED PLEASE

The State Titles 28th and 29th December has lots of involvement for our club and is our blue-chip event of the year.

At the moment we are shy of helpers to man the gate!

If we had, say 6 people able to help, it would entail maybe 2 – 2 1/2 hours involvement per day over the weekend.

If this is something you can help YOUR CLUB with, please contact us and we can make the necessary arrangements

Thanks in advance

Your committee

SECRETARY'S REPORT DECEMBER 2019

In times past, when communication was mostly hand-written or typed, much time was taken at Club meetings reading lots of correspondence, and in no time the Secretary had a bulging file, which may or may not be referred to later. These days we get bombarded with emails which are generally left in the computer. Regardless, we are currently in a very busy period with the State Titles, our major event for the year, just around the corner. Anyone willing to help will be most appreciated!

Concurrently, planning is going ahead for the 2020 Barossa Vintage Hillclimb at Collingrove on October 4th and the Sporting Car Club are determined to make it better than this year's event. Apart from the weather, over which we had no control, the riders enjoyed it and I'll be disappointed if we don't have at least a 50% increase in numbers for 2020. This year the Organising Committee began their monthly meetings in May, but for 2020 they commenced with a post mortem in November, a preliminary meeting this month, and all systems go from January.

There can be perks of the job, and I was invited to a BBQ at the SCC's end of year meeting and the Veteran Section's film night on the preceding Friday. They drag out an old movie on the last Friday of any month with 5 of them and although I was unable to attend this function, Claire and I fronted up for the other. This began with a BBQ on the lawns of SCC HQ on a balmy evening and shaded by the lovely old plane trees at the roadside. Sipping on a drink and chatting to new friends was great, then we all retired for a slightly more formal gathering. These meetings are in no way stuffy, as any of our members who have attended will confirm. On stage were an immaculate 1962 "Comet" made by the US Mercury concern and a very tasty Porsche 911, whilst Graham Boulter conducted an enlightening interview with a Supercar driver. I caught up with John Bryant to confirm their desire to involve us at their "Historic Mallala" over the ANZAC weekend. "What bikes?" I asked, to which John replied "Up to 1980". Sounded good, so watch this space! Meanwhile, "See you at Mac Park". Trevor Henderson, Secretary.

MINUTES OF HMCRRSA COMMITTEE MEETING 3rd DECEMBER 2019

The meeting was held at 27 Riverside Grove, Dernancourt and opened at 8:00pm with Danny Ahern, John Inkster, Dean & Neil Watson, Bob Balestrin, Paul Walker & Trevor Henderson, with apologies from Chris Hayward & Andy McDonnell. Our focus was on State Titles, with trophies being handled by Nathaniel Wilson. Danny will order 18 radios, which Paul will collect, & Dean will confirm the ambulance. Flaggies are OK, with scrutineering being handled by Joe Ahern, Phil Baughan, John Inkster, Trevor, and others available. Shannon is doing the timing, and Dan Gleeson and Jane were suggested for selling tickets and programs at the new entrance gate. We discussed letting late starters onto the grid after the warmup lap, and use of the red and green lights. This will be explored further by Paul and Andy with John Painter. Gary Jolly, Andy Bedford and Dave Barrett were approved as New Members. Trevor will contact Mt. Gambier President Alex regarding the pickup vehicles. All present then proceeded to label the participants' wine bottles, which was completed by 9:00pm.

MINUTES OF HMCCRSA GENERAL MEETING 21st November 2019

The meeting held at MSA Hall opened at 8:05pm with 23 members present and an apology from Claire Harmon.

New Member-Elect Gary Jolly explained his long-held desire to race an Ariel.

Minutes from the previous meeting, via the Good Oil (Thanks Kim), were moved for acceptance by Chris Hayward, seconded by Otto, and Carried. There was no Business Arising.

President's Report: The hierarchy of The Bend has approached MSA regarding getting more motorcycle activity there. Most racetracks have a mix of 60% motorbikes and 40% cars but The Bend statistics show a bias of 95% cars and just 5% bikes. The Road Racing Club Presidents met with MSA, and then The Bend's Manager Mark Warren, to discuss this issue. It was noted that bike riders pay \$100 more than car drivers perhaps due to an association with the Champions Ride Day fees. The East Circuit, which has been booked by us and DOCSA for 17th April 2020, is all but ready, and the hire cost will be \$7000 + GST notwithstanding that we had previously been quoted \$6000 + GST. Danny had suggested that the East circuit be charged at \$200 including garage space for a ride day. The downside of using the Tailem Bend circuit is that it is around 90 minutes to get there, and the hefty cost of \$32 for an overnight stop in the caravan park, without power. The MA President attended last night's MSA General Meeting and explained what's happening, dollar-wise, around the country; and SA appears to be ahead of other states. Brenton Matters was very transparent.

There is now a \$1 levy on each one-event licence. It was recently discovered that there has been fraudulent copying and issuing of one-event licence forms (causing a loss of revenue to MA), and Otto raised the topic of the "Alliance" and Ridernet assuming control of licensing to prevent this. Gavin Lewis has offered to help with keeping MSA informed of new members for Ridernet. Andy McDonnell stated that we are much more professional than the organisers of Auto Fest at Murray Bridge.

Secretary's Report: Trevor began by passing around the VMCASA Dinner Quiz to test and amuse the members. There are a couple of sets of leathers and a pair of boots courtesy of Phoenix MCC. Wally Ryan has advised that RSUP Racing will again provide trophies for the LC Cup, and I have emailed Brett Metcalf regarding the winner's yellow jacket. MSA have sent a nomination form for the Board of Directors, and I've advised them of our 2020 State Title dates. Emails have been sent to Verlaine Bell (Steward), Trish Channell (Starter) and Fearless Motorcycles (Sponsor) regarding this year's State Titles.

Treasurer's Report: Expenditure includes a new printer \$327, Permit Fee \$500 and two one-event licence books \$1500. Receipts were \$5,115 from DOCSA (Ride Day) and \$1,000 from sponsors. The Term Deposit is to be decided at the next Committee Meeting.

Competition Secretary advised that State Title entry forms are on our website, and we have around 60 bikes so far. Anyone needing garaging should contact Marg Trotter at Mount Gambier. Delegate's report is included in President's Report.

General Business: Seven of us are attending MSA's Night of Champions on Saturday. Australian Solo Championship round on 11th January at Gillman; pay at the gate and the Club will cover VIP admission and a few drinks. Paul Walker (two), Danny and Kate, Andy Mc, John Inkster, Chris Hayward, Otto, Greg Kennedy (two), Bob Balestrin, Brendan Roberts, Neil and Dean and Trevor and Claire make 16 so far. We have booked two garages and will have 10 or 11 bikes at the Island Classic. Phil Price from NZ who owns the "Eldee" will be at our State Titles.

Andy Mc spoke of his pride in being a member and getting his Level 1 Official, reminding us that you only get from a Club what you put in.

Race Secretary Kate would like some helpers at Mac Park.

Paul was at Sidewinders last weekend and was amused by the disclaimer "not to be used on rough terrain or steep hills" on a Chinese MX bike.

Trevor is meeting with the Sporting Car Club next Tuesday regarding the Collingrove Vintage Hillclimb.

Dave Johnson got 3rd at Macau GP, and will not be riding for Honda at next year's IOM TT.

On a show of hands, 12 were interested in the Finke Desert Race film on December 5th.

There will be nibbles and drinks after our next meeting on December 19th.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Trev's Titbits – a Hot Time at Mallala

I had a couple of jobs to do on the bikes, and a few things to try out before our State Titles, so I nominated for the Mallala Ride Day on December 8th. I thought that the forecast of a very hot day might have an effect on numbers, and as I drove to the circuit I wondered if it was still going to be on at all. It wasn't until I got level with the shower block that I saw a few people moving around, convincing me that I hadn't come all the way for nothing. I signed on, had the bikes checked, and noticed that there were a smaller number of participants than usual. When we were called up for the riders' briefing in the VIP room, I'd say this was the lowest number of riders I'd seen at any ride day. The organisers combined the green and blue groups from the outset, which meant a quicker rotation, and I was the only one there with older bikes. My spot on the grass initially had some shade, which slowly disappeared with the movement of the sun. As each group was called up, the staging area was hardly packed, half a dozen bikes being one of the better figures. When lunch time came, and with my bikes running OK, one look at my red face in a mirror decided for me that I'd had enough. So off with the leathers and I headed to the "Pit Cafe" for an ice cream. No need to wait in a queue, traffic there was so light that I doubt they would have turned a profit on the day. Packing up and loading was a slow process, and I felt almost guilty for running the air conditioner all the way home, something I couldn't have done before I bought the van. Unloading seemed to take forever, with my thoughts on the invigorating shower I'd been promising myself. I'm sure we'll have milder weather at Mac Park.

Thumbs Up and Change Right,

Trevor Henderson #55.

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2019/2020 Dates

28 - 29 December	SA Historic Titles	Mac Park, SA
24 th – 26 th January	Island Classic	Phillip Island, Vic
28 th Feb – 2 nd March	Classic Master Mac Pk	Mac Park, SA
4 th ,5 th April	Vic Historic Titles	Broadford Vic
30 th , 31 st May	Winton 2+4	Winton Vic
31 st Oct 1 st Nov	Southern Classic	Broadford Vic
19 th – 22 nd November	National Historics	Mac Park, SA

For Sale/Wanted

Wanted	Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long	Trevor Henderson 8384 5284.
Wanted	JAP 350ohv timing cover and cylinder head from mid 1930's	Bob Glynn 8263 9133