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# The Good Oil

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Who are these racers? It's an 80's re-enactment of the Oz GP in Lobethal.  
One point for picking Ken Lucas.

## HMCRRSA OFFICE BEARERS 2019/2020

*PATRON: Mr Mal Pitman*

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|  | John Inkster                                 | 0412 841 940  |
|  | Andy McDonnell                               | 0458 553 966  |
| <b>Club Delegates</b>  | Chris Hayward<br>Danny Ahern – Road Race/MSA |   |
| <b>Club Address</b>  | PO Box 311<br>CAMPBELLTOWN SA 5074           |   |
| <b>General Meeting Venue</b><br>(third Thursday of each month) | MSA Office<br>251 The Parade BEULAH PARK     | <b>Committee Meeting</b><br>(8 PM 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 (†Deceased)                        | 2002  |
|  | Ken LUCAS                                    | 2003  |
|  | “Doc” WATSON (†Deceased)                     | 2004  |
|  | Trevor HENDERSON                             | 2005  |
|  | Phil BAUGHAN                                 | 2007  |
|  | Len DYSON(†Deceased)                         | 2009  |
|  | Les Bell                                     | 2013  |
|  | Joe Ahern                                    | 2018  |

## Minutes of HMCRRSA General Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The meeting at MSA Hall opened at 8:00pm with Chris Hayward presiding over 17 members, a visitor in Sam Pitman, and apologies from Nick and Vicki Clarke, Claire Harmon, Danny Ahern, Andy McDonnell, Keith Wissell and Neil Watson. There were no new members. It was moved by Dean Watson and seconded by Kim Anderson that we accept the last meeting's minutes, and this was carried with no business arising.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** Chris reported that Danny is in Qld, having done the BEARS meeting at Morgan Park. The Bend Ride Day was great, though no PA was an issue. Andy thought it great fun on a TZ, and better than the International circuit. Phil enjoyed a session on the Tribsa, finding the 1200 Kwaka a handful, whilst Lee Kernich thanked those who loaned him their starting rollers. Paul, with Hamish, enjoyed doing pick-ups, noting that the two girls from Event Medical Plus were unable to put the crashed DOCSA rider on to the stretcher. Sign-on and scrutineering went OK, and Otto found Turn 1 tricky. Dean Pitman asked if we would race there, Chris replying that we rely on interstate riders, and would they travel to Tailem Bend? The pit area has limited capacity, and Mac Park has an advantage with camping. An email was received from Mt. Gambier MCC re accommodation at the Nationals, and should we seek an agreement with them for a group of garages for that event?

**SECRETARY'S REPORT.** Trevor attended a Hillclimb Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May for the event on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, for which they'd like 15 bikes and 45 cars. Of interest to motorcyclists will be the air-cooled cars powered by Vincent and JAP and 2 Clisby-Bantams. Trevor was asked about payment for Historic Mallala.

**TREASURER** detailed receipt of Pitman's sponsorship and expenses, being Ride Day fees, track hire, food and drink, t-shirts, MSA levy and Event Medical Plus. Dean will have a profit/loss statement from the East Circuit (approx. half cost of International) Ride Day at next General Meeting. **COMPETITION SECRETARY** and **DELEGATES** had no reports.

**GENERAL BUSINESS.** Dean Pitman queried the delay at Mac Park Seniors caused by the crash that restricted qualifying. The injured rider's mate stopped and abused the Ambos, earning him a six month suspension. Thanks to Jane for the Good Oil cover photo. The weather was better than expected, the racing and Saturday dinner good, and the age classes were modified. Trevor found the 120+ Cup the best race that he saw. Phil praised the Committee for our Ride Days and detailed some of his dices at the Seniors. Otto suggested utilising our healthy bank balance to subsidise members. To various suggestions, Chris stated that we need a more structured form of subsidy. Patron, Mal Pitman, was wished a Happy Birthday as a prelude to the presentation on Andy's 1988 Yamaha "next generation" TZ250 which had been waiting since the start of the meeting. This machine has a Deltabox frame, forward-facing carbs and rear exhausts, a cassette gearbox, power valve exhaust, crankcase reed induction and sophisticated electronics. It weighs 104kg, is easy to work on, has a bore and stroke of 56 x 50.7mm (54 x 54mm on next model), primary gear drive, an oil pump for the gearbox, 85bhp, 13,000rpm max and the engine runs backwards. Next models went to cartridge forks then a V-twin engine with a balance shaft that had a better power curve. Mal and Andy were heartily thanked for bringing the bike as proceedings finished at 9:45pm.

## Secretary's Report May 2021

June is officially wintertime, and I believe it was Shakespeare who coined the phrase “Winter of our discontent”. Apt, I’d say, as not too many of our lot like to ride in the rain, and there aren’t many meetings on at the moment. Mac Park, Mallala and The Bend are still running regular ride days, so we can take a chance and join in there. Atujara Club are having their annual Ride Weekend at Mac Park on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, at which HMCRRSA members would be welcome. We, in conjunction with DOCSA, have our Ride Day on Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> at Mallala. These events are still a few months away, but time does sneak up on us so let’s make sure the bikes are ready in advance.

At last month’s meeting we had a bike, Andy Pitman’s reverse-cylinder TZ250, on display, the first time for a while. With Patron Mal fielding the many questions I’m sure we all learned about this “interim” model, before Yamaha went to a V-twin. This month we shall repeat the dose with another interesting machine and make bikes and guest speakers a more regular feature again. If any member knows of a bike or potential speaker to entertain and inform us, please pass that on to the Committee.

We have had more certificates printed to honour members with 10,20,30 and 40 years of continuous membership, so expect to see some of these handed out over the next few meetings. In just 2 months it will be our Annual General Meeting, and we can certainly accommodate any members wishing to be involved in the running of the Club. None of the Committee are getting any younger, so we would prefer someone to take over before we fall over.

Trevor Henderson.

## Trev's Titbits: The USA in Print

In last month’s column I relied on a couple of authors, from either side of the Atlantic, for information, a ploy used by many of we amateur writers. One of my sources was an American softcover book, which led me to consider some differences in the way they, in the USA, do things. The British style of Road Tests, as practiced by “The Motor Cycle” and “Motor Cycling”, used an informative description, the tester’s impressions and then a panel of specifications, performance and economy figures. By contrast, some US reports seem to be rather subjective, relying more on feel than figures. British, and Australian, publications have staff testers, a practice not always followed by our American cousins. Many motorcycle magazines sprang up in the USA during the 1960’s and 1970’s, their proprietors inexperienced and with no testing staff. Some enterprising guys would organise the loan of a bike from a dealer or distributor and sell the test results to the magazines. One chap had access to an extensive off-road area with changes in terrain and topography so he could take the relevant photos at various locations and sell his day’s work to several different magazines. But some of these articles were at least very entertaining. How do you do a test on a Bultaco Alpina, destroying it and an ESO speedway bike, with one rider battered and bruised and another in hospital?

Also from the USA, I had trouble putting down a book titled “Top Dead Centre”, a collection of articles that Kevin Cameron had written for “Cycle World” magazine. Rider, tuner, team manager and author, Cameron is known and respected for his insightful writing and technical

expertise. Always entertaining, he writes on the uneven battle between privateers and small teams versus factory outfits, the event that is Daytona, the necessity of keeping hydrated and eating good food, and the battlers sleeping rough in their vans. His humour is evident when he describes the substance that passes for a hamburger at Mallory Park (UK). “These tough, gray discs are prepared (or perhaps cured) in steam. The cooks pull them from their boilers with tongs, as though some unspecified hazard might result from skin contact, and place them between protective breadlike pads. It can easily be argued that starving is a more humane alternative”. He writes of great riders like Gary Nixon, Kenny Roberts, Pat Hennen, Max Biaggi, Mick Doohan and Valentino Rossi, gets into the technicalities of bikes and components, and reflects on a series where affordable and generally reliable two-stroke production racers were replaced by road-based four-strokes in the guise of cheaper racing. It didn’t happen; the power and reliability sought cost heaps!

So, should you come across a book with Kevin Cameron as the author, grab it – you’ll be both informed and entertained! Oh, and if you have my copy of Cameron’s book on racing motorcycles, I need to read it again.

Thumbs Up and Change Right,  
Trevor Henderson # 55.



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JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

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## Minutes of HMCRRSA Committee Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021

VICE-PRESIDENT Chris Hayward opened the meeting at 7:30pm, with Dean and Neil Watson, Bob Balestrin, Paul Walker, Andy McDonnell and Trevor Henderson present.

Apologies were received from Danny Ahern and John Inkster.

VP Chris detailed the benefits of our proposal to Mt. Gambier Club. This will be discussed with them when Danny and Chris travel to Mac Park. We aim to promote the sport, especially the historic side. It was noted that a few Victorian riders were stuck in SA after the last Mac Park Ride Day. An online permit is available for interstate travel. Chris will renew our MSA affiliation via Ridernet.

SECRETARY read the latest Covid Emergency Management Direction Notice sent to us by MSA. Trevor will contact Phil Baughan about having a Wayne Fazzalari bike at our next General Meeting. If unavailable, Neil has a contact. It was mooted that Murray Johnson could supply a bike for a General Meeting, and that "Tri Spark Electrics" could be a Guest Speaker. Trevor reported on the latest Sporting Car Club Hillclimb Committee meeting, and that we need to set a suitable extra cost for those entering a second machine.

TREASURER reported that we made a profit on the East Circuit Ride Day. It was mentioned that the track is not set up for a race meeting due to the lack of facilities and camping. Next Ride Day is at Mallala, at which we are looking to involve more members. This prompted discussion on our support of members, including racers at Historic Meetings. Under consideration were extra subsidies for Ride Days, displaying bikes in Westfield Shopping Centre and more Social Events including BBQ's. On that note the meeting closed at 9:20pm.

### **Veteran Motorcycle Competitors Association of South Australia.**

#### **Message to ALL competitive motorcycle disciplines.**

A more than friendly welcome to both male and female present and former competitors is extended to join our group. We meet for a pleasant sociable luncheon at the Morphett Arms Hotel every month from 11.30am to 1.30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday with the exception of November (Melbourne Cup Day). To join, applicants for Membership shall have been the holder of an approved Motorcycling Australia (formerly ACCA) ACU, or an FIM International License at least 25 years prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the preceding year of application for Membership.

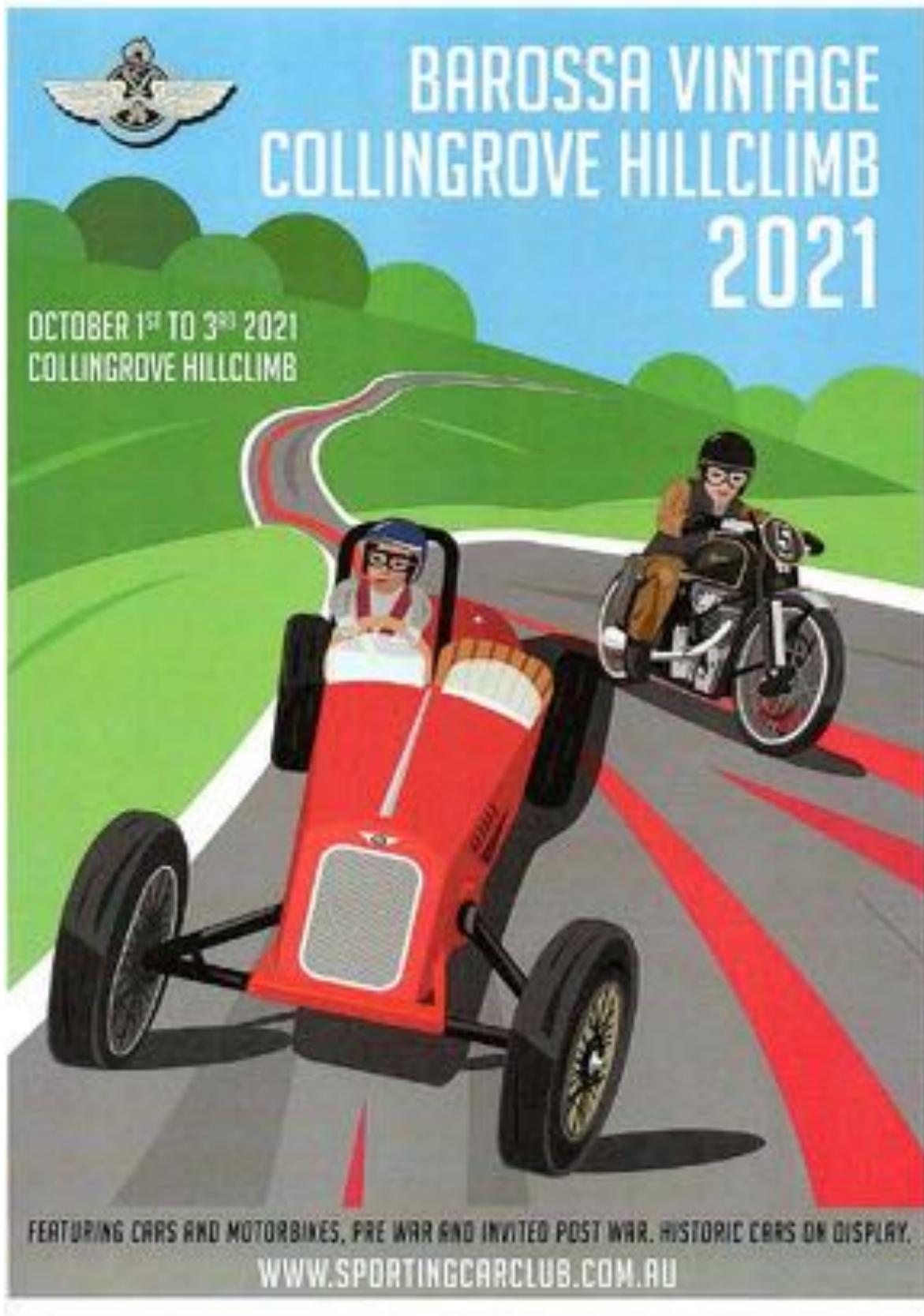
Besides our monthly luncheon get together we convene our Annual General Meeting at the beginning of May and organize our end of year Annual Dinner Meeting around late October early November.

Our meagre once only joining fee of \$5.00 plus an annual Membership payment of \$5.00 will entitle you to our quarterly comprehensive News Letter.

For additional information contact can be made to either

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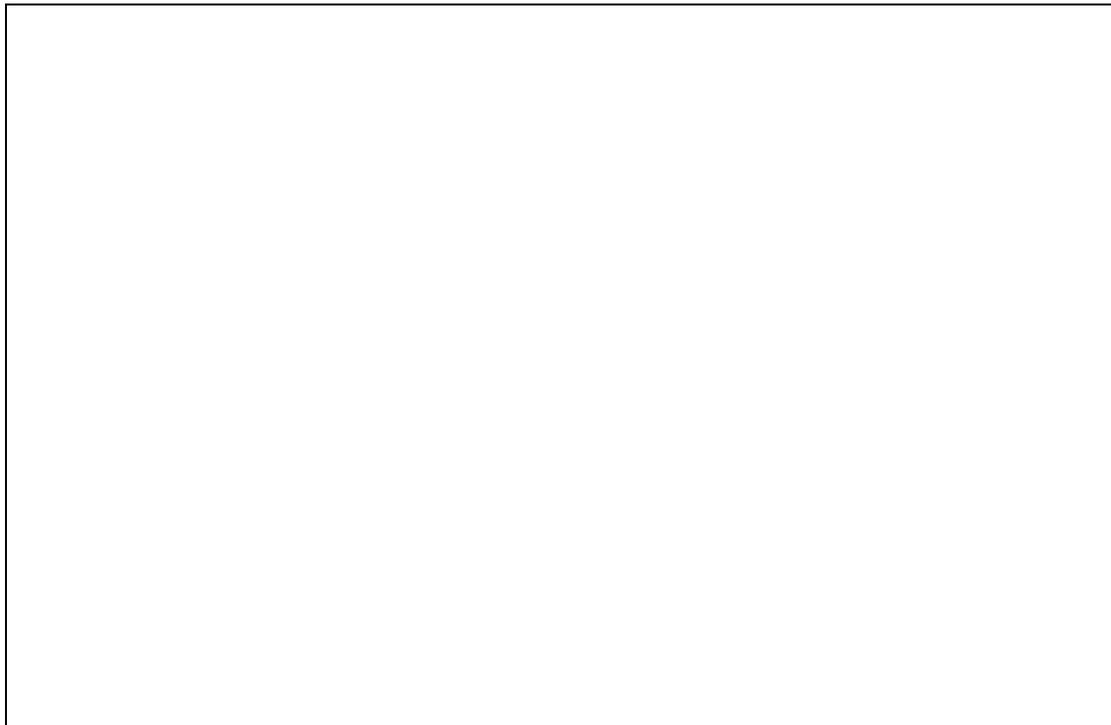


## 2021 Dates

| Date   | Event                      | Venue   |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> September        | Social Ride Weekend        | Mac Park. Direct questions to Richard Metcalf 0418 823 28 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 | Hartwell Seniors           | Broadford   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2021   | Collingrove Hillclimb 2021 | Collingrove   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2021                     | DOCSA HMCRRSA Ride Day     | Mallala   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021  | Australian Historic Titles | Mac Park  |

### For Sale/Wanted

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| <b>For sale</b> | 1972 Yamaha TX750, P4, Log Booked.<br>Seeking a home where it will be ridden at least occasionally, even if it is not raced.<br>Inviting expressions of interest. | Nick 0417 871 532<br>n.clarke@internode.on.net |
| <b>Wanted</b>   | Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long  | Trevor Henderson<br>8384 5284.                 |
| <b>For sale</b> | Tyres at a good price: Avon, Michelin, Pirelli, Bridgestone, Heidenau, Mitas  | Wayne Nitschke<br>0400260214                   |
| <b>For sale</b> | 1978 Triumph T140, in pieces but all parts are there ready for rebuild. Special tools and workshop manual included. \$5800 ono                                    | Wayne Nitschke<br>0400260214                   |
| <b>For sale</b> | Fibreglass Handlebar Fairing with Screen for \$100:00   | Otto Muller 8263 5533                          |



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|                         |                         |       |        |              |          |         |         | Number | Final    |             |            |        |              |
|                         | <i>Master of Mac Pk</i> | Rider | Riding |              |          | Results | Overall | Runs   | Position | Rider's Age | Bike's Age | Total  | Accumulative |
|                         | <i>March 27/28</i>      | Age   | No.    | Machine      | Bike Age | Race 1  | Results | Points | Points   | Points      | Points     | Points | Total        |
| Rider 1                 | Chris Haywood           | 63    | 34     | Yamaha SR500 | 41       | 1st     | 1st     | 25     | 25       | 63          | 41         | 154    |              |
| Rider 2                 | Simon Cook              | 58    | 40     | Honda CB     | 49       | 1st     | 1st     | 25     | 25       | 58          | 49         | 157    |              |
| Rider 3                 | Louis Pitman            | 32    | 112    | RDLC250      | 41       | 3rd     | DNS     | 18     | 0        | 32          | 41         | 91     |              |
| Rider 4                 | Dan Gleeson             | 61    | 311    | Norton 500   | 59       | 7th     | 7th     | 14     | 14       | 61          | 59         | 148    |              |
| Rider 5                 | Murray Johnson          | 65    | 913    | Mnorton 500  | 59       | 3rd     | 3rd     | 18     | 18       | 65          | 59         | 160    |              |
|                         |                         |       |        |              |          |         |         |        |          |             |            | 710    | <b>710</b>   |
|                         |                         | Rider | Riding |              |          | Results | Results | Points | Points   | Rider's Age | Bike's Age | Total  | Accumulative |
|                         |                         | Age   | No.    | Machine      | Bike Age | Race 1  | Race 2  | Race 1 | Race 2   | Points      | Points     | Points | Total        |
| Rider 1                 | Geoff Kelly             | 66    | 310    | Norton500    | 59       | 3rd     | 1st     | 18     | 25       | 66          | 59         | 168    |              |
| Rider 2                 | Phil Baughan            | 68    | 83     | Tribsa 650   | 64       | 2nd     | 2nd     | 20     | 20       | 68          | 64         | 172    |              |
| Rider 3                 | Otto Muller             | 76    | 26     | Adler 250    | 67       | 3rd     | DNS     | 18     | 0        | 76          | 67         | 161    |              |
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