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Off to the beach. Sellicks weekend 13th, 14th March 2021

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	Len DYSON(†Deceased)	2009
	Les Bell	2013
	Joe Ahern	2018

The Prez Sez

Well Sellicks is over and I'm on my way to Sydney to race this weekend, fingers crossed re weather. I'm at Hay as I type and the wind is up from yesterday so the DMax will be working harder today.

Registrations are coming in for our ride day at The Bend East Track; don't leave it too late and be disappointed! All carport space is gone.

Easter at Mac park sees The Bears rounds as well as the reincarnated Roaring Sporties; should be great.

I haven't yet sent a registration paper out to you all re the Sporting Car Club all historic weekend on 17th & 18th April. This will be two demonstration sessions a day for bikes up to and including Period 5, look out in your in box!

I'll keep this short as I am keen to hit the road and make my way closer to Sydney.

Danny Ahern #327

Weekend on the Beach

For the third running of Sellick's Beach Races the Historic Register got involved again. Trevor Henderson and I sat on the race committee which gets easier each year. Eligibility is always top of the agenda, and educating those that don't race much that there are a few requirements. You know things like wired up sump plugs, on / off switch and chain shark fin. Everyone seems happy to learn and oblige although there are always a few come race weekend that aren't 'quite there'! Well, you get that eh?

Can't praise Levis MCC enough for their endeavour and this year especially with Covid over everyone's head. With Covid rules, spectators were limited and as such both days became sellouts and the club has done okay out of their efforts.

On Friday we had a scrutineering team made up of Trevor Henderson, John Inkster, Andy McDonnell, Otto Muller and Chris Hayward and me. The team worked well and the riders were happy with how things were dealt with.

Friday, like Thursday, had been a picture-perfect day. I took a pic from Aldinga along the cliffs to Sellicks; postcard material! Come race day Saturday the rain was happening; the wind was pushing in the tide and start time was going to be a major issue. Long story short, the meet and greet was abandoned and races started close to midday. They managed to get up to race 15 which was half the Saturday program.

Nevertheless, the spectators got to witness some fantastic bikes putting on some great racing, and as always everyone returned to the pits with a grin from ear to ear.

Having done the scrutineering, the rest of the weekend for moi was running the pits, calling up races, general communicator with the riders, dummy grid and COC. For this I had a few helpers, Andy McDonnell being my key man as Saturday with all the water around (and electrics involved) we needed someone with his skills. Club member Mick Myles put in for a day and half and was a key helper indeed. My friend Paul Hoey helped both days too as he has in the past and was fantastic with his way of dealing with stuff. Great bunch of guys to work with.

Kate had her gig again as assistant COC which kept her busy. Saturday night we caught up with friends for a BBQ at Aldinga - normal stuff; food, drinks, true lies and lots of laughs. Sunday saw the meet and greet happen in good time and racing soon got underway. It became apparent that we would be finishing too early so Muzz the COC asked for me to sort out a few extra races for no points, including the fastest 20 - if we could muster up enough takers. Anyway, we had some extra races and those that participated loved it. We had some club members racing and some of those got gongs - yep, Trevor Henderson added to his collection, John Inkster was in the chocolates even after pushing his bike over the line in one race! Dan Gleeson got best looking solo bike, Davo Johnson got second in the Unlimiteds and fastest time of weekend. Wayne Fazzalari got third on his Rickman Metisse BSA but Joe Ahern had his Rickman Metisse 500 strip a belt half a lap into first race whilst in first spot! Bruce Nankivell kept lots honest on his 500 Norton twin, Jess Watson was half the team on Doc's old chair with Royce Rowe and Otto had a rider Paul Collins on one of his Adlers ... jeez, hope I haven't missed anyone. Sure to be a few more stories from those that participated. Roll on next Sellicks
Danny Ahern #327



HMCRRSA crew doing the scrutineering

Minutes of HMCRRSA General Meeting and Presentation Night 18th February 2021

President, Danny Ahern, opened the meeting at MSA Hall at 8:00pm, welcoming 28 members, visitors Barry Miller and Callum Cooper and our friends from Atujara MCC. Apologies were received from Joe Ahern and Simon Cook. Minutes from the previous meeting were moved for acceptance by Phil Baughan, seconded by Andy Pitman, and carried with no business arising. Danny presented Membership Certificates to Dean Watson (10 years); Phil Baughan, John Whallin, Paul Walker, Greg Kennedy, Con Desyllas and Danny Ahern (20 years); and Jack Kah (30 years).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Classic Master of Mac Park is going ahead, though sidecar entries are average. HMRAV had considered running the Vic. Titles at Mac Park but will shelve them for this year. The Sydney "Festival of Speed" will be run.

SECRETARY reported on the Pre-Scrutineering Day for Sellicks at ACUSA Park last Sunday, noting the Watson BSA outfit and Peter Davidson's JAP-Metisse. There was also a Hillclimb Committee Meeting with Sporting Car Club two days ago, and the car folk are looking forward to having the bikes at "Historic Mallala". There is a "Virtual All-British Day" planned, with awards in 5 classes for motorcycles and entries closing on 28th February. We have sent a letter to Mt. Gambier President Alex seeking costs and conditions for this year's State Titles. Trevor reminded other Committee Members to send him their preferences for the upcoming MSA Board Elections.

TREASURER DEAN detailed money from memberships, the State Titles, gate takings, late entry fees, refunds and postage, enabling him to predict a healthy profit.

COMPETITION SECRETARY will generate an entry form for our spirited demonstrations at Historic Mallala. The Bend's East Track won't disappoint at our Club Day on 28th April, but powered sites are few and entries limited to 50 from each Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Barry Miller stated that the Norton Club plans to double their sponsorship of our State Titles. September 19th is the Atujara Hillclimb, with camping overnight on the 18th OK.

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS. Danny spoke of Rob Lewis's support of the Ken Blake Memorial which opened to Period 5 this year. It was a great race with Cooky chasing Robert Ruwoldt home with Chris Hayward 3rd. The Bob Jolly Memorial was also well-supported, with a finish so close that a blanket could have been thrown over the first four. Patron Mal Pitman was called upon to present the Peter Westerman Trophy to Nathaniel Wilson, and the points scorers' awards in Periods 3 and 4 ... John Inkster being pleasantly surprised to find he had the most points in the latter. Dan Gleeson was asked to accept the Les Diener Trophy on behalf of HMCRRSA which had a narrow seven points win over Atujara MCC, whose organiser, Richard Metcalf, spoke on his Club's involvement in this competition. Trevor will confer with Dave Beechey, last year's "Pass the Spanners" winner, who has added to the trophy, to confirm the 2020 recipient. Presentations concluded with "Clubman of The Year", awarded to someone who has really put in! This time it goes to Kate Clarke for her efforts at the State Titles. Over the last few years, she started by manning the gate, then, after learning the Race Secretary's job from Ronna, has done it with some help and despite some distractions for the last two years. Kate humbly responded by putting it down to her pleasure in being involved with HMCRRSA and its members.

Meeting Closed at 9:15 pm

Secretary's Report March 2021

Last month's General Meeting was also our Annual Presentation Night, at which a healthy number of members and our friends from Atujara Club attended. Our Patron Mal Pitman was on hand to reward the successful members. The perpetual Ken Blake and Bob Jolly Memorial trophies, having been won by Rob Ruwoldt and Darren Trotter respectively, will now be on display in our cabinet. HMCRRSA won the Les Diener Memorial trophy by a mere 7 points from Atujara, 944 to 937, although we were only able to score over 2 meetings. Our riders were Danny Ahern, Nathaniel Wilson, Chris Hayward, Andy Pitman, Phil Baughan, Geoff Kelly and Dan Gleeson. The Peter Westerman Trophy was won comprehensively by Nathaniel Wilson with 431 points, next best being Andy Pitman with 255. With only 3 point-scoring meetings and no-one competing in Periods 2 and 6 and Class C, Period Awards went to Periods 3 and 4 only. In the latter, John Inkster scored 146 points between his 350 Aermacchi and 500 Suzuki, ahead of Simon Cook on 120. Prior to the State Titles, Geoff Kelly led Period 3 with his Manx and Goldie, only to have his off and give it to me by default. The eagerly anticipated Clubman of the Year went to a deserving winner in Kate Clarke for her efforts at Mac Park where she has served as Race Secretary the last two years, after previously manning the spectator gate.

The following week, Danny, Kate and I were the HMCRRSA presence at "SVIZIO" on Norwood Parade for a meal and drinks to thank the SAFMA members who come down to Mac Park each year to help. With good food and drink, and flaggies and DOCSA members for company it was a great night out.

Then it was off to Mt. Gambier again for the Classic Master of Mac Park, which was blessed with great weather. There were many quick laps set, for HMCRRSA attributed to Simon Cook, Chris Hayward, Murray Johnson, John Inkster and, until he unfortunately crashed on Saturday afternoon, Louis Pitman. Mend quickly, Louis! I brought home a broken Bultaco engine, and, with Sellicks Beach in two weeks, dug out my older engine that hadn't run for over a year. Fortunately, it fired straight away and felt and sounded crisp, so fingers crossed for when we hit the beach.

DON'T FORGET our Ride Day on Wednesday 28th April, and let's have a really good turnout!

Trevor Henderson, Secretary.



Trevor Henderson and his Bully

Minutes of HMCRRSA Committee Meeting 2nd March 2021

Danny Ahern, Andy McDonnell, Paul Walker, John Inkster, Dean Watson, Chris Hayward and Trevor Henderson were present at the 7:30pm start at MSA Hall, apologies having been received from Neil Watson and Bob Balestrin. All agreed that Geoff Kelly should receive the "Pass the Spanners" trophy for 2020. Minutes of the previous meeting were moved for acceptance by Chris, seconded by Dean, and carried with no business arising. Our April Ride Day will be limited to 100 over both Clubs, with limited power available. People will be needed early for sign-on and scrutineering. Paul asked about the A-frame, which Andy will seek at Mallala this weekend. Danny to liaise with DOCSA re stickers.

SECRETARY sorted out the order of candidates for the MSA Election. Sponsors yet to pay from the State Titles are GC Motorcycles (Danny to chase up), Retro Motorcycles (Trevor) and Pitmans M/Cycles (Chris). Danny has sent photos from the Presentation Night to Luke, who will add captions for the website. The night had a good vibe and the food, organised by Paul, arrived early which worked well. Merchandise will be able to be ordered via a form to appear in the Good Oil. Dean wants to do caps and bucket hats and will check prices of T-shirts in various quantities for our first run on the East Circuit. Murray Johnson wore a Club T-shirt to the presentations at the Classic Master of Mac Park. Dean checked the Constitution which stated that if memberships are not renewed by the end of March, those people are unfinancial and a rejoining fee will apply. Trevor will contact MSA for their position on renewing memberships and licences when their expiry dates do not coincide. Chris will investigate the process of renewing memberships via Ridernet. Danny noted that MSA is seeking nominations for awards at this year's "Night of Champions".

The Sporting Car Club will give us two sessions per day at Mallala on 17th and 18th April. The cost of \$100 per bike will be paid by HMCRRSA, riders needing only a licence; a form will be in the Good Oil. We could accommodate DOCSA members with Bevels and Pantahs.

Danny had a chat with Alex, President of Mount Gambier Club, whilst we were down there for our recent State Titles. Danny and Andy will be at Mac Park at Easter.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

Trev's Titbits – The Sands of Sellicks 2021

I have a particular interest in the Sellicks Beach races, for it was there that I made my return to competition after several years' absence. Spectating at the 1986 event, I determined to have a go at the next meeting, mooted to be in 2 years' time. My thoughts turned to a British 350 or 500 single, but these had shot up in value and my finances were pretty thin. Sitting in my shed was my Bultaco 125 scrambler in an incomplete and mechanically poor state since I'd reclaimed it. A list of Bultaco models and their years of manufacture turned up, showing that the Sherpa "S" scrambler was first produced in 1960. Now all I needed were front forks, swinging arm, wheels and an engine overhaul. Thanks to many parts being interchangeable between models, parts started to find me. I would not have been ready in 1988, but then I heard it would be on in 1992, so in 1991 I started attending HMCRRSA meetings at the Prince Albert Hotel. There was a buzz about the beach races and I was infected. After a promising start dashing down the beach, the Bulty nipped up, on petrol, despite a 500 main jet which was the

size for the 250 road racer with the same size carburettor. I recall that it was bloody hot that weekend, and I missed the one and only disastrous run by the drag bike as I just had to get out of my leathers. This event had been hard work for the then Committee, and there were inherent problems that caused HMCRRSA not to run Sellicks again. Over the next few years, we were approached by various local groups wishing to see it continue, and we agreed to organise the racing side if they would take care of the rest, but they must have realised the enormity of the task and nothing proceeded any further.

So, it's hats off to the Levis Club, who originally organised these events, for what they've achieved against a mountain of odds, for I can recall attending meetings as early as 2014 when they planned to revive the beach races the following year. One can only guess how many hoops they had to jump through between then and when the event finally happened in 2017. I'm sure the people who ran the original events from post-WW1 to 1953 didn't have to contend with concerned councillors, the local indigenous people, conservationists, friends of the dunes and plover lovers before the roar of engines filled the air.

Thumbs Up and change right,
Trevor Henderson #55.



Davo on the Kernich beast



Dan Gleeson rounding the turning point on his 750 Norton Atlas

Les Diener scores

2021 Les Diener Point Score							POINTS						
Updated 14/3/21													
Atujara													
Master of Mac Ma							Points	Points	Rider's Age	Bike's Age	Total	Accumulative	
Rider	Age	Riding No.	Machine	Bike Age	Results Race 1	Results Race 2	Race 1	Race 2	Points	Points	Points	Total	
Rider 1	Richard Metcalf	72	41	AJS7R	66	DNF	DNS	0	0	0	0	0	
Rider 2	Nick Berry	55	12	RDLIC 250	41	7th	6th	14	15	55	41	125	
Rider 3	Ken Ball	59	62	Suzuki 500	51	2nd	2nd	20	20	59	51	150	
Rider 4	Brett Metcalf	47	67	RDLIC250	41	1st	1st	25	25	47	41	138	
Rider 5	Clayton Titbrook	32	159	RDLV250	41	4th	2nd	17	20	32	41	110	
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Rider	Age	Riding No.	Machine	Bike Age	Results Race 1	Results Race 2	Points Race 1	Points Race 2	Rider's Age Points	Bike's Age Points	Total Points	Accumulative Total	
Rider 1												0	
Rider 2												0	
Rider 3												0	
Rider 4												0	
Rider 5												0	
											0		
							HMCRRSA	710					
							Atujara	523					

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Joe Ahern kicking over the Rickman Metisse

2021 Dates

Date	Event	Venue
27 th 28 th February 2021	Classic Master of Mac Park	Mac Park
13 th 14 th March 2021	Sellicks Beach Races	Sellicks Beach
19 th – 21 st March 2021	Festival of Speed	Sydney Motorsport Park
17 th 18 th April 2021	All Historic Cars and Bikes	Mallala
28 th April 2021	DOCSA HMCRRSA Ride Day	The Bend
11 th 12 th September 2021	Hartwell Seniors	Broadford
8 th October 2021	DOCSA HMCRRSA Ride Day	Mallala

For Sale/Wanted

Wanted	Single downtube frame to take 150cc Bultaco engine which is 375mm long	Trevor Henderson 8384 5284.
For sale	Tyres at a good price: Avon, Michelin, Pirelli, Bridgestone, Heidenau, Mitas	Wayne Nitschke 0400260214
For sale	1978 Triumph T140, in pieces but all parts are there ready for rebuild. Special tools and workshop manual included. \$5800 ono	Wayne Nitschke 0400260214
For sale	BSA ZM21 cases and crank, fair offer will secure	Danny Ahern 0407 826 951
For sale	BSA BM21 cases and crank, fair offer will secure	Danny Ahern 0407 826 951
For sale	Fibreglass Handlebar Fairing with Screen for \$100:00	Otto Muller 8263 5533



Jarryd Smiley doing a winner's wheelie



Peter Heyward shot of Bianca Bonner on her hand-shift Harley



Regular SA hand-shift competitor Mick Chegwidden got a flat tyre



Powder Puff backdrop for Murray Johnson - dreaming on the Kernich beast



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