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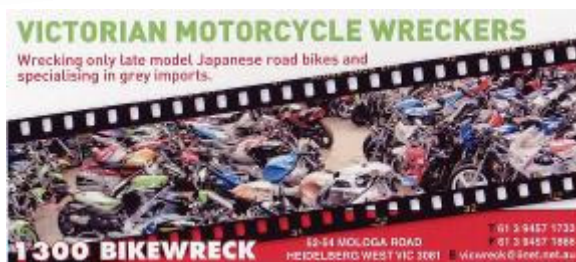
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Presidents Report

The Vic Titles have once again been run and what a meeting it's growing into. A few years back, interest and entries were waning and the club tried a few different strategies to redress that. We firstly invited the BEARS to join, then the Formula 2 sidecars. Now, numbers are such that we're creating new races for classes like P4 sidecars, FE 250's and 350's. With the surge in 125 entries, they may end up with their own race soon as well.



The multi talented president tries yet another form of racing at the Broadford Bonanza.

Speaking of strategies, the end of May see's us competing at Historic Winton. This most traditional of meetings has seen a gradual decline in motorcycle entries over the last few years. Your committee has been faced with a number of challenges regarding our continued involvement and whether members actually want to race at this event.

We've talked to riders from virtually all the classes and asked for feedback on what can be done to restore this event to the status it once had. The overwhelming response was that competitors didn't like the groupings of classes. Slower riders felt they became "moving chicanes" and faster riders believed that the disparity in speeds made the racing unnecessarily dangerous.

The option of simply giving the bikes more track time was not viable when you take into account that we only had 68 entries last year and Austin 7 turn away 300 cars. Austin 7 offered us the opportunity to change from 3 groups of three races per day to 2 groups of 4, with an increase in laps. We decided to give it a go and see if the groupings could be changed to address riders concerns.

Hopefully this change will be the start of creating an event that maintains the traditional "festival" atmosphere of Historic Winton and helps to draw competitors back to the event. We really need your feedback on this one guy's so please take a moment to give a committee member a call or drop us an email.

On a personal note, the racing calendar for the Marchy's has gone nuts this year. What with all the great classic events, plus Leanne and Chrissie competing in the Australian Sidecar Championships on the Clancy's F2 outfit, we seem to be on track about every fortnight! So why would Doghouse Dave and I take on a new project.....especially one advertised as "found on hard rubbish"! Who knows, certainly not the big bloke or I, but you can follow our reports as we turn a very ordinary Yamaha into a fun, clubby racer for hopefully reasonable coin.

Cheers, Marchy.

HMRAV PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2012 TO REMEMBER *(subject to change!)*

May 26 & 27 Historic Winton 2 + 4
Come & Try Day 14th July Broadford
October 20 & 21 for Southern Classic

HMRAV Club meetings are conducted at the

Mitcham Angling Club
19 Brunswick Street, Mitcham

Meetings are (usually) held every 4th Monday of the month from 7pm SHARP:

14th May 25th June 23rd July 27th August

Come along and join us!



Victorian Historic Championships - 21st & 22nd April, 2012

CHAMPIONSHIP RACES OVER 4 LEGS: Saturday, 21st April: Legs 1 & 2 - Sunday, 22nd April: Legs 3 & 4			
Class	First	Second	Third
Vintage Solos	David Gittus	Fid Pitt	
Class C Solos	Clive Harrop	Stan Mucha	Chris Beaumont
Classic Solos 250cc	Phillip Paton	John Imrie	Bruce Meredith
Classic Solos 350cc	Phillip Paton	Bruce Marston	David Wain
Classic Solos 500cc	Jack Wright	Bruce Marston	Keith Campbell
Classic Solos Unlimited	Leigh Corbett	Russell Craddock	Keith Campbell
Post Classic Solos 125cc	John Boag	Tom Gill	Des Heaney
Post Classic Solos 250cc	Terry Morris	Darren Bramich	John Sedy
Post Classic Solos 350cc	Keith Campbell	John Boag	Robin Gibson
Post Classic Solos 500cc	Richard Collins	Brendan Burns	Tony Sovar
Post Classic Unlimited Solos	Rex Wolfenden	Peter Smith	Kelton Cheeseman
Forgotten Era Solos 125cc	Allan Wettenhall	Bill Newton	Peter Forkes
Forgotten Era Solos 250cc	Mick Damon	Wayne Fary	Rex Dell
Forgotten Era Solos 350cc	Terry Morris	Des Heaney	Mathew Lazdins
Forgotten Era Solos 600cc	Mick Damon	Nick Van De Zand	Colin Heather
Forgotten Era Unlimited Solos	Michael Dibb	Stuart Loly	Andrew Lind
Classic Sidecars up to 650cc	Robert Todd / Lloyd Todd	Bill Hargrave / Ken Howie	Doug Gorrie / Stuart Williams
Classic Sidecars Unlimited	Garth Francis / Paul Kenny	Brian March / Leanne March	Bruce Marston / Graeme Marston
Post Classic Sidecars 836cc	Tim Campbell / Bryan Fitzgerald	Steve Barnett / Alaina McCarthy	Terry Gay / Greg Butler
Post Classic Sidecars Unlimited	John Clancy / Adrian Lovelace	Peter Cheeseman / Sean Cheeseman	
Forgotten Era Sidecars	Bruce Collins / Peter De Angelis	Richard Hirst / Brendan Justice	Darren Bilney / Rod Bell
Formula 2 Sidecars	Ron Marten / Gavin Smith	Mick Alton / Mark Patterson	Chrissie Clancy / Leanne March
HAROLD CARTER MEMORIAL TROPHY (Fastest 30 Classic Solos)	Jack Wright	Leigh Corbett	Phillip Paton
RICHARD FRANK MEMORIAL Classic Sidecar Handicap	Geoff Dodds / Zane Dodds	David Wain / Greg Ditchfield	Doug Gorrie / Reg Boeti

**** NEW LAP RECORDS ****

21st April RACE 1, Classic Unlimited Sidecar - 1:16.322 by Garth Francis & Paul Kenny

21st April RACE 2, 125cc Forgotten Era - 1:12.869 by Peter Forkes

21st April RACE 12, 125cc Forgotten Era - 1:12.168 by Peter Forkes

21st April RACE 19, 600cc Forgotten Era - 1:06.685 by Colin Heather

22nd April RACE 42, Unlimited Forgotten Era - 1:00.747 by Michael Dibb



Above and below the riders and officials gather early Saturday morning for the Riders Briefing. *Pics Sandy Pitt*



Special Thanks to: Peter Wright at KTJ Images.
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It seems only appropriate that a common machine such as a Triumph be used to push a Thoroughbred racing machines like a Norton. Oh the humiliation!



The Richard Frank Memorial Sidecar Handicap winners, Geoff Dodds & Zan Dodds with Marilyne Frank.

Pic Marg Todd

Victorian Historic Titles 2012

A great weekends racing was had by all at this years Victorian Historic Titles held at Broadford. This is becoming a very well supported event and is turning into a must-do meeting many for many Victorian and interstate competitors.

From first timers to the acknowledges pace-setters all entrants enjoyed an event that ran smoothly from beginning to end. This only happens because of the commitment of the many people both committee members and race day volunteers.

Thanks also to the spectators who applaud the endeavours of all racers wether they're first across the line or back in the field. They certainly add to the atmosphere of the meeting both in the pits and along the fence.

A special mention to all who supported the raffle held over the weekend. \$425 was raised for The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation. Congratulations to Marg Todd 1st, Brian March 2nd and Charley from Wedderburn 3rd.



**The Royal Children's
Hospital Foundation**



A very special thanks to all the officials and volunteers who ensure we can put on the best Historic Motorcycle meeting! Thank you all very much.

Photos courtesy Sandy Pitt



Reg and the Baby Zed

Recent Racing convert Reg Boeti has just completed his first race meeting. He rode the mighty Z500 with style and even managed to stay on the sidecar with a Gorrie!

As a first year member of HMRAV I lined up for the first time at the 2012 Victorian Championships at Broadford. I had done a little bit previously, having a go at a couple of come and try days on the sidecars (great fun) and was lucky to get a ride as passenger on the number 42 Norton at last year's Mt Tarrengower hill-climb (thanks Marchy).



As I motored out for the first qualifying section, my 1981 Z500 Kawasaki (more affectionately known as the baby zed) was running great, no surprise as it was built up by 'Doghouse' Dave Philpots. I managed to get over the nerves and survive for the first session, first lap a blistering 1:42 – but I was happy just to make it back to the pits in one piece.

The nerves then struck for my first race. Lesson number 1 – If you are really slow off the mark no-one waits for you. Getting lapped was expected but the speed of the leaders and their level of skill is really impressive, and something to aim for. I managed to survive this race and the rest of the day – with lap times now getting into the mid-thirties.

Day two emerged after a great night with a couple of drinks and plenty of laughs and I was keen to get those times down. Leg three came and a bit too much ambition had me hard on the brakes, running very wide and almost paying the schoolhouse a visit. Lesson number 2 – one day's experience does not let you keep up with the pack.

An unexpected event got me a ride as passenger on Doug Gorrie's 1950 BSA in the Richard Frank handicap. Doug put the BSA through its paces and we managed to come home in third place because of his spirited ride. Thanks for the opportunity Doug. The last race came and by this stage I had my times in the high twenties which I was very happy with but something new happened – I managed to pass another rider which was a whole new experience...(Ok, ok he had mechanical problems!)

All in all I had a fantastic weekend, racing classis bikes is great fun and the terrific people involved make the events even better. I'm very grateful to Brian and Leanne March for their help and encouragement to get me in to racing. Now to work on those corners, maybe some race tyres, maybe see if Doghouse can extract a few more herbs from the baby zed... Lesson number 3 – I'll be back!!

Minutes from HMRAV Meeting



Date 26/3/2012

Time 7.00

Venue Mitcham angling club

Present; Doug, Kelly, Dave, Mick, Phill, Glen, Craig, Marg, Toddy.

Apologies; Brian, Leanne, Chris, John.

Meeting opened at 7.10

Item 1 Matters arising from last minutes.

No matters arising as Phillip thought he had emailed the minutes but hadn't. Apologies.

Item 2 Presidents report.

Come and try Day, Do we need a sub committee to organize the next day? Kelly mentioned that Broadford had a crew that you could hire to do the flagging duties and run the start line for the day. We would then only need to do scrutineering and entries.

Mt Tarrengower. Toddy mentioned that we need to change the sup regs to exclude Pre 72 bikes, Only up to Period 4.

Moved: Dave

Seconded: Craig

Item3 Secretaries report

No report was tabled.

Phillip is happy to have his number down for enquirers about the club. Is working on creating a single Data base for the club.

Moved: Mick

Seconded: Dave

Item 4 Delegates report

Dave- Went to the MV AGM. Lots of motocross parents there trying to get on the committee.

Two Road racers are on the committee.

Daryl still president.

Andrew Weiss- General Manager position changed to CEO.

To be on the board you need to be a delegate or life member.

Dave will submit a report

Moved: Kelly

Seconded: Glen

Item 5 Race secretaries report

Vic tittles-Numbers low 122 so far. Side car entries down.

May have to split P4 and P5

Moved :Marg

Seconded: Glen

Item 6 Treasurers Report

No report tabled

Craig has spoken to Chris in regarding to what he needs to do.

Moved Doug

Seconded: Phill

Item 7 Vic tittles

Fliers/program cover: Done

Steward and C of C appointed: Steward- to be appointed by MA , C of C- John Painter

Responsibilities:

Race marshals-Kelly-Done.

Volunteers and helpers- Phill- contacting red plate members to volunteer.
 Permit Application-Kelly -Done.
 Track hire-John-Paid Deposit.
 Timing-Kelly-Done.
 Scrutineering- Done
 Trophies-Brain-Done.
 Supp Regs- Toddy and Marg- Done
 Program- Marg- Almost done.
 Track set up-Toddy, Marg and Brian.
 Raffle and prizes- Craig has a Sidcrome socket set, Dave has a box of things left over he will look through.
 Merchandise- need to contact Jess to see if she is keen to do merchandise.
 Badges- Toddy has ordered the competitors badges.

Moved: Toddy

Seconded: Glen

Item 8 Medical

Dave has contacted them to find out there sponsorship requirements. Will let us know as soon as he does.

Moved: Phill

Seconded: Marg

Item 9 Winton

Steward and C of C- Still to be appointed.
 Program- information needs to be given to Austin four week before event.
 Race Marshals- Don't do for Winton
 Volunteers- Phill Started.
 Permit Application- Chris / Kelly. Practice on Friday is run by AASA thru Winton management. Riders may not be covered. A note will be put on the web site.
 Track hire- John and Austin 7 Club.
 Timing- John and Austin 7 Club.
 Scrutineer- Morgans- Doug has booked accommodation
 Trophies- Brian?
 Supp ergs- Posted out.
 Track set up/ Pits- Not covered.

Moved Kelly

Seconded: Mick

Item 10 General business

Come and Try Sub Committee- Kelly as already mentioned Bradford has a crew you can hire to help do the flagging and start line. Approx \$400.00 for the day. Kelly will find out the details and check on track booking.
 Marg- Have the sponsors passes gone out. Dave will send them out soon collected more passes.
 Toddy- Suggested that we put the club champions from the previous years on the posters and program's for the years events.
 Committee liked the idea.

Mick- Need to change the red plate application forms. The word Motorcycle to Vehicle.

Glen- Need to encourage more input from members for Flat Chat.

Phill- Could some one please sort out Geof Hopcrafts membership.

Dave- Winton Dave will call John to make sure that everything is on track .

Moved: Phill

Seconded: Kelly

Next Meeting TBA

Meeting closed 8.45pm.

The H.M.R.A.V. would like to welcome the following new members:

Richard Muffatti Vincent Vidler Douglas Keath Peter Marriott Alan Fitzpatrick
 Lincoln Wilson-Tucker Matthew Taylor Tony Molluso Daniel Sandler Geoff Maddaford
 Graham Marston Darrell Groat Grant Douglas Raymond Zito Tony Bondarenko

Still Concerned!

Dear esteemed editor,

My good lady wife and I had occasion recently to take ourselves up to the State Motorcycle Complex to spectate at the Broadford Bonanza.

This feast of all things motorcycling was both exciting to watch and an absolute symphony for the senses. Wonderful machines could be seen circulating on Broadford's many tracks and indeed there were vast quantities of desirable motorcycles parked up and awaiting their lucky owners return.

We made our way to the area in the pit sheds set aside for HMRV members. I had a question to ask of that resourceful committee member, Mr. David Philpots. On arrival, I asked the whereabouts of Mr. Philpots and was told that he was out on track, participating in the Novice session. I returned later to be told he was in the Intermediate session, then the Experts, then pre-62 Race Bikes, Pre 85 Road bikes, V-twins, Sidecars and so on and so forth. Apparently, Mr. Philpots even attempted to participate in the Star Sessions!

It seems that over the two days, Mr. Philpots participated in over a dozen sessions and was even being spoken about over the PA system.

My question to you Mr. Editor is.....With the amount of time spent on track by this particular committee member and the fact that his Italian made leathers are the largest size available on the European continent, would the hard working HMRV committee ever consider selling advertising space on the robust figure of Mr. Philpots?

As ever.....

Concerned of Moonee Ponds.



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So you've joined the club and got your red plates for your pride and joy. Feel like showing it off a bit more? maybe a few laps around the track? With the new rules on club plates the number of members applying has grown and we would like to get you more involved in the club.

You may think this is a thinly veiled way of asking for volunteers to come up and help out at the events put on by the club, and you'd would be right. But by volunteering to help out you will get to see the action up close and personal. So if your interested in helping on the dummy grid, recovery, setting up, pulling down and want to score a free ticket then give me a call.

For this years Southern Classic we are asking for all red plate members to come along and get involved. We would like to organize a mass ride to the track, static display of the bikes and then possible parade laps around the track during the lunch time interval. But we need your help to make this happen.

So if you would like to get involved in any way, or have suggestions of activities for red plate members then please contact Phillip Watson Volunteers liaison on 0413 999 194.

Project Shitbox!

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Episode 1



Over the coming months we'll laugh along as the intrepid team from Numbskull Racing attempt to show how you go racing on a budget. Good Luck boys...you'll need it!

WHY.....it's a good word isn't it. A three letter word that's a question all in itself. It's also sometimes a question that just can't be answered.

That man about town, Doghouse Dave Philpots and I had decided we needed to have another project. Not happy with the countless other complexities in our lives, we've decided to build up a clubby racer on the cheap to prove to everyone that it can be done.

What to buy....we searched ebay, gumtree, trading post even Craigs list.....then I got the call. Doghouse had found it, an RDLC described as being "found on hard rubbish".....we had to have it.

I didn't even bother to look at the photos. Would you?

We set ourselves a limit of \$350 each and made our bid. Incredibly other people were also interested....what's going on out there? Are you all off your medication!

Luckily, Doghouse is a man not often beaten and the shitheap, I mean motorcycle was ours.

Next problem - who's going to get it. Turns out it was located up in the hills, red neck country. Obviously, you call the club's resident red neck, Doug Hicks and ask him to grab it for you. I think we should have warned Dougie....apparently the wheels wouldn't turn, the brakes didn't work and the tyres didn't actually make a lot of contact with the rims. Luckily for us, Doug's a resourceful fella and he managed to get it up on the trailer for a hand over at the Vic Titles.



When Doug arrived, Leanne and I took a walk over to inspect the shitbox, I mean motorcycle. There's was a period of silence, then I thought I'd open up with "It has huge potential, you wait and see". Leanne said "I know, you and Doghouse have a dream", she then shook her head and walked away.

Standing there alone in the car park, I too started to wonder.....WHY.

But there's no situation that a 6'2" 120 kilo optimist can't fix. Once Doghouse arrived on the Sunday, the plans were hatched. A head from England, (apparently you don't get one for your \$680), fibre glass from Sydney, a kit through the brakes, a bit of a clean and we'll be racing before you know it.....simple!

So I had the honour of bringing it home and parking it under my carport. It's currently sitting on the only thing that actually works, the side stand. Even the resident Rottie thinks it's pretty ordinary.

Is there a timeframe? Mmmmm maybe the Vic Titles 2013. We'll keep Glen posted with updates and we'll try and keep tabs on the cost's. Hopefully we can show that it is possible to get something on track for reasonable cost. It won't be the fastest bike out there, we want to keep it simple and reliable. We might even let a few newbies have their first experience at racing on it. A sort of club bike type of thing.

So there you have it. Still don't know why, just know it'll be fun.
Cheers,

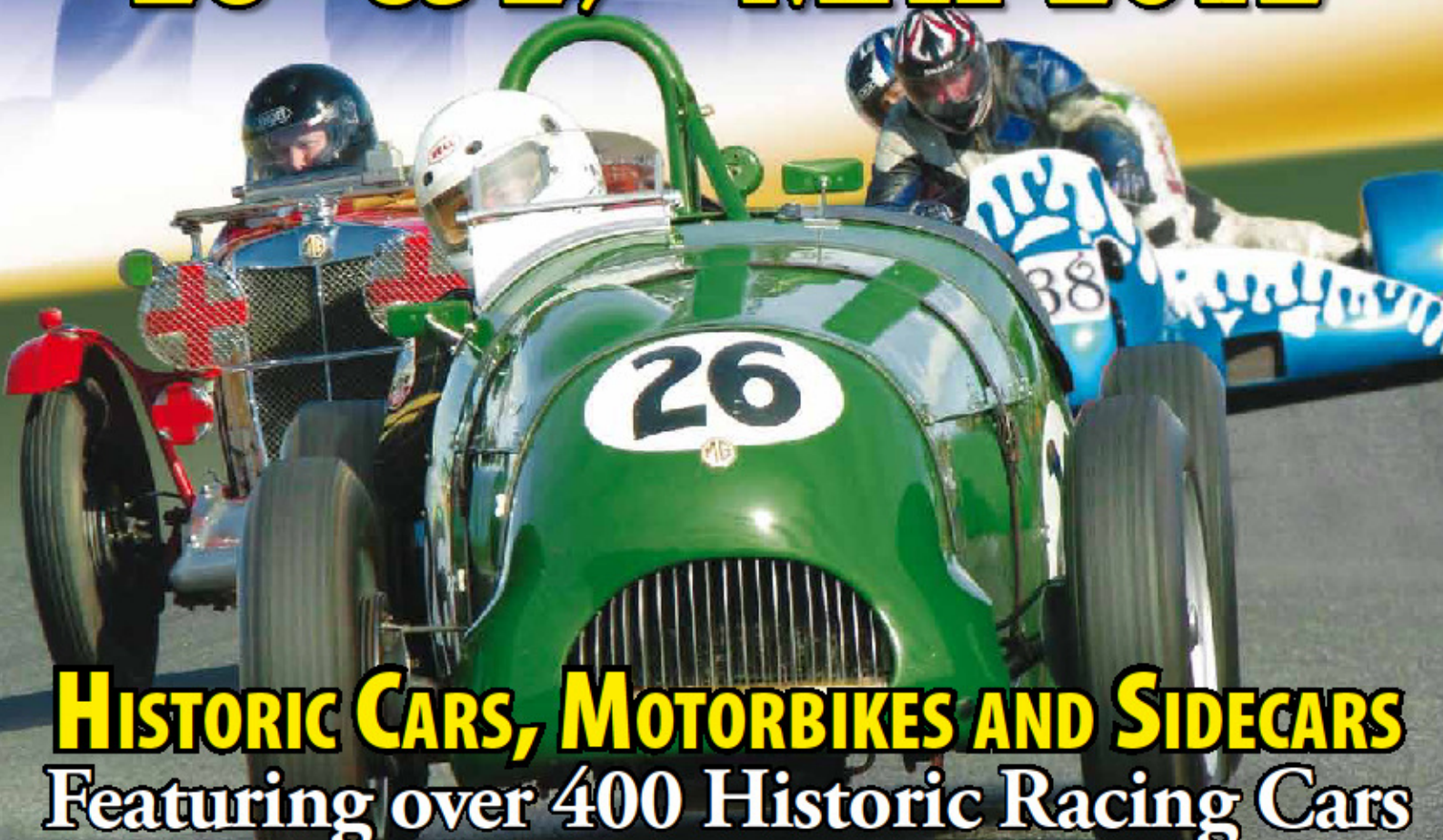
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