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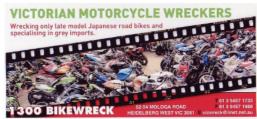






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Presidents Report

Welcome to 2013! Another bumper year for all of us racers. So many great events all over the country....historic racing is looking healthier than ever.

Committee's everywhere are working hard to provide the type of events that'll appeal to racers and get them to enter. It's a very competitive world out there and you have to put the effort in to attract good fields.

HMRAV have been running events for over thirty years and we've built up a loyal following. Over 200 entries at last year's Southern Classic is testimony to that. But it's not easy.

This month we've been in negotiations with a number of parties in relation to rising costs. It seems to be a constant, New Year – new price rises. Everybody, including MV are putting their cost's up. The price to hire Broadford has risen \$2000 per weekend in 2013. It's been explained that this money is to go towards re-surfacing in the future, but that's still \$4000 extra we have to find to hold our two major Broadford events this year.

If you check through the minutes of the January meeting in this issue, you'll see the report from Doug on the wash up from the Southern Classic 2012. Basically the only "profit" the club made was from merchandise and gate takings. So with the rise in track hire costs in 2013, we'd be walking a very fine line if for instance we had poor weather at one of our meets.

So how are we going to approach all of this? The most obvious to all the racers out there is price rises with entries. Yes, we really had no choice. It's only a very small amount and if you multiply it by 200, it will cover the rise in track hire.

What else....more sponsorship is needed. Your promotions subcommittee, headed up by that man about town, Dave Philpots, is working hard to sure up some extra sponsors and hopefully they'll help us keep our costs down.

Spectators....we're contacting as many clubs as we can and promoting ourselves all over the internet and print media. Track days....the Girls Track Days and Come and Try's are brilliant for the club and we've signed up a heap of new members from them. Red Plates....this has been a real growth area for the club and another revenue source.

So, as you can see there's a massive amount going on behind the scenes to keep everything rolling along and the cost to you, our members, down.

What can you do? Keep racing is the big one. Keep supporting the club and all our events. Talk us up to anyone who'll listen and maybe buy a bit of merch at the next event. It's a challenge but we're up for it.

Cheers, Marchy.

HMRAV PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2013 TO REMEMBER (subject to change!)

Have a look at the back page! There's HEAPS



HMRAV Club meetings are conducted at the

Mitcham Angling Club 19 Brunswick Street, Mitcham



Meetings are (usually) held every 2nd Monday of the month from 7pm SHARP:

Come along and join us!

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Geelong Revival - 1st & 2nd December, 2012

Thanks to Marg Todd



Stacey Heaney





Butch Davies & Wal Dodds





a happy Des Heaney



Doghouse Dave Philpots



Jeff Hoinville



David Wain & Greg Ditchfield



Geoff Dodds & Zane Dodds



Machine change for Max Hooper



John Trease

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Date: 14th of January. 2013

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club



Present: Brian March, Phil Watson, John Daly, Doug Hicks, Kelly Spargo, Craig Anson, Mick Chegwidden, Dave Philpots, Glen Dane, Rebecca Betteridge, Ellie Betteridge, Leanne March, Robert Todd (for a brief moment).

Apologies: Marg Todd, Jess Harris

The meeting opened at:7.10 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

No issues.

Moved: Leanne March Seconded: Phil Watson

ITEM 2: PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Refer attached.

Moved: Glen Dane Seconded: Rebecca Betteridge

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Bruce McGregor contacted – re refund for Southern Classic. Kelly to check tomorrow night, if on refunds list. Phil wanting an updated members' list. Has sent 3 emails to Mandy not responded to. Issues with existing members not getting membership cards.

Brian to investigate and speak with several people to request if they can take on role

Moved: Craig Anson Seconded: Mick Chegwidden

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT

Dave Philpots unable to attend.

Venue Inspector Paperwork – created by MA.

Club Emergency Plan – John to liaise with MA to confirm what needs to be completed.

Moved: Doug Hicks Seconded: Mick Chegwidden

ITEM5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

2 entries received for Vic Titles.

What happens if we do have a death at the circuit? Need to consider what we do in those circumstances. Does the meeting continue? Decision is up to promoter. John to request copy of Austin 7's policy.

Committee to look at creating a policy.

Moved: Glen Dane Seconded: Phil Watson

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

\$22,041.83 – every day account \$60,109.50 – term deposit

Southern Classic 2012 Monies:

\$33,910 – including 2,757 in refunds outgoing.

\$41,433 – income \$7,522 profit; gate just over \$6,000.

\$3,000 sales in merchandise.

Southern Classic 2011 Monies by comparison:

\$7,500 profit and \$2,000 in merch

3 rubber cheques : \$220 X 2, \$60 X 1

Entries and sponsorship pay for meeting. Gate and merchandise contributes towards profit.

Moved: John Daly Seconded: Glen Dane

Item 8: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

Dave to chase up outstanding payments from sponsors.

Doug circulated advertisement and flyer for Vic Titles.

Doug to advise to proceed.

Dave following up on all sponsors to confirm the continued involvement.

Contacted Pit Lane – no response.

Brian received 2 emails from Café Racer Club, both wanting to become members.

Also Mornington Peninsula Motorcycle club.

More people contacting following Dave's generic e:mails to motorbike clubs.

Moved: Phil Watson Seconded: Dave Philpots

Item 8: MERCHANDISING OFFICER'S REPORT

Attempted to sell merchandise at Mac Park, sold small amount.

Ideas for this year:

MV and girlrider organising Tshirts for girls only track day.

Bec to speak with Peta from MV and Yvonne from Girlrider

Side car challenge T Shirt – emails have been sent to Gene Lopeman and Danny Ahearn.

Bec chasing up same merchandise but from a cheaper provider. Also chasing up costs from printing companies who may be able to do it cheaper.

Also different forms of merchandise – including hoodies. Mick to follow up with details on where may be able to obtain cheaper hoodies.

Other designs as well.

Still have 100 2011 stubby holders. To be given away – buy a T shirt get a free stubby holder.

Vic Titles – concentrate on selling windcheaters and beanies.

Selling of programs and posters to be done at merchandise tent.

Doug to organise programs and posters.

Moved: John Daly Seconded: Glen Dane

Item 9: CAMPING FEES AT BROADFORD/TRACK HIRE

Kelly advises that the MV Board are behind the increase in Hire fees and new Camping fee, not new manager at Broadford. Email sent to Andrew Weiss – Brian stated that he responded very quickly with a statement that he'll put it to the board again for discussion

Open for discussion:

Discussion ensued – everyone happy for Brian to continue fighting the battle. If we lose then the costs will have to be borne by the club.

Board Meeting tomorrow – outcome by Thursday.

Moved: Phil Watson Seconded: Rebecca Betteridge

Item 10: VIC TITLES

Permit: Kelly to arrange – requires cheque from Doug.

Medical: Race Solutions – Brian and Kelly to contact Martin.

Officials: Kelly to organise at next meeting at start of February.

Scrutineering: John Clancy for Friday arvo/ Morgans for Saturday and Sunday. If an issue, Dennis to be approached to do.

Entry forms/ Supp. Regs: Online and posted out this week.

Program /sponsors: Marg to do the Program? Glen to speak to Marg to determine who does what.Promotions people to start forwarding details to Marg asap. Sponsors to be locked in before next meeting.

Trophies: Brian to arrange trophies.

Volunteers: Phil to do. New member Lisa Hickingbotham wishes to help out.

Merchandise: Bec to organise – wishes to order more hats and 56 more men's T shirts.

Toddy to organise badges.

Promotion:

Marquee – to be arranged by Craig Anson, Kelly and Dave to check out the position for the marquee.

Having a film night instead of a band.

Catering – Phil to e:mail Tess re catering.

*Seymour Classic Car Club - to attend. Great feedback from Kurt.

*Thunderbikes-Some interest prior to S'Classic, but no one entered. Back in again for the Southern Classic.

Trade alley – to entice traders – girl rider; andystrapps; John to contact Mitchell Shire to link us in with local traders.

Cost of entry – to be looked at for Southern Classic.

John to contact Scouts.

*Thunder-road Brewery – to be advised.

Moved : Dave Philpots Seconded : Mick Chegwidden

Item 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

No to snatch strap.

Sup Regs for Vic Titles will be mailed out this week.

Lunches for volunteers – all the people that HMRAV contact are considered volunteers; race solutions volunteers; computime – approximately 35 people X 2 days. Phil to negotiate with Tess that \$1,000 for weekend for lunches and dinners - with \$400 budget per day.\$100 on top of that to play with.

John suggested that riders who enter pre-purchase tickets and they get half the cost back per ticket. To discuss closer to Southern Classic.

Check with Andrew Weiss to determine who runs the circuit on the weekends – if no-one then who do we contact if issues. Glen has a receipt from cystic fibrosis raffle.

President to put in his Flatchat report rationale for additional costs for club.

Doug invited all to a "red neck bbq".

Camping – HMRAV pay extra for facilities to be cleaned.

Mick has issues with red plating cars – non-racers, with nothing to do with racing at all. Discussion: as its still revenue for the club, if Mick happy to continue all in club voted for it to remain as is.

Easter – Broadford bike bonanza – pits booked.

AGM for MV coming up in March. All road race personnel will be leaving the Board. Require replacements for road racing, to be supported by HMRAV.

Scrutineering course to be established for some time in March.

Marg to update the HMRAV brochure and send a copy to Bec for her to print out and have in the merchandise tent.

Van and trailer now stored at the Betteridges. Request round the table to determine if anyone has any issues. No issues raised. Rounds for the Classic Sidecar Challenge are:

July - Stanthorpe, Qld

October - S'Classic,

December - SA Titles, Mac Park.

Now that the Vic Titles SuppRegs are done, Winton sub-committee to get moving.

Race Calendar - Glen.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting Monday, 11/02/13

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

Peter Forkes Ian Gallpen Teodoro Ori Bernie Lee Terry Spiller

Tim & Michelle Loone Glenn Carroll Ian Murphy

Andrew Boswell Michael Winch

Roger Baker's missing Manx..can you help?

My name is Brenley Jarrett, I am one of the eldest nephews of the later Roger Barker. Roger was an accomplished motor cycle rider through the 1950's and has feature in quite a number of motor cycle magazines in Australia and Europe.

Roger was unfortunately killed in a racing accident on the 7th July 1957 behind the iron curtain in East Germany. His two Manx Norton motor cycles were eventually sent back to Australia by Norton in England to Disney Motors (Melbourne) and were consigned to Roger Barker.

My late Uncle Aubrey (Roger's brother), my brother Tony and I have been trying to find out what happened to the two bikes after they arrived back in Australia in order for us to compete the story of Roger's life and adventures.

Unfortunately we have bee unable to locate these bikes and would really like to know if anyone has any information about these bikes or there whereabouts. We have quite a lot of Photos and information on Roger and the story of him which we will share if desired.

The engine numbers of the two Manx Norton's are the 500cc M11M72708 and the 350cc M10M72713.

Jack Walters may have take possession of these bikes because he had at a previous stage financed Roger into another motor cycle.

My contact information is:(0429) 796136 (mobile)

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If you can spare a couple of hours that's all we need.

Sell Merchandise, Work on the Dummy Grid, General Duties Helping set-up or pack-up, selling Raffle tickets.

You'll get free spectator entry for the weekend and a sense of satisfaction that only comes with being part of a fantastic event.





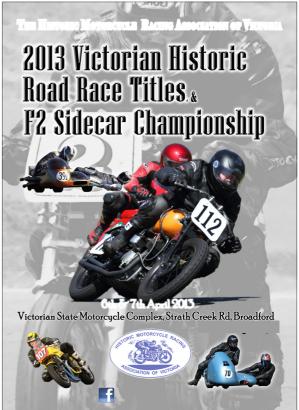
Contact Slim Phil now! Please...

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Let's Go Faster

Dave Betteridge reflects on his first two races as a throttle turner.

Isn't it funny how time flies! It's been five years since I'd first competed in The Southern Classic with Glen Dane on

the Triumph, sidecar #94, which just feels like vesterday. This time thou, I'm on the other side of the bike & my wonderful wife of 10 years, (once again, time flies) on the chair.

Bec had gained some Broadford experience at track days with the likes of Brian on his Norton, Toddy on his Triumph & John Clancey on his P4 & F2, but not in race conditions. I hadn't turned the throttle on a sidecar in race conditions at Broadford before & the bike had never been to Broadford, so let's say we're all a bit green! Never the less we're keen. We'd built the bike to race and support the Sidecar Challenge & with the second leg being at Broadford, (our home track) we couldn't wait to get there.





Going back two months to Townsville (fist leg of the Sidecar Challenge), I'll never forget coming around the last corner, onto the straight & seeing Leanne's eyes, wide, like dinner plates, because we were right on there tail. Bec & I felt like we were on something good being so close to those experienced & respected companions, but unsure if we could keep it up for Broadford, being a longer & faster track.

Qualifying saw us with a 1:37, about 11 seconds behind the Marchies. First race came around & you wouldn't believe it, I stalled on take off on the grid ha ha. I

think too keen. We got going but our lap time was only down to 1:36. Second race saw us down to 1:31. The last race on Saturday was rescheduled for Sunday morning which saw us get the bike off the line in the correct fashion & our times improved by a second.

The Ray Kelly handicap race was next and we were first off. We kept all but 4 at bay with Tony & Nathan (unlimited)

victors, Pete & Wayne (650) 2nd, Garth & Paul (unlimited)



3rd, & Bill & Ken (650) 4th. A fifth overall & 3rd unlimited over the line were valuable points for the Sidecar Challenge.

The next race was the best I've ever raced in as a rider, we got a great start which has us right on Bill & Ken's tail, running 6th coming into turn one. Brian was 3rd with Ditchy & Tiny #43, knocking on their door. You could throw a blanket over the four of us, we were all that close. Ditchy & Tiny #43, got around Brian & Leanne #42, on the 3rd lap, mid corner off the left hander while we'd gone around the outside of Bill & Ken at school house, then coming

round the left onto the straight, dajarvoo!!, There was Leanne takin a peek back at us with those dinner plate eyes!!. Bill & I swapped positions a couple of times through the rest of the race, he having the advantage on the straights & us on the corners. We finished behind Bill & Ken at the flag, but we'd been involved in a race & a close one at that. The experience & fun is worth more than any trophy. Bec & I had also done our fastest times in that race for the weekend, a 1:30 flat!!



Many thanks to all the throttle turners I've swung for!

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2013 Calendar

Monday 14th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham) January

Monday 14th HISTORIC PRACTICE DAY (Broadford) Friday 25th - Sunday 27th Island Classic (Phillip Island)

Monday 11th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham) February

Saturday 16th Female Ride Day (Broadford)

Monday 11th *Committee/General meeting (Mitcham)* March

Monday 18th HISTORIC PRACTICE DAY (Broadford)

Monday 1st HISTORIC PRACTICE DAY (Broadford) <u>April</u>

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th Victorian Historic Titles (Broadford) Monday 15th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham)*Note 3rd Monday

Saturday 4th Female Ride Day (Broadford) May

Monday 13th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham) Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th Winton 2 + 4 (Winton) Monday 27th HISTORIC PRACTICE DAY (Broadford)

Monday 10th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham) June

Sunday 28thCome & Try Day (Broadford)

Monday 8th *Committee/General meeting (Mitcham)* July

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st QEMSC Big Chill (Carnell Raceway Stanthorpe QLD) #1

Monday 22ndHISTORIC PRACTICE DAY (Broadford)

Friday 2ndFemale Ride Day (Broadford) August

Monday 12th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham)

 $Monday\ 2^{nd}\ HISTORIC\ PRACTICE\ DAY\ (Broadford)$ September

Monday 9th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham)

Saturday 12th& Sunday 13thMt Tarrengower Hill Climb (Mt Tarrengower) October

Sunday 13thFemale Ride Day (Broadford)

Monday 14th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham) Monday 14th HISTORIC PRACTICE DAY (Broadford)

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th Southern Classic (Broadford) #2

Monday 11th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham) November

Monday 11th HISTORIC PRACTICE DAY (Broadford) Friday 15th - Sunday 17th Australian Historic Titles (Wanneroo WA)

December Sunday 1stCome & Try Day (Broadford)

> Friday 6th Presentation Night (Kew) New Years SA Historic (Mac Park SA) #3

Denotes rounds of Sidecar Challenge