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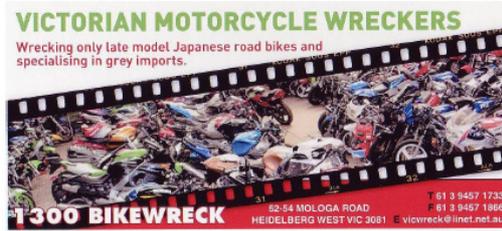


The newsletter of the Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria

**Annual General meeting
Monday 5th August
Mitcham Angling Club
11 Brunswick Road, Mitcham**

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Presidents Report

“IT’S SO NICE THAT YOU’VE FOUND SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN DO TOGETHER.....”

One of the great things about our club is the family involvement. So many families have such a long association with racing and HMRAV. And the involvement is growing all the time.

Husbands and wives, brothers, sisters, fathers and sons....we have so many families out there on track and helping out behind the scenes. They are the backbone of our club and something we’re very proud of.

Leanne and I started racing sidecars together about 4 years ago. We’ve had a lot of fun, travelled the country and had the odd bump and bruise along the way. We’re having a ball and just enjoying life.

So, in recognition of all the husbands and wives that are out there racing sidecars together, Leanne and I thought we’d share a few observations with you.....

- Family holidays revolve entirely around the racing calendar. Holidays are what you take when driving to an interstate race meeting.
- Shopping together means visiting AMX or another discount motorcycle accessories shop.
- The family car is now a van.
- You tell everyone that you’re “seeing Australia” when travelling around the country. When in fact all you do is sleep at the track, cook at the track, socialise at the track, race at the track then drive home from the track.
- You think it’s perfectly normal for your wife to swing with other men.
- You have conversations debating the benefits of front or rear exits.
- You discuss points 5 and 6 whilst walking around the supermarket.
- It’s good that racing sidecars is better than sex, as you’re both so knackered at the end of the day that there’s no likelihood of that happening.
- After years of indifference, your wife now has her favourite tools in the race toolbox. (It’s almost always the lock wire pliers.....)
- Even though nearly all the non- racing couples ask, neither of you want an intercom so you can talk during a race. Sometimes it’s best to keep your thoughts to yourself.....

We can honestly say that there’s nothing that can beat the fun of racing together.

Catch you at the track.....

Cheers,

Marchy and Leanne.

Upcoming events and committee meeting dates *(subject to change!)*

July

Monday 15th Committee/General meeting (Mitcham)

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

Monday 22nd HISTORIC PRACTICE DAY (Broadford)

Sunday 28th HMRAV Come & Try Day (Broadford)

August

Friday 2nd Female Ride Day (Broadford)

Monday 5th Annual General Meeting (Mitcham)



HMRAV Club meetings are conducted at the

Mitcham Angling Club
11 Brunswick Road, Mitcham



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

Come along and join us!

37th Historic Winton

Report by the non-racing (1st time in a long time) Brian March

Pictures courtesy of Sid Evans www.scephot.com.au

For once the weather forecast for Winton looked good, mild temperatures and best of all no rain. Those of us that raced last year will well remember how bad the weather was on Saturday and that things only really cleared up after lunch on Sunday. I'd decided that things were just a bit too hectic at home and had pulled the pin on trying to have the sidecar ready. A man has to know his limitations and I'd reached mine! Oh well, it was still going to be fun and Leanne and I were really looking forward to a weekend away with our mates.

This year we had gathered together a large group of volunteers. This has been something that we've been working on and it was great to have so many willing helpers. To share the load and take the pressure off people like Race Secretary Kelly and Club Secretary Phil is what we've been trying to do and the support of our volunteers is really appreciated.

We also had the pleasure of former President and Life member Toddy taking on the role of MV Steward for the first time. To have someone as familiar with historic racing as an official is brilliant for the future of the sport. However if Toddy was hoping for a quiet introduction to officialdom, this meeting was set to keep him very busy!

This year we received 92 entries, up from 58 in 2011. It's another indication that the change of program that we instituted in 2012 is more to peoples liking and drawing competitors back to this iconic event. As always, sidecar numbers were good, (even without Norton #42) with a total of 19 entered.

Practice/qualifying seemed to run without too much incident. Everyone looked to be enjoying the good conditions and re-acquainting themselves with Winton's bumps, ripple strips and slippery surface. Highlights for me were seeing Doug Chivas and Matt McKinnon on Doug's TZ outfit and the incredible speed and riding skill of Beau Beaton on the Irving Vincent P5 solo.

As the day wore on a few sidecar crews had some big issues with Garth Francis needing to do an engine swap and Geoff Dodds having a crank let go. We also had two sidecar passengers part company with their machines. Kevin Burns took a tumble from Ian Gardner's outfit exiting the left hand sweeper and club newcomer, Lisa Hickingbotham, had a close encounter with the air fence after coming adrift post the esses. Both swingers were a bit bruised and proppy but they walked away which was great.



Sunday was another perfect day weather wise and I was enjoying the freedom of being able to walk around the pits and chat to a few competitors. A couple of minutes with Keith Campbell revealed the gremlins had paid a visit to his pit, with both of his machines out for the meeting.

Kelly was busy organising the two handicap events and everywhere I looked there was a hive of activity. Two replacement swingers were located, with Chrissie Clancy taking over from Lisa and Alaina McCarthy jumping on Ian Gardner's outfit.

First highlight of the day was the incredible finish of



the Ken Lucas Solo Handicap.2012 club solo champ, Stan Mucha, just held off the fast finishing Garth Francis and beat him by a whisker over the line. A brilliant piece of handicapping by Kelly, Garth would've had him if the race had been 10 metres longer.

Once again there were a number of accidents and incidents. Our recovery crews for the weekend worked nonstop and I ended up on a first name basis with the medical staff!

One incident that caused a bit of a concern was that involving sidecar competitors Brian Williams and Paul Newman. As some would know, Brian is still on the recovery trail after a major race accident and his bravery and commitment are unquestioned. As you might expect there were some worried looks on the faces of the medical crew when they first encountered Brian. He was taken to the medical centre as a precaution but he soon put them at ease. I have to say here, Brian's wit and good nature really brought a smile to my face. He's a very inspirational bloke and it was great to see him walking from the medical centre, jumping on his scooter and heading off back to the pits. His crack at the Trophy presentations about not winning the handicap race raised a good laugh as well.

But the day wasn't over. A few more incidents involving upside down sidecars, exploding fairings, another sidecar passenger pushing the eject button and a couple P5 solo riders hitting the deck, kept everyone busy. I'm not sure if I noticed all the carnage more 'cause I wasn't racing or this was just one of those weekends. Thankfully there didn't seem to be too many injuries and everyone walked away.

Trophy presentation was low key and brought out heaps of smiles on some very happy faces. Stacy Heany seemed to take home at least half the silverware and her comments about being accepted into the historic racing scene were appreciated. So once again, a very successful Historic Winton. Good numbers, great racing, some awesome displays of riding and some lessons learnt the hard way. I enjoyed being Doghouse's pit crew and the banter in the Presidential pit was certainly lively! Thanks again to all our volunteers, officials and competitors for making this another brilliant weekend.

PS: You do know that the Steward has to do a written report on every accident at a race meeting.....



37th Historic Winton Results

Vintage Solos	1st	2nd	3rd
	Stan Mucha	Peter Birthisal	Des Heaney
Class C Solos	Ross Bolding	Mike Chegwidde	
Classic Solos 250cc	John Imrie	Joe Valenzisi	Danny Rock
Classic Solos 350cc	Phillip Paton	David Wain	Roger Ealand
Classic Solos 500cc	Greg Watkins	Peter Gregory	Ken Lucas
Classic Solos Unlimited	Garth Francis	Guy Brown	Doug Gorrie
Post Classic Solos 125cc	Ron Matthews		
Post Classic Solos 250cc	Phillip Watson		
Post Classic Solos 500cc	Allan Murray		
Post Classic Solos Unlimited	Kelton Cheeseman	Stacey Heaney	Stuart Gorrie
Forgotten Era Solos 125cc	Denis Brown		
Forgotten Era Solos 250cc	Robin Williams	Stacey Heaney	Paul Kenny
Forgotten Era Solos 350cc	Terry Morris	Peter Large	Joe Valenzisi
Forgotten Era Solos 500cc	Paul Sagasser	Denis Brown	Mike Van De Zand
Forgotten Era Solos 600cc	Daniel Sandler		
Forgotten Era Solos Unlimited	Beau Beaton	Stuart Loly	Mick Maloney
Bill Luke Memorial Trophy	Garth Francis	Phillip Paton	Greg Watkins
Ken Lucas Classic Solo Trophy	Stan Mucha	Garth Francis	Doug Gorrie

Classic Sidecars up to 650cc	1st	2nd	3rd
	Peter Large / Wayne Rowe	Stuart Gorrie / Aiden Westrin	David Wain / Greg Ditchfield
Classic Sidecars Unlimited	Garth Francis / Paul Newman		
Post Classic Sidecars up to 836cc	Calvin Merlo / Colin Magney	Ray Smith / Ron Gardner	Tim Loone / Michelle Loone
Post Classic Sidecars Unlim-	Brian Williams / Paul Newman		
Forgotten Era Sidecars	Doug Chivas / Matt McKinnon	Ian Gardner / Alaina McCarthy	Geoff Irwin / Chrissie Clancey
Side Car Handicap	Doug Chivas / Matt McKinnon	David Wain / Gred Ditchfield	Garth Francis / Paul Kenny

Vic Roads Club Permit Scheme as it applies to the HMRAV



The following information is supplied by Vic Roads and explains the Club Permit Process and the Obligations placed on our Club.

The Victorian club permit scheme allows members of motorcycle clubs that are recognised by VicRoads to make limited use of historic vehicles on the road network.

A club permit can be issued to the following vehicles in the following categories:

- Veteran vehicles – manufactured before 1 January 1919;
- Vintage vehicles – manufactured after 31 December 1918 and before 1 January 1931
- Classic and Historic vehicles - manufactured after 31 December 1930, but more than 25 years before the date of the application for a club permit

Financial members of VicRoads' approved clubs are able to apply for either a 45 or 90 day permit depending on how much use they expect to make of their vehicles over a 12 month period. If a person obtains a 45 day permit but later decides that this is not enough, another 45 day permit may be purchased later on.

- Club permits are issued for 12 month periods and vehicles are issued with specific club permit plate
- A windscreen label will be issued to assist in identifying vehicles operating with a current permit
- A logbook is issued to permit holders to record the use of the vehicle over the permit period. A log book entry must be made each day that the vehicle is used
- The logbook must be carried in the vehicle, or on the rider in the case of motorcycles, at all times the vehicle is in use
- *VicRoads may suspend or cancel a permit if the permit holder fails to comply with the permit conditions or engages in conduct which threatens public safety or undermines the integrity of the permit scheme;*
- *Clubs are required to sign an agreement with VicRoads that they meet certain obligations including that they notify VicRoads if they become aware or reasonably suspect a pattern of incorrect use of a logbook by a member. If this is not done, VicRoads will be able to revoke the club's approval to be part of the scheme.*

To apply for a Club permit you will need to complete a Club Permit Application form together with:

- Written verification by the club secretary (or person authorised by VicRoads) that the applicant for the club permit is a member of the Motorcycle club
- In the case of a club historic vehicle, a current certificate of roadworthiness or a letter from a scrutineer authorised by the club, stating that the vehicle is safe for use on the road
- Each year you will be sent a renewal for your permit and you will need:
To continue to be a financial member of the specified club
Have the Authorised Person sign your renewal prior to payment

If you have any further questions please talk to our Red Plate Coordinator Mike Chegwidan

Such is the nature of our sport that occasionally things go a little *pear shaped*. Unfortunately Alan Fitzpatrick had an incident at the Vic Tittles on his Unlimited Norton but it bought out the best our club has to offer! Below is a letter of thanks we received.

Alan & Marlene Fitzpatrick would like to thank the many riders & people, especially the rider and swinger on the Blue/white sidecar (you know who you are). The way people rallied around to help us amazing.

*We would also like to extend a special thanks to Rissole & Ted for coming into the hospital to see Alan on their way home. They certainly bought laughter and friendship with them.
Couldn't have done it without all the help*

Ride Safely

Alan & Marlene Fitzpatrick

**For Sale, Ducati 2005 model 749 \$10,000 or reasonable offer.
Allan Fitzpatrick Call 0400802571**



Annual General Meeting, your personal invitation!

Don't forget everyone the AGM for the HMRAV is on Monday August 5th this year.

With the club having grown to a record 350 members there must be some new or even old members out there who would want to get involved more with the club. At the moment the core of the club is about 7-10 people (sometimes more sometimes less) who organise everything from the newsletter to the race meetings. It's a great way to meet people make new contacts and find out what really goes on behind the scenes.

Personally I've met a great crew of people through the committee learnt a lot, been helped with my bikes got to ride others and I also like the added bonus of always getting a pit!

I can assure you that the 9am start of a race meeting is the culmination of a now well oiled machine that works very hard to get it right not just something organised the week or so before.

Marchy and myself went to speak to the BSA club a few months ago and they had over 80 members at a general meeting, they are just a social club not a racing club and basically apart from the British Rally its all social stuff and rides they even have a microphone and PA so everyone can hear what's going on!

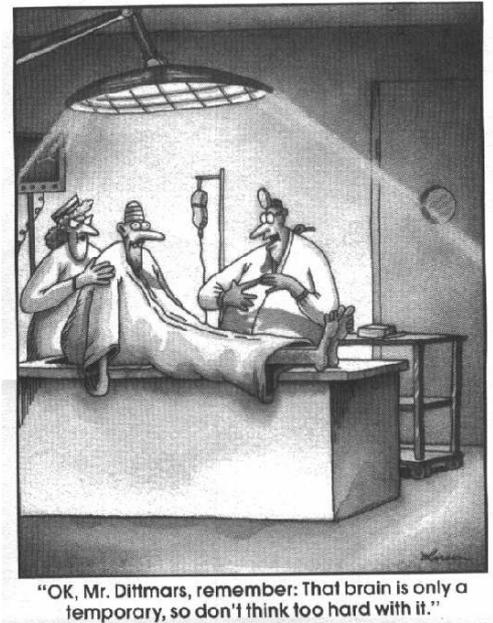
I attend the Austin 7 Club meetings to liaise about Historic Winton now and again and they have over 40 turn up so what's wrong with our members?

The committee is the base of the club if its not strong the club won't be strong. Remember that the current committee wont be there for ever so if you want the club to keep moving ahead get involved, want different race classes, get involved, want more race meetings get involved, want red plate/ social rides get involved its not that hard doesn't take much time and there is always plenty of help and of course no pressure. Being on the committee can't be hard work can it?

I'm the Vice President, MV Delegate and Promotions officer, I have a day job, married, play in 5 bands, have 2 race bikes and I'm in the process of building a sidecar. I'm no brain surgeon but if I can do it surely others can!

Now who needs that cheap operation on their head?

Dave Philpots



Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

COME & TRY DAY

Sunday 28th July, 2013



State Motorcycle Complex – Broadford

BRING ANY BIKE – INCLUDING RED PLATE or REGISTERED – MUST BE TRACK SAFE.

Full leathers, either one piece or zip together, are now a requirement.

****** Please complete both sides of this form! ******

Note: Motorcycling Victoria will supply a recreational licence to you free of charge for this event.

Racing licences are not required, although if you do have one, please bring it with you.

Please note that any inappropriate behaviour, including speed, will cause ejection from this event.

10AM START, please arrive between 8.30am & 9.00am

Rider (please print):..... Date of Birth:.....
 Address:..... Phone BH.....
 Suburb:.....Post Code:..... Phone AH.....
 MA Licence No:..... Licence Expiry...../...../..... Club:.....
 Passenger:..... Date of Birth:.....
 Address:..... Phone BH.....
 Suburb:.....Post Code:..... Phone AH.....
 MA Licence No:..... Licence Expiry...../...../..... Club:.....

AMBULANCE COVER IS MANDATORY!

CLASSES

(Tick Applicable squares)

ROAD MACHINE **RACING SOLO** **RACING SIDECAR**

Make Of Machine	Model	Year of Manufacture	Capacity

ENTRY FEES

PRE-PAID ENTRY FEE \$80 OR \$100 on the day, \$50 sidecar passenger only.

All National , State Levies & GST included in entry fee.

ENQUIRES: Brian March 0439 113 325 or (03) 9338 9408

MAIL ENTRY TO: HMRAV Come & Try, PO Box 2023 Gladstone Park, Vic 3043

ALL MONEY ORDERS or CHEQUES PAYABLE TO : **Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria Inc (HMRAV)**

NOTE – ANY ENTRY FORM WITHOUT PAYMENT WILL BE REJECTED

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MOTORCYCLING AUSTRALIA

WARNING!

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT WHICH AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY AND DO NOT SIGN IT UNLESS YOU ARE SATISFIED THAT YOU UNDERSTAND IT.

CONTRACT TO PARTICIPATE IN MOTORCYCLE SPORTING EVENT AND/OR ACTIVITY

1. I (block letters), _____ (RIDER)
I (block letters), _____ (PASSENGER)

HEREBY AGREE with the persons, organisations and bodies corporate whose names appear in Schedule 1 (hereinafter collectively called "the organisers") that I am by this agreement entitled to participate in the motorcycle meeting listed in Schedule 2 (hereinafter called "the meeting") at the venue listed in Schedule 3 (hereinafter called "the venue") on the terms and conditions set out in this document.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS, DANGERS AND OBLIGATIONS

2. **I ACKNOWLEDGE** that the sport of motorcycle racing is dangerous and that by engaging in the sport and participating in the race meeting I take and am exposed to certain risks and dangers and am under certain obligations as follows:
- a) that I may be injured, physically or mentally, and may be killed;
 - b) that my machinery or equipment may be damaged, lost or destroyed;
 - c) that other competitors may ride dangerously or with lack of skill;
 - d) that track or event conditions may be hazardous and may vary without warning or predictability;
 - e) that the organisers, officials, landowners/track operators and any agent or representatives of those in charge of race meetings are frequently obliged to make decisions under pressure of time and/or events;
 - f) that any policy of insurance of or in respect of my life or physical or mental health may be avoided;
 - g) that there may be no or inadequate facilities for treatment or transport of me if I am injured;
 - h) that I have an obligation to myself and others to compete safely and within the rules of competition.
 - i)

INDEMNITY GIVEN TO ORGANISERS

3. **IN CONSIDERATION** of the acceptance of me as an entrant in the meeting **I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY** the organisers and each of them in the following manner:
- a) that I participate in the race meeting at my sole risk and responsibly;
 - b) that I accept the venue as it stands with all or any defect hidden or exposed;
 - c) that I indemnify and hold harmless the organisers, their respective servants, agents or officials against any actions or claims which may be made by me or on my behalf or by other parties for or in respect of or rising out of my death or any injury, loss or damage caused to me or to my machine or equipment whether caused by negligence, breach of contract or in any manner whatsoever.
 - d)

SCHEDULES

Schedule 1	1) FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE MOTOCYCLISTE	
	2) MOTORCYCLING AUSTRALIA	
	3) MOTORCYCLING VICTORIA	(Local Controlling Body)
	4) HMRAV	(Promoter)
	5) MOTORCYCLING VICTORIA	(Land Occupier)
Schedule 2	STATE MOTORCYCLE COMPLEX	(Venue)
Schedule 3	HMRAV COME & TRY DAY	(Event Name)

RIDER'S SIGNATURE: _____ PASSENGER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____ DATE: _____

THIRD PARTY INDEMNITY WHERE ENTRANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

4. **I/WE** _____ being the parents or guardians of the person named in Clause 1 (hereinafter called "the entrant") **HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE**:
- a) that I/we have read the whole of this document and understand it;
 - b) that I/we consent to the entrant participating in the race meeting; **AND**
 - c) that I/we are aware of the risks, dangers and obligations set out in Clause 2 hereof:
5. In consideration of the entrant being accepted as an entrant in the race meeting **I/WE HEREBY INDEMNIFY** the organisers in the same manner and to the same effect as if I/we were the entrant.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____