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## Presidents Report

Welcome to the New Year and a new edition of Flatchat.

After complaining that summer was looking like giving Melbourne a miss, I'm writing this on a day when we're expecting a top of 44 degrees! That's even too hot for me to go out in the shed.....(though I am looking to install a split system in the Taj Mahal!)

The SA Champs at Mac Park post-Christmas was another top event. A huge turnout of HMRV members and a great weekend of racing. Stu Gorrie again provided a cook up on the Saturday night with around 70 people sitting down for a meal – brilliant effort Stu. He was ably assisted by maître de Doug, who ran a very tight ship and ensured everyone was well fed.

There were a few on track “incidents” in the sidecar fields with most walking away, or hobbling away hey Butch'e? But overall there didn't appear to be too many hard luck stories.

We also had a winner in our pit. Not sure if you all know this yet..... but VP, bon vivante, entrepreneur, man about town and rock and roll outlaw – Doghouse Dave Philpots – took out third place in the P5 Unlimited solos. I'm announcing this here as Doghouse is too modest to tell you all. To say he was chuffed would be a fair understatement. How did he do it.....we're not sure but let's just say it was possibly the greatest Steven Bradbury since.....well .....Steven Bradbury.

We have a big year ahead with all our usual events and a few newbies to interest you. I can now announce that HMRV are planning on running a Sprint/Hill climb series. After much negotiations and liaising by your committee, we hope to run a three round series starting at the Eddington Sprint, followed by the Maryborough Wings and Wheels and Mt Tarrengower. We'll have more details and Supp Regs to come but it's an exciting development and something we've been working on for a couple of years.

The Nationals this year are being run by our friends in QEMSC. They're opening up Lakeside for us all to have a play on and I know I'm excited about the prospect of getting out on such an iconic track. A lot of HMRV racers are talking about making the journey north to participate, so if anyone has transport options that they'd like to discuss, feel free to contact me.

The Vic Historic Titles are on over the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of April this year. That's the weekend before Easter and the Bonanza. It's a great opportunity to attend both events and enjoy two of the best weekends on the calendar. It's a good chance as well to convince your non racing mates to come up to the Vics and watch the racing, then follow up the next weekend at the Bonanza and get out there and give it a go themselves. HMRV will be out in force as usual at the Bonanza with Doghouse and I ready to roll the scooters out to do battle again!

So a big year ahead with lots of fun to be had. There's pretty much something on the calendar for all taste's and budgets. The Marchy's will once again be clocking up more miles than the Leyland brothers and enjoying all that our great sport has to offer.

Cheers, Marchy.

Check out Facebook for more of the President's unique multi-split Norton racing cases!



### **HMRV 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!**

# **January General Meeting**



Date :13<sup>th</sup> of January 2014

Time :7pm

Venue : Mitcham Angling Club

Present : Paul Booth, Doug Hicks, Glen Dane, Steve Howe, Mick Chegwiddden, Dave Philpotts, Leanne March, Brian March, Rebecca Betteridge, Ellie Betteridge, Ryan Betteridge.

Apologies :Kelly Spargo, Phil Watson, Robert Todd, Margaret Todd, Roger Gunn,

The meeting opened at: 7.00 p.m.

## **ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:**

All dates set for next year.

MV were slow in confirming dates, however all dates were approved.

Winton has track licence until end of May this year – situation normal.

Still working on MV for National Come and Try Day.

Moved: Rebecca

Seconded: Dave

## **ITEM 2: PRESIDENTS REPORT**

2013 was a great success with well supported events, the inclusion of Maryborough, increased merchandise sales and a very healthy bank balance.

A lot of time spent recently liaising with MV. They are supportive of us with maintaining Historic Winton. There were issues in relation to the MA track licence but that's been sorted. As far as MV is concerned, they can see no impediments to the meeting going ahead.

We are still in negotiations regarding creating a Sprint – Hillclimb series and the inclusion of juniors. MV again very supportive and it looks at this stage that we might be able to link Eddington and Maryborough sprints with the Tarrengower Hillclimb.

Moved: Mick

Seconded: Glen

## **ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT**

As emailed by Phil:

There has been no correspondence over the Christmas break.

Lots of people calling to renew their licences before the Island Classic. Is there a new updated members list?

Could a copy be sent out please.

Apologies to Doug, I am still tracking down the receipt from the Xmas dinner will get it soon.

Vic titles: Permit- I have the permit application filled out just need Kelly's preferred steward nomination and confirmation of medical then I can send it off.

Volunteers- I will talk to Lisa next week and start calling people.

Bonanza: Will try and get volunteers while doing Vic Titles

Hill Climb: I like the idea of including the juniors in the tiddler class.

150cc solo, 200cc side car is good.

Bikes up to 1972

I like the "dial your own" idea. But could it be more like the regularity they run for the cars - the winner is closest to nominated time even if they go over or under that time?

I would like to make a perpetual trophy for the tiddler class hill climb series.

Happy meeting

Cheers Phil

Moved: Doug

Seconded: Leanne

#### **ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT**

Delegate has not been provided dates by MV on when meetings are held. Will attend meetings when advised when they are on. Dave to contact them again.

Moved: Rebecca

Seconded: Dave

#### **ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:**

Everyone happy with Vic Titles supplementary regs. All agreed it is fine.

Rotating who runs in the last event of the day – P4 sidecars this year.

Happy to sign off on supplementary regs. Kelly has requested sign off on Southern Classic –to be completed soon.

Maryborough sup regs to be changed to suit Eddington.

Moved: Mick

Seconded: Glen

#### **ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT**

Term deposit: \$63,379.29

Savings account: \$44,837.54

\$15,000 to be transferred from savings account into a short term deposit account.

\$107,000 total in savings and term deposit.

May be time to consider when we will be replacing the van.

Dave and Beccy to follow up to confirm that fire extinguisher is located in the trailer. One on either side of trailer and at least one in the van. More extinguishers to be purchased – **Brian** to purchase approximately 10 of them.

Moved: Leanne

Seconded: Brian

#### **ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT**

Eddington sprints sorted out – 37 year old meeting. Same rules as Tarrengower – pre 1975 bikes, closed to club.

Saturday meeting – 29/3/2014, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. – ¼ mile on Playfair Street.

Requested bikes to be pitted together. If bike registered can do your run and then return to pits. Great if you want to run two bikes.

Not certain of dates for Maryborough.

Still trying to organise hill climb at Broadford.

Dave at Dyno bike been advised of Come and Try Days and is keen to become involved.

Moved: Doug

Seconded: Rebecca

#### **Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT**

Welcome the return of Becky and bubs.

Southern Classic rundown : \$3,692 of merchandise sold.

\$410 in pre-orders – great for the first time.

Pre-orders to be a standard in all sup regs now.

Southern Classic T Shirts – sold 48 (without date; sidecar and solo).

20 Southern Classic stubbie holders.

5 men and 5 ladies HMRAV hoodies.

A HMRAV ad to be included in the Winton program, publicising merchandise.

Banked nearly \$7,000 through merchandise in 2013.

Basically all old merchandise has gone.

Well done Becky!!!

Moved: Dave

Seconded: Mick

**Item 9: VIC TITLES**

SUPP REGS: All happy to sign off

PERMIT: Phil to organise

OFFICIALS: Brian to speak to Kelly

SCRUTINEERS: Doug to follow up

VOLUNTEERS: Phil and Lisa to follow up

MEDICAL: Hopefully Race Solutions

PROGRAM/FLYER: Brian to follow up with Sid Evans  
Glen to follow up with Margy

TROPHIES: Brian to follow up

MERCHANDISE: Becky to follow up with merchandise – no Vic titles T Shirt

PROMOTION: Dave to speak with Dyno Bike to see if interested in Big package for Vic Titles

TICKETS: Colors???

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Vic titles are a week before Bonanza. MV advise you can camp for the week. Watch the racing one week and then have a go on track the following week!!

Moved: Doug

Seconded: Leanne

**Item 10: EDDINGTON/SPRINT-HILLCLIMB SERIES**

PERMIT:

TRACK INSPECTION: Vic O'Driscoll on the day

OFFICIALS: Vic O'Driscoll; Race Secretary – Marg?Steward/CoC-?

SCRUTINEERING: John Clancy?

ENTRY FORMS / SUPP REGS: Should be able to use Maryborough's.

PROGRAM ARTICLES/ SPONSORS: Submit a list of riders – **Dave** to follow up.

TROPHIES: Marchy; Phil to organise trophies for the Tiddler class.

INCLUSION OF TIDDLER CLASS/JUNIORS: Brains trust to get together to work out points system for sprint series.

Moved: Bec

Seconded: Dave

**Item 11: WINTON – 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May**

MA LICENCE VALID UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> OF MAY 2014, SO WINTON IS ON. DISCUSSIONS WITH MV CONFIRM THAT SITUATION IS NORMAL NOW SO EVENT PERMIT SHOULD BE ISSUED – BARRING ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

INDIAN CLUB/PETE BIRTHISEL HAS AGREED TO ARRANGE DISPLAY OF BIKES.

VINTAGE AND VETEREN MC: LINDSAY URQUHART A MEMBER – MICK CHEG TO CONTACT?

DOGHOUSE IS LIAISING WITH AUSTIN 7:

Moved Brian

Seconded: Glen

**Item 12: BROADFORD BONANZA**

Doug has booked 4 HMRV pits. \$10 per bike charge for using the pit – club members only. Encourage

everyone to come up and enjoy a great event.  
Peter Drakeford has asked HMRAV to help with volunteers – **Phil?**  
Merchandise: Bec....do you want to organise anything?

Moved Mick

Seconded: Glen

### **Item 13: GENERAL BUSINESS**

National Come and Try day: Still have to confirm dates with MV.

Discussion re: Classic coaching day – at one of the historic practice days (week day).  
Names put forward as possible coaches:  
Keith Campbell from riders perspective (master class coach)  
Glen Dane from riders perspective  
Roger Gunn from riders perspective  
Toddy for side car riders  
Side car passengers (Steve Bonney/Dave Betteridge/Craig Longhurst)  
Motivational speaker :Marchy's have a friend who is a corporate coach.  
Discussion ensued all considered it a worthy idea – Brian to continue working on it.

Paul – air rated fuels – high octane with oxygen.  
MOMS – what does it recommend?  
MV nominated a few different types. More targeted at modern racing.  
Commercially available; approved by MA; can't put any additives into it.

Paul – requested race licence. Photocopy club membership and send to MV.

Doug requires Tess' phone number.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**Next meeting will be a general meeting at: 7:00pm  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2014**

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## **HMRAV CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT.**

Dave Philpots has some vague recollections of a great night!  
Marg Todd had the camera.

The HMRAV Christmas party has grown into a great success in recent years and a big night out. We had a record turnout of regulars with quite a few new faces which is a great sign. Its good to see the club growing on the racetrack and socially. The feed was great as always and quite a few beers were consumed with some of those being courtesy of the club as a way of saying thanks to the effort of all members on and off the track. Note to self: Get to bar earlier when complimentary beers are on.

We decided to have a raffle this year. Not only to raise some funds, but more as some fun. The prizes offered were mainly kitchenware, quality fry pans, a wok, some DVD's etc. Of course last prize was a wooden spoon! Don't forget fellas we could have got motorcycle stuff but we all know that the "Happy wife, happy life" theory works (or is meant to!) I reckon those prize-winners that went home with some of the kitchenware have probably got leave cards for interstate race meetings and approved funds for that long overdue set of tyres or rebuild! Don't forget to buy raffle tickets next year for that reason alone. It helps the club too. Thanks to Scullerymade one of our sponsors for helping us out with some special prices.

Stan Mucha won the club championship again with Rissolle taking out the Presidents award. Mick Cheg won the Dave Large award and Stu Gorrie and Aiden Westrip won the club sidecar championships. Congratulations to all winners.



Stu Gorrie 1/2 the winning sidecar team



We also added two new life members to the club, Doug Hicks and John Daley. Both retired racers and very long term members whose work behind the scenes over the years, which they both still do, has benefitted the club no end. Life membership doesn't mean you can slack off fellas! Everyone from the HMRV appreciates all your effort over the years. Thanks for your contribution to the club and classic racing.

A big thanks to everyone for making it a great night. A special thanks goes to the Todd's for setting up the rolling pics of members on the big screen. Marg used photo from her own collection along with some from Pete Wright from KTJ and Sid Evans at SCE . Its great to see them and remember the race meetings and good times.



Rissolle & Mick Cheg, both deserving winners

This year at the last minute there was a Presidential decree saying that there would be a prize for best Hawaiian shirt at the Christmas party. This information was not released to me until late Friday afternoon due to the fact that I have the advantage of having 28+ Hawaiians in my cupboard to choose from. I have paid a protest fee for this and I am waiting for the results as we speak. Fellow judge Paddy Clancy and myself did the rounds checking out the huge array of shirts..It was noted by myself, a self proclaimed expert on Hawaiian shirts (amongst other things) that some of the offerings were very poor and some what lacking. I will name and shame the worse two: Reg Boeti long sleeved with some kind of psychedelic pattern and Doug Hicks in his terrible purple Kmart special. Also a general shame out to those without matching pockets and cheap shirts you know who you are.



A fitting acknowledgment, Life-Memberships awarded to John Daley (with granddaughter Charlotte) and Doug Hicks

So for next years party I've made out a list on what you need to look for so you too can be the envy of your friends and perhaps pick up a prize. I recommend op shops where you'll get a good one cheap and possibly a real one actually made in Hawaii. That's

where I get most of mine from. You have 12 months to search for a good one to be in for the prize at next years Christmas party. I hear the prize could be a 62 Manx Norton or a can opener



Some much needed Glamour!

depending on club funds.

#### So here's what to look for:

- Short Sleeves
- Small Collar
- At least 3 colours
- Matching Pocket to the shirt pattern (Extremely important)
- Buttons made of wood, coconut or mother of pearl
- A relaxed fit, not too loose or too tight with gut stretched buttons
- Worn on the outside not tucked in. (Also important)
- Made of Viscous Rayon or cotton
- The louder the better
- Keep away from those made in Indonesia and Vietnam, poor quality.



Motorcycle racing will never be the same again!

Good luck with the search and see you at the races

Dave Philpots  
V-President HMRV

# Classic Sidecar Challenge 2013

Those Magnificent Men (and Women) raced all over the country again  
Brian March give us the scoop

For the third year in a row the Classic Sidecar Challenge has attracted Period 3 sidecar teams from all over the country. There's a great feeling of camaraderie amongst competitors and a sense that the Sidecar Challenge is a real test for all those who choose to compete.

Once again we've had teams travel thousands of kilometres and deal with everything from major blow ups to crashes. Personally I'd like to acknowledge all that have supported the concept and seen it grow into the number one series for classic sidecars.

As usual we had round 1 in Queensland, round 2 at the Southern Classic and round 3 at the SA titles at Mac Park. This year the Queenslanders picked their "Big Chill" meeting at a little track in Stanthorpe as their round. We had a great turnout from the P3 sector with 8 outfits entered. This year I had a mate, Reg Boeti, join me on the chair as Leanne's F2 duties were clashing with the Challenge dates.

Day one of the meet was cold and wet, (hence the Big Chill name) but other than us having wet leathers it didn't really bother the big wheelers. We slip and slide anyway, so a lack of adhesion is considered pretty normal. I do recall hearing the best announcement over the PA that I've ever heard at a race meet though, with Race Secretary Rex Dell announcing at 4pm..."It's pissing down, go to the pub".....so we did.

Day two of the meet was bright and sunny, though a bit cool. Serious racing could begin and it was now on in earnest. In the Unlimited's, Bruce and Graham Marston were doing well on their Harley engined Urquhart with Tony Jacobs and Nathan May on a Triumph snapping at their heels. The 650's were once again very competitive with Pete Large pushing towards the front of the field and Geoff and Zane Dodds showing good pace. Unfortunately there was a bit of a coming together in the last race between the Jacobs/May combo and QEMSC Pres. Gene Lopeman and his partner Vicki Butler. Gene made a bit of a spectacular exit off the track and into the infield, being dragged along the ground by his Sporton. All was good though and everyone was unhurt and in good spirits at the end of the meet.



Dave Betteridge & Stacey Heany

A special mention here to former WA Historics Pres. Craig Mitchell who not only travelled all the way from WA but brought both a sidecar and a solo.....well done mate.

Next round was at the Southern Classic but in between there were a few dramas for the Challenge competitors. Some of us travelled up to the Townsville for the TT. Long story short....the Marston's had a massive blow up on the Harley, (only rivalled by the one Pete Large had at Broadford a few years back) and Leanne and I had a crash. This was mid-August so there was some pretty hectic activity in the respective sheds to have both bikes repaired and back on track for the Southern.

The Southern Classic once again had a great turnout with a few extra Victorian outfits entering. Great to see Dave Betteridge back on his outfit, this time with Stacey Heaney on the platform. Dave had shown typical P3 grit by racing at Tarrengower the week before and doing a head gasket swap in the pits. This involved removing the whole engine and drive train to gain access to the head.

Racing was fast and furious with the Marston's on top in Unlimited and Pete and Dave Large dominating the 650's. Some particularly good dicing took place in the mid field pack with the last race receiving the "That was the best race of the weekend" comment from Toddy....and he should know!



Craig Mitchell & Michelle Loone

Reg and I had a ball and managed to finish every race....a must if you want to finish in the points. Unfortunately the Lopeman/ Butler combo were the ones to blow up this time, with the mighty Sporton holing a piston.

Craig Mitchell had again made the journey over from WA and he had taken on Michelle Loone as his stand in swinger for the weekend. Michelle was not only swinging for Craig but also for husband Tim in the P4's AND riding a solo in P5



250's....good effort! The two of them must have really gelled as they ended up winning the Ray Kelly Handicap.

So onto Mac Park for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final round. To take advantage of the 100 bonus points you need to enter and attend every round. The Jacobs/May team had decided to stay home with the family for Christmas so this caused a bit of a shuffle in the placings in Unlimited. Marston's were still in top spot, but Reg and I had moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lopeman/Butler had moved onto the podium into third. 650's had again been dominated by Pete Large and his team, with Geoff and Zane and a whole swag of 650's ready to fight it out for the minor placings.

The weather at Mac Park was a bit kinder this year with high 20's instead of low 40's....much appreciated by all. A few small changes to the track, (a bit of widening down the back straight and through the fast right sweeper) didn't seem to affect lap times. This round though the sidecar classes were all in, so we had a fair bit of traffic out there.

Saturday seemed fairly straightforward but things heated up on Sunday. Unfortunately Gene and Vicki's tough run continued with a detour into the sand trap exiting water tower which ended up flipping the outfit. Both were shaken up and a bit proppy but they dusted themselves and the outfit off and made it back out for the last race. Unfortunately, Mac Parks twists and turns, (and bumps) were a bit much for Vicki's bruised ribs and they pulled out. Well done though.....

So after three states, 20 races, countless kilometres, blow ups, crashes and just a little bit of heartache and soul searching, the Classic Sidecar Challenge came to an end. The trophies were handed out, backs were slapped and beer was drunk.



Geoff & Zane Dodds try and figure out how to avoid Gene Lopeman and Vicki Butler!

The Classic Sidecar Challenge has grown into a great showcase for classic sidecars. It's a must do event and it takes an awful lot of determination to compete in all three rounds. The people that participate do it not only for the love of the sport but for the great friendships that have developed over the years.

The Challenge has created a great deal of interest in the older sidecars and it seems new bikes and teams are coming onto the scene at virtually every meeting. In 2013 we had 17 sidecars contest the series. The crowds love the sideways action and clubs are promoting the Challenge on their flyers. It's been a great success and something I'd like to see developed in other classes.

This year the Queensland round will be the Nationals at Lakeside. I'm sure we'll get a bumper entry and with the other rounds at the Southern and Mac Park, 2014 could be the most hard fought yet.

#### Results for 2013:

##### Unlimited

**Graham and Bruce Marston – 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Brian March and RegBoeti – 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Gene Lopeman and Vicki Butler – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

##### 650's

**Peter Large/Lane/David Large – 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Geoff and Zane Dodds – 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**David Wain Greg Ditchfield – 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Peter Large & Dave Large leading Tony Jacobs & Nathan May



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