



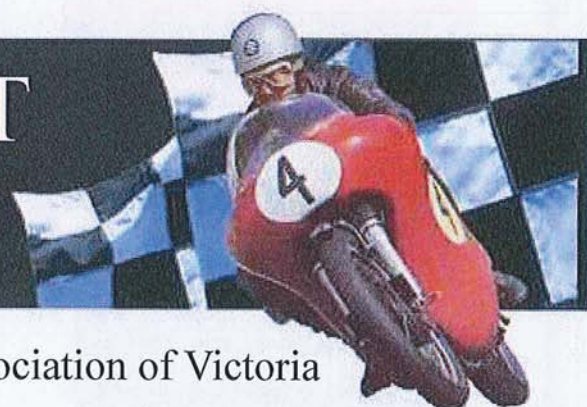
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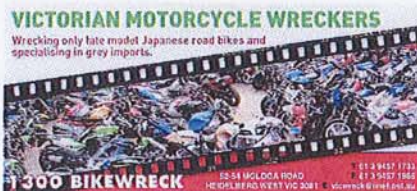
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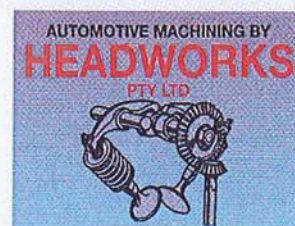
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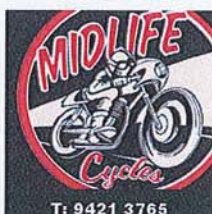
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Presidents Report

Welcome to the "new" Flatchat.

Why "new"? Because there's been a change of editors that's why. Glen Dane has handed over the editorial reins to Reg Boeti and stepped down from the committee. But more on that later...

Firstly, this year's AGM. Massive turnout, new faces on the committee and all the standing members voted back in....brilliant! A real vote of confidence in the committee and the direction they're guiding the club. The stability of the committee over the last few years has been instrumental in the club maintaining its position as the number one historic racing club in Australia.

So apart from the usual faces, we had Lisa Hickinbotham, Peter Large, Keith Campbell, Danny Serong, Chrissie Clancy, Aneta Philpots and Reg Boeti all join the committee. Plus John Daly has re-joined as a general committee person.

Secondly, I'd like to say a big thank-you on behalf of the club and committee to Glen Dane. Glen has decided to step down from the committee and his role as Flatchat editor. Not only did Glen do a brilliant job with the mag but he was a hardworking and supportive committee member. He was involved in many areas of promotion with the club and played a major part in the growth and awareness of HMRV within the community. Always good natured and up for a laugh, he was also your raffle ticket man at the Vics and the S'Classic.

Reg will introduce himself to you via these pages. I can say I've known him for over twenty years and he's a top bloke. One slightly worrying point is he usually pits with Doghouse, wears the exact same style of leathers as Doghouse and recently teamed up with the big man on his Harley outfit at Winton.....mmm a bit concerning. But on the flip side he makes his own wine and I'm told Reggies "Tin Shed Red" is a good drop, (though Leanne says that after one glass you feel like you're walking with flippers on!).

So....onward and upward for the club and let's all look forward to another great year of racing together.

Cheers,
Marchy.



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!

From the editor

Welcome to the first edition of Flatchat by yours truly. I would like to mention the great job that Glen has done over many years as editor and I have always enjoyed reading the latest edition of Flatchat to keep up with happenings in the HMRAV world.

I have been a member of HMRAV for a few years now and got my intro into our sport on a sidecar intro day at Broadford after some spirited encouragement from the current HMRAV President! After getting the bug and hanging around the pits for a couple of years with Marchy and Doghouse I made my first racing investment and bought an 81 Kawsaki Z500.

The 'baby Zed' as it is fondly known has competed at quite a few events without missing a beat but unfortunately spat the dummy in qualifying at the Vic Titles this year with a badly scored bore and oil and smoke everywhere... An overseas holiday (more on that later) and home renovations have interrupted time on the tools for repairs so now it's a mad scramble to be ready for the Southern... Unfortunately removing the sump last weekend revealed more metal than oil so a bit of work ahead.



I mentioned holidays and whilst overseas with the good lady saw the world's biggest fairing on a Vespa. Some said that it must be Andre the Giant's Vespa, others said it was rainproof! Either way I can't see this modification making it anytime soon onto the track at Broadford...

I hope to bring a little humour or racing tips to each edition, so please feel free to drop me an email with a funny picture or your tips on getting around the track just that little bit quicker.

All the best,

Reg #71

Townsville Tourist Trophy 2014

The best little race meet north of Texas

If you ever want to feel that you have made it big in racing, you can't do any better than getting your mates to load your bike and take it up to Townsville for you (and bring it back). So you can fly in, race for the weekend and jet out again. What a way to go.

Some people from the club with sidecar things and five solo dare devils ventured to far north Queensland for the running of the Townsville Tourist Trophy 2014. The barmy weather, great hospitality and the lure of racing under lights was just too much. Held at the Rising Sun go kart track the course is short and challenging. Practice on Friday is a welcome opportunity to get a grip on the track. After a few practice runs and getting used to the heat all bikes and those funny sidecar things were running sweetly and ready for the big program on Saturday. So we all headed back to Casa Del Hewitt for a BBQ some beers and relax. Again I was given the rock star treatment with my very own Japanese Apartment to stay in for the weekend.

Saturday dawned very early thanks to the local rooster, and it was off to the track. Practice, qualifying and two races for the day, followed by the one hour and sidecar invitational it was a long and frenetic day of racing. For those that like something different, and the highlight of the meeting, has to be the one hour race and side car invitational, for very different reasons. Those that have seen the photos will know what that means. The one hour race is just that, Two riders and as many laps as you can do in the hour. Total chaos for the LaMans start then the joy of being able to just get in to a zone reeling of the laps, then total chaos as you are passed again by the packs of faster bikes.



Straight after was the sidecar invitational and what a race it was as the track was turned into a cat walk of depravity. Under the glazed lighting of the track and bar-my heat it was more like a scene from Alice in wonderland than a race track. B1 and B2 battled it out with ballet dancers and men in mankinis on duelling side-cars. Images that hunted me as I slept that night.

Sunday morning and the bloody rooster had us up early again and off to the track. A more relaxed day with only two races and then a couple of feature races. With all the practice of the one hour race we all had our eyes in and this produced the best races of the weekend. Lots of passing and dicing with the solos, and lots of sliding and dumping of passengers in the sidecars. Once the sun had set and the racing was finished, beers were opened and plans were hatched for next year while the presentation took place. It was then back to our gracious hosts for a barbie more beers and a few kumbaya moments with B2 on guitar and B1 making up the words the soon to be released record for classic sidecar songs.

So if you're after a break from Melbourne cold some great racing and lots of laughs then make an effort and come up for the meeting next year, and as the Prez said about wearing a mankini "you gotta try everything once".

PS. A big thanks to the guys for taking my bike. The Hewitts for their back yard and everyone that made the weekend happen.



LeMans starts and Bananas on sidecars makes for a great weekend! Thanks to Maxine from Townsville for the photos.

Dear Esteemed editor,

My good lady wife and I recently attended "Historic Winton". What a truly magnificent event this is and a credit to HMRV that the club has been involved since its inception.

On walking through the pits I noted that many of clubs finest were in attendance with machines being fettled and many a spanner being twirled. As is my want, I made my way to the fence to view the sidecar action. These brave souls are the modern incarnation of those heroic Roman charioteers and the display of skill and bravery was both at times frightening and unmissable....one simply couldn't turn away!

It was whilst watching the first sidecar practice session that I noted something slightly unusual. I'd heard on the pit grapevine that First lady Leanne, had need to make a dash to visit relatives and that Club Secretary, Phil Watson, had been drafted in to take over the "swinging" duties on the Presidents outfit.

It was whilst watching this "display" of passengering that I became somewhat bewildered. I understand that Mr Watson is rather a free thinker and has ties closer to the Nimbin side of the populace than the CBD but to say his technique was unusual was rather a large understatement. At times he appeared comfortable, moving in sync with man and machine. Then at other times he seemed perplexed, even taking a moment to think over his future as a swinger whilst seated on the third wheel guard. Yes....unusual.

It's my understanding that on return to the pits after this unorthodox display, Mr Watson sought solace from some of the more experienced female "swingers". He gave an account of what had transpired and then claimed that he couldn't continue. The "ladies" then very quickly appeared to advise Mr Watson on how he was to conduct himself and then gave him directions that involved drinking some concrete. I'm still not too sure what that was all about.

Over the course of the race meeting it appears that the concrete drinking did its job and Secretary Watson rather warmed to the task. So much so that I spied him at the presentations with a trophy in hand.....bravo good sir!

My questions to you Mr Editor are; does Mr Watson intend to continue with the gentle art of swinging and can any members of the HMRV committee advise where one can purchase this drinkable concrete?

As always,

Concerned of Moonee Ponds.

Ed's comment: Dear 'Concerned', the drinking concrete has done it's job and Secretary Watson has now been 'cured' and will no doubt swing again, however we are unsure if there is any potential remedy for his unorthodox style. As for locating the drinking version, well that just seems to be getting harder and harder these days.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date : 11th of August, 2014

Time : 7.00 pm

Venue : Mitcham Angling Club

Present : Brian March, Robert Todd, Aneta Philpots, Rebecca Betteridge, Dave Betteridge, Mick Chegwidden, Doug Hicks, Dave Philpots, Chrissie Clancy, John Clancy, John Daley, Tim Loone, Michelle Loone, Kelly Spargo, Peter Large, Keith Campbell, Marg Todd, Tony Greenwood, Danny Serong, Frank Zabilowicz, Leanne March, Phil Watson, Roger Gunn, Garth Rhodes and Amelia.

The meeting opened at:

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Web page change.

Moved: Rebecca

Seconded: Dave Betteridge

ITEM 2: AGM.....

Elections resulted in the following

Toddy thanked outgoing Committee - HMRV progressing in leaps and bounds.

Positions :

President : Brian March nominated and voted in.

Vice President : Dave Philpots nominated and voted in.

Secretary : Phil Watson nominated and voted in.

Treasurer : Doug Hicks nominated and voted in.

Flat Chat Editor : Reg Boeti nominated and voted in.

Race Secretary : Kelly Spargo nominated and voted in.

Assistant Race Secretary : Marg Todd nominated and voted in.

Volunteer Liaison : Lisa Hickinbotham nominated and voted in.

Promotions Officer : Dave Philpots nominated and voted in.

Red Plate Officer : Mick Chegwidden nominated and voted in.

(Mick Chegwidden to liaise with Danny Serong in Wangaratta.)

Merchandising Officer : Rebecca Betteridge nominated and voted in.

Merchandising Officer Assistant: Dave Betteridge nominated and voted in.

Membership : Lisa Hickinbotham nominated and voted in.

MV Delegate X 2 : Dave Philpots nominated and voted in. John Daley nominated and voted in.

Ordinary Committee Members :

Danny Serong
Aneta Philpots
Peter Large
Reg Boeti
Lisa Hickinbotham
Chrissie Clancy
John Daley
Keith Campbell
Robert Todd

ITEM 2: PRESIDENTS REPORT

Attached:

Outstanding attendance at Committee meeting.
Thank you to photographers and videographers.
Sid Evans - great job - cover of South Classic program is awesome.
Nick Casemore has come on board to do a dvd of HMRV events.
Colin Rosewarne has joined as a photographer.

Moved: Dave Philpots

Seconded: Marg Todd

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Quiet month - no official correspondence.
Just need to do Association and Incorporation following AGM,
Supp Regs for Tarrengower and Maryborough out

Moved: Brian

Seconded: Toddy

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT

Meeting coming up soon. Otherwise nothing to report.

Moved: Mick

Seconded: Phil

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

Waiting on EFTPOS machine need it soon as cheques to be phased out.
Entries for Maryborough - 2 at the moment.

Moved: Rebecca

Seconded: Doug

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

22,174 Savings

24,730 Q Saver

Term Deposit : 64,759.74

Not included the money to be put in from Come and Try Day.

Dougie: EFTPOS machine

Need identifiable minutes.

Current Committee.

Minimum of 2 signatures

National Bank Account - require 100 points or current NAB account holder.

Association Number - Phil has provided.

Hopefully won't be much longer.

Doug and Kelly to meet coming Saturday with NAB Bank Manager to arrange the EFTPOS.

Moved: Dave Philpots

Seconded: Phil Watson

ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

New Sponsor - Links Motorcycle Repairs - quarter page add.

Still a bit too early for the Southern Classic.

Danny to help out from Wangaratta area - send some flyers to hand out.

Moved: Garth

Seconded: John Daley

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Decision on Ray Kelly shirt. Drawn decision - Becky to choose.

Dress shirt for the guys - black shirt with logo - can be sold for \$40 Will order for the Southern Classic.

Brian discussed running T Shirts for different events - creating a solo one for the Southern Classic.

Moved: Dave Philpots

Seconded: John Daley

Item 9: SOUTHERN CLASSIC

SUPP REGS: Kelly? Awaiting EFTPOS machine.

PERMIT: Kelly? Will chase up - has arranged thought it would have arrived.

OFFICIALS: Kelly? As previously advised.

SCRUTINEERS: Morgans - Doug? Done

VOLUNTEERS: Phil/Lisa? On to it

MEDICAL: Racesolutions are booked.

PROGRAM/FLYER: Sid has done a draft of the new version - everyone was in favour - so going ahead with that. Doug and Toddy to liaise with Sid. Has this been done? High res copy from Sid to magazine for publishing.

TROPHIES: Brian

MERCHANDISE: Bec- merchandise all sorted.

PROMOTION: Any business to advertise, get on to it now. Marg will require a list of the current sponsors.

TICKETS: Doug - what colours this year!!!

BADGES: Toddy -

35th year of the club - badges made for all competitors?

Members gift agreed upon key ring - Brian to check with Gail.

Kelly to e:mail Brian the e:mail address for contact for the Race Marshalls Victoria.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Discounted entries to the Southern Classic for members?

Pewter mugs??

35th year of HMRV next year - provide an engraved glass for all entrants.

Moved: Dave Betteridge

Seconded: Marg

Item 10: MARYBOROUGH AND TARRENGOWER:

SUPP REGS: Out

PERMIT: Phil to chase up

OFFICIALS: Steward for Maryborough and Tarrengower; Clerk of Course to be arranged.

RACE SECRETARY: Marg Todd for both Maryborough and Tarrengower. Chrissie Clancy to assist.

SCRUTINEERS: John Clancy?

VOLUNTEERS: Phil/Lisa?

PROGRAM/FLYER: Some reports from competitors are always well received.

TROPHIES: Brian MERCHANDISE: Bec

PROMOTION:

Remember it's 1979 all over again on Saturday night at Tarrengower!

Moved: Dave Philpots

Seconded: Marg Todd

Item 11: GENERAL BUSINESS

Volunteers at the Southern Classic to be given a voucher for the Come and Try Day.....Do we still want to do this? Yes is consensus.

Discussions to have Vincent bike club at a race meeting to do a display -
Doug any word from Vincent Owners Club? Dougie....how is this going? Put into newsletter.
To check on responses.

End of year dinner: Toddy? 5th December 2014.

Sausage sizzle at the end of the day for the Southern Classic. Need to check with Tess.

Tear Drop Flags and Bali Style Flags - quotes from Brad Gorrie (Bec has these details),
Roger and Kelly to be sent to all on Committee for price comparison and decision. Committee to make a decision based on cost and design.

Leanne to get everyone's e:mail address

Discussion ensued on possibility of running an event at Phillip Island.
Considered a major undertaking.
Figures and dates to be provided for committee to discuss.

Toddy advised that Bryce Davies suffered a heart attack. Has had a stent put in.
Back at home and doing well.

Meeting closed : 9.05 pm.

Next meeting will be a general meeting at: 7:00pm
Monday 8th of September, 2014

Mitcham Angling Club 19 Brunswick Rd Mitcham

MINUTES ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

DATE.....

Signed

PRESIDENT



After the racing is done and the stories are told all we have to look
back on are great memories and the photos after the big event!

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