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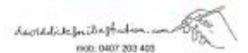


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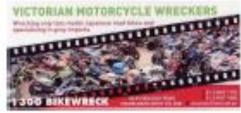






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Presidents Report

Well here I am back at the helm of HMRAV, having been coerced into the President's role once again! I wish to extend a very big thank you to Brian for doing such a brilliant job of presidential duties over the last 8 years and steering the Club into new directions. We all wish him and Leanne well. As I'm generally working during Club meeting times, Doghouse as Vice President has put his hand up to chair the meetings so I would also like to thank him for his generosity in agreeing to run the monthly meetings.

The AGM in August was well attended with 23 people putting in an appearance to support the Club. Apart from the change in President, most of the standing committee members were voted back in with confidence. Mick Large will be helping Doghouse with Promotions, Aneta Philpots has Michelle Loone as assistant with the merchandise and Brian will be a great MV Delegate along with Doghouse and Keith. Tony is still the man to see regarding memberships and organising volunteers for race meetings. Great to see the Club being so well supported – thanks!

A record number of participants attended the Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb at Maldon in September with 30 solos and 6 sidecars racing against the clock. After 13 years of Mick Panayi holding the title *King of the Mountain*, we have a *Queen of the Mountain* this year, Stacey Heaney, who has been hotly contesting this title (and winning it in 2014 when Mick did not compete) for many years. Congratulations and well done Stacey! Congratulations also go to the quickest sidecar team which was Tim Loone with passenger Jo Mickelson. Well done to all our competitors!

The Shannons Southern Classic is quickly approaching and is one of our biggest race meetings of the year, particularly this year with approximately 130 entries (not including double bike entries). This year the Southern Classic will be run in memory of Bruce Flack who was killed in a motorbike accident along with his partner Vanessa earlier in the year, both of whom are sadly missed. There will be alcohol breath testing carried out at this year's meeting – more information will be provided at the Riders' Briefing. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual Presentation / Christmas celebration gathering in Kew on Friday, 1st December – always a great night with tall tales over great food and drinks at the Hotel Kew.

Merry Christmas to everyone and stay safe.

See you in the winners' circle!

Toddy HMRAV Pres



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Come along and join us!

From the editor

Well firstly apologies from the editor, after not missing an edition for nearly 3 years I did miss the July to August edition so welcome to the July to October edition! As reliable as an Italian motorbike perhaps? Anyways please enjoy this edition of Flatchat....

I have to say what another great event this years Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb was and the riders, passengers and their machines did not disappoint! Congratulations to Stacey Heaney who was the Queen of the Hill and fastest outright solo or outfit with a blistering time of 43.9 seconds on her Yamaha 650, a great time and well deserved win! Moving to three wheels saw Tim Loone and Jo Michleson as the fastest outfit on their P4 Honda. All solos and sidecars were slightly troubled by some barriers due to some issues with the road surface but Tim and Jo put in a very fast 46 seconds flat, well done team!

There were also many great runs up the mountain, I enjoyed watching the 2 stroke 250's battle it out with about 1 second separating Phil, Ben and Daniel, with Phil taking line honours. Nice work by my young bloke Dan getting a PB of under a minute up the hill. Also great was the ever increasing number of hand-shifters, a perennial crowd favourite

As usual it was a very social event with great weather and plenty of stories over a few drinks. It is a real highlight of the calendar and next year entrants will need to get in early due to the popularity of the event, numbers are likely to be restricted so it will very likely be oversubscribed.



Further in this edition you will see a great story from Wayne Donahue about his adventures on going to Townsville with the HMRAV gang. Every time I read about how much people enjoy the night endurance race I think that I absolutely have to make the trip up north one year!

Now we head closer towards the Southern Classic on November 4 and 5 and don't forget to come and join in at the HMRAV Christmas party, this year on December 1. Check out the last page for the details and please let Toddy or Marg know if you are going, just remember your Hawaiian shirt! And should you need expert advice on what makes an authentic Hawaiian shirt and what does not, please discuss with VP Doghouse...

Finally if you were ever wondering why Guzzi's are such great bikes, (and no doubt many of you are!) lookout for 30 good reasons why they are in this edition.

All the best, Reg #71

HMRAV Annual General Meeting

14 August 2017

Mitcham Angling Club



There were plenty of members who turned up to the AGM which as usual saw all Office Bearer positions spilled. There was some discussion about who might nominate for President, in the end Marchy and Toddy will share the role for the next year, with Doghouse staying on as Vice President.

Whilst there is no doubt that the club is in very good hands, as Toddy and Marchy have both done terrific jobs as Presidents over many years, we also need to think all of our long serving committee members and about the future and who might be in a position to take on some of these roles. There are opportunities to also shape the club, so whilst the racing stuff is going great we could probably do some more on the Red Plate side of things with ride days etc as well as improve our technology side of things such as enhancing our website and moving more things to be online. Please remember all members (not just the committee) are welcome to join the monthly club meeting, so come along!

So thanks again to all of the existing and new committee members for helping to make HMRAV the great club that it is because racing old motorbikes is heaps of fun!



2017 Mt Tarrengower Solo Results

2	solo	Paul McGahan	Triton BSA JISTORIC MOTORCYCLE RACING	DNF	53.1	50.0	49.1	50.6	49.1
6	solo	Glen Walch	BSA JISTO TO TO THE MACINA	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	
9	solo	Ken Maher	Norton Atlas	55.4	54.9	53.1	52.0	53.8	52.0
10	solo	Nick Stone	Norton E52	56.0	53.6	52.5	53.3	55.3	52.5
12	solo	Brian March	Indian scout	70.9	67.8	68.7	67.8	68.0	67.8
13	solo	Chris Panayi	Honda	79.1	70.3	70.7	65.5	68.6	65.5
14	solo	Robert Mathyerison	Honda	DNF	57.6	56.8	55.9	55.3	55.3
16	solo	Mick Panayi		53.3	DNS	45.4	44.1	44.3	44.1
28	solo	David Reidie	Harley	76.3	73.2	72.1	73.5	72.5	72.1
38	solo	Patrick Clancy	Montesa	78.5	83.6	112.5	97.2	89.6	78.5
40	solo	David Gittus	AjS	71.2	DNS	71.6	62.3	96.0	62.3
44	solo	Chris Wells	Harley	65.4	61.4	78.6	62.3	60.3	60.3
54	solo	Trevor Spiers	BSA	62.1	57.9	62.9	55.4	56.1	55.4
56	solo	Robert Liddicoat	BSA M20	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	
58	solo	Phil Watson	Suzuki	63.2	60.7	58.3	58.6	58.0	58.0
59	solo	Butch Stevens	Honda	69.9	76.0	66.0	DNS	65.9	65.9
62	solo	Des Heaney	Triumph	71.8	71.9	65.4	64.5	62.9	62.9
71	solo	Reg Beoti	T350	61.5	57.2	55.8	53.6	54.6	53.6
73	solo	Andy Hawkes	Guzzi	51.9	53.1	52.0	51.6	DNS	51.6
78	solo	John Rosser	Honda	65.1	67.2	60.6	61.1	61.9	60.6
83	solo	Stewart Perry	BSA M20	111.7	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	111.7
86	solo	Nick Umek	BSA B33	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	
92	solo	Ben James	Suzuki	63.8	60.5	59.3	58.1	58.5	58.1
94	solo	Daniel Boeti	Suzuki	65.3	64.6	60.2	59.1	61.6	59.1
100	solo	Mick Chegwidden	Indian scout	62.4	59.7	58.5	59.4	58.3	58.3
106	solo	Scott Green	Triumph	57.7	57.2	55.6	54.7	DNS	54.7
111	solo	Peter Birthisel	Indian scout	66.7	61.1	59.6	59.2	59.7	59.2
162	solo	Stacey Heaney	Yamaha XS	49.5	46.6	45.5	43.9	DNS	43.9
192	solo	Dale Knox	Yamaha XS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	
209	solo	TBA		DNS	DNS	59.7	59.2	61.8	59.2
222	solo	Micheal Gully	Honda	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	
384	solo	Raymond Iles	Harley	68.0	63.2	61.4	60.3	60.0	60.0
475	solo	Clint Chegwidden	Indian scout	64.0	60.1	58.5	58.7	57.9	57.9
546	solo	Martin Gratton	Norton	66.3	69.0	63.3	64.4	66.3	63.3
555	solo	Graham McDonald	Rudge	61.1	60.0	59.3	59.0	59.8	59.0

2017 Mt Tarrengower sidecar results

7	Sidecars Jason Skewes / Julies Skewes	Triumph	ALC MOTORCYCLE &	82.4	73.1	67.1	63.9	63.5	6	3.5
22	Sidecars David Philpots / Aneta Philpots	Harley	HE TOWN CONG	64.7	65.4	DNF	DNS	DNS	6	34.7
20	Sidecars Tony Peters / Robert Peters	Honda		68.7	67.8	64.1	64.9	63.6	6	33.6
24	Sidecars Neil Prowse / Colin Magnay	eso special	ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA	113.6	92.4	DNF	69.3	68.3	6	88.3
28	Sidecars Tim Loone / Joanne Mickleson	Honda		49.2	47.8	46.2	46.0	46.6	4	6.0
428	Sidecars Michelle Loone / Andrew Lewis	Norton		86.0	64.0	60.9	58.3	57.9	5	7.9

Dave Gittus, pictured on his 1938 AJS has done a fair bit of work on the history of this great event detailing previous results over many years. We will have details soon of how you can get hold of it, we will also try and publish it on the website. Nice work Dave!





Stacey Heaney leans in on her nice Yamaha on the way to a blistering time of 43.9 seconds!



Tim Loone and Jo Michleson putting the Honda P4 through its paces on their way to 46 flat!

Wayne's world.....

Sometimes a throw away statement just can't be thrown away and sometimes it all depends on the person who throws it in the first place.

So how does this relate to a road trip and a couple of races in Far North Qld?

Let me back track almost 2 years ago to a race meeting somewhere in Victoria where HMRAV Pres. Marchy was trying to convince me that I should get involved in the HMRAV migration of 2 and 3 wheel racy things to North Queensland to blast around some go cart tracks. Unfortunately, my response was, "That would be a great race meeting to ride to and race".

Fast forward to a cold frosty August morning with the temperature somewhere below 0, the bike's packed and we're heading off down the Ovens Valley Hwy to join the migration crew at Glenrowan on the Hume highway.

I've owned my bike, a 750 Commando Roadster, for almost 4 years now and it's been quite reliable for a Norton. But less than 15 klm from home the bike starts to run rough and as we proceed it gets slowly worse. Being so cold, I think "just keep going it will clear up or if I make Myrtleford I'll stop and check it". 3 klm from Myrtleford we grind to a halt. 35 klm and we've used a tank of fuel, with the carby flooding and petrol everywhere. What a great start sitting on the side of the road freezing cold and trying to work on a carby.

Luckily after the first two days the bike settled down and we started to chew through the kilometres, thankfully with no real issues. There were lots of refuelling though.... lucky the refuelling truck was never far away. We followed the Newell, heading up inland through Lighting Ridge, Injune, Emerald, Charters Towers and on to Townsville. In some places, I have never seen so many dead roos on the road. It was a bit like riding a slalom course. Once at Townsville we set up camp at Tim and Karla Hewitt's place, which looked a bit like a camping ground for lost Victorians. Thursday was a free day so we checkout Townsville and I had some new tyres fitted to the bike.

Friday was a practice day and first time around a go cart track was certainly interesting. A short straight and then lots of corners to get back on to the straight. We had a 1st gear corner, a little bit of third down the straight and then second for all the rest. It might sound like hard work but it was great fun. Saturday evening, they run a one hour race for teams of 2 riders who can use one bike between them or a different bike for each rider.

This is all done under lights with a Le mans start. I was teamed up with a rider from Darwin on a methanol burning 350 Honda twin, which was very quick but unfortunately in his last race before the 1 hour, a con rod decided to escape. So, he had to borrow a mate's bike for the One hour race. He was going to do the start but with the bike change we decided that I would start. What I didn't know was that we were to start from position 3, so with around 35 starters the first 5-6 laps were absolute bedlam! But we managed to survive.

Fellow traveller Craig Longhurst wasn't quite so lucky though. Coming off in turn 2, followed by a ride to hospital, (hope the collarbone is all back together). At least we got a short rest while they cleaned up the track.

After a great weekend of racing we packed up Monday morning and headed off down to Airlie Beach for a few days of R & R. We cruised around having a great day out at Hideaway Bay, checking out the damage around Airlie Beach from the storm earlier in the year, some ping pong with Paddy Clancy, a long and loud round of mini golf, (not sure who won!) and also the occasional Op Shop visit.

Friday morning, we headed out to the Proserpine track to set up and get some practice laps in. Yep another go cart track....but with a difference. On Saturday, we raced clockwise and then Sunday we raced anti clockwise. It's hard to understand how one track can be so totally different depending on which way you're going.

With great weather, we were in for another brilliant weekend of tearing round a race track. The only downer was Paddy coming off on Saturday and heading to hospital to be checked out. But being young, he bounced back fairly quickly. Some stage Sunday morning while racing, I started to realise that tomorrow we were heading home, so now was not the time to throw the bike away. My lap times slowed but still enjoyed the ride.

Monday, we started to head for home following the coast down to Bundaberg. From there I turned inland a bit to head around the back of Brisbane, to catch up with the person I purchased the bike from. While the rest of the crew headed towards Brisbane, I enjoyed some of the best roads on the trip. Not too much traffic with some great flowing corners, sitting close to the speed limit, it was just unreal. There were some sections of road that you just wanted to turn around and do again...ah the joys of riding a motorbike! The next day Tim had some trailer issues so I spent the day checking out the roads around Toowoomba and Warwick. Sticking to the smaller back roads, I had another enjoyable day. I caught up with the crew the next morning and headed south to the colder weather.

Highlights of the trip...... well there were a couple. The 1 hour race under lights at Townsville was like nothing I'd ever done before. I've ridden speedway and short circuit under lights but this was quite different and I enjoyed every minute of it. The other was being able to spend time with some HMRAV members and getting to know them a bit better. I've been in the club for 2 to 3 years now but only see members at race meetings which is not the ideal place to socialise.

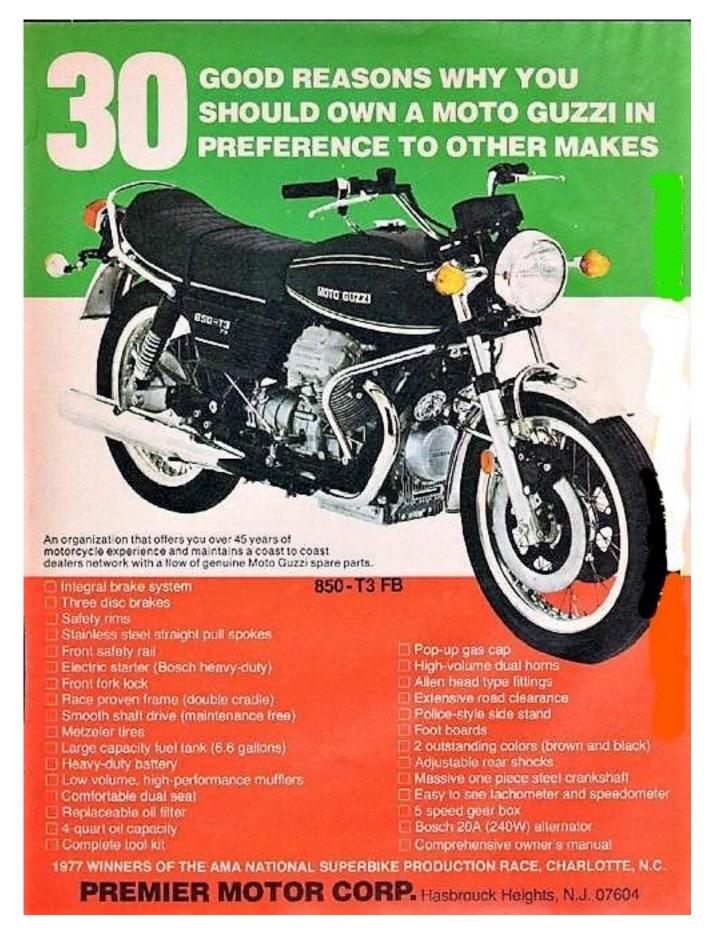
After the first day (when I was almost ready to burn it) the Norton performed quite well and racked up nearly 6000 klm. I needed to replace the rear sprocket after Townsville (big thanks to Mick Panayi for sending one up) and I wore through both exhaust header pipes..... but it's still going strong touch wood!

I would also like to give a huge thank you to Tim and Michelle Loone and Brian and Leanne March for their help and support. I certainly could not have done the trip without them, (now exactly how many refuel stops were there?)

Would I recommend this to anyone, sure would! It doesn't matter if you drive, fly or ride, it's a great time. It's not just a race meeting, a road trip, a holiday or an adventure but all these things wrapped up in one.

See you on the road Wayne

Editors note: Thanks for a terrific story Wayne, Townsville is always rated highly as a great event!



What more reason could you need?



HMRAV'S 2017 DATES

Mt Tarrengower Historic Hillclimb 14/10 & 15/10 HMRAV Southern Classic - 4/11 - 5/11 Come and Try Day - 3/12

Attention all Red Plate members of HMRAV

The club has hundreds of members with Red Plate (or Historic Plate) registration which means there are hundreds of renewals to process by members of our volunteer committee. To ensure that your renewal application is processed, you **must** include the following along with your renewal notice from Vic Roads: You **must** send a photocopy of your current membership card to show that you are a financial member of HMRAV. This is essential and a Vic Roads requirement for red plate renewals.

(In regards to family membership, It is important that each person who is part of that family membership, is known to the club and has been allocated a membership card)

You **must** send a stamped, self addressed envelope to ensure that your renewal gets back to you in a timely fashion and arrives at the right address.

Failure to adhere to these conditions will mean that we can't process your renewal and will lead to delays and frustration for all concerned. If you have any questions, our fantastic Red Plate coordinator, Mick, is only too happy to give out advice. Please call Mick on 0401 819 609 if you need some assistance with Red Plate issues.

The red plate scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRAV, so please lets all ensure we are supporting the club by getting our renewal processes right the first time.

Please remember you need the following items for successful renewal: 1. Renewal notice from Vic Roads, 2. Photocopy of current HMRAV membership card, 3. Stamped self addressed envelope. Any questions please call Mick or a committee member!

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Come along and join us!



GENERAL MEETING

Date: 11th of September 2017

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Phillip W, Aneta & Dave P, Mick C, Pete L, Kieth C, Nina E, Criag "Man

in Black", Anthony, Mick, Ian, Tony, Andrew.

Apologies: Brian March, Leanne March, Glenn Dane, Doug Hicks, Marg & Rob T.

The meeting opened at: 7.06 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Can we contact Doug Dukes for the commentating for the Sth. Classic.

Moved: Phill Seconded: Mick

ITEM 2: Presidents report.

Toddy was not present.

He will post on the facebook page regarding the AGM, and end of year dinner.

Moved: Dave Seconded: Anita

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

• Have sent of MV affiliation forms and paid.

Need to complete CAV report- will need cheque for \$56.90 and the financial report for the last financial year.

Moved: Tony Seconded: Nina

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

No MV meeting was held. So nothing to report.

Moved: Phill Seconded: Pete

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

We need a new race secretary

Tarrengower: Chrissie and Marg.

• Southern Classic: Chrissie (pre)...Brendan Ferrari on the day. Still on the look out for a race secretary.

Moved: Anita Seconded: Tony

Meeting Minutes cont'd

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

- Club financials are looking good.
- We need to find all the one event licence books Come and try day was a great success and made a good profit. Best so far.

Moved: Phill Seconded: Dave

ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

• Mick has taken over the role of promotions officer, he is still being briefed by Dave.

Dave is working on a whole club sponsorship deal with shannons. What we can offer them and what we will ask for in return is yet to be finalized.

Moved: Mick Seconded: Craig

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

New mech has been ordered for the 5th. Classic. T shirts, Hoodys, Caps and Bucket hats.

Moved: Mick C Seconded: Nina

Item 9: WEBSITE - Phil.

 Online entry form is finished. We can use this form for all further events, just need to change the heading. Cost around \$900.00
 Two pages have been remade to make it easier for us to change the content and update.

Moved: Ian Seconded: Andrew

Item 10: MT TARRENGOWER

All is in place and as it should be. Full steam ahead.

Moved: Phill Seconded: Dave

Item 11: SOUTHERN CLASSIC

Ross Martin will become Chief Scrutineer with John Clancy and Mick C helping. John Painter will step into the Clark of Course role.

Moved: Phill Seconded: Criag

Minutes Continued

General Business

- Pete- We will acquire a black and white, HMRAV number plate for the club van.
- Mick C- Approach Harley/Indian dealers to sponsor the hand shift battle. Naming rights for races. Pay for t shirt printing.
- Doug Hicks via Dave- Put motion forward to make the Morgan brothers honorary members of the club for all there help over the years, A vote was held and passed unanimously.

Dave- Enquiry regarding P6 at our events. The enquire was told to start his own club.

Moved: Tony Seconded: Kieth

Next meeting: 9th of October 2017

Meeting closed: 8.15 pm.

Next meeting will be a general meeting at: 7:00pm at the Mitcham Angling Club 19 Brunswick Rd Mitcham

MINUTES ACCEPTED I	BY THE COMMITTEE
DATE	
Signed	PRESIDENT





HMRAV Presentation Dinner



The Historic Motorcycling Racing Association of Victoria members and their families are invited to attend the annual presentation dinner and Christmas celebrations at **Hotel Kew**.

corner of Studley Park Road & High Street South, Kew Junction (Melways Ref: Page 45, B6)



Friday, 1st December, 2017 from 6:30pm followed by Club presentations

non-members are welcome at own cost - alcohol served at bar prices

PLEASE RSVP to Toddy & Marg AH: (03)5967 2480

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