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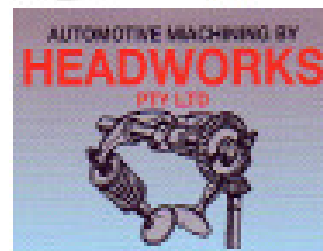
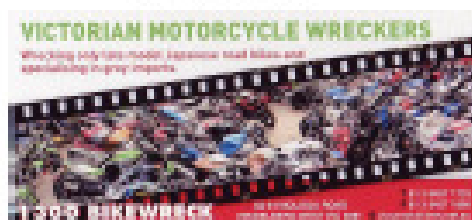
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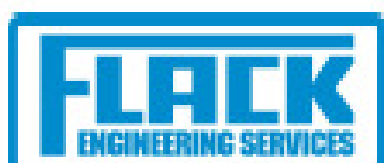


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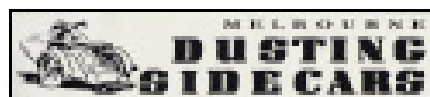


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Presidents Report

G'day I hope this finds everyone well and those who were injured are on the mend after Vic Titles.

There has been a lot of discussion lately on the issue of One Event Licences. The issue is that the pricing seems to vary for \$75 to \$90. The club has been told that all One Event Licence's being Club, Interclub or Senior National Open will be \$75 not as shown on the MV web site (\$90).

Closed to Club or Interclub meeting you are able to purchase a One Event Licence from the Race Secretary on the day. However if you wish to compete at a Senior National Open event you will have to apply for that Licence through MV 4 weeks prior to the meeting.

Licencing Fees: 2018

Annual Licencing (12 Months)-

Mini (4-16 years old) - \$130

Recreational (16 years old or over) - \$135

Senior National (16 years old or over) - \$325

Senior Restricted (16 years old or over) - \$240

Junior National (7-15 years old) - \$299

Junior Restricted (7-15 years old) - \$145

Mechanic (16 years old or over) - \$75

One event Licences-

One Day Recreational (4 years old or over) - \$30

One Event Competition (7 years old or over) - \$75

Membership

We are finding at the moment that there are a lot of club members who are not financial and

are trying to enter meetings. We do not send out renewals for club membership and the onus is on your good selves to make sure that you are financial. **The financial year runs from the 1st of July to the 30th of June in any given year**, so make sure you are paid up to avoid disappointment.

In the last issue of FLATCHAT we asked for help with the position of Race Secretary the response was an outstanding "O" I ask again for help in filling this position. You will not be working alone as there are enough of us to assist all we need is someone to take the entries prior to the meeting. If you or know someone who can help out please get it touch with myself or one of the committee members.

I would have liked to have given you some coverage of the Vic Title but when you ride a Triumph most of the time you are head down arse up chasing oil pressure. All that I can report on is that Stuart Gorrie and Mark Bond had significant accidents and ended up in hospital, we wish them all the best for a speedy recovery.

See you in the winner's circle, Toddy!



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!



From the Editors Desk

Well it's great to back as part of the committee and to once again have the privilege of putting together Flatchat. A special thanks to Reg for the past few years, a job well done and we wish him well in China. It was also great to see Dan flying the Boeti flag high at the Vic Titles with a 3rd place in 125 F/ERA in his dad's absence.

I have a unique perspective having stepped away from the committee and racing for a number of years. The growth I've seen on my return is nothing short of staggering. Grids and race programs are full to capacity, the result of committed, dedicated action by the committee to draw competitors and machines to our events by providing support, advice and arguably the best historic race meetings in the country.

This not only makes for great racing but ensures we can continue running events for everyone to enjoy for years to come.

But not content to rest of their successes the committee is now setting their sights on boosting spectator numbers. I think anybody that has been to a HMRAV meeting would agree it is one of the best kept secrets in motorsport. Where else can you see a full two-day program jam-packed with Australia's best historic racing machines, have full spectator access to the track and the ability to wander the pits at your leisure looking at the bikes, taking pictures and talking to the riders. Where else in motorsport does this happen?

So how can you help? We need everybody (yes even you) to help spread the word. From the very old school way of talking to somebody you know who's never been to one of our meeting,

coercing work mates, bribing friends, it really doesn't matter just talk up the events.

For the more tech savvy, share the HMRAV facebook posts on your personal page. If you've ever shot a video upload it to youtube with a HMRAV reference. For those who use on on-line forums post our events and include a few photos. It only takes a few minutes and has the potential to reach a new audience.

We'd also love to hear from people with video, camera and recording skills. If you've got kids with an interest in getting some on-line content out there we need these skills!

On a personal racing note I was lucky enough to pick-up the most sort after gig in classic sidecar racing, swinging on Doghouse Dave's night Sportster. As a first time swinger I must admit that I was questioning my decision Saturday, it was certainly a "different" experience. But winners are grinners and picking up the Richard Frank Memorial was a great honour and third overall for unlimited classic sidecar was great. I believe my contract is still on probation but I'm hoping to get signed off soon.

Cheers Glen



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THE INTERNATIONAL HANDSHIFT CHALLENGE and the MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

By Chris Beaumont.

This is the story of three 741 Indian Scouts and four WLA Harleys....who with the help of a team of riders and crew, travelled over to NZ and won the International Hand shift Challenge Trophy and the David Taylor Tourist Trophy.

Aussie Bike Tours supremo, Eddy Garner, had organized to take the seven Class C hand shift race bikes, and Danny Ahern's fast P3 G50 Matchless - plus some road bikes, in a container from OZ to NZ for us. Ed had space for one more bike and he made me an offer I couldn't refuse. So, we loaded up my first road bike, a 39 Indian Scout, (which I purchased 40 years ago in 1978 in bits). This bike is also a logged booked racer and has been ridden and raced all over Australia. We call her #39.

perfect, 26 degrees and clear. We set up on the rise, just up from the entry gate. The Kiwi opposition had set up earlier and all their bikes looked great. There was a record number of entries for the event, which now included a total of 12 hand shift Indians and Harleys. The huge crowd was building and streams of people seemed to be making their way up the course. We all managed 5 runs up the hill with great times achieved. The crowd was fantastic lining both sides of the course, all the way to the top. Back in our pits, heaps of yarns, laughter and smiles showed we'd had a top day.

With the hill climb finishing in the early arvo, we all packed up and headed back to Invercargill and the Teretonga racetrack for a bit of fun at the Drag strip. Big entry

list and once more, a massive crowd. Unfortunately, on my last run up the Bluff hill I'd broken the shift arm coming out of the gearbox. I couldn't select third gear and as the "arm" is in a very awkward spot, there was no choice but to park my race bike, (#741) and drag out #39. First run and after a bad start I managed a 19.283.... not bad for a bike built almost 80 years ago!

Then, with a welder lent to us by a fellow Kiwi competitor, and the help of Mick Chegg, Rob Bonner and all the other Aussie racers, 741's shifter arm was welded up. I managed to get her up to the line just in time for my 2nd run. A much faster run of 16.675 was achieved. Bianca Bonner was fastest on her "Als



We all flew into Christchurch, picked up the bikes and loaded them into vans. Then vans and road riders all cruised down to Invercargill for the Burt Munro Challenge.

Thursday morning and we all arrived at the Bluff Hill climb course. Weather was

Fortune" WLA at 16.4, with Mick Chegg managing a 16.83. Not bad for some old military bikes!

Friday early afternoon and we had the Oreti Beach races and most of the team had entered. It was very bumpy and chopped up when the hand shifters started racing. Being an anti clockwise course, it was pretty difficult to make it round the corners with our foot clutches. Not sure whether old Burt would've run in that direction! Plus being shod with road race tyres didn't offer much help in the soft sand. Once again, a massive crowd in attendance and the line-up of bikes parked up on the beach was really impressive.

Our tour leader, Eddy, had arranged with a local Yamaha dealer for us to use his wash down bays. So, after our beach racing was finished, we all scooted over to pressure wash the sand off. Fantastic hospitality and the job was completed in very short order. After that, the crew headed up to our sponsors, The Lonestar restaurant, for a great feed.

Saturday and we're up early and off to circuit racing at the Teretonga track. A great circuit, quite long and very fast. A few of the hand shifters were hitting 100mph at the end of the main straight. (It doesn't look that fast from the sidelines but on an old hand shifter with military brakes.... there's a lot of forward planning going on!) Our team was quite spread out during our races but all agreed it was a top day and all the bikes finished in great shape. It was also nice to have John Munro, Burt's son, come into our pits. John's a character in his own right and stayed for quite a while chatting and having his picture taken on



all the Indian race bikes.

That night most of us headed over to the Speedway Spectacular. For once we were just punters so we could enjoy a beer and relax. It was great entertainment and again a huge crowd was in attendance. Biggest laugh was saved for the trip home when we managed to squeeze 12 people into a 7-seater van!

And if all this wasn't enough we had one more event to contest.....the Street circuit in Invercargill.

We all set up in our pits on Sunday morning and after a week of sunshine, the weather wasn't looking too good. The Hand shifters and Girder fork class was out first and we had 3 sighting laps immediately followed by 5 qualifying laps. It was a tight track with hay bales, roundabouts and air bags. One of the Kiwi boys got a bit excited, missed a gear and knocked into the back of another bike. It was all good though, everyone survived and not much damage done.

As the bikes and classes got quicker it seemed that the red mist got thicker...it was like the vibe had changed. The ambos were getting busy, carting two riders off to hospital before the racing had even started.

The Hand shifters/Girder fork race was first and as we headed out it started to rain. As we all know, that first run after a dry spell can be a bit greasy. I was

particularly careful with all the white lines and steel grates and I did slip a couple of times at the last corner.... a roundabout. We rode with a bit of caution and all finished the race

apart from Ross who had some water in his maggie.

We headed back to the pits and started socialising with the crowd. After a short while we got a call up for a riders briefing. The Southland club had decided to cancel the meeting due to the weather and oil that was apparently on 95% of the track. A few of us were a bit bewildered but after two blokes being sent off to hospital and then the rain settling in, it was probably a good decision. We had come a long way and although we were disappointed, we'd had such a great time and all the people we'd met along the way had been fantastic.



It was amazing to think that all of this had started with a battler who had an old Indian motorcycle. With a shoestring budget and help from a lot of people, years of trial and error had managed to get that old bike flying. As a result, Old Burt, had put Invercargill on the map.

But wait....it doesn't stop there!

Two weeks later after a lovely tour of the South Island and an Indian rally in between, we arrived back in Christchurch for the Sound of Thunder race meeting at the Ruapuna circuit.

After a few days of torrential rain from the remnants of a cyclone, the weather was once again beautiful and sunny. The track was a good one....3.1 klms in length with a long straight leading into a very busy infield. Hairpins, dips, sweepers....it had it all. Perfect for our hand shifters!

Great battles were had at the pointy, middle and especially at the FUN end with Brian March, James Woodham and myself. Great duels and dices with positions changing regularly. At one stage I had a





shot at overtaking Brian and James at the end of the straight. Flat out at near 100mph and bang.... the rear brake linkage took off and I had no hope of braking and making the turn. So, I leapt off the track, over the grass and into the gravel trap heading towards the fence. I managed to pull up and just step off the bike...and it just sat there, upright, in the gravel! I really must thank all those involved for putting that gravel trap there.....truly...what a hoot!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the New Zealand riders, crews, organisers and Eddy Garner for all the great events over our three-week tour. Especially want to thank Paddy Snowden and James Woodham for all their help and hospitality. Also, the Bears Sound of Thunder and the Southland motorcycle clubs for hosting such great events.

The final tally of the points:
New Zealand – 70
Australia – 73

GO AUSSIES!!!!!!

RACERS:

Eddy Garner, Murray Johnson, Ross Bolding, Bianca Bonner, Mick Chegwidden, Brian March, Chris Beaumont.

Danny Ahern – G50

PIT CREW:

Jo Johnson, Rob Bonner, Loral Macglashen, Sue Bull, Leanne March, Patsy Beaumont, Kate Clarke.

ROAD RIDERS:

Daryl Jenkins, Frank Hutchinson, Ross Ferguson, Heather Ackroyd, Barry, Kay John and Tim Cox, Mel Beasley, Ralf Feely.



Victorian Historic Road Race Titles & F2 Sidecar Cup 7th & 8th April 2018 Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
Vintage	Peter BIRTHISAL	Robert URQUART	Glen WALSH
Class C	Michael BEAUMONT	Charlie PALMER	Mick CHEGG
250 Classic	Link WILSON-TUCKER	Darrell BAILEY	John IMRIE
350 classic	Phillip PATON	Greg WATKINS	Mark DAWSON
500 Classic	Bob ROSENTHAL	Garth FRANCIS	Greg WATKINS
Unlimited Classic	Russell CRADDOCK	Craig HEMSWORTH	Stan MUCHA
650 Classic Sidecar	D. WAIN/G. DITCHFIELD	R. TODD/L. TODD	M. LARGE/T. LARGE
Unlimited Classic Sidecar	G. FRANCIS/P. KENNY	L. ROCKLIFFE/J. ROCKLIFFE	D. PHILPOTS/G. DANE
125 post Classic	Des HEANEY	David GITTUS	
250 Post Classic	Link WILSON-TUCKER	Ben JAMES	Ron MATTHEWS
350 Post Classic	David CAMPBELL	Chris PANAYI	Bruce MEREDITH
500 Post Classic	Link WILSON-TUCKER	David CAMPBELL	John INKSTER
Unlimited Post Classic	Simon COOK	Darren TINDALE	Stacey HEANEY
836 Post Classic Sidecar	P. CLANCY/C. CLANCY	T. LOONE/C. CHEGG	D. COOKE/C. WISENER
Unlimited P/Classic Sidecar	J. CLANCY/W. GRUBB	M. HOOPER/B. GORRIE	
125 Forgotten Era	Peter FORKES	Darren TINDALE	Daniel BOETI
250 Forgotten Era	Tony SARA	Glen WEDDALL	Rob HEATHER
350 Forgotten Era	Terry MORRIS	Chris HAYWARD	Des HEANEY
500 Forgotten Era	Chris HAYWARD	Tim LARGE	Terry MORRIS
600 Forgotten Era	Daniel SANDLERS	Steve ELFORD	
Unlimited Forgotten Era	Chas HERN	Brendan WILSON	Bernie LEEN
Forgotten Era Sidecar	M. KNIGHT/D. RUMBLE	A. VAN UTTERT/H. MARK	G. GRANT/C. PANAYI
Formula 2 Sidecar	M. ALTON/C. CLANCY	B. COLLINS/P. DEANGELIS	J. CLANCY/W. GRUBB

Richard Frank Memorial Classic Sidecar Handicap

1st Dave Philpots & Glen Dane	1961 Harley Sporster
2nd Luke Rockliffe & James Rockliffe	1962 Norton Atlas
3rd Mick Large & Tim Large	1956 Triton



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Wayne Donehue on the 750 Commando in Post Classic Unlimited

The 2018 Victorian Historic Road Race Titles was once again a huge success with lots of close racing, full grids and plenty of sunshine.

Special thanks must go to our scrutineers, dummy grid and start line officials, race secretary, flag marshals, pick-up crew, MA officials and everyone else who helped out over the two days.

A fitting end to a great weekend was Sunday afternoons trophy presentation where the competitors all acknowledged the dedication and valuable work performed on a volunteer basis by all the officials.

Make sure you get to Winton and the Southern Classic for more great action.



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Stacey Heaney leads the boys out



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Chas Hern on his was to 1st in Forgotten Era Unlimited



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Classic Sidecars waiting patiently



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Stephen Majernik 1958 Harley KRTT Classic Unlimited



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Dave Philpots & Glen Dane on their way to victory in the Richard Frank Memorial Handicap



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Glen Weddall leads Neale Weddall in 250cc Forgotten Era

General Meeting Minutes



Date: 16/4/2018
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Moved: Glen Seconded: Marg

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Present: R Todd, M Todd, D Hicks, A Pobjoy, A Bann, T Greenwood, P Large, L March, B March, G Dane, C Clancy, J Clancy, P Watson, B Marchetti, I Richards, M Alton, B Rosenthal, I Ritchie, P Mitchell, D Philpots, A Philpots, P Stevenson, C Longhurst, Rusty Purchase-guest speaker.

- Will get C & T Day info /permit together. Southern Classic- Include new information on passes, one event licences'

Moved: Pete Seconded: Marg

Apologies: K Campbell, M Large

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

The meeting opened at: 7.08 p.m.

A meeting was held but no one was able to attend.

Meeting opened with a talk from Rusty who produces Bumper to Bumper television show. Points covered-

Moved: Brian Seconded: Craig

- What he does. How he goes about production.
 - Video production and output to TV, internet and social media
 - Different aspects of the club that could be featured. Racing, sprint series, Family involvement and culture of the club.
- Range of topics- Safety, Bike prep, Sponsors and club.

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

Vic Titles

The meeting ran well. Need to get better at training and assisting volunteers on the start line, gridding up and recovery. Around 90 minutes was lost during the day in regard to letting out the next race after the previous one due to Race Control.

Winton

35 entries so far. 1 is getting a licence. Riders must bring club membership card for sign in.

We need a race secretary for the weekend of the event.

Replacing the handicap- There are a lot of ideas being floated, but for now we will leave it as another leg for this year.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

- One day licence discussions are still ongoing with MV.
- Change Sth. Classic to Vic titles

Moved: Phill Seconded: Dave

Moved: Phil Seconded: Doug

ITEM 2: PRESIDENTS REPORT.

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

- From Vic titles- comments made on the conduct of the Med team that they went to the bike before the rider. Two teams went out on team did go to the bike to make sure it was safe, no problem with fuel catching fire. The other team then went to the rider.
- Radio use- we can request for the officials to use 2 channels. One for the medical team. One for flaggies/pick up. We can talk to Ross and Vic.

Report tabled

Moved: Marg Seconded: Leanne

ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

Mick not present. No report.

Moved: Craig Seconded: Toddy

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Total for Vic Titles \$ 3223.00 Down from last year. Not as many spectators. It is better to be up near the café. Good feed back on the design.

Moved: Doug Seconded: Marg

Item 9: WEBSITE – Phil.

- We now have online entry forms for the Vic's, Winton, Sth. Classic.
 - Membership form needs finishing.
- Ian emailed some suggestions on information to put on website. Will read and get back to Ian.

Moved: Pete Seconded: Brian

Item 10: Winton

- Official- Vic-Steward. Ross- Clark of Course. Wayne Assistant Clark of Course if needed.
 - Scrutineers- TBA
 - Race Sec- Pre event: Brian. Event TBA. Chrissie will speak to Francis to see if he is available.
 - Permit- Done.
 - Volunteers- All OK.
 - Club van & trailer- ready to go.
 - Club pits- Booked sheds 1-3.
 - Trophies- Ordered.
- General- Need witches hats for Sunday, about 20. Brian will purchase some. Pa is in the van. Accommodation booked for officials and volunteers.

Moved: Phil Seconded: Tony

Item 11: General Business

- Marg- Eddington sprints was a wash out. Refunded 12 one event licences @ \$75 per licence.
- Ant- Was at IFOS in Sydney, saw a lot of HMRV shirts walking round.
- Tony- Only have 5 working with children checks so far.
- Brian- In the Wakefield park newsletter they are advertising a round of the side car challenge. This is a separate event to the one already going and clashes with the round for

Townsville

Group of hand shifters are going to the big chill, they will get their own race if numbers get to 17 entries.

The hand shifters are making their own flag. Will include a small HMRV logo.

Townsville TT will be held at Proserpine this year.

- Mick- Need to improve on- To many bikes are turning up at scrutineering dirty. It makes it harder for scrutineer.

- Bob- Can we do away with the warm ups on the Sunday? Answer It is there as a buffer in the schedule if we are running behind. We can shorten or cut this rather than cutting laps of races.

- Dave- Can we start to look at dates for next year. Next year can we try to book the Vic titles for the week before The Bonanza. Christmas party this year will be held at the Manhattan, Ringwood. Waiting on confirmation of available dates. They will supply the room, TV, PA, Catering. Will have more information next meeting.

- Toddy- Vic titles programs- can we cut the number ordered down to 300.

Sup Regs we need to include- no more passes or mail outs. Tickets, Do we need them? Was suggested that we have free entry for the Sth Classic. To be further discussed at next meeting.

Insurance for the van, Pete will look in to getting it cheaper than what RAVC can do. Badges from the Vic titles how many were left over? Around 50.

Moved: Phill

Seconded: Dave

Next meeting: Monday 7th May 2018
Meeting closed: 9.00 pm.

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