

The Magazine Of the Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria (inc)

Flatchat

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Mt Tarrengower

General Meeting

**Christmas Party
Invitation**



Behind the Bars

The Presidents Report

G'day I hope this finds you all well and looking forward to the warmer weather.

I would like to welcome our new members Ken Mundy, Paul Leys, Russell Lyle, Peter Garfield, Neil Simons, Heine Otten and Peter Donoghue. I hope you get as much pleasure out of the club as I do being President.

The 20th and 21st of October saw the running of the Historic Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb and I must say what an excellent meeting it was. With some real competitive dicing against the clock, see the write up this issue by Marg.

With the Southern Classic just around the corner (3rd and 4th November) the committee are gearing up just like the competitors to make this meeting once again the best on the Historic calendar. If you feel that you can help out in anyway just call and you will be feed and watered over the weekend and get close and personal with the racing. For those competing I wish you all a safe and enjoyable meeting.

There has been a significant rise in the cost of hiring the track at Broadford that we find a bit over the top. We are going to try and renegotiate a more realistic price so that we can still offer our club members and competitors the cheapest race meetings around.

The next come and try day is on the 2nd of December at the State Motorcycling Track Complex Broadford. This come and try day will have not one but two Indians for people to try out due to the generosity of Peter Birthisel

The end of year dinner and Presentation night is on the 7th December at the MANHATTEN HOTEL

(see invite in this issue)



They are hard enough to ride with the handle bars in the right place.

See you in the winner's circle

Toddy!

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In the Chair

From the Editor

Welcome to another issue of Flatchat. If you've stumbled across this on the internet or via facebook for the first time I hope you like what you see and read about the best in Historic Motorcycle racing Australia has to offer. For our club members the same applies, it's great to part of such a grouse® club!

I'd like to bring to everybody's attention the flyer for Historic Winton on this page and in particular the date. As you can see the date has moved forward from the traditional last weekend in May to the 18th & 19th of May. The HMRV had no prior notice that the date would be changed, we only

found out via a facebook feed. So for those who have accommodation booked, annual leave planned or anything else that needs moving get on to it!

Special thanks to Marg Todd and Damien Kingsbury for their contributions to this edition of Flatchat. They have both written great reports on the Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb with a different emphasis from each. Everybody's experience is different and it makes great reading. The more contributions we receive the better the magazine is.

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Front Cover:

Mt Tarrengower's best presented sidecar of Jason and Julie Scews

Thanks to Russ Murray from Foot in Bowl Photography

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb

No.	Competitor	Machine	Best Time	Trophy Award
1	Peter Garfield	1951 RED PLATE Ariel Red Hunter 500cc	81.8	President's Choice
16	Mike Panayi	1961 Nortlas Atlas 750cc	48.3	Fastest Solo - King of the Mountain
17	Wayne Donehue	1971 RED PLATE Norton Commando 750cc	52.8	
22	Dave Philpots	1972 RED PLATE Harley Davidson 1000cc	63.2	
28	David Reidie	1938 Harley Davidson Crocker 1000cc	72.3	
35	Ian Cook	1972 Yamaha R5 350cc	65.7	Equal Fastest Post Classic 350cc
40	Dave Gittus	1939 AJS 500cc	69.6	
54	Trevor Spiers	1956 BSA 500cc	60.2	
55	Ken Mundy	1971 RED PLATE Triumph Trident 750cc	51.5	Fastest Red Plate
58	Philip Watson	1972 Suzuki 250cc	58.9	Fastest Post Classic 250cc
59	Butch Stevens	1972 Honda 350cc	66.7	
62	Des Heaney	1955 Triumph 650cc	63.5	Fastest 125cc
71	Neil Simonsen	1970 Honda 500cc	59.5	Fastest Post Classic 500cc
78	John Rosser	1972 Honda 350cc	65.7	Equal Fastest Post Classic 350cc
92	Ben James	1970 Suzuki 250cc	59.5	
100	Mike Chegwiddden	1939 Indian 750cc	65.2	Fastest Vintage/Class C
106	Scott Green	1972 RED PLATE Triumph Bonneville 650cc	55.6	
111	Peter Birthisel	1940 Indian Scout 750cc	67.5	Best Presented Solo
120	Russell Lyle	1962 Norton Atlas Special 500cc	54.2	Fastest Classic 500cc
154	David Hoy	1940 Harley Davidson 750cc	66.2	
155	Damien Kingsbury	1960 Ducati 250cc	66.6	
162	Stacey Heaney	1971 Yamaha XS 650cc	49.2	Fastest Post Classic Unlimited
170	Peter Forkes	1962 Montesa Impala 250cc	61.6	Fastest Classic 250cc
171	Paul Leys	1954 BSA M20 500cc	80.1	Elder/Brown Award
222	Peter Donoghue	1972 RED PLATE Kawasaki 900cc	57.9	
546	Martin Gratton	1948 RED PLATE Triton 650cc	69.6	
711	Dan Boeti	1971 Suzuki T350 350cc	66.0	



Mick Panayi



Vic checking the start line run-up



Stacey Heaney

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb

*Report and Pictures
Marg Todd*

The Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb event for 2018 provided excellent conditions for some excellent riding. The hot contention for the weekend was with Stacey Heaney keeping her Queen of the Mountain title and Mick Panayi to reclaim King of the Mountain! A close battle for the best time eventuated with Mick reaching 48.3 seconds in his final run, .84 seconds ahead of Stacey's best time. The second run of the day saw a difference of only .01 seconds between them - that's close racing! As work has still not begun on the most treacherous corner, chicanes were put in place which slowed times down by about 5-8 seconds.

Several newcomers to HMRAV had their first run up the hill and ran with good times: Pete Garfield, David Reidie, Ian Cook, Neil Simonsen, Russell Lyle, Damien Kingsbury, David Hoy and Paul Leys. Russell won the fastest Classic 500cc class, Ian equalled his fastest time (with John "Taffy" Rosser) in the Post Classic 350cc class,

Neil took out the fastest Post Classic 500cc and Paul received the Elder/Brown award. Welcome and well done!

It was good to see Don Cooke with John Daley in the passenger seat, setting an unrivalled pace to take out the fastest sidecar, although we only had a total of four sidecars entered. Brian and Leanne finally managed to get their sidecar cranking after frustrating problems and took out the fastest Post Classic Sidecar (dare we mention the only Post Classic Sidecar???)

This year the Best Presented bikes were awarded trophies as well as apple cider cans from the Club's new sponsor, Coldstream Brewery, with thanks and appreciation.

Thanks to Vic O'Driscoll as Stewart of the meeting, Toddy as Clerk of Course, Marg Todd as Race Secretary, John Clancy scrutineering and commentating, and Paddy for helping out with the trophy presentation.

Again, a great social event and already looking forward to next year's run up the hill!



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No.	Rider & Passenger	Machine	Best Time	Trophy Award
3	Don Cooke & John Daley	1957 Harley Davidson 1000cc	58.1	Fastest Classic Sidecar
7	Jason Skewes & Julie Skewes	1961 Triumph 650cc	70.1	Best Presented Sidecar
43	David Wain & Greg Ditchfield	1958 Triariel 650cc	73.9	
422	Brian March & Leanne March	1972 Norton 750cc	73.0	Fastest P/Classic Sidecar



mmmm. . . any suggestions anyone?



Brian & Leanne finally on track!



David Hoy



Pete & Mick Relaxing



David Reidie



Don Cooke & John Daley



Neil Simonsen



Damien Kingsbury



Jason & Julie Skewes



Phil Watson



David Wain & Greg Ditchfield



Pete Birthisel



Pete Garfield

Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 2018 GENERAL MEETING

Date: 15TH OF OCTOBER 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club

Present: Brian March, Leanne March, Aneta Philpots, Peter Large, Marg Todd, Laura Clancy, Chrissie Clancy, Paddy Clancy, Mick Alton, Phil Watson, Robert Todd, Glen Dane, Dave Philpots, Tony Greenwood, Bruce Marchetti, Andrew Pobjoy, Bob Rosenthal, Mick Large, Paul Stephenson, John, 1 other.

Apologies: Doug Hicks, Mick Chegwiddden

The meeting opened at: 7.05 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:

Last meeting's minutes read. No matters arising.

Action: John Clancy to call Peters families to advise of respect to be paid to family at both Tarrengower and Southern Classic and invite them to both.

Moved: Dave Philpots Seconded: Marg Todd

ITEM 2: Presidents report

Discussion notes to be attached.

Mailing lists to be updated to ensure no errors with mailouts.

VRMAV to provide sponsorship of \$500 to the club. Email tabled that requested details of where money should be paid tabled.

Action: Brian to follow up on where money should be paid.

Moved: Aneta Philpots Seconded: Peter Large

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Winton dates changed.

Martin Doxey happy to do the Southern Classic.

Discussion on need to advise Ambulance Victoria about details for each race meeting.

Action: Brian to contact MV.

Discussion on how many Scouts to be at gate – Doug to book at least 3. Discussion to be had with Scouts about alternative payment options – i.e., gold coin donation.



Paul Leys



Russell Lyle



Peter Forkes



Ian Cook



Ian & Taffy "debating" who gets the trophy for the Post Classic 350cc Class



John "Taffy" Rosser

Meeting Minutes

Photographer Russ Murray will be at the Southern Classic taking photos for a story. Russ can write or if someone else wants to write it up he will consider using that.

Moved: Marg Todd Seconded: Leanne March

ITEM 4: DELEGATES REPORT:

Nothing to report.

Action : Dave to request minutes from last meeting from Mary Brock. Dave also to request 2019 dates from Rob Maestrom.

Moved: Chrissie Clancy Seconded: Phil Watson

ITEM 5: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT:

Mt Tarrengower – 30 entries, sent off to Bendigo and timing.
Southern Classic – entries closed 14 October 2018 – 240 entries.

Action: Chrissie and Brian to make a date and time to go through the entries.

Southern Classic/Race meetings: Sidecar passengers who want to enter another bike.

Discussion: Sidecar passengers who wish to enter a second bike should be treated and charged the same as for riders. (Paul Kenny to be given a refund as he has paid two entries- Chrissie to follow up.)

Chrissie advised that at sign up she wants to see a copy of a membership card/receipt as proof of membership of a club. Should be included in supplementary regulations. Discussion.

Moved: Pete Large Seconded: Mick Alton

ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachments from Treasurer.
Forms from Bendigo bank to be completed. Two or more signatories to sign form. (Peter John Large, Treasurer, Douglas Hicks, Vice Treasurer, Robert George Todd, President, Brian Anthony March, Secretary.)

Committee agreed that internet banking should also be provided. Full access for Peter Large and Douglas Hicks; with read only for Robert Todd and Brian March.

Daily limit: \$15,000 agreed by Committee.

Moved: Phil Watson Seconded: Tony Greenwood

ITEM 7: PROMOTION OFFICERS REPORT

Nothing to report.

Marg spoke about promoters that she has contacted and ads that need to be updated.
Flowerdale Hotel will require a copy of flyers.
Draggin Jeans have paid their contribution.

Moved: Brian March Seconded: Dave Philpots

Item 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Everything sorted, nothing to report.
List for Toddy of merchandise for Mt Tarrengower.
Action : Glen to follow up high res image of the logo for Aneta so she can get some quotations for a new provider.

Moved: Leanne March Seconded: Glen Dane

Item 9: Mt Tarrengower:

SUPP REGS: Sent out/on website?

OFFICIALS: Vic and Toddy

SCRUTINEERS: All will assist

RACE SECRETARY: Marg Todd

VOLUNTEERS: Not required

PERMIT: Marg

MERCHANDISE: Toddy to bring some up

TROPHIES: Michelle has organised.

Funny hat theme for Tarrengower.

Brian to bring a generator for starters.

Moved: Dave Philpot Seconded: Aneta Philpots

Item 10: SOUTHERN CLASSIC

SUPP REGS Sent out/on website?

OFFICIALS: Brendan Ferrari, Vic O'Driscoll and Ross Martin

SCRUTINEERS: ?

Meeting Minutes

RACE SECRETARY: Brendan Ferrari

VOLUNTEERS: Tony Greenwood

PERMIT: PHIL

MERCHANDISE: Sorted

MEDICAL: RACESOLUTIONS BOOKED

TROPHIES: Michelle Loone

BAND: Doghouse SWEET FELICIA!

Moved: Phil Watson Seconded: Mick Alton

**Item 11: DECEMBER COME AND TRY
SUPP REGS Sent out/on website? Brian to
follow up.**

OFFICIALS: Grumpy's crew – Chrissie to
follow up.

SCRUTINEERS: To be determined.

SIGN ON:

VOLUNTEERS: Tony requires 6 – currently has 3
that will definitely
turn up.

PERMIT: PHIL?

MEDICAL: RACESOLUTIONS BOOKED

Peter Birthisel requested whether he can bring
some Indians along to offer for people to have a
go on. Committee agreed. Toddy to advise Peter
at Tarrengower.

Moved: Chrissie Clancy Seconded:
Leanne March

**Item 12: GENERAL BUSINESS
STATUS**

Doug put forward bringing Morgans down for
Christmas dinner.

Pete – phone call from Sarah Panayi. Would it be
ok to set up a stall at the Southern Classic. All
agreed.

END OF YEAR DINNER? Christmas Party on 7
December 2018 at the Manhattan Club.

Glen spoke with Stewart Gorrie about sponsorship
for club from his employer – MCAS Cycles. In for
Southern Classic for a full page color spread in
program. Requested whether they can do a
merchandise tent at the Southern Classic. Also
requested promotion as they require mechanics
for their workshop. Do we also promote on the
Facebook page or website – ie. A links page for
sponsors.
Agreed to do this on web page, but Facebook
page for members only.
Discussion on what club can offer.

Shannons Logo to be put on everything.
Should we increase the price of the program?
Currently \$5. Majority agreed to remain at \$5.
Sweet Felicia is unable to perform at the Southern
– Doghouse following up on replacement.
Doug to arrange a trailer load of wood to be
delivered on the Saturday at the Southern Classic.

Toddy read an email from John Daly. Training
more officials for the club to access.

Letter tabled from Rob Rowe about race meeting
at Wakefield Park – requires support. Glen to put
in Flatchat.

Brian to speak to Mick Beaumont about a HMRAV
banner, similar to the handshift battle banner.

Moved: Brian March Seconded: Pete Large

Next meeting: 19 November 2018
Meeting closed: 8.45 pm.

Next meeting will be a general meeting at: 7:00pm
at the
Mitcham Angling Club 19 Brunswick Rd Mitcham
on 19 November 2018.

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!

More Tarrengower

Damien Kingsbury's first experience was a great one!

I was shattered. After planning a return to racing motorcycles, in which adulation, glory and uncountable wealth would be mine for the taking, Rex Wolfenden broke the bad news: 'All the sheep stations have already been won.' Rex's reality check proved to be a minor set-back, though, in what proved to be an otherwise relentlessly optimistic exercise in spending lots of money.

It started in October 2017, when a bunch of mates – and Spannerman - went up to the Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb, just outside of Maldon in Central Victoria. The hill climb is Australia's oldest continuous race, started in the late 1920s, and featuring some beautiful cars and bikes from across the decades to 1972.

It was a wonderful event, surrounded by the roar of such an array of glorious machinery in the Victorian bush under a shining sun. We each swore to be in it for 2018. My acquisition of a P3 1960 Ducati 250 was a start, followed by a racing license, the requisite racing gear and an engine rebuild (bike details in box).

The run up the hill is relatively short, at 1.4 ks, and ordinarily there's only three bends in it. So it's sort of like a long, up-hill, winding

drag race on ancient bikes. For 2018, however, the organisers put in a new, first gear, chicane ahead of a corner with what was claimed to be a dangerous Armco barrier. The chicane added around six seconds to the fastest times and probably eight to 10 for us slow pokes. I was hoping to save total embarrassment by scoring a slowish but not wholly cringe-worthy 70 second run, so was disappointed with an initial 79.8! It was around this time that I worked out that the Ducati Team MotoGP talent scouts might not be tapping me on the shoulder to fill in behind injured Jorge Lorenzo.

Just as well, then, that the event is mostly just about good fun. On the Friday morning, Scott and Taffy, who were camped just behind us, came down to help sort a bike that was not running properly. Scott's a mechanic and even he persevered for two hours on what was not even a race bike. In the end, it was trailered into Maldon and fixed by Gary at Triumph Performance Parts. All the bike riders, and their supporters, took up new acquaintances like old mates. It's worth noting that Taffy, riding a lightly modified Honda 350/4, is remarkably quick. What's even more noteworthy is that Taffy is soon to turn 80! There is hope for the rest of us yet!

And then there was the beautiful machinery; Dave Reidie's museum-

Put these dates in your calendar now!

3, 4 November - Southern Classic

2 December - Come and Try Day

7 December - HMRV Presentation Dinner



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worthy Crocker, Doghouse Dave's red plate iron Harley Sportster, a brace of old BSAs, AJSs, Ariels and the like, a stunningly quick Montesa Impala (which holds the Broadford P3 250 lap record), last year's Mt Tarrengower winner Stacey Heaney's blindingly fast 650 Yamaha, and a pair of Nortons, with Mike Panayi's Atlas setting this year's fastest time of 48.3 seconds.

During one of the runs, sidecar passenger Julie Skewes hit the chicane and was knocked out of her husband Jason's outfit. Most would have retired from the meeting, but she was lent a new helmet and took the next run. When their outfit arrived at the top of the mountain, the riders gave her a warm round of applause.

Following the last run, at the top of the hill, Stacey went up to Mike Panayi, put her hand on his shoulder and shook his hand, acknowledging his overall win. Good fellowship and good sportsmanship were in abundance.

Prior to the final run, I'd noticed the little Ducati's upper rear engine bolt missing and the others were loose, so replaced the missing bolt and tightened

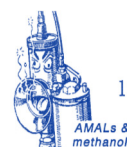
the others around what is supposed to be a stressed frame member. After the last run, I checked on the errant bolt and there it was – gone! The engine was hanging from its frame mounts by a couple of threads!

I'd started out wanting to hit 70 seconds and ended up tank-slapping over the bumpy curves with the little single on song at 9,000 rpm, the engine only just in the frame, with what felt like a reasonable final run. It was a far cry from the quick times but, for an old four stroke 250 single, I was happy with a final 66.6. Needless to say, it's about as much fun as you can have with your pants on. We will, of course, be back next year.



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Presentation Dinner



The Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria invite members, their families and wonderful sponsors to attend the annual presentation dinner and Christmas celebrations at

Manhattan Hotel
Corner Canterbury & Heatherdale Roads
Ringwood

Friday, 7th December, 2018
from 6pm followed by Club presentations

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

RSVP ESSENTIAL to Toddy & Marg: 5967 2480 (AH)

Toddy mobile: 0400 596 724 or Marg mobile: 0417 310 938

① Accommodation is available at the Manhattan Hotel - please telephone 9874 7777



Season's Greetings

