

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

Jul - Aug 2022

# Flatchat





# Behind the Bars

## The Presidents Report

Hope everyone is enjoying this Arctic weather and keeping warm.

The AGM has been and gone and I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their countless hours and hard work behind the scenes for the last financial year. I would like to welcome the new incoming committee (rolled over) and as always wish them the best for the next chapter of the HMRAV.

Big thanks to Doug Hicks (founding member) for his dedication to the HMRAV over its 43 years. Doug has been instrumental in the running of the Club; he has decided to take a back seat and look on, thanks Doug a job well done.

Also a big thanks to Tony Greenwood for his contribution as volunteer liaison officer over the past few years not an easy job trying to find helpers to attend our meetings.

To those who don't know RIDERNET 2 is now in place and that means some big changes in the way the club will run as in membership and race entries. We have been putting this off for some years to not get involved but we are now put in the position by MV / MA to follow all other clubs in this direction. We are not sure at this

point exactly what is involved or being asked of us but will certainly keep you all informed as info comes through.

Mt Tarrengower (October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) and Southern Classic (November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) sup regs are now out and on the HMRAV.ORG web site.

Here are the proposed dates for next year we have submitted to MV for approval so pencil them in for 2023. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, (weekend before Easter/Bonanza) for the Vic Titles and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November for the SC.

And Finally late mail in - the HMRAV will be supporting the SRCV with their Introduction day on the 4th December, see details in this issue .

So until next issue stay safe and keep the shiny side up! See you in the winner's circle Toddy!



From the front cover: No it's not a ZZ Top cover band, Mick, Ross and Brian are enjoying some sunshine at the big chill

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# THE QEMSC 2022 BIG CHILL

Article: Brian March Pics: Alan McIntosh Sports Photography

Do you remember back when you were young....life was easy.....on the weekends you got together with your mates....raced around on bikes like lunatics....had the odd crash....the occasional beer....and walked around pretending you weren't hurt and toughed it out....remember that?

What happens when blokes in their 60's and 70's forget that they're not 18 anymore and try to do the same? They have a ball actually....that's what happens!

And so the story of this year's QEMSC Big Chill begins.

Mick Cheg and partner Sue, Leanne and I and Ross Bolding and partner Dee, all headed north to join in the fun at this great meeting. It's a really low key back to basics style event. Everyone is friendly and really appreciative of the effort the interstaters put in.

We like to say...It's the vibe.

I'd brought up my Indian Scout (#12), Ross had his WR Harley (#750) and Mick had brought both his Vincent Rapide and his Scout (#475). When we arrived at the track the forecasted rain had started and seemed like it was settling in, so we quickly set up our pit and headed into town.

Saturday morning and the boys all motored out to the track early, while the girls got ready to hit the Stanthorpe shops. Sign on, scrutineering and the riders briefing all went off without a hitch.

Before we knew it we were heading out for our first practice session.

Now last year, on a wet track, Mick Cheg found out how slippery the inside line of turn one can be. He hit the deck and luckily caused little damage to bike or self.

I knew all this as I was there last year.....but kind of forgot....so second lap of first practice....at a wet and slippery turn one.....down I went! Luckily it's not my first crash so I'm well aware of the protocols. Keep your head, (and helmet) up, don't get caught up with the bike and don't try and stand up until you're 100% sure you've stopped sliding! So, lucky for me, not much damage to bike or rider. With lots of help the bike was repaired and race worthy within about a half hour.

The rain continued and we went out for our qualifier. We all took it easy,



(especially me) and got through without further dramas.

First race after lunch was a "110 year combined bike





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and rider” race. Out we went but after a couple of laps drama number 2 happened. Ross, at the now infamous turn 1, unfortunately got T-boned by a following rider. Ross has clearly not crashed enough in his racing career and made a mess of it. The bike, Ross and his helmet received a fair bit of damage. Once again our pit sprang into action and Ross’s bike was back to race condition in no time. Ross on the other hand was a bit proppy with a knock to the head and an ankle that was starting to develop elephantitis. But being made of tough stuff, Ross found a new helmet and was back out there for the afternoon’s races.

And weren’t the afternoon’s races great! With the weather clearing and a track that really encourages close racing, Mick and I, in company with a couple of locals, diced like madmen. It was awesome and we managed to take a win each. That night over dinner and a few beers, we relived every passing

manoeuvre and close call, never letting the truth get in the way of a good story.

Sunday and at last we had a dry track. Ross’s ankle was starting to come good but a closer inspection of his bike revealed a few more bent bits and a decision was made to load it up on the ute. A sad end to his first foray to Stanthorpe but that’s racing.

Mick and I continued our racing though and it just seemed to get better and better. One of our races had a group of four of us, (a Triton, Mick’s Vincent Rapide, a rigid Triumph twin and me on my Scout) all going for it corner after corner. The crowd loved it and it was absolutely one of the best races I’ve ever been in.

But then we came to the last race. With local John Munns on his Triton, Gary Ellis on his Pete Birthisel built Scout





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and Mick and I on our Indians, we all lined up on the front row.

Red lights go out and we're off and racing. The Triton was in front with Mick and I hot on his heels. Last corner of the last lap and Mick's Scout locks the back wheel and down he goes. Crash number three! Mick managed to step off the bike right in front of the assembled crowd and all present described it as "graceful". Being a very experienced racer, Mick managed to not only crash in style but not damage himself or helmet. Very little damage to the bike either but the source of the rear wheel lock up was a bit of a concern!

So after 3000k's of driving to get away with your mates, racing round a track like lunatics, the odd crash ...or three, one or two beers and lots of laughs and a few extra moans and groans whilst we wobble around....all I can say is "what a great weekend!".

If you'd like to join us next year where we promise to once again defy the aging process, just come up and have a chat at the next race meeting. The Big Chill at Stanthorpe is a great event and you'll love it.

Cheers, Marchy.





# Young Swinger II

Article: Hudson Skewes, Pics: Russ Murray

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My Dad first introduced me to sidecar racing around 7 years ago. I loved everything about it, I thought he was pretty crazy hanging off the side with 'Doghouse' Dave riding.

I've always been into motorbikes, so going to Broadford with Mum and Dad on the odd weekend was always heaps of fun. I made new friends with similar backgrounds, who also had parents that raced.

Watching Dad out there is something I'll never forget. After a couple of years Dad built his own sidecar as he wanted his own setup & surprisingly I was soon swinging on the side.

One day it was going to be me out there. And before I knew it, here I am. I had my first race

swinging with Dad not long after I turned 16, earlier this year, and it's everything I'd hoped it would be!

Our club the HMRAV have been so supportive & encouraging, especially Brian March. He has helped get me



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# Young Swinger II

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get an early start. My friend Will Rockliffe who I met at track many years ago is also swinging, we had our first race meet together earlier this year at the Victorian Titles. It's been awesome to have a mate the same age, doing the same thing, sidecar racing.

I swung for my Dad & together we managed to win 2nd place! And recently we raced at Historic Winton and came in 3rd place. The addiction is real and I have plans to learn so much more. I'm lucky to have this opportunity in life & I'm very grateful. Definitely enjoying every moment of it, nerves and all. If you ever considered it & get the chance, I definitely recommend doing it!!

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# Meeting Minutes

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Mitcham Angling Club and Zoom meeting

Present: Dave and Aneta Philpots, Brian March, Eric Saunders, Glen Dane, Peter Garfield, Ken Redwood, Pete Large, Phil Watson, Chris Large, Mick Cheg.

Apologies: Toddy and Marg, Leanne March, Chrissie Clancy, Dave Large, Tony Greenwood, Doug Hicks.

The meeting opened at: 7:04 p.m.

### ITEM 1: Matters arising from last minutes

(June Meeting as no July meeting)  
None.

Moved: Glen                      Seconded: Aneta

### ITEM 2: Presidents report/AGM

As this is the AGM all Committee positions are now declared vacant and new elections will be held. You must be a full financial member to vote and/or nominate.

Elections resulted in the following positions being filled:

President: Robert Todd

Vice President: Dave Philpots

Secretary:      Brian March

Assistant Secretary: Phil Watson

Treasurer: Pete Large

Assistant Treasurer: Phil Watson

Flat Chat Editor: Glen Dane

Race Secretary: Ben James

Assistant Race Secretary: Marg Todd

Volunteer Liaison:      Vacant

Promotions Officer: Ken Redwood

Red Plate Officer:      Mick Cheg

Merchandising Officer: Aneta Philpots

Membership: Chrissie Clancy

MV Delegate: Brian March and Dave Philpots

Trophies: David Hoy

Ladies liaison: Leanne March

Ordinary Committee Members: Peter Garfield, Eric Saunders, Chris Large.

**Dave** to email the list of all committee positions to committee members. Also, will ask Phil to have it placed on the website.

**Brian** to put the same on the Facebook page.

\*Discussion took place: Chris Large is interested in the Volunteer Co-ordinator position as well as possibly becoming another club red plate signatory with VicRoads.

Moved: Mick                      Seconded: Eric

### ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Have asked Toddy and Marg for the Mt T and SC Supp Regs. Will get the permit process started once I receive them.

Dates for 2023:

Easter, (Bonanza) is 7,8 & 9/4, do we want to go

### HMRAV Club meetings are conducted at the

Mitcham Angling Club - 11 Brunswick Road, Mitcham  
Meetings are (usually) held from 7pm  
every 2nd Monday of every second month

**Check Facebook to confirm dates - subject to change!**  
**Come along and join us**



# Meeting Minutes

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1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> or 15 & 16/4?

1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November is 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November.

\*Discussion took place.... Those present were in favour of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, (weekend before Easter/Bonanza) for the Vic Titles and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November for the SC. To be discussed with Toddy before submitting to MV.

The Hartwell Seniors, (Old Farts) meeting is open to HMRAV members.  
Broadford, September 10 & 11.

Sound Control Officer Training.... Eric Saunders will conduct a one hour training course at the completion of Saturdays racing at the SC. Mick, Doghouse and Brian have volunteered. Must have completed the Scrutineers course online as well as being a Level 1 Official.

Chrissie has gained access to Ridernet as HMRAV's Admin. She is now able to fix the "Pending/Financial membership" problems in the Ridernet system.

A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS THAT RENEWAL OF HMRAV MEMBERSHIP SHOULD ONLY BE DONE VIA THE CLUBS WEBSITE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ATTEMPT TO DO THIS WITH MA/MV.

Moved: Phil                      Seconded: Doghouse

## **ITEM 4: TREASURERS REPORT**

Refer to attachments from Treasurer. End of financial year statement from Pete to be forwarded to all committee members.

Moved: Aneta      Seconded: Eric

## **ITEM 5: DELEGATES REPORT**

N/A

Moved: Brian                      Seconded: Chris

## **ITEM 6: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT**

N/A

Moved: Pete                      Seconded: Brian

## **ITEM 7: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT**

Aneta looking at new designs for the SC

Moved: Doghouse      Seconded: Glen

## **ITEM 8: MOUNT TARRENGOWER**

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October. Supp Regs to be available in September.  
Usually only 30-35 entries available so get your entries in early.

We will need help with scrutineering.

Officials:  
Steward: Vic O'Driscoll  
CoC: Toddy  
Race Secretary: Marg

Moved: Peter Garfield                      Seconded: Mick

## **ITEM 9: SOUTHERN CLASSIC**

Steward: Vic O'Driscoll  
CoC: Heinz Schluter  
Race Secretary, (on the day): Frances Conroy

Purple Dragons need to be booked.....Brian to call Kathy

Vote taken.....agreed to \$5 for the race program.

Moved: Doghouse                      Seconded: Brian

## **Item:10 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Phil: SC accommodation for officials:

Vic, Heinz and Francis

Doug Dukes and Roger usually look after themselves.

Chris: Did a google search on HMRAV and the first match that comes up is to MV.

Discussion: Phil and others stated that it depends on how much you pay Google to have your "match" come up first. Brian stated that he has had this issue before and always advises people to search HMRAV.ORG.

Glen agreed to put a note about it in Flatchat.

Ken Redwood asked about a Red Plate display at the SC. It was explained that it had been tried before but if he wanted to organise it.... go ahead.

Moved: Brian                      Seconded: Phil

Next meeting: 5/9/22 via Zoom

Meeting closed: 7:40pm.

# Club Permits

Attention all Club Permit members.

The club has hundreds of members with Club Permits (Red Plate) 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 FULL financial member of HMRAV (Racing and Red Plate member only - Social membership does not entitle members to Red Plate privileges). 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 please call our Club Permit coordinator Mick Chegwidon on 0401 819 609 who is only too happy to give you advice.

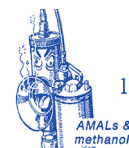
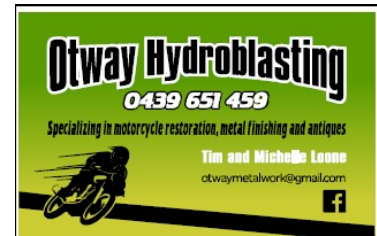
The Club Permit scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRAV, so please ensure you are supporting the club by getting your renewal processes right the first time.

Please remember you need the following items for successful renewal:

- Renewal notice from Vic Roads;
- Photocopy of current HMRAV membership card;
- Stamped self-addressed envelope.
- Send all of the above to:

**Club Permits HMRAV**  
**46-48 Powlett St,**  
**Dalyston, 3992**

Any questions please call Mick or a committee member!



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## PROPOSED EVENTS SUBJECT TO NOTICE

Mt Tarrengower Hill climb - 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October  
Southern Classic 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Presentation Dinner - Manhattan Hotel December







**For Further Details Contact**  
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## Sidecar Racing Club of Victoria

Introduction Day  
4<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Broadford Motorcycle sports Complex

Thank you for your interest in our Sidecar Introduction Day.

The Sidecar Racing Club of Victoria runs the Introduction Day to generate interest in our sport. We provide you with a one event licence which allows you to ride as a passenger on a racing sidecar. The riders will go as slow or as fast as you can handle. There is an emphasis of giving you the feel for racing sidecars, whilst keep you as safe as possible. The long-term vision of the Introduction Day is to interest you and your friends to take up our sport. And most of all ..... to have fun.

### **You will receive: -**

Helpful tuition on how to “swing” on a sidecar  
A BBQ Lunch  
Laps on the racetrack, and possibly a swing on a variety of sidecars

### **Requirements:**

You must be over 16 years of age (with parental consent under 18 years of age).

You must be a current paid member of Ambulance Victoria either through your private health fund or directly with them. – Proof of membership is required.

You require a Full-face helmet, and complete set of leathers. (If you have jacket & pants, this must be able to zip together) gloves and boots.

Further information will be sent once confirmation of payment has been received.

### **Warning!**

Our sport is dangerous: Entering the introduction day is your decision and is made entirely at your own risk. Sidecar Racing club of Victoria Inc. will take precautions to keep you as safe as we can. Whilst on a sidecar, however, your safety is in your own hands. The Sidecar Racing Club of Victoria takes no liability, in the event of any mishap. As with all other public events of this nature, you enter and participate at your own risk.

**Happiness is,  
A three Wheel Drift:**

# Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria

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## 2022-2023 Membership Application / Renewal

Membership current from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022- June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

Contact membership secretary for pro rata options outside of renewal dates



<b>Name of primary member</b>			
Family members names			
if joining as family			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>State</b>		<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Phone number</b>			
<b>email</b>			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

- ☐ Joining Fee (initial once off fee) Cost \$10:00
- ☐ **Social Only**, Non-Racing / Non-Club permit Membership Cost \$20:00
- ☐ **Full** Racing / Club Permit Membership Cost \$60:00
- ☐ **Family Membership** Cost \$75:00

Full membership covers membership for one member (primary riding member). Family membership entitles Spouse/Defacto of the primary member & dependent children 21 years & under that must be living at the same address to have the privileges of a full member including voting rights.

**Circle interests:** Road Racing Club permit only Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Competition Licence number:** \_\_\_\_\_ (must be entered if licence renewal is required)

☐ EFT payments: Bendigo Bank: BSB:633 000 Acc: 164528358  
Include surname and membership as payment reference

☐ Payment by cheque or Money Order should be made payable to;  
Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria Inc.

**Completed application form can be:**

scanned and emailed to [membership@hmrav.org](mailto:membership@hmrav.org)

or mailed to: HMRV Membership 43 Tootle St, Kilmore, Vic 3764

**Membership enquires:** [Chrissie Clancy 0407 809 733 membership@hmrav.org](mailto:Chrissie.Clancy@hmrav.org)

**Club Permit enquires:** Mick Chegwiddden 0401 819 609

**Other enquires:** Secretary Brian March (A/H) 0439 113 325 [secretary@hmrav.org](mailto:secretary@hmrav.org)

For licence applications please see: <http://www.motorcyclingvic.com.au/licence/>

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