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Flatchat



Behind the Bars

The Presidents Report

Welcome to another issue of FLATCHAT – I'm sure you will enjoy, as usual!

As in my last report I put out a call for more helpers. Thank you to those who made themselves available for helping at Winton, it is much appreciated. Although I wasn't there, racing was with good fields but I believe that the local outdoor supply shop ran out of waders, floaties and rubber ducks on the Sunday!

There is not much to report on at the moment other than MA rule changes which are on their website. As usual, there was no correspondence with HMRAV or the Historic Management Committee. I'm really lost for words after so many emails and telephone calls to have this addressed.

Our Club AGM is coming up on Monday, 14th August at the Mitcham Angling Club, 11 Brunswick Rd, Mitcham. The meeting will start at 7pm and drinks are available at bar prices. It would be great to see some members attend, not just the committee.

Speaking of the committee, this will be the last president's report from me as Marg and I are standing down. Having a few personal mechanical issues of late, we realize that there is more to life than racing motorbikes (just can't think of anything at the moment though). Marg has been doing the program for 19 years and a fine job she has done. I have been on the committee for almost 30 years and president, on and off, for 15 of those years. It's now time to hand over to the younger thinking members who are running on all cylinders. We are not disappearing altogether and will help out where and when we can. We have made some good lifelong friends and met some awesome, interesting people along the way, and some enemies (not too many though I hope!). It has been an

interesting journey to say the least and have worked with a number of great, dedicated committee groups over the years. Thanks everyone for your support and great memories.

Hope to see you at the AGM and in the winner's circle! Toddy



Front cover: Toddy and Lloyd in action - Pic Russ Murray

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Phil Watson

Historic Winton

Pics: Russ Murray, Foot in Bowl ,Story Glen Dane



In the lead up to this years Historic Winton all eyes were on the weather forecast, and it wasn't great news. After quite a few years on coolish but dry conditions a wet weekend was on the cards.

So it was with some joy that riders and passengers went out on Saturday to a dry track. Good fields in all events meant the racing was enjoyable for the competitors and the spectators alike.

And our volunteers also revelled in the conditions. Ken, Amanda and Daryl on the start line, Doug and Terry in recovery and Tony on the pre-grid were all able to support the event and stay dry.

Sunday however was, well, wet! The rain started Saturday night and had set in. Radar images were analysed and quite a few decided that an early trip home in a dry car or van was preferable to a day in cold wet leathers.

So with diminished fields the racing continued for those willing to test their skills in the wet conditions. And for those there to witness it there was some quality riding and racing to be seen. Tricky conditions are always a leveller but it was no surprise to see the riders who'd done well in the dry really shine in the wet.

The 46th Historic Winton was also the inaugural running of the of Garth Rhodes Trophy Race and the Doug Hicks Trophy Race. Both races were run in the wet condition on Sunday so it was fitting test of riders and machinery with the Garth Rhodes being won by Peter Large with Adam Moxey in second and Jack Petith in third while the Doug Hicks was won by Garth Francis with Les Toohey in second and Stacey Heaney in third.

After a weekend of commentating Doug and Roger presented the trophies with their usual witty and knowledgeable insights rounding out another successful event

From top: Chris Panahi '72 Honda 350, Phil Watson '72 Suzuki 250, David Hoy Harley WLA and Below Mick Petith Indian Scout



Historic Winton

	1st	2nd	3rd
VINTAGE	Bryce DAVIES	Des HEANEY	Clive HARROP
CLASS C	Mark DAWSON	Winston WYATT	Peter HEHIR
HARLEY v INDIAN HANDSHIFT	Jack PETITH	Mick BEAUMONT	Adam MOXEY
125cc ALL	Steve ELFORD	Stephen KAIRL	Ian GRIFFITHS
250cc CLASSIC	Peter LARGE	Roly ORR	
350cc CLASSIC	Stacey HEANEY	Brad GORRIE	Jack PETITH
500cc CLASSIC	Garth FRANCIS	Les TOOHEY	David WAIN
UNLIMITED CLASSIC	Doug GORRIE	Bob SAYER	Peter BIRTHISEL
250cc POST-CLASSIC	Stuart GORRIE	Tony SIMS	Barry KNIGHT
350cc POST-CLASSIC	David CAMPBELL	Mark DAWSON	Chris PANAYI
500cc POST-CLASSIC	Haydn JONES	David WOOLSEY	Daren CHILMAN
UNLIMITED POST-CLASSIC	Clive HUGHES	Stacey HEANEY	Ian COOK
250cc FORGOTTEN ERA	Richard SPOTTSWOOD	Samantha STEWART	Robie HEATHER
350cc FORGOTTEN ERA	Lachlan HILL	Roly ORR	Des HEANEY
500cc FORGOTTEN ERA	Neale WEDDALL	Christian ROWLETT	Noel HEENAN
750cc FORGOTTEN ERA	Craig DITCHBURN		
UNLIMITED FORGOTTEN ERA	Beau BEATON		
CLASSIC SIDECARS - 650cc	P. LARGE / P. HEYWOOD	D.WAIN/G.DITCHFIELD	M.LARGE/T.LARGE
CLASSIC SIDECARS - UNLIMITED	G.FRANCIS/P.KENNY	D.BETTERIDGE/R.BETERIDGE	
POST-CLASSIC SIDECARS - 836cc	G.GRANT/A.LEWIS	T.NEWAND/P.HOPEWELL	L.SEABROOK/I.BAKSHEV
POST-CLASSIC SIDECARS - UNLIMITED	J.CLANCY/C.CLANCEY		
SIDECARS - FORGOTTEN ERA	A.SMITH/R.D'ANIELLO	B.BEATON/M.HORNER	A.VAN UITERT/ M.HOLLOWAY
Garth Rhodes Trophy Racw	Peter LARGE	Adam MOXEY	Jack PETITH
Doug Hicks Trophy Race	Garth Francis	Les TOOHEY	Stacey HEANEY



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From Top: Jason and Hudo Skews '54 Triumph sidecar, Mick Beaumont Indian Scout, and Ross Bolding Harley WLA

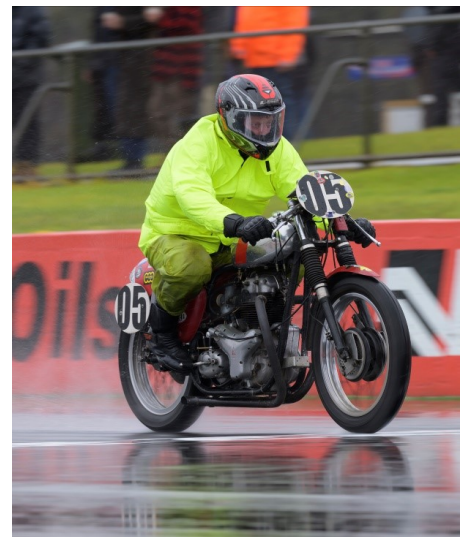


Historic Winton



Pete Large in action on the '62 Ducati 250 and with Peter Heywood on the '55 Triumph sidecar ,Left Peter Birthisel '62 Nordial, Christian Rowlett '76 Yamaha, and Doug Gorrie '58 BSA

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A weekend at Eastern Creek

Story: Emily Dale

A weekend at Eastern Creek, sidecar racing. Race engines humming; ready and staged in grid formation. I sat crouched, on the passenger's, (swinger) platform, hands gripping support bars and head tucked in tight, waiting for the green flag to signal our take off.

My breath huffed out a rhythm that I fought to keep under control as John, the rider of the Period 4 class Honda DeWith 960 sidecar outfit I was swinging on, started revving the engine. A low thrum rumbled through me; a thunderous tune began and the wheels spun. My helmet filled with a rubbery stench as we became mobile, and shot off the start line Go together nicely

We were at Eastern Creek's, Sydney Motorsport Park. Racing down the straight amongst the pack of other outfits, at a pace too quick to register, each passenger swung to the left, bracing for the first sweeping corner. I pulled myself forward and over the front left of the platform as we curved into the lefthander. It's a feeling like no other, something almost inexplicable, to be centimetres from the bitumen, travelling at speeds of around 160/170kph. I felt both incredibly alive and yet so close to death.

We levelled out of the first corner and barrelled down a small straight, my head pressed as far down as I could tuck it to avoid the gravitational forces pushing against me. This only gave mere seconds of relief as I was forced to haul myself over the front left, again, as we changed down a gear, then another to spin back on ourselves in a tight lefthand hairpin - one of two hairpins in the track.

I tried to recall how to breathe, how to push air into my lungs as I hung over the front. Whilst processing which corner came next and what position I had to be in. It was a cognitive struggle amidst the chaos of physical exertion. Then, the next corner was upon us, and I was up and over the back of John; throwing my weight to the right, as we took on an immediate righthand turn. And so, it went lap after lap around the track. I raced.

Thinking only of the immediate and just when I thought I couldn't take any more, that my arms would give out, we passed the checked flag and slowed into the final bend. I waved at the marshals, engulfed in a static buzz of exhilaration.



Road Race Sidecar racing is unlike anything I've ever experienced. I first heard about it from my mechanic Craig, who's been sidecar racing for over 20 years. I couldn't quite believe my ears.

"So, you're saying you race around a track and hang out the side of a motorcycle that has a little platform attached to it?"

However, my incredulity was short-lived. Yes, I was shocked that something this wild had been dreamed up and was an actual sport, but my intrigue was stronger. Craig suggested I attend an Introduction Day, which is put on every year in Broadford, by the Sidecar Racing Club of Victoria. I went in December of 2022, jumping on the back of several sidecar outfits. A sidecar used for road racing is defined as a three-wheeled motorcycle that has an engine either behind, (for Formula 1 and 2,) or underneath, (periods 3, 4, and 5,) the rider in front and a small rear platform, which the swinger moves around on, helping to distribute the weight of the sidecar through the corners.

A weekend at Eastern Creek

Story: Emily Dale

After spending the day racing the Broadford track, I was hooked. I was enthralled by this niche sport and excited at the prospect of pursuing it, which is how I ended up swinging for John at Eastern Creek.

Eastern Creek was an intense three days of physical and mental exertion, from the 17th to the 19th of February 2023. Three exceedingly hot days; I can't say I've sweated more in my life. Pulling on and off leathers, gloves, boots and a helmet repeatedly in 37-degree heat was by far the most significant challenge of the weekend.

The pits were a continual buzz of excited activity, which I was warmly welcomed into. It wasn't what I had expected, though I'm not entirely sure what pre-perceived image I'd had in mind.

Everyone was eager to introduce themselves, pass on advice and have a yarn about their past racing experiences, never leaving out the scary details which I appreciated. I've never done anything this openly dangerous before and was aware that my perception of the sport could quite easily become romanticised.

The reality is this sport is hazardous and that is something exceedingly valuable to grasp. Something that everyone in the pits made sure I understood; not in a way to scare me off, but rather to educate me. Educate me that every time I leave the pits, I'm embracing something undoubtedly perilous which can result in a severe or fatal injury.

Remembering that is what I strove to do amid the euphoric rush I felt throughout the weekend.

Steve, who has been swinging for several years, said something about his time racing at the Isle of Man TT, that stuck with me. Every time he left to race there was an unspoken understanding that he might not come back, so the competitors would all shake the hands of their pit crew.

Yet, this sombre reality didn't alter the atmosphere in the pits which was light-hearted and jovial. The sidecar

community is a tight-knit bunch of playful people. I was pleasantly astounded at the banter between them. They have a fantastic rule: If the passenger comes off without a handle in their hand, they have to buy a slab and if they come off with a handle, it's the rider's fault.

If the rider comes off, they have to buy two slabs.

Something yet to be carried out by a couple of passengers from the weekend, who grumpily assured me it was not their fault that they'd come off. It was around this point in the weekend that I discovered the comedic rivalry between the passenger and rider. The most practical advice I got all weekend was the simplest. Other passengers, whom I came to know as a crazy bunch, all told me the same three rules:

- Don't let go
- Remember to breathe, and
- Don't forget to enjoy it.

That may sound like three easy things to accomplish, but whilst transferring your body weight in a graceful waltz around a sidecar platform that's moving at high speeds, they can easily be forgotten.

Throughout the weekend, I completed six races, including two feature races, one with a poor handicap start which turned into a chaotic delight. Chaotic because in a handicapped race, the fastest starts last and the slowest first. Each outfit set off at a calculated number of seconds after the other.

For my first race meeting, John and I walked away with a first for our Period 4 class and a neat lap time of 1.59.92.

I arrived back in Melbourne after the monumental weekend still awash with an energetic intoxication I knew I wouldn't be able to shake and already preparing for my next race.

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John: 0412 79 69 89

Meeting Minutes

April GENERAL MEETING

Date: 17th of April 2023
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Zoom meeting

Present: Brian March, Toddy and Marg, Aneta and Dave, Eric Saunders, Chrissie, Glen Dane, Pete Large, David Hoy, Ben James

Apologies: Phil Watson, Leanne, Pete Garfield

The meeting opened at: 7:03 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

We have received an invoice from the Broadford canteen
Shannons Truck for SC? Doghouse to follow up

Moved: Pete Seconded: Chrissie

ITEM 2: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Radios – 2 more radios and 3 headsets required
Quote is \$2510. Vote taken – agreed to purchase them
Toddy picked up van from Broadford. Discussion took place with Rob Mestrom about a bike that was tested and over the noise limit. Mestrom wants different testing procedures. Eric explained that testing is carried out as per MA instructions.
Brian knows owner of the bike and will contact them and have a chat.

Moved: Brian Seconded: Doghouse

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Brendan Ferrari and Tony Bolin confirmed for Winton
Spoke with Brendan re: One event Licences at our meetings. Asked Brendan to stop issuing them as the committee has voted not to issue these at our Open meetings.

Moved: David Hoy Seconded: Eric

ITEM 4: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachments from Treasurer.
Peter was handed a list at the Vics of people who had either not paid for either their entries, pits of both.

Discussion took place relating to late entries/non-payment.
Brian to speak with Ben, (race secretary) about putting steps in place to ensure no one enters our meetings without paying.

Eddington profit - @\$1000. Good result.

Moved: Chrissie Seconded: Toddy

ITEM 5: MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ridernet issues. Constant issues with some members not renewing their memberships.

Moved: Brian Seconded: Eric

ITEM 6: DELEGATES REPORT

Nothing to report

Moved: Pete Seconded: Dave Hoy

ITEM 7: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT

Wrap up's – All Good

Eddington: There were some people not present at the Riders briefing at both Eddington and the Vic's. The Steward is aware of this and they will be spoken to if they continue to be late.

Vic Titles:

Toddy: Spoke to Paul Kenny – groggy but ok. Few days in hospital.
Hayden Jones – Medical gave the all clear but ended up with a punctured lung and broken ribs.

Winton:

59 entries so far
Andrew and Erin unavailable
Brian to contact Kathy Foulkes
Need a total of 7 marshals/volunteers
Doug Dukes is coming
Need to email A7 program stuff, list of Officials, Pres report etc
Ben to liaise with Peta Lee (A7)

Moved: Ben Seconded: Brian

ITEM 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

Vics: Sold \$4900 worth of Merch.

**HMRV Club meetings are conducted via Zoom
usually every 2nd Monday of *the month***

For a link to join please contact one of the committee and we'll send you a link

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Event T shirts sold out
Ordered more plaques from Peter Hehir
Application letter sent to A7 for merch tent at Winton

Moved: Doghouse Seconded: Marg

Item: 9: GENERAL BUSINESS

Dave: SC poster artwork commissioned. Same artist the Detonators use.
Aneta: Commemorative Mug being sourced for the SC.
Toddy: Re-vamped badge for SC as well as the program being in colour.

Moved: Glen Seconded: Pete

Next meeting: 15/5/23
Meeting closed: 8:40 pm.

May GENERAL MEETING

Date: 15th of May 2023
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Zoom meeting

Present: Brian March, Doghouse and Aneta, Pete Large, Ken Redwood, Eric Saunders, Mick Cheg, Pete Garfield, Phil Watson.

Apologies: Toddy and Marg, Glen Dane, David Hoy, Ben James, Leanne March, Chrissie Clancy.

The meeting opened at: 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

Doghouse: emailed Belinda (Shannons) about the Truck for the SC. No reply as yet.
Marchy: Contacted owner of bike which failed a noise test at the Vics. They've ordered new mufflers already.

Moved: Pete Seconded: Aneta

ITEM 2: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Toddy sent in the following:
AGM to be held at the Fishing club in August
Still chasing the permit for Winton.

Moved: Marchy Seconded: Mick Cheg

ITEM 3: SECRETARIES REPORT

Opportunity for First Aid training at Mitcham Anglers Club
Have contacted Kathy Foulkes for Winton....hasn't returned my calls

Moved: Eric Seconded: Ken

ITEM 4: TREASURERS REPORT

Refer to attachments from Treasurer.

Changes to the EFTPOS machine from Bendigo Bank
We can now buy our own – cost is \$60
Discussion took place regarding selling merchandise via the website

Moved: Ken Seconded: Marchy

ITEM 5: MEMBERSHIP REPORT N/A

Moved: Seconded:

ITEM 6: DELEGATES REPORT N/A – MV AGM 14/6

Moved: Seconded:

ITEM 7: RACE SECRETARIES REPORT

Winton:

Good entry numbers
Lots of late entry enquiries – no late entries accepted
Doghouse to bring the radios and the van up
Phil to bring the PA

Moved: Phil Seconded: Aneta

ITEM 8: MERCHANDISE OFFICERS REPORT

A7 has been paid for merch tent at Winton
Waiting on artwork for SC

Moved: Peter Garfield Seconded: Mick

Item: 9: GENERAL BUSINESS

Volunteers for Winton: Tony Greenwood, Amanda Michele, Steven Williams – still need to book 6 through Kathy Foulkes

Eric: Hartwell running a course for L2 Scrutineers and Sound Control Officers. Open to anyone – held at the Hartwell club rooms.

Phil: Had an enquiry from the SR500 club asking if they could run at the sprint/hillclimb. Phil to send an email reply.

Peter Garfield: Thanks to everyone for their efforts at Vic Titles.

Ken: Enquired about the email addresses @ the website. Phil explained they are just email forwarders.

Dave Large joined at the end of the meeting: He received a phone call today asking whether we'd accept a late entry for Winton.
*Sorry but entries are closed.

Moved: Aneta Seconded: Doghouse

Next meeting: 19/6/23
Meeting closed: 7:47 pm.

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 HMRV (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 Chegwidgen on 0401 819 609 who is only too happy to give you advice.

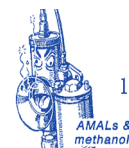
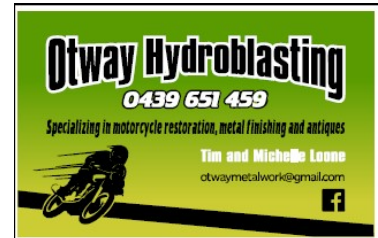
The Club Permit scheme is one of the great things about belonging to a club like HMRV, so please ensure you are supporting the club by getting your renewal processes right the first time.

Please remember you need the following items for successful renewal:

- Renewal notice from Vic Roads;
- Photocopy of current HMRV membership card;
- Stamped self-addressed envelope.
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MONDAY 14TH August 2023 7:00pm

AGM

It's the clubs Annual General Meeting where we'll vote in a new committee. We need support from members to step up and do a job, some of you might not know that the club is run by about 5-6 members, considering our huge membership is it would be great if others could step up and help out a little bit to ease the workload. It's not difficult to be on the committee and most of our meetings apart from the AGM are online Zoom meetings.

Help your club keep going ahead we surely need it.

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