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The Club was formed in 1956, the first of its kind in Australia, with the object of Preserving, Restoring and using Veteran, Vintage and Post Vintage Motorcycles.

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The Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the **Payneham R&SL Club, 360 Payneham Road, Payneham** commencing at 8.00 p.m.

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Presidents report.

The year that was. We started out with the AGM, where the usual suspects volunteered for committee duties, and I thank them for their assistance during the year. My first duty was to award Rob Smyth with Life Membership, a well earned award for his services and involvement to VVMCCSA.

During the year we had our monthly rides north, east and south of Adelaide, riding through the beautiful Adelaide hills to interesting places followed by a BBQ or a lunch. We also held displays at 'Australia Day' at Salisbury, the Classic Jet Fighter Museum, the All British Day, Moseley Square, participated in Bob Gill's inspired Tiddler's ride at Kersbrook and McLaren Vale, Bushland Park potato day, the relaxed Scarpantoni wine tour and a visit by David Schwartz who rode in the 2012 Paris to Dakar rally.

But the event of the year was the 55th Anniversary Rally called 'Wineland to Weatland' with 7 days of glorious riding in the mid-north of the state. I thank the sub-committee for this event. People travelled from all over Australia and NZ to participate.

The position of "Run Coordinator" is demanding, and I am hoping this year someone will join the committee and fill this very important position. We must have some one out there prepared to volunteer?

There were sad times with the passing of our patron Laurie Leibhardt.

As editor of the Smoke Signal, I was able to have it printed this year to full colour edition with the assistance of the Motor Trade Association.

Finally, we now have changes to the 'Conditional Registration for Historical Vehicles' to content with. The Committee will ensure that motorcyclist will be heard and treated with respect in this matter.

To all members, I thank everyone for your support during the year, especially Neal and Toni Caust who, each meeting ensure there is a supper for you.

The end of the financial year is approaching and by the **30th June 2012** you must be financial member to qualify for the Historic Registration Scheme. Please pay Terry Rowe at a club meetings. If you cannot attend either log book day, post your SUBS— log book— Registration papers for the annual endorsement to The Secretary VVMCCSA, Bill Lorimer, PO Box 1006, Elizabeth Vale 5112 and they will be returned.

On Sunday 7th October is the VVMCCSA annual 'Motorcycle only Swap Meet' at Balhannah oval. Volunteers are still required to man the gates, please be prepared to volunteer an hour of your time for public and sellers gate entrance from 0630hours—job description profile will be available. contact Peter Yates or Bill Lorimer at club meetings.

** All volunteers will receive an egg and bacon sandwich and a cup of coffee with compliments from the Committee**

Brian Forth

President, Editor, Club Run Coordinator etc



Is this what we can expect with the new code of practice?

Tuesday 10th July 2012

Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

Presentation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the **12th July 2011**.

Presentation of The President's Annual Report.

Presentation of the Annual Financial Reports.

Election of Officers. The following positions become vacant and nominations for these positions will be considered by the meeting.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Club Captain
Committee members x 4
Records Officer
Magazine Editor
Librarian
Regalia Officer
Machine Registrars **Committee appointment**



VVMCCSA General Meeting 668 12th June 2012 at Payneham RSL.

Brian Forth chaired the Meeting, opened at 8-15pm.

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Apologies as per Attendance Book.

Minutes of the May meeting were presented as published in the Smoke Signal.

Acceptance moved Pud Freeman, - Seconded Lesley Jones carried. Business arising- Nil.

Treasurers report-Presented by Terry Rowe. Acceptance moved Rob Smyth, Seconded Bob Whitehead carried. Business arising—Nil.

New Members. No new members. Ratified membership for Rien Gerritsen & Rob Tucker announced but were not present.

Correspondence In, in addition to that published in the Committee meeting minutes.

1 Westpac cheque account statement.

2 Membership applications received from Mike and Tom Schell.

3 Advertising flyer from Car2Car.com.au.

4 Letter, flyer and entry form from Vintage Sports Car Club detailing London to Brighton run.

5 Letter and invoice from RSL re hall hire.

6 Letter from DPTI detailing Cosmetic Review of conditional Rego.

7 Survey from City of Unley.

Correspondence Out-Nil

Emails In and Out.

1 Final draft of Code of Practice from DPTI.

2 To Peter Yates re. Swapmeet, reply received.

3 From Lorraine Carpenter at Naracoorte requesting advice re. membership procedures.

4 To Nicole Aspinall re. Updating Website.

5 From Gabby O'Neill DPTI re. Code of Practice feedback.

6 From History SA re. Availability of funding for SA Historical projects.

7 From Adam Wellings in QLD wishing to compare Historic Rego. fees and charges, reply sent.

8 From Westpac re. Signatories for Term Deposit.

9 From Peter Yates re. Rally stickers available from Old Bikes Australia.

Publications Received.

1 The Vintage Motorcycle from the UK.

2 Exhaust Notes from VMCC Victoria.

3 Vintage Chatter from VMCC WA.

4 The Radiator from the Riverland V&C Car Club.

5 The Throttle Lever from Newcastle VMCC.

6 The BEESA Journal from BSA Owners Club SA.

Acceptance moved Malcolm Gray Seconded Daryl Rosser Carried.

Business arising- Nil.

Club Run Report.

Malcolm Gray detailed procedures for Bushland Pk/potato day 17th June.

15th July Police Historic Museum visit ,details in July Smoke Signal.

19th August Southern Vales Tiddlers run , meet at Oxenberry Wines at McLaren Vale at 9-30 AM.

16th Sept Northern area ride.

General Business.

Philip Holmes reported on Observed Trials held at Maldon in Victoria.

Club trophies were then presented together with First Time Out Awards.

Buy Swap and Sell was read.

Meeting Closed followed by Supper.

Minutes of VVMCCSA Committee meeting held 25th June at Goodwood Community Centre

Meeting opened at 7-35 pm.

In attendance- Brian Forth , Bob Gill, Bill Lorimer, Barry Carlisle, Ray Collins, Daryl Rosser, Terry Rowe,⁵
Apologies Rob Smyth , Paul Knapp.

Minutes of the last meeting were read as published in the Smoke Signal.

Acceptance moved Ray Collins-Seconded Bob Gill and Carried; Business arising- Nil

New members- Applications received from Tony Ingram, Peter Gouws, Mike and Tony Schell tabled.

Treasurers Report presented by Terry Rowe , No business arising.

Acceptance moved Barry Carlisle-Seconded Daryl Rosser and Carried.

Correspondence In-

- 1 Westpac bank Statement.
- 2 Numerous Subs. Renewals.
- 3 4 Log books for processing.
- 4 Banking Accounts signatories forms received.

Correspondence Out- Nil

Publications received-

- 1 MAPS Review from Maitland
- 2 The Bulbhorn from Mildura VVC
- 3 Bush Chatter from Sunraysia HMCC
- 4 Kickback from British Singles MCC
- 5 Vintage Crankpin from V&HMCC NSW

Emails In & Out

- 1 To and from Police Historical Society re club visit.
 - 2 From FHMC re. weekend Seminar with people from DPTI , Bob Gill & Bill Lorimer to attend.
 - 3 From Peter Yates re. Tri Spark and invitation to attend Swapmeet , reply sent.
 - 4 From and to Rosalie @ Goodwood Community Centre to confirm meeting dates and times.
 - 5 To and from Tony Morrisset re. Southern area Tiddlers Run details.
 - 6 From Terry Parker FHMC re Cosmetic Overview-Review of Historic Rego.
 - 7 To & From Nicole Aspinall re Website.
 - 8 From Barossa Motor Lodge outlining special group offer and detailing Barossa attractions.
 - 9 From Alan Pickering FHMC re. misrepresentation by Gordon Cowley , speaking for FHMC.
 - 10 From Stephen Hooper re. Signatories for Westpac Accounts.
- Acceptance moved Bob Gill-Seconded Terry Rowe and Carried.

Events and Rides

17th June, Potato day at Lobethal/Bushland Pk. Very successful outing although weather was not good for those wishing to ride . Many thanks to Malcolm Gray (with an A) and Roger O'Loughlin and family for their effort to present such an enjoyable event which has now become a June tradition.

15th July, Mystery Ride.

19th August, Southern Area Tiddlers Ride, Tony Morrisset organiser.

16th September, Police Historical Museum, Thebarton Barracks, 10am entry followed by Devonshire tea.

General Business.

Swapmeet, Bill Lorimer met with Peter Yates and Phil Jenner and numerous ideas were discussed, volunteers are still needed.

Discussed situation with subs renewals. Nearly one third of the total club membership have so far not paid their subs. After July 1st they will not be able to ride their bikes on Historic Rego.

Bob Gill reported on FHMC meeting . No satisfaction re. Left hand drive (Right side sidecars) motorcycle out-fits.

Discussion re. Cosmetic Review for Conditional Registration

Discussion re. First Time Out Awards, resolved to clarify criteria.

Meeting closed 9.35 pm.



Buy, Sell and Swap

Please Note ads will run for two issues unless requested otherwise. If your item is sold before the second issue, please advise the Editor. Full name of Seller, Registration Number &/ or Engine number MUST be provided, otherwise add cannot be printed. Deadline is the one week prior to each General Meeting.

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I set of new **English polished stainless steel spokes** complete with 8mm dia. **nickel/ brass nipples** to suit mid '**50's Triumph** non Q.D. rear wheel. 9ga. X 8 3/8" one side and 9ga. X 8" the other side. \$125 the lot. **Nipples - 80 new English nickel/ brass** 8mm X 10ga. \$55 the lot; *Paul Knapp 82430130 June12*
1964 BSA a50 silver star its on historic rego S/A YYS818 plus spares excellent condition, \$6,500 ono; *Chris Magor on 0400910354 or home 83564561 June12*)

1982 Honda 250cc S31AGL recent new chains/sprockets etc \$850; 1979 Kawasaki 250cc TEY176 \$1200; both reliable bikes; Ian Baldock 83829926 (June12)

Dayton scooter 224cc 4 speed gearbox S/A TT212, \$5000; Pillion bolts to mudguard \$30, brass number plate light \$70; 4 tyre levers \$20; Lucas generator & sprocket \$120; vintage car mountings \$40; side car mudguard light \$20; misc tools negotiable; new spark plugs \$2; 2 Champion w10-510 \$10; *Ray Man 82911617 (June12)*

BSA—2 Dandy, 1 x Bantam 125; 11 x Nortons and stacks of spares Dean 85311005 (Murray Bridge)

Wanted.

Complete set of Teledraulic front forks. Wanted:- suitable for restoration To suit a **1949 AJS or Matchless** motorcycle. Must be correct for 1949. *Contact Brian Kuerschner on 08 83903990 or 0418854565.*

Excelsior Autobyk 98cc. British Made fitted with the Spryt MkII engine. Help is wanted from any Club Member who is familiar with the bike. *Contact Brian Kuerschner 83903990 Mob. 0418854565 (May);*

1937 Empire star. wanted set of WB24 350cc engine case; Simon Mussared 0422090701 (June12)

CZ 150cc wanted engine or parts; **1949 Excelsior Roadmaster** tin wear wanted; Michael Scarpantoni 0414383018 (June12).

Holden 138 Grey motor, WANTED Original exhaust manifold to suit ;Two (2) HQ Holden 14" hub caps 13" EK Holden hub caps— Stephen Hooper A/Hrs 8294 0894 or 0424 11 28 62 (June12);

Wanted for a early veteran a '**BROOKS**' or similar seat, may be able to swap items; Peter Allen 83533538 (June12).

Norton ES2 1953 plunger frames; **Norton sturmy archer** metal inverted clutch plate to suit 4 speed box; Reg Hancock 85708125 (June12)

Gearbox and clutch and magneto platform for **1925 350 AJS**; Gearbox and clutch and magneto platform for **1927 350 AJS**; Neil Bromilow Phone 08 98446275 Email r.bromilow@westnet.com.au (June12)

Wanted, Holden Original exhaust manifold to suit **Holden 138 Grey motor.** Also Two (2) HQ Holden 14" hub caps & 13" EK Holden hub caps. Any FB/EK Holden parts considered. Stephen Hooper 82940894 (June12)

1929 Douglas B29 wanted, Information, manual, assembly drawings etc, foot boards, control levers; Gary Harding (July 12)

BSA Bantam 1949 D1, wanted front mudguard mounting bars, head light lever and cable plus contacts; Bob Tilbrook 82618808 (July12)

BSA A7 or A10 suitable for restoration; Bob Whitehead 83965148 (July12).

AJS 18s wanted rear brake lever and rod; Tom Whaites 0400119937 (July12)

Panther 1939 M100, wanted inner and outer primary case; Nick Clarke 0417827604 (July12)

1927 Matchless, wanted pair of crankcases or engine side valve; Phil Holmes 0885640227, 0417948831 (June12)

BSA C11 motor wanted pre 1951; Ken Hurley 82619033 (July12)

Club Runs & Events.

All members participating in **Club Runs MUST lodge a Rally Entry Form** with the Club Captain before the event. This ensures that you are covered for Third Party Property and Public Risk from home, on the Run and return to home. This is a Club requirement. Please be sure to fill out your **Historic Registration Logbook** before leaving home and make sure you **carry it every time you go riding**, this is a legal requirement. Enquiries to Brian Forth on 0409 514 213 (President & Club Captain).

2012 club rides and meetings.

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10th July— General meeting 669 & Annual General Meeting.

**** 15th July— Eastern or southern ride—organizer TBA.**

14th Aug General Meeting 670—Payneham RSL.

**** 19th Aug Southern Vales Tiddler ride—Tony Morrisset and Jim Mottillo—BBQ lunch.**

11th Sept General meeting 671—Payneham RSL clubrooms.

**** 16th Sept Police Historical Museum Thebarton Barracks, cost TBA?**

30th Sept Bay to Birdwood run (Vintage time).

7th Oct VVMCCSA swap meet—Balhannah Oval

9th Oct General meeting 672—Payneham RSL clubrooms.

**** 21st Oct Dan Moriarty annual hills ride.**

13th Nov General meeting 673—Payneham RSL clubrooms.

**** 25th Nov Scarpantoni ride in the Southern Vales and BBQ lunch after ride.**

11th Dec General meeting 674—Christmas BBQ at Payneham RSL clubrooms.

**** 16th Dec Annual hills ride somewhere.**

**2012- Invitational Events – (Not club runs, but members are welcome to join them, enquiry with Secretary.)
See information in Committee Minutes and general meeting minutes.**

Classic Owners Mid Week runs— members are invited to join the **Classic Owners on their run on the first Wednesday & third Tuesday of each Month, Hawthorn Cres at Hazelwood Park at 10:00am.**

SWAP MEETS - Any new dates or swap meets please advise editor.

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HAHNDORF- 19th January 2013

BALLARAT – 25-26th February 2013

CLARE– 17th March 2013;

NARACOORTE – 5-6TH May 2012;

KAPUNDA- 27th May 2012;

WILLUNGA – 19th August 2012;

***VVMCC MOTORCYCLE ONLY 7th October 2012.**

BENDIGO – 17-18th Nov 2012;

REGENCY PARK - 5th February 2012

CAMPBELLTOWN – ?? Mach 2013;

MOUNT BARKER – March 2013;

SEDAN – 17th June 2012.

ANGLE PARK – 29th July 2012;

GAWLER - 23rd September 2012;

STRATHALBYN – T.B.A. 21st October 2012; ???

GAWLER Motorcycle expo - November 2012

Historic Registration.

Please ensure you complete your new logbooks before leaving home and that you carry it with you when riding the motorcycle the book is allocated to. Enquiries to Bob Gill 82584982 (north) - Or - Phil Jenner 83706664 (South).

VETERAN AND VINTAGE M.C.C. OF S.A. INC. Minutes of General Meeting No. 657 including, The Annual General Meeting July 12 2011.

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WELCOME—President Brian Fourth welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and outlined OH&S issues, welcomed visitors, Brenton Roy and Steven Roy & Simon Musserad. Members also advised of the passing of Paul Jenner and Harold Rosenthane. Ron Truscott spoke briefly of his recollections and adventures with Harold Rosenthane. Brian Kuerschner advised that he had responded to a letter from Norm Dewhurst.

APOLOGIES—Nil.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING No. 656 Presented as published in the Smoke Signal. Acceptance moved Phil Holmes, seconded. Peter Grace. Carried.

PHOTOS—Leo Sandercock, Peter Langdon, Ross Hill, Kevin and Pam Sullivan, also Clifton Reid Churchwood on whom Leon Mitchell spoke briefly.

TREASURERS REPORT—Terry Rowe presented the financial report for June 2011. Accepted moved Ray Collins, seconded Rob Smyth, and carried.

NEW MEMBERS—Peter Argiro, Michael (Mike) Butler, and Rick Brundell.

CORRESPONDENCE IN—Additional to that published in the July 2011 Committee Meeting minutes.

- Letter and information from Stephen Kelly re. Tri Spark Ignition Systems for classic motorcycles.
- Letter and photograph from Des Wing requesting a price estimation of a motorcycle he wants to sell.
- Letter from Norm Dewhurst from the N.Z. group re information on a car rental firm, and on the availability of a loan motorcycle for use on the 55th Rally.
- Letter and Expression of Interest re the Tassie Tour from 17th to 28th of March 2013
- Letter from Dept of Transport and Infrastructure re Proposed Amendments to Conditional Registration
- Letter from Ivan Venning MP JP Member for Schubert, re a petition to allow historic motor vehicles to retain their original number plates.
- Entry Form from Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club Inc. for their Patron's Rally on Sunday 28th August 2011
- Accepted moved Dean Govan, seconded Ian Baldock, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT—Additional to that published in the 4th July Committee Meeting Minutes. Nil

EMAILS IN AND OUT—Additional to that published in the 4th July Committee Meeting Minutes. Nil

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED— Additional to that published in the 4th July Committee Meeting Minutes.

- The Bulbhorn from The Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club Inc.
- The Throttle Lever from The Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club Inc.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT—Additional to that detailed in the 4th July Committee Meeting Minutes.

Malcolm McKay reported on the B.S.A. Clubs participation in the 24 Hour Trial.

Keith Milich reported that the Velo/Vincent Club did not ride through the winter months.

Classic Owners Club to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

Leon Mitchell spoke on the 55th Anniversary Rally, requesting members to get their entries in promptly as final (late) entries close on the 31st August 2011.



General meeting 657 and AGM continued-

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Brian Forth closed the meeting at this point and tabled the Minutes of the 2010 A.G.M. moved by Dean Goven, seconded by Rob Smyth, then called for Ron Truscott to conduct the election of Officers, with all positions being declared vacant.

President.--Brian forth nominated and elected.

Vice President—Bob Gill nominated and elected.

Secretary—Bill Lorimer nominated and elected.

Treasurer—Terry Rowe nominated and elected.

Records Officer—Paul Knapp nominated and elected.

Librarian—Philip Holmes nominated and elected.

Club Captain—Brian Forth nominated and elected.

Machine Registrars (3)—Bob Gill nominated and elected (Committee appointment).
Phil Jenner nominated and elected (Committee appointment).

Editor—Brian forth nominated and elected.

Committee Members (4)—Darryl Rosser nominated and elected
Ray Collins nominated and elected.
Rob Smyth nominated and elected
Barrie Carlisle nominated and elected.

Patron—Laurie Liebhardt nominated and elected.

Regalia Officer—Carolyn Jenner nominated and elected.

Pud freeman called for a vote of thanks for the efforts of Toni and Neil Caust for providing suppers for meetings. Appreciation was shown in much applause.

Life Membership—Brian Forth awarded this to **Rob Smyth** and spoke at length on the history of Rob's membership of approx 26 years. Rob responded appropriately and well, and was congratulated by the members in the appropriate manner.

Philip Holmes spoke briefly on the 24 Hour Trial's nominated charity, being the Heart Kids, and reported that the trial was enjoyable, although wet and cold.

Brian Kuerschner informed the meeting that motorcycle racer, Paul McMenimin passed away in Sydney last week.

Buy swap and sell information was read to the meeting
Meeting closed 9.15 pm.



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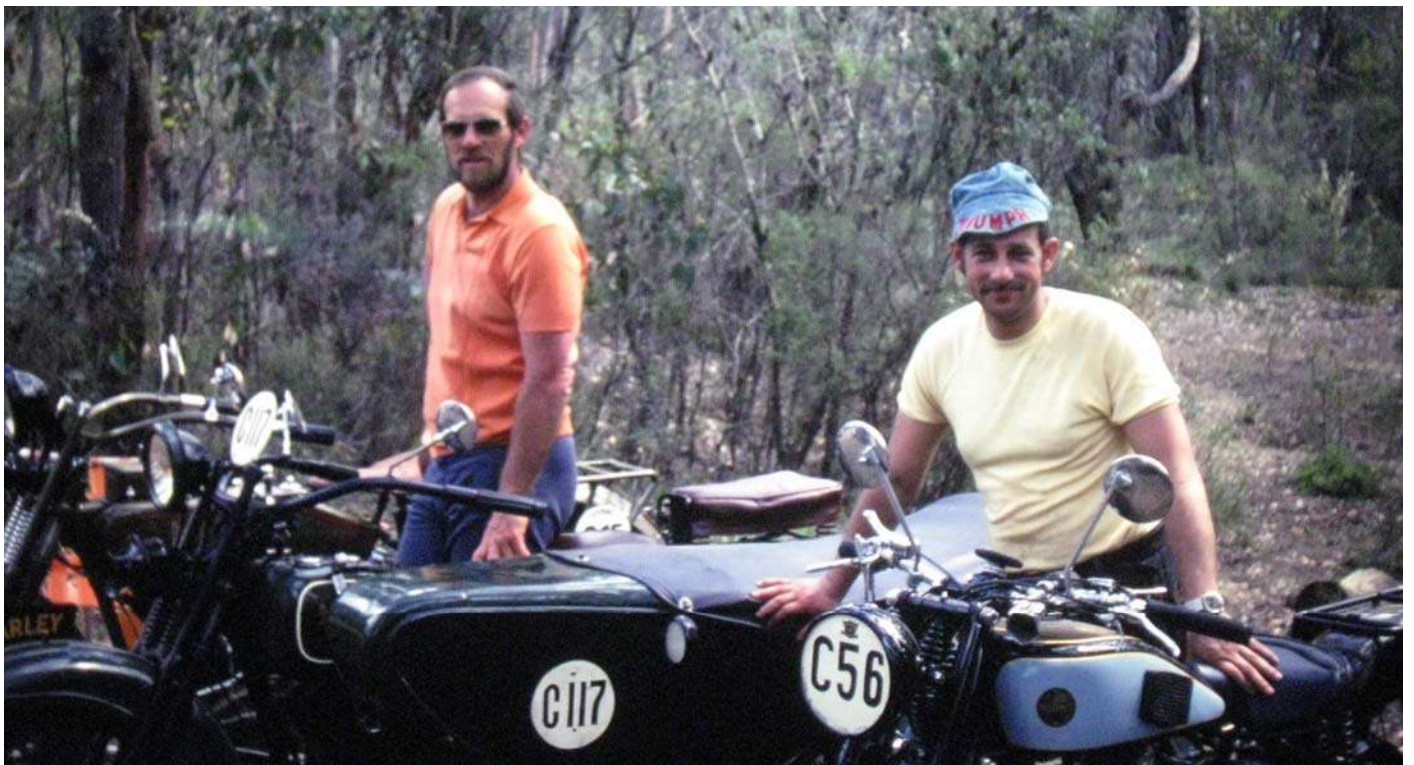
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Who are we?



Fantastic World Mototrials Title Event.

The weekend of May 26th and 27th 2012 both Maureen and I motored to Maldon where at Mount Tarrangower just out of the town the rounds 3 and 4 of the FIM Trial World Championships were staged organized by the Trials Club of Victoria.

Setting off from Summertown we headed off for Bendigo and the McIver Highway Caravan Park. While the weather wasn't all that pleasant we arrived about 11.30pm and settled in.

Saturday morning we ventured off to Maldon. The weather once more wasn't all that inviting never-the-less appropriate mototrials conditions with suitable wet weather clothing. From the vast open car park, a lengthy walk through thick scrub to the fifteen observed sections took about ten minutes. A good mixed variety a food marquees and well-presented displays of both motor and pedal power trials machinery adorned the immediate area.

The 5 individual classes were issued with colour coded identification bibs. 1) World Pro-FIM Trial World Championship (FIM World Championship). 2) FIM Trial Open International Cup (FIM Prize). 3) FIM Junior Trial World Cup (FIM Prize). 4) FIM Youth Trial Cup 125cc (FIM Prize). The remaining class 5) FIM Trial Manufacturers World Championship (FIM World Championship).

The international World Pro field comprised of 13 competitors from Japan, Europe and Britain who would ride the special section RED splits. Riding the section BLUE splits were the FIM Open International Trial Cup group for competitors aged from 16 years upwards. The third class for riders aged 16 to 23 years, The FIM Junior Trial World Cup contingency consisted of European, British, New Zealand and Aussie guys who also rode the BLUE splits.

The final group 4) for competitors restricted to 125cc machines for the FIM Youth World Cup this award is also provided by the FIM. Class 5) is made available to FIM Trial Manufacturers World Championship (FIM World Championship). Points awarded here are attributed for the classification of the World Pro category to count for the FIM Trail Manufacturers World Championship classification.

Wet conditions made the going tough for all competitors on the Saturday amongst the huge rocky boulders throughout the course. Fifteen ginormous/monstrous sections of two laps each the likes never witnessed on Australian soil were set for the 35 strong internationals.

Spread fairly evenly throughout the approximate 2.5km circuit in the main huge boulders to test the ability of these fearless professionals. Sections 7, 8 and 9 a short distance from the food and display marquees were the first to be approached by the huge spectator gallery estimated at between 2,500 and 3,000 strong. An abundance of familiar faces were to be recognized as followers of our local trials events.

Day 1 was easily lead home by the World number one rider in Toni Bou from Spain riding a Repsol Montesa Honda. Toni's loss for the day was 40 points to the better of the second placed rider, Adam Raga also from Spain on a GAS GAS machine.



Contd...Our own Philip Holmes with daughter Wendy and a companion assisted as official observers on section 8 for day one. Simply amazing were the comments from Philip at days end where 'Mindors' (officially recognized assistant's to the riders) were found 'Gardening', (term used for unofficial alteration to the sections).

Gardening as we've witnessed here in Australia amounted to no more than dislodging a few unwanted rocks and kicking them away from the preferred line of travel through the section.

To witness the 'Gardening' of the top competitors 'Mindors' was nothing short of amazing. I saw this guy approach the section and felt sorry for him as he appeared to be sick. I learned later from Philip that it is a done thing in Europe, if you can get away with it that is, fill ones mouth with as much water as humanly possible and spit it all out over the rocks to dispel any moss, grime or other slippery leftovers deposited from other riders. Using the sleeve of a riding jacket to wipe away similar accumulation of sediments was another often witnessed tactic. Further to this caper carried out by the Mindors was seen to throw handfuls of dry sand onto a slippery surface adding to the traction factor.

Adding ever further to the responsibilities of the Minder for the wellbeing of his companion is to select the most suitable path and direct him in that direction with outstretched arm hand signals. Additional to the welfare of the competitor was as observed in hugely steep long flat rocky outcrops was to tether one's physique by long sturdy rope in an attempt to catch the riders machine if unsuccessful in his endeavours to negotiate the severe 60° plus climb for an estimated 40 meters or so with very little run up from the bottom. The power and acceleration from standing motionless of these mostly 250cc machines is phenomenal.

Day two, round 4 of the Championships was pretty much as Saturday's round 3 with Toni Bou simply far and away too superior to the rest of this world class field. Next round is in Japan the week after. Could only say a weekend of absolutely fantastic motorcycling.

Brian "Nip" Kuerschner.

'Vacancies exist

A Vacancy exists on the All British Day Committee for motorcycle representatives.

So as to be heard I would like V & V Club Members to give due consideration to joining this ABD group. We meet approximately 5 to 6 times a year in the planning of this annual event in the main on a Friday evening in the Sporting Car Club rooms on 51 King William Road, Unley.

If you're at all interested please see Brian Kuerschner at a V & V Club meeting or phone on 83903990 Mob. 0418854565'.



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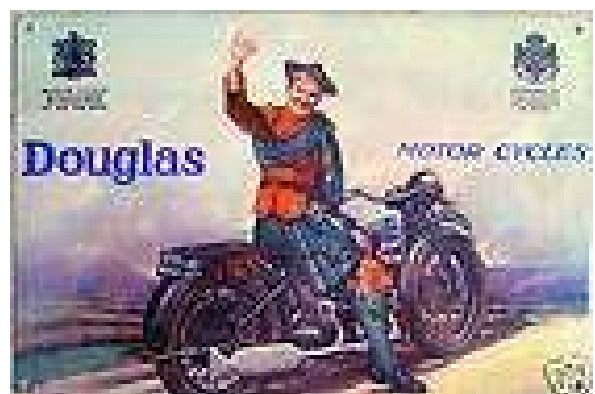
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We have great pleasure to inform you that the bi-annual rally for owners of Douglas motorcycles will be based at TOC H at Victor Harbor South Australia. Our organisers are Doug Hill, John Humberstone & Rien Gerritsen.

members of the Historic Motor Vehicles Club at Victor Harbour who will be supporting us.



Gray skies over Bushland Park.

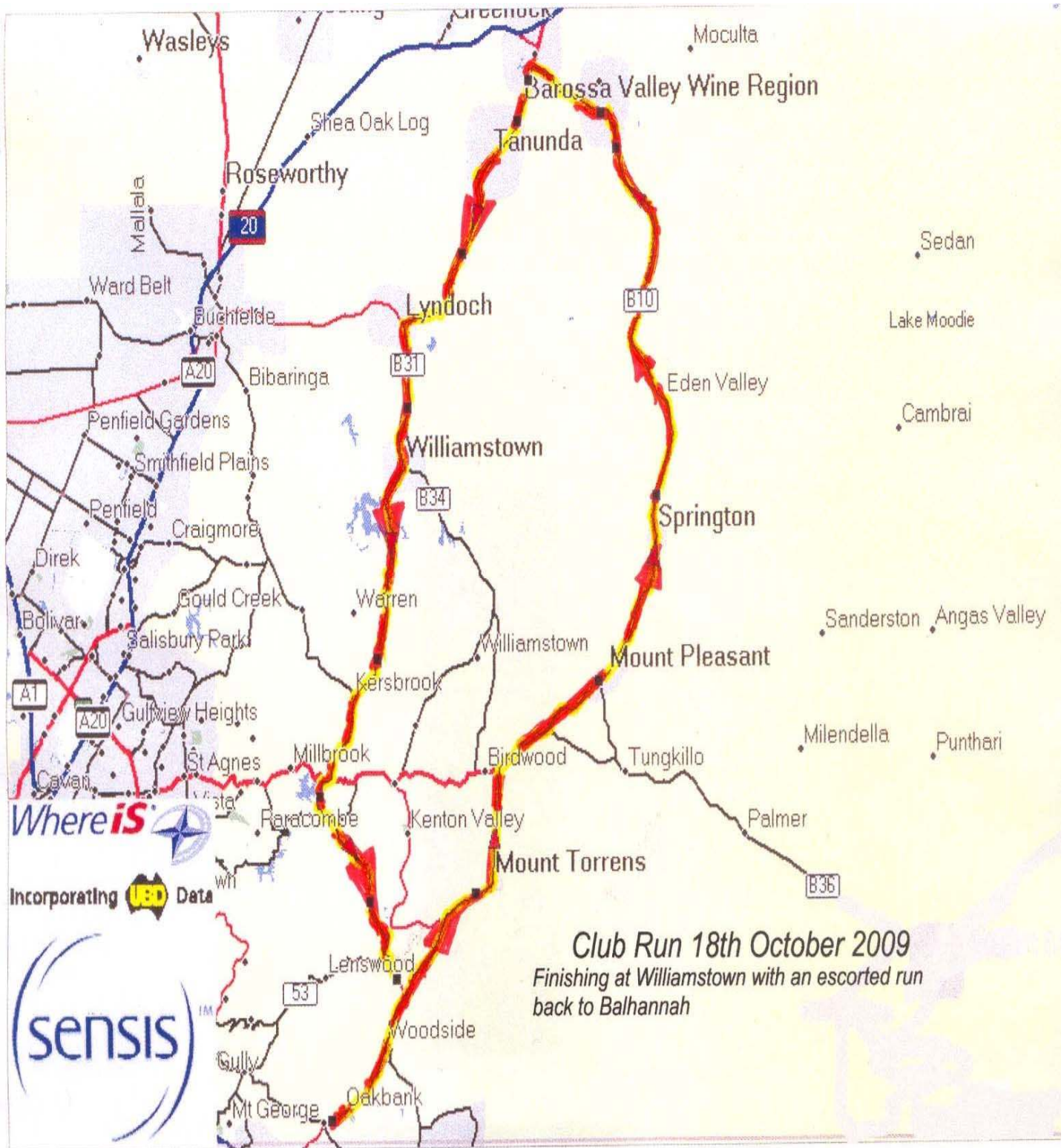
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Gray skies over Bushland Park is the most appropriate title for last Sunday's ride on a cold and damp morning, with fog covering the Adelaide hills and a weather forecast of rain sometime that day?

Regardless of the weather some 12 members braved the cold crisp morning air and gathered at Pelican Plaza on motorcycles, and some in cars. Malcolm GRAY (twin brother to Malcolm GREY) briefed members of the mornings ride to Federation Park at Gumeracha for a rest stop, then Malcolm would decide where we will go next. A lot depended on the weather conditions at Gumeracha, and just as we were about to leave it started to drizzle, but the group ventured on to Bushland Park via Birdwood and Mt Torrens.

On arrival we were met by Roger O'Loughlin and his family and other club members greeted us and ensured the club rooms were warm as it was very cold outside. Roger had prepared the potato lunch with incredible deserts accompanied by tea and coffee. Members and families showed their appreciation to Roger and his family of another successful 'Potato Day Ride & lunch. Nogging and nattering continued on for some hours into the afternoon. By this time the gray skies had moved in and a steady drizzle welcomed all member as one after another rode off heading home in various directions.



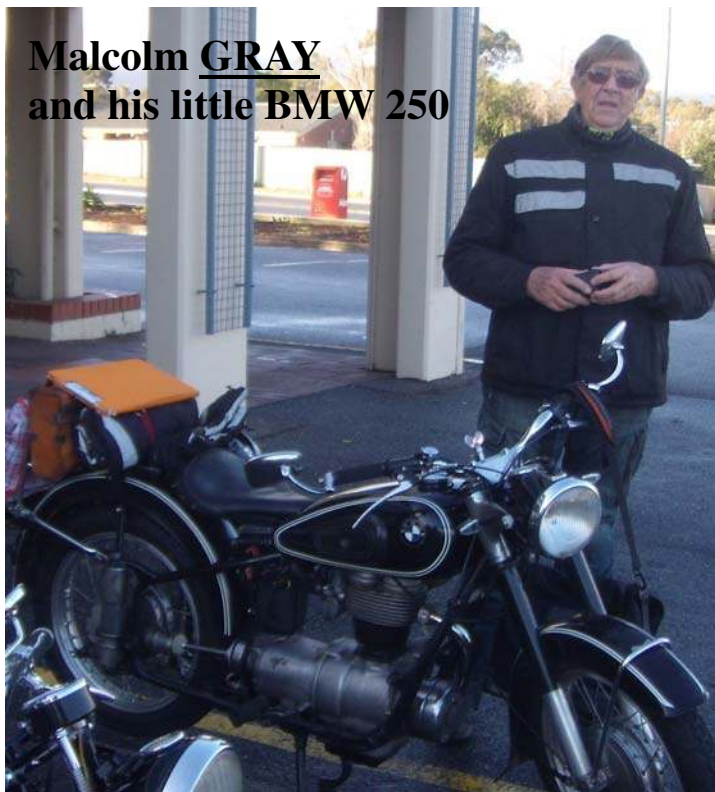


Carlisle's Caper

Sunday 15th July 2012.

The Eastern Hills ride with gather at 9.30am at the rear car park of the Feathers Hotel, leaving at 10am. The ride will take up Summertown Road, though Summertown, Uraidla to Balhannah for a regroup at the Balhannah Oval. Members from the hills and southern area gather Balhannah Oval and be ready to ride by 11am departure. Barry's ride will then progress north along the ridge road to Oakbank then Woodside, Birdwood, Mt Pleasant down to Tanunda for lunch break, then back thru Lyndoch, Williamstown around Millbrook Reservoir across to Lenswood and back to Balhannah Oval. Member can depart from here.

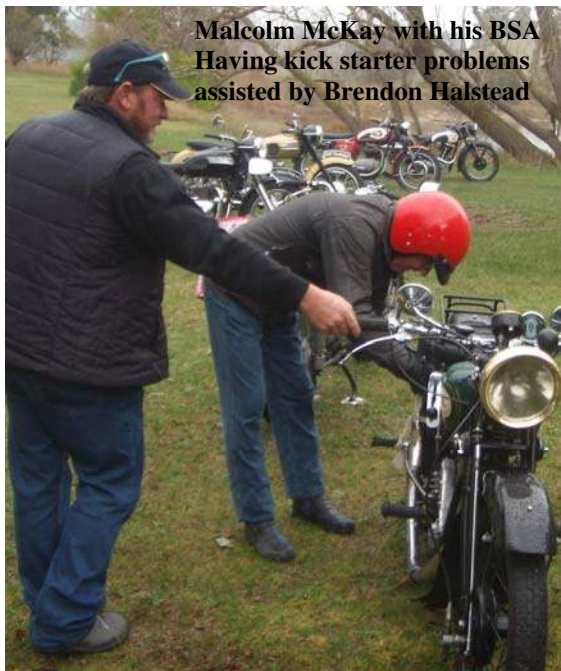
**Malcolm GRAY
and his little BMW 250**



**Chris Harley and his Morgan &
Garry Harding on his Matchless**



**Malcolm McKay with his BSA
Having kick starter problems
assisted by Brendon Halstead**



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