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## Presidents report.

### Members.

**All British day at Echunga, 9th of February 2014.** The VVMCCSA will have 22 motorcycles on display. If you are free can you support the club on this day.

**Power of the Past at Mt Barker 1st and 2nd March.** This year featuring Triumph motorcycles. It is hope that members of VVMCCSA who have Triumph's can attend this event. Entry forms available, contact Brian Kuerschner 83903990, email [nipper@nipper.net.au](mailto:nipper@nipper.net.au).

I must apologies to **Jeff Webster #272** for calling him Graham in January's magazine with the information he supplied for who are we photograph.

Neil Bromilow member from WA reports, the gentleman in the yellow rain gear riding the Rudge Multi is the late Jim Wallace from Perth. Jim was a very keen Veteran rider but sadly died some years ago.

### **Brian Forth. President.**

In search of a competent team of AJS and Matchless enthusiasts to assist with the organization of the 2014 Jampot Rally in the Barossa Valley. Interested persons are invited to register your intent by contacting Brian 'Nip' Kuerschner either by phoning 83903990 - 0418854565 or emailing [nipper@nipper.net.au](mailto:nipper@nipper.net.au)

South Australian enthusiast Graham Treloar passed away in late December. Graham attended many veteran motorcycle rallies usually using two bikes a 1915 BSA and a 1913 Triumph, often swapping them around at lunch time. He always considered his comfort and would sit on a big cushion, topped off with an air hawk seat. Graham had been a dealer in used aeroplanes and had been known to fly to a rally with a veteran bike aboard the plane. He attended the National Veteran Motorcycle Rallies and the 1 & 2 Cylinder Rallies in Victoria and was always a real character and great company. He will be sadly missed. Our condolences to Josie and his family. John Cox—  
from the **'The Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria' magazine**



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Rita Hayworth in 1948 promoting Triumph



Ian Hese,  
David Holbrook  
Roger O'Loughlin  
At Australia Day

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## **VMCCSA Committee Meeting 14th Jan 2014 at Payneham RSL**

In Attendance- Brian Forth, Bob Gill, Bill Lorimer, Paul Knapp, Daryl Rosser, Ian Hese and Terry Rowe.  
Apology – Ray Collins.

**Minutes of the December Meeting** presented as printed in the Smoke Signal, no discussion Acceptance moved Ian Hese Seconded Daryl Rosser Carried.

**Treasurers report** presented by Terry Rowe, no discussion Acceptance moved Paul Knapp, 2nd Bob Gill.

**New Members**. New application received from Keith Cooper. Applications from Bradley Jones, Derek Pawley, Brett Mitchell, Darren Zacher, Jason Maloney and Annie Filsell ratified.

### **Correspondence In.**

1 Membership application from Keith Cooper; 2 Account from MTA for printing costs  
3 Statement from Westpac Bank.

### **Correspondence Out.**

Return of membership application to Murray Tune and late Graham Treloar family.

### **Runs Rides and Events.**

19th Jan. Breakfast Ride to Hahndorf Mill and Swapmeet.  
26th Jan Australia Day Bike display and picnic at Carisbrooke Reserve.  
9th Feb. All British Day Echunga Oval.  
16th Kersbrook Tiddlers Run BBQ Lunch.  
1st & 2nd March Mt. Barker Power of the Past, Triumph is featured Motorcycle.  
16th March Birdwood Figure 8.

### **General Business.**

Discussion about the old Club Tent, moved Daryl Rosser that we donate it to the Motorcycle Riders Association as they have to hire tents for Toy Run etc, seconded Bill Lorimer Carried  
Moved Bob Gill that we investigate the possibility of having the Xmas dinner on a night other than the December meeting Night, Seconded Terry Rowe, Carried.

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## **VVMCCSA Committee Meeting 27th Jan 2014 at Goodwood Community Centre**

In Attendance-Brian Forth, Bob Gill, Bill Lorimer, Paul Knapp, Daryl Rosser, Ray Collins and Terry Rowe .

**Minutes of the last meeting** presented by Bill Lorimer, no discussion Acceptance moved Paul Knapp , Seconded Terry Rowe, Carried

**Treasurers report** presented by Terry Rowe, no discussion, Carried

**New Members**-Ratification of membership for Keith Cooper, Ian Noll, Derek Pawley and Bradley Jones.

**Correspondence In**-Statement from Westpac Bank, return of questionnaire from Geoff Schaeffer.

**Correspondence Out.** Return of Membership fee to the family of Graham Treloar

Publications Received. MAPS Review from Maitland APS

**Emails In and Out .** 1 From Chris Harley requesting members Email addresses, reply sent, cannot do

2 From Paul Blank re new event Celebration of the Motorcar

3 To Goodwood Community Centre re. Unauthorised entry, not us .

4 From and to Gilbert Family re. JH (Ollie) Gilbert and MCCSA associations

5 To National Motor Museum, Birdwood re. hire of grounds for Figure 8 Ride

6 From City of Holdfast Bay re. Moseley Sq. Bike Display.

7 From Philip Island Classic committee re "Classic" 24th to 26th Jan 2014

Acceptance Moved- Terry Rowe, Seconded Ray Collins , Carried

### **Runs ,Rides and Events.**

19th Jan. Breakfast Ride to Hahndorf Mill and Swapmeet.  
26th Jan. Australia Day Picnic and bike display at Carisbrooke Reserve.  
9th Feb. All British Day at Echunga Oval.  
16th Feb. Kersbrook Tiddlers Ride and BBQ lunch.  
1st and 2nd Mar. Mt. Barker Power of the Past.  
16th Mar. Birdwood Figure 8.  
23rd Mar. Moseley Sq Club Bike Display.  
All Confirmed

**General Business.** Bob Gill proposed that we compile a map and information including photos of all the known Motorcycle dealers of yesteryear which could then be available on our Website , some discussion resulted but all the committee agreed it would be a valuable part of our history. Carried

Some discussion re 60th Anniversary Rally, some questionnaires received and discussed.

Meeting Closed

## **Minutes of VVMCCSA General Meeting 687, at Payneham RSL, 14th Jan 2014.**

Brian Forth chaired the meeting. Welcome to all and OHS mentioned. Visitors-None.

**Minutes of December 2013** presented as printed in the Smoke Signal, No Discussion Acceptance Moved Bob Tilbrook, Seconded Bob Whitehead, Carried.

**Treasurers Report** presented by Terry Rowe, No Discussion Acceptance Moved Gary Harding, Seconded Neil Caust, Carried.

**New Members-** New Application received from Keith Cooper, Bradley Jones, Derek Pawley and Ian Noll read to members; Presentation membership to Brett Mitchell, Darren Zacher. Paul Venables and Annie Filsell. Jason Maloney was not present;

### **Correspondence In.**

1 Membership application from Keith Cooper.

2 Account for printing from MTA.

3 Letter from Indian Harley Club WA explaining that in future, their newsletter Classic Vibrations would be available online, no hard copy posted.

4 Bank Statement from Westpac.

5 Membership application from Murray Tune.

### **Correspondence Out.**

Return of membership application to Murray Tune at his request.

### **Emails In and Out:**

1 From Brenton Matters re membership.

2 From Norm Watson, committee member of BMW Owners Club with link to his Website.

3 NZ BSA Owners Club newsletter.

4 From Phil Smith re articles he wrote for Old Bikes Magazine , Available in full from email attachment.

5 From Pinnaroo Motel with special group discount for weekend accommodation.

### **Publications Received.**

1 Kickback from British Singles MCC QLD;

2 The Vintage Motorcycle from UK.

3 Vintage Chatter from VMCCWA;

4 MAPS Review from Maitland APS.

Acceptance moved Bob Gill, Seconded Paul Knapp, Carried.

### **Runs Rides and Events.**

19th Jan. Breakfast Ride to Hahndorf Mill.

26th Jan. Australia Day Bike display at Carisbrooke Reserve, organised by Salisbury Rotary Club.

9th Feb. All British Day at Echunga Oval 16th Feb. Kersbrook Tiddlers Ride, BBQ lunch, organiser Bob Gill.

1st&2nd March Mount Barker Power of the Past, Triumph is featured motorcycle.

16th March Birdwood Figure 8 at National Motor Museum, Birdwood.

### **General Business.**

Brian Forth raised and discussed 60th Anniversary Rally info form sent out to all members, seeking their thoughts on the 60th rally and appealed for volunteers to come forward.

Leon Mitchell gave a brilliant impromptu overview of what the rally is all about and appealed to members to commit now to ensure success.

Rob Smyth commented that the Verdel motorcycle shown in the Smoke Signal on display at the Sammy Miller Museum in the UK is a replica not an original.

No Further Business.

Buy Swap and Sell read to meeting.

Meeting Closed 9pm.

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## **THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

Dear Mr President, Please inform your members that the Historical Display Day is on again.

The Vintage Sports Car Club invite you to bring your historic pre-1931 vehicle to our special day. We also wish to encourage members to bring their Classic vehicles as well.

When: Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm

Where: In the parklands on Anzac Highway, between Keswick Bridge and West Terrace.

Marshalls will be there to assist. The gathering is **FREE** to enter, and **FREE** to look at. Caterers will be in attendance. We'd be delighted to have your vehicle on display, along with many other rare and interesting examples of yester-year. Please come along and help to keep the public interested and informed about these wonderful old vehicles. Yours in motoring, For and on behalf of the VSCC. **Ian Loader & Rodney Wood.**

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**BMW 1150**—ex-Police m/c, parts only 2 motors, tanks, wheels etc; Adrian HOW 0428301255 (Dec13)

**1996 Kawasaki KLR250**, 25000km, new tyres, kick start only; \$2500 ono; Colin Behn 0407070287 (dec13)

**1928 Harley Davidson 45 Racer.** For sale oval aluminium air intake. Best offer ; Contact Brian Kuerschner 83903990 0418854565 [nipper@nipper.net.au](mailto:nipper@nipper.net.au) (Dec13)

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**Swastika tanks transfers**—two (2) pair of \$40; Jim Spratt 82764349 (Jan14).

**1 x 12 Volt 35/ 35 watt Quartz Halogen bulb** to suit the earlier British Pre-Focus type of headlamp fitted to bikes from late 1940s to the 1970s up until the introduction of the sealed beam unit. \$15 NEW in box. Paul Knapp 82430130; (Feb14);

### Wanted.

**Pre WW1 photographs** of motorcycles and car wanted, can copy and return. Leon Mitchell 8278 5120;

**1935 Rudge 500cc genuine gearbox housing.** A person in NZ looking for a genuine housing. Contact Brian Kuerschner on 0418854565 or [nipper@nipper.net.au](mailto:nipper@nipper.net.au)

**1929 Douglas**— headlight brackets to suit; Garry Harding 0448644999 (Feb14)

**BSA 1937 350cc Empire Star HB24**— wanted 20 inch front rim; Simon Mussared 0422090701 (Feb14)

**AJS 1929 M4 350cc s/ v**—wanted any parts for AJS please; Jim Mottillo 0412830593 (Feb14)

**Jawa Californian**—2 wheels to suit, 19 inch 36 spokes or similar; Kerry Hill 83862510 (feb14)

**Motor Reviews Czech factory monthly** 1945-1980 or later 91; Buying —Jawa CZ Skoda Tatra plus lots of earlier cars, motorcycles, new models servicing information or swap; Pud Freeman 08/82552886 (Jan14)

**James motorcycle** —two (2) speed motorcycle complete, Jim Hamilton 83962064 (Jan14)

**Norton ES2 - 1953 year**, wanted in any condition; Reg Hancock 85708125 (Jan14).

**Heinkel Perle**—left side clutch cover; Brett Mitchell 0438379788 (Feb14)

**Small Jap motorcycle**, 2 or 4 stroke as a restoration project for grandson; John BYLES 82623965



### 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).

**Back-up trailer is required every run—please volunteer your services for a run. Every ride has to be covered, please contact me & nominate a ride. Reimbursement of \$60 for petrol money.**

**\*\* denotes club point s\*\***

### 2014 events.

#### February

9th **All British day**—club display of British motorcycle only **at Echunga Oval.**

11th **General meeting 689.** Payneham RSL clubrooms

**\*\* 16th** **Kersbrook Tiddlers** run for veteran, vintage & lower powered machines —\$2 BBQ lunch.

#### March

1st-2nd **Mt Barker Power of the Past. Triumph motorcycle is the display make**

11th **General meeting 690.** Payneham RSL clubrooms.

**\*\* 16th** **Birdwood figure 8.** at National Motor Museum event, 2 rides interrupted by lunch.

**\*\* 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Moseley Square display,** a club display only 10am to 12 noon. **Free Coffee/ Ice cream.**

#### April

8th **General meeting 691** Payneham RSL clubrooms

**\*\* 20** **Eastern ride**—morning tea stop somewhere?

#### May

13th **General Meeting 692** Payneham RSL.

**\*\* 18** **NE Hills ride—or—a 2 days in Victor Harbor**?????????

#### June

10th **General Meeting 693** Payneham RSL Clubrooms.

**\*\* 15** Lobethal potato day or similar event somewhere in the hills??????????????

#### July

9th **General Meeting 694** Payneham RSL clubrooms + **Annual General Meeting.**

**\*\* 20** Museum or ride—depending on the weather conditions.

**2014- Invitational Events** —to numerous to mention here, see Committee and General meeting minutes for information. (**Not club runs, but members are welcome to join them**)

**All owners and those interested in Ariels** are invited on morning rides held on the 1st Sunday of each month starting from Thorndon Park Reserve car park Hamilton Tce. off Gorge Rd. Paradise. Meet from 9am for 9.30 start. For further info phone Dave 82635562 or John 82623965,

**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, check this site - <http://www.bevenyoung.com.au/car.htm>

**HAHNDORF-** 19th January 2014

**Lockleys school** 2nd February 2014

**CAMPBELLTOWN** – 9th March 2014

**WOODSIDE** – 30th March 2014;

**SEDAN** – 15th June 2014.

**ANGLE PARK/ Dry Creek** 27th July 2014;

**GAWLER** - 21st September 2014;

**STRATHALBYN** – 19th Oct 2014;

**GAWLER Motorcycle expo** - 18 Nov 2013

**Victor Harbor** 2nd February

**BALLARAT** – 22-23 February 2014

**CLARE**– 16th March 2014

**NARACOORTE** 3-4-5TH May 2014;

**KAPUNDA-** 25th May 2014;

**WILLUNGA** – 17th August 2014;

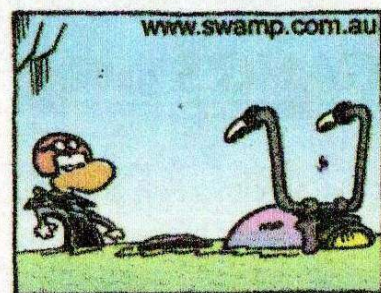
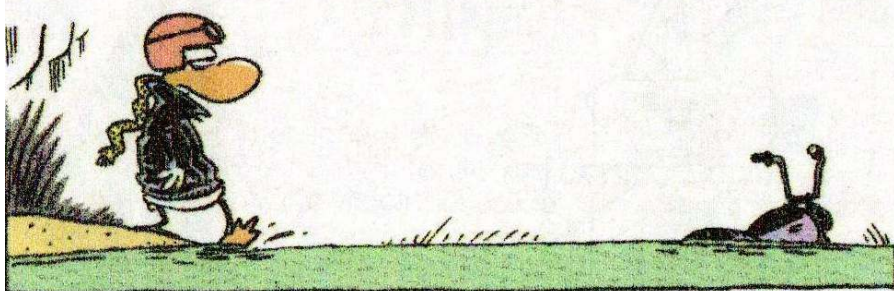
**VVMCC MOTORCYCLE ONLY** 5th Oct 2014.

**BENDIGO** – 17-18th Nov 2013;

### 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).**











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**Who are we?**



Hi Brian

I thought that I would put down my thoughts about my recent purchase of the new Indian 111.  
But first some history

As we all know the Indian motorcycle has been bought back to life on more than one occasion  
And as such there are several motorcycle variants / types that have been put forward as contenders to replace the original Indian motorcycle that apparently finished in 53  
I'm not going to go on about the "real Indian" or the "fake Indian" the fact is that Indian motorcycle went broke, the other fact is that Indian motorcycle co and all the trademarks have now been bought by Polaris. Polaris also make the victory motorcycle which in its own right is a very successful motorcycle sold world-wide.  
Indian motorcycle co, now a part of Polaris have designed a brand new motorcycle from the frame up and includes a newly designed engine. The design of the bike has links to the previous Indian motorcycles, which includes the very obvious v twin configuration, the valance guards and of course the Indian head logo.  
The new Indian comes in three variant models all at varying prices, all with a complete list of accessories, at this stage are very limited in supply, probably due to the demand in the USA.  
The motorcycles come in a range of three colours,, thunder black,, Springfield blue and indian red, the models are,, the chief vintage, chief classic and the new chieftain which is the top of the line chief model with hard bags, windshield and a host of other mods as a standard issue.

The new Indian motor has a cubic inch of 111!!! Approx 1800 cc coupled to a 6 speed transmission. With the v twin configuration, the parallel push rods and the Indian flathead look. It certainly has the look of the old,, the motor made its debut into Australia mid 2013 and was on display at various places throughout Australia,, I might add that just the motor was here on display,, there was no signs of any design of the motorcycle anywhere in the world at that time. Indian motorcycle suggested that the motorcycle would be released to the Australian market late 2013 or 2014.

The Australian Indian motorcycle group, at about the same time as showing the new motor around the eastern states, had started to take deposits for the first 111 motorcycles to be delivered and sold in Australia. So here we have a new Indian motorcycle company, backed by Polaris with a new engine and new frame, wanting people to put up \$1000 deposit, with the completed motorcycle unseen anywhere in then world. Unseen and unriden too, anyway I believe the first 111 motorcycles were more or less sold in a few weeks and had people waiting just in case someone changed their mind. The deposit was refunded if, when the potential buyer saw the bike at the official launch, and had then changed their mind. If a person had paid a deposit, they also received a 111 gift box mailed out, with a host of collector bits and bobs and with an invitation to the official Indian motorcycle launch in Sydney in August 2013, accommodation supplied which included all transfers to and from the launch and of course all meals and drinks at the launch. I have to add that when checking into our hotel, my wife and I thought We had something going with the indian motorcycle gods, we checked into room 111 on the 11th floor,

Saturday was all hype and entertainment with a decent display of pre 53 Indians, mostly all restored but there were quite a few original paint models that would proudly sit in their owners shed,, or house or wherever. Sat night was the allocated time to dip into a barrel and pick out your number, everyone had an equal chance to pick up #1 ...#11... Or #111, mine was #44  
One by one all 111 deposit holders chose a number and the nights festivities continued well into the small hours,, we met many people and heard many stories about Indian motorcycles, the stories are endless, extremely funny and all are worthy of mention in a book someday.

Sunday lunch time was the official world wide launch, this too coincided with the launch in the states,, When we arrived on Sunday the venue was in lockdown, inside on the turntables the old motorcycles were replaced with the brand new Polaris design 2014 Indian motorcycles but shrouded by covers and security guards,, everyone was waiting eagerly for the eventual countdown.  
After a bit of eating and drinking and wondering and pondering, suddenly without much warning, the entertainers were dispatched abruptly, the countdown was happening and everyone waited desperately to see the bikes. I'm sure Ian moss is still a bit miffed that he got asked to leave after just 2 minutes of playing. Not too many people were concerned anyway, mossy left and the covers came off, 54321.....0 in silence after a cheer,, things just got crazy,, people were shocked, amazed, and bewildered, there were gasps, whistles and groans I'm sure I heard a few expletives, it's fair to say everyone was and still is when they see the bike for the first time,, in total awe. ..

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Vintage Japanese rally held at Victor Harbor from 14th to 16th March 2014. Based at Beachfront Holiday Park, 114 Victoria Street Victor Harbor.

Rally rides are set for Saturday morning and Sunday morning, with display and judging on Saturday afternoon at Warland Reserve



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Some of us had been waiting months, some had been waiting years, I'm sure a few old diehards have been waiting since the close of the factory way back then, however the bikes were here at last, all brand new shiny Indian chief motorcycles in various models, all colours and accessories of varying combinations, turning around slowly on the tables, showing all their beautiful angles directly in front of you. The groans and whistles continued until everyone had seen, sat, touched and fantasised about all the bikes, what a day to remember,, and now a decision to sign up for one or get my money back, or plunge into the unknown and have a bit of faith, mind you, no one could ride them, it was possible to hear the bike running, or imagine riding,, sit on but not to ride, these bike were more or less demo bikes destined for display,, perhaps those bikes will be the real collectors in the future,

Needless to say I plunged, my number is #44 of #111,, and I bought an Indian red chieftain and I'm happy! I mean I'm really happy. I received my new 111 a couple of days before Christmas. The chief has had naming rites as per our family tradition, (& all our vehicles have had this process) At this stage ruby and I have only completed 1/2 of the required kilometres for the first service. Ruby is a classy looking gal and has an old fashioned look about her, but the refinements are second to none, ruby attracts attention wherever she goes. I know ruby likes to show off a little, especially at the lights next to The Harley boys. I'm just one of many in South Australia, and 44 of 111 in Australia..

Stay shiny side up -

**Robert Bergin (roving reporter)**



Indians have changed a bit over the years, but they are still RED and a little bit





## Benelli problems.

Members would have seen our five little Benelli 2Cs out regularly on club runs over the past two years and collectively they've now done about 10,000 trouble-free kilometres since we restored them. Built in 1974 they don't qualify for the Club's pre-'66 rules but I've certainly found their light weight and easy starting often make them my ride choice when faced with dragging the M21 out of the shed!

Sadly, the largely unblemished record for mechanical failures on our little Italian light-weights was about to be blighted.

The Friday after Christmas Jim Mottillo and I took our Benellis for a quick ride to the Meadows Bakery. After a short ride to Kangarilla and up the twisty Dashwood Gully Road, the "CLOSED" sign on the bakery door was a bad omen. We had a quick pie at the new pie shop (topping up the cholesterol) and headed back to McLaren Vale through Kuitpo. At Hope Forest Jim's Benelli lost all power and stopped.

We checked all the usual things but it was quickly determined there was no spark. Jim even did some incantations to the Gods of the Roadside (pictured) hoping for just enough sparks to get us home but in the end the Benelli made it home by Colorado (thanks Alex).

Once home the bike went up on the lifter and with the flywheel off it immediately became apparent what had happened. The left hand side main bearing had "decided" to travel outwards pushing the vital crankcase seal right out of the crankcase. At some point the errant seal became entangled in the lighting coil wires and the coil was ripped off the stator and thrown into the ignition coil, cracking the flywheel magnets along the way. All together quite a mess.

Of course this didn't happen instantly and I have to share a large proportion (if not all) of the blame. Lesson one; Loctite bearing mount when you assemble these high revving two strokes. What was I thinking? Lesson two; When Jim told me his bike had no power (and with one cylinder wheezing out the left side bearing it's surprising it ran at all!) the correct response was not "Twist the throttle a bit more, give it a good kick in the guts, treat it like a 1970s two-stroke not a C11". No, in future I'll listen to what he says!

Various Southern club members have been very helpful and supportive with offers of smoke from their caches of spare Lucas smoke and even electrons to pour back into the CDI. Such comedians.

The Benelli will be back on the road in a few weeks. In a wonderful example of the positive uses of social media a Benelli enthusiast in the USA who I correspond with via FaceBook saw the photos of the bike and offered a brand new stator and flywheel to get it back on the road. The classic motorcycle community is alive and well!

**Tony Morisset (Southern reporter)**



**Singers motorcycles sold by Wageners who had a motorcycle shop and were the agents in Argent Street Broken Hill c.1910. The rego is NSW, black on white. They then moved to the Maid and Magpie corner where the Bluebell motorcycle was assembled. Information from Terry Parker**

## **Breakfast ride 19th January 2014**

Members gathered at Feathers Hotel. Martin Blindell lead the group for a leisurely ride through the Adelaide hills, skirting Uraidla to Ashton, Inglewood into Woodside then down the road to Verdun and finally Hahndorf for breakfast. This tour enabled us to avoid the bicycles races in the area. 42 members and friends dined at the Old Mill, and after some ventured off to the swapmeet, others rode home. Bob Gill tested the integrity of his 1913 BSA by riding from the car park of the Feathers Hotel, up Summertown Road, all the way to Hahndorf and back down with any problems showing the doubters that the 'old' veteran and ride can make the hill in one piece.

## **Australia Day Display Run Report—Carisbrook Reserve, Salisbury 26 Jan 2014**

This was my second year of displaying my BSA at the Salisbury Council Australia Day event and like last year I was rewarded with great company, a hot breakfast, live entertainment, a nice spot in the shade and the chance to stand around talking about old bikes with all and sundry.

The Club had 12 bikes on display, ranging in size from small 1920's 2 strokes to the larger Norton, Indian and Harley outfits, with a good selection of other bikes in the mix. Adjacent to us was the Rover Car Club with several shapely saloons & roadsters (and one not-so-shapely Moke). Next door to the car club, occupying a commanding position on the hill, was a Task Force from the Historic Military Vehicle Museum. The HMV brigade consisted of a Land Rover with a trailer, an Austin staff car and a Blitz truck towing a limber and 25 pounder cannon. The cannon presumably for use in the event the official speeches threatened to run over-time.

It was good to see Ian Hese's 1928 Harley Davidson outfit in the light of day again. As it did last year the un-restored Harley drew a lot of attention, however this time it had to contend with being sat next to Peter Yates' beautiful 1924 Indian Outfit. The contrast between the lovely red and gold-pin striping of the Indian with the original condition of the Harley could have drawn some pointed observations from someone with a slant towards the marquee from Springfield, Massachusetts, but fortunately my Father wasn't at this event and instead people got to see a good before & after example of the kind of work involved in getting our bikes to look the way they do.

The event also marked the first outing of Brian Forth's 1923 Elliott Payneham. This motorcycle was manufactured here in Adelaide at the Elliott Garage and Cycle Factory on The Parade, Norwood. It featured a 148cc Villiers Mark 7 two stroke engine, hand shift Sturmey Archer 3 speed Gearbox, chain drive, and absolutely no front brake. The more I ride with the club, the more amazed I am to find out more about these local marquees that manufactured bikes here in SA, and to see the examples of an industry that just doesn't seem to exist in this country anymore.

Later in the day Brian and I spoke to some young chaps who were just diving head first into the pleasures of classic bike ownership. One of them had acquired a 1981 Yamaha trail bike and they had just rebuilt the engine after having dropped the bike during a scramble held up North and sucked in an engine full of mud.

Naturally after some discussion of the pleasures of old bike ownership, Brian fired up his M20 and proceeded to demonstrate how slowly he could get the old girl to tick over. Not to be outdone, I went to fire up my M20 in order to have a rather odd sort of race with Brian, namely 'who could get their M20 to idle the slowest'. Of course, now that we had spectators, could I get mine to fire? No. Eventually, after about 5 minutes of kicking, flooding, and missing the compression point it finally burst into life, however by that stage we had started to gas out the people picnicking behind us, and called the contest off.

The day ended with some photos of the M20's next to the Army truck. I reckon that between the two M20's we could have towed that cannon home with us, but the HMV guys didn't look keen. So after packing up the area, bikes loaded up and helmets donned everyone dispersed to other engagements and I headed off to a pool party to park the M20 next to a bunch of modern Triumphs and Harleys and show them how a real bike leaked oil.

**Matt Croucher**

**(Dispatch reporter)**

### **Australia Day 26/ 01/ 2014**

David Holbrook—1925 New Imperial  
Brian Forth—1923 Elliott Payneham  
Peter Yates—1924 Indian o/f  
Ian Hese—1928 Harley Davidson o/f  
Bob Gill—Royal Enfield.  
Brian Forth—1942 BSA wm20  
Matt Croucher—1942 BSA wm20  
Neil Hamilton—Norton o/f  
Ron & Joan Truscott—Norton o/f  
Ian Hese—1960 Honda Benly  
Roger O'Loughlin—Horex  
Paul Knapp—1957 Triumph

### **BREAKFAST RIDE ENTRANTS**

*Name, Year, Make Solo/Outfit*

Bob Gill 1913 BSA  
Bob Hill 1927 Harley Davidson O/  
Fit  
Bob Mather 1932 Scott  
Rob Smyth 1929 AJS  
Terry Rowe 1929 Raleigh  
Matthew Croucher 1942 BSA  
Brian Norton 1942 Harley Davidson  
Kevin Meade 1948 Velocette  
Lyndon Rogers 1948 Vincent  
Ken Olsson 1949 Matchless  
Graeme Bartlett 1952 Norton  
Bob Whitehead 1953 BSA  
Jim Hamilton 1956 Matchless  
Les Jolly 1955 Ariel  
Paul Knapp 1957 Triumph  
Brian Forth 1957 Triumph

Martin Blindell 1968 Triumph  
Darren Zacher 1974 Kawasaki  
Rob Elliott 1974 BMW  
Peter Arriola 1974 Honda  
Ray Mann 1994 BMW O/ Fit  
Adrian How 1995 Ducati  
Pud Freeman 2007 Yongshen  
Bill Giamos 19? Moto Guzzi  
Ian Hese Back up trailer  
Plus several visitors



## Tiddlers run—Sunday 16th February 2014.

This is the 4rd **VVMCCSA Tiddlers Run—Sunday the 16th February 2014** starting at the **Kersbrook Community Clubrooms** at 19 Glover Street Kersbrook gathering at 9.00am to start the run at 9.30am.

This run is designed to encourage small capacity motorcycles from Acme's to Zundupp's to participate. Riders can enjoy a leisurely and less stressful pace along reasonably flat riding country roads with a few slight rises to challenge and keep riders awake.

The run will take members along the Para Road to Williamstown with the 1st re-grouping at the car park of the Williamstown Hotel. Refreshments and toilets close by. We then meander along Lyndoch Valley Road to Lyndoch for the 2nd stop at the large car park on the Barossa Valley Way again for refreshments and toilets breaks.

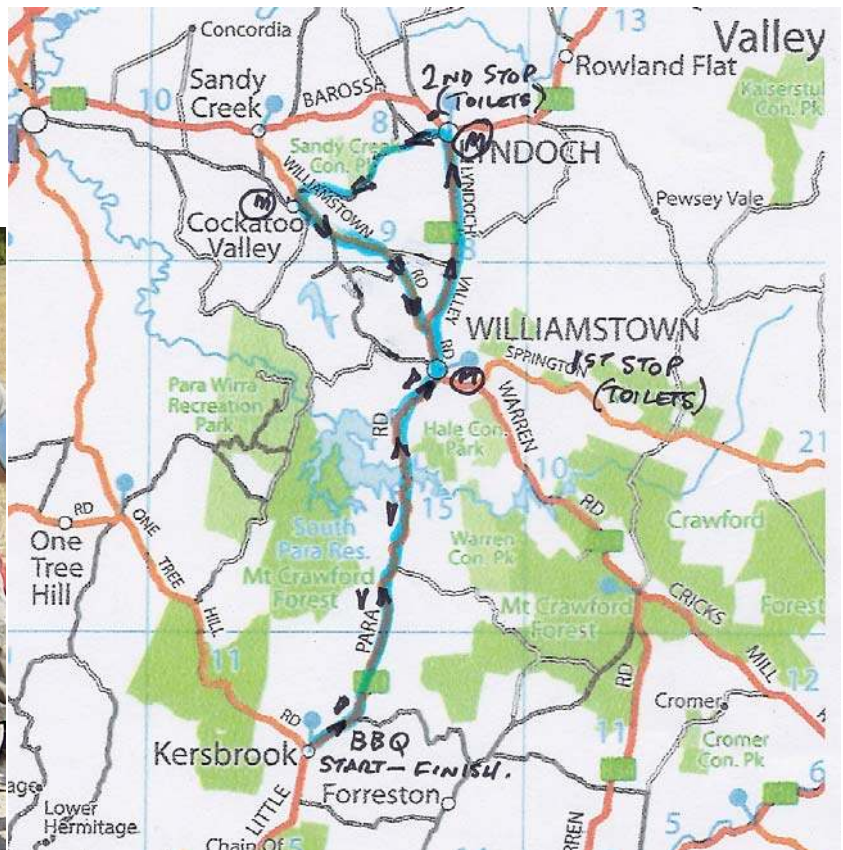
Riders then will progress along the Gilbert Street into and Pimpala Road to the junction of Pimpala Road and Williamstown Road, making a right turn and travel back to Williamstown for a 3rd stop at the Williamstown Hotel before arriving back the Kersbrook Community Clubrooms for a

**B-Q Lunch @ \$2 per person.**

**Regards Bob Gill**



Neil; Caust on his James



### 2014 All British Day -Echunga Oval—Sunday 9th Feb 2014

The VVMCCSA will again host a display of members British made motorcycles. This year we had 22 motorcycles on Display. If you have the day free, please come and support our club?

### Power of the Past day at Mt Barker Oval. 1st—2nd March 2014.

The Power of the Past will feature **Triumph motorcycles**. The VVMCCSA has been approached with the view of asking members with any model of Triumph to volunteer their time and their motorcycles for display.

The most number of Triumphs on display at one time which were - 9 Triumph T100's at Birdwood figure 8 day about 7 years ago.

Expressions of interest to be registered with **Brian Kuerschner 83903990** for instructions on how to enter for 2014 allowing the VVMCCSA to put on impressive display.







Paul Knapp



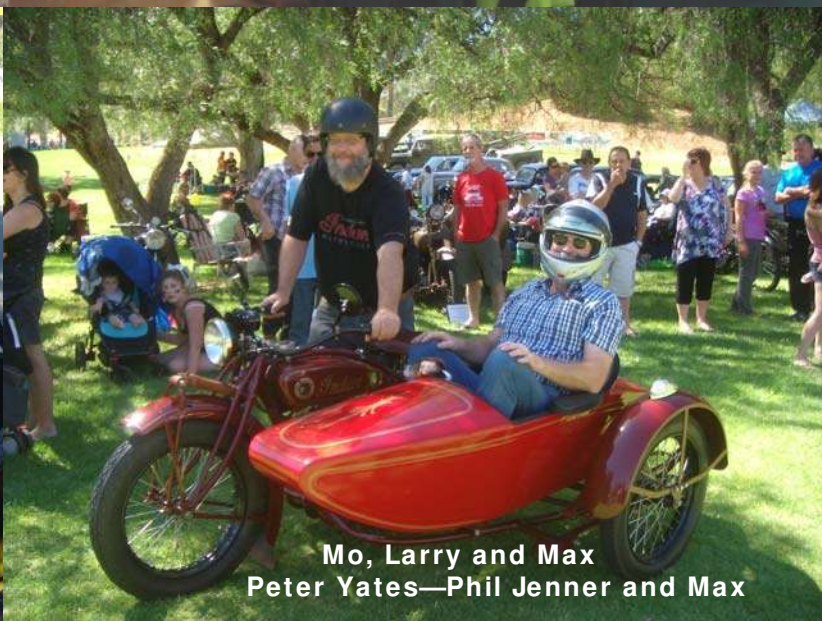
Ian Hese



Breakfast at Old Mill



Members at Feather hotel before the start



Mo, Larry and Max  
Peter Yates—Phil Jenner and Max

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