

TASMANIAN MOTORCYCLE CLUB



Newsletter of the Tasmanian Motorcycle Club

March 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last couple of weeks have been quite hectic and the next two were just as busy. We started with a bit of a bike showing and club promotion at the Longford Motorama which was held at Woolmers Estate. We had many hundreds of people viewing our display especially on the Sunday with many people interested in what we do as a club.

The first round of the State Championships was held on the 18th and 19th of March, and was a fantastic meeting with some of the best racing we have seen for some time. I think Chloe Honeychurch would have to be a shoe in for ride of the day. Sadly, it was very poorly attended in terms of riders as we only had 53 entries. So the club has taken quite a large monetary loss. This is something the committee has to look at as with our rising costs (we have had a substantial increase in circuit hire, permit fees and ambulance costs), if we don't start getting sufficient entries to make some gains or at least cover costs we will have to make some changes. We can afford to lose on a race day as long as we gain on a ride day, but we're losing on both; we can't keep losing money.

We had a display at the Devonport Motor show on Sunday 26th March where we promoted the club and trying to garner some interest. We had a good turn out of members who came to Devonport with their bikes and helped promote the club and your sport.

Our AGM will be held at the Gunners Arms on Thursday 13th April. **We need committee members; we need young people to attend committee meetings.** I so often hear people grizzling about something not being the way they want it to be, well simple solution is to come to the AGM and air your views, or better still stand for one of the positions and let your views be known. Most of our committee members are old and have been around for aeons, it's time for change, time for the younger generation to step up. Hoping to see you at the AGM.

Cary Mc Mahon

Hon President.

A couple of photos from the Devonport Motor Show



A fine example of a Honda CB750



MARCH the month that was.....

An incredibly hectic month for many of us and the busy time still hasn't ended.

Before the month even started with the Longford Long Weekend it had been the TEN weeks with every Saturday at a committee meeting at Woolmers Estate to get the event up and running after the supposed professional promotor disappeared with all the Government money.

The one meeting I missed was to do interviews at the two-day Ulverstone bike show and I came back to find I had been nominated to do interviews and MC work at the Longford event.

The Ulverstone show was full on for two days in this Summer of 4 major shows, starting in January with the Oatlands nee Ross show.



Looking down from the Rowing club onto the Savic electric bike in the tent and the line up of Richardson demonstrator bikes.



The 2 days started full of excitement for every man and his dog.

By the end every man and his dog were tired and ready to go home, kitted out in ear muffs and goggles.



Longford Motorama

Longford was more than just the original event where it was Friday Practice with Saturday and Monday of racing. First up was the launch of the event at the Country Club Pub in Longford



Outside the Pub the display included an ex Trevor Jowett AJS and Gene Cook Fiat that raced at Longford.

That was followed the week after on the Sunday, doing a re-enactments of a talking point from when they raced. One year Jack Brabham's car was having work done in Launceston and it wasn't completed until Saturday morning. The next practice session was close to starting and with no time to load it up on the trailer Jack just jumped into the F1 car and drove it out to Longford.

This year with some clever wrangling the committee was able to obtain a one day license for a replica Brabham and along with a Morris Minor (that actually raced at Longford) and a replica Robin Bessent Lotus Cortina were driven in convoy from The National Motor Museum in Lindsay St out to Longford. Unfortunately, I hadn't checked my camera and discovered the on/off switch had been bumped and I arrived at the event to find I had a flat battery so no photos to show..... BUT



This is the replica Brabham taken at last years show on the village green.

After the Saturday before the event's committee meeting a small group from the committee worked hard to erect the massive tent for the bikes to be housed in. It was so big that car stub axles were used as tent pegs and over 20 of them had to be driven in to the hard ground with sledge hammers. The two main

tent polls were so big that a hole in the base was used to insert an axle and two wheelbarrow wheels attached to a 4X4 with a chain to drag the pole to an upright position. Unfortunately we had that big wind storm the following Tuesday where the pegs held but the tent ripped down the middle and had to be pulled down and another one hired.

The next trip out for me was on the Wednesday to clean the windows at the cottage on the hill where the Rob Knott memorabilia was to be displayed. Back again for the first day of action (Friday) where the morning was a final set up time before the event started that afternoon.

Once the event started Life members Terry Brooks and Cary McMahon stayed on site with their campavans, manned the club tent during the day and helped with security during the night. Karen and Wayne joined them Saturday along with Trevor Renton and fellow club member Nigel Keefe who was controlling the Vintage Kart section of the display.



All the way from South Australia was this 250 Tilbrook that actually raced at Longford.

I am not sure who was their Sunday as it was a split day with the Woolmers display going on and a day at Symmons Plains for rides in historic cars and demonstration laps for the bikes.

Car commentator Barry Oliver had sent many hours putting together a plan for the smooth running of

the event and it required a minimum of only about 20 car and a few bike officials, for it to work.

Unfortunately, very few officials turned up so it was run mostly by Tony and Marg Oliver, Graham van Essen, Brad Astell, Mick Lemmon Shaun Patmore and Jason Spencer with pace riders being Roy Turner and Harley Phipps.

Trevor Renton helped the car side during the paid laps for cars with his beautiful bright yellow Ford Cobra. Oh, I finally got to do some laps in a car (at some speed) other than our official cars in a left hand drive 1960's Mustang.

A bonus for the weekend for me, was that our hard working crew were able to sell a further 10 copies of 100 Clicks meaning that at least 10 more families will know the history of the club. For me it gives me pleasure to know the club's history is still being read also that I have a "massive" \$500 injection of funds. (dripping sarcasm). I can now pay for the \$100 worth of fuel I used travelling to Longford, including the 9 trips in 10 days for the event, and have some money to pay for groceries.

Tasmanian Road Race Championship Round 1

The following weekend was the TRRC 1 at Symmons Plains. Even though the numbers were slightly down the excitement level was incredibly high. Some of the best racing seen for many years at one of our race meetings.

Saturdays ride and practice day saw a much-improved Leah Renton #12 (Ninja 400) spend an entire session battling and passing with ex-junior and now Production Lites class riders Isaac Simmons #16 and David Coward #60 on a pair of KTM 390's. Leah was putting in a good bid for Ride of the Day for round 1.



Not practicing Saturday but down to race were Matt Long, who was continuing his Uni Study and Chloe Honeychurch who had to do the Saturday as a hairdresser. This time he only ran his Pre-Modern Super Sport bike to his usual success.

Chloe fronted with her last year's Lites Production 400 Ninja and for the first time in the Clubman Class with a 600 Ninja and a cheer squad, mainly her boyfriend, his parents and her boss from work. She proceeded to win all 4 Lites races whilst battling with big Mark de Jong on the teeny Lites GP Honda NSF 250 for third outright in the race. It was though, the battle for the honours in the combined Clubman and Pro class that proved to be the races of the day. Each race was a battle between Chloe, Trevor Renton (KTM1290), Martin Long (YZF 600) Quentin Atkins (CBR1000) Harley Phipps (CBR 600) Luke van Egdon (CBR 600) and Nathan Tole (CBR 600). At some point each one got to lead a race for a short time. The racing was so close that Chloe who won 2 races still managed to come 2nd overall after a late race clash in race 3 was pushed back to 6th at the end. With 3 seconds and a win Trevor was the overall winner on the day. The race 2 loss was to Chloe when Trevor lead onto the main straight and the front wheel came up and Chloe dived under him to win by .15 of a second. You had to be there to see how close the racing was in so many classes.



This is how the Sunday qualifying looked in the Clubman class.

The numbers have fallen so much in the 600 Supersport class that they had to be combined with the Superbikes making it hard for the top 600 riders battling with the mid field 1000nds. The 1000nds saw the battle of the CBR 1000RR's with as usual Brett Simmonds winning but this time Jason Spencer has again found a little and on occasions was even able to lead Brett a few times.

Another great surprise came first thing Sunday when a rider I didn't know saw my "Media" vest and asked if it was possible to get some photos of his visit to Symmons Plains. Turns out Wayne Batson #111 was from South Australia and had seen racing from Symmons and wanted to do a race meeting here. He was to bring a friend but he woosed out because the weekend before he broke his ankle. He was racing a Suzuki SV 650 "tractor" and picked a great weekend as it was one of the biggest entries for the class for a few meetings.



Ironically, he was to spend a lot of time racing our own Karen Webb who has just returned from a meeting in South Australia. A very good display of racing for a first timer at the track and also impressed that for someone who was new to our meeting still managed to be among the first to arrive at presentation to show support for those who took away the medallions.

Devonport Motor Show

The following weekend it was off to Devonport for the Chas Kelly Searoad sponsored Devonport Motor Show promoted by Rotary. They had handed the promoting of the bike section last year to the Devonport chapter of the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club, headed by Tony Mahoney.

Last year a good crowd of around 5000 turned up but this year it looked to be a much bigger crowd and many of them spent a long time in the motorcycle section of the park. The star attraction was the Horner Vincent team. Ken, Barry and Thahn Horner arrived with the ex-Jim Richard's Transporter with 3 solos and a sidecar with the bonus of bringing the ex-Ray Audrieux Vincent speedway sidecar. Ray now lives in Perth and spends a lot of time in the big workshop working on historic bike restoration. Just ask Tony Oliver and Carolynn Jamieson how good he is with old Vincents.



Actually Carolynn was to again bring a major display of some of Peter Bender's spectacular collection and include a Tilbrook and a Drysdale in the eye watering display. Mal Campbell was to bring one of his Honda CB1100R's along side the ex-Dennis Neil example and a number of road version.

For the club it was very pleasing to see the number of riders who responded to the request for bikes to make it a great line up in front of the tents full of the Motorcycle City Team and Scott's Motorcycle Team.

The entire day was such a happy time with everyone trying to help make it a big success. To bring in a crowd Ray Audrieux started it by putting his old bike on the rollers and it fired up with only a few tries after something like 2 or 3 years just on display.



The big V twin HRD Vincent has 2 straight out pipes and was loud, that was then surpassed when the Horner's dragged the chair out of the tent and were even louder. Around midday the collection was moved to the car park in the corner of the park so a photo could be taken with the bikes and major sponsor Searoad having one of their ships coming out of the heads heading to Melbourne in the background.

Unfortunately, you won't be seeing that shot I took, here as it has been sent to Old Bike Australasia for inclusion in my report on the event, but this one was close.

By the way the next issue of Old Bike is due late May and will have my report on Longford in it, I hope and then the issue after will have the report on Devonport. In the meantime The Next Issue of Motor Cycle news should have a report on our Symmons TRRC Round 1 and possibly the issue after will have the report on Baskie Round 2, if I get stuck in and write it soon.

From Devonport comes these shots.



Also, that means I will cover Baskie in the next SPOKE, just too much happening at the moment and give us something to look forward to.

We will talk more about Baskie then.



Ken Young

Classic Master of Mac Park Report – by Karen Webb

After competing at Sydney Motorsport Park, Wayne and I spent a few days touring the Blue Mountains, and then headed to Phillip Island for the World Superbikes. It had been a number of years since we attended a WSBK event, and it was a pleasant surprise as to how nice it was to hang over the fence and watch for a change.

We left Phillip Island on the Monday morning and headed for a few days on the foreshore at Rosebud. The plan was for nice hot sunny days with lots of swimming and laying on the beach. Well, typical Melbourne weather saw us in long pants, jumpers and no sun tan. We had 2 ½ days of drizzle and greyness. It finally came good late on the day before we were leaving.

We headed for the ferry at Queenscliff on Thursday morning on our way to Mac Park at Mt Gambier. It took us about 6 hours from the ferry to get to Mt Gambier with the last 50 k's a bit stressful as we had forgotten to get fuel and the light was on. Seems that the van will keep running with less than 5 litres in the tank. Oops....

The Classic Master of Mac Park is an Historic meeting for all periods, 1-6, but I don't think there were any Period 1 machines. The meeting was in memory of Laurie Fox, a founding member of the Mount Gambier Motorcycle Club. Mac Park is owned by the Mt Gambier Motorcycle Club and is a dedicated motorcycle only race track. Having said that, I think they do let push bike events use the track, and Levy Day also runs ride days and training days there.

Got to the track and set up the caravan and then unloaded the bikes. We had requested a garage at the far end of the pits so that the caravan could be close and that worked a treat.



Squeezing the caravan in between the garage and the tree.



Then unloaded the bikes into the garage.

Practice was on Friday and was well attended. I was hoping to better my times from the Australian Historic Titles held there in April 2022, but I was a bit slower than I had hoped. I was all pumped from my times at SMP, and didn't quite hit the mark.

Saturday was qualifying and racing, and I was 2nd session out on the track in the Unlimited Period 6 class, a combined class for Period 6 – 750 and Period 6 – 1300, Period 5 - 500cc was also in our race. I managed a 5th overall after 2 qualifying sessions. I was fairly disappointed with my times and hoped to do better in the races.

Race 1 on Saturday afternoon was fairly uneventful and I finished 5th and shaved just under a second off my qualifying time. Race 2 was scheduled for Saturday afternoon, but due to some earlier delays, we were bumped to Sunday morning. But to make up time, we were on track at 8.30am! I managed another

5th but not as quick as Race 1. Race 3 was just before lunch, and another 5th place. This time a bit quicker than Race 2. My next race was the Period 5 & 6 Heavyweight Classic of Mac Park. I started on grid position 6 and finished in 6th. Still couldn't better Race 1 times, but finished with me, and the bike shiny and had a ball.

There were some funny things there, including the Trials Sidecars. They were very interesting to watch.



And just some random photos.





If you ever get the chance, do a ride day or a race meeting at Mac Park. It's a fun circuit with a laid back atmosphere and excellent facilities. And, if you think race entry fees are expensive in Tassie, it cost \$540 for 3 days at Mac Park, and worth every penny!

So, we left Mac Park on Monday morning heading to Geelong for an overnight stay in a caravan park before our day sailing back home. Day sailings are something you might want to avoid if possible.....

Karen Webb

TASMANIAN ROAD RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS - ROUND 1

Formula 3

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	765	Peter MCELDOWNEY	25	25	25	25	100
2	15	Boyd WITZERMAN	20	14	20	20	74
3	75	James ABEY	18	20	18	18	74
4	78	Robert SCOTT	16	17	16	17	66
5	59	Dale MADDEN	17	18	17	14	66
6	175	Benjamin ABEY	15	16	12	16	59
7	111	Wayne BATSON	12	13	14	15	54
8	95	Mark EAGLING	14	15	15	-	44
9	24	Leigh STANISZ	13	12	13	-	38

Golden Era Over 500cc

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	21	James RYAN	25	25	25	25	100
2	88	Peter BELLCHAMBERS	20	20	20	20	80
3	22	Karen WEBB	18	18	18	18	72
4	6a	Gavin BROOKS	17	17	-	-	34

Golden Era Under 500cc

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	13	Cameron ROWELL	25	25	25	25	100

Tassie Juniors

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	2	Augustus O'HALLORAN	20	25	25	25	95
2	60	David COWARD	25	20	20	20	85
3	27	Ava CONNELL	-	18	18	18	54

Lites GP

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	93	Josh VAN DER PUTTEN	25	25	25	25	100
2	44	Aaron WADE	20	20	20	20	80
3	14	Mark DE JONG	18	18	18	18	72

Lites Produciton

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	7	Chloe HONEYCHURCH	25	25	25	25	100
2	16	Isaac SIMMONDS	20	20	20	20	80
3	12	Leah RENTON	18	18	18	18	72
4	60	David COWARD	17	17	17	17	68
5	3	Christiaan BRITS	16	16	16	16	64

Pre-Modern Open

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	40	Jeremy HUDDLESTONE	25	25	25	25	100
2	66	Roy TURNER	20	20	20	20	80

Pre-Modern Supersport

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	23	Matthew LONG	25	25	25	25	100
2	6	Martin LONG	18	20	20	20	78
3	30	Matthew COWARD	16	18	18	18	70
4	8	Shayne LUCAS	20	-	-	-	20
5	74	Daniel MULHOLLAND	17	-	-	-	17

Superbike

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	19	Brett SIMMONDS	25	25	25	25	100
2	72	Jason SPENCER	20	20	20	20	80
3	29	Scott CAMPBELL	18	18	18	18	72
4	26	Scott HONEYCHURCH	17	17	17	17	68
5	40	Jeremy HUDDLESTONE	16	16	16	15	63
6	63	Christopher CLARK	15	14	15	16	60
7	18	Jooho LEE	12	13	12	12	49
8	420	Wade SCHRADER	10	12	10	14	46
9	76	Don FENTON	14	15	14	-	43
10	94	Nicholas WILLIAMS	13	-	13	13	39
11	44	Todd TATNELL	9	10	9	11	39
12	10	John ALLEN	11	11	11	-	33

Superbike - B Grade

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	420	Wade SCHRADER	20	20	20	25	85
2	76	Don FENTON	25	25	25	-	75

Superbike - C Grade

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	63	Christopher CLARK	25	25	25	25	100
2	18	Jooho LEE	18	20	18	18	74
3	44	Todd TATNELL	16	17	16	17	66
4	94	Nicholas WILLIAMS	20	-	20	20	60
5	10	John ALLEN	17	18	17	-	52

Supersport

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	82	Lachlan CURTIS	25	25	25	25	100
2	8	Marcus DELANEY	20	20	20	20	80
3	43	Jesse WOODS	18	18	18	18	72
4	6	Martin LONG	17	17	17	17	68

Supersport - B Grade

Pos	No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	82	Lachlan CURTIS	25	25	25	25	100
2	43	Jesse WOODS	20	20	20	20	80
3	6	Martin LONG	18	18	18	18	72



After her success at Symmons Plains in Round 1 of the TRRC, Chloe is giving Scott some tips on how to win at Baskerville in a couple of weeks.

WOT'S ON **TMCC AGM** **Thursday 13th April 2023**



TMCC need members to step up and get involved in the committee and running of the Club.

**Gunners Arms Hotel, Lawrence Street, Launceston
7pm start**

We need flaggies and volunteers



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Track/Ride Day



Graded Groups

- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Racer



Sunday 16th

April 2023

- Gates Open at 7.00am
- Sign On from 7.45am
- Riders Briefing at 8.45am
- On track sessions start at 9.00am

Entry available on the day. For more information & entry links go to: www.tasmanianmotorcycleclub.org.au



Want more information, call Karen on 0418 534 630 or email tmccsec@gmail.com



** For online entries via Ridernet only. Online entries close at 12pm Saturday 15th April**

2023 ROAD RACING CALENDAR - SELECTED EVENTS

Start	Finish	Days	Meeting Name	Round	Location
16/04/2023	16/04/2023	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
7/04/2023	9/04/2023	2	South Australian Road Race Championship (inc. Easter Cup)	1	Mac Park
22/04/2023	22/04/2023	1	Preston MCC Bracket race days	1	Broadford
23/04/2023	23/04/2023	1	Victorian Interclub Series	1	Broadford
28/04/2022	30/04/2022	3	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	3	Queensland Raceway
30/04/2023	30/04/2023	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
6/05/2023	7/05/2023	2	Hartwell Club Championships	3	Broadford
6/05/2023	6/05/2023	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
7/05/2023	7/05/2023	1	TMCC Championship Round 2	2	Symmons Plains
3/06/2023	4/06/2023	2	Victorian Road Racing Championships	1	Broadford
3/06/2023	3/06/2023	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
4/06/2023	4/06/2023	1	SRCT Championship Round 3	3	Baskerville
16/06/2022	17/06/2022	2	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul (with Supercars)	4	Hidden Valley
7/07/2023	9/07/2023	2	Victorian Road Racing Championships	2	The Bend
14/07/2023	16/07/2023	3	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	5	Morgan Park
12/08/2023	12/08/2023	1	Preston MCC Bracket race days	2	Broadford
13/08/2023	13/08/2023	1	Victorian Interclub Series	2	Broadford
2/09/2023	3/09/2023	2	Hartwell Seniors Meeting		Broadford
9/09/2023	9/09/2023	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
10/09/2023	10/09/2023	1	TRRC Round 3 / TMCC Round 3	3	Symmons Plains
15/09/2023	17/09/2023	2	Victorian Road Racing Championships	3	Phillip Island
22/09/2023	24/09/2023	2	HCMC WA Historic State Titles		Collie
24/09/2023	24/09/2023	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
29/09/2023	1/10/2023	2	Master of Mac Park	3	Mac Park
7/10/2023	7/10/2023	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
8/10/2023	8/10/2023	1	TRRC Round 4 / SRCT Round 4	4	Baskerville
14/10/2023	14/10/2023	1	Preston MCC Bracket race days	3	Broadford
15/10/2023	15/10/2023	1	Victorian Interclub Series	3	Broadford
20/10/2023	22/10/2023	1	MotoGP	17	Phillip Island
27/10/2023	29/10/2023	4	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	6	Phillip Island
29/10/2023	29/10/2023	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
4/11/2023	5/11/2023	2	Southern Classic		Broadford
11/11/2023	12/11/2023	2	Victorian Road Racing Championships	4	Broadford
11/11/2023	11/11/2023	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
12/11/2023	12/11/2023	1	TMCC Bracket Race Meeting		Symmons Plains
19/11/2023	19/11/2023	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
23/11/2023	26/11/2023	4	SRCT - AHRRC		Baskerville
1/12/2023	3/12/2023	3	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	7	The Bend
1/12/2023	3/12/2023	3	SRCT - 2 Hour		Baskerville
10/12/2023	10/12/2023	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
17/12/2023	17/12/2023	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
29/12/2023	31/12/2023	1	South Australian Historic Road Race Championships		Mac Park

Numbers – Background, Colour and Size

Just in case you couldn't find it in the Manual of Motorsport, here's the [link](#)

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