

TASMANIAN MOTORCYCLE CLUB



Newsletter of the Tasmanian Motorcycle Club

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The April ride day numbers were a bit low with only 35 riders attending. Although this resulted in only 3 groups, so everyone who was there got lots of track time!

The next event is a Ride Day on Saturday, May 21, with Round 2 of the TMCC Club Championships on Sunday, May 22. With only 3 rounds in 2022, this round will be important to gain points in the series. Flaggies are always needed. If you or anyone you know can help, please let us know.

Peter Sanders has taken leave for a few months, so we are looking for an editor for SPOKE. Karen has taken on the role in the interim, but would really like someone else to step up and demonstrate their ability in putting the newsletter together. Expressions of interest should be sent to tmccsec@gmail.com.

A few of our members went to the 2021 Australian Historic Road Racing Championships at Mac Park, Mt Gambier on 1st-3rd April 2022 (delayed due to COVID). Race reports have been filed by Karen, Brad and Terry.

The next committee meeting will be on Thursday, May 5, at the Gunner's Arms, Lawrence Street, Launceston at 7pm, so come along and have your say. A few of us have dinner from 6pm, so join us for a feed and a chat before the meeting.

Cary McMahon - Hon President

2021 Australian Historic Road Racing Championships Mac Park, Mt Gambier SA, 1st-3rd April 2022.

Report by Karen Webb

The 2020 Australian Historic Road Racing Championships were due to be held at Mac Park, Mt Gambier in October 2020. Due to the COVID pandemic, the meeting was postponed until October 2021. As the pandemic was still raging across Australia at that time, the South Australian government had closed its borders and the championships were postponed again until April 2022.

So, eventually, a few of us from Tassie boarded the Spirit and set off to South Australia. The Tassie team consisted of:

Grant Boxhall #65 – 1980 Yamaha TZ350 – Period 5-350 & Period 5-500

Colin Sleigh #29 – 1990 Yamaha TZ250 – Period 6-250

Terry Morris #14 – 1972 Yamaha TD3 250 – Period 4-250 & 1978 Yamaha TZ350 - Period 4-350

Brad Astill #39 – 1954 Triumph T110 – Period 3 Formula 700

Peter Bellchambers #88 – 1988 Suzuki GSX-R750 – Period 6 Formula 750 & Period 6 Formula 1300

Karen Webb #22– 1989 Suzuki GSX-R750 – Period 6 Formula 750 & Period 6 Formula 1300

The weekend started with a practice day on Thursday, qualifying on Friday, racing on Saturday and Sunday. It was a packed schedule of 32 events each day. The weather was fine, but windy on all days but Sunday, which turned out to be a lovely day.

The stars of the weekend were Brad, Terry and Colin, who all made it onto the podium at the end of the weekend with a second place each.

- Brad did a “Bradbury” by completing all his races and outlasting his competitors. He finished first in race 1 & 2 and second in race 3 & 4.
- Terry’s second was in the Period 4 – 250cc class where he finished 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 2nd. Terry also entered the Period 4 – 350cc class but only competed in two races with a 5th place in both.
- Colin had four 2nd places in the Period 6 – 500cc class. This race was combined with the Formula 750 class and Colin managed two 5th’s and two 6th’s outright! Colin also raced in the Period 6 – 250cc class, finishing 4th with a 3rd placing in race 4. Colin was riding one of Grant Boxhall’s TZ’s as Colin had flown in from England to compete at this race meeting. Colin is an “honorary” Tasmanian and is a member of the Tasmanian Motorcycle Club.

Grant and Karen didn’t manage to finish with a trophy but had a great weekend’s racing. Grant finished 5th in the Period 5 – 500cc class and 7th in the Period 5 – 350cc class. Karen managed a 6th in the Period 6 – 750 class and 7th in the Period 6 – 1300 class.

Peter Bellchambers was making progress in qualifying and reducing his times every session. Unfortunately he crashed in the last qualifying session on Friday and was unable to compete for the rest of the weekend.



Brad, Terry, Karen and Peter at Symmons Plains
Photo: Ken Young



Peter Bellchambers #88 at Mac Park
Photo: Paul Chisholm



Brad Astill #39

Photo: Paul Chisholm



Brad Astill #39, and Robin Turner #225. Brad and Robin finished with two firsts and two seconds each, but Robin won the last race of the day, pipping Brad for the win in the Period 3 – Formula 700 class for the weekend.



Terry Morris #14

On the Red Line Photography by Simon Trnovsky



Terry Morris #14 held off Peter Heles #35 in the last two races on Sunday to take 2nd place in the Period 4 – 250cc Championship by 3 points.



Colin Sleigh #29

Photo: Paul Chisholm



Colin Sleigh #29 leads Andy Pitman #82 in the last Period 6 – 250cc race of the weekend, finishing 3rd in this race and 4th for the Championship. Colin finished 2nd in the Period 6 – 500cc Championship class with four 2nd places.



Karen Webb #22

Photo: Paul Chisholm



Karen Webb #22 chases Anthony Logan #48 in the Period 6 – 500cc & 750cc combined race. Karen finished 6th in the Period 6 Formula 750 class and 7th in the Period 6 Formula 1300 class.



Grant Boxhall #65 with Brian Richardson #87 on his tail at Turn 11. Grant managed a 5th place overall in the Period 5 – 500cc class and 7th in the Period 5 – 350cc class.



And the Triumph has to get home somehow!!!!!!

Report by Brad Astill

We arrived at Mac Park on Wednesday before lunch and set up our pit tent in the rain, hoping it wasn't going to hang around.

Thursday morning track day turned out ok but windy. The two sessions allowed me to learn the track and to be honest I was finding it difficult to establish a rhythm, second session was better!

We originally had 9 of us in P3 Formula 700 push rod engines but scratchings were many, some due to floods and other unforeseen circumstances!

In the end there was just the two of us for both race days, myself on a Triumph Rigid 650 and Robin Turner on his Triton!

Qualifying on Friday saw Robin qualifying 1.5 seconds quicker than me on grid 7 with me beside him on 8.

Saturday, race day, it was overcast and the only rain fell for the weekend on our out lap and during our race.

This worked well for me as Robin struggled with a fogging visor which saw him run off the track in turn one on the last lap and I won.

The next race in the afternoon was sunny but windy! I got a reasonable start and sat behind Robin on his Triton and managed to start catching him under brakes and putting a wheel up under him! He was taking a much wider line into turn one and on the final lap over the water tower onto the start finish straight I made sure I was close enough to go under him in turn one!

I rode the wheels off the rigid to get a few bike lengths on him before the back straight as he was much quicker than me! This worked and I took the second win of the weekend in our class!

Was getting confident with the track and it all started to flow nicely by the end of race 2!

Bike was running faultlessly!

Sunday the weather was perfect and I knew if I won one more first place was pretty much mine for the weekend. However, unbeknown to me Robins crew had some stern words to him overnight and even threatened replacing rear shocks with struts!

First race I was within 2 seconds of him, without tyre warmers and wanting to get a little more heat into both tyres and engine I started trying to catch him on the second lap. Was going well and pulling him back from the end of the main straight right up until we got back on the straight! A P4 750 two stroke went past on the straight after starting at the back of the field, he was slower than me through the rest of the circuit and allowed Robin to run away with his first win!

So this all fell down to the last race who was going to win Period 3 Formula 700 at AHRRC!

Start was reasonable and put me right behind Robin, I put pressure on him the whole race, he knew I was there but he rode flawlessly to take the win in the last race! This gave Robin the win for the weekend!

For the four races I really enjoyed the track, was getting quicker each race and got a good rhythm happening!

Speaking with Robin he put me onto a fellow that makes Norton Slimline frames and I have placed an order for one, can't wait to see how the bike goes with rear suspension, hahaha!

Sandy, my wife, was my pit crew for the weekend. She's the bravest person I know as are other women that are recovering from breast cancer, I couldn't have done it without her!

Mount Gambier MCC put on a well oiled event and ran smoothly over the 4 days.

I must also thank Karen Webb and Wayne for their assistance over the weekend, very much appreciated!

What now? Well I gotta build a Triton and we have to keep these old push rod engines racing and hopefully 1st next time!



Brad and the 2nd place winning Triumph



Brad and Robin Turner with their trophies

Report by Terry Morris

I took my Yamaha 1972 TD3 methanol burner to compete in the 250 Post Classic Class and knew it was going to be a very interesting weekend.

Young gun Ben Liebig on Neil Collin's newly completed Yamaha TD2 was the favourite (and lap record holder) and as long he had no mechanical issues he would do well but the minor placings were all up for grabs.

Qualifying was on Friday. We were mixed in with the 500 Classics and I qualified ok the 3rd row. I never qualify that well 😞

Saturday:

Race 1 - I let myself get mugged well and truly by the 500's and the 250's of Pete Heles (CZ) and Rob Day (Suzuki) - 4th in class - hmmm.. best lap 1.31.259

Race 2 - Better start and managed a 3rd in class behind Ben and Rob Day - best lap time of 1.27.318 - thats more like it...

So ended the day overall in 4th place

Sunday: I knew I had to push a lot harder to get a podium finish.

Race 3 - Good start and a great battle with Pete Heles on his CZ - got a 2nd in class and did a 1.26.954.

Rob Days bike had expired with a blown clutch even before he made the start line.

Race 4 - need to do that again and managed to put a 500 between me and Pete Heles on lap 4 and held on for another 2nd with a 1.27.515.

Overall a 2nd in the 250 P4 Championship to Ben Liebig 1st with Pete Heles 3rd. Very happy with that. Some nice hard and close racing and a very well run meeting by the Mt Gambier Club.



Terry and his 2nd place trophy



Exiting the last corner onto the start/finish straight

Upcoming Events (Local and Selected Interstate)

Entries are open on Ridernet [<<here>>](#) for the **TMCC Ride Day on May 21st**. Entries close at 12.00pm (noon) Friday May 20th.

Entries are also open on Ridernet [<<here>>](#) for **Round 2 of the TMCC Championships on May 22nd**. Entries close 11pm Sunday May 15th, with late entries closing 11pm Tuesday May 17th (late entry fee applies)

Start	Finish	Days	Meeting Name	Round	Location
7/05/2022	8/05/2022	2	Seniors Meeting		Mac Park
14/05/2022	15/05/2022	2	Victorian Road Racing Championships	2	Winton
15/05/2022	15/05/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
21/05/2022	21/05/2022	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
22/05/2022	22/05/2022	1	TMCC Championship Round 2		Symmons Plains
4/06/2022	4/06/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
5/06/2022	5/06/2022	1	SRCT Championship Round 3		Baskerville
5/06/2022	5/06/2022	1	Preston MCC Bracket race days	2	Broadford
17/06/2022	19/06/2022	3	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul (with Supercars)	4	Hidden Valley
18/06/2022	19/06/2022	2	South Australian Road Race Championship (inc. 3 hr race / CAFNIX Series - Round 2)	2	The Bend
5/08/2022	7/08/2022	3	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	5	Morgan Park
28/08/2022	28/08/2022	1	Victorian Interclub Series	2	Broadford
3/09/2022	4/09/2022	2	Victorian Road Racing Championships	3	Phillip Island
10/09/2022	11/09/2022	2	Hartwell Seniors Meeting		Broadford
10/09/2022	10/09/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
11/09/2022	11/09/2022	1	TRRC Round 3/SRCT Championship Round 4		Baskerville
24/09/2022	26/09/2022	2	HCMC WA State Titles		Collie
25/09/2022	25/09/2022	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
1/10/2022	2/10/2022	2	Hartwell Club Championships - Endurance event		Broadford
1/10/2022	2/10/2022	2	South Australian Road Race Championship (inc. Master of Mac Park)	3	Mac Park
8/10/2022	8/10/2022	1	Trakdayz Track Day Wanneroo Raceway	1	Wanneroo Raceway
8/10/2022	8/10/2022	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
9/10/2022	9/10/2022	1	TRRC Round 4/TMCC Championship Round 3		Symmons Plains
14/10/2022	16/10/2022	3	MotoGP		Phillip Island
22/10/2022	22/10/2022	1	Preston MCC Bracket race days	3	Phillip Island
23/10/2022	23/10/2022	1	Victorian Interclub Series	3	Phillip Island
29/10/2022	29/10/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
4/11/2022	6/11/2022	3	Australian Historic Road Racing Championships		Morgan Park TBC
5/11/2022	6/11/2022	2	Southern Classic		Broadford
12/11/2022	13/11/2022	2	Victorian Road Racing Championships	4	Broadford
13/11/2022	13/11/2022	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
17/11/2022	20/11/2022	4	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	7	Phillip Island
18/11/2022	20/11/2022	4	WSBK		Phillip Island
19/11/2022	20/11/2022	2	South Australian Road Race Championship (inc. CAFNIX Series - Round 3)	4	The Bend
20/11/2022	20/11/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
2/12/2022	4/12/2022	3	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	8	The Bend
2/12/2022	4/12/2022	3	SRCT - 2 Hour		Baskerville
11/12/2022	11/12/2022	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
18/12/2022	18/12/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville

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