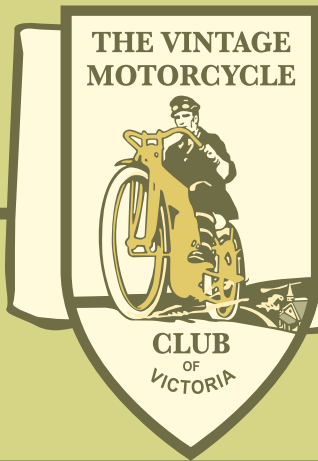


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**TONY AND ANGELA CHAPLIN
1928 ROYAL ENFIELD V-TWIN
ON THE BRASS MONKEY RALLY**



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BRASS MONKEY RALLY REPORT



We had a very successful Rally again this year, after a long period of shut-down's, the Motorcycle Fraternity were enthusiastic to get out and get riding. With the initial entries coming in, it looked like we were going to have a large Rally. As we take late entries it

makes catering quite a guesstimate.

My estimates of entries were within the tolerances I allow. After Ivor Awty and my initial investigations of the route, all was set to go. Fingers crossed that the weather would play its part.

Secretary, John Fletcher and I journeyed down to Mirboo North on the Friday, to be greeted by absolutely great weather. Up early Saturday morning to set up the BBQ and urn, the morning was chilly and misty, promising a fine day. After the excellent briefing by Ivor, I am still astounded that some entrants do not listen to instructions and particularly take note of our destination.

out the Grand Ridge Road, the scenery was superb, the ash, tree ferns made for great sightseeing, but the riders had to be alert because of the changeable road conditions, all made it safely, we had one bike that got a flat tyre, this was quickly put on the back up vehicle.

The regroup at Seaview made a very impressive line up, some 70 - 80 bikes parked on the side of the road with magnificent back-drop of the Latrobe Valley. Please check out the photos! On to Yarragon for a regroup, then off to Gunn's Gulley B.P. Service Station. The Local Highway Patrol came to have a look at the Bike's, after a discussion on our concern we had of getting the bikes safely back onto the busy road, the Police offered to direct the traffic for us. A big thank you to the Policemen involved, they went above and beyond on our behalf.

On through Narracan to Bill Robinson's farm to view his collection of old tractors, this was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We then journeyed to Thorpdale for a late lunch and the finish of another successful Brass Monkey Rally.

As with all Rally's a lot of work goes into running a successful event, without people volunteering their valuable time, the events could not be run. A big thanks to



Some 70 bikes and back-up vehicles headed off through Boolarra towards our destination, the Military Forces Museum, West Sale. We rode through Yinnar, then alongside the Hazelwood Pondage and into Churchill, where we met up with twelve members of the British Two Stroke Club, then on past the very impressive Loy Yang Power Station to Rosedale.

We regrouped at the B.P. Service Station, in Rosedale, what an impressive sight it made, bikes of all ages parked everywhere. I was surprised at the number of club eligible bikes on the ride. After a minor hiccup at Rosedale we all arrived at the Museum where the BBQ and cuppa were ready for us. I think you will all agree, the photos taken at the Museum are impressive. After a too short a stay, we journeyed back to Mirboo North in the reverse direction we had ridden. A few of the riders experienced a bit of precipitation on the way back. I personally made it all the way back without getting wet. We deliberately planned our route to be as short as possible to avoid the very busy main roads.

Sunday, after the customary BBQ we proceeded

the following people for helping to make the Rally a success, our lead rider and fellow run co-ordinator Ivor Awty, Lisa and Chris Seufert and their helpers at the BBQ, Lisa for collecting the entries, Val Smith, Cooper Brownlee, Darren Young, Mick Guilfoyle, Chris Seufert and David Tree and the other contributors for their photographs, Lynn Lofts, Kim Pitman and Gary Healey for their back-up duties and Terry, the manager of the 1st Tee Golf Club.

The Golf Club rooms are all booked out for next year, if you plan to attend again next year don't hesitate to book early, the runs next year will be around the district, I'm sure we will again come up with rides that will be thoroughly enjoyable to all who ride them.

I Look forward to seeing you next year.

Denis Reed-Smith Rally Co-ordinator.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to this month's Presidents report. There is a good chance that you are over winter by now as it has been a cold and protracted one. Well that did not stop a record number of entrants breaking out for two days of riding on the second weekend of July.

This year's Brass Monkey was a fantastic rally and thanks to the efforts of firstly Denis Reed-Smith and Ivor Awty and also Lisa and Chris Seufert the rally grows more in popularity every year. Great to have this rally back after having had to cancel it last year.

As Ivor observed in his report on page 11, we signed up some new members and not just one, but four! So welcome new members! Ivor also rightly pointed out that allowing Club Permit bike of all ages and persuasions to enter this rally is a good and fun way for introducing new people to the VMCC of Vic. All of the new members to sign up on the B.M. where riding bikes ranging from the forties to the eighties on the day but have VMCC eligible bikes at home. Allowing later model post vintage and classic bikes to enter our rallies has proven to be an effective way to recruit new blood to our Club. Fantastic to see our Club growing in these challenging and tough times!

As far as finances are concerned we are doing well considering that we have not been able to run our main fund-raiser the Scoresby Swap Meet in two years. We are holding our own in these financially challenging times by 'living within our means'. We have achieved this without compromising the Club standards, so thanks to everyone who has contributed to this desirable state of affairs.

Speaking of swap meets Goulburn Swap 2021 went ahead earlier this year albeit with a lower than usual attendance. With pre-bookings essential for all vendors and QR codes mandatory as well as uncertainty about snap border closures, it all conspires to undermine confidence. The AMCA swap and extravaganza in Bulli this month is still on, but I will be checking updates before packing my bags for this one. November's Bendigo Swap has been cancelled as well as other events and June's 2021 Chiltern Cancer Cruise was cancelled. Be well informed to avoid any disappointment when it comes to any function or event at the very least, for the rest of 2021!

Our next General Meeting and AGM are scheduled for the 5th of August. As of this writing this meeting is still scheduled to go ahead - but please be aware of any public restrictions that may be put in place at the time. Obviously if we are in lock down the meetings will be postponed to a later date to be advertised. If mask wearing is mandatory then wear a mask. Regardless of restrictions QR code rules must be adhered to in our club rooms as that is part of our agreement with the VDC, our landlords. If you don't have a smart phone with a Vic. Government QR code app, one of our designated members will 'QR' you in.

Note: we have decided to cancel the Committee Meeting scheduled for 5th August.

So here is hoping for a good Rallies and Runs for the last part of the year!

Regards, *Mick Guilfoyle*



EDITORIAL

A big thank you to Jonathan Hill, Cooper Brownlee, Kath Dobson, Kevin Hammond, Darren Young, Ivor Awty, Denis Reed-Smith, Lisa and Chris Seufert, Mick Guilfoyle, Val Smith, Kel Mitchener, Jack White Neville Christie, Rod Waite and Barry Curley for reports and/or photos.

What an extravaganza the Brass Monkey Rally turned out to be. With eighty entrants (79 bikes, 1 hot rod) also three sidecar passengers and eight non-riding officials (3 back ups, 2 photographers, 2 administration, 1 marshal). Unfortunately, the Covid 19 NSW-Vic Border Restrictions stopped three entrants from Canberra from coming.

A big shout out to Denis Reed-Smith for his organisational ability and not forgetting the efforts of lead rider, Ivor Awty his best mate from as far back as their days at school together in Mirboo North. Denis tells me that the name Mirboo comes from the indigenous language of the area and it loosely translates from the name for a mud hole. One can see why it is such a good place for a winter rally. Although this year the weather Gods were kind.

Page 10 has write ups on two NSW rallies attended by our members. On and off over more than forty or so years VMCC members have attended the Wagga Rally. It was a highlight for the Walsh family, Vin Minogue, Laurie Stephens, Graham Carson, Joe Souter, George and June Jacobson, Alan Greenway, John Mepstead and Neil Robert and many others.

Over the last couple of months we have had a problem with incoming mail to our PO Box at Box Hill. It was locked by Australia Post and some mail sent to it was returned to sender. However, John Street kindly made a number of trips to the Post Office that handles our PO Box from a different location and the problem has been rectified. Our PO box retains the same number and therefore our official address is still the same as on Page 3.

Please send articles for Exhaust Notes to: editor@vmcc.com.au - such as restorations, your rides, your bikes, photos, etc. as there is space to be filled.

Cheers *John Cox*

NEW MEMBERS Welcome to Warren Lawlor owner of a 1925 BSA under restoration and Richard Prisgrove owner of a 1910 G & B Abingdon King Dick and a 1947 Vincent Rapide. Also a welcome to the following participants at the Brass Monkey Rally signed up by President Mick: Ray Iles owner of a '42 Harley; Mick Chegidden owner of a '42 Indian; Stan Mucha owner of Indians and the Melbourne Dusting Sidecar manufacturing business and Greg Caldwell who rides a classic bike.

VALE Bill Babb father of our members Ray, Alwyn and Neville passed away on 21st June. Bill although 96 years old enjoyed good health up until recently. His hobby, emanating from his career in civil aviation, was collecting aircraft radios, which led him to regularly going to the Oshkosh Airshow in Wisconsin, USA even in his early nineties. He also had a site at the Ballarat swap meets where many of our members would congregate. We pass on our condolences to his family.

COMMITTEE MEETING 1st JULY 2021

Meeting Opened at 6.33 pm.

Present: Denis Reed-Smith, Ken Miller, Mick Guilfoyle, John Street, Peter Growse, John Fletcher, Andrew Cox, Darren Cartwright, *John Cox (Editor)*.

Apologies: Barry Curley, Matthew Gellert.

Correspondence in: Response from VDC that no alternative nights are available for meetings; Chiltern Cancer Cruise cancelled due to Covid restrictions; Longtime member Royston Stayches retiring from our club; From Federation, Vic Govt. Review of transport matters including Club Permits; Steam society had mail to us returned due to our mail box being disconnected.

Correspondence out: Thank you to Geoff Nicol for kind donation of \$200; Request to VDC for use of clubrooms on an alternative night if required due to Covid restraints; Acknowledgment and best wishes to Royston Stayches; Club details to Liaison contact - Tom Norman at VDC (UK); Request for mail box reinstatement to Australia Post.

Minutes of previous meeting were taken as published.

Moved P. Growse, Seconded D. Cartwright - Carried
Matters arising: Request by a member to purchase various club badges to be dealt with after we have a chance to stocktake these.

Rally reports: Denis Reed-Smith said all organised for Brass Monkey Rally - accommodation also available at Thorpdale Hotel, East Gippsland Military Museum has a website.

Beaumaris Concourse display is on again; No combined run at New Gisborne this year. Other rallies as per Exhaust Notes. Discussion on more rallies to be run at locations such as Wildwood and Bacchus Marsh to be investigated by Denis Reed-Smith and at the Bellarine Peninsula to be investigated by Ken Miller.

General Business: Discussion on club finances with response being that we are 'doing satisfactory' given conditions dictated by Covid restrictions.

Mick Guilfoyle has obtained all required signatures from office bearers and scrutineers to go on VicRoads data base. This has involved express post and visitations and a time consuming process for Mick.

Our Box Hill PO Box being closed by Australia Post has meant we have been unable to collect mail which in some cases was returned to sender. John Street has had a number of visits to Australia Post Box Hill and at their direction John has been provided with a Club letter designating him to be our officer in the reinstatement of our existing box. Meeting closed 7.21 pm.

GENERAL MEETING 1st JULY 2021

Meeting opened at 8.12 pm.

Apologies: C. Carter, M. Morse, A. Greenway, L. James, John Parker.

Visitor: Richard Prisgrove who is joining our club.

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Moved J. Street, seconded N. Babb - Carried.

Minutes of previous meeting were taken as published with no business arising.

Moved B. Curley, seconded A. Barton - Carried.

New Member: Warren Lawlor owner of a 1920's BSA.

Treasurer's report: As at 30th June 2021

General Account \$7,356.80

Rally Account \$5,875.73

Investment Account \$57,565.86

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Tony and Angela Chaplin have offered to accommodate entrants in Kilcunda Rally at their San Remo property. Our members Stephen and Carmel Glover and Kevin Hammond and Kath entered the Wagga and Moss Vale Rallies in NSW.

Matthew Gellert is running the National Ariel Rally in Wangaratta in early April 2022.

Spares: Rego lable holders in stock, tyres out of stock.

Apparel: T-Shirts and caps in stock.

General Business: Mick Guilfoyle asked members to consider standing for positions at our AGM next month. Mick said Goulburn Swap income down due to travel restrictions. Well known swap meet stall holder Cob Smith had a medical issue but now doing well.

Bendigo Swap Meet is cancelled. AMCA Bulli still on? John Mepstead asked members to rebook and confirm accommodation for Chiltern Rally.

John Cox has contacted a few of our senior members and all in good health.

Condolences expressed to Ray, Alwyn and Neville Babb on the passing of their father Bill who was 96.

Vic Roads may have lost page 2 of our scrutineers list so new list collated by Mick Guilfoyle should overcome 'hassles' experienced. Review of Club Permits by VicRoads was discussed.

Federation report: John Mepstead said next meeting at Shepperton to be face to face.

Meeting closed 8.57 pm.



The grocer in Kununurra, W.A. displays his collection of bikes in a shop next to his store. However, he has a Douglas in the vegetable section.

Veteran Racing Motorcyclists Dinner

It was great to get together at the Veteran Racing Motor Cyclists 55th Annual Dinner as we missed out last year because of covid. Our old speedway sidecar rider's team and friends grabbed a table for ten, which put us all together, so you can imagine what a mighty time we had. You can see from the photo how happy we got.

PS It was a Friday night and although we went to and from the dinner by taxi, I had to be reasonably well behaved because the very next morning I was off early to the VMCC Alexandra two day rally. *Kel Mitchener*



From left: Jack Walker, Ron Woods, Jamie Walker, Garry Timmerman, Clint Walker, Ken Walker, Kel Mitchener, John Heaviside, Peter Vipond, Don Hemsworth.

The guest speaker at the dinner was Jeremy Burgess, who told the audience of his role as crew chief for Mick Doohan and Valentino Rossi.

Also at the dinner were VMCC members Ken and Brenda Lucas from Wangaratta. Brenda said it was a great night.

Ken Lucas Retires From Racing

Our most senior racing VMCC member Ken Lucas OAM has turned 90 and decided to give up racing. Ken has a bit of a problem with getting the legs to reach the brake and foot pegs and things get a bit painful.



Ken at Winton in 2015 with his 1928 Douglas

At the recent Historic Winton meeting Ken was honoured to be the leader of the parade lap in his 1948 Triumph outfit. The crowd applauded him with waves and cheers. Ken has given so much to historic racing over the years. He has an extensive stable of Manx Nortons and Matchlesses together with the 1920's Douglas that he

often raced. He took a number of bikes all over Australia with his truck, complete with workshop and home comfort section onboard. He would lend his race bikes to other riders. Similarly Ken would lend a bike to have a friend accompany him on our Chiltern Rallies and at times he would choose his own route being a local. We would be at Beechworth when he was going through Springhurst on his 1914 JAP complete with a starter motor fitted. At the next meet up, with a cheeky grin Ken would tell you what fun he had on the way he went. Whereas, Brenda would tell us he was taking a short cut and broke down.

Back to his racing exploits. Ken would often go to the Isle of Man and one time in the 1990's he purchased a Manx Norton there on a Sunday to only have someone remark "gee Ken you going back home on Tuesday, how will you arrange the shipping of it?" The late Steve Murray from Cheshire heard the conversation and said he would arrange it and did so. The bike arrived in Oz and Ken rang Steve in the UK and said "what do I owe you?" Steve said "do me a good turn" so Ken sent him two first class return airline tickets and Steve came out for a ride at Phillip Island and so another one of his friendships was established. Many chaps in Wangaratta would treat Ken's workshop as a Men's Shed and thus more friends were made and many motors were built.

Ken has always supported our club such as bringing his tray truck loaded with vintage bikes to be the centrepiece of our Historic Winton Display. Always friendly and giving of his time to explain about his extensive stable of bikes.



Ken at Winton in 2014 with his tray truck loaded with vintage bikes

So Ken enjoy your retirement from race riding from a career that spanned more than 70 years from the days at Keenan's paddock in Yarrawonga, the old Wangaratta airstrip and Kaluna Park* scramble track to New Zealand (racing with John Surtees), Europe, USA and the Isle of Man (borrowing a Norton from John Surtees and sitting with the Governor at the riders' dinner) and more recently Winton, Broadford, Phillip Island and the tracks in other Australian States.

Ken's wife Brenda has supported Ken all the way, so probably a bit less of a worry that Ken's not racing. However, Brenda was the office girl at Maurie Quincey's before marrying Ken so she has had plenty of experience in dealing with motorcycle racers.

* Kaluna Park is the swampy part of the rear of Merriwa Park in Wangaratta

John Cox

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HEATHCOTE TWO DAY RALLY

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd August, 2021

For motorcycles manufactured up to 31st December, 1942
and military machines up to 1945.



Run Details

A two day rally will be held at John Parker's property in Heathcote on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd August 2021.

Heathcote is 1.5 hours from Melbourne

ACCOMMODATION

John's property has plenty of space for buses, camper-vans, tents. Toilet facilities are located within the house.

SATURDAY (21st August)

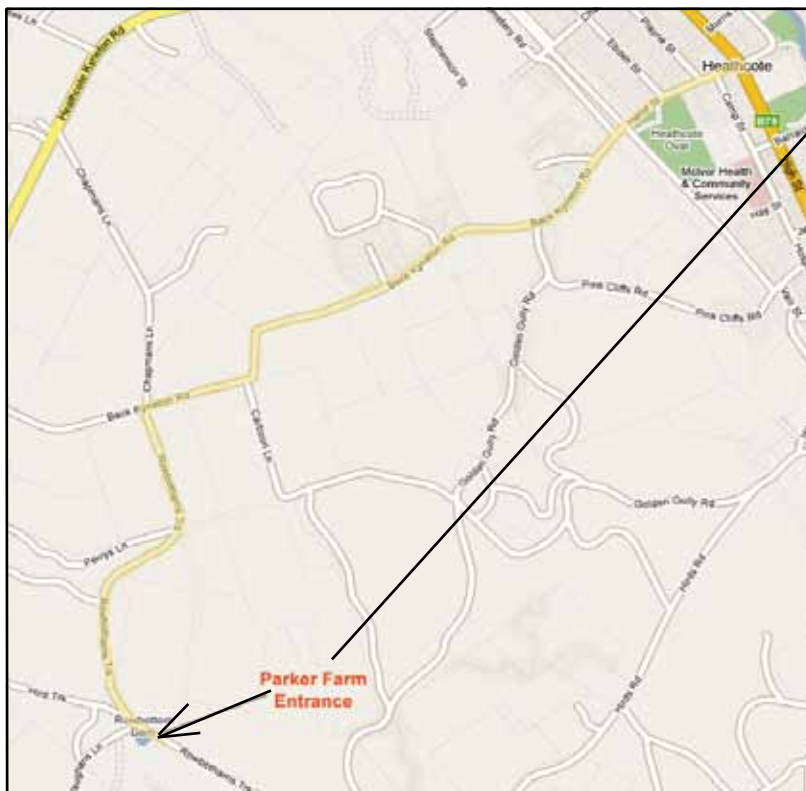
Saturday's run will be after lunch at 1.00 pm to cater for those coming from Melbourne, etc. and will be around the Heathcote district, total distance of about 60 km.

Dinner Saturday night is bring your own. John will provide a large campfire for cooking.

SUNDAY (22nd August)

Sunday's run will leave at 9.30 am for a longer run to Bendigo and return to John's farm around 4.00 pm. Total distance about 140 km.

Back up trailer will be supplied. **Contact:** John Parker (Run Co-ordinator) Ph. 03 9879 3817 or on the weekend Mob. 0400 969 322



Parker's Farm Entrance

From High St. (Northern Hwy), then Herriot St, which then becomes Back Kyneton Rd, then Rowbothams Trk.



CHILTERN RALLY - 29TH OCT. - 1ST NOV. - ACCOMODATION BOOKINGS

Urgent – Please contact Chris or Julie at **Lydoun Motel** Ph. 03 5726 1788 or Ty or Esther at **Lake Anderson Caravan Park** Ph. 03 5726 1298 to book or reconfirm your accommodation booking for the Chiltern Rally. Please realise that their businesses have been doing it tough with the Covid restrictions and do this promptly. In the past at least two of our members have made bookings and not turned up leaving a vacancy that could have been filled by another of our members or others and a financial loss to the operators.

The **Lake Anderson Caravan Park** will ask for a one night deposit and refund same if Covid restrictions are imposed. These two venues have already been fielding inquiries for bookings from the general public and have held off to continue supporting our club – so straight away reconfirm your booking or book if you are a first timer.

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RETIREMENTS FROM OUR CLUB

Royston 'Roy' Stayches is retiring from our club as after turning 87 he was finding the old bikes just a bit too much. Roy wrote that he has enjoyed his membership of the VMCC very much and that he had made many good friends some of whom are no longer with us, but that is life.

Roy at the 50th Anniversary Rally



Roy mentions that he has passed on his interest to his younger generations and wishes our club the very best and a very warm hearted thank you.

Roy's son Daryl, daughter-in-law Trish and their daughter Danielle are all members of our club. Roy and Elsie attended many rallies over the last thirty or so years travelling from their base in Gippsland. With his stand up comedy routine of joke after joke, Roy was the star attraction at our Final Dinner on the 50th Anniversary Rally at the Hume Weir in 2014.

The family of three generations, with Roy on a Calthorpe or BSA and Trish, Daryl and Danielle marshalling, has been a remarkable asset to the VMCC.

We wish Roy and Elsie all the best for the future.

Laurie Stephens who was our Secretary from 1973 to 1977 has moved all his machines on and said being over 80 (OBE!), he will not be renewing his membership.

Laurie joined when we were meeting in Richmond when he owned half a Harley Davidson VLD. At the Winton races the then President, Charlie Pobjoy recruited him as Secretary. Laurie said that he spent many years saddled to the big man as Secretary and riding his 1927 BSA 500 side valve in many events. The good old days!

Laurie, in sending his regards, wishes the club well, as he had many happy times and we wish him and Glenda all the best for the future.

CYRIL BURDEU'S MOTORCYCLE

Jack White, brother in law of the Editor, sent us some photos taken in 1914 of his uncle Cyril Burdeu with his motorbike. Cyril lived in Ascot Vale. He enlisted in the AIF and served in the 5th Australian Field Artillery Battery at Gallipoli. Unfortunately, Cyril was killed by shrapnel on 10th May 1915.

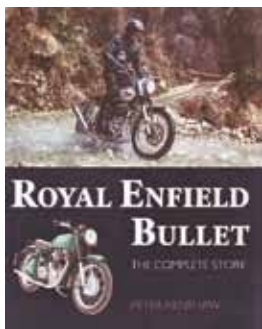


The photos of Cyril with his bike were not of high resolution. I asked Howard Burrows of Tasmania, an expert on all things related to veteran motorcycles, if he could identify the bike. Howard responded "I would say the engine is a Fafnir, frame appears to be Chater Lea, rear stands are 'Ukantes' accessory items fitted to a lot of pre-war machines, (Rem Fowlers 1907 TT winning Norton had them) it also has an Open Magneto probably Bosch which dates it also. Could be a 'Sutherland' maybe....without a much clearer scan it very hard to nail it".



Since corresponding with Howard, one of the photos was found to be labelled that the bike was an Imperial Star. Our past President, Rob Saward in his book A-Z of Australian Made Motorcycles, lists the Imperial Star, stating "A single Imperial Star Fafnir appears in Tasmanian registration records but its origin is unknown".

Perhaps the bike ended up in Tasmania or then again perhaps there could have been more than one Imperial Star made in Australia! **John Cox**



BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Jonathan Hill

“Royal Enfield Bullet -
The complete story”

Royal Enfield’s famous motto – “made like a gun” – hints at the factory’s gun-making origins, but few appreciate that it is the oldest motorcycle manufacturer in existence, that can boast

of continuous production from 1909. The Bullet - which decades after its launch - became known as a “sensible” machine for classic enthusiasts, was the first Royal Enfield machine to carry this moniker and started its life in 1932 as a flashy sporting job - is one of the most successful motorcycles of all time. When the total production figure from the various factories are added up, an estimated 4.3 million Bullets of all types have been made between 1949 and 2020.

One of the smaller manufacturers, Royal Enfield were the first, in 1949, to offer swinging arm rear suspension for their road models and also (bucking the trend of the time) for their trials machines, which were enormously successful. By 1953 the Indian Army ordered 800 machines. In 1955 Enfield India Limited was set up to assemble Bullets in Chennai, eventually manufacturing complete machines. The Indian production grew and when, in the 1960’s, Royal Enfield in Britain considered the Bullet obsolete and ceases its manufacturer, the Indian market was still strong, with demand outstripping supply, the factory carries on with the bike that became a status symbol in India.

However, by the 1990’s it was looking seriously outdated. The Royal Enfield company suffered a financial crisis and came close to closure for good. Then the massive Eicher Group threw it a lifeline – with the Bullet being updated and sales recover before the all-new unit-construction (UCE) Bullet was launched in 2008. Since then, Royal Enfield has seen a dramatic turnaround in fortunes, with new models launched and production reaching in excess of 800,000 motorcycles in 2018. During his extensive research of this excellent book, author Peter Henshaw interviewed many former employees and the various importers of the machines – who did not pull their punches – whose opinions have been included.

With over 200 photographs and illustrations this book describes in detail the origins of the company and the first pre-war Bullet from 1932. Relaunch of the Bullet in 1949 with its radical suspension. Derivative models: the 350 and 500 roadsters, as well as the competition machines. Specials: Diesels, the Carberry V-twin, Egli and big-bore Bullets. The development story behind the lean-burn, fuel-injected, electric-start and five-speed updates. UCE – the all-new Anglo-Indian designed unit-construction Bullet from 2008. The Classic and its design story. Evolution beyond the Bullet: The Continental GT and Constellation 650 twins and the Himalayan adventure model.

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LETTER FROM ROD WAITE

Hi John, today someone told me that most of the motorcycle shops in Elizabeth St. have shut their doors. I believe photo was taken there and if so these blokes would be very sad if we lost this strip of history.

I have one of Frank Pratt’s (in middle) old racing Sunbeams, possibly one shown in photo.

I believe Maurie Quincy is chap on far right and maybe one of Frank’s brothers is in sidecar but yet to identify the rest of them. I’d be interested to know who else is pictured, so might be a quiz for members to solve? Hope all well with you and look forward to catching up when meeting’s finally resume.

Cheers

Rod Waite



So maybe members can identify the men in the photo. If so contact the editor.

My response to Rod was as follows:

Hi Rod

Thank you for email. Re the photo - It would have been taken in 1934 - see sign on window. The chap on the right is smoking - and can’t be Maurie Quincey as he was 14 years old in 1934 and probably didn’t smoke then. Plus, Maurie as a young bloke was a good footballer - the bloke on the right looks like he couldn’t get a ‘kick in a stable’.

Cheers

John Cox



Pre-WW2 bikes were often carted to race meetings on the running board. The late Warren Hicks packed most of his 2- Stroke Diamond in the back seat of his Skoda, with the removed front wheel going on the front passenger seat. Well, there is still someone in France using the old fashioned method. He has the bike close to him and his wife travels in the dickey seat with an adjustable windscreen for hair protection.

Wagga Wagga Veteran and Vintage Motor Club Rally

12th June By Kath Dobson and Kevin Hammond

WVV&VMC clubs host a Motor Rally each year in June. This year we decided to participate and so spent the weekend with Steve and Carmel Glover, the NSW members of our club. The majority of entrants are cars and this year was no exception. There were about 127 entrants and the weather was cold but we got through the weekend without getting wet.

On Saturday we left Wagga Wagga for Coolamon where we had time to explore the many attractions, including an old Fire Station that had been turned into a Fire Museum, with many old uniforms and machines on display. This was also an opportunity for one Ariel and side car to have the fuel filter cleared (stripped off the machine). Then off to the Marrar Public School for a delightful afternoon tea provided by the school community. Voting took place during this break, and then it was back to Wagga for a free BBQ at their clubrooms.

Sunday was the traditional soup stop at Collingulie where members provided some warming, delicious soup, then back to the Grange Function Centre, in Wagga, where locals were invited to display their vehicles and for lunch. The vehicle display included some very old trucks a Melbourne bus and some very, very desirable cars. Estimated about 250 vehicles were on display. A total of 200km was ridden and driven by the Rally participants. Sunday evening was an entertaining Presentation Dinner back at the Grange. Motor Cycle winners were: Pre-War Steve Glover on a BSA 1930 model, Post-War Rod Bredin on an army model Harley Davidson and side car 1943 and Post-60's Derek Lamb on a Ducati 1982. An army model Harley Davidson with a side car also won the most desirable bike at the rally. The Harley was purchased in 1963 by Jack Bredin and since then four generations of the family have ridden it on the farm. It was restored in the 90's.



Kath Dobson stands behind Steve Glover's BSA

20th Debenham Rally - Moss Vale, NSW

19th - 20th June

By Kath Dobson and Kevin Hammond

The weekend after the Wagga Wagga rally, again with Steve and Carmel Glover, we attended the Debenham Rally in Moss Vale.

A very wet Friday night made the cloudy skies of Saturday look a bit ominous. However, seventy or so older bikes were assembled for the 10.00am start. There were a few reluctant starters; even old bikes do not like water in their fuel! After a thank you to Merle Graham who with her husband and committee has run this rally since its inception, we were off through Moss Vale towards the lovely town of Bundanoon, and beyond. We passed beautiful, green country side and lovely, sleepy, little towns. Well, except for one where there is a stop sign at a T-intersection to allow train travellers access to the road. Mrs. Policeman just happened to be stopped for coffee and the one bike that bowled through, even after being warned at the briefing, made a \$300 donation to that Covid hit state!!! The road was quite rough, maybe the donations from the stop sign will go to repairs, and one intrepid rider didn't quite miss one of the bigger holes and bottomed out his front wheel; flying and sliding hurts 'cos the ground is hard' (and wet). His bike was duly rescued by the pickup champions and he finished the day with a much bruised ego as well as battered and bruised hands and arms. The bike, a nice Harley, was also damaged and bent!

Then on to Tallong for a great morning tea in a lovely warm pavilion belonging to the Recreation Reserve. The best thing was most bikes make it and we did not get wet. The bikes included AJS(1928), Douglas, (the oldest a 1927model), BSA, (one an M 20 with a lovely gold side car), Harley Davidson, Triumph, (one 1936), Moto Guzzi, Velocette, Norton, SunbeamS8, Bultaco, Maicolatta (a stepthrough), Ariel,(3 side valves, green in colour with dusting side cars) Brough Superior, Dunell, Matchless, Jawa, Bridgestone 175HS, Suzuki, Honda, Yamaha, and probably others I have forgotten. From Tallong we rode back to Bundanoon to the Club for a lovely lunch prepared by the hard working members. There was one trophy awarded, selected by the committee, and that was to Ron Moon who rode one of the beautifully restored Velocettes.

After lunch black skies loomed and about half decided to return to Moss Vale, however we stuck to the program and rode back to the Illawarra Highway, turned north, crossed over the freeway and rode on to Craigleigh. The countryside became drier as we rode and for a little minute the sun even dared to shine. A 'U' turn and back to Moss Vale concluded a very interesting day. We did not get wet; however, those that shortened the afternoon were caught in quite a deluge as they hit the outskirts of Moss Vale.

A very rainy night and gloomy morning greeted those prepared to ride the Sunday jaunt. Gathering at the caravan park we followed the leader through Bowral and on to Old Berrima and then New Berrima. Left turns brought us back to the caravan park after about a 90km ride. The sun came out to greet us as we returned and a wonderful sausage sizzle was held in the caravan park to conclude the 20th Debenham Rally. Again we had ridden over 200 km for the weekend.



Brass Monkey Lead Rider's Perspective By Ivor Awty

A huge thank you for the manner in

which so many riders just made another Brass Monkey another memorable ride. Also, your co-operation with the photographers has resulted in many ripper photos being taken and are ending up on both the VMCC web and Face book sites. This year saw lots of more modern bikes rallying and this may be in part that I took it on myself to not discourage lots of Gippsland riders, with more modern old bikes, from participating as they have a passion for the old bikes and many will end up joining the VMCC with owning old bikes as time goes on. I did see President Mick signing one up and there could have been lots more.

I thank those who have passed on constructive words of wisdom as has happened in past years and we take that on board the best we can to improve the Pre-Rally Pit chat and the manner in which we ride. I am aware we could have done much better between the BP at Rosedale and the West Sale Aerodrome and I know that corner marshalling can be a real bore and 20 mins on a corner by one's self feels like an hour. Thank you to Greg Caldwell of Gippsland Ulysses club who took it on himself to Marshal at the entrance to the Aerodrome at the highway or lots more riders would have continued to Sale. I do not know what happened to the corner Marshal that I saw stop behind me at that intersection and it does not matter other than I can learn to do better for next time. In relation to this I am proposing that next year we have the 1st 2 riders behind the Lead do the corner Marshalling. This will help overcome the Marshalling boredom but maybe and more importantly keep the group much tighter together as the Lead will pull over if nobody is in the mirrors and wait.

Thanks for the feed back re the boring straight bits we rode on. We will try not doing that again! The Sunday ride saw us ride some rural roads that could have bought bikes to their axles. Since no bikes fell over and the cattle truck and the few cars were avoided is a credit to the riders

who rode responsibly. Mind you it did not stop a story or two being fed back to me like "I would not have been game to overtake there". I am well aware that in rural areas people know each other and talk gets magnified as truth does not get in the way of a good story. Our Brass Monkey Rally is well received by the locals and I would not like it if the VMCC gets spoken of in a bad way. Thank you all for such a great ride.

The same Motel is the venue for next year's Brass Monkey with all rooms now booked out. If any of you have to cancel a booking for next year maybe let others know, even

PARTICIPANTS (VINTAGE)

Andy Agar 42 Harley 750
Animal 42 Harley 750
Mark Barthelmie 38 Indian
Dave Booth 41 Indian 600
Cooper Brownlee 42 Harley 750
Jim Brownlee 42 Harley 1200
Mark Campagnolo BSA M20 500
Tony and Angela Chaplin 28 Enfield O/F
Mick Chegwidan 42 Indian
Neville Christie 29 Indian Scout
Doug Cowey 741 Indian
Ian Dawson 30 Scott Flying Squirrel
Darren Farr 37 Velocette 350
Matthew Gellert 38 Ariel 350
Peter Growse 38 Rudge 500
Kevin Hammond and Kath 37 Ariel O/F
Frank Hutchinson 44 Indian Chief
Lindsay James 41 Indian Scout 500
Andrew Jeffrey 24 AJS 350
Craig McCluskey 39 Harley 750
Ken Miller Harley 1200
Kel Mitchener 30 Douglas 600
Stan Mucha 38 Indian Chief 1200
Conor Murphy 44 Indian 1200
Kay Murphy 35 Indian Chief 1200
Glen Pitman 42 Harley 750
Adrian Robinson 40 BSA M21 600
Wayne Russell 42 Harley 750
Alan Scoble 29 Indian 101 750
Brad Stayches 36 Levis 500
Daryl Stayches 42 Harley
Darren Young 42 Harley 750
Warren Young 37 Rudge 500

Mick Guilfoyle 32 Ford Hot Rod
LEAD RIDER AND ORGANISATION

Ivor Awty

ORGANISATION AND CATERING

Chris and Lisa Seufert

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Val Smith, Cooper Brownlee, Darren Young, Neville Christie, David Tree, Mick Gilchrist, Chris Seufert and others.

BACK UP

Kim Pitman, Lynn Lofts, Gary Healey

through the Exhaust Notes or Exhaust Notelets that a room has become available.

We will improve things further like make sure there is a spare full gas bottle for breakfast and each rider gets a paper slip with the critical phone numbers and where the main stops like fuel and destinations are. All constructive feedback is welcome.

I feel privileged to be a part of this rally and it has taken me twelve years to get a pre 1942 bike so a big thank you to the VMCC for not banning me from participating in the past eleven years.

Ivor Awty



PARTICIPANTS (MODERN)

Ian and Sally Barber 78 Triumph O/F
Keith Barnard 59 Norton 500
Bevan Berghofer 75 Moto Guzzi
Peter Birthisel 47 Indian 1200
Gary Byrne 46 Indian 1200
Greg Caldwell 91 Suzuki 800
Andrew Christie 78 Suzuki 370
Colin Chudleigh 56 Ariel 1000
Ken Cross 86 BMW R65
Stephen Dahlof 85 Suzuki 250
Larry Devlin 69 Harley 1200
Greg Doubleday 74 Jawa 350
Eric Duvoisin 46 Indian 1200
Tony Farmer 80 Yamaha 650
Doug Farr 58 AJS 500
John Fletcher 57 Puch 250
Graeme Glover 61 Velo 350
Mark Gustke 88 Moto Guzzi 1000
Tony Horn 2006 Suzuki 650
David Horton 49 Ariel 500
Ray Iles 74 Harley Police Special
Daryl Jenkins 48 Indian Chief 1400
John Lofts 94 Kawasaki 600
Phil Long 74 Triumph 750
Morten Madsen 72 Honda 450
Doug McClelland 78 Honda 400
Stuart McClelland 74 Norton 850
Ian McDonald 53 BMW 600
Andrew Mackay 52 HD 1340
Keith McKendrey 61 Harley
Nino Marcucci 52 Harley 750
Jim Micah 46 Indian 72cu.in.
Rob Micah 47 Indian 72cu.in.
Geoff Morehouse 70 Royal Enfield
Ross Newton 75 Norton 850
Andrew O'Sullivan 82 Jawa 350
Mark O'Sullivan 50 Jawa 250
Denis Reed-Smith 56 Puch 250
Ian Rhook 84 BMW 1000
Chris Richards 53 Indian 1340
Stewart Spilsbury 2004 Yamaha
Danielle Stayches 66 BSA 650
Ian Troughton 75 CZ 250
Brian Tyler 48 Sunbeam S7
Paul Van Rossum 2013 BMW 800
Kenneth Wright 87 BMW 650

All upcoming events subject to COVID-19 restrictions and/or organiser and/or club decisions as to whether or not to proceed with the event.



VMCC CLUB EVENTS

21st - 22nd August	HEATHCOTE RALLY (See P. 7)	John Parker
12th September	BEAUMARIS CONCOURSE DISPLAY (See P.12)	Denis Reed-Smith
26th September	KILCUNDA RUN (See P.12)	Brian Tyler
29th Oct. - 1st Nov.	CHILTERN RALLY (See P. 7 - Entry Form Next Issue)	Doug Cowey and Mark King
28th November	BELLARINE RUN (LEOPOLD) (Details Next Issue)	Manny Vella and Ken Miller

OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CHECK VIA WEBSITES FOR CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

1st SUNDAY IN EVERY MONTH "Nine until Noon" Run from Baxter Tavern (Melway 107 B4). Leisurely run of about 120 km. 8.30 am for 9.00 am start. Contact: Mike Munday Mob. 0407 933 225.

12th September Gippsland Vehicle Collection Swap Meet, Sale Rd, Maffra. Contact Mike on 0402 084 302 or visit www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

3rd October 20th Motorcycle only swap meet at Balhannah in South Australia.

4th October VVMCCSA 65th Anniversary Rally Ride within the Mannum Ride in South Australia.

17th - 22nd October 13th National Veteran Motorcycle Rally, Manjimup, W.A. Contact: Sharon Rudler on email shaz.muzza@westnet.com.au

13th -14th November Bendigo Swap Meet **CANCELLED**

21st November Wangaratta Swap Meet

The Indian Pacific Cannonball Classic has been postponed to a date in 2022.

VMCC of Vic. Meetings at VDC Clubrooms

Annual General Meeting 8.00 pm Thursday 5th August. General Meeting ~8.20 pm Thursday 5th August

Note: Committee Meeting in August has been cancelled.

General Meeting 8.00 pm 2nd September. Committee Meeting 6.30 pm Thursday 2nd September

BEAUMARIS CONCOURSE DISPLAY Sunday 12th of September



Similar to 2019 we have received an invitation to display our motorcycles at the 9th Annual Beaumaris Concourse Car and Bike Show along with other motorcycle clubs. There is a \$10 entry which goes to charity. However, it is possible that our Club may pay the entry fees in an endeavour to use the occasion to promote our club.

The display is on Sunday 12th September from 10.00 am to 1.30 pm. The organisers would like to get all participants to arrive at the shopping centre to park between 8.00 and 9.30 am.

The location is Beaumaris Concourse, Reserve Rd., Beaumaris Melway 86 D7.

You can look up www.facebook.com/concoursecarshow on Facebook to see photos.

They pride themselves on getting a range of makes and models and have had all examples of bikes and cars each year.

We did well in past years with John Mepstead, Darren Reed-Smith and Alan Greenway picking up trophies.



KILCUNDA DAY RUN

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

The Kilcunda Run will be on again this year on Sunday 26th September and if your footy team let you down the day before, as it probably did last year we won't.

We'll meet at the Public car park on the cliff top in Kilcunda itself.

Assembly Time: 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start. Back-up would be appreciated - contact Brian Tyler with offers.

Assembly Point: Kilcunda Car Park (adjacent to Kilcunda Caravan Park)

The car park is 'beach side' and the entrance is just past the Kilcunda shops. You can get a coffee and breakfast across the road at the cafe, and there is a Rotunda for cover and Toilet block for all of us in need.

Entry Cost: \$5.00 petrol contribution (per person) for backup and lunch. Run approx 150 kilometres depending on how excited or lost Brian gets !!! Anybody foolish enough to want to come down and you need more information you can contact: Brian Tyler (Run Co-ordinator) on Mob. 0411 55 6755 and Brian can help you.

VMCC web site: www.vmcc.com.au

Angela and Tony Chaplin (0402 222 953) have again offered Saturday accommodation at their San Remo property for Kilcunda Rally attendees.



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All For Sale advertisements should state a price.

Cut off date for adverts for the next issue is the second Friday of the month preceding the issue.

Email: editor@vmcc.com.au or Phone: (03) 9435 9904

FOR SALE 1949 ARIEL 4G Square Four coupled to Dusting Duplex Side Car. Engine Number FJ 568 X. Frame Number GR 322. Owned for eleven years, has had little running since. Sold new by Geo Bolton of Adelaide. Fitted with Morgo Oil Pump. Comes with full history. Offers considered near \$30,000. (At 85 years bike riding is over!) Phone Clive on 03 5472 5136.



FOR SALE Our VMCC Club Spares have new metal round or rectangular club permit holders that bolt onto the frame. These are available at the meetings for \$10 each.

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Club Merchandise also available in Chiltern, North East Victoria. You can contact Mark King on 0431 453 482

WANTED 1925/26 Triumph model P (or SD). Hand oil pump one way valve assembly (see below). Screws into bottom of tank plunger tube. Contact Brett O'Neil, email: brettanthonioneil@gmail.com



WANTED I need to find a rocking pawl as on my Burman 'W' type 3 speed gearbox foot change assembly, (circa 1932). The one fitted is homemade and even a photo or tracing of an original would be of enormous help. I also need a gear similar to the one pictured and with 24 teeth, the manufacturer machined radial openings in the drum are poorly spaced. Will also consider part or complete 'W' type gearbox. I need a gear lever as well as pictured on a box, or a drawing of one. Please contact Barry Holland. Email bsholl@bigpond.com or Mob. 0437 954 159.



WANTED Flywheels for a 1925 Big 4 Norton, 633cc, 120mm stroke. Also a Best & Lloyd hand oil pump to fit the front of the petrol tank. Please contact Mark Campagnolo on Mob. 0408 524 092 or email markcampagnolo1@gmail.com

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Items for the next EXHAUST NOTES

may be emailed to editor@vmcc.com.au or sent to: John Cox, 17 Boulton Crt, Greensborough 3088 or you may phone John Cox on 03 9435 9904.

Definitely and positively, the deadline for the next issue is: **Friday 17th September 2021.**

CLUB PERMIT RENEWALS

Please supply a photocopy of your application - (a copy of the section that you stick in the log book will suffice) to the club officer signing your renewal form.



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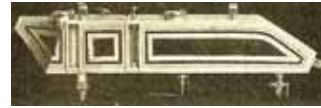
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On the Brass Monkey Rally, Victoria Police's Newborough Highway Patrol kindly stopped traffic on the main road thus giving right of way to the VMCC of Vic leaving Guns Gully BP Service Station. This measure to ensure the safety of our riders was much appreciated,

Denis Reed-Smith organiser of the Brass Monkey Rally donated a bomb winch from a B-17 Liberator to Rick Hanning President of the Gippsland Armed Forces Museum in Sale, Victoria.

Both Photos: Mick Guilfoyle



A trailer cleverly designed to carry two solo bikes and an outfit. Slotted floor for reducing weight, galvanised rust protection, four wheels and good lights.

In Europe.



BRASS MONKEY 10TH - 11TH JULY 2021

Cooper Brownlee 42 Harley 750



Adrian Robinson 40 BSA M21 600



Kevin Hammond and Kath Dobson 37 Ariel



Andy Agar 42 Harley 750



Alan Scoble 29 Indian 101 750



Mark Barthelmie 38 Indian



Peter Growse 38 Rudge 500



Wayne Russell 42 Harley 750

COOPER BROWNLEE'S BRASS MONKEY RALLY PHOTOS 10TH - 11TH JULY 2021



above and right: The Gippsland Armed Forces Museum in West Sale
below: Mick Guilfoyle's Hot Rod and some of the bikes at a rest stop

