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April - May 2022 No. 605

JOHN COX 1940 BSA M20 MARYBOROUGH RALLY

BEAUMARIS CONCOURSE DISPLAY - FEB 13TH

Thirteen members displaying sixteen motorcycles was the best turnout we have had at Beaumaris Concourse Display. As the organiser, Trevor Allwright was forced to cancel the display in 2020 and twice in 2021, he was finally able to run the show again and as predicted the weather was fine but at 32 degrees, it was hot. Terrific that we had such a good roll up given the concerns with the omicron virus.

There were about 200 - 250 cars and bikes on display on the day with most of the cars in the streets with the shops and the motorcycles on the grassed small park.

Beaumaris Rotary volunteers assisted with running the event and the \$10 display donations all went to their good cause for their help on the day.

Trophies and prizes were presented at 12.45pm with John Street's 1912 Peerless winning the best original motorcycle.

There was plenty of entertainment on the day for the family, live music, roaming performers, transformers, fire truck rides and face painting as well as plenty of shops, restaurants and cafes to enjoy.

Those That Turned Up With Bikes

Keith Barnard	1926 AJS
John Cox	1928 Triumph N Deluxe
Barry Curley	1954 Matchless
Matthew Gellert	1938 Ariel
David Jenkins	1937 Rudge
AndrewMasalski	1941 Harley FL
John Mepstead	1926 Super X
Kel Mitchener	1926, 1929, 1931 Douglases
Denis Reed-Smith	1929 Norton
John Pocock	1939 Norton
Jeff Richardson	1945 HRD
John Street	1912 Peerless
Matthew Wright	1926 Harley J Model

Those That Turned Up To Support

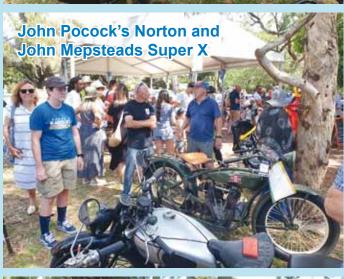
Gabe Bolvary, Grant Cole, Warren Young, John and Lyn Lofts.







Denis Reed-Smith's Norton





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Dave Provan+ Pat Walsh+ Jack Nelson+ Wal Maynard+ Chas Pobjoy+ Joy Pobjoy+ Wes Vickers[†] Heather Vickers Dave Dumble Phil Long Val Long June Jacobson Noel Knappstein Gil McDougall Vin Minogue John Street John Cox Neville Babb Alan Greenway PRESIDENT Mick Guilfovle (03) 5966 7424 Email: xlch74@iprimus.com.au VICE PRESIDENT John Fletcher (03) 9758 1152 0403 886 513 TREASURER **Barry Curley** 0408 107 919 Email: barry.curley@bigpond.com **COMMITTEE MEMBERS** Darren Cartwright 0421 505 613 Andrew Cox 0408 309 221 Philip Horner 0412 433 558 Peter Growse (03) 9755 3310 Alan Scoble 0418 376 099 0417 558 214 John Street 0477 057 732 Lindsay Wheeler **CLUB CAPTAIN** 0430 978 077 **Denis Reed-Smith** Email: denisreedsmith@gmail.com SPARES MANAGER 0423 780 373 Alwyn Babb **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY and LIBRARIAN** John Street 0417 558 214 Email: johnstreet1954@gmail.com **EXHAUST NOTES EDITOR** John Cox (03) 9435 9904 Email: editor@vmcc.com.au **VEHICLE EXAMINERS & CLUB PERMIT** SIGNATORIES Neville Babb (West Suburbs) (03) 9398 5250 Andrew Cox (Mornington Penins) 0408 309 221 Robert Douglas (North East Vic) 0428378759 Michael Guilfoyle (East of Melb) (03) 59667424 Phillip Long (Geelong) 0400 801 224 Ken Miller (South East Suburbs) 0418 555 287 0417 558 214 John Street (North Suburbs)

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Notes

The Journal of the Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria (Inc) Reg. No. A0006534S

This Club, which was founded in 1964, meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8 pm in the VDC Clubrooms, Factory 8/41 Norcal Road, Nunawading 3131. Melway 48 G11.

The Club caters for motorcycles manufactured up to 31st December, 1942.

Membership enquiries are welcome. Visitors will be given a cordial reception at our meetings.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all and welcome to our Autumn President's report. Well so far this month we have had some lovely autumn days and so it was for our 54th Maryborough Rally. Thanks to everyone that turned up for the rally and especially to those that helped out and made our activities run so

smoothly. With great weather, really nice roads and some fun venues as destinations. I would like to thank Dr. Dugal James for hosting our Saturday lunch at his historic Pub building in Bendigo, The Black Swan. I also thank Franco & Dild for hosting Sunday lunch at Campbells Creek as well as Marshalling on Saturday. I would be remiss without thanking Robert Griffiths for planning and leading on the rally routes. I have had much positive feedback from participants so I think that everyone enjoyed this rally as much as I did. I would also like to thank Kate George and her crew at the Railway Tracks & Bar in Maryborough for a lovely time at dinner on Sunday evening. Kate also gave a short talk on the exploits of her family the Schuppans. Her cousin Vern Schuppan participated in Formula One, the Indianapolis 500 and most successfully in sports car racing. Her uncle Dene Schuppan raced in early Sellick's beach races.

At the time of penning this article we are in the late planning stage of organising our Scoresby Swap Meet and hoping for good weather as well as a good turnout of sellers and buyers. In advance, I will thank all those that have volunteered their time and effort to make this event possible. After two years of the dreaded Covid making it not possible to host this event we are looking forward to seeing old and new friends there.

Reading back on what I have so far written here, I see a fair bit of thanking volunteers. It is not news that our club and all those like it are run on members donating their time and efforts to the club. From the committee members to the rally co-ordinators and marshals, to the coffee teams at our meetings. Property marshals, Librarian, Spares Officer. These are just some of the positions needed to run the club. At the moment there are positions that we need filled. The most urgent of is that of Secretary, not a task that is as arduous as most would think and will not take up that much of your time. The club really needs someone to step up and fill this position! Other positions that need to be filled are Club Captain and many more coordinating positions such as liaison officers for various functions vital for the running of our club. So please consider helping out as without these positions filled there will be an erosion of quality and functioning of the VMCC of Vic. Regards Mick Guilfoyle



EDITORIAL

A big thank you to David James, Denis Reed-Smith, Bob Newing, John Mepstead, Jonathan Hill, Phil Long, Brian Tyler, Darren Young, Cooper Brownlee and Rod Llloyd for input, reports and/or photos. Rod Lloyd in the UK, who

Rod Lloyd in the UK, who manufactures amongst other parts,

sight glasses and crush washers for early bikes has kindly sent the following information.

I understand that riders from Australia sometimes buy such things as transfers etc. from the VMCC in the UK. They have just started selling some of my oil-sight parts. I have discussed the matter of the 20% VAT (sales tax) on UK products with them and if they contact the VMCC by email to do an order they will now deduct the UK 20% VAT (Sales Tax) from the bill for Australian customers.

Life members Phil and Val Long have been on the Tassie Tour 2022 doing the ride around the Island in the last part of March.



Given that I have been editing the Exhaust Notes for 10 years, I figured that it would be OK if I featured on the cover with Cooper Brownlee's photo of me riding my BSA M20 on the Maryborough Rally. Indulgence!!!!

Heather and I attended the Veteran Car Club Aust. (Vic) 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally at Ararat three days after Maryborough. A further indulgence is a photo of me in Ararat on my 1915 Rover. Members Colin and Merralyn Sargent also attended with Colin riding his Scott and Merralyn in daughter Catrina's three wheel Morgan. Colin also had his Humberette Cycle Car there. *John Cox*



Federation Meeting 12th February 2022 Report from John Mepstead

1. A point was raised regarding events, i.e. Swapmeets, etc. if less than 30,000 people to check the Covid requirements.

2. Bendigo Swap looking for volunteers 12th and 13th Nov. 2022.

3. Zero emissions requirements start 2030 and fully in place by 2050. Committee to discuss?



Diamond Creek Run 20th February by Brian Tyler

There are PSM's and then there are VPSM's, and this was one of those, a Very Pleasant Sunday Morning! With rides being pretty light on in the last while, this came around as picture

perfect, well for most of us. The lack of airing for a number of bikes took their toll as we experienced more than our fair share of bikes on the backup vehicles, ably navigated by our own Dennis Reed-Smith, and my nephew Edgar.

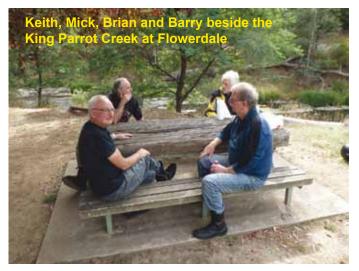
Being a February run we always start early to miss any potential heat and traffic, neither of which were in evidence during the whole day. Very nice. We ambled our way through Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge and turned up through Cottlesbridge on our way to Arthurs Creek. Unbeknowns to the rally participants, they were going to do a full day of riding condensed into a Sunday morning, yes a full 140 km. It had been decided by my brother David and I that a lovely spot for morning tea would be beside the King Parrot Creek in Flowerdale, and the run up from Whittlesea and down the other side were nothing short of magnificent. Long sweeping bends and a down hill run that seemed to go on forever, then the arrival of a very welcome stop for a cuppa and a lump of cake in the fist, next to the creek all made for a first half of the run that will be hard to beat.

By this stage we had two bikes on the backup vehicles and Paul's recalcitrant Norton made the third at leaving time. So it was a ride back up the mountain via Kinglake for fuel that nobody wanted, and a quick exit while Kel on his Douglas wasn't looking, but the canny devil found us anyway. A very circumspect bit of riding down through the switchbacks to St Andrews keeping a weather eye out for cyclists who are prone to ride six abreast while having a nice old natter. The last stop being back at the beginning so that vehicles could be loaded with our faithful mounts, and off to Coxy's for a wind down BBQ, ale or cuppa and to drop his bike off. It was a VPSM ride and thanks to all that attended and Heather Cox for the BBQ.

Participants: Keith Barnard John Cox Barry Curley John Davy Mick Guilfoyle Andrew Jefferey Paul Mitchell Kel Mitchener Adrian Robinson Matthew Wright David Horton Brian Tyler John Pain Back Up:

1930 Rudge 1940 BSA M20 1936 Indian Scout 1930 Indian Chout 1942 Harley 1924 AJS 1926 Norton 1930 Douglas 1940 BSA M21 1926 Harley J Model 1948 Ariel 1948 Sunbeam 1991 Ural O/F

Edgar Horton with John Street in the Tyler Van and Denis Reed-Smith with his Van and the Barnard Trailer.







The Vintage Motor Cycle Club of Victoria Inc. Reg. A0006534







30th April and 1st May, 2022

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

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 15th April, 2022

Accommodation is the responsibility of each entrant. Suggested accommodation is listed below:

Alexandra Tourist Park
 Alexandra Motor Inn
 Alexandra Motor Inn
 Any further queries contact Rally Director Jim Swanton on 03 5772 1549

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RUN DETAILS

Saturday 30th April:

Run leaves Alexandra information centre at 10.30 am sharp for a run of approx. 130 km to Yea for BYO lunch. Return Run is back to Alexandra via Highlands and Yarck.

Sunday 1st May:

Run commences at 10.00 am sharp from Alexandra Tourist Park (Caravan Park) for a run of approx. 90 km to Marysville for BYO brunch and return to Alexandra at approximately 2.00 pm.

SEND ENTRY FORM/CHQ. OR M.O. TO BARRY CURLEY, 36 PRIOR AVE., GLADSTONE PARK, VIC. 3043 * RALLY FEES CAN BE PAID DIRECTLY TO: WESTPAC BSB 033-135 ACC. 930732 VMCC RALLY ACCOUNT. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NAME OR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IS CLEARLY INCLUDED ON THE TRANSACTION. ALSO TICK DIRECT DEBIT BANK DEPOSIT 'BOX' BELOW.

EVERY PERSON ENTERING A MOTORBIKE MUST COMPLETE THIS DECLARATION FOR ALEXANDRA 2022 All bike details must be completed in full

Declaration

Please accept my entry and enclosed cheque \Box money order \Box or **direct bank deposit*** \Box for \$_______ to cover my entry fee. I hereby acknowledge that the owner of the motorcycle entered and rider thereof and passengers while participating in this rally will do so on the condition that they have no claim against the VMCC of Vic or its agents for any damages or injuries incurred to the machinery or person participating, or any damages or injuries involving said entrant or their machinery or passengers with any other property or persons whatsoever, whether or not the same be caused or contributed to by any act or omission or negligence on the part of the VMCC of Vic. or its agents.

I also declare that I am the holder of a current motorcycle licence and the motorcycle I will be riding is either fully registered or on a club permit and is in a roadworthy condition. I freely acknowledge that I am bound by the foregoing special conditions and that all information supplied on this form is true and correct.

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Maryborough Rally Report by John Cox

Great roads and weather all the long weekend. No problems on the shake down run to Talbot on Fridav afternoon.

On Saturday's run saw us at Maldon for morning tea then onwards via Lockwood and Kangaroo Flat to the centre of Bendigo. There we lunched at Dr. Dugal James' historic old hotel building where he had set up a fraction of his fantastic motorcycle collection which included mainly Indian's and BMW's and the odd BSA and Italian bikes. As well, there were many fine posters, prints, signs and photos on the walls. Dugal explained to us that he intended to rotate the collection regularly and would welcome clubs to visit. President Mick thanked Dugal for having us visit and presented him with a framed certificate expressing our club's appreciation. We returned to Maryborough via Eddington having motored 145km.

Sunday had us leave from the Post Office and have morning tea at Guildford. We then went on a minor road that was very picturesque through Yapeen, Muckleford and Walmer to Franco's place with a large side yard in Castlemaine for a Pizza lunch. Whilst there many of us stood at the fence to watch the train with historic carriages pass by. We were also able to wander across the road to the Antiques and Motor Complex. We returned via Campbells Creek and Newstead to Maryborough for judging at the hockey field.

Our dinner at the historic railway station restaurant was held inside the main function room where presentations by Mick Guilfoyle, Karen Byrnes and Angela Chaplin were made to: Andrew Jeffrey awarded the Phil Irving Memorial Trophy for the best bike at the rally as voted by entrants. 1938 AJS Silver Streak.

Andrew Cox awarded the Simon Street Memorial Trophy for best veteran bike, a 1909 Humber and also the Paddy Walsh Memorial Trophy for oldest bike at the rally.

Mort Madsen for best vintage bike, a 1926 Douglas. Bob Newing for best post-vintage bike, a 1939Harley Davidson U-Model.

Ken Cross was awarded the Mark Byrnes Memorial Trophy for best sidecar at the rally, a 1940 Triumph with a Watsonian Side car.

Robbie Griffiths was awarded the Federation Trophy for services to our club

Angela Chaplin made presentations to:

The Parker Clan - young entrants; Jess Vella - first time lady rider; Karen Byrnes - Hard Luck Award; Noel Knappstein - major contribution as a long time volunteer back up driver; Manny Vella - Spirit of the Rally for assistance to rider's mechanical needs.

Robbie Griffiths, Daryl Stayches, Danielle Stayches, Doug Cowey, Lindsay James, Keith McKendry, Ian McDonald, Graham Franklin and Darren Williams for marshalling.

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Monday's ride saw eighteen riders go via Carisbrook to Eddington and Dunolly and return by 11am.

A big vote of thanks to Robbie Griffiths for choosing the rally routes and his excellent organisation and thanks also to President, Mick Guilfoyle for his planning and administration with paper work and phone liaison; to Angela Chaplin for obtaining the 'presents' and daily 'treats' and to Denis Reed-Smith for procuring the trophies. A big thank you to marshals, 'Tail End Charlies' Mark King and Adrian Robinson and back up drivers Noel Knappstein (Sat and Sun), Karen Byrnes, Peter Zwolinski (Sun) and Angela Chaplin (Mon). Thank you to all participants in our 54th Maryborough Rally.

Maryborough Rally Participants:

ALWYN BABB **NEVILLE BABB** JAMES BROWNLEE COOPER BROWNLEE KAREN BYRNES **TONY & ANGELA CHAPLIN** DOUG COWEY ANDREW COX JOHN COX **KEN CROSS** BARRY CURLEY MARCUS DEUTSCSHER DARREN FARR PAUL FULLARD MARK GASCOIGNE MATTHEW GELLERT STEVEN GLOVER **ROBERT GRIFFITHS** MICK GUILFOYLE KEVIN HAMMOND & KATH DOBSON 37 ARIEL O/F 600 LINDSAY JAMES ANDREW JEFFREY MARK KING **EMMA KING** MORT MADSEN **KEL MITCHENER ROBERT NEWING** JOHN PARKER **ROBERT PARKER** SCOTT PARKER STEFANE RIO ADRIAN ROBINSON DARYL STAYCHES MANNY VELLA DARREN YOUNG WARREN YOUNG PETER ZWOLINSKI JOHN DARGIE DOUG FARR **GRAEME GLOVER ROB HARTNETT KAY JEFFREY** MORT MADSEN (also rode) IAN MCDONALD **KEITH MCKENDRY** NEIL ROBERT DANIELLE STAYCHES JESS VELLA JENNY YOUNG MARY ANN KING NOEL KNAPPSTEIN

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ANNE COX; GEOFF FULLARD; CARMEL GLOVER; MARI-LYN HUBBARD; CHAS AND SARAH LIPSCOMBE; MAR-IAN, CIARA, KELLY PARKER AND FAMILY.

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Karen Byrnes Harley O/F Emma King riding













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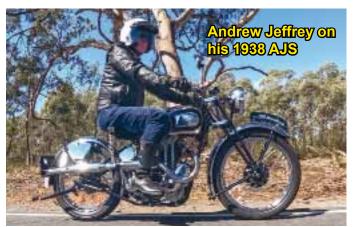
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Mark Gascolgno 1928 Indian









Matthew Gellert 1938 Ariel







COMMITTEE MEETING 3RD MARCH 2022

Meeting opened at 6.41pm

Present: Mick Guilfoyle, John Street, John Fletcher, Phillip Horner, Lindsay Wheeler, Andrew Cox, John Cox (Editor).

Apologies: Darren Cartwright, Barry Curley.

Correspondence in: Lake Bolack Hotel inviting club to a display on 23 Apr.; Details of Kalorama Rally on 20 Mar.; Conditions of use of VDC meeting rooms; Rental rates of VDC clubrooms; Noble Park Rotary and Scoresby SES will attend swap meet; Invite to G. Collicoat to visit on Saturday of Maryborough Rally.

Correspondence out: To 'Old Bike Australasia' details of Scoresby Swap Meet; To VDC queries on booking rooms; to Eastern Engineering invoice for advertisement in Exhaust Notes; to Beaumaris Display organiser Trevor Allwright thank you for organising and query on trailer parking in 2023; to 'Old Bike Australasia' request for number stickers for Maryborough; March Exhaust Notelet to members; to 'Historic Winton' query if we can display and tickets, to Noble Park Rotary and Scoresby SES re assistance at Scoresby.

Moved A. Cox, Seconded J. Street - Carried Minutes of previous meeting were taken as published. Moved A. Cox, Seconded L. Wheeler- Carried Rally reports: Success of Diamond Creek Run and Beaumaris Display and discussion of future rallies which will be Kalorama, Alexandra, Brass Monkey, Heathcote, Kilcunda and Chiltern.

Apparel: Need for some items to be relocated to clubrooms for sale at meetings and events.

General business:

Trophies to be retained by winners at Maryborough 2021 to be presented at Maryborough 2002 have been organised by Denis Reed-Smith and received.

Positions (Jobs) to assist our Club were discussed. Lindsay Wheeler offered to assist in dealings on rental matters and assistance on Exhaust Notes. Possible assistance on matters such as Library photo, CD, DVD and historical records. Liaison assistants to deal with Rotary, SES, VicRoads and serve on a Swap Meet Committee and an Events Committee. Assistants for Secretary. Require a Secretary and Club Captain.

Swap Meet organisation was discussed.

Meeting closed 7.34pm

GENERAL MEETING 3RD MARCH 2022

Meeting opened at 8.14pm

Welcome to our visitors Paul Edgar of the Riley Club and organiser of Kalorama Rally and to Brian and Neil Abbott. Apologies: A. Greenway, C. Carter, A. Babb, M. Morse, D. Reed-Smith, M. Cox, L. James, D. Cartwright.

Paul Edgar delivered a presentation on the upcoming 64th Kalorama Rally and gave out flyers. He requested that one of our members ride or trailer George Hetrel's veteran Triumph Outfit (the ex- Wes and Heather Vickers' wicker sidecar one) to and from the rally. Phil Horner could possibly assist. Paul was thanked with a round of applause.

Correspondence in: New Member - Canute Jacob; Certificate of Currency from Marsh Sport our insurers; Correspondence as stated in Committee Meeting minutes. Correspondence out: Correspondence as stated in Committee Meeting minutes.

Moved R. Franklin, Seconded V. Minogue - Carried

Treasurer's Report: As at 28th February 2022 \$5,568.34 General Account

\$8,678.76 Rally Account

Investment Account \$57,917.93

Moved J. Dargie, Seconded J. Mepstead - Carried Rally Reports: Matthew Wright spoke on the Diamond Creek Run and Keith Barnard spoke on Beaumaris. Maryborough Rally has just under 50 entrants so far. Jim Swanton is directing the Alexandra Rally and John Parker will host the Heathcote Rally. Denis Reed-Smith and Ivor Awty are organising the Brass Monkey Rally. Brian Tyler's Kilcunda Run will be on the Sunday following the AFL Grand Final.

Spares: Neville Babb has only rectangular club permit holders left at the club rooms and a few remaining round ones for sale are with Mark King.

Apparel: T-Shirts for sale at Maryborough.

General Business:

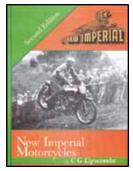
At Scoresby Swap Meet we will have our own coffee stall. Neville Babb is obtaining a line marker with assistance from Barry Curley. Members present were requested to volunteer for Saturday set up and Sunday's tasks. A number of members volunteered for gate duties in shifts from 5.30am to noon and for other tasks such as cleanup. John Parker reported on Ballarat Swap Meet where conditions were attrocious due to dust caused by the field being 'harrowed'. It is possible due to sale of the site that a smaller swap coud occur at Victoria Park in Central Ballarat.

Members present were asked if they would stand for positions of Secretary and Club Captain. No acceptance at this stage.

Federation Report: John Mepstead said recent zoom meeting discussed emissions legislation, imports re asbestos and luxury car tax. The next meeting is in Colac. Meeting closed at 9.04pm.







BOOK REVIEW Reviewed by Jonathan Hill "New Imperial Motorcycles" – Second Edition

The history of The Imperial Cycle and Motor Company, later New Imperial Motors, is really the story of one man, Norman Tuckwood Downs. Downs founded these companies and remained virtually

in sole control until his death in 1936. Norman Downs' first known connection with the cycle and motorcycle trade was as Company Secretary of a cycle manufacturer called Heal & Tonks. Downs later purchased part of Heal & Tonks from the receiver to found his own company called The Imperial Cycle and Motor Company. New Imperial as such, was not formed until 1908.

The 1920s were very prosperous times for New Imperial, with cycles and JAP-engined motorcycle selling well and their riders gaining world speed records and winning two Lightweight I.o.M. TTs. A young Matt Wright joined the company as chief engineer and they started producing their own engines and gearboxes, along with having a new modern factory built and greatly increasing their model range. This was, indeed, a bad decision, as following the world recession they were left with many unsold machines.

In line with the public's so-called demands they produce modern machines with unit- construction, geared primary drive and full rear suspension. However, when it came to it the conservative buying public were not impressed and sales were very poor except for their brilliant little 150cc o.h.v. Model 23 which sold very well, but unfortunately it's profit margin was so small it did little to help their increasing debts.

The 250cc "Grand Prix" model was a popular and successful production racer along with the fabulous 500cc V-twin ridden by "Ginger" Wood, TT winner Charlie Dodson and Syd Gleave.

1936 saw both the untimely death of the dynamic Norman Downs and Bob Foster winning the Lightweight TT on his works unit-construction New Imperial. Despite this success sales were still poor and the company went into receivership.

Author Chas. Lipscombe is to be congratulated on this excellent second edition – the complete guide to New Imperial motorcycles – the result of many years research to combine much new information in this 385page tome, with approximately 1,000 photographs and illustrations depicting every model ever made by New Imperial, with complete descriptions of all models and interviews with famous personalities associated with the marque.

Author: Chas. G. Lipscombe

Published by and available from Andy Dean, Chairman, New Imperial Owners Association, Keephatch Farmhouse, Clover Close, Wokingham, Berks., RG40 5PU E-mail: andy@keephatch.net Tel.: 07799 848914 Hardbound, 215 x 300mm (portrait), 385 pages, with c.1,000 photographs and illustrations - limited run of 500 copies.

ISBN 978-1-3999-0062-1

£48 UK; \$82 Canada, \$65 USA; \$91 Australia - plus postage.

HISTORIC WINTON DISPLAY SAT. 28th - SUN. 29th MAY 2022

The Austin 7 Club had to cancel the previous two Historic Wintons due to Covid regulations, but they are all systems go for 2022. Let's make it another great weekend and fly the flag for our club by displaying your bike/s.

Club eligible bikes will be placed in our usual area where we will have Marguees set up.

If you are planning to bring a bike/bikes to this fantastic week-end, either the Saturday or Sunday or both days, please let me know no later than Thursday, May 5th. This will enable me to send you your ticket/s in plenty of time. Remember Australia Post is slow these days. John Cox Ph. 03 9435 9904 Mob. 0417 109 897 email. editor@vmcc.com.au



Below - our Historic Winton set up in 2019



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



VMCC CLUB EVENTS 2022

3rd AprilSCORESBY MOTORCYCLE ONLY SWAP MEET National Steam Centre,1200 Ferntree Gully Rd., Scoresby 6am to Noon. Sellers Site \$20.00. No booking required. (See P.14)Brian Tyler 0411 556 755, Neville Babb (03) 9398 5250

30th April - 1st MayALEXANDRA RALLY28th - 29th MayHISTORIC WINTON9th - 10th JulyBRASS MONKEY RALLY20th - 21st AugustHEATHCOTE RALLY25th SeptemberKILCUNDA RUN

Jim Swanton (See P.6) John Cox (See P.11) Denis Reed-Smith John Parker Brian Tyler

VMCC of Vic. Meetings at VDC Clubrooms subject to COVID-19 regulations

Next Committee Meeting 6.30 pm Thursday 7th April. Next General Meeting 8.00pm Thursday 7th April 2022.

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.

3rd April Tracey's Speedway reunion at Maribyrnong 10am - 4pm. Solos, Sidecars, Midgets, Hot Rods.
9th - 10th April Victorian Historic Road Racing Championships. Broadford. Info. Brian March 0413 601 405
10th April Mirboo North Swap Meet (See P.14)

15th -17th April (Easter) Single Cylinder and Girder Fork Combined Rally (Bendigo HMCC).

15th - 18th April (Easter) AMCC of Aust. Annual Rally at Colac. Contact Paul Davis on Mob. 0409 565 234

16th -17th April Broadford Bike Bonanza. Road Race, Road Bike, Dirt Track, Speedway, Motocross, Trials, Enduro.17th April Rutherglen Rumble Show and Shine 9.00am to 3.00pm open to all cars, bikes and trucks.

Organised by the Lions Club of Ruthergen. Contact: Nick Hawtin on 0412947537 or email rutherglen.vic@lions.org.au **23rd - 24th April** All British Rally, Newstead. See website of BSA Motorcycle Owners Association Inc.

23rd - 24th April Vintage car and bike show – Lake Bolac Hotel

29th May Undera, Vic. Swap Meet and Postie Bike Display

3rd - 9th September HMCCQ Brisbane Area are seeking expressions of interest for a vintage only rally (no veteran or post vintage) in Warwick, Qld. Please reply to ian.poulsen@hotmail.com

28th to 30th October 'The 2022 BSAOC of SA Annual Rally' Berri SA. On the picturesque banks of the Murray River. www.https://www.bsasa.org.au or contact David Long on Mob. 0413 899 189

Bi-Annual Douglas Rally

The 8th Bi-Annual Australian Douglas Motorcycle Rally was held from the 20th to 24th March based in Colac, Victoria. The rally commenced with a welcome BBQ on Sunday 20th March with rides on Mon, Tues and Wed with an optional ride starting from Apollo Bay on Thursday, 24 March. Our members attending were John Lofts; Kel Mitchener who rode his 1930 Douglas; Ian Dawson and Jennifer McDonald also had their Douglas there and Denis Reed-Smith did back-up duties. They visited a collection with a number of vintage bikes. It appears that they were safety conscious with participants all in bright orange hi-viz vests.





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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

WANTED Parts or Complete motorcycle - 1937-38 DKW 500, Twin, Two-Stroke, Electric Start in any order. Have parts to swap, can pay freight and price. Please contact Vin Minogue on 03 9752 6308.

WANTED Triumph 1935 Model 3/1 350cc tail section of the rear guard and number plate bracket. Please contact Russell Catling on Mob. 0417 327 745.

FOR SALE 1936 350cc New Imperial model 46. In top condition currently on Club Rego. Good reliable rally bike, nothing to do just ride! For more information Ring Bob Douglas on Mob. 0428 378 759. Asking \$12,500



FOR SALE Douglas circa 1929 600cc side-valve twin cylinder. Older restoration will require going over before riding again as its been in storage many years. Complete with original electric lighting set. \$22,000 ono.

BSA M20 circa 1942 complete bike also an older restoration so will also require going over before using again. \$9,800 ono

1995 Triumph Sprint 900cc touring bike. \$3,800 firm. Contact: Malcolm Cox on Mob. 0416 034 209



WANTED to buy, borrow or copy. For 1927 AJS 350 sidevalve. Rear stand, footpeg assembly, and valve caps. Contact: Paul Mitchell. Email: mitchpw@bigpond.com Ph. (03) 9730 1530.

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.

FOR SALE New style T-Shirts in stock \$20. They have the club logo and VMCC on the right sleeve. Also hurry going fast, Club Windcheaters with club logo \$30. Purchase at club meeting or contact: Darren Cartwright on Mob. 0421 505 613



Club Merchandise also available in Chiltern, North East Victoria. You can contact Mark King on 0428 964 659

WANTED Any surplus parts for 1937 T70 Triumph 250cc Tiger. Contact: Nipper Kuerschner 0418 854 565 Email: nipper.nipper33@gmail.com

WANTED a hand operated handlebar mounted klaxon to suit a veteran era motorcycle. Please contact Dimitri Economos on 0411 575805

WANTED any 1950's to 1960s, 2 stroke clip on bicycle cyclemotors such as the Cyclemaster, Berini, Mini Motor, Trojan, Firefly etc. Please contact Dimitri Economos on 0411 575805

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 13th May 2022.

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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.





MARYBOROUGH RALLY 2022 PRESENTATIONS



Andrew Jeffrey Phil Irving Memorial Trophy 1938 AJS



Andrew Cox Simon Street **Memorial Trophy** 1909 HUMBER



Mort Madsen Best Vintage Bike 1926 DOUGLAS



wing Best Post-Vintage bike 1939 Harley Davidson U-Model.



Robbie Griffiths the Federation Trophy President's Award



Lady Rider First Rally



Karen Byrnes Hard Luck Award Harley Outfit



Spirit of the Rally



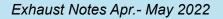
Doug Cowey, Danielle Stayches, Lindsay James, Robbie Griffiths, Ian McDonald, Mick Guilfoyle, Keith McKendry, Daryl Stayches for marshalling



Ken Cross Mark Byrnes Memorial Trophy 1940 Triumph with a Watsonian Side car



Noel Knappstein major contribution as a back up driver

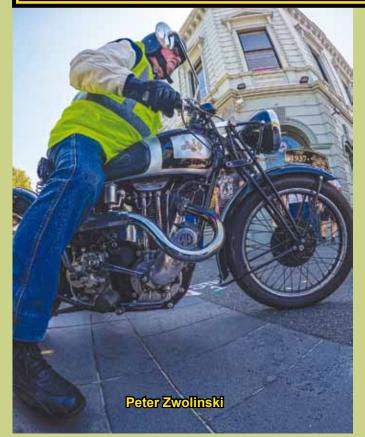






The Parker Clan - The Future

MARYBOROUGH RALLY AT DUGAL JAMES COLLECTION IN BENDIGO





In the past 35 years Dr. Dugal James has built up one of the finest collections of Indian motorcycles in Australia. The restoration side is in the hands of his friend Ken Anderson and there are nearly 100 bikes to look after. The most significant motorcycle in his collection, a 1901 Indian, is reportedly one of three from the first year they were produced. Most of Dugal's collection is from the 1920s to the 1950s. He has a few Harleys, some early 1920s BMW motorcycles and some sporty Italian bikes from the 1970s. His motorcycle gallery and cafe has an Indigo sign - a combination of the words Indian and Bendigo





