

# Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria (Inc) EXHAUST NOTES



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**GENERAL MEETINGS:** THURSDAYS 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY & 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH

**\* MARYBOROUGH RALLY: 10<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**  
**SCORESBY SWAP MEET: SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2016**





# NEW GISBORNE RUN - 4TH DECEMBER 2016



**DARYL JENKINS' 1919 INDIAN POWER PLUS WITH GOULDING SIDECAR**

## Participants:

Bruce Brunner Ariel 1938  
 Murray Wright BSA 1915  
 John Davy BSA M20 1940  
 Ian Dawson Royal Enfield 1927  
 Neville Babb and Faye Mullin Triumph O/F 1929  
 Grahame Hunter Harley Pup 1926  
 Denis Reed-Smith AJS 1927  
 Barry Kirby Harley 1942  
 Daryl and Bronwyn Jenkins Indian O/F 1919  
 Dave Maxwell AJS 1926  
 Kel Mitchener Douglas 1930  
 Jim Brownlee Harley 1916  
 John Street JAP 1917  
 Phil Long BSA 1928  
 Andrew Jeffrey AJS 1937  
 Frank Staig Norton 1930  
 Paul Fullard Norton 1928  
 Royce Fullard Rudge 1925  
 Neville Hunter Ariel W/NG 1941  
 Mark Gascoigne Indian 1926  
 Colin Sargent Scott 1929  
 David Flentje Harley Davidson WLA 1942  
 Wayne Berry Norton 1931  
 Barry Curley Indian 1936  
 John Cox BSA M21 1938

**Back Up:** Pat Hunter, Darren Reed-Smith, Don McRae, Alwyn Babb, Kirra Hunter

**Catering:** Bryce and June Matthews

Twenty five bikes (four more than 2016) turned up for the ride on what was expected to be a hot day, however, riding conditions were close to ideal. There were twelve riders and bikes who weren't here last year.

Getting away around 10 am we rode through Woodend, the outskirts of Carlsruhe, Newham, Rochford, Romsey, Heskett and back to New Gisborne via Woodend.

We were back by lunch time having ridden just under 100 km.

A nice bike on the run was Daryl Jenkins 1919 Powerplus Indian complete with Goulding sidecar. This outfit has been in Daryl's family since 1922. Kel Mitchener rallied his new acquisition, a 1930 Douglas still with the original number plate. Phil Long brought along his mate Barry Kirby riding a much modified 1942 Harley and John Cox lent his BSA M20 to trials rider, John Davy who is looking to chase up a vintage mount of the Indian Chief variety. John enjoyed the vintage riding and getting tips on Indians from our knowledgeable members.

A big thank you to Mark Gascoigne for his organisation, lead riding and hospitality and to June and Bryce Matthews who catered for us.



**GUTTER TALK AT ROMSEY**

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# Exhaust Notes



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This Club was founded in 1964. It 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 machines manufactured up to 31st December, 1942.

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

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First up wishing everyone a safe 2017, last year was not so good as we lost several members, our thoughts go to their families. Nortons Park went well with perfect weather, meat and bread again from Boococks and Brumbies from Studfield shops.

Maryborough seems to be on track, don't forget to check your bookings, we also have our swap meet in April so get ready for that. February meeting we have Bob Pearse in with acrylic signs etc. John Fletcher has done a first class and a time consuming job of organizing the displays at the Mad Bikers on the 11th of Feb. and the 18th of Feb. It should be a good year for the club.

*Ray Franklin*

## 2ND FEBRUARY MEETING:

**Guest Speaker Bob Pearse on acrylic signs**



## DISPLAY DAYS OF VETERAN AND VINTAGE MOTORCYCLES

11th and 18th February 2017. See P12.



John Fletcher arranged with a photographer from the Leader group of newspapers to take promotional photographs for an article in their local paper. Here is Denis Reed-Smith's photo



## EDITORIAL

Thank you to Jonathan Hill for his book report; Denis Reed-Smith and Mick Guilfoyle for their reports and photos; Cooper Brownlee, Claire Lynch and Barry Curley for photos. Since our last Exhaust Notes we have been saddened by the passing of Tony Douglas in a tragic accident and Alf Berry, Doug Hepburn and Jack Nelson who all passed away after a long innings.

Heather and I attended Alf Berry's funeral in Geelong. Alf managed to fit in a full and fruitful 95 years. Motorcycling wise, Alf scrambled pre-war, built a motorcycle in the Islands whilst on active service during the war, won the Otway trial some 18 or so times, worked as a motorcycle mechanic, restored and rallied veteran, vintage and classic bikes and drove the fastest mobility scooter in the City of Geelong. Given that most of Alf's contemporaries had passed on, his life was celebrated by a large gathering which included many motorcycling enthusiasts.

Heather and I went to Tony Douglas' funeral in Barnawartha. Tony was the archtypical country guy. Involved with the Barnawartha Tigers Football Club, Umpire of the year for 2016, member of the CFA, All Souls Church at Browns Plains, Chiltern Amateur Theatrical Society and the VMCC of Vic. The football club and the CFA formed a Guard of Honour at the Barnawartha Oval.

I received a number of responses to emails I sent out in regard to the above and have printed them in this issue together with some details and photos.

Just before Xmas, I called in to see Tony Edwards who is considering building another house. An architect has drawn up the plans of what is a very fine abode. However, the Council has put a number of 'blockers' on the project - such as move a dormer window here, have one less window, move that column, no door allowed from garage into the house, in fact separate the garage from the house, no double entry driveways, etc., etc. Most upsetting for Tony.

Well Tony, perhaps I can help by suggesting a terrific plan I have found. Here it is below !!!!

*John Cox*



## GENERAL MEETING 1st DEC. 2016

Meeting opened at 8.10pm.

Apologies: A. Babb, M. Summers, H. and W. Vickers, P. Fisher, A. Greenway, V. Minogue, I. Reid, M. Guilfoyle, N. Robert.

Correspondence In: Various Newsletters.

Correspondence Out: Nil

Moved A. Babb, Seconded V. Minogue - Carried

Minutes of previous meeting - Moved A. Chaplin, Seconded R. McGillivray - Carried

Treasurer's Report as at 30th November 2016

General A/C                 \$11,325.39

Rally A/C                   \$5,814.97

Investment A/C           \$51,812.02

Moved J. Fletcher, Seconded T. Ryan - Carried

President Ray Franklin reminded all present if not already done so to collect their membership name tags that were in the foyer.

Rally Reports:

Seville Festival Run by P. Walsh. Small turnout with only three bikes on the actual run from Monbulk to Seville as the weather was threatening and it coincided with the Bendigo swap. Attended by John Fletcher, Mick Guilfoyle and Tony and Angela Chaplin. The weather was perfect and the roads good and no traffic for the short ride to Seville. Pat Walsh had brought over four bikes for the static display and on arrival the other three bikes were parked beside. The bike display generated a lot of interest with people coming over to view them.

Club Spares, Library., Apparel- all no change.

General Business;

John Fletcher confirmed 11th and 18th February for displays at Mad Bikers and AMX. He is contacting the Leader Newspaper and RACV in the hope they will do a write up on the event to generate interest. There may also be Jazz band.

John Cox spoke on the Australia Post delay in sending out our newsletters. Newsletters were posted on 24th November. Many members still had not received them by 1st December. The electronic copy was sent out on the 30th November.

John Cox spoke on Alf Berry's funeral. Very large attendance was fitting for a man held in such high regard. His son Wayne is a member of our Club. John Cox advised on the cancellation of Clunes unavoidable as Mark and Karen Byrnes have family commitments. Our thoughts are with the family during this time.

The 48th Marybough will still go ahead on a reduced capacity. It may be three days instead of four. Friday, Saturday and Sunday run only. To reduce costs self-marshalling and own backup also buying our own food for morning tea and lunch. Dinner to be looked into maybe RSL or even a BBQ. Denis Reed-Smith and Pat Walsh and a subcommittee to be formed. It was suggested by John Cox that we may want to head south as the roads and scenery are better.

John Cox said that members should be advised to reconfirm their accommodation bookings.

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Neville Hunter spoke on the Ariel run at Clare in March the week after Marybough. Also in March (two weeks after Marybough) the day rally of the 35th Harold Parsons run in Maffra.

Neville Hunter spoke on Southern Cross classic at Broadford reporting it as a great event he will definitely attend next year and recommends it to members. Our Patron, Lindsay Urquhart's 8 valve Indian won the event.

Denis Reed Smith spoke on the Burt Munro Rally in Invercargill. The weather was freezing and damp/wet many camped in tents but recommend the hiring of a campervan to members. Saw a few Indians but Harleys everywhere. Event went for four days with a multitude of events being held. Day 1 saw the hill climb to the Bluff, moto tag and super cross. Day 2 saw Beach racing on a day when the weather was freezing and blowing a gale. Day 3 saw road racing and speedway and Day 4 was a washout. Attended the Bert Munro museum that's in a hardware shop. Also attended another museum that had about 350 vintage bikes and 300 vintage trucks. Guy Martin attended but was rarely seen and didn't attend the road racing event on Day 3. Denis advises all members to book and just do it.

Mark Gascoigne spoke about the upcoming 4th December New Gisborne day run.

Ray Franklin spoke on the Christmas BBQ at Nortons Park on 11th December 2016. John Street to provide urn. The club is to purchase a new four burner BBQ with foldup legs for ease of transport. Ray will see the butcher and baker for supplies. Members were advised to try and watch the Discovery Channel for Harley and the Davidsons.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

## COMMITTEE MEETING 8th DEC. 2016

Meeting opened 8.00 pm.

Present: R. Franklin, D. Reed-Smith, T. Ryan, J.

Dargie, J. Street, M. Guilfoyle, P. Walsh, J. Cox

Apologies: P. Horner, K. Miller, J. Fletcher, B. Curley.

Correspondence In: Various newsletters.

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted. Moved D. Reed-Smith, Seconded J. Dargie - Carried

Treasurer's Report as at 1st December General Meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Mick Guilfoyle asked that the 'statements' recorded in the previous minutes were in fact questions and needed clarification. *An attachment is appended to these minutes regarding such clarification. See Page 7* We apologise for any confusion that the previous minutes may have caused.

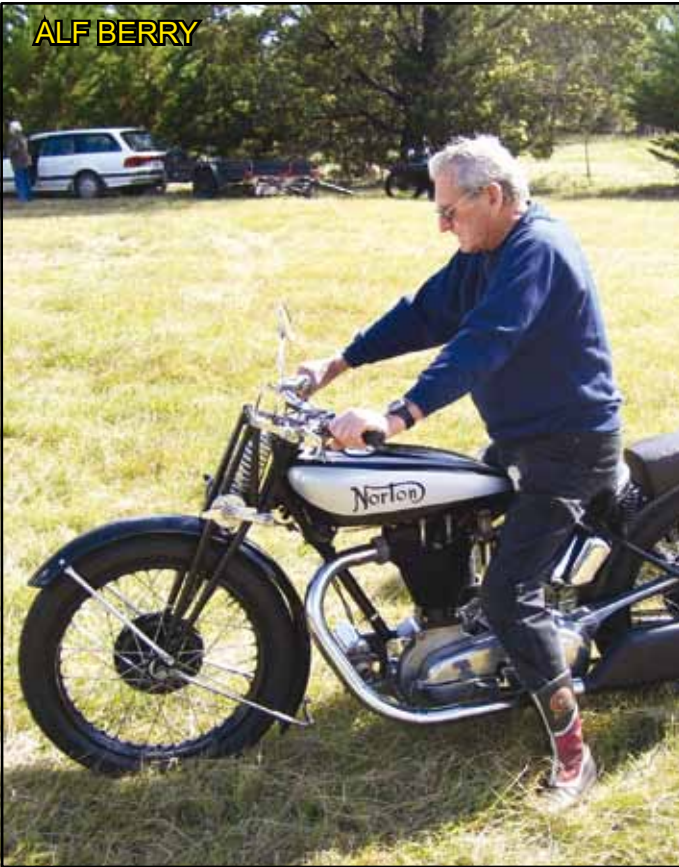
Maryborough Rally to be organised by Denis Reed-Smith and Pat Walsh.

Ray Franklin spoke briefly on preparation for the Christmas BBQ.

Meeting closed: 9.00pm



**ALF BERRY**



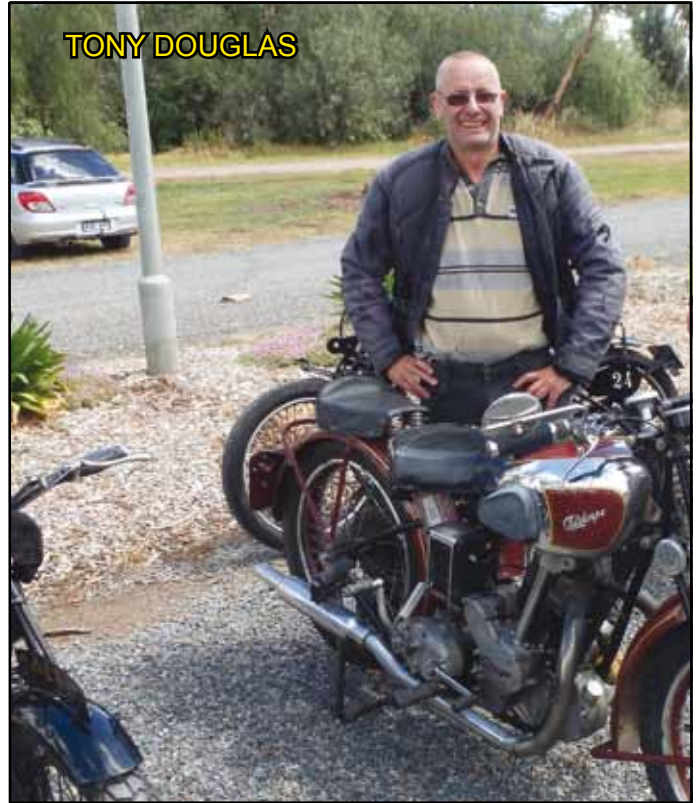
was uncle to club member Rob Miller and to the Hannan family who are involved with antique motorcycling.

Our condolences to Dorothy, son Andrew, daughter Kathy and their families and to Jack's extended family.

Our condolences to Alwyn and Lola Babb and family on the passing of Lola's mother Halina on 23rd November.

*John Cox*

**TONY DOUGLAS**



## **VALE**

**Alf Berry** of Geelong, aged 95, passed away on the 20th November. Alf had a long career associated with motorcycling. Members may care to refer to Exhaust Notes No. 553 to see a profile on Alf.

Our condolences to Lois and son Wayne and family.

**Tony Douglas**, aged 48 succumbed to injuries suffered in a road accident near Rutherglen on the 11th December. Tony rallied a BSA C11 and a Calthorpe. Tony was Bob and Walli Douglasses nephew. Denis Reed-Smith placed a floral tribute from our club. Our condolences to Alex and their sons Mark, Gary and Andrew and to Tony's parents Noel and Judy.

**Doug Hepburn** who was our Club Captain from 1972-74 passed away on the 11th December. He was 89 years old. Doug rallied a 1937 60cc SV Triumph and raced a KSS Velocette with the Sandringham Club. Club stalwarts Alan Greenway and John Mepstead attended Doug's Funeral

Our condolences to Pat and their daughters Rhonda and Julie and son Keith and their families.

**Jack Nelson** passed away on Christmas eve aged 93. Jack was a foundation member, a life member, librarian from 1972 to 1974, Vice President in 1979 and 1986 and President from 1980 to 1982. Jack restored a multitude of bikes over many years. Jack was a nephew of Charley Mayman a motorcycle constructor and racer who tragically lost his life on the track at Eaglehawk on Boxing Day 1904. Jack



**JACK NELSON**

## John Thomas (Jack) Nelson

Born: 18th December 1923.

Called home: 24th December 2016.

The Funeral was held at St Mary's Parish Church, Greensborough, Friday 30th December 2016. Bob McGillivray and I journeyed out to Greensborough for Jack's funeral. When we arrived, we were met by a large contingent of our members who were attending the Funeral. Members attending included Paddy Walsh, Rob and Jerri-Lee Miller, Colin, Merrilyn and Catrina Sargent, Mark Gascoigne, Neville and Pat Hunter, Grahame Hunter and his partner, Frank Staig, Angela and Tony Chaplin, Malcolm Cox. Former member Leon Mitchell was over from South Australia. Dennis Tanner and Rob Sayward and his wife were also in attendance.

Many members from other bike and car groups were also in attendance, including the Veteran Car Club, The Antique Motorcycle Club and the Classic Motorcycle Club.

The funeral was a fine tribute to a man who contributed so much to our hobby of collecting, restoring, riding and the love of fine old machinery. He will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to Jack's Family in their time of great loss. **Denis Reed-Smith**

## Tribute Email for Jack Nelson

Hi John, Jack was very much part of VMCC I always found him to be a wealth of knowledge and eager to provide advice whenever required. Jack loved riding and always had a great sense of humour with a quick wit, he will be remembered forever.

Regards **Alwyn Babb 27/12/16**

## Tribute Emails for Alf Berry

Hi John thanks for the message regarding Alf. Sad news about another great bike enthusiast leaving us.

**Glenn and Kate Shepherd 22/11/16**

Hi John Thank you, I will always remember Alf as very nice person and clubman who loved motorcycling and everyone around him. **Alwyn Babb 22/11/16**

Good morning John, a great member's profile. Alf also rode a 70's 250 cc Jawa. I can recall that his wife went on a holiday to Queensland with a friend leaving Alf at home and Alf decided to ride up and surprise her. He rode to Queensland cruising along with the modern bikes and stayed a few days and made the return trip with not a bit of mechanical trouble.

I took his Norton for a quick ride one evening at Maryborough a few years back and was amazed at how powerful it was compared to my Triumph. It had exceptionally good brakes and handling to match.

Alf had a good innings and will be sadly missed. May he rest in Peace. Regards **Neville Babb 23/11/16**

Hi John, thanks for the notice regarding the passing of Alf Berry. Such a small world, I work up the road from where the Pratt and Osborne Motorcycle shop used to be in Moorabool Street. One of the Osborne family used to live a few doors down from my parent's home in Corio and I remember going with my parents out to Barrabool to watch the Osborne's and their motorbike racing many years ago.

More than that, Glenn brought a second hand

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Montessa from the shop in Pakington Street, he said 'it blew up' and the 'old guy' there fixed it. Later Glenn brought a new one, that would have been around 1982 possibly around the time Alf retired.

It's a shame such a connection gets made after one has passed on.

He seems like he would have been a terrific guy to know. Condolences to the family. Regards

**Kim and Glenn Pitman 28/11/16**

## Tribute Emails for Tony Douglas

Hi John, Sorry to hear about the tragic death of Tony Douglas over the weekend. I send my condolences to his family on his passing, thanking you for passing on the message to members.

Regards **Mark Gascoigne 13/12/16**

Sorry to hear about this very sad news. Condolence to the family. **Stephane Rio 15/12/16**

Hi John,

Thanks for the update, very sad to hear of the passing of Tony please pass on my condolences to his family.

**Alwyn Babb 15/12/16**

Hi bro sad times my prayers are with the family.

Regards **Sammy Vella 16/12/16**

Other tributes were received from Neville and Pat Hunter and Colin and Merrilyn Sargent.

I have placed Cooper Brownlee's photo of Tony's BSA C11 on the Chiltern Rally on the front cover of this issue.

*Ed.*

## Attachment appended to Committee Meeting Minutes of 8th Dec. 2016 in regard to errors in Committee Meeting Minutes 10th Nov 2016

Firstly, regarding the following published statements:

*"Mick Guilfoyle said if a member falls off his or her bike and is injured then they should not be allowed back on and 000 should be called. A senior Committee member should make this decision, legal advice will be sought. The position of Club Captain should be automatic on the Committee".*

The following is what was said:

There is a concern about the liability for rally organisers and Club officers in regards to injuries and accidents on Club rallies. What are our legal obligations and is it up to rally organisers and Club officials to report any incidents to 000, or instruct riders if injured and deemed to be at risk, not continuing to ride in the rally?

There has been in the past an incident where this has been a problem and Police have been involved. Therefore, advice should be sought, especially legal advice.

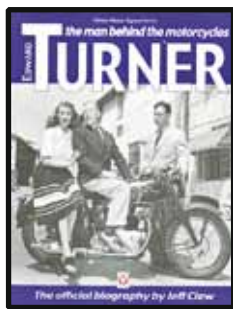
Secondly, that two of our Committee positions be for:

1. the outgoing President if he or she wishes to continue on the Committee.
2. the Club Captain elected by the membership.

At the moment these two positions are not in our Club rules and this should be addressed.

In the future, as has been the practice in the past, the minutes of both the General and Committee Meetings should be sent to committee members for validation before publishing. *Mick Guilfoyle*





## BOOK REVIEW

by Jonathan Hill

**"Edward Turner – the man behind the motorcycles"**

by Jeff Clew

The official biography of the man who was probably the most important individual in the history of the British motorcycle industry.

Whenever motorcycles are discussed amongst enthusiasts, the name of Edward Turner is invariably mentioned. Whilst known world-wide for his landmark designs, e.g. the four-cylinder Ariel Square Four and the Triumph Speed Twin, etc., E.T. remained an enigma, described by those who worked close to him as both difficult and charming, impatient, autocratic and brilliant.

Born in 1901, Edward Turner was a truly gifted individual whose forceful character, design flair and business acumen drove Triumph from near bankruptcy in the mid-1930s to such heights of success that the company often struggled to reach the clamouring demand for its products world-wide. From the early post-war years E.T. saw the potential of the American market and travelled there regularly to establish and maintain a large dealer network. Triumph achieved many sporting successes stateside, including the unofficial world motorcycle land speed record . . . all of which greatly enhanced their sales figures.

Embodying lightness with a powerful vertical twin-cylinder engine, Turner's design of the 1937 Speed Twin was revolutionary, and so good that it remained in production for 29 years.

Long overdue, this deeply researched work by the late Jeff Clew gets past Turner's irascible exterior to reveal the man, his life and work and the huge contribution that he made to his country and the evolution of the motorcycle. Despite achieving great success – he was one of the few to have amassed a personal fortune from the industry – E.T. suffered a great personal tragedy in 1939 when his first wife and three friends were killed in a car crash. In later years he suffered from diabetes and died, aged 72, at his Surrey home.

Pictured on the front cover is Bill Johnson of Johnson Motors Inc., Triumph's Los Angeles-based west coast distributor, looking rather enviously at E.T. posing, centre stage as ever, on this early post-war Speed Twin with film star Rita Hayworth on the pillion at a screen set.

Featuring many images from the Turner family's private photograph collection and reprinted after a long absence, this book is an excellent addition to any enthusiast's library.

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## CHRISTMAS BBQ AT NORTONS PARK

We had nice weather and a good roll up. Great to see some of our long time members enjoying themselves. As usual June Jacobson arranged presents for all and Ray Franklin supplied the meat and bread through his contacts with his local butcher and baker. Ray also brought along the club's new portable BBQ.

Warren Bonning trailered his immaculate 1938 250cc AJ's to show us and Andrew Jeffrey and Kay Fry came via a BSA outfit.

Our traditional organisers, John and Marion Parker couldn't be with us, as a family pre-wedding function clashed with the BBQ.

*Ed.*



**JERRILEE HANDS OUT PRESENTS**



**THREE WARRENS - YOUNG, HICKS AND BONNING**



**WARREN BONNING'S BSA**





Denis Reed-Smith



Pat Walsh

# MARYBOROUGH RALLY 2017



**Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March 2017**

For motorcycles manufactured up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1942  
and military machines up to 1945.

## Rides:

**Friday 10th March** - Run commencing at 5.00 pm from road at front of Maryborough Caravan Park for a run to Carisbrooke and return. Distance ~ 60 km.

**Saturday 11th March** - Run leaves Hockey Field Entrance at 10.00 am sharp for run to Talbot, Lexton, Avoca and return. Distance ~ 100 km - FLEXIBLE.

**Sunday 12th March** - Run to commence at 10.00 am sharp from the Maryborough Post Office for run to Clunes and return. Distance ~ 100 km - FLEXIBLE.

*N.B. There will not be a Monday ride organised.*

**Saturday Night Dinner** - Maryborough Golf Club (Set menu 4 choices, pay on the night)  
*Meals on rides will be at the entrants cost and may be purchased at lunchstop towns.*

This year there will not be an Entry Fee, a small bank note donation will be asked for to cover back-up fuel expenses

Only the Phil Irving Trophy and Paddy Walsh Memorial trophies will be awarded.

Any back-up drivers with car and trailer please feel free to volunteer.

For catering purposes, please email by Thurs. 2nd March, the number attending the Saturday Night Dinner to: [denisreedsmith@gmail.com](mailto:denisreedsmith@gmail.com)

**Accommodation is the responsibility of each entrant.**

Suggested accommodation is listed below:

• Bristol Hill Motel	:	03 5461 3833
• Golden Country Motel/Caravan Park	:	03 5461 7700
• Junction Motel	:	03 5461 1744
• Wattle Grove Motel	:	03 5461 1877
• Maryborough Caravan Park	:	03 5460 4848
• Highlander Haven Motel	:	03 5460 4122

**Denis Reed-Smith**  
Rally Co-ordinator

**Pat Walsh**  
Rally Co-ordinator

**Mick Guilfoyle**  
Club Captain

## Ride to 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Kalorama Rally

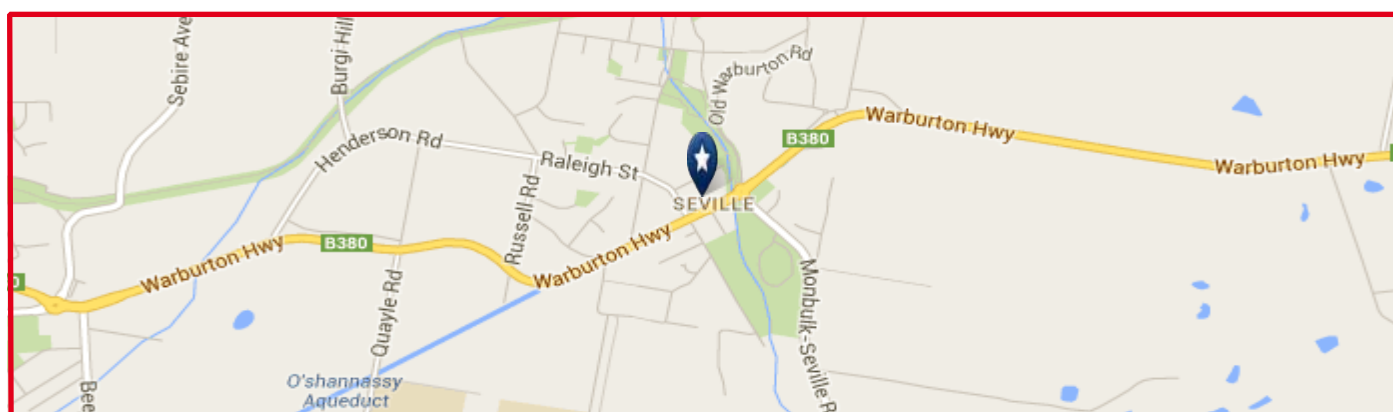
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Commencing at 9.00 am for 9.30 am Start from  
Woolworths Carpark

567 Warburton Hwy., Seville

Ride of approx. 30 km there is a \$8.00 entry fee, byo lunch. We will probably stay at the oval until about 2.30 to 3.00 pm and return back to Seville around 3.30 pm

**Run Co-ordinator Pat Walsh Mob. 0409 077 167**





## DENIS REED-SMITH'S REPORT ON HIS TRIP TO INVERCARGILL, NEW ZEALAND


The premier movie release on the 7th December 2005 of "The World's Fastest Indian" in Invercargill saw the Invercargill City Council keen to capitalize on the publicity. Local business groups and the Southland Motorcycle Club got together and the "Burt Munro Challenge" was born.

Eleven years on it has grown into seven major events over a five day period. This includes a Hill-climb, Super X, Beach Racing, Race Circuit events, Speedway and Street Races.

I enjoyed many of the events, particularly the road races, hill-climb, beach racing and the speedway. What I enjoyed most was the three world class museums that have been opened as an extra draw card to the city. If your passion lies in Indian Motorcycles and the successful racing career of Burt Munro a visit to the E. Hayes Hardware shop is a must. Burt's two most famous racing bikes are there, the Indian and a Velocette that he raced so successfully. There are loads of Burt's Memorabilia on display, including props and bikes and trailers used in the making of the movie. There are also a fine collection of Veteran, Vintage and Classic bikes inter-dispersed throughout the shop.

The second must see is the Bill Richardson Transport World, the largest private collection of its type in the world. Included in this museum are hundreds of trucks, vintage and veteran cars and the Henry Ford collection of cars, from the very earliest Fords, through T Models, A models to the 40's and 50's. They also have many fine old motorcycles in the collection, also included is a very fine collection of VW Kombi's. Two vehicles of particular interest are a 1940 Dodge Airflow tanker, one of three in existence and a 1914 Stewart 1-ton truck, the only known one in existence.

The third and from my point of view, the best, is the newly opened Motorcycle Mecca, the collection was formerly known as the Sturgis Collection of over 300 bikes and associated motorcycle focused artworks purchased in Nelson, NZ from the previous owner, Tom Sturgis. The Mecca collection ranges from a 1902 Peugeot to a 21st century Simms Corbin Custom and includes marques such as AJS, Ariel, BMW, Brough Superior, BSA, Excelsior, Flying Merkel, Harley Davidson, Henderson, Indian, Norton, Raleigh, Sunbeam, Triumph, Vincent and in fact it would be very difficult to find a marque that wasn't exhibited.

A visit to any one of the three attractions alone would be a good enough reason to visit Invercargill, put all three together and you have a world class attraction. To me having the Burt Munro Classic on at the same time was the icing on the cake, Southland New Zealand has so many attractions you can see why it attracts so many International and local tourists. *Denis Reed-Smith* 



## MICK GUILFOYLE'S REPORT OF THE 11th ANNUAL BURT MUNRO CHALLENGE 2016

Run by Southland Motorcycle Club in Invercargill, New Zealand and staged the last week of November, the BMC is the world's southernmost motorcycle rally. With seven racing events plus a toy and poker run, the 11th BMC rally was bolstered by an extra event "A night with Guy Martin".

Arriving on the Wednesday just in time for the "Night with Guy Martin" held at Transport World set the tone for the week. With three bars set up and light meals served throughout the night we found a relaxed atmosphere where it seemed that there were an equal number of locals and visitors present. An enlightening question and answer interview with Guy and other famous racers being the highlight of the evening.


Thursday dawned cold, windy and wet for the running of the Bluff Hill Climb. Guy Martins 350 hp Pikes Peak winning GSX 1100 was the favourite but only made one run, proving to be way over powered for the wet, slick and steep climb.

No trip to Invercargill is complete without a visit to Oreti Beach for the Beach Races held on Friday and where twelve events were run including two Girder Fork Races. The Sun came out for this one and with just enough breeze to blow the sand flies away, quite comfortable and with the back drop looking across the aqua green water to Stuart Island, a stunning location.

Saturday saw the Toy Run plus Circuit Races at Teretonga where again Guy's GSX proved to be too much of a hand full. Oreti Park Speedway also proving to be very spectacular.

Sunday ushered in the Street Races, with good old hay bales, slippery white lines, gutters and a fenced close quartered circuit in the spirit of the TT! Not even many of the locals came out for this one as the weather was, well, horrendous. Rain and hail being driven horizontally across the circuit by gale force wind made for some very hairy racing and seeing the meet cut short by a couple of hours. The reason being because of the lack of spectators. You have got to give it to the local bike racers as these atrocious elements would have stopped any lesser mortals and they see this type of racing weather as being normal.

The next running of the BMC will be the held for the first time in the second week of February and will be held in 2018. Of the eleven years of being run in November and with only two of these years providing decent weather it has been decided that to continue to make the rally viable a change of date was needed. November's average temperature is 7°C - 15°C with 17 days of rain. Whereas February average is 10°C - 19°C with 12 days of rain. Yes, Invercargill is a long way south, but being steeped in motor cycle history, with breath taking scenery and an atmosphere of days gone by well worth a visit.

A visit is not complete without viewing Burt's Indian at Hayes' Hardware shop in Dee St. where they even sell brand new Indian Motor Cycles alongside drills, nails and china cups. A lot more could be said so I will finish by saying. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! I also thank my brother Karl for making this trip possible and introducing me to Southland. Regards *Mick Guilfoyle*. 

**A bit of info for your members.** On page 9 of last Exhaust Notes, the sidcar frame of Brian Forth's is a Yeats made in Melbourne. The Weights and Measures of Vic used Harleys with Yeats sidcars to carry the weights around to test scales. *Ken*



## 2017 Peter McAliece Memorial Rally

The third Sunday of the year is always an early start due to the annual running of the Peter McAliece Breakfast Rally. Facilitated by the Indian Motorcycle Club of Australia and with an invite to the VMCC of Vic always on offer, it is considered a P.S.M. by our members that patronise this event. An event that was inaugurated by our Club.

This year the event attracted thirty five bikes and thirty eight people, numbers well up from previous years. Maybe the reason is that instead of doing the same old thing year after year the rally's route has been modified every year for the last six years, the destination being varied too. Rally leader Dave Booth is always finding us new and hidden roads, many that riders have no idea existed. This year saw us leave Lilydale at seven thirty AM travelling to Montrose, then over Mt Dandenong via Kalorama, Olinda then through Monbulk to Kallista. These roads are quiet this early on a Sunday morning, long before the tourist menace is unleashed upon the mountains. Travelling on through The Patch and via Olinda Creek back to Monbulk before our destination of Silvan Reservoir picnic ground.

Upon arriving the riders were welcomed by Lindsay and Trevor James who had set up a Hot water urn with tea and coffee as well as wood fired and gas fired BBQ plates. With the aroma of fresh coffee and bacon and eggs sizzling away the patrons caught up for the first time of the year with much banter and tall stories of past rally's and road trips.

All over by ten thirty for most who went there merry way but for fifteen of us the day continued as we rode to Healesville for more coffee. Then a round trip through Toolangi, Kinglake, St Andrews, Christmas Hills and back to Healesville.

A Great day with perfect weather. Those from the VMCC who attended were Neville Christie, Barry Curley, Peter Growse, Lindsay James, John Lynch, Conor and Kay Murphy, Allan Scoble, Ken Miller and Myself. Regards, *Mick Guilfoyle*

## Participants

Lindsay & Trevor James	Catering
Neville Christie	48 Chief
Barry Curley	36 Sport Scout
Peter Growse	Rudge Ulster
Mick Guilfoyle	HD
John Lynch	BMW
Ken Miller	HD
Conor Murphy	46 Chief
Kay Murphy	741
Alan Scoble	101
Daryl Jenkins	50 Chief
Daniel McAliece	44 Chief
Joe Puglia	44 Chief
Frank Spykers	44 Chief
Merridith Spykers	46 Chief
Dave Booth	41 741
Zane Morrison	47 Chief
Frank Hutchinson	44 Chief
Mick Cheg	46 Bobber
Jim Micah	51 Chief
Stuart Hamilton	34 Chief
Mick Dunn	39 Chief
Matt Willis	38 Chief
Warren Foster	48 Chief
Rob Micah	47 Chief
Andrew Nissan	38 Chief
Stan Mucha	39 Chief
Bianca Bonner	HD
Rod Barker	HD
Keith McKendry	HD
Glen Linnane	HD
Kylie Naporowski & Jasper	HD
Adam Wintouo	Modern
Peter Wittner	Modern
Rob Bonner & Laurel	Modern Indian



AT LILYDALE START



KAY MURPHY



ALAN SCOBLE



BARRY CURLEY

## VMCC CLUB EVENTS 2017

**11th & 18th February** DISPLAY DAYS OF VETERAN AND VINTAGE MOTORCYCLES

Time 9 am - 3 pm.	477 Dorset Road, Bayswater.	<a href="#">See below</a>	John Fletcher
<b>10th - 12th March</b>	MARYBOROUGH RALLY	<a href="#">See P. 9</a>	D. Reed-Smith/P. Walsh
<b>26th March</b>	KALORAMA RUN	<a href="#">See P. 9</a>	Pat Walsh
<b>2nd April</b>	VMCC of VIC SWAP MEET, SCORESBY		Brian Tyler/ Neville Babb
<b>23rd April</b>	DIAMOND CREEK PSM	<a href="#">Details next issue</a>	Brian Tyler
<b>13th - 14th May</b>	ALEXANDRA RALLY	<a href="#">Details next issue</a>	Jim Swanton

## OTHER EVENTS 2017

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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.

**27th - 29th January** AMCN International Island Classic on the 2017 at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

**3rd - 5th February** Nulli Secundus Rally near Myrtleford. Triumph Owners MCC of Aust., Enquiries Mob. 0409 979 368 [www.tomcc.com.au](http://www.tomcc.com.au)

**5th February** RACV Great Australian Rally Brighton to Mornington

**19th March** Alexandra Show and Shine, Showgrounds 10.00 am, Redgate Classic Motorcycle Club

Contact: Andy Mob. 0407 565 207

**26th March** Kalorama Rally Enquiries Paul Edgar Mob. 0419 369 542

**15th - 16th April** Broadford Bike Bonanza Spectators \$35 or \$55 for 2 days. Contact: Ph. 03 9684 0515

**27th - 28th May** Historic Winton. Contact: Noel Wilcox 03 5428 2689

**9th -12th June** Wagga Wagga V&VMC Rally. Contact: 0407 145 525

## SWAP MEETS 2016 - 2017

**Epping:** 5th February, Public Entry 7.30 am, Enquiries: Mob. 0419 128 969

**Ballarat:** 24th -25th February 7.00 am to 6.00 pm – Site Holder setup from 2.00 pm Thurs 23rd

**Yarra Glen:** 12th March, Public Entry 8.00 am, Enquiries: Ph. 03 9890 0524

**Scoresby:** 2nd April, Gates open 6am - 12 noon. At the National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd. (Melway 72 D9). Enquiries Brian Tyler Mob. 0411 556 755, Neville Babb Ph. 03 9398 5250  
23rd April 2017

**Maffra:** 23rd April 2017, Gippsland Vehicle Collection, For bookings call Sue on Mob. 0428 456 614

**Bendigo:** 18th -19th November, Bendigo Swap Meet, General Enquiries Mob. 0434 730 822

**VMCC of Vic.** Next General Meetings at VDC Clubrooms 8.00 pm Thursdays 2nd Feb. and 2nd March. Next Committee Meetings at VDC Clubrooms at 7.30 pm on Thursdays 9th Feb. and 9th March.

## DISPLAY DAYS OF VETERAN AND VINTAGE MOTORCYCLES

11th and 18th February 2017. Time 9 am - 3 pm. 477 Dorset Road, Bayswater.

The Venue is outside two motorcycle accessories shops.

**Contact:** John Fletcher (organiser) Ph. 03 9758 1152 Mob. 0403 886 513



John Fletcher is organizing two Display Days of member's bikes, with the aim of introducing the general public to the joys of owning, restoring and riding vintage motorcycles. He has arranged to have bands and a sausage sizzle on both days.

John arranged with a photographer from the Leader group of newspapers to take promotional photographs for an article in their local paper. Mick Guilfoyle rode his Harley to the shoot, Paddy Walsh bought along his Pasco and Sunbeam, Adrian Newman his Panther, John Dargie his Panther, Ray Franklin his Triumph, John bought along his Puch and I bought along my AJS.

Members, please support John's efforts by bringing along your bike or bikes. Even some of your unrestored or non club permitted bikes along so that the general public and fellow members can see some of the unseen treasures that are in our member's sheds.

*Club members will be on hand to answer questions and if possible demonstrate their motorcycles.*

*Denis Reed-Smith*

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Have a look at Steve's website he has lots of photos of his rims. Steve rides an AKD in veteran rallies.

### Items for the next EXHAUST NOTES

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The deadline for the next issue is:

**Friday 17th March 2017.**



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PHONE: Paul Edgar: 0419 369 542 Iain Ross: 03 9890 0524

**WANTED INFORMATION** I am planning on a full restoration, but first I am hunting for the missing parts that I need for it. From all the photo comparisons I have been researching and from a lot of talking with a friend of mine who is somewhat of a BSA encyclopedia, we are leaning towards it being the BSA K2 model. 557cc Side valve. Circa 1920. Hopefully some of your members can help shed some light on the subject and possible help with finding parts. Contact: Justin Hodson email: [justin.hodson1@gmail.com](mailto:justin.hodson1@gmail.com)



**WANTED** front cylinder for 25 to 29 JD Harley. Contact: Ray Franklin. (03) 9801 1492 or email [president@vmcc.com.au](mailto:president@vmcc.com.au)



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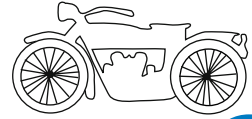
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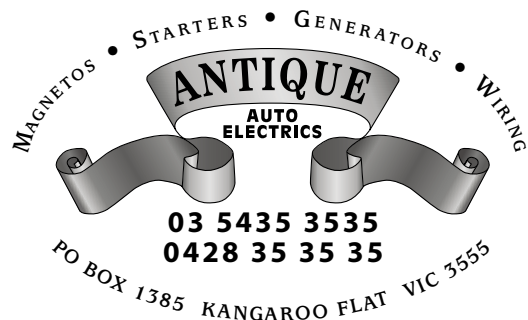
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