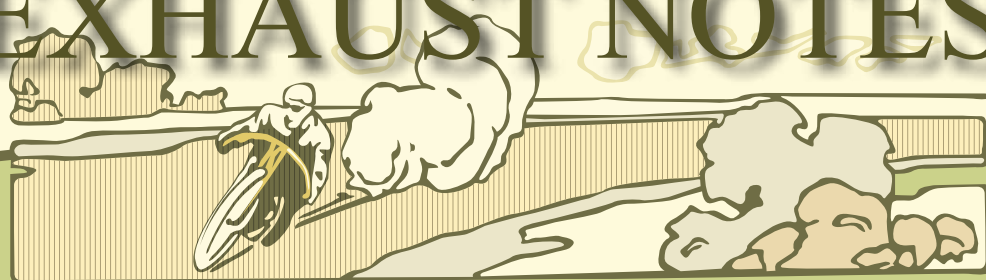


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Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria (Inc) EXHAUST NOTES



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GENERAL MEETINGS: THURSDAY'S 6TH APRIL & 4TH MAY

*** SCORESBY SWAP MEET: SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2017**

**MELINDA WIDJANARKO
ON THE
MARYBOROUGH RALLY**



BAYSWATER DISPLAYS - 11TH & 18TH FEBRUARY 2017



PHIL HORNER, RAY FRANKLIN,
RUSSEL CATLING



JOHN STREET'S AND JOHN COX'S VETERANS



MICHAEL HARRIAGE'S FRANCIS - BARNETT



NICK HARRIAGE'S WW2 JAMES



DAN RAEURN'S ARMIS

The following members exhibited their bikes:

Phil Horner, John Cox, John Street, Lindsay James, Mick Guilfoyle, John Fletcher, John Dargie, Kel Mitchener, Ian Reid, Denis Reed-Smith, John Parker, Scott Parker, Robert Parker, Gil Adams, Norman Carr, Dan Raeburn and Michael Harriage and family. Other bikes were displayed by some members of the BSA Club and the local All Motorcycle X-cessories shop.

"Shunter Dan" Raeburn even had T-Shirts with the Armis logo made for his Dad and himself to complement his extremely rare Armis import from England.



KEL MITCHENER'S DOUGLASES

John Fletcher magnificently organised two well attended days for our Bayswater Displays. There were flyers sent out, banners, bunting, balloons, flags, brass and jazz bands, CFA fire brigade big and little trucks for the little ones, sausage sizzles by Rotary, cakes, coffee urns, marquees and a portaloo!

Hopefully, we will attract new memberships from the two display days. In any event, it was most enjoyable to catch up with many club members and fellow enthusiasts.

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Lindsay Urquhart

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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

Not all news is good news, it is with sadness that another long standing (life) member has left us, Chas Pobjoy, when I joined the club in 1972 Chas seemed to take me under his wing for some reason, I have kept in touch over the years, rest in peace.

I was absent from the Maryborough Rally for family reasons and a visit to the Vets, from all accounts it went well apart from the late serving of Saturday night's meal.

Scoresby Swap is all go for Sunday 2nd of April. Anybody that wants to give a hand on Saturday's setting up (around mid day) will be welcome.

Ray Franklin

SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS AT OUR BAYSWATER DISPLAY DAYS



EDITORIAL

Thank you to Jonathan Hill for his book report; David James, Jim Swanton and Brian Tyler for event's details; Phil Horner for his report; Mick Guilfoyle for his reports and photos; Graeme Horner, Cooper Brownlee, Melinda Widjanarko, Ray Pobjoy and Ken Miller for photos.

Heather and I have just returned from four days at Hamilton on the 1 and 2 Cylinder Rally with the Veteran Car Club. Chuffed to receive a badge for a first time out with that club for my 1915 Rover M/C and then a 50 years of VCCA membership badge.

Sadly, Chas. Pobjoy a Life Member of our club passed away on the 19th March aged 94 after a short stay in hospital. Chas was our Vice President in 1968 and 1969 and President from 1970 to 1977.

He joined the army in July 1941 and was in the 14/32 Battalion in Townsville. From there was sent to New Britain and Christmas Island in the Pacific. Whilst in the Islands he was wounded and repatriated home. Being a large chap he was then made a Military Policeman and because of his ability to handle a Harley Davidson WLA he was transferred to Despatch Rider duties with the 7 Australian Lines of Communication Provost Company in Western Australia from where he rode on convoy duty to Broome and other places. Chas said that due to road accidents only 11 of the 35 Despatch Riders in his units survived the war. Chas was demobbed on 25th June 1946.

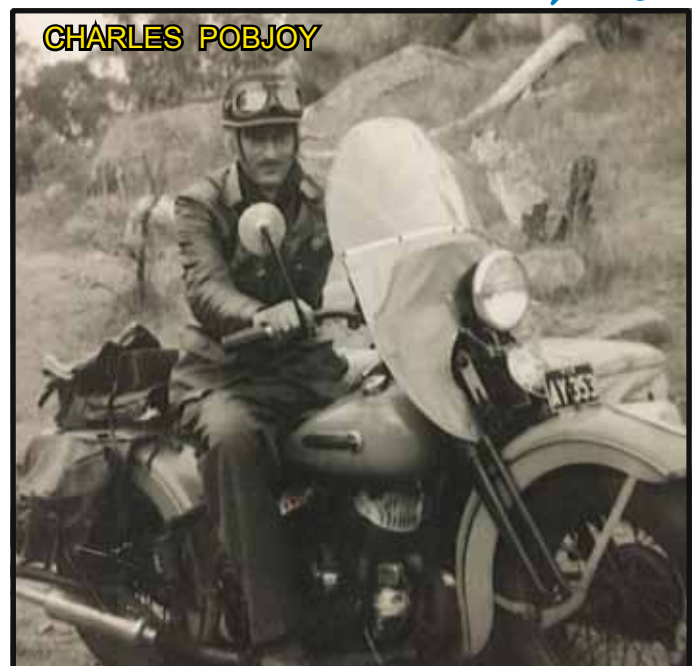
Our sympathies are extended to his family including his widow Flora, sons Ray of the Norton Club and Andrew and Chas' youngest sister Elaine Maynard, Wal's widow, who is well known to our older members.

One of our younger members, Matthew Gellert wrote that:

I only met Chas on about two occasions and on one of those occasions he gave me a set of Ariel girder forks. I will always remember that he did this for me. At last he's able to have a beer with his mates that have long gone before him. Sad to hear but a very good innings.

John Cox

CHARLES POBJOY



GENERAL MEETING 2nd FEB. 2017

Meeting opened at 8:20pm

One minutes silence for members passed in 2016.

Apologies: J. and D. Stewart, A. Newman, P. Fisher, W. and H. Vickers, N. Carr, M. Summers, K. Mitchener

Visitor: Bob Pease – Sign maker

Correspondence In: Various Newsletters; Entry form for RACV 1 and 2 cylinder Rally; RACV Great Australian Rally Flyer; Invite to Steam Festival; Bendigo Swap thank you and a \$20 Donation; Shannons Catalogue; Moe Racing Club invite; Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival invite to participate in the parade on Easter Saturday.

Correspondence Out: Nil

Moved N. Hunter, Seconded V. Minogue - Carried

Minutes of previous meeting - Moved N. Hunter,

Seconded R. McGillivray - Carried

Treasurers Report as at 31st January:

General A/C \$9,119.86

Rally A/C \$6,033.50

Investment A/C \$53,185.37*

*Reinvested for 12 months at 2.52% per annum.

Moved N. Hunter, Seconded V. Minogue - Carried

Rally Report:

Mick Guilfoyle spoke on the following:

Breakfast Rally held by the Indian Club on the 15th Jan. 2017. 35 bikes on it.

Great Race 26-29th Jan held at Merrijig. 160 bikes attending. An Indian won.

John Cox spoke on New Gisborne Run which was Great day out. The Phillip Island Classic on 27-29th Jan. had two of our members racing with Ken Lucas recording a top speed of 141km/h and Peter Gregory 148km/h both on Norvins. Over the weekend there were three eligible club bikes participating an Indian (142km/h) a Red Hunter Ariel (157km/h) and a Silver Star BSA (159km/h)

Mick Guilfoyle spoke on upcoming events.

Club Spares-Tyres and Guards still available

Library –no change; Apparel- no Change

General Business:

John Fletcher spoke on Display Day at Mad Biker and AMX at 477 Dorset Road, Bayswater. The event has had a promotional article in the Leader newspaper with photos of some members. Rotary Club are supplying food and drinks, there will be balloons for the littlies, Brass Band (11th Feb.) and a Rhythm and Blues Band and Bayswater CFA will also be attending with a little engine for the kids. A banner has also been arranged for promoting the event. Members said they'll bring up to 20 bikes.

Neville Babb asked people to hand out Swap Pamphlets
Neville Babb asked people to hand out Swap Pamphlets at Ballarat. Ray Franklin to arrange SES etc.

John Cox reported that:

Doncaster Library Historian was seeking the address of Merv Cooper's Box Hill shop - Whitehorse Rd.

The email enquiry for a dealer in California was found to be genuine and a thank you to all those who responded.

Members were thanked by Gary Walker the number plate man at Scoresby swap for all their support.

Exhaust Notes were delivered on time this month by Australia Post. The electronic version elicited responses from as far and wide as New Zealand and South Africa.

Alexandra Show and Shine will have a ride and display a rebuilt bike that was destroyed in the Black Saturday Fires.

Kalorama Rally has a facebook page.

Neville Babb said the unusual sidecar pictured in the newsletter was identified as a Yeates, made in Coburg, and a Yeates foot step badge was handed around.

Neville Hunter has a veteran era Rock sidecar built in Melbourne. He asked for any information on this.

John Mepstead reported on the motorcycle only Goulburn Swap that was a good meet.

Dave Dumble put out some spanners for purchase.

Our special Guest Bob Pease displayed and spoke on his acrylic and timber display signs. They can be up to 400mm by 600mm. He also does brass engraving, badges and small gears.

It was reported that the supplier of the toolboxes advertised in the newsletter is on holidays overseas for six months so delay any enquires until later in the year.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

COMMITTEE MEETING 9th FEB. 2017

Meeting opened 7.30 pm.

Present: D. Reed-Smith (Chair), J. Fletcher, M. Guilfoyle, J. Dargie, J. Street, P. Walsh, P. Horner, T. Ryan, J. Cox

Apologies: R. Franklin, K. Miller, B. Curley.

Correspondence In: Various newsletters.

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved J. Dargie, Seconded M. Guilfoyle - Carried

Treasurer's Report as at 2nd February General Meeting

Moved T. Ryan, Seconded: J. Street - Carried

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil

General Business:

Denis Reed-Smith spoke on Maryborough Trophies - will be only for the Phil Irving Trophy and the Paddy Walsh Shield.

John Street requested we set dates ASAP for the 2018 and 2019 Scoresby Swap Meeting.

John Cox spoke about the new placement of advertisements for the Swap Meet in bike magazines.

John Fletcher spoke on the arrangement and planning for the club display at Bayswater.

Terry Ryan spoke on the clubs rules on the website as being labelled drafts

A thank you was given to John Fletcher on behalf of the club for all the hard work done on the display.

Denis Reed-Smith thanked John Cox on the quality of the newsletters.

Rally Report:

Mick Guilfoyle gave a run down on upcoming events and forwarded a message from Ken Miller that on the Sunday of the Maryborough run at Clunes we make our presence known at the Clunes Truck show.

Note that no committee meeting in March due to closeness to Maryborough Rally.

Meeting closed at 8.48pm.

From the home edition of the London Daily News 18th October 1928

Regulations to prohibit mechanical hooters in towns are foreshadowed by the Minister for Transport. Referring to the "terrible nerve-racking and incessant noises". He said, he is considering whether the "Low Note" Bulb Horn is sufficient to warn pedestrians.



VMCC Display Day and the TRIUMPH Speed Twin at 477 Dorset Road Bayswater by Philip Horner

I have enjoyed many picturesque rides on a motor bike along coastal roads or through forests. I have experienced exhilarating fast rides around race tracks and winding country roads. There have been stressed rides on a low fuel tank of petrol or with part of the bike not functioning properly but a short ride from Vermont to Bayswater for the VMCC Display day has been by far the most EMOTIONAL ride of my life. You see on Saturday 10th February 2017 it had been 16 years since I had last ridden my father's – (Bill Horner) 1939 500cc Triumph Speed Twin outfit after selling it to Wes and Heather Vickers. A handshake deal at the time giving me "first right of refusal" should it ever be sold again, had enabled me to purchase the outfit back for my two sons William and Kyle.

Whilst I had enjoyed reading of Heather and Wes's numerous adventures on their treasured new Triumph over the years and was really thrilled to see the outfit "starring" in the TV mini – series Pacific which was digitally produced and enhanced by Digital Pictures where I was working at the time, I began wondering if I had done the right thing. The outfit had certainly been adopted into a wonderful Triumph home and family and was enabling 2 tremendous people to enjoy the thrill of riding it but I occasionally heard Dad's voice inside my head saying "Where is the bike?" and "What will the boys ride?"

Many a night I dreamed of getting it back but it seemed impossible due to how much it was loved by its new owners and perhaps their extended families as well. Not to mention the financial aspect either - where would I find the spare money now with 2 busy son's and a wife at university to support? However, "the road to recovery" and "to dream the impossible dream" began with two sources of inspiration. The first – a visit from an amazing guy called Bryce Findlay who had known Dad and sold him a 1934 Triumph XO in pieces over 25 years before. Bryce informed me that many years before that, he had himself been inspired by Dad's Triumph Speed Twin outfit to stop building chop-pers and start getting in to Triumphs. He insisted that I MUST get it back even though I thought that he would have loved to have it as well. Apparently, one day when Bryce first saw the outfit drive into Merv Cooper's bike shop where he worked, it had been like the sun rising and he could now see the light! He had never laid eyes on such a beautiful machine. This was THE bike that had inspired him to change his life (Perhaps even the guy ON the bike was also influential?)

The second source of inspiration came from re-meeting members of the VMCC at Bob Duncan's funeral. Bob, who was a dear friend over 35 years, my senior and a fantastic VMCC member, as well as the four VMCC members who attended rekindled the many memories of fun times at club events that the loss of my father had caused me to give away years before because it would never be the same again without the person I went to all of the events with.

After Bob's funeral I re-joined the VMCC using Dad's 1934 unfinished XO as my club eligible bike. It was so uplifting to re-acquaint with members who had been in the club twenty years ago and were long-term members even back then! Lindsay James, Bob McGillivray, Pat Walsh, Andrew Jeffery just to name a few and they were now joined by so many new members all so welcoming and friendly. I felt that I had come home after a long journey and it was a very good feeling too. I didn't imagine that this story would have a fairy tale ending, which was me being back at the club, enjoying the events again but on Dad's Speed

Twin. I wouldn't allow myself the luxury of hoping for something so impossible.

Then at one meeting at the clubrooms I spotted Heather and Wes and I wondered if I could summon up the courage to ask if they had considered selling the bike back to me. I respected them so much that I didn't want to annoy them with such a ridiculous question. I approached them wondering how I would broach the subject when Heather asked me straight up - "When do you want to buy the Speed Twin back?" "We are ready to sell it back to you". Just as agreed that day when they bought it 16 years ago! Well there was no beating around the bush. I just let my feelings be known. "Now Tonight! I am ready to buy it back!" Well it took a couple of months for me to make the space in my much smaller garage and to actually complete the deal but what a relief it was.

What wonderful strength of character and integrity as well as honesty it was for Wes and Heather to honour the handshake deal made all that time ago. No wonder that Heather and Wes are lifetime members of this club. Tremendous people and a perfectly matched Lady and Gentleman.

I had still not informed my wife Erika of this purchase and was very worried that she would be most unhappy about it. Much of the time she had been overseas researching for her Ph.D. and I had not wanted to stress her while she was away. I finally built up the courage to take Erika out to the garage and show her what I had been up to while she was away and she surprised me completely with her absolute delight in getting the bike back. "When can we go for a ride?" was her first question. All that worry over nothing! When will I get to know what this woman is thinking? It has been twenty years and she still keeps me guessing! (Perhaps it was the cleaned up garage that she liked as well?) Anyway, getting back to the ride from Vermont to Bayswater. I discovered that buying it back had been one thing but actually riding it was another. The fact that I really did have it back hit me. The cause of my eyes watering was not the wind and bugs in my face, I had a good sob on that ride and a little chat with Dad whom I felt was sitting in the sidecar next to me. How to handle that outfit was deeply embedded in to my memory and I was surprised that it only took a few metres for it to all come back. Was I really on Dad's Speed Twin. Is it really mine? Will I wake up in a few seconds? How could this be true?

It came true because I had allowed myself to pursue what seemed the slightest possibility. It was also inspired and encouraged by some wonderful VMCC members – Denis Reed Smith, Lindsay James, Bob Duncan and of course Bryce Findlay. The ride from Vermont to Bayswater was only about 5 or 6 k/m's but it was a journey that took 16 years to eventuate. Many things are now back in place. Who knows what would have happened if I had just kept the bike? Dad may not be here but part of him went into that bike and me being back on that bike, particularly on a VMCC event again, brings a little bit of him back to me. I've gone from the sidecar seat to the drivers seat but Dad is still on the bike with me. He doesn't say much but he never said a lot anyway. Life really is Great and incredibly surprising.

Before I finish – I was approached by a potential new member late in the day as we were packing up to leave after a wonderful day and he asked me "What benefit is there for me to join this club – the VMCC?" Well yes there are the obvious answers – help with restoring your bike, potentially access to some parts, great rallies to ride on in a safe group convoy in the countryside, preserving old marquees of motorbikes for future generations, etc. However, perhaps it is the intangibles that are the best reasons for joining this club – meeting such wonderful people. How do you really convince potential new members of this point though? Sometimes it takes sixteen years to fully understand and appreciate.



The Vintage Motor Cycle Club of Victoria Inc.

Reg. A0006534



Run Co-Ordinator
Jim Swanton

ALEXANDRA RALLY 2017

13th and 14th May, 2017



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

ENTRIES CLOSE: Thursday 4th May, 2017

Accommodation is the responsibility of each entrant.

Suggested accommodation is listed below:

- Alexandra Tourist Park : 03 5772 1222
- Alexandra Motor Inn : 03 5772 2077

Any further queries contact Ray Franklin (President) on Ph. 03 9801 1492

RUN DETAILS

Saturday 13th May:

Run leaves Alexandra information centre at 11.30 am sharp for a short run to Yarck for lunch. Return Run is back to Alexandra via Highlands and Yea. Run is approx. 130 km. Note: due to a number of requests the Saturday Run is in the reverse direction to past runs. This is so we can take in the magnificent panoramic vistas that previously were only seen from a rear vision mirror.

Sunday 14th May:

Run commences at 10.00 am sharp from Alexandra Information Centre for a run of approx. 90 km to Marysville for BYO brunch and return to Alexandra at approximately 2.00 pm.



REGISTRATION FORM

ALEXANDRA RALLY, 2017

Please complete both sides of this form and forward with cheque or money order
(made payable to "The Vintage Motor Cycle Club of Victoria Inc.") to:

Barry Curley

36 Prior Avenue

Gladstone Park Vic 3043

Please enclose a stamp addressed envelope if receipt is required.

| | Adult Cost | No. Attending | Child Cost | No. Attending | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Saturday Lunch | \$12.00 | * | Nil | * | \$ |
| Saturday Tea at Hotel | BYO | ** | | ** | |
| Sunday Brunch | BYO | | | | |
| Rally Entry Fee | \$15.00 | | | | \$15.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$ |

Name _____

Membership Number _____

* If you are paying for Saturday Lunch - please include all additional names of persons having Saturday Lunch.

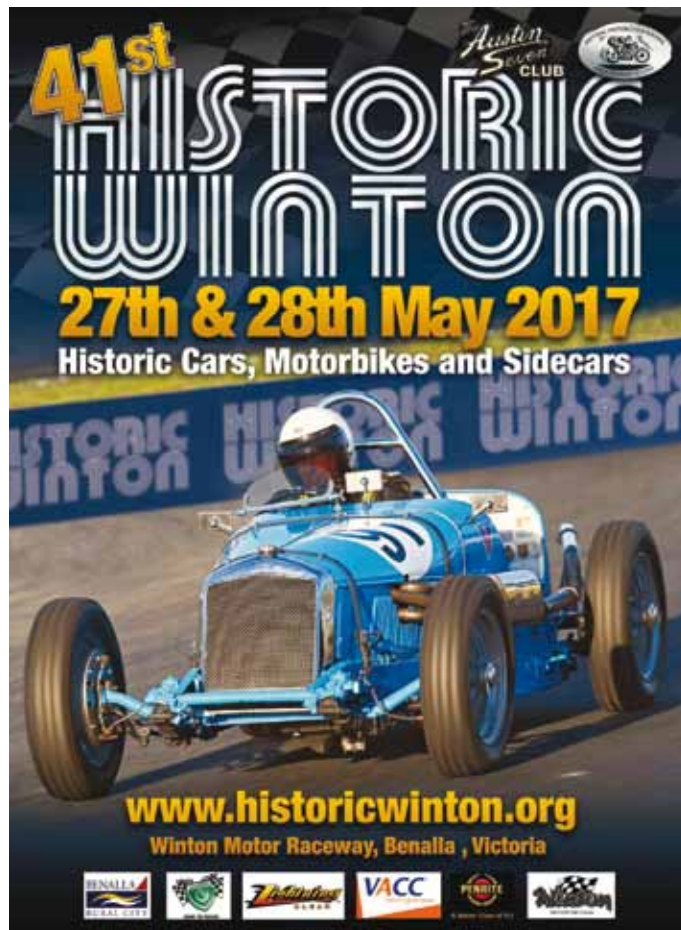
** Please indicate the number/s attending Saturday Night Tea at the hotel so that Jim can let the manager get an idea of numbers to expect.

Historic Winton 27th - 28th MAY 2017

Last year we had a record number of club members bring their bike/bikes for display. Let's make it another great week-end as we fly the flag for our club. If you have pre 1910 motorcycles particularly, Excelsior or Douglas, they wish you to place those bikes in the Heritage Section. All other club eligible bikes will be placed in our usual area where we have our Marques set up.

If you are planning to bring a bikes /bikes to this fantastic week-end, either the Saturday or Sunday or both days, please let me know no later than Wednesday, May 17th. This will enable me to send you your tickets in plenty of time. Remember Australia Post is slow these days.

DAVE JAMES Ph. 57 216 747 Mob. 0409 011 953
email. jamfam@dragnet.com.au



EVERY PERSON ENTERING A MOTORBIKE MUST COMPLETE THIS DECLARATION

All bike details must be completed in full

Declaration

Please accept my entry and enclosed cheque/money order for \$_____ to cover my entry fee and meals. 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.

Name _____

Membership Number _____ Additional Names _____

Address _____

Contact Tel _____ Next of Kin _____ Contact Tel _____

Email: _____

Machine Make: _____ Year _____ Capacity _____

Reg/Permit No. _____ Solo/Outfit _____

Signed _____ Date _____

(If more than one bike and/or more additional names please attach separate sheet of details)

ALEXANDRA 2017



MARYBOROUGH RALLY 2017

On the Friday at 5pm we had the 42 km shakedown run to Carisbrook with a stop at the hotel.

**Rally Director
Denis Reed-Smith**

Saturday's 111km outing had us leave at 10 am for aregroup at Talbot and then on to another regroup at Lexington and then onto Avoca for lunch. On return to Maryborough we prepared for dinner at the Golf Club and were able to enjoy much conviviality over a long period until our supper was served. Denis Reed-Smith thanked everyone for their participation during the award ceremony.



Sunday's 102 km run had us leave the Post Office at 10 am for Newstead regroup and then to Clunes for the Historic Vehicle Show where our bikes were displayed at the showgrounds. We left Clunes from O'Hara's Bakery where some went the direct route to Maryborough and some chose a longer run.

We did our own marshalling with Club Captain Mick Guilfoyle lead riding. Great to see our second generation youngsters Emma King and Alex Scarlett on modern bikes take up marshalling duty. Alan Greenway who participated in our first Maryborough Rally came on the rally with daughter Lisa to support us. Mark and Karen Byrnes celebrated their wedding anniversary on Saturday Night. A big thank you to Darren Reed-Smith for his duties as back up driver for the parts of the rally where he wasn't riding the AJS and had handed over the van to Denis. And a very big thank you to Denis for his organisation and willingness to take on the director's job. All participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves. **Editor**



**GEOFF FULLARD PURCHASED
HIS COVENTRY EAGLE IN 1947**

MARYBOROUGH PARTICIPANTS

Alwyn Babb 28 Triumph 500
Neville Babb 21 MAG
Ray Babb 29 Triumph 550
Cooper Brownlee 42 Harley
James Brownlee 38 Harley 1200
Bruce Brunner 38 Ariel 500
Tony and Angela Chaplin Royal Enfield O/F
Doug Cowie 41 Indian 500
Malcolm Cox and Melinda Widjanarko 29 Norton MDL19
John Cox 40 BSA 500
John Dargie 34 Panther 600
Geoff Fullard Coventry Eagle
Matthew Gellert 37 Ariel 250
Graeme Glover 35 MS Velocette
Mick Guilfoyle 42 Harley **Lead Rider**
Neville Hunter 42 Ariel 350
Lindsay James 42 Harley
Mark and Mary-Anne King 42 BSA 500 O/F
Chas Lipscombe 16 New Imperial
Gilbert McDougall 37 Velocette 250
Ken Miller 42 Harley 750
Kel Mitchener 30 Douglas 600
Ian Reid 37 Rudge Ulster
Denis Reed-Smith 27 AJS 350 and Back Up
Stephane Rio 33 Peugeot 250
Neil Robert BSA 350
Adrian Robinson 40 BSA 600
Martin Scarlett Ariel
Daryl Stayches 42 Harley
Dale Stewart Triumph
John Street 17 JAP 770
Pat Walsh 15 Pasco 770
Warren Young 37 Rudge Special 500
Peter Zwolinski 39 Triumph 500
Mark and Karen Byrnes Marshals and Support
Alan and Lisa Greenaway Transport
Emma King Suzuki GS500 Marshal
Darren Reed-Smith Back Up and 27 AJS 350
Alex Scarlett 03 Ninja Marshal
Trish Stayches 02 Harley Marshal

MARYBOROUGH AWARDS

Phil Irving Award: Bruce Brunner 38 Ariel
Paddy Walsh Memorial Shield for Oldest Motorcycle:
Pat Walsh 15 Pasco



Club Member Peter Birthisel with crew Toni and Mason at Lake Gairdner salt flats. Peter achieved a speed of 147.710 mph on his Indian entered in the 1350 cc class.



BRIAN TYLER'S PSM DIAMOND CREEK RUN

Sunday 23rd April 2017

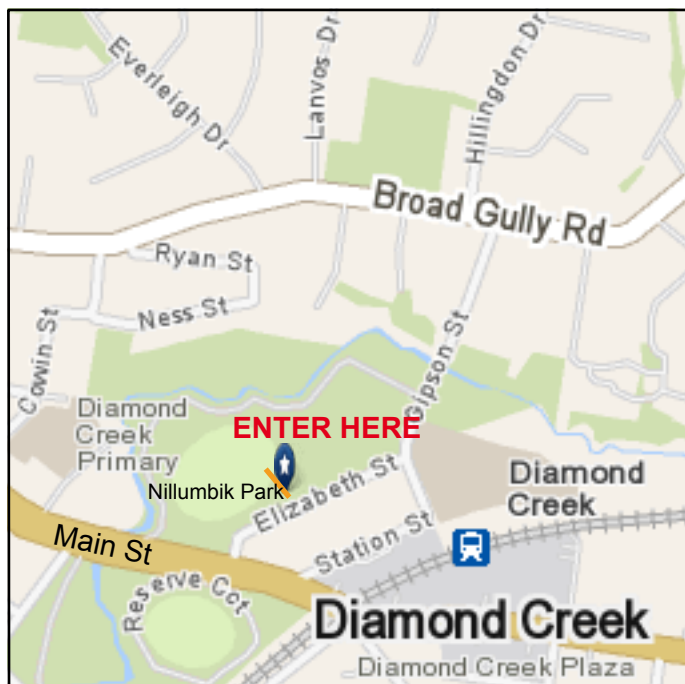
7.30 am for 8.00 am start

Melway Map **12 – A5**

Nillumbik Park, Diamond Creek
enter from Elizabeth St.

A ride in the picturesque Diamond Valley - and it's close to Melbourne! We'll finish around lunch time.

Contact: Brian Tyler Mob. 0411 55 6755



INTERNATIONAL ISLAND CLASSIC

27th – 29th JANUARY 2017

Pre-war motorcycles were grouped in with 125cc post classic and forgotten era and 250cc classic and post classics.

Three pre-war bikes racing were Clive Harrop's 1938 Ariel Red Hunter 500 (157 km/h); Ross Bolding's 1942 Harley WL750 (142 km/h) and Terry Kavney's 1938 BSA Silver Star 500 (159 km/h).

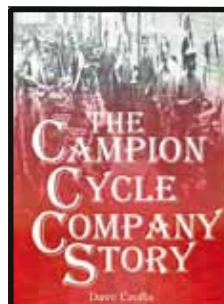
Our two members competing were Ken Lucas 1953 Vincent Norvin 1300 (141 km/h) and his nephew Peter Gregory also on a Vincent Norvin 1160 (148 km/h).

John Cox



CLIVE HARROP'S 1938 ARIEL RED HUNTER

PHOTO J. COX



BOOK REVIEW

by Jonathan Hill

**"The Champion Cycle
Company Story"**

When pioneer motorcycle manufacturers are discussed and compared, it is unlikely that the Nottingham firm of Campion is included or indeed remembered. This is unfortunate, because Campions – successful engineers and cycle makers – really were pioneers, making their first motorcycle, using their own engine, in 1899.

The story began with William Campion in the 1860s. He built textile machinery and ran a mill in Nottingham's labyrinthine Lace Market. By the 1870s the bicycle craze was established in England and saw the production of the first Campion cycles – at their peak they were producing 400 bicycles a week. Links to this with Thomas Humber and Harry Curry are explored along with other notable characters of the period. As motorcycle design evolved Minerva, Blackburne and J.A.P. engines were fitted, powering also their range of forecars and light cars. During WW1 they designed, patented and built ambulance sidecar outfits for the Red Cross to take two stretchers, one above the other and in the 20s producing England's first motorcycle taxi. Throughout their production the bicycles and motorcycles were proven in competition both at home and abroad. Campion riders achieved many successes in hill climbs and the prestigious MCC long-distance trials of the period as well as gaining records at the Brooklands circuit. Always of high quality, with production of about 45 machines a week, by the early 20s Campions could boast saddle tanks, 4-speed Jardine gearboxes, electric lighting, hub brakes and a choice of single-cylinder and 1,000c.c. v-twin engines – even a TT model was listed. A marvellous period image is included of their most famous customer, Nottingham's Captain Albert Ball VC, the WW1 ace fighter pilot, astride his sporting Campion solo.

When recession took hold they were taken over in 1928 by H. Curry & Sons (now the modern-day white goods conglomerate) and from 1930 the marque was never to be seen again – officially that is. . . . The interesting thing is that after the Curry takeover, Edwin Campion had already set up in Bathley Street, Nottingham. The archives show in the 1930s this property/factory was named as Edwin Campion and Sons, motorcycle manufacturer. Somehow retaining his frame jigs and specialist tools, this must have been done behind Curry's back. Machines were produced with Blackburne engines for the Glasgow TT winner Jock Porter, under the name of "New Gerrard" (possibly re-badged Campions) – allowing Porter time to build and race his machines.

Following the acquisition of an incomplete and very rusty Campion, author Dave Crofts embarked on a long-term restoration and research project, resulting with the self-publication and printing of this excellent book – the first record of the complete Campion history. Mr. Crofts is to be congratulated in adding another piece to the jigsaw of our motorcycle heritage.

Author: Dave Crofts. Published by D. W. M. Crofts, The Paddock, Bell Lane, Weston, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG23 6TW
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Also available from Amazon. Softback, 210 x 295mm (portrait); 118 pages with over 150 pictures and illustrations. £14.50

GENERAL MEETING 2nd MARCH 2017

A thank you was given to John Fletcher on behalf of the club for all the hard work done on the display at Mad Bikers and AMX

Meeting Opened at 8.20pm

It was requested that apologies be confined to regular attendees at the meetings.

Apologies: P. Walsh, N. Babb, P. Zwolinski, M. Guilfoyle, M. Moore, D. Dumbell. R. Muss.

Visitors: Mark Hammond, interest in club even though his bike is 1948 EST7. Don Adams, from Gippsland ex-army Royal Enfield. Don Catchier, various old bikes pre-1942, looking for a club that has runs not too far and fast.

New Members: Michael and Anthony Parks, Malcolm Cox and joining on night Mark Hammond.

Correspondence In: Various Newsletters.

Correspondence Out: Nil

Minutes of previous meeting - Moved J. Cox, Seconded R. McGillivray - Carried

Treasurers Report as at 28th February:

General A/C \$7,649.99

Rally A/C \$5,973.50

Investment A/C \$53,185.37

Moved J. Fletcher, Seconded, N. Hunter - Carried

Club Spares, Library, Apparel all no change.

Rally Report, as Mick Guilfoyle unable to attend meeting John Cox reported the success of the 11th and 18th February Mad Bikers and AMX Display and spoke on upcoming rallies.

Denis Reed-Smith reminded members that for the Maryborough Rally they need to book with him for Saturday night dinners.

John Mepstead Reported that the Mornington RACV Rally was attended by members Allan Greenway, himself and his son Scott, who took out an award on his G14. Ray Franklin reported the SES, Scoresby Steam Centre, Rotary are informed of our swap meet and Herald-Sun will be notified.

General Business:

John Street has a jacket that was left at a previous meeting. Two of the late Ian Donaldson's bikes are up for auction by Moss Green - 1918 Indian and 1930 Overhead cam AJS.

John Fletcher extended the report on the Mad Bikers and AMX Display reporting that the two bands thanked us for the opportunity to participate. Also Special thanks to John Street for the coffee.

Tony Edwards reported that Bob Muss was involved in a bike accident and has spent time in hospital our wishes are for Bob's speedy recovery.

Maffra Museum has some Douglas's of Jacky Russ.

Federation Report: John Mepstead reported Bendigo meeting was successful

Tony Edwards said members may leave labelled and priced items for sale at his Scoresby Swap site.

Neville Hunter advised member's that VicRoads have a new form for new club permits.

Life membership was requested for Neville Babb who had been a president for five years, librarian for a number of years and is a director of our swap meet.

Motion: that Neville Babb be offered Life Membership of our club.

Moved J. Cox, Seconded R. Franklin - Carried Unanimously

Barry Curley advised Vintage Drivers Club have increased rent by CPI 1.5%, however they have also given us a discount so we are actually better off now, because instead of paying \$302 we are now paying \$284

Member Mikel Dargie pit crewed at Lake Gairdner Salt Lake Speed trials with a XT Yamaha that did 127mph.

Don McGillivray acquired another Indian - a 1941 Chief.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm



Great Race 2017

by Mick Guilfoyle The 25th Great Race was celebrated by the rally being run for three days rather than the traditional two. Australia Day fell on a Thursday so registration was that afternoon with a BBQ in the evening. A large event considering the record

number of entrants, 160 entrants plus guests requiring catering for over 200. The rally proper was run on Friday, Saturday and finishing with a banquet lunch Sunday afternoon.

This year with the rally was centred in Merrijig at the Sebel Pinnacle Resort with the start gate in Mansfield. We were assured of some fantastic roads and scenery which it seems is always the case with this rally. Total rally distance was about 700 km with Friday's course running south to Eildon for lunch, then around the lake to Jamieson back to Mansfield. The roads ranged from good condition, unpaved to twisty mountain and open higher speed roads. Dinner was held at the Sebel Resort.

Saturdays route was to the north, Swanpool, Moyhu and Cheshunt with lunch being at Lake William Hovell. The return journey being via Tolmie. We enjoyed perfect weather, brilliant roads and some stunning scenery. A banquet dinner being held in the evening is always looked forward to.

Sunday was meeting at Mansfield for a time trial then a group up of all 160 bikes for a ride to the top of Mt. Buller. With all the bikes riding two by two in one group it was an awesome sight not to mention the sound of 160 pre 1958 Indian and Harley Davidson motorcycles snaking down the road and up the mountain in a column that was over a kilometre long.



I must thank the organisers for another not to be missed rally - a huge task to pull off. I also would like to thank Kevin Breen and Peter Arundel for their assistance in fixing my broken gear rod and riveting my wayward rear sprocket and brake drum back together. Without their help I would have not have been able to compete in the race, many thanks. P.S. Indian won! Regards, *Mick*.

VMCC CLUB EVENTS 2017

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| 2nd April | VMCC of VIC SWAP MEET, SCORESBY | Brian Tyler/ Neville Babb |
| 23rd April | DIAMOND CREEK PSM | Brian Tyler |
| 13th - 14th May | ALEXANDRA RALLY (See P. 7-8) | Jim Swanton |
| 27th - 28th May | VMCC DISPLAY AT HISTORIC WINTON (See P. 8) | David James |
| 8th - 9th July | BRASS MONKEY RALLY | Denis Reed-Smith |
| 1st October | KILCUNDA DAY RUN | Brian Tyler |
| 26th November | CLUNES DAY RUN | Mark and Karen Byrnes |

OTHER EVENTS 2017

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.

15th - 16th April Broadford Bike Bonanza Spectators \$35 or \$55 for 2 days. Contact: Ph. 03 9684 0515
22nd - 23rd April All British Rally at Newstead, Victoria. Details google ABR 2017 Online Booking.
27th - 28th May Historic Winton. Contact: Noel Wilcox 03 5428 2689
9th - 12th June Wagga Wagga V&VMC Rally. Contact: 0407 145 525
25th - 27th August Inaugural AMCA National Meet, Bulli Showground (NSW), P.O. Box 181, Fairy Meadow, NSW 2519, AUSTRALIA. Contact: Tony Blain 0419 229 605, or Mick Johnson 0419 297 171.
www.antiquemotorcycle.org

SWAP MEETS 2017

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 6th April and 4th May.
Next Committee Meetings at VDC Clubrooms at 7.30 pm on Thursdays 13th April and 11th May.

Letter from the National Library of Australia

Dear John 17th March 2017

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Jane Hodgins

Australian Serials eDeposit Project Officer

As Editor, I prepare and send out an emailed pdf of Exhaust Notes, so I have registered for this facility and received the following confirmation.

Dear VMCC, 22nd March 2017
Thank you for registering for the National Library of Australia's edeposit service.
Regards,
Legal Deposit & Acquisitions Team

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Letter to Editor

Hey John, January 30, 2017

I was offered this NSW motorcycle tag from one of the guys I met at one of the VMCC swap days at Scoresby. Just sending a pic to you. I'd like to thank the club for meeting the various people that help me collecting AUSTRALIAN MOTOR CYCLE plates. By all means use the photo.

Regards *Gary M. Walker*

Motorcycle License Plate Collector



At the **AMCA National** Bulli meet on the 25th - 27th of August they are having an auction of historic machines 35 years and older. This will be limited to 20 bikes and lot number 1 is a 1926 Harley Racer.

Exhaust Notes Apr.- May 2017

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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

I'll be at Scoresby and I have springs from an old closed down shop in USA. Possibly they are early gearbox springs of some description.



I have two pallet loads of reproduction parts which have just arrived from the UK.

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Other items include reproduction alloy cylinder barrels for 18CS AJ'S and G80CS Matchless, Altette horns, replica Miller headlight switches and ammeters, lucas indicator lights. Please provide part numbers so as to correctly identify item.

Contact: Peter (Cob) Smith Phone after 7.00 pm (02) 6553 9442 or mobile: 0415 372 108.

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Items for the next EXHAUST NOTES

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

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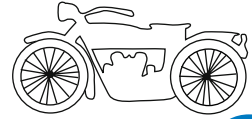
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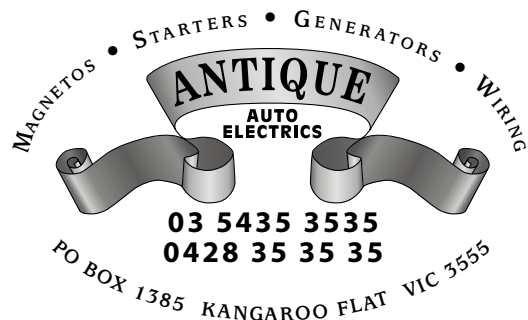
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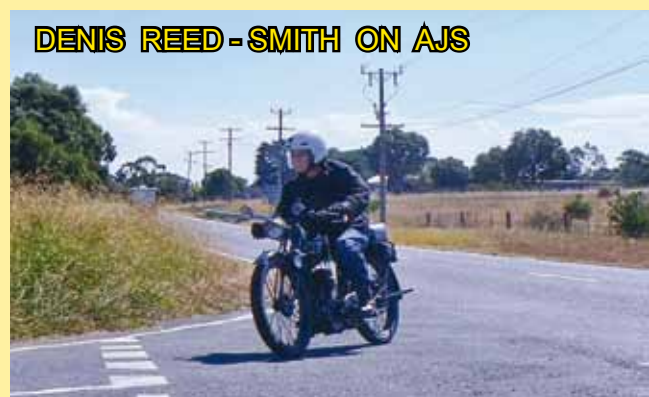
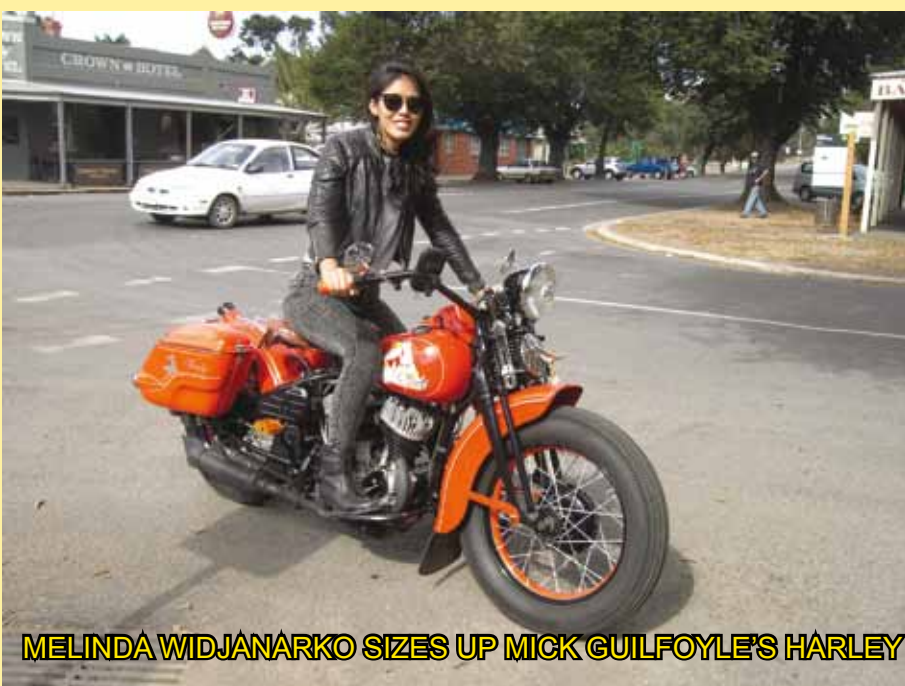
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