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Hartwell Motorcycle Club Newsletter

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Late Entries

At the recent Hartwell Committee meeting it was decided to again accept late entries. However in doing so, it comes with a risk to the rider. The rider entering late will incur a late fee of \$50 on top of the entry fee and will also have to accept that they may not be able to participate on arrival if we have no spare transmitters. The problem we face is that transmitters generally have to be ordered in advance. We do the count at the close of business on the date entries have to be in by and order the correct amount plus some spares, each transmitter has to be paid for regardless of whether we use it or not. It is not an option to run without a transmitter. You cannot order one of the spare transmitters, it will be a first in first served basis

TRACK TALK

As always our year started off at Phillip Island with the International Island Classic. This is a fantastic event and I must say one of my favourites. Hartwell members excel at this meeting both on and off the track. Ken Wootton does an exceptional job in the organisation of this event and as you read through the program and see familiar faces you realize that Hartwell members play a huge role in officiating and volunteering their services for this event. Well done everyone! For any Historic motorcycle enthusiasts this is a meeting you don't want to miss.

Australia has a team of 15 riders for the international challenge, 6 of those Hartwell members. Congratulations to Michael Dibb, Karl Corpe, Craig Ditchburn, Glenn "Herbie" Carroll, Stuart Loly and Andrew Lind, all part of the winning Australian team. Michael Dibb finished in 3rd place overall, a mighty effort. Andrew Lind won the Unlimited Forgotten Era Premier class and Ol' Rusty Nuts Jimmy Key showed us all that the nuts are not so rusty after all when he won the Unlimited Forgotten Era Consolation Class.

Unfortunately the event claimed some casualties as well. Best wishes to Karl Corpe and Nick "Gnomie" Van de Zand. I hope you are both on the mend and we will see you back at the track soon. Karl you once told me that you have never completed an Island Classic since you started racing Kawasaki's. Sorry mate but the bad luck continues. As for you Mr Gnome, I noticed that you entered this event under another club. If you haven't paid your membership get to it! We want to see you back racing with us.



Mick Dibb



Andrew Lind



Jim Key



Jim's Trophy

A TRIBUTE TO PHIL HARRISON

It is with much sadness that on Saturday 5th February at Winton that our fellow club member Phil Harrison passed away. All that knew Phil would tell you that he was a larger than life character who liked to tell stories, have a joke and was passionate about his motorcycle racing. He also enjoyed a beer, had the odd glass of wine or two, went dirt bike riding and had a great circle of friends all over the world. Phil was also a partner, brother, son and uncle. To his partner Michelle, his Dad, Brothers and Sisters, Nieces and Nephews, I extend my deepest sympathy.

I sat at Phil's memorial service and listened to the great tributes given to Phil by family and friends. As I sat there and listened I became aware of the fact that I knew very little about the man Phil Harrison. I knew the Phil the motorcycle racer as perhaps a lot of us did. We are all drawn together by this common thread of motorcycle racing but when we leave the track we are all going home to another part of our lives. We have families, jobs and other interests. I learnt a lot about Phil from the tributes and talking to his friends and family. I am saddened that I had to learn these things at a funeral.

These are some of the things I learnt. Phil was definitely a unique person and to some extent a non-conformist. He held his own views on life and was not swayed by popular trends or opinions. He was great company and entertained his friends with stories and jokes. He had the ability to maintain his friendships over many years regardless of the fact that they could be separated by thousands of miles. If you think about it that's some feat. How easy it is to drift apart when separated by distance. Obviously Phil valued his friendships and kept in touch. He loved his bike riding but at one stage of his life he gave it away and took up riding horses. Phil worked in different parts of the world. From what I have been told by his close friends that the happiest they have ever seen him was here in Australia. He loved his life in Australia and became an Australian citizen.

As a final tribute to our Aussie mate I ask that we take the time to get to know just one thing about the guy or girl in the next pit. Not just what bike they ride, or what lap times they are doing, something about the person not just the bike rider.

Vale Phil Harrison



Continuing on from the tragic accident that happened at Winton on Saturday I would like to commend the riders that rode on Sunday and also commend the riders that chose not to ride. I spoke to many riders personally as well as officials and commend every one of your decisions. These are hard decisions to make in view of the circumstances and unfortunately there is no right or wrong answer. Some of you I know rode on Sunday because you knew that it was Phil's wish for racing to continue, others did not ride out of respect for Phil. You all made the right choice, you chose what was best for you. Let's hope that we are not placed in this position again but if we are I hope we can look at each situation individually and make our choices. After all Phil was an individual as we all are, and to show our respect for each other and our individuality we need to judge each and every incident individually.

Congratulations to Mandy Beswick. Mandy collected her first ever trophy at the weekend, a 3rd place. Mandy has been racing for about 10 years and goes out on the track just to have fun, I hope this is the start of many more trophies for you Mandy.



Mandy with daughter Nicole

The second round of the club championship was held at Mt. Gambier on the Labour Day long weekend. As always Mt Gambier club made us very welcome and a great time was had by all.

We had our annual dinner on the Saturday night that was attended by about 70 people. Thanks to Marg Trotter and her helpers. The meal was fantastic.

The after dinner antics continued. Big thanks to Jim Key (alias Dolly Parton) and Dave Nicholson (alias Cher)you get the drift..... for being such good sports. You both gave us such a good laugh and Karen did a fantastic job in making your costumes. Thanks also to Lachlan Hill. He was our security person for the evening. Lachlan looked quite stunning in his security person's uniform.

The audience were great sports also. Thanks to those who participated in our "party games". It was a lot of fun!



Joe, Jake & Andrew take some time out after the days racing



No...oo.oo so you are not really the Clerk of Course!



"You've got my full attention" says Paul



Julie, Linda & Karen give "Chers" fishnets one last stretch whilst Anne waits in the wings to help "Cher" dress



Lachlan Hill security extraordinaire



"Cher" & "Dolly"



If only I could remember who I am!



The Audience

Our next round will be at Phillip Island on the 4th & 5th June. Look forward to seeing you all there. Until then, keep happy and keep safe.

Julie Nicholson



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Round 2 - Hartwell Motorcycle Club Championships

12th & 13th March 2011

report by Laurie Fox

WITH just on 100 competitors, including some welcome sidecars and juniors, last weekend's McNamara Park round of the Hartwell Motorcycle Club's 2011 road race championships produced a program of top quality events. While obviously the majority of riders were Victorian visitors, a small number of Mount Gambier Motor Cycle and Light Car Club members took part and achieved some excellent results.

Fresh from his two recent rounds of the Australian Superbike Championships at Phillip Island and Tasmania, Levi Day contested the Clint Farr 600cc Experts class with his 2006 Suzuki, winning the last four of the five races for the class after finishing second to fellow local David Trotter in Saturday's first leg. With his class run concurrently with the Over 600cc Experts, Day was never far behind top Victorian Steve Tozer on a CBR1000 Honda in the early races and then finished ahead of the entire field in Sunday's final two events as well as being second to Tozer in the Greg Bailey Memorial race for selected top competitors.

Capping off his weekend, Day also returned the fastest 600cc lap time of one minute and 14.382 seconds, little short of the outright record for the track.

As mentioned, David Trotter was the first 600cc expert in Saturday's opening race, third in race two and then second to Day in the next two legs before missing the final event after a creditable fourth in the Bailey Memorial against bikes up to 1000cc.

Although only able to ride in Saturday's races due to another commitment, Trotter's father Darren was third in the first 600cc experts event and second to Day in race two before finishing on a high with first in the Over 45s Veterans.

Local club secretary Richard Collin tackled the 600cc Novice category with his 1999 Suzuki and, after creditable fifth and fourth placings in Saturday's races, switched to some more suitable tyres on Sunday and finished his runs with three thirds. In the same class, long time Mount Gambier clubman Moryn Sullivan enjoyed his outings on a 600 Suzuki, not out to break any records but completing all five races. While there were no local competitors in the George Carrick Memorial contest for 125cc GP and 250cc machines, Adelaide junior Hudson Pitt rode the RS125 Honda owned by Mount Gambier's Dave Atkinson, finishing third behind the RS250s of Tim Inkster and Don Street in the first four events before coming home first in a depleted final race on Sunday.

The inclusion of five races for juniors was a worthwhile addition to the usual Hartwell program and produced some very close racing with Ty Lynch, Olly Simpson and Jake Thomas all scoring wins on their 150s while Victorian brother and sister twins Jacob and Tayla Street added interest on their little 70cc Moriwakis.

Always popular with spectators, the sidecars raced keenly with Duncan Rogers and Rod Bell taking out the first two events before Dwight and Noel Beare took over to win the three races on Sunday while Justin and Melissa Foot, Mark Leigh and Ian Robertson, and Fred and Russell Kruzycki all performed well.

Of the many other classes, Glenn Kettle was best of the F400s on his VFR Honda, Garry Gapes, Andrew Lind and Andrew English shared honours in the Superlights, Tozer headed the over 600cc experts until an unfortunate tumble on Sunday allowed Craig Nicholson to collect two firsts while Stuart Tait was too good in the over 600cc novices, winning all five races. In similar fashion, Wayne Nicholson was never headed on his CBR929 Honda in the pre-modern category despite some good efforts from Shaun Pilmore and Glenn Sharpe while Lind was too good every time on his Kawasaki Z1000 in the combined historic, thunderbikes and supermotos. Very happy with the success of the weekend, the Hartwell Motorcycle Club will now have rounds three and four of its championships at Phillip Island in June and Broadford in August before returning to McNamara Park to complete the 2011 series on October 29 and 30.

2011 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

125GP & 250 cc (now known as the George Carrick Mem) & **Formula 400 Modified & Standard** - (combined)

Pre-Modern – for machines 1991 to 2000 (compliance plate date used)

600cc – This race will be broken up into two events: an event for Novice and an event for Non Exp. & Expert

Over 600 – This event also broken up into – Novice, Non Expert and Expert (Novice to run separately)

Historic classes combined: P3, P4,P5, P6 (1983 to 1990) these classes must have log books

Thunderbikes/supermonos (Thunderbike = 1, 2 or 3 cylinder 4 stroke machine and the Supermono = single cylinder) will be combined with the Historic classes

Superlight

Greg Bailey (Experts & Selected NE) – must be noted on entry form

Sidecar – Rider & Passenger

Only one class per bike, no cross entry – if your bike is eligible for two classes, the choice is yours (see entry form)

A Best Presented (combination) *Bike & Rider* Trophy will be awarded at each round & an overall award presented at the end of the year.

ANY QUERIES / SUGGESTIONS ??? Contact the Club: PH/FAX: (03) 9729 7729 or email: Hartwellmcc@optusnet.com.au

Classifieds

For Sale:

Parts to suit R1

Ohlins TTX Rear Shocker to suit '07-'08 R1 \$1000 Ph 0417508639

Front and rear wheel with disks \$1000 Ph 0417508639

Honda GP 125 and 250 cylinders, to suit models from 1990 to 2008. Heads also available.

Brand new, made in Australia by Dirty Bertie.Contact Donny Biddle on 0409 082 351

R1 2008 Formula Extreme bike, over rear sets, ohlins TTX shock and ohlins fork internals \$16,500,

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Formula 400 stock class, VFR400 in race trim, runs well. \$2800 ph 0409 232 537

Bucket / Superlight project. Honda CB125n chassis and front end, fitted with brand new 150cc Loncin upright engine. \$350 Contact Daryl on 03 97301545

Wanted: Honda RS125 '89 Std Fork inner/leg or pair Ph Alistair Kinsella 0419884469

Supplier

Aircraft grade alloys for you guys wanting make up parts for their bikes can be obtained from Aircraft Metals with prices listed on www.airportmetals.com.au
Just mention, *Grant Carter sent you* to David Burton, Manager."

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Race Calendar 2011

MANY EVENTS YET TO BE CONFIRMED

Date	Title	Venue	Class (ASBK)
23-24 Apr	Broadford Bike Bonanza	Broadford	
22 May	Interclub Series - Round 2	Broadford Vic	
6/8 May	ASBK (2 + 4)	Barbagallo Raceway WA	SBK/PST
14-15 May	Victorian State Championship Rd 3	Phillip Island	
3/5 Jun	ASBK	Queensland Raceway QLD	SBK, PST, SSP, SST, LIT
4/5 Jun	Hartwell MCC C/Ship Rd 3	Phillip Island	
17 Jul	Interclub Series - Round 3	Winton Vic	
20-21 Aug	Hartwell MCC C/Ship Rd 4	Broadford	
19/21 Aug	ASBK (2 + 4)	Queensland Raceway QLD	SBK/PST
11 Sep	Interclub Series - Round 4	Broadford Vic	
23-24 July	Seniors Meeting	Broadford	
9 Oct	Col Sampson Observed Trial	TBC	
23 Oct	Interclub Series - Round 5	Broadford Vic	
29-30 Oct	Southern Classic	Broadford Vic	
29-30 Oct	Hartwell MCC C/Ship Rd 5	Mac Park	
11/13 Nov	ASBK (2 + 4)	Symmons Plains TAS	SBK/PST
18/20 Nov	ASBK	Phillip Island Vic	SBK, PST, SSP, SST, LIT
26-27 Nov	Hughie Hoare Memorial	Broadford	
2-4 Dec	6 Hour	Phillip Island	
3 Dec	HMCC Presentation Night	Bayswater	

SBK = Superbike, PST = Prostock (Superstock 1000), SSP = Supersport, SST = Superstock 600, SCR = Superside (Sidecars)
 LIT = Lites or 125GP/250mono, SMO = Supermoto, HMR = Historic Masters, AUC = Aussie Racing Cars

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