



January Newsletter, 2017

## **A quick squirt of the sauce bottle**

Another year is over and another end of year presentation over that went off with a bang. There were plenty of speeches and plenty of laughs going around with a lot of beer drinking and exaggerated stories (surprise surprise). Santa did come up to me and give me my beer, he was happy and cheerful and ho ho hoping I was going to skull it, but it was that lite ice crap that only Roly drinks and he has had it sitting in the back of his van for the past few years. I thought it may of fermented a bit by now to raise the alcohol content so I decided to give it a go but I could tell by the floaties in it and the smell as soon as I cracked the bottle top that it was not going to be pleasant, which it wasn't so I decided to water the tree out the front of the club house with it. Um sorry Karen, so if that tree dies out the front it was because of Roly's beer.

There were a hundred and one trophies given out that were all well-deserved and there were also some very special awards handed out which are as follows,

**David Camelleri Best Presented:** Allen Mcguire

**Sports persons of the year:** junior – Peter Nerlich, senior - Ben Gotch

**Wes Brown sidecar:** Justin Foot

**Clubman of the year:** Andrew Werner

**Life member induction:** Michael Wright

**Best looking all year:** sorry, was unable to find suitable talent this year...

**Ken Kavanagh :** posthumously Dwight Beare ( overseas achievement)

The presentation night was streamed live over the net for all to see, so even the people who couldn't make it didn't miss out.....they did miss out on a fantastic feed though. A few black jelly beans were handed out but there are still plenty more to be eaten so get your thinking caps on and get back to me with the answers to each trivia question! The party went on all night and I'm sure a bit too long as some of the 400 boys had to be booted out long after midnight and long after everyone else had left, at least they helped pack up the odd chair or two. A **MASSIVE** Thanks to all who were involved with making the year the success it was and helping out with the presentation night. It wouldn't of happened without your help because Poor Karen can't do it all by herself so a standing ovation for you all who chipped in! , now..... let's do it all again and roll on with 2017!



Ricondi were handing out beer on tap .....



and gave Ryan Lawes a brand new set of Ricondi leathers!



Can anyone remember what Andrew said to Renee? I think Ronnie remembers judging by the expression On his face.



The cue for the desert was long, for good reason, it was very tasty and I think a few of us went back for 2nds And 3rds.



Some fine trophies on display.....



Along with some fine people.

This year will have a welcome return to **Winton**. It's been a few years since we were last there and since that time Winton have made some improvements such as track resurfacing for one. We are looking forward to going back. Just remember it can get cold up there so bring your beanie and thermals.

**Mount Gambier** will be sure to entertain again and there are whispers of yet another trivia night..... " OH MY GOD!" I hear you say, Yes yes it may be true so If you have any suggestions of jokes ,activities or anything you think of that may contribute to this great event please feel free to pass on your ideas to Karen. Remember this is a club event so it takes all to be involved to make it happen and your support would be appreciated. For those of you who have never been to one of these **FAMOUS** trivia nights you won't go home disappointed. It is interaction for the whole crowd and sometimes embarrassing for others. Some of us are still scared from previous trivia nights and probably will be for life. But don't let that put you off, it's worth it! Here is a little reminder of what to expect.....



Arrrh yes I remember, the 'ol tape the empty tissue box around the waist, fill with pin pong balls and the lucky contestants had to shake them out without using their hands trick' It was a bit like watching dirty dancing!

The fantastic **Phillip island** gets another seeing to this year along with its long fast sweeping corners and fantastic ocean views, it is a track well liked from around the world and we are very lucky to be able to race there, just watch out for the geese and the slippery poo they leave behind on the track. Even the odd sea gull can give you grief, just ask Jorge.

Trusty **Broadford** is visited twice this year with its ups and downs and round and round features to make for a 5 round championship, so bottoms up let's get going and looking forward to seeing you all out there. Cheers ! #285 Glenn kettle ( ED )

## Trivial Trivia

I gather a lot of you out there think you know a bit about engines, bikes, suspension, girls, guys, the birds and the bees and the way a drop drips, so here is a question for you all. I will present a question every newsletter and a prize of a single jelly bean will be for all who get it correct. These are the black jelly beans I don't like, left over from the packet and I don't want to see them go to waste.

Ok here we go.

Previous newsletter question

**QUESTION** - how would you increase valve lift without increasing the height of the cam lobe?

**ANSWER** -depending on your valve train design all you have to do is simply change your rocker ratio. Like I said though, this depends on your valve train system, but a good example of this is you may already have a rocker ratio of 1.2, this means that the valve will open 1.2 times more than the height of the cam lobe. If you change the rockers with a ratio of 1.4 then the valve now opens 1.4 times more than the height of the cam lobe, even though you have not changed the cam lobe itself.

Another way is to machine the base of the cam, if you remove 1 mm off the base of the cam and shim up the difference then you affectively increase valve lift by 1mm even though you have not touched the lobe itself.

There is yet a third way to increase valve lift without increasing lobe height. Any guess's on any other way to do this? Come see me and share your thoughts.

## NEW QUESTION

After you change the brake pads on your car or bike, what is the most important thing you should do before driving or riding?

This simple question can be applied at home at work or at the track. It sounds logical when you hear the answer but you will be surprised how often it can cause accidents.

Answers will be in the next newsletter.

## From the office

Some changes for 2017 are as follows:

- MA have increased Race License fees to \$320 and also One Event Race Licence fees from \$60 to now \$90!
- The 600 and Over 600 riders will get longer races on Saturday in lieu of practice.
- We will be implementing the 10 year rule for helmets – Helmets over 10 years old will not be passed by scrutineering.
- Non plastic Valve caps must be fitted.
- Non-glycol coolants are now accepted.
- 250/300 class is now called the 300 supersport class
- Please read our 2017 Guidelines for further updates and also the Supp. Regs for round 1 and 5. These will be placed on our website along with entry forms. Or call the office to have one sent to you.
- Don't forget **all memberships are now due**. Membership forms are available from the website or call the office to have one sent to you.

The **Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria** will be having two display days of Veteran and Vintage motorcycles at 477 Dorset Road, Bayswater on February 11 and February 18 from 9am to 3pm. Loads of old and interesting machinery to view.

## 2017 Rider upgrades

Believe it or not some of you have been riding very well over the past year or more, so what better way to celebrate than to put you in with other riders who can also ride well, the following specimens of fine riding talent have been up-graded accordingly,

### **TO EXPERT**

Steve Lynch  
Adam Stockdale  
Nicholas Leith  
Bob Mackenzie  
Brook Coombs  
Tassy Limanis  
Ashley Daff  
Ali Tajvar  
Steve Ho  
Allen McGuire

### **TO NON EXPERT**

Luke Croston  
Jamie Kennett  
Alex Katakouzinis  
Luke Jones  
Karl Grouwstra  
Brian Kozan  
Gerard Herdman  
Darren O'Dowd  
John Cartwright  
Greg Lewis

Well done guys! This is a great way to see that your riding has improved.

Remember, lap times are not the only thing that make you a good rider, sometimes you may not be going faster but you are more aware of your surroundings which makes you a safer rider. Keep it up!

Peter Stanhope gave a good speech in recognition of a special committed club member, here is the speech if you missed it.

I should know this speech off by heart as I have waited 4 years to present this award. For one reason or another tonight's recipient has not been able to attend presentation night and the committee felt that this award is special enough that it should be presented in person.

Over a number of years the club has gained a well-deserved reputation for being a friendly and encompassing club, where family and friendship are as important as the on track competition. We have always had an 'if it has two wheels and an engine we will find a category for you to race it in and someone to help you set it up' approach, and over the years the committee have worked hard to develop and encourage this sort of environment.

Ladies and gentlemen there is not often a more obvious example of someone exhibiting these characteristics than tonight's recipient. This person has been a member of the club, has competed successfully at club, state, and national level, has been a member of the club committee, and has worked as a volunteer official in a number of important areas.

This person goes out of their way to help riders prepare their bikes and can always be relied upon to offer helpful advice and hands on assistance. This person dives in to help out when and where there is a need. They have also been known to personally deliver bikes and equipment to a member's home when that member has met with an unfortunate accident. This person also organises the race officials and usually works on the start/finish line or recovery (and sometimes both). I am not sure who is whose right hand man these days but it certainly make working the start/finish line much easier knowing that there is someone around who has the knowledge and experience to take over at the drop of a hat.

This person of course is none other than Michael Wright and he was presented with the holy grail of life membership. We all see Mike at the start line and I know I have given him a nod every now and then as he checks me out to make sure I haven't jumped the start. A great guy and a well-deserved inductee.



## **Reminder of upcoming events**

**International Island Classic** - January 27 – 29 Phillip island

**Hartwell Rnd 1** - February 11 & 12 Broadford

**Hartwell Rnd 2** - March 11 & 12 Mac Park , SA

**Hartwell Rnd 3** - April 8 & 9 Winton

**Hartwell Rnd 4** - June 2 & 3 Phillip Island

**Hartwell Rnd 5** - August 5 & 6 Broadford

**Seniors** - September 9 & 10

## **Hartwell MCC Full Throttle Newsletter**

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