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Pictured: Laurie Fox leading the re-enactment ride to Port Mac at the clubs 100th Anniversary celebrations. See page 4.

Mount Gambier Motor Cycle Club Newsletter

Welcome by Ron Baker

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2013 Easter Cup Winner - Stephen Tozer



2013 Master of Mac Park Winner - Dave Trotter

Special points of interest:

- * The Club was founded on the 4th November 1913
- * The first Race Meeting held at McNamara Park was on 21st April 1962
- * Jeremy Burgess won the Master of Mac Park in 1978 the same year that Alex Campbell & Kevin Gleeson won the Sidecar Master of Mac Park

Welcome to Mac Park Newsletter #1 the official voice of M.G.M.C.C.

Already it's April and we are coming into Easter road races 19h-20th April.

The year had a great start with HMCRRSA Christmas races and with good performances by our riders.

Very notable was Darren Trotter's performance on Dave Atkinson's P3 G50 Matchless in coming 2nd overall to current Aust.P3 500 champ (club member) Jack Wright on a

Summerfield Manx. Many of our club members rode well with great results.

January started with junior coaching week and was well attended and let's hope we get some road

racers out of their coaching.

Following this, a scooter practice day was held to sort out bikes for upcoming event and everyone

gratulations to Orchard Road Racing Team on winning.

January and February ride days were well attended and well enjoyed



Joe, Darren & Jack ("The 3 Amigos") with their Ken Blake Memorial Trophies

was surprised at lap times that could be achieved

Our first event for 2014 was the inaugural 6 hour Scooter race. For details of event see further on. Con-

by all.

March 8/9 saw Hartwell club champs come to town and near perfect weather topped off an enjoyable weekend. Some of our

Welcome by Ron Baker (cont.)



Ted Collins



Dallas Skeer

members rode with huge success and showed the Vic's how to do it. Exceptional riding by Ted Collins in 125 saw him take 1st overall in George Carrick up to 250cc champs. Awesome display. Also good results to Jock Manser having his first ride on a 125 in the junior class a brilliant win overall to debutant rider Dallas Skeer. Awesome display from a 12 yr.old.

Other riders to have good results were Dave Trotter, the current lap record holder in Experts unlimited, Ryan Ritchie having his first ride on a 600 in non expert 600, Aaron Rigby on his Hyosung

was second overall in Thunderbikes and looked very impressive.

Saturday night meal was enjoyed by a large Hartwell crowd as usual and

I think as much fun and enjoyment was had by our club members who prepared the meal and cleaned up afterwards in our magnificent kitchen. It is often easy to become complacent and take our beautiful clubroom complex for granted but it has no equal at any other circuit, and sure some at bigger circuits may have bigger and more modern infrastructure but nowhere can you replicate the enthusiasm and enjoyment at road racers catering for fellow road racers.

The building, as with whole complex is a tribute to everyone who has and is involved in the running of Mac Park.



Jock Manser on his 125



Chief Stirrer & Taste Tester!



The Kitchen Crew (who said this is hard work?)

Presidents Report by Andrew Saunders

A warm welcome to all members of the Mount Gambier Motor Cycle and Light Car Club to the first newsletter of 2014.

It has been a fantastic start to the year with the very successful "6Hr Scooter Race" kicking off this year's events.

Good numbers at the first track days and plenty of entries in the second round of the Hartwell series have seen many riders enjoying the newly widened circuit with turn 8 (or old turn 1) challenging many to find the correct line through the corner.



The Kitchen Staff at the Hartwell meeting being waited on by Karen! (this is how you do it Marg!)

For members looking to reduce their lap times I recommend booking a coaching session as this will be of enormous benefit to finding those

elusive seconds and tenths of seconds. Contact details are on the web site.

We are all looking forward to the Easter Race meeting which this year sees the return to split rounds of the Master of Mac Park. We hope this will ignite plenty of interest from our members and we will see large grids for the event.

There was a Special General Meeting held on the 7th March at the clubrooms to ratify the constitution that was presented to Consumer and Business Services late last year.

The motion to ratify was lost and we have reverted back to the old constitution and name.

The committee are working on developing a modern constitution which will be based on the Model Sporting Club Constitution that the Office of Recreation and Sport have released as a guide to what a constitution should contain. As soon as the committee have a draft ready we will notify all members and place it on the web site for comment. Your feedback and input is vital so take some time to read it and send in any ideas or concerns.

Once finalised the committee will notify members of a Special General Meeting where you will have the opportunity to vote, to accept or reject the new constitution.

It is vital that all members attend these Special General meetings to ensure your vote is counted and that you have a say in how your club is run.

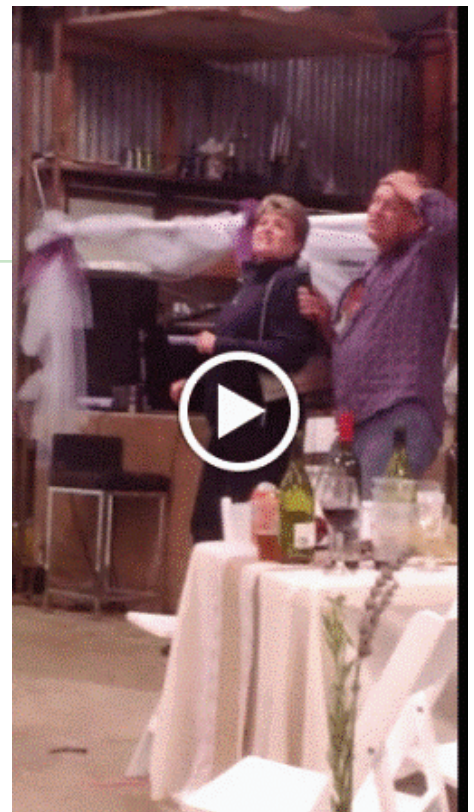
We hope to have a version ready for members to review soon.

There is planning underway for improvements around the facility, we are looking to increase the camping area behind the pits, build a new Race Secretary office and as always

widen some more of the track.

We will be holding some working bees in the future so keep an eye on the calendar page on the web site for dates.

Don't forget the coming track day on the 26th April and Coaching on the 17th April before the Easter race meet.



Our President & Moira in action recently trying out for positions in "Bjorn Again"

Hope to see many of our members at Easter for what promises to be a great event. (we may even crank up the Karaoke Saturday night!)

Andrew Saunders
MGMCLCC President

100 Year Anniversary by Ron Baker

On December 30th 2013 the MGMCC Inc. celebrated 100 years since it was founded and the club's first ride from Mt Gambier – Pt Macdonnell on motorbikes.

A re-enactment of this ride was led by our patron Laurie Fox down to Pt. Mac and back by our President Darren Trotter.

On the return to the Clubrooms the club put on a free BBQ for all those members that attended followed by an informative PowerPoint presenta-

tion of the history of motorcycling in the South East put together by Col Thompson. The highlight of the night was a surprise appearance of guest speaker Jeremy Burgess along with local identity Levi Day. Jeremy a former 1978 Master of Mac Park winner was interviewed along with Levi, 2012 Master



Master of Mac Park winners all (L to R) - Levi Day 2012, Jeremy Burgess 1978, Dave Trotter 2013 & Ashley Roe 2005



Jeremy & Levi being interviewed by Doug Dukes

of Mac Park Winner by renowned race commentator Doug Dukes in front of an enthralled crowd hearing Jeremy's tales as Chief Mechanic to international riders the caliber of Freddie Spencer, Wayne Gardener, Mick Doohan & Valentino Rossi as well as tales from Levi's 2013

season in the British 600 Superstock Championship. Videos of the interviews can be found on the "[Video Gallery](#)" page at www.macpark.org

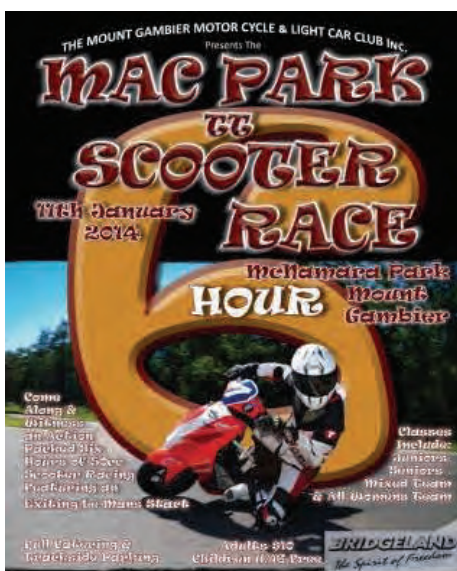
"Jeremy Burgess Chief Mechanic to international riders the caliber of Freddie Spencer, Wayne Gardener, Mick Doohan & Valentino Rossi"

Scooter Race 2014 by Darren Trotter

Our inaugural event was a great success due to the hard work of many

people throughout the club and the motorcycling fraternity.

The conclusion of the race saw the experience riders rise to the top but many inexperienced competitors completed hours of riding in fine form and a great time was had by all.



For many months prior the discussion about the event succeeding was high on the priority list, but as the date drew near entries exceeded expectations and we were off and running.

A great variance of competitors had entered including many first timers through to a number of A graders. Even people from South of the main land made the journey.



TBA Racing, consisting of Team Manager Joe Leighton & Riders Darren Trotter, Dave Trotter & Hillary Trotter. Perhaps they should have taken out the award for the most Duct Tape used!

After much discussion about starts, accidents and race management the Club came up with a plan that seemed to work quite well. 35 teams commenced and 31 completed the 6 hour event although was conjecture with one team having an hour off for lunch. Only 2 red flags prevailed with minor injuries sustained by fall-en riders.

After the event many excited participants relived the trials and tribulations



Scooter Race Report by Laurie Fox



Group A Winners - Team Orchard Road

WITHOUT doubt far exceeding the first thought expectations of its likely success, last Saturday's six hour scooter race at McNamara Park proved to have a most popular outcome with a remarkable entry of riders from many parts including Tasmania



Youngest Team - TNT Racing

Rarely used now days, many followers may not have seen a Le Mans start to a road race. The system requires all riders to line up along one side of the track with their machines on the opposite side held in readiness with a dead motor by another team member or mechanic and, at the signal, competitors sprint across, start their bike and the race begins.

In a different aspect, despite many people expecting a good number of the small machines to drop out with mechanical problems, reliability was outstanding with almost all completing the long six hour contest trouble free.

The excellent weather with just a light breeze was ideal for the little

bikes as well as bringing spectators in surprising number.

When it was all over, one of the fastest bikes with a team of top riders, the Robert Day managed A Grade "Orchard Road Racing" team of Levi Day, Wayne Fary and Lachlan Hill on a 2002 Yamaha ran out overall winners but not by a great margin from the second A Grade group "Dyselexic Carers" with Jerry Kushnir, Mark Boag and Gavin Penneck on an Aprilia and third placed "The Amazing Tim Experience" team of Tim Inkster and Tim and Ben Downbia on a 2005 Yamaha.

Heading the B Grade, the "Team Von Ellis" managed by Wayne von Einem comprised Karen, David and Scott Ellis on a Yamaha Aerox followed by the "Sofa Kings" with Graham O'Neill, Simon Sheldrick and Martyn Chambers on a 2008 V-Moto and "Two Heads Racing" with Shaun Patmore, Mark Hemsley and John Inkster.



Oldest Team - The Rusty Nuts Seniors

Turning to the special awards, the



Group B Winners - Team Von-Ellis

Youngest Team, "TNT Racing", comprised Ted Collins, Nic Liminton and Tom Bramich on an Aprilia, the Oldest Team, "The Rusty Nuts Seniors" with David Nicholson, Larry Fox and James Key on a 1999 Benelli, and the Best Presented group to the "Red Rocket" team of Adam Stockdale, David Hall and Charles Waters on a 1979 Honda Express.



Best Presented - Red Rocket team

The A Grade fastest lap was set by Day with 1m 51s while the top B Grade circuit was set by Victorian Fox in 2m 04s.

The two, four and six hour stage leader prizes all went to the A Grade winners, Robert Day's "Orchard Road Racing" team.

In all a quite entertaining day with the 50cc machines not appearing as slow as most anticipated and, in fact, more enjoying to many onlookers than high speed modern bikes with unreadable numbers flashing past although much loved by the riders

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Coming Events

17 April	Coaching
18 April	Easter Practice
19 & 20 April	Easter Cup
26 April	Ride Day
1 May	Coaching
2 May	Pirelli Series Practice
3 & 4 May	Pirelli Road Race Series
8 May	Coaching
9 May	Seniors Practice
10 & 11 May	Seniors Meeting
31 May	Ride Day
5 June	Coaching
6 June	Winter Classic Practice
7 & 8 June	Winter Classic
28 June	Ride Day
26 July	Ride Day

Classifieds

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tyre warmers ring Darren 0428 854
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Thanks for reading our newsletter and we will try to keep them coming. What I need are articles from our members e.g. racing reports, technical articles or just what happened while preparing your bike to race, or at your last meeting, also items for swap or sale.

Thanks to the contributors to this newsletter and to Les and Phil for making it happen.