

Mac Park Matters

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Pictured: Starter, Greg Peck, showing the Last Lap board at the Start/Finish line, a poignant reminder that the year is almost done & that this will be the last issue for the year.

Mount Gambier Motor Cycle Club Newsletter

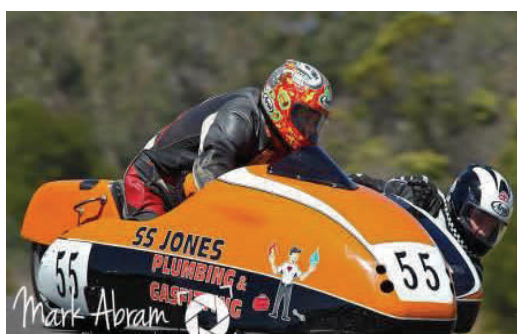
Welcome by Ron Baker

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Special points of interest:

- * When registration and licensing was introduced in 1906, there were 9 motorcycle listings for the town
- * Saturday 31st May 1947 saw the opening meeting of the Buck's Hill Scramble Track
- * Carl Hammersly was the first person to win the Master of Mac Park in 1976



2014 MOMP S/car Winners - Steve & Dave Jones



2014 Master of Mac Park Winner - Dave Trotter

Welcome to Mac Park Newsletter #2 the official voice of M.G.M.C.C.

Hope you found something of interest in No.1, in March we hosted Approx. 60 Ariel motor cycles from Aust. Ariel Owners Club national rally held in Mt Gambier.

Some magnificent bikes were on display and Les put on a much appreciated afternoon tea. Many of the riders were old Mac Park faces and showed the visitors around our beautiful track and amenities. As with all visitors to Mac Park they were amazed at this lovely facility and left very grateful for an enjoyable afternoon.

Have held many race

meetings Hartwell, Easter Cup, Pirelli, Seniors & the Master of Mac Park.

All successful, and race reports and photos of those meetings can be

exercise which shifted a lot of soil from the infield at the bottom end of the circuit which improves viewing for spectators and officials, and was shifted



2014 P3 Senior 500cc Historic National Champion - Jack Wright

found on our website, so no good in repeating here, also see report from Marg. Much activity in the infrastructure improvement with a big earthmoving

to various areas around the track to assist in track widening which is programmed for next year and also a large amount was used to fill in some of the quarry area adjacent

Welcome by Ron Baker (cont.)



Ted Collins - 2nd in 125/Moto 3 Class of Victorian Championships



Dallas Skeer - 2nd in 85cc Class of Victorian Championships

to pit/camping area so we can expand this area & hopefully have it open by Christmas. More on these improvements in the Presidents letter.

Looking to the distant future the committee have decided to apply for the Australian Historic Road Race championship in 2018. These can't be applied for till 2017 so a long way off but after the successful champs we promoted in 2006, we would only imagine and strive to make this bigger and better. An event of this size would be a financial bonanza for the club but would require a lot of assistance from club

members to run it. Luckily in 2006 a large number of people volunteered to help and the event was a huge success. This event would also be a huge bonanza for the businesses in

Mt Gambier from the large amount of competitors and spectators attending.

Big improvements in the clubroom kitchen with a new and larger gas stove being installed and new larger commercial coffee machine. So now we can make a variety of coffees and hot choc. quickly and it's very popular. Also this year we have purchased a refrigerated sandwich display unit. Our canteen has been fortunate this year in having a good number of volunteers to assist and this has helped hugely. Too frightened to name volunteers in case I miss someone, but thank you all very much.



Some of the hard working Kitchen Crew



MOMP Place getters 1st David Trotter, 2nd Duncan Lynch & 3rd Evan Byles



MOMP Sidecar Place getters 1st Stephen & David Jones, 2nd Mark Leigh & Ian Robertson

Presidents Report by Andrew Saunders

Welcome to Issue 2 of Mac Park Matters.

What a fantastic year we have had so far this year with great racing at all the events held at Mac Park.

We have been very busy about the place completing ground works in preparation for some more track widening in 2015.



Our Vice President, Ron Baker (left) & President, Andrew Saunders (right) hard at it watching Jeff Jarred removing posts after extending the fence line into the newly filled campground/spectator area.

Local contractors moved over 8000 meters of soil from the high areas around the inside of the circuit and placed it in the run off areas around turns eight and nine and filled in a huge area behind the camp ground. This in time will become an extension of the current camping area. As a result when spectating you now have vision all the way from turn eight to nine and you can witness some great passing moves into those corners instead of them being obscured by the hill.

A somewhat controversial decision was made to remove the pine trees from turn three. The trees were starting to lift the track on the approach to and in the corner, it was a difficult decision and one that has been talked about for some time. With widening of turn three to take place the trees had to go. There are

some positives though, no pine needles or pollen on the track any more and the track dries out much quicker without the shade keeping turn three damp most of the morning. The October Master of Mac Park race meeting was held in beautiful weather over the three days with plenty of close racing. For me personally I had a great Saturday with a PB on my GSXR 750 with a 1.18. Some close racing with Rusty Crane and Jeremy Gunia made the weekend very exciting. Even on my Period 4 Suzuki T250 I had some great battles with Wayne Peters and Rob Kenna. Having only started racing three years ago I can only say that coaching is the key. Levi Day our BSB racer is holding a few sessions over summer so check out the website for his dates and Darren and Dave Trot-

ter hold regular coaching days throughout the year, they can be contacted via the website also. Don't forget the SA Historics the weekend after Christmas as well as the awesome scooter race over the weekend of the 17th and 18th of January.

Members voted overwhelmingly in support of the new constitution for the Mount Gambier Motor Cycle Club Inc. Thank you to all those members that took the time to vote and have your say in how the club is run.

Thanks to those that have sent in your nominations to join the committee, we are always after motivated members to become part of the management team of our fantastic club. Keep up to date with all the going ons around Mac Park on our website, there is plenty of information on the site from race results to committee meeting minutes.

See you at the track
Cheers
Andrew Saunders
President MGMCC

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The Pres #510A about to close in on Rob Kenna #301 after sweeping around Wayne Peters #50 at the Water Tower Corner during the MOMP meeting in October

Cycle Club Race at Mac Park by Phil McGee

Mark Brooksby from the Mt Gambier Cycling Club (MGCC) approached us back in September to see if the Mount Gambier Motor Cycle Club (MGMCC) would be willing to let his club use their racing circuit for a number of races over the summer months. After some consideration & sorting out a few minor details the committee of the MGMCC voted unanimously at their October committee meeting to allow them to use our facility free of charge. The

MGMCC are very happy to be able to share their great facility with the MGCC and look forward to an ongoing and fruitful relationship between the two clubs.

The Series started off with a Ride Night for the members to come along & try Mac Park before the first race meeting on the follow-



Phil McGee along with Laurie Fox welcoming Cycle Club president Dean Zevan & members to Mac Park for their 1st race

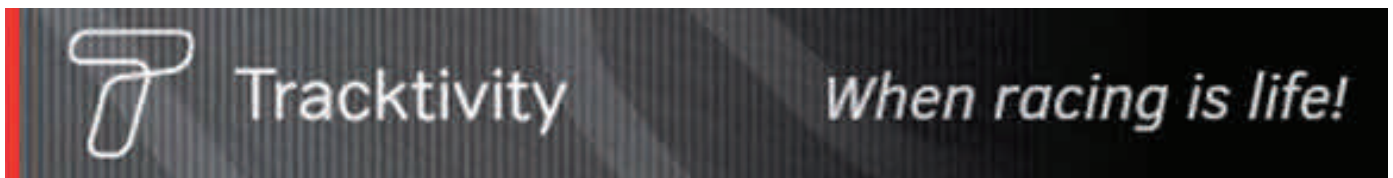


Some of the Cycle Club members racing at Mac Park

ing Wednesday. 22 riders took part & were all very impressed with our facilities & thought we had a great venue. At their first race meeting on the 26th of November the Cycle Club were officially welcomed to Mac Park by myself & Laurie Fox, with Laurie saying

he was thrilled to see the Cycle Club back at Mac Park & the interaction between the two sporting codes. 18 senior riders took part with well know Mount Gambier Motor Cycle Club Sidecar exponent, Stephen Jones, finishing 2nd in the A Grade after a sprint to the line on the last lap. A lot of riders agreed how enjoyable it was to race in a safe & controlled environment without the fear of motorists.

Mac Park is on Tracktivity by Phil McGee



Mac Park is now on Tracktivity! If you have an iPhone or iPad you can download the app to be able to find all our coming events at Mac Park + we will be able to send notifications to you via Race Control on the app. Android systems coming soon.

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*Starting in USA, Australia and New Zealand

New Photo Albums on flickr by Phil McGee



We have set up a flickr account so that we can conveniently upload all our photos to albums that you can access via our website. We intend to slowly build up albums as photos come to hand over time to cover from the clubs inception in 1913 right through to now & continue into the future. We are especially trying to fill in the gap from post 1985 where our photo wall in the Clubrooms seems to have stopped. We plan to digitise all the current photos on the wall along with any other photos we are able to collect to fill in the blanks & set up an interactive visual display & Photo Books as unfortunately there won't be enough walls in the Clubrooms to be able to display all the photos. If you have any photos or

know of anyone that may have photos we would be most appreciative if you could help us out, see the extract below from our website for details on how you can help:

When viewing the photos in our Albums & you either see yourself or someone you know please let us know by making a comment or emailing me at publicity@macpark.org

If you have action or social photos taken at Mac Park from 1962 through to now or even older photos dating back to 1913 when the club was first formed and you would like to share them with us you can email them direct to our flickr account at docks71policy@photos.flickr.com

with the word "**tag:**" followed by a short description in the Subject line as well as a more detailed description in the body of the email letting us know "Who, What & When" so we can put it in the appropriate album. Don't send too many photos at once as they may not all transfer successfully. An alternative method would be to open your own [flickr account](#), upload your photos then email publicity@macpark.org with a link to them. Or you can just send them to Publicity Officer, PO Box 879, Mt Gambier SA 5290 on a disk, memory stick or if you can't scan them send the old photos with your return address & we will return them to you.

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2014 Race Report by Marg Trotter



State Title 600cc Winner - David Trotter

2014 started with the inaugural 6hr Scooter Race an idea stemming from one of our Junior racers in Ted Collins. With an abundance of entries (some had to be turned away) it was a great event for 35 teams. Teams comprised of 3 riders and a Team Manager and some very interesting team names. The Le Mans start was a hit with all and no incidents going into turn 1.



State Title 20th C Winner - Peter Scott

2015 will be a slightly different format enabling fine tuning for officials and more teams on the grid. See the website for entries.

This year the committee thought that we would visit the past and run the Master of Mac Park over 2 meetings, Easter and Master of Mac (October long weekend) and 4 legs. Originally it was held over 3 meetings. Waiting to hear from riders as to what they thought of this format as to what we run next year. So please contact me and let me know your thoughts.

Our Easter Cup saw us using Computime and the wireless network for the first time, proving to be a great hit with the riders. As usual Easter

Cup also hosted the BEARS and MRRDA. Riders came from as far away as Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales fields were of high numbers which is always good for both competitors and spectators alike.

Easter Cup was won by David Trotter. This also sees him take out the first two legs of the Master of Mac Park.



Junior Master of Mac Park Winner
Ted Collins

Seniors, always a popular event, saw 120 over 45's hit the track. Some may be getting older but have not lost the initiative to win. Both Modern & Historic fields were hotly contested. Saturday night dinner was held in the Clubrooms where plenty of stories were told both about the day on the track as well as yesterday.



P5 MOMP Winner - Andrew Bannerman

Master of Mac Park (SA October long weekend) numbers were down on previous years, but a great weekend was still had. Riders travelled from as far as Northern Territory. Weather was kind to riders and officials alike. This meeting was also the only



State Title 20th C + Winner - Danial McKenzie

SA Title Championship round. Winners for the State Titles were as follows:

Limited: Royce Rowe

Over 600: David Trotter

C20: Peter Scott

C20+: Danial McKenzie

600: David Trotter

This was also the final two legs of the Master of Mac Park, which saw



State Title Limited Winner - Royce Rowe

David Trotter winning both these deeming him to be the Master of Mac Park for 2014 and Junior Master of Mac Park was Ted Collins.

During 2014 two lap records were set, these going to:

Ted Collins: Junior 125cc 1:16.443

Levi Day: 50cc Scooter 1:51.000

So to all riders, officials and spectators thanks for a great 2014 and bring on 2015.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year



Mac Park TT Scooter Race by Phil McGee

2 x 3 Hour

17th & 18th of January 2015
At McNamara Park Road Race
Circuit, Mount Gambier

If you are thinking of entering but are holding off until after Christmas make sure you let Marg know well before entries close on the 8th of January to avoid disappointment as fields are starting to fill fast!

Come and witness an action packed 2 x 3 hours of 50cc Scooter racing featuring exciting Le Mans starts!

Classes include - Juniors, Seniors, Mixed Teams & All Women's Teams

Schedule - Sat: Qualifying race 1 starts at 9.30am. Qualifying race 2 starts at 1.30pm. Sun: Race 1 to start at 9am and Race 2 to start at 1.30pm. Trackside Parking & Full Catering available. \$10 entry - children under 16 free.

Come out on your Scooter for Free Entry and you go into the draw for a Free Scooter Service*. There will be a roped off parking area for Scooters where they can take part in a Concourse with a prize for "The Most Unique Scooter". Paying Pillions will also go in a draw for "Free Scooter Hire" all kindly donated by our Major Sponsor – Scooters 2 Go at 208 Commercial Street West Mount Gambier. (*Consumable parts not covered).

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Coming Events

20 December	Ride Day + Scooters
21 December	Coaching with Levi Day
26 December	Historic Practice
27 & 28 Dec	SA Historic Titles
29 December	Coaching with Levi Day
3 & 4 January	Coaching with Levi Day
13 - 15 Jan	Junior Coaching Camp
16 January	Ride Day + Scooters
17 & 18 Jan	Scooter Race
27 January	AGM
4 - 6 January	Coaching with Darren
28 February	Ride Day
5 March	Coaching with Darren
6 March	Hartwell Practice
7 & 8 March	Hartwell Round 1
28 March	Ride Day
2 April	Coaching with Darren
3 April	Easter Cup Practice
4 & 5 April	Easter Cup

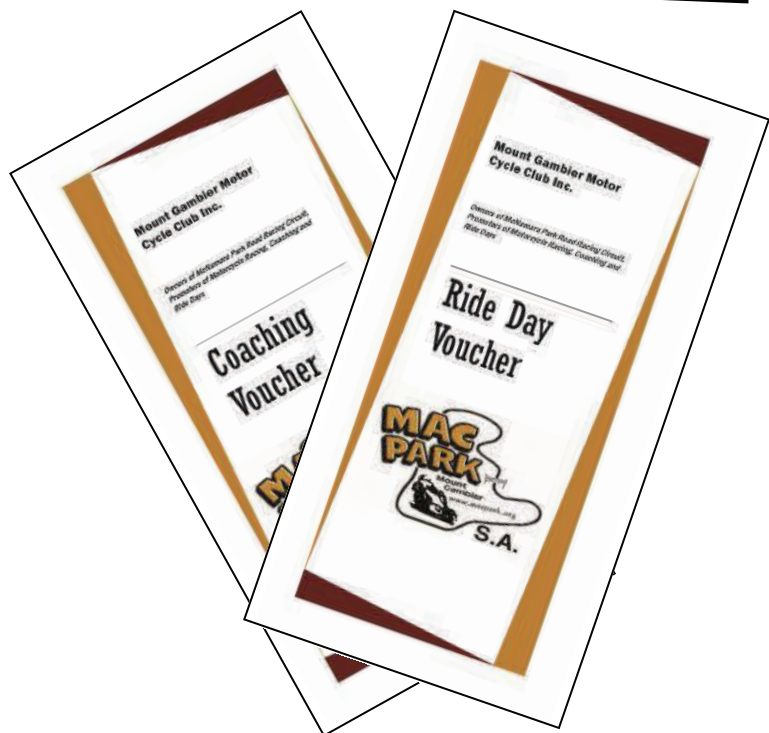
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Ride Day Vouchers : Ride Days are one of the best ways to enjoy the experience of "Man & Machine" without having to worry about oncoming traffic, pedestrians, wildlife and the constabulary!

Coaching Vouchers : Coaching is one of the best ways to improve your riding skills without having to worry about too many other riders on the track! Plus you will get one on one attention from accredited coaches.

Contact Lesley Baker on (08)8725 0163 or sec@macpark.org for further details.



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.