



## August 2023 Newsletter.

### President's Report:

Hi everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my families' thanks for your condolences on the passing of my wife Vivienne. The past few years have been difficult for her having a number of spinal surgeries and suffering from vascular dementia.

I thank you on behalf of Brett, Matthew, Nicole and Nathan.

On a lighter note, we are past the halfway mark of the year and looking forward to having some great riding weather. So, it's time to get the old bikes out, tweak them up and give them a little TLC and start bringing them to the monthly meetings.

Our intention is to get back to comfortable rides and show off our old bikes. There are plenty of opportunities to bring your modern bikes out on our second Sunday of every month to take a ride to a place of the choice on the day. Past rides have included places like Sea Lake, Overland Corner, Berri and Robinvale, so join us and give your bikes a spin.

We have had a full calendar of events so far this year and are looking forward to seeing more of the same over the next twelve months. Make an effort to join in when you can.

The Committee is already working on planning the next two meanders so any practical assistance and suggestions are welcome.

Wishing you all a safe journey in the future.

Ian Kinleyside

## **Vice President's Advice and/or Information:**

Display and laps at Mildura Motorcycle Club Speedway

Following a discussion with members of the MMCCC we are organising to have display laps during one (or two) of their speedway meetings . The MMCC has a huge season planned with some big meetings happening. This is a wonderful opportunity to show off our club and motorcycles , anyone that is interested please contact me with details of machine and history ETC . In return you get free entry and a night of speedway entertainment at this stage I do not know dates but will confirm as the season starts .

### **Dates to keep in mind .**

26/27 August Speewa annual rally

27 August SHMCC ride and general meeting

24 September SHMCC ride and general meeting

20 October MotoGp Phillip Island

3-9 November BSA international rally

11-12 November Bendigo swap meet

## **Annual General Meeting, Sunday, 30 July, 2023.**

There was a great roll up on Sunday and for those that attended they were treated to a great Spaghetti Bolognese meal that was cooked by the Master Chefs. Thanks guys.

### **2023-2024 Executive:**

**President:** Ian Kinleyside

**Vice-President:** Rob Ferguson

**Secretary:** Chris Sibley

**Treasurer:** Brian Englefield

**Committee:** Adam Zinich, Cyndie Kempton, Jeff McCarthy, Peter Blaby, Ron Brown, Bonney Dietrich

**Events C'tee:** Danny Curran, Jeff McCarthy, Michael Stanbrook, Rob Kempton, Grant Ditchburn, Andrew Cannard

**Permits & Roadworthy's:** Ron Brown, Alan Tarr.

**Some photos from the Annual General Meeting:**



**Members receiving their Membership awards.**







**Members enjoying the food, the socialising and the sunshine after the AGM**

### **Club 40 Anniversary Badges:**

Sew on material 40 year badges for Sunraysia Historic Motorcycle Club, measurements, 10cm (4 inches) x 6.5cm (2 ½ inches)

**\$15.00 each**, to order Contact Chris Sibley



Contact details for Chris Sibley, mobile 0429 951 513 or [email: christophersibley@iinet.net.au](mailto:christophersibley@iinet.net.au)

**The following Club History was written by Wally Ditchburn, and provided by his son, Grant Ditchburn:**

The Historic Motorcycle Club of Sunraysia was formed in August 1981 by John Lever. About 25 people attended the first meeting.

President: John Lever

Vice President: Robin Lewis

Secretary/Treasurer: Dallas Williams.

John Lever died after our Christmas outing at the Coomealla Club chasing an intruder in 1982. *(I have been advised that the Christmas outing and chasing an intruder are not connected)*



## **Club History (cont):**

I, (Wally Ditchburn) became President in 1983. I bought the 1927 Panther 5/7/1980 from Ben Rigby (\$750.00). I must have bought the 1952 Twin 500cc BSA from John Wilkinson Motorcycles Suzuki, Taradale about a week before the first Club meeting, because we took it to the meeting still on the trailer.

1981 Classic Owners Mildura Rally was at Lake Cullulleraine. I learnt where to find a side C Hassie at that from Chris Brown.

The 1982 Classic owners Mildura rally was held at Merbein Oval. The Club put up a tent and displayed a few restored bikes.

The Panther was finished then, but not running properly.

Dallas Williams went to Swan Hill at the start of the school year in 1984 and Cyndie became Secretary/President (I think).

People present at the first meeting included:

John Lever, Robin Lewis, Dallas Williams, Barry Mansell, Wally Ditchburn, Grant Ditchburn, Reggie Kelly, Bill Davenport, Malcolm Seamore, Blue Moore, Bill Parkinson, and I think Ben Rigby, Darrell Morrison and Bruce Cowie

## **Club Ride dates for your calendar:**

All rides leave from Hudak's in 15<sup>th</sup> Street, be ready to leave at 10am with a full tank of fuel. Mid-month destination is decided by those who attend. Last Sunday of the month rides are organised and are followed up by a General meeting with morning tea at the Scout Hall in 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

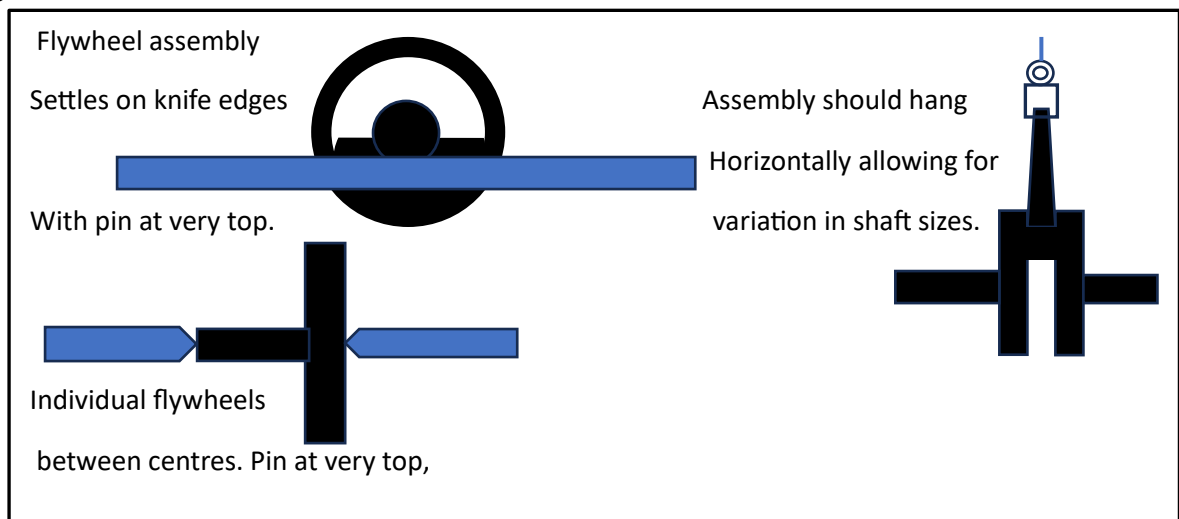
<b>Month</b>	<b>Mid-month ride</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>
August	13	27
September	10	24
October	8	29
November	12	26
December	10	Cancelled as New Year's Eve

**Next monthly ride and meeting is next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August. For the ride, be The following is from Ron Brown, Part 2 will be in the next newsletter:**

## **Balancing a single cylinder crankshaft. Part 1.**

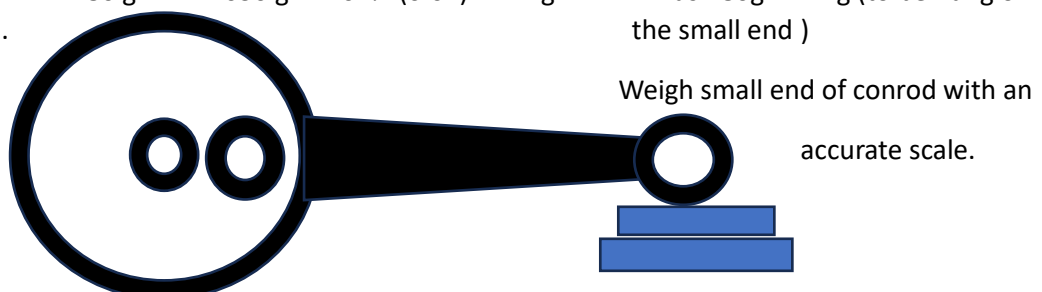
In the engine, (ignoring odds and sods like cams, rockers and pushrods) the bits that have to be accounted for as reciprocating weight comprise the piston assembly, and the upper part of the con-rod (the big-end being taken as rotating weight). The balance factor is the proportion of that reciprocating weight that is to be 'balanced'. Hence for a balance factor of 67% the assembled crank would remain 'out of balance' by 33% of the piston assembly and the upper conrod. In this 'out-of-balance' state, the assembled crank and con-rod should hang with the big-end aligned vertically with the crankshaft when it is supported on horizontal 'knife edges' or between centres.

Ideally, before the crankshaft assembly can be balanced the individual flywheels should be checked for symmetry. Both flywheels should be of equal weight and each should finish with the big end pin at the top when placed between centres, or in the case of a crankshaft assembly on knife edges.



Determining the weight to be balanced is a simple process with an accurate spring balance or scales. The piston assembly (Includes piston, pin, rings and clips) is simply weighed, off the con-rod, and the upper con-rod (small end) weighed with the crank on the bench with shaft and con-rod horizontal and the small end of the con-rod supported by the scales. Having determined the above two weights, (Piston and small end) both are added together to give the total reciprocating mass. Next, subtract the weight of the small end from the total reciprocating weight. Calculation example shown below. Assuming that the flywheel assembly is symmetrically balanced as described previously, the assembly is placed on a pair of knife edges, attach a weight

Piston assembly	+	Small end	=	Total reciprocating weight	Then subtract the small end (eg 180g)
450 grams		180 g		630 g x 67% (0.67) = 422g	Minus 180g = 242g (to be hung on the small end )



**The following photo and information provided by Cyndie Kempton.**



Pictured above some of the Competitors from the **Olympic Park Classic Championship** on June 11, 2023.

1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Webb (WA, 62yo), 2<sup>nd</sup> Martin 'Chook' Williams (Vic, 60+yo), 3<sup>rd</sup> Barry Kennington (WA,81yo), 4<sup>th</sup> Chris Holmes (Vic, 60+yo) and 5<sup>th</sup> Trevor Henderson (SA, 80+yo).



**This company, DC Anodising comes highly recommended by Barry Clarke, He says they are Quick, Efficient, Cheap and do a good job.**



Some jokes sent in by members to lighten the mood:

An old physician, **Doctor Gordon Geezer**, became very bored in retirement and decided to re-open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: " **Dr. Geezer's Clinic** . Get your treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor **Digger Young** , who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to **Dr. Geezer's** clinic.

**Dr Young** : " **Dr. Geezer** , I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

**Dr Geezer** : "Nurse, please bring medicine from the box 22 and put 3 drops in **Dr. Young's** mouth."

**Dr Young** : 'Aaagh! -- This is Gasoline!'

**Dr Geezer** : " **Congratulations** !

You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

**DrYoung** gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

**Dr Young** : "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

**Dr Geezer** : "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

**Dr Young** : "Oh, no you don't -- that is Gasoline!"

**Dr Geezer** : " **Congratulations** ! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

**Dr Young** (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

**Dr Young** : "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!"

**Dr Geezer** : "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, "Here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

**Dr Young** : "But this is only \$10!"

**Dr Geezer** : " **Congratulations** ! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

\* **Moral of story** \* -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer" .

**\*Remember:\*** Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off.

At a wedding ceremony, the priest asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. It was their time to stand up and talk, or forever hold their peace.

The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child. She started walking toward the pastor slowly.

Everything quickly turned to chaos.

The bride slapped the groom.

The groom's mother fainted.

The groomsmen started giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation.

The priest asked the woman, "Can you tell us why you came forward? What do you have to say?"

The woman replied, "We can't hear in the back."

**The following is from John Basham - anyone interested in this trip, please contact John. His mobile number is at the bottom of the article.**

About two years back Jim McCLEARY and I did this trip, and it was absolutely brilliant.

At this stage I'm looking at doing this trip again, in the second week of October,

leaving Tuesday morning 10th and returning to here on the afternoon of Friday 13th.....

I'm fairly sure not many SHMC riders from up here have ridden the Eildon/Black Spur/Healesville loop, or up past Edi to Tolmie and Mansfield, or been across the Sorrento/Queenscliff ferry and along the Great Ocean Road, then up through Dunkeld to Hall's Gap and further north.

It's NOT a hard ride, and doing about 500kms a day is quite easy if we just stay close to the speed limit.

All roads are bitumen, and usually good surface, but some do have quite a few twists.

Even so, to be honest, I reckon it's easier to do on bigger bikes than on little ones.

There are plenty of planned stops for the necessary engine and body fuel, coffee-releases and leg-stretches.....

From a start point I have the ride planned to take three nights away, staying in motels:

1st Benalla; 2nd Rye or similar; 3rd Stawell; 4th HOME.

Daily distances will be close to:

1st 530kms; 2nd 475 kms; 3rd 450kms; 4th 430kms - estimated total distance about 1880 kms.

That might make it appealing to some of our members, I think,



by not needing to carry *any* camping gear.

Splitting a motel room two ways will make it a fairly affordable tour, and food and fuel are not hard to find.

Fuel can usually be worked out if bikes can do at least 200kms to a tankful, but further range is obviously easier.

I have two members who are quite interested in doing the ride. Anyone wanting more info can ring me any time on 0411 349 290.

***REMINDER:***

This is the member's newsletter, please let me know if you want more or less of anything included.

I would love to have some more members stories, so please send them in.

**Also a reminder that the new email address is:**

[sunraysiahistoricalmotorcycleclub@outlook.com](mailto:sunraysiahistoricalmotorcycleclub@outlook.com)

**ready to leave from Hudak's with a full tank of fuel at 10am, or if not riding be at the Scout Hall from 11am.**

Thanks,

Bonney