



TAPPED OUT!

*The Official Newsletter of the Harley Club
of Victoria.*

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Dave's Rave,

Well I have to open this particular edition with a sincere apology. During the third week in November I was contacted by Peter as usual and given an update on the newsletter which I made a commitment to get sent out in time for the Annual General meeting. Due to another employee suffering a sudden illness I was forced to jump on a plane and head back to Bangkok for what was supposed to be a quick two day business trip. Well like a lot of people I ended up stuck there. This wouldn't normally be an issue but to top it off I took delivery of a shiny new laptop the day prior to leaving so all of my Harley Club stuff was sitting on my old machine in the office and on my home machine and I couldn't access it. Compound this with leaving my personal mobile phone in a taxi and I was suddenly incommunicado! So again sorry all. Still it could have been worse as we had people in India while those shenanigans were all taking place which I'm certain would have been much, much nastier.

On the note of work making it hard for club commitments I am sad to report that Steve Guest has had to stand down as sports secretary. This means that we have no-one in charge of competition stuff for the club. It cannot be done by the few people we have left, and was a real struggle this year with who we had. This doesn't mean that we will have smaller race days, it means that race days will NOT HAPPEN NEXT YEAR unless we get some guaranteed helpers.

The club needs a Sports secretary, and some licensed officials. The minimum key officials we need are a Steward and Clerk of Course. Operational officials we need are Scrutineer, Time keeper/scorer and Starter and we also need flaggies. These are the minimum requirements that we need for a race day. To be an official you need to do a course with Motorcycling Victoria, which isn't hard and the Club will pay the costs. No dates will be set for next year unless these people are in place and guaranteed. It has been an extremely hard year for Steve and Pete with the few die-hards on the day, and we have been making this point clear all through the year. It is up to those who want to race, to be responsible. If we get a few of each then the load can be shared. If you are interested, please give Pete Hern a ring. We will try and post the relevant rules for officials from the MA rule book on the website.

If you're not sure about being financial, again give Pete Hern a ring.

Welcome to new members John Baker and Rodney Rankin.

Motorcycling Australia recently held a forum on Dirt Track Racing in Australia. Interested parties from Qld, NSW and Vic attended with many ideas and proposals being put forward. Steve Guest and Pete Hern went along and we will keep people informed when the report comes out from MA. It was interesting to note that although there are 14 tracks in NSW with pretty good attendance at meetings, there seems to be some unrest between the oil track, dirt track and long track people, juniors and seniors. Also there has been some stretching of rules in relation to some junior bikes in NSW with very big money being spent on motors.

Steps are already being taken to remedy this. Our problem is that although we probably have one of the best tracks in the country, attendance rates are low. A questionnaire will be circulated at race meetings for some feed back.

Have a great Christmas and happy riding,

Dave

Supermotard News

Australia's Troy Herfoss overcame a last-row starting position to finish third and claim the Supermoto Premier title on Sunday at the XTRM AMA Supermoto Championship, presented by Parts Unlimited, at the Infineon Raceway Kart Center.

Herfoss (KTM) was forced to start in the back row for the 17-lap main event after suffering a mechanical failure during the heat race. He battled his way to eighth by lap four and worked his way to a podium finish to clinch the championship.

"There was no point during the weekend that I was really struggling, but after the trouble I had this morning I knew I had to ride as hard as I could, and that's great for me. I do my best when I know I have to ride hard, and this is just great," said Herfoss.



Utah's Cassidy Anderson (Honda) took the checkered flag in the Premier feature after race leader Mark Burkhart (Yamaha) crashed out on the white-flag lap. Michigan's Chris Fillmore (KTM), who won Saturday's main event, finished second. Fillmore and Anderson finished the season second and third in the Premier championship, respectively.

In the 13-lap Supermoto Lites feature, Anaheim's Brandon Currie (Yamaha) completed a perfect weekend and the perfect season to clinch the division championship. Currie won every race this season, including both ends of the Infineon Raceway double-header, on the way to his second consecutive Lites championship.

France's Xavier Bellerophon (Husqvarna) was second and Iowa's Matt Burton was third, while local riders Danny Casey (Pacifica) and Casey Yarrow (Fairfield) finished fourth and seventh, respectively. Burton finished the year second in Lites division points and Casey is third.

"Once I got in the lead, I got into a pace and I stepped it up to keep the lead," said Currie, who took the lead from Burton on Lap 4. "I'm glad to go out on top with my second championship."

San Clemente's Darryl Atkins (Aprilia) took the win in the 13-lap feature for Supermoto Unlimited, with Murrieta's Kurt Nicoll (KTM) second and Wisconsin's Benjamin Carlson (Aprilia) third. Arizona's Steve Drew (KTM) claimed the Unlimited championship.

Supermoto Premier Final Championship Standings

1. Herfoss 137
2. Fillmore 125
3. Anderson 112
4. Burkhart 111
5. Carlson 98
6. Conlon 85
7. Pingree 69
8. O'Hara 62
9. Horton 57
10. Trachy 52

In late breaking news it's recently been announced that Troy will be returning to Australia to contest the Australian Supersport Championships as a member of the Suzuki Australia team.

Harley Club Member Update

- Ray Stevens competed in the recent Australian Classic Dirt Track Championships at Canberra. He finished with 1st in the Evo 263cc and over class and 2nd in the pre '78 263cc and over class
- Chas Hern finished the season in the Australian Superbike Championship Formula Extreme class in 2nd place and received the Kirk McCarthy Memorial award for next year.
- Geneveive Stumpf took out 2nd in the novice up to 500cc class at round 4 of the Intercub Road Race Series at Winton Cam Donald was at the King of Wanneroo in Perth recently and finished in 5th overall behind Oz superbike champ Glen Allerton, John and Michael Laverty and Ian Lowry (all 3 from the BSB and Irish road race championships) and also raced at the Macau GP last weekend. He was leading until electrical problems on lap 5 caused him to retire.
- Adam Bond has been busy in speedway, winning the Evolution class at Gillman SA and competed in the support races at Parwan, Bacchus Marsh. Unfortunately track conditions only allowed 3 rounds to be run before track conditions made it a bit dangerous.
- Adrian DiGiandomenico finished 2nd in the Australian Junior Road Race Championships run over 3 rounds. He is leading the Victorian Junior series in the 80cc division with 1 round to go.

Club Meetings

New President for HCV

We had our last meeting for the year on Tuesday which included the AGM. Unfortunately not many turned up, but we now have a new President, Nick Beale, Nick is a fairly new member, but put his hand up and is now head of the Harley Club.

Thank you to outgoing President Steve Guest

Steve Guest had been President for a number of years and is still the sports secretary and MV delegate, thanks for your service to the club as president Steve.

Whats On?

- 7th December - Speedway race meet, Broadford
- 15th December Broadford complex closes for Christmas (even Santa needs to get his bike ready for next season)



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