

FROM THE BEAR PIT

The newsletter of the BEARS racing club

Special Points of Interest:

- Race reports from the first round of the National Challenge at Broadford
- Constitutional Corner by Christopher Smith aka "The Beak", Public Officer
- Race reports from the second round of the National Challenge at Mac Park

THE PREZ SEZ

Wow! – Where should I start? Twenty-ten has brought about so many changes it is difficult to report on everything. I'll start with the highlights.

1. Hopper's gone!
2. Big grids
3. Sponsorship and prize money
4. A new committee
5. Hopper's gone!

The new committee was elected back at the AGM in November and I personally want to thank you for giving me your support. Fortunately the previous committee led by long term President Phil Gray had left the club in a healthy position and this enabled an easy transition. I applaud Goose for his diligent efforts as Pres over the past 10 years.

Your new committee is:
President – Scotty Brown
Vice President – Mark Whitfield
Secretary – Dean (Dino) Holmes
Treasurer – David Aboud

In addition to these office bearers there were 3 other ordinary members elected to the available positions on the executive support committee and they are:

Christopher J. Smith
Glen Bauder
Fergus Gibson

Whilst most of the committee is based in Sydney Fergus lives in Melbourne, David is in Orange and I'm at Rainbow Flat (near Taree). I suppose after all we are not just the BEARS club; we are the BEARS Australia Motorcycle Racing Club. Due to our geographical isolation the committee does most of our work via email supplemented by regular Skype teleconferences. Look for life member Smiths report in this edition on our meeting strategy and the clubs constitution. Oh - we also happen to see a fair bit of each other at race meetings. I am proud to report that your new committee is working very well together and all decisions are being made by the majority rule.

Talking about race meetings, how does 38 BEARS on the grid at Broadford (Victoria) sound! This was backed up only 2 weeks later with 29 making the long trek to South Australia's MacNamara Park. I know of a few other race series that would like grids of this size! A sterling effort from all involved. Only those who go know!

We have been particularly fortunate this year to secure sponsorship for both the National BEARS

Challenge and the BEARS Club Championships. The Nationals have a 3-way sponsorship comprising Bridgestone, Rapid Bikes Magazine and Procycles. Between them sees \$6,500 sponsorship! The Club Championships has received backing from the Fraser Motorcycles Network to the tune of \$2,500. Either way, you the racer, stand to benefit greatly. But sponsorship is a two way street – if these businesses are putting up their money, we must support them with our business. Please spend some of your hard earned in these stores – and tell 'em you're a BEAR.

See ya at the next BEARS race meeting,
Scotty

PS. I welcome your input. If you have a gripe, or reckon I've stuffed up, or even if you just want to say thanks, call me at night on (02) 6553 6223.



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Mike Coates's gorgeous Moto Guzzi MGS-01 Corsa in the pits at Broadford



The Prez warms up ready for the first round of the national series at Broadford

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FROM THE BEAR PIT

BROADFORD NATIONAL CHALLENGE F1 REPORT

Hello Fellow Bears,

Firstly I'd like to thank the club for officially signing me up in the forum as I now feel like a real Bear.

I've had a passion for Ducati for a while now, owning a 996 for many years which I took to the odd track day here and there. I raced R1s for the last 7 years and thought the time was right to start racing a Ducati. Many thanks should go to Terry Yates for the purchase as well as providing a few 'go fast' bits. With my new Duc I was ready to race!

The first meet of the year began at Broadford and despite my good intentions of giving the Nationals a decent go, it started disastrously. If learning

the track on Friday wasn't hard enough, the rear sprocket off my quick release took a surprise exit sooner than I thought. This left me stranded on the sitting lap. Luckily I recovered with the fellow Bears helping me to find and re-attach the part and get me back into race mode.

To start my campaign in the F1s with my only experience coming from watching the F2s overtake me, I managed to find some balls with the off camber corners. Dave Clarke rounded me up on the outside and I found some more throttle to catch him and the others ahead. However, this was only a small achievement. Whilst cross entering, I

somehow managed to blow out the mid-pipe of my termis and thought that my weekend was over. Once again, the Bears came to my rescue! Dave Clarke brought over some liquid steel and fiber glass kit and Phil Goose followed with a muffler bandage to mend my battered 1098. I was back again, woo hoo!!

Sunday warm up took me off the track to avoid a Bear tumbling in front of me. "Here we go again" I thought. But thankfully, I'd already endured my share of mishaps for the weekend. There were a few more breakdowns and race incidents during the Broadford round experienced by other riders but this just added to the



Marc Balestro rides his Ducati 1098S

stories in amongst the pit garages. All racing was fair and competitive with plenty of action. A great start to the season.

Bring on Mac Park!

Marc Balestro

F1 Results

Andrew Gott	100 Points
Dean Yagan	72 Points
Marc Balestro	60 Points
Mark Henderson	53 Points

BROADFORD NATIONAL CHALLENGE F2 REPORT



Dave Clarke working on the Ducati 848 in the pits at Broadford.

Thursday morning - pickup Scotty 8.00am for trip to Broadford 12 hours.

My son Daine came as pit crew and his mobile phone never left his hand til we got there.

Grabbed a bite to eat at the Broadford takeaway, went

back to track to unload and set up camp. Where's Daine? On the mobile phone again, not much help yet.

Friday night - Gone to pub Benny drove all the drunks home.

Saturday - scrutineered bikes 848 for Bears and 675 for Supersport. Supersport race - Tim West and I dived til the last 2 laps but I was way to slow for the young fellas (106.4). Didn't bother with super sports for the rest of the weekend.

Bears race 848 Ducati - Two bad starts, last away both times, made up to half way but thought clutch was playing up.

Saturday night - Kilmore

Jockey Club. The place was packed as the AC/DC Revival Band was in town and playing there that night. As we walked in we were asked were we the band. We should have said yes and we want to be fed first, but we left and went to the Irish Pub instead. Sitting in the beer garden we decided to order dinner, Glens son is as fast of the mark as his dad and went head first into the glass sliding door, he was OK with a bump on his forehead but, the glass door shattered. That's the second door in 2 weeks said the Irish owner, at least I saved \$100 by not getting the safety stickers on the glass.

Sunday racing - Rode the

675 because I thought the clutch was playing up on the Ducati, finished 13th? and 10th on the trusty Trumpy. (105s -last year 104s).

Speaking of mobile phones earlier a bears competitor was sitting with Scotty and I having a smoke outside the pits and I noticed he had a hole in his crutch, and his old fella was hanging out. I think he was just trying to get reception.

Dave Clarke

F2 Results

Tim West	85 Points
Paul Coleman	71 Points
John Carbury	67 Points
Neil Webster	65 Points

BROADFORD NATIONAL CHALLENGE F3 REPORT



Phill Gray works on the Bimota at Broadford

F3 Results

Glen Bauder	90 Points
Pete Smith	71 Points
Dean Holmes	67 Points
Michael Coates	67 Points

First qualifying had new comer Mike Coates aboard his MGS01 Guzzi lead the way from Phill Gray on his resurrected Bimota db1, third being held by Dean Holmes (Triumph 600). The top three were covered by scant three tenths of a second. Q2 saw Dean assert himself by setting a time seven tenths quicker than the field, at a 1:04.462. Phill sneaked through into second, closely followed by Michael Coates, and Glen Bauder (Ducati 748). The

only incident in qualifying was Ross Proctor sliding off on the exit of turn two, which left him nursing a sore wrist, but able still able to take the grid.

Race one was a ripper with only six tenths of a second covering the podium place getters after pole setter Dean Holmes fell at crash corner on the last lap. This left the maiden victory of the year to Glen Bauder, who led home Phill Gray and Peter Smith (Ducati 900ss). Dramas also befell Mike Coates who ran off, and John Cully who pulled in tailing the field on his stunning new Triumph 900.

Race two proved another rip snorter with the podium filled as per race one, although the margins were wider. Both Pete and Phill being hampered at any attack on Glen by faster F2 bikes being the meat in an F3 sandwich. Dean Holmes starting from the back of the grid came through the pack to take fourth place ahead of Mike Coates, Fergus Gib-

son, John Price and Ben Gilbert. Ross Proctor riding injured being the final F3 machine home to take ninth.

Sunday morning dawned overcast, a portent that saw the elimination of Ross Proctor, and Phill's DB1. Ross had a half decent excuse aka a possible broken bone in his hand. Meanwhile Phill's resurrected DB1 seemed to decide the grave was a better place after all. Swallowing a diez clip in warm up and committing seppuku (Hari-kari for you heathens out there).

Sundays honors went to the same names sans Phill, who languished at the back of the field aboard David Abouds spare KTM 640. Race one had Dean set the fastest F3 lap of the weekend to head off Glen by 3 tenths at the flag. Third place was the first 2v home with Peter on his 900ss. Further back in the F3 field, Mike, Ben, John Price, and John Cully all set their fastest laps of the weekend. Fergus meanwhile seemed reluc-

tant to head home Dean Yagan, given he was on Deans bike.

Final race for the weekend had Dean (dnf,4,1,1) finish outright fifth, and first in F3! Second place was Glen (1,1,2,2) who had a great weekend. The final podium step was taken by new comer Mike Coates (5,5,4,3) aboard his Guzzi MSG01. Pete (3,3,3,4) was held up once more by an F2 machine in fourth, and Ben (7,8,5,5) was two tenths off his previous personnel best in fifth. John Price (7,7,6,6) and Fergus (4,6,7,7) where at each other hammer and tongs over sixth, with advantage John at the flag. This left Phill(2,2,8,8) in eight once more and John Cully (dnf,dnf,9,9) in ninth.

Heading to round two we have 26 points cover first place, Glen Bauder, to fifth occupied by Phill Gray. It looks like Mt Gambier will be a ripper!

Phill Gray

BROADFORD NATIONAL CHALLENGE F5 REPORT

Friday started off with practice, heaps of Bears turned up from all the 5 categories. It was a great day which was the lead up to the first night at the pub.

Friday night was spent in Seymour, and here starts the main problem with Broadford, we all get split up between Broadford Seymour and Kilmore. With the unfortunate net

result being the socialising and get togethers are really hard to organise. However as a long term Bear I did my best to uphold the tradition.

So now to the racing, which as a backmarker, meant that all I saw was Scotty Brown, John Cullen and that really soft-spoken, quiet, peaceful bloke by the name of Linden Roth and another

really slow bloke that constantly tries to talk himself up by the name of Fergus Gibson. The racing and venue were great, as usual. Broadford suits my bike (a single cylinder KTM) however, I still always end up at or near the rear (by the way I am Greek).

Overall the weekend was great, the drinking plenty and I also want to say a

quick hello to everyone that I met as well.

Also congratulations to the winner, the young Dave Aboud.

Cheers

Con Economos

F5 Results

David Aboud	100 Points
Scott Brown	76 Points
Ben Smith	73 Points
Linden Roth	69 Points

FROM THE BEAR PIT

CONSTITUTION CORNER

At least once a day I am sure that each BEARS Club member considers some aspect of our Club Constitution. It may happen on your way to work, eating your dinner or hanging over the long drop. So to satisfy those daily ponderings I will hand select some riveting aspects of the rules that govern your club and also govern you as a member. I will then feed you little tidbits of Constitutional goodness in what I hope will be a regular column for this discerning publication. So sit back, grab a glass of chardonnay, and feast on the legal delicacies that our Constitution provides.

Highlight 1

I refer you to Part IV of the BEARS Australia Motorcycle Racing Club Inc Constitution - General Meetings. The Club uses the NSW Department of Fair Trading Model Rules for the Incorporation of Associations, a copy of which can be read and obtained at

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/pdfs/About_us/Publications/ft119.pdf

A copy is also available on our website.

Separate from an Annual General Meeting (the only meeting required under the constitution), clause 25.(1) states that the committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting.

In the first days of the club the serving committee deemed by Special Resolution (Clause 31) that it would call 10 Special General Meetings a year and

for purposes of naming deemed that these Special General Meetings be called "Club Meetings". For the purposes of holding these meetings a time and a place was pre-determined and passed as a Special Resolution by 75% of the membership of members entitled to vote at that time. The time and place has only been changed since that date by decisions passed at such Special General Meetings by majority vote of members present at that meeting (Clause 30.1). This practice continues to this day and will continue to do so until further decisions or special resolutions are made and adopted at any future Special General Meetings or AGM's. Thus Special General Meetings will continue to be held the last Tuesday of every month excepting December and the month in which the Annual General Meeting is held.

Clause 30.(1) - Making of Decisions - states that a question arising at a Special General Meeting is to be determined by a show of hands and that the Chairperson may declare that a resolution has been passed by a particular majority (51% of the members present for the purposes of the Special General Meeting) or lost and evidenced by an entry of the minutes of the meeting. Clause 27.(2) states that 5 members present in person at a Special General Meeting constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

In a nutshell, it remains

constitutionally correct business in exactly the same manner in which we have always conducted it, excepting that it needs to be noted that "Club Meetings" are, for the purposes of our Constitution, Special General Meetings. Unless otherwise determined these meetings will continue to be known as "Club Meetings" and time and place pre-determined and known by all members. Meeting times will also appear in an annual calendar that appears on our website, in lieu of pre-paid mail notification to every member 10 times per year as required by Clause 26.(1). As such meeting times are known months and years in advance and by all members (as well as published at www.ozbearsracing.com) it has been deemed that this satisfies the requirement of Clause 26 - Notice - in relation to the calling of General Meetings (Part IV of the Constitution).

Highlight 2 - Life Members

With regard to Life Memberships, Clause 8.(1) states that a member of the association must, on admission to membership, pay to the association a fee of \$1 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount. Many years ago a Special Resolution (Clause 31) was passed at a Special General Meeting that certain members who have been deemed to have provided meritorious service to the Club and BEARS Racing in Australia could become

known as "Life Members" and that these members would pay an annual fee of Nil amount, as determined by the then committee as another amount to be paid.

A Special Resolution (Clause 31 was invoked as the resolution was passed by at least 75% of all members of the club at that time) was passed at the same Special General Meeting that for nominations for Life Membership to be ratified the nomination required approval by 100% of the standing committee and majority approval by at least 75% of voting members physically in attendance at an Annual General Meeting. This resolution was passed in accordance with Clause 30.(1) and remains a resolution of the club until such time as it may be revoked by another Special Resolution meeting the requirements of Clause 31. In plain speak, Life Memberships with Nil annual fee are constitutional and life membership nominations may continue to be made and accepted provided there is approval of 100% of the standing committee and majority approval by at least 75% of voting members physically in attendance at an Annual General Meeting.

Christopher Smith aka "The Beak", Public officer



MACNAMARA PARK NATIONAL CHALLENGE F1 REPORT

Second Round Mac Park.

We arrived at Mac Park on Thursday night all fired up and ready to race.

Having won 3 out of 4 at Broadford plus racing at Mac Park one month prior, winning 3 out of 3, my team mates, Mark Henderson and Neil Webster, tried to pour too many bourbons to stuff my concentration but it worked in reverse as Mark was the one who suffered in Friday practice, only managing three sessions, whilst myself and Neil did 5, overall we were happy with the days results. Finished off with a good social night at the local Chinese meeting a few of the Bears members, and again a few Reds apart from Mark the wimp on the Mt. Franklin.

Saturday qualifying – went well as I got back into the 1-18 giving me 2nd place on the grid.

Race 1 – had a good start but Greg and Neil got through turn one first, but I managed to get Neil in the kink before turn 2 and held 2nd until half way through the last lap, when the Duke had had enough, so DNF and NO points, well and truly pissed off.

Race 2 – Having to start from 27th on the grid – had a real good race, finishing 9th overall and 3rd in F1 – was able to relax and have a quiet night.

Sunday – could not believe three straight days of sunshine in Mac Park.

Race 3 – had a bad start but then it all came together, had a great battle

with Mike Coates, eventually going under him, on the brakes at the end of the back straight, finishing 6th overall. 3rd in F1s.

Race 4 – had a bad start but finished 6th overall again. Results for the weekend were pretty good as finished 4th overall, but still ahead in the championship. Greg Pitt and Marc Balestro run a good race all weekend – congratulations, and Mark got joint 3rd with Dean and Neil winning the round in F2s.

Had to go back to Melbourne, so sorry missed presentation. Finished off with our own presentation with the blue lights chasing us out of Ballarat – 3 points – bummer!

Thanks to everyone, or-

ganizers, flaggies, Ambos and the Bridgestone boys – Shane and Steve for a good weekend.

Looking forward to the next round in Queensland.

Andy Gott

MADAZ RACING



Andy Gott & Mark Henderson at Broadford

F1 Results

Greg Pitt	100 Points
Marc Balestro	80 Points
Dean Yagan	67 Points
Mark Henderson	67 Points

MACNAMARA PARK NATIONAL CHALLENGE F2 REPORT

A fantastic weekend of racing at Mac Park.

Tim West now on 165 points in the championship had a great weekend, coming second in all races to Neil Webster. Tim had a bit of a scare at the beginning of the Friday practice when he had an issue with his gearbox on his Triumph 675 and was concerned it may have put him out of contention for the weekend. Fortunately the problem turned out to be a worn circlip on the gear selector, so by lunch time he was up and running again.

Neil Webster also on 165 points showed us all how it was done by winning all four races over the week-

end and unfortunately for the rest of us he believes that he will be even able to go faster once he fine tunes the settings on his Triumph 675.

Paul Coleman on 143 points managed third in all races which was a great effort considering he is still coming to terms with his Aprilia Tuono. Paul will very likely be a championship contender with the more time he gets on the bike.

John Carbury on 134 points finished fourth overall for the weekend on his Triumph 675, which was not quite as well as Broadford where he finished third but hopefully John will be

back in form at Morgan Park for round 3.

Paul Cane on 123 points had a disappointing weekend finishing fifth overall on his Ducati 916. First time at the track, he did not qualify well and had a crash whilst leading the first race of the Pre Modern class. This made it difficult for himself to move up the grid in the following races.

Steve Kerr on 61 points came over from Adelaide to make his debut in our championship on his Triumph 675. Steve did well here at Mac Park so it will be good to if he can make it to the future rounds.

Paul Cane

F2 Results

Neil Webster	100 Points
Tim West	80 Points
Paul Coleman	72 Points
John Carbury	67 Points



Paul Cane leads Steve Kerr



Tim West leads a tight battle

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MACNAMARA PARK NATIONAL CHALLENGE F3 REPORT

Like Broadford 2 weeks earlier Formula 3 appeared to be where most of the fierce competition resides with the top 5 contenders all within a second of each other in qualifying. The racing proved equally as close over the whole weekend. The main complaint from F3 riders seemed to be the other F1 & F2 bikes getting in the way. The racing was fast and furious right through the 11-bike field. In fact the boys are so fired up it's hard to believe we are just racing for little pieces of wood. The best rider over the weekend gets to take home the biggest little piece of wood.

The 4 races over the weekend were all well raced and largely without drama with only one crash in race three. Everyone rode well on the tight and unforgiving circuit. The boys on motard bikes were particularly fast through most of the track but unfortunately were

always outgunned on the long 210kph+ main straight.

The overall victory for the weekend went to Phillip Grey on his Bimota who showed just how good he was on the track that he calls his all time favourite. In the last race he showed his class by clocking the best F3 time of the weekend at 1:18.683. Glenn Bauder on the 748 took home (after a bit of confusion) the second biggest little piece of wood. He rode consistently well all weekend and was unlucky to have brake fade problems in race 4. Mike Coates was a bridesmaid again in 3rd place. The Guzzi was again a bit of a sentimental favourite with the spectators. In 4th place was Pete Smith on the Ducati 900 who gave everyone a lesson in riding fast and smooth. He took every opportunity to improve his position on a bike that was clearly out horse powered. We are all

in big trouble when he finishes his new bike. 5th place was Dean Holmes on the triumph 600, who unfortunately had a spectacular crash in the fast turn 5 at the end of the straight. Dean hasn't worked out yet that if he slows down he will win the series. It was a remarkable duct taping job that got him back on the track for the 4th race and a creditable run from the back of the grid to finish 3rd in class. Fergus Gibson was next on the KTM 690. His race starts were by far the best of any BEARS rider. He was lightening fast in the tight stuff but was about 40kph slower on the straight. John Price on the Triumph 955 had everyone shaking their heads. Following him down the bumpy main straight was like watching someone ride a bucking bronco at a rodeo. How the hell he stays on is beyond all of us. He battled with locals Bill Payne and

Andy Baird all weekend. A special mention should go to Ben Gilbert who raced all weekend after a horrifying crash on the main straight during practice on Friday. Very brave.

Thanks to all the competitors who are making F3 the formula to be in this year.

Mike Coates



Mike Coates Cleans the Moto Guzzi

F3 Results

Phill Gray	81 Points
Glen Bauder	81 Points
Michael Coates	72 Points
Dean Holmes	68 Points

MACNAMARA PARK NATIONAL CHALLENGE F5 REPORT

The Mount Gambier Motorcycle and Light Car Club hosted a great weekend of racing for Round 2 of the National Bears series. Friday practice was a great opportunity for everyone to get a feel for the track and turned into a free for all towards the end of the day. As it was my first time at the track I was taken aback by how narrow the track was, how technically challenging and how incredibly rough the back straight was (which brought Benny Gilbert unstuck

after a big tank slap half way down the straight). However, after a few practice sessions, you couldn't keep me off the track.

The weather for Saturday looked promising for some good racing conditions with 28 riders take to the grid, which made the first few turns a bit hairy. Once the traffic had cleared there were some good battles between everyone, Dave and Michael broke ahead however, and I wasn't able to catch up to them. Meanwhile Scotty

and John and I were having a good time passing each other. This was how it played out for the whole weekend. Although my times kept improving over the course of the weekend, I still remained over a second off the front pack.

The weather for Sunday was just as good as Saturday, and once again there was some great racing across all formulas. The only crash victim for the day was Dean Holmes from F2. After the first two rounds Dave was sit-

ting comfortably on 200 points, 47 points ahead of myself in second place, leaving only 5 points between Scotty and myself, with Linden in fourth place on 79 points as he has only contested in one round so far, and Con not far behind Linden in fifth place.

Friday and Saturday nights found all the bears riders and their partners getting to know each other off the track, this included a delicious Chinese feast on Friday night

MACNAMARA PARK NATIONAL CHALLENGE F5 REPORT

and then a great pub meal on Saturday night with many a racing story being shared amongst everyone over a few beers.

The trip home Sunday night to Newcastle took 16 hours and 27 hours to the Gold Coast for Paul Cane my co-driver, who had a great racing weekend also in F2 series. I would like to personally thank Sharon Smith, Belinda West and Lisa Coates for all their help in the pits between races. I

would also like to thank the Mount Gambier Motorcycle and Light Car Club for hosting the event, Bears Australia, Bridge-stone, Rapid Bikes, Procycles, Whites Race Products and Smithy's Racing.

It is always a great atmosphere at the Bears rounds which makes it a pleasure to go racing. Hope to see everyone at Morgan Park in May and remember to bring your beanie and scarf.

Results:

1st – Michael Skeer, KTM 450

2nd – David About, KTM Duke 690

3rd – Ben Smith Ducati, Monster 620

4th – John Hubner, Husa-berg 650

5th – Scott Brown, Ducati 900R

Ben Smith

F5 Results

David About	100 Points
Ben Smith	80 Points
Scott Brown	72 Points



Ben Smith at Mac Park

MAC PARK & WAKEFIELD PARK CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1 REPORT

I got to Mt Gambier, after a hellish nightmare, complete with singing landscape and a wounded bike, 24 hours of high speed madness outside any logic or reason. The mark now lifted from 2,217km to 2,523km. Exhausted, this might have prepared me for Benny Bultaco's HUGE endo on the back straight, reminiscent of my own accident causing me to leave racing in '84 at Oran Park. Fortunately Benny survived and with some donated bits from my crunchy old ST2 he managed not to 'nil-point' at the meeting, despite riding in serious pain! Awesome effort Benny!

Bears 'hard man' Deano also gave the planet surface a solid rub on his Trumpy, and got going again. Then, there is the tale of how Dave About got his Crabs! AND shared them with the rest of the club members!!!!...but that is another story!

The Club round at Wake-

field park was a little more relaxed, and despite a number of riders not fronting due to family issues (congratulations Ross!) and mechanical woes, (..next time Dave) there was a solid grid.

In F1 Greg Epis ran away with the spoils of victory on his KTM, hotly pursued by Damian Sutton and Mark Balestro on their Dukes. In F2, Garry Peake, ably supported by 'Crosby the Cute', was 'the man' getting into the 4s hotly pursued by Pat Brierley and the ever present Tim (Babe) West. F3 saw Phill 'the Goose' Gray, improving all the time on the 'Superlight DB1 800', doing 7's which, from memory is what Craig McMartin once did there on an 800 SS proddy Bear, so Phildo must be near the mark, no? Mentionable performances on the weekend were Dean Yagan, KTM doing a series of PB's and Long John Price pushing his 595 way past the limit on shagged tyres

to best the kato in the last race! John Winder made a comeback after layoff on the 'Yella-Terra', Moko, welcome back John, bike looks a treat. John Cully got his Trumpy going consistently and finished all his races with a huge grin, and the F5 Clubman crew turned on a flying circus, Scotty, Linden, Team Camel, and Con-tainer all head down and going for it.

Weather was perfect, bordering on hot and was a stark contrast to the 'blizzard meeting' we had there last year.

Aunty Mal



Aunty Mal and the trusty Ducati ST2



Peaky was on fire taking out F2 for the weekend.

F1 Results

Marc Balestro	100 Points
Dean Yagan	80 Points

F2 Results

Garry Peake	100 Points
Patrick Brierley	77 Points
Tim West	74 Points

F3 Results

Phillip Gray	95 Points
John Price	85 Points
John Cully	69 Points

F5 Results

David About	90 Points
Nenad Ljilja	90 Points
Scott Brown	72 Points

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The image shows the cover of the May 2010 issue of 'Rapid Bikes' magazine. The main feature is a red and white Yamaha R6 motorcycle. The cover text includes 'rapidbikes.com.au', 'AUSTRALIA'S NO.1 PERFORMANCE MOTORCYCLE MAGAZINE', and 'A DREAM YAM TO TAKE ON THE GIXER 750...'. Below the main image are three smaller photos: a rider on a Kawasaki Z1000, a rider on a Honda VFR1200F, and a red Ducati TT2 racer. A grid of eight smaller images is on the right, each with a page number: >38, >28, >34, >44, >50, >60, >65, and >114. At the bottom left is an ISSN barcode and issue details: 'MAY 2010 \$8.95 (INC. GST) NP 99.95 (INC. GST)'. The bottom right text reads: 'RIDDEN UPDATED R6, Z1000 FULL TEST, MULTISTRADA 1200 S, VRF1200F, GTR1400 TWEAKED SPONDON FRAMED XJR, BIG BORE KATANA, DUCATI TT2, GPZ900 RACER FEATURES RIDE DAYS'.

Rapid Bikes, May 2010 Issue ON SALE NOW!

The May 2010 issue of Rapid Bikes is now on sale in your local newsagent!

This month features Jeff's test on the new Kawasaki Z1000, a Honda VFR1200F – where Pommie heads to the wine country for the launch of Honda's new Viffer and Mick Withers clocks up some kilome-

tres on the fastest tourer out there – the Kawasaki 1400GTR.

Also included is Bike-Craft's 10th anniversary and the final story on the legend Murray Sayle.

Our regular columnists including Wayne Gardner, Andrew Pitt and Shawn Giles share their stories with us and Peter Molloy continues to explore the infernal combustion engine.

We've got plenty of modified bikes in this issue including Dream Spondon – an amazing German fighter, Kat Attack – an old school Kat with grunt and Racing Duke – a trick classic Ducati TT2.

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- 8th - 9th May - Round 3 National Challenge - Morgan Park, QLD
- 31st July - Round 2 Club Championship - Wakefield Park, NSW
- 13th - 14th November - Round 4 National Challenge / Round 3 Club Championship - Eastern Creek, NSW
- 3rd - 4th December - Round 5 National Challenger - Phillip Island, VIC

NATIONAL CHALLENGE POINTS

F1 Challenge

Andrew Gott	154 Points
Marc Balestro	140 Points
Dean Yagan	139 Points
Mark Henderson	120 Points
Greg Pitt	100 Points

F3 Challenge

Glen Bauder	171 Points
Phillip Gray	147 Points
Michael Coates	139 Points
Pete Smith	136 Points
Dean Holmes	135 Points



Thumbs up from Dean

F2 Challenge

Tim West	165 Points
Neil Webster	165 Points
Paul Coleman	143 Points
John Carbury	134 Points
Paul Cane	123 Points

F5 Challenge

David About	200 Points
Ben Smith	153 Points
Scott Brown	148 Points
Linden Roth	69 Points
Con Economos	50 Points



John Price, John Hubner and Mike Coates at Mac Park



Goose wishes the db1 had more stick, Westy wishes Goose would piss off!

TREASURERS REPORT

Scotty and the committee believe that in the interests of members that we all have an understanding of the Clubs financial position, so to that end here is where we currently stand.

We started the year with \$6,989.57 in the bank and as at 15/3/10 we had a balance of \$9,114.57. The increase comes entirely from membership sub-

scriptions less a few belated prize money cheques from the 2009 season. There have been subsequent sponsorship deposits that help strengthen the Clubs financial position which are not reflected in the current statement.

There were not many transactions so this treasurers report can not be as

exciting, or as amusing, as the various race reports, however I will keep the members informed in future newsletters of our financial position.

Cheers,

David.



Dave learning to fly



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Dean Yagan checks bikes for compliance to the rules, disqualifying all the F1 bikes likely to be faster than the RC8.



No photos please, and no I'm not Triumph Boy.



Hello, anyone there?

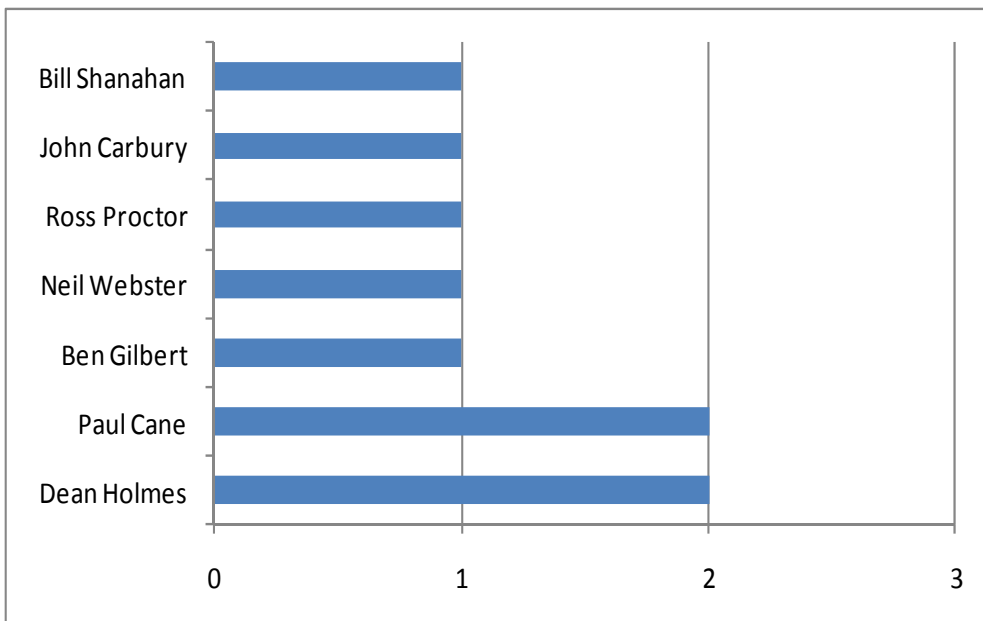
THE TAIL PIECE

Well this is my first newsletter as editor and I hope you've found it a good read and informative. This is only my second year of racing with the BEARS and my fourth year of racing bikes. The BEARS club is certainly something special, and I can't think of a better way of spending a weekend, racing bikes, and sharing stories over a beer and a meal at the end of the day. Numbers have been good this year at Broadford and Mac Park although numbers at Wakefield Park were a little disappointing. With all the political issues going on in our sport, we need to be getting out there and supporting the club and the promoters of the events that the club has chosen to participate in. If you've been away from the sport for a while but thinking about racing again, then I urge you to get out there and support your club, but most importantly, have a great time racing bikes, cause that's what it's all about. And that way you'll be there for moments like Dean trying to deliver a joke at the Indian restaurant in Mt Gambier, but exiting the table red-faced twice before delivering the punch line. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed the race reports and articles for this edition. We'll be calling on a few others throughout the year so please do your bit in supporting the club (and helping me out) and thanks in advance. Also feel free to call me if you have any good or bad comments.

Tim West #73 - (0431) 865367

(Newsletter Editor)

2010 STACK-O-METER



Welcome to the 2010 Stack-o-meter. After three rounds of racing the tally is rising with Dean Holmes and Paul Cane each leading the way on 2 each. No one looks like getting anywhere near Tom Aboud's benchmark of 23 in a season, although if Deano keeps going the way he is, then he looks a good shot at the title for this year. But seriously we all hope that the tally doesn't increase for anyone for the rest of the year. Stay rubber side up!