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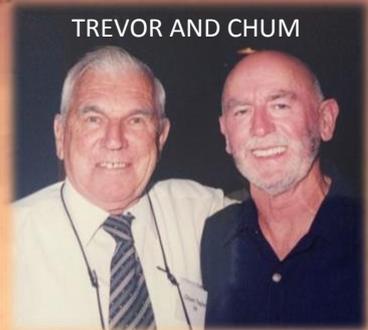
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THE WHITE GHOST



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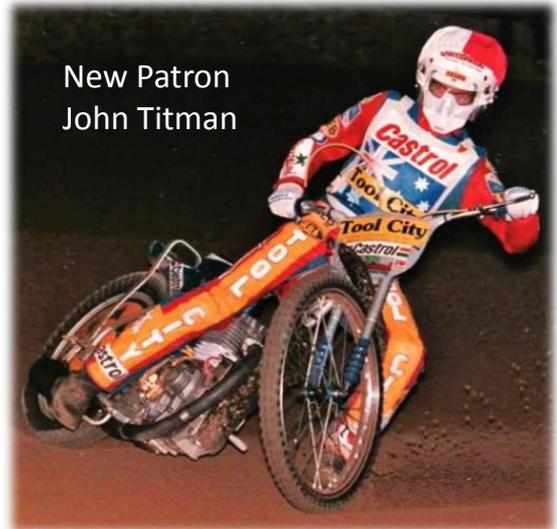
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PRESIDENTS REPORT Dave Mills

On the national scene, all of our states appear to have a lot of events on their calendars for this coming season.... here's hoping the weather is kind so there is plenty of action to see.

I attended Nepean raceway on the 10th of November for the NSW under 16's and under 21's championships, which were 2 great meetings. The meeting showcased a lot of talented riders, making the future of speedway look pretty good. There was a great display of bikes put on show by ASRA members. The winner I judged in the oldest category was a beautiful 1929 Douglas, to which I awarded the ASRA Solo 1923-50 Trophy.



I am delighted to have Darcy ward as our youth ambassador. I am hoping he can help and encourage younger riders to become involved with our association, something we have been discussing for some time. I would urge anyone to come forward with any ideas to further attract new members and to help the association in any way.

On a sad note, my old time good mate, Trevor 'Ghosty' Harding has passed away. His enthusiasm for our association will be greatly missed. I attended his funeral and was pleased to see many old faces had come to honour an old mate. ...there was so many that it was standing room only in the chapel.

On a personal note, after my treatment for prostate cancer, my brother and I have closed our business and retired. I am in the process of moving my machinery to my garage at home so I can still continue to service and tune engines for the many riders that I help. I am still restoring a lot of older engines....it seem that most younger tuners do not want to be involved with the old stuff !

On the 16th November I was a guest of Motorcycling NSW, as a life member. I was asked to participate in the awards presentation. Beau Bailey and James Pearson were awarded trophies for their outstanding performances in junior speedway.

I am hoping to meet and greet one and all down the track.

Yours in Speedway
David Mills President



SECRETARY REPORT John Walker

Welcome to the first edition of our new Newsletter, thanks to the efforts of Terry Starbuck and his trusty band of speedway media, reporters and scribes. Consider this a practice lap edition until we get the right set up! We welcome your feedback and future content suggestions. NEXT ISSUE Q2 COPY DATE FEB 28TH .

Let me introduce myself. I am now some four months into the role of ASRA Secretary. Believe me it's not easy taking over from Bill Powell who has masterminded the Association for almost 18 years and is thankfully still very much involved in a 'coaching' capacity, acting Treasurer, Memorabilia and Welfare Officer. My involvement in Speedway goes back to 1951 when I was a four-years old fan of the Coventry Bees, with Aussies like Lionel Levy, Wollongong's Les Hewitt and, later, Graham Warren, Jack Young and Jack Biggs in the team. Migrating to Australia in 1973 gave me opportunities to follow speedway at tracks including the Sydney Showgrounds and Liverpool. In 1980, my wife and I assembled a group of riders that eventually became the Canberra Bulls (pictured), which lasted until the Canberra track was converted to clay. I've also served on MNSW's Speedway Committee for a number of years, this year with Terry Starbuck, an appropriate double act, ASRA and MNSW!



AGM Hot off the press, the Association's 2024 Annual General Meeting was held in San Souci on Nov 23rd. John Titman was elected as our new Patron, replacing the late 'Ghosty' Harding.

John is one of Australia's and Queensland's greatest ever international speedway riders.... seven times Queensland Champion, 1977 Australian Champion, World Solo Finalist in 1978 & 1979, World Long Track Finalist in 1983 & 1984 and inducted into the Australian Speedway Hall of Fame in 2022.

Other Committee members were appointed and/or re-elected as listed on page 2 of this Newsletter with Col Davidson replacing Colin Mckee as Vice President and Mick Page standing down as Awards Co-ordinator.

Membership Renewal As you know Membership fees provide essential funding for ASRA administration, communication and event activities. Hence having survived the aftermath of Covid we reactivated membership fee payment via email, post and website communication. Our membership database is now being updated, with a view to publishing a new Membership Directory in the near future. If you haven't already done so, please renew your 2024/5* membership asap and confirm your contact details.

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YOUTH AMBASSADOR D43 DARCY WARD talking to Steve Magro

When looking at the new position of Youth Ambassador for our junior riders, the ASRA looked no further than Darcy Ward, a young man who knows what it takes to win.

“After advice from the late Ghosty and Terry Starbuck I decided to get on board and be part of the Association’s forward thinking plans. I’ll be able to seek information from our youngsters and families, continue to do my job and get involved with the junior scene’.

“Right now, the low numbers is a tough one. Numbers in all disciplines of motorsport are down – it’s not easy to get new people to come and be a part of speedway. We plan to have a few more come-and-try days targeting the dirt track crowd, that is, the kids that are already riding.”

Australia has a good track record with our juniors, the latest being 15-year-old Beau Bailey, 250cc World #2, from Grenfell, NSW.

“Over the next few years I can’t see past Beau, to be honest. He’s going about it the right way.

What he does on a bike, how he rides - he is one of the best things to come through the sport since me, to be honest. He’s not on a 500 yet, he’s only small in stature and I don’t want to put too much pressure on him, as some kids have got on a 500 and gone nowhere”.

“We want to keep producing champions, ones that are dedicated to the sport. We have loan bikes, loan them out to our kids to start with and pay expenses to MAQ and try and encourage them and provide a good platform to succeed. A lot of other states have similar ideas. I don’t look at trophies, I look at their ability on the track’.

“We’ve also taken bikes to Australian supercross events and handed out leaflets, to try and get kids involved in speedway, to get some laps in before spending money and see if they like it. This is a positive step, targeting kids with a motocross background. As a career, motocross is really hard whereas in speedway we have around 30 riders earning a good living in Europe.”

Recently at North Brisbane Speedway, the Queensland title was lost due to rain. “We’ll see if we can run it next year, but we have the Aussie title round coming up so we’re looking forward to that.”

Two big meetings in the new year: January 11 Australian Championship with Jack and Chris Holder, Brady Kurtz and Max Fricke. Then the Darcy Ward Invitational on January 12.

“After that we’ve some hurdles with the venue and we’ve also got some new boys going to Europe.”

How has the Evolution Speedway Riders been received by spectators? “The Evo boys (ESRQ) put on a good show. Like anything, there are pros and cons. As long as they’ve had a good day and their numbers are healthy, they are a regular feature.

Lastly, who will be on top of the world championship podium in 2025? “Bartosz Zmarzlik”, says Darcy. “It’s his to lose, as long as he can stay clear of injuries.”



Coach Darcy at work

TREVOR HARDING TRIBUTE

Courtesy of Peter White's Speedway World



ASRA Patron Trevor 'Ghosty' Harding passed away on October 16th. For more than 30 years the name Trevor Harding was on the lips of just about everyone in Australian speedway - first as a rider and then as one of the most prolific sponsors the sport has ever seen.

Trevor Stanley Harding was born in Mount Barker, WA. After a late introduction to speedway, he was all set to start his career at Claremont until pre-war Test match rider Jack Sharpe said if he was going to be any good he should begin at Rowley Park. So his career commenced in Adelaide in 1963-4, starting from a 50 yard handicap in the opening meeting - a respectable mark for a raw novice. Despite his lack of experience he had a good first season, winning a few races and maintaining his handicap mark.

By 1965-6 he had stepped up a level and become the White Ghost (Mark II). This was the idea of Claremont promoter and former Australian international star Aub Lawson who decided to model Harding on the original White Ghost, Ken Le Breton.

Lawson contracted Harding to race at Claremont but Trevor ended up riding in only one meeting as the riders went on strike and he returned to Adelaide for the opening night of the 1965-6 season at Rowley Park. From the start he was in the scratch races and winning handicaps from 150 yards. He was in the top bracket of riders with the likes of Don Prettejohn who were on the 150-160 yard mark, just in front of the international stars. By meeting number 10 his form was so good he was listed as reserve for the Australian Championship.

After he was named as reserve for the Aussie title, there was talk about him going to England but although Trevor had only just turned 23, he was already married with two children and had little money so England was never really likely. Instead Harding became a speedway journeyman here at home in Australia. By 1967 he was racing throughout Queensland alongside Bluey Scott, Gordon Guasco, Kevin Torpie, Bryan Elliott, Leo Ramm and Ken Mapp as part of the Bob Sharp troupe based at Rockhampton.

In March, 1968 his marriage had collapsed and this time he was in Sydney, racing at the Royale and Liverpool. As with all his previous appearances, he was again very successful, running consistently at the pointy end of A grade and being selected several times to ride for Australia in Test matchesbut this peak wasn't to last.



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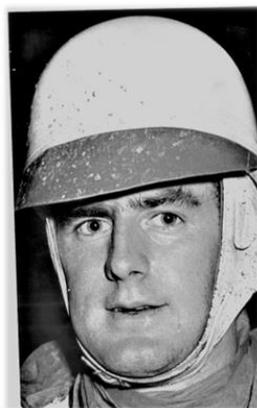
In early 1970 he was back home in his native WA and again racing at Claremont. On January 15, 1971 he was selected to contest the Australian Championship; however a first-ride crash effectively ended his racing career. Harding was out in heat three against three other home-track riders - Les Sharpe, Bob O'Leary and Les Leisk. The initial attempt to run the race was stopped when Sharpe fell after his throttle came adrift. In the re-run Harding led away but was rounded by O'Leary who ultimately finished second overall to John Boulger in the title. Entering the main straight Harding's front wheel touched O'Leary's back wheel and Harding lost control, hit the safety fence at over 100kph and then cartwheeled along the track on his face and back for about 25 metres after the collision which bent his machine almost in half. The track doctor gave him emergency treatment before he was rushed to hospital with multiple injuries including a broken jaw, knee, leg (in two places), a hole in the leg, a hole in the stomach, a cut throat and multiple cuts and bruises. Doctors operated for nearly six hours and fears were held for his life. What nearly cost him his life was the marrow from his broken leg worked its way into his blood stream and he had to be placed on life support for four days.

Trevor took many months and more operations before he recovered. He did drive a Monaro in the Production Car section at Claremont the following season and about four years after the accident he made a very brief comeback on a bike but he simply didn't want to get hurt anymore so he retired and his future speedway involvement centred around promotion and sponsorship.

.At the end of 1978 Harding drove across the Nullabor to Sydney again and started the mobile catering company Kwiksnax, a name that became synonymous with Ghosty and speedway in the 1980s and 1990s. Kwiksnax started on October 22, 1979 and grew from three vans in Sydney to become 100 in Sydney, 50 in Brisbane, and for a while some in Adelaide, Melbourne, the Central Coast, Newcastle and the Gold Coast and it funded many other businesses, some of which are still going.

During the 1980s Kwiksnax sponsored Australian champion Billy Sanders and after his death in 1985 the company/Harding went into promoting. This continued for the next six or so years, with many memorable events including the Billy Sanders Memorial at the Sydney Showground in 1988 and the Swedish and Russian team tours of 1990-91 --- something for which Trevor Harding is probably most remembered. Kwiksnax also sponsored another Australian champion, Phil Crump, after he finished riding in England as well as a host of the younger riders in their early days.

Ghosty and his third wife Mary regularly attended speedway social functions, Aussie title rounds and local race meetings at Kurri Kurri, Somersby and Nepean, usually accompanied by a supply of freshly baked Ghosty's 'pies before your eyes'. In the words of ASRA veteran Bill Powell "speedway has lost a champion, not only as a rider but as a human being" And in the immortal words of the great man himself "over and out"



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NIGEL BOOCOCK'S 210KM/H ROCKETSHIP



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BOOCOCK'S LAMENT

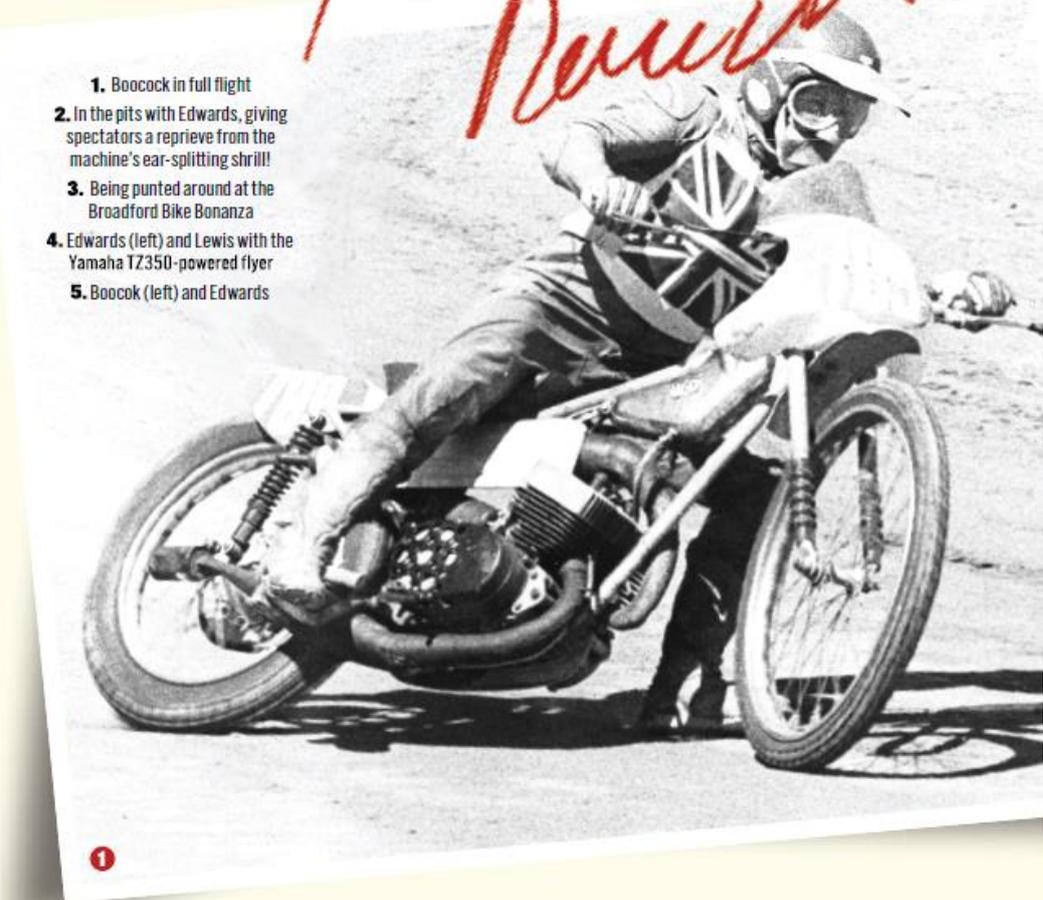
The Australian-built long-track bike that was forbidden by the Germans

Towards the end of his successful racing career, two-stroke aficionado Charlie Edwards grafted a Yamaha 347cc twin-cylinder, air-cooled two-stroke engine into a Hagon speedway chassis. This powerplant was originally developed for the Yamaha TZ350 production road racer, a 45kW (60hp) six-speed bike capable of 290km/h in GP racing trim, and was never intended to provide the low-down grunt required for dirt-track racing.

A life-threatening injury had forced a premature conclusion to Charlie's prodigious tally of short circuit, scrambles and speedway championships, though he continued to fettle bikes for mates such as John Langfield and Les Lewis. So it was that Charlie had his Yamaha Hagon at the two-day meeting at Bendigo Showground on Boxing Day in 1975.

Along with local heroes Clarry Jones and Les Lewis, English speedway luminary Nigel Boocock was billed as one of the stars of the meeting, however Les had a broken leg and Nigel's bike had been delayed in transit so, somewhat reluctantly, Charlie offered Nigel the Yamaha Hagon.

Initially Nigel was less than impressed, claiming the bike was uncompetitive, though when Charlie pointed out that Nigel had never progressed beyond first of the six gears at his disposal, Nigel appeared flummoxed. Casting his crutches aside,



Les Lewis jumped aboard and, with his broken leg strapped to the TR3, provided Nigel with an earsplitting demonstration – the bike had no tacho – of the fistful of revs required to jump out of the gate cleanly in third gear.

As it was, Nigel never advanced beyond third gear, but that was enough during practice to send him arse over elbow along the top of the hardwood sleeper safety fence, breaking a large number of ribs.

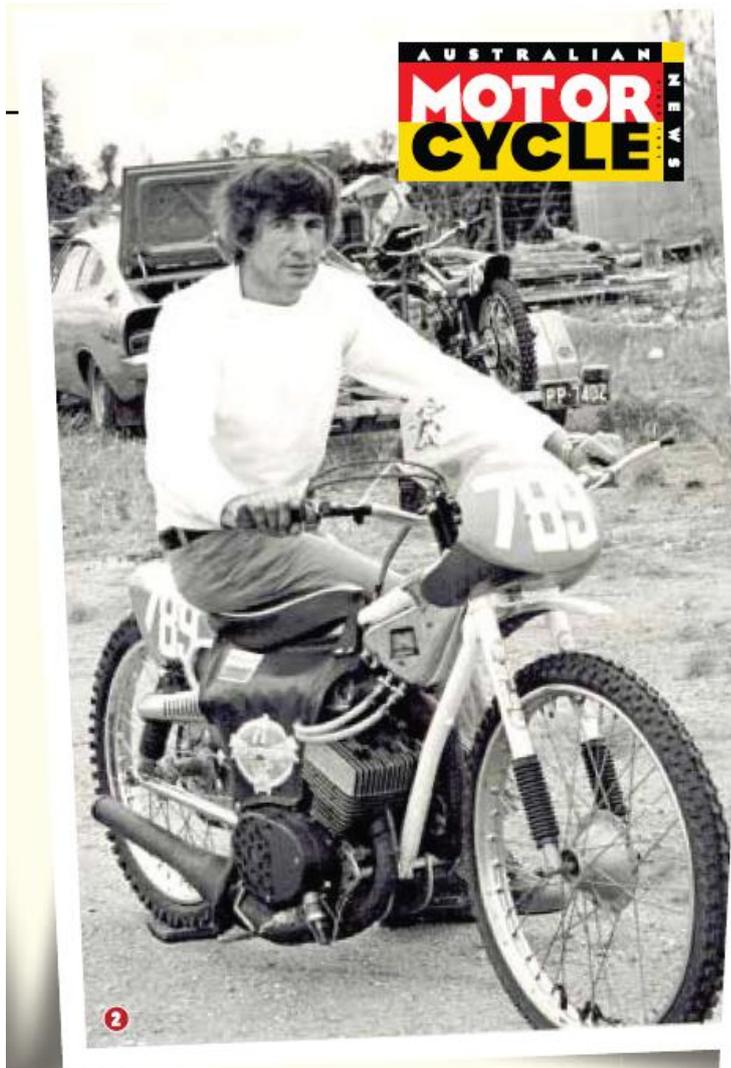
The medics attempted to force a Nigel to hospital but the Yorkshireman refused, saying: "The folks paid to see me fooking ride and see me fooking ride they will."

Fortunately a set of Hagon forks was on hand to repair the damaged bike and, three shredded Baram rear hoops later, Nigel won the final. A defeated Jones offered to purchase Charlie's bike, but by then Charlie had laid other plans, as Nigel was convinced the bike

was just the ticket to win the 1976 World Long Track Championship to be held in Marienbad, Czechoslovakia.

Their plans were derailed when, only a week prior to their departure from London, Nigel demonstrated the bike at Coventry Speedway for officials of the British Auto Cycle Union (ACU). So appalled by the performance, particularly the unbelievable noise, the ACU expressed its dismay. Nevertheless, both Charlie and Nigel were surprised

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LEWIS COAXED THE BIKE TO OVER 210KM/H ON THE HIGHWAY NEAR HAY, NSW

when they received notice from the German organisers stating their bike was banned from the world championships because it was too dangerous.

It remains a mystery how the German officials were alerted so quickly to the Australian bike's potential, however Charlie remains convinced that politics were in play. There was some scuttlebutt the ban could be voided should Nigel cede the ride to an alternate rider favoured by the ACU,

but Nigel's widow Cynthia dismisses such speculation.

"I think the bike was just too fast for the competition," she told AMCN. "It was certainly very noisy."

To this day, Charlie maintains that with Nigel's experience aboard the Yamaha-powered flyer, he was a certainty to win his first world title had he been allowed to compete. After a frustrating six months abroad, Charlie returned home, where Jones had his long-held wish fulfilled

by campaigning the bike at Bendigo. Yet, instead of replicating Nigel's success, Clarry put the bike over the fence, wrecking the Hagon frame and scattering several lucky spectators.

Clarry came good with a new Elstar frame as a replacement, into which the Yamaha engine – by then producing almost 52kW (70hp) – was installed. When first campaigned at South Australia's Morgan Mile in the hands of Rod Hunter, it established a long-standing track record at over 193km/h. Charlie then sold the bike to his old mate, Lewis who,

with the local constabulary turning a blind eye to his effort, coaxed the bike to over 210km/h on the highway near his and Charlie's hometown of Hay, NSW.

Before anyone came to any serious harm, Les converted the bike back to TR2 (250cc) specification.

"The 350 class had been dropped by then," says Les. "Besides I was always more successful on the 250."

In that configuration since 2016, the bike has entertained crowds at the Broadford Bike Bonanza in the hands of Rod Hunter. 🏍️

VETERAN TIMELINE courtesy of Brian Darby

The Sydney Showground Speedway

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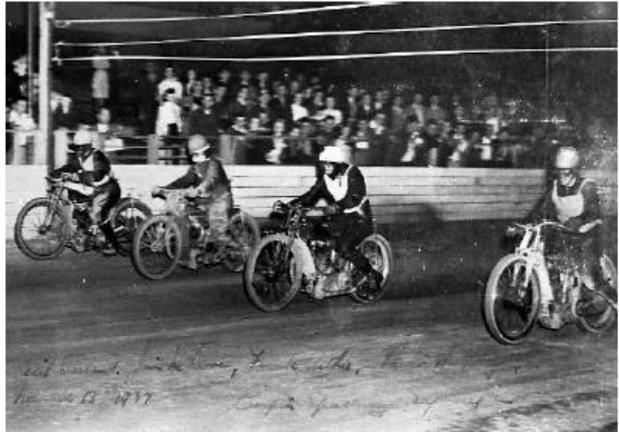


Claimed by International Solo legend - Jack Parker as the best Speedway track he had ridden on.

Some photos on this page by Frank Le Breton - other photographers unknown.



The Official Opening of the SSG on November 13 1937. Mr. Buttenshaw Minister for Lands and L to R ; Jim McLeod (NZ) - Ray Duggan - Frank Dolan - Putt Mossman (USA) - Bobby Hill (USA) .



A 1937 race - L to R : Frank Dolan - Jim McLeod - Frank Arthur - Vic Huxley



A classic battle between Graham Warren (outside) and Ken Le Breton . Both enjoyed International careers. Ken lost his life at the SSG in 1951 Eng. v Aust. Test match.



A 1948 SSG Solo team. L to R: Arthur Trudgitt - Lionel Benson— Jim Taylor - Allan Quinn - Jack Lasagne - Bill Bowker – Clive Gressor - Norm Field.



Sidecars were big time at the SSG - pictured Don Little with passenger Bill Bingham - Bill later to star as a rider in his own right.



Rated as the world's best Sidecar rider of his era - Jim Davies here with passenger Jack Young.

For more SSG history see my website - www.vintagespeedway.com/Sportsground.html



SIDECAR SCENE Phil McCurtayne

The Tamworth Motorcycle Club hosted the Australian Speedway Sidecar Championship in October and what a cracker of a meeting they put on. Brilliantly organized by Paul and Jo Slade and the club they were blessed with good weather a very healthy crowd, after having to postpone earlier in the year.

It was great to see so many familiar faces from the old Sydney Showground days in the crowd... true believers prepared to do some miles to see a good meeting.

The ageless Darrin Treloar added a twelfth Aussie Title to his spectacular GOAT record with Blake Cox in the chair. The other top guns, Justin Plaisted/Damien Egan, Mark Plaisted/Ben Pitt and Trent Hedland/Jaxon Raynor kept him on his toes with Treloar having to come from behind in heats when he didn't get the best of gates.



Darrin Treloar /Blake Cox

There were plenty of hard luck stories on the night. Brodie Cohen ... blocked injector nozzle in his first heat caused the bike to drop a cylinder out of the gate and put them into the air fence in turn two. Stuart Danks-Firth/Jason blew his motor in qualifying leaving Brandon Warke/Mitchell Firth to carry the load for the two bike team. Mark Plaisted had bike issues in round four and had to finish the meeting on Brodie Cohen's spare outfit.

Trent Headland, who had been snapping at Darrin's heels in the final eventually had to drop back due to a tyre problem. Speaking of which...the Tamworth track is big and fast and with the horse power the bikes are putting out now it is very hard on tyres. The photo opposite shows a delaminated tyre from one of the competitors at the title. It's not the first I've seen like this.



The junior sidecars put on some spirited racing for the SG Moto/Glenn O'Brien Cup event with Jessie Johnson and Imogen Williams taking home the chocolates. Start saving your pennies for the next Aussie Title in Bowen QLD next year.... Easter weekend, April 18-19th.



Zac Campbell/Jason Williams

You can catch more sidecar action before that though;

- Broken Hill Speedway NSW Speedway Sidecar Championship 1st March 2025. More planned bike meetings on February 1st and 22nd of March .
- Kurri Kurri Speedway have a scheduled Come & Try Day on March 8th and a Club Day on April 12th. Check out their Facebook for details.
- Gillman Speedway have sidecar meetings galore; Dec 27th Speedway Masters Darren Treloar Cup Jan 10th Gillman Sidecar Spectacular Feb 8th Bowes Family Sidecar Cup & Solo Classics Feb 22nd Safe Fire Electrical SA Sidecar Championship March 1st Marker Bros Sidecar Cup & Classic Sidecars March 15th Bob White's Snr & Jnr Sidecar/Solos Cup March 29th Paintmaster FIM Oceania Sidecar Champ

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AUSTRALIA'S IMPRESSIVE WORLD SPEEDWAY TITLE REPRESENTATION by Dennis Newlyn



Australia will have its biggest representation of permanent riders in the northern hemisphere based World Speedway Grand Prix Championship in 22 years with four 2025 representatives. Newcastle's 2017 world titleholder Jason Doyle, 38, who was a "wild card" selection after failing to qualify amongst the top six in the final 2024 title standings because of injury, is included in the Aussie line-up.

Also in next year's field is Sydney's Jack Holder, 28, who was placed sixth in the championship this year, Cowra's winner of the GP Challenge qualifier in Pardubice, Czech Republic, Brady Kurtz, 28, and Victorian Max Fricke, 28, who filled the fourth and final transfer spot into the 10 round 2025 Speedway GP series from the GP Challenge.

Former state and Australian Champion Kurtz makes his world SGP full time debut, while Fricke returns in a full season capacity after originally filling the reserve berth for the 2024 SGP.



The line-up is next best to 2003 when Australia fielded five riders in the overseas rounds – three time champion Jason Crump, Leigh Adams, Ryan Sullivan, Todd Wiltshire and Jason Lyons. That total equaled the number established over fifty years earlier in the days of the former one-off running world final when there were five Australian riders in the 1949 and 1950 title respectively at London's original Wembley Stadium.

Fifteen permanent riders from nine nations will compete in next season's SGP series crossing seven countries as Poland's defending and five time world champion Bartosz Zmarzlik attempts to equal the long standing record of six wins held jointly by Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) and Sweden's Tony Rickardsson.

The official World Speedway Championship was inaugurated in 1936 and won by Sydney's Lionel Van Praag at Wembley.

Speedway Grand Prix 2025 on Fox Sport

03.05, Grand Prix of Germany, Landshut

31.05, Grand Prix of the Czech Republic, Prague

21.06, Grand Prix of Poland, Gorzów Wielkopolski

02.08, Grand Prix of Latvia, Riga

30.08, Grand Prix of Poland, Wrocław

17.05, Grand Prix of Poland, Warsaw

14.06, Grand Prix of Great Britain, Manchester

05.07, Grand Prix of Sweden, Målilla

16.08, Grand Prix of Great Britain, Cardiff

13.09, Grand Prix of Denmark, Vojens

EUROPEAN NEWS Dariusz Zakrzewski



Speedway Grand Prix. In the 2025 season, Australia will be represented by four permanent participants in the world individual championships: Jack Holder, Jason Doyle (wild card), and Brady Kurtz and Max Fricke (promotion from Speedway Grand Prix Challenge).

The Australian riders failed to secure a medal in the Speedway Grand Prix and Speedway Grand Prix 2 during the past season. However, in other world competitions, as well as in European leagues, they managed to claim their place on the podium. **The main achievements of Australian riders overseas in 2024:**

- Speedway of Nations – silver medal (Jack Holder, Max Fricke, Brady Kurtz);
- Grand Prix of Croatia: Jack Holder;
- Grand Prix of Poland I: Jason Doyle;



- Speedway Grand Prix Challenge: Brady Kurtz
- Speedway of Nations 2 – bronze medal (Keynan Rew, James Pearson, Michael West)
- Speedway Grand Prix 3 – silver medal (Beau Bailey)
- Speedway Grand Prix 4 – silver medal (Cooper Antone);
- Women's Speedway Gold Trophy – bronze medal (Anika Loftus)
- Poland Team Championship: Jack Holder
- Poland Club Pairs Championship: Jack Holder
- Polish 2 Ekstraliga Team Championship: Brady Kurtz, Rohan Tungate
- Polish U24 Ekstraliga Team Championship: Connor Bailey*
- Great Britain Team Championship: Brady Kurtz, Ben Cook, Jaimon Lidsey, Connor Bailey, Tate Zischke
- British Premiership Knock Out Cup: Jack Holder, Chris Holder, Josh Pickering
- British Championship League Championship: Ben Cook, Zach Cook
- British Championship Knock Out Cup: Ben Cook, Zach Cook
- British Championship League Riders' Championship: Josh Pickering
- Denmark Team Championship: Chris Holder
- France Team Championship: Fraser Bowes
- Swedish Allsvenskan League Team Championship: Fraser Bowes

*Connor Bailey, like Luke Killeen, competes with a British licence.

Awards. Two Australian riders were awarded for their performances in European leagues during the 2024 season. Ben Cook was awarded the Szczakiel Trophy as the Surprise of the Season in the Polish Ekstraliga 2024 and Luke Killeen was chosen as Young Rider of the Year in the British Championship 2024.

STATE SECRETARY ROUND UP QLD Graham Gardiner



The 2024 Kennedy Cup on Saturday the 5th October at North Brisbane Speedway was a great event promoted by the Darcy Ward Speedway Promotions Team with some fantastic solo and sidecar teams racing in front of a very good crowd. Team Captains Boyce and Powell worked overtime and we were treated to some great racing from all competitors on a track beautifully prepared by Wayne Kennedy and Steve Langdon, two of the best in the business. Members and guests from the ASRA and ESRQ provided a wonderful display of Vintage Speedway bikes for the crowd to enjoy and we appreciate the positive feedback and memories from the displays. We were very pleased to be joined by Wayne Hadfield with his Triumph Sidecar and Jocelyn Dare with her book and display featuring Big Bad Johnno, the Ron Johnson story.

Our next adventure was on Saturday the 9th November to Bikes and Banter, held at Cafe Twenty Five at Boatworks Coomera. Our display of 7 Speedway Bikes and the Triumph Sidecar was well received and we thank Grahame Gardiner, Andy Nightingale, Wayne Hadfield and Darren Sonnenberg for their participation.

We thank Phil Crump, Jason Crump and Bob Cowley for supporting our display and encourage anyone who is on the Gold Coast to visit Cafe Twenty Five and see the Tony Longhurst Car and Bike collection.

The Qld 500cc and 125 cc title has unfortunately hit some gremlins this year. The event was set to be held at the Rockhampton Showground but was cancelled. Darcy Ward's promotion team stepped in and the event was set for Saturday the 16th November. Saturday morning dawned nice and fine, however as the morning progressed the heavens opened and Brisbane copped a deluge of rain and the title was cancelled.

The month of January in Brisbane is looking great with the final round of the Australian Speedway 500cc Title and the Darcy Ward Invitational being held at North Brisbane.

Australian Title 11th January 2025 Darcy Ward Invitational 12th January 2025.

We would like to pass on our best wishes to photographer Colin Stratford who was badly injured at Tamworth Speedway doing something that he loved. His injuries are slowly healing but he has a long way to go. Colin we wish you all the best and look forward to see you back at the track soon.



BUSH TO BIG TIME In 1991 Steve Magro interviewed proud Queenslander Max Grosskreutz, 1928 and 1935 Australian Champion. Sister Sandra 82, recently met up with Steve 30 years since their last meeting. Some old-timers (and others not so old) remember Max the leg-trailer, his heroic deeds during the 1940's – some as early as the 1920s, including the very first Test Match in 1930. Check out the 25 minute documentary on Youtube. Just type in 'Max Grosskreutz'



STATE SECRETARY ROUND UP

WA Tony Wilton

Sixteen Year Old Mitch McDiarmid was triumphant in W.A Solo Title on November 16th.

The Pinjar Park crowd which included Tai Woffinden were expecting a great night of racing and most correctly saw the meeting to be a battle between teenagers Mitch McDiarmid and current holder Luke Killeen. Unfortunately 3 riders came down heavily in heat two which resulted in a long delay with Matt Marson and Colby Mason being taken to hospital.

The 16 rider field comprised a huge range of ages and experience from newcomers to those who had ridden for half a decade such as Nigel Flatman. After early heats the battle for the title looked to be going as predicted, with Daniel Winchester, Jacob Hook(Qld), Cordell Rogerson(Qld) and Linkin Metcalf emerging as main challengers to Mitch and Luke. When Daniel Winchester was forced to withdraw after good early form, the main chances were reduced to five.

The crowd were on the edge of their seats when McDiarmid and Killeen lined up for what was to be a match race in event 30 after 2 riders withdrew from the heat, but unfortunately McDiarmid touched the tapes and was excluded. Collecting no points in this race, he was forced to ride in the B final which he won.

The Final saw Mitch McDiarmid become the youngest ever winner of the title after winning the start and holding off a hard charging Luke Killeen ahead of Jacob Hook and Cordell Rogerson.

At the close of Pinjar for the winter, sixteen year old Mitchell travelled to Poland for the Ekstraliga Camp and was signed to race with Falubaz Zielona Gora in the u24 Polish League where he showed great form, winning a heat on his opening meeting. With the dedicated help from his father along with assistance from Tai Woffenden, young Mitchell is destined for a great career.

250cc results

- 1st Jett Harvey WA
- 2nd [Ruby Chapman](#) SA
- 3rd Max Harvey WA
- 4th Reagan Dossett WA

125cc results

- 1st Max Harvey WA
- 2nd Jett Harvey WA
- 3rd Noah Sandilands WA
- 4th Owen Chapman SA



Sidecar races were hotly contested with wins going to the combinations Reece Liptrot/Jessie Thomas, Bob King/Daniel Wallis and Jonah Sita/Jamie Forrest.

Liptrot/Thomas withdrew from the final which resulted in a win for Sita/Forrest from King, with passenger Wallis who was making a welcome comeback to the sport. Third were Stephen Mc Murray and lady passenger Cushla Beadman.

STATE SECRETARY ROUND UP

NSW Rod Colquhoun



HOLD ON!

The 2024 NSW Solo Championship on December 14 at Tamworth's Oakburn Park Raceway has received a huge boost with the Holder Brothers, Chris and Jack, both nominating. It is something of a homecoming for former World Champion, Chris, who shot to prominence at the same venue in the early 2000s when he won the Australian Under Championship, despite being relatively unknown at the time!

IN TATE WE TRUST

The extended injury rehab for former World Champion, Jason Doyle, has landed boom Queenslander Tate Zischke a place in this summer's International Speedway Masters meeting to be held at Gillman Speedway. Zischke was one of the sport's big movers in the UK this year until a very serious accident saw him fracture numerous vertebrae and break no less than five ribs. He recently returned to riding and won the Under 21 NSW Championship at Nepean held on November 9th. Rising NSW star James Pearson had to withdraw from this meeting following emergency surgery for appendicitis. He was however voted MNSW Male Rider of the Year at the MNSW Awards night.

PUT A BEAU ON IT!

Gun NSW junior Beau Bailey has his sights firmly set on winning the World Under 16 (250cc) Championship, to be held in Europe in early 2025. The 15 year old showed recently at Nepean that he is a very special talent as he romped away to win the NSW Under 16 crown ahead of a strong field. The World Championship will be held in May, 2025, with the semi final in Slovenia and the final a week later in Prague (Czech Republic). Beau has finished 9th and 2nd respectively in his two previous tilts at the championship. Not surprisingly Beau was recently voted MNSW Junior Male Rider of the Year .



Beau Bailey
U 16 Champion
at Nepean

IN THE MONEY

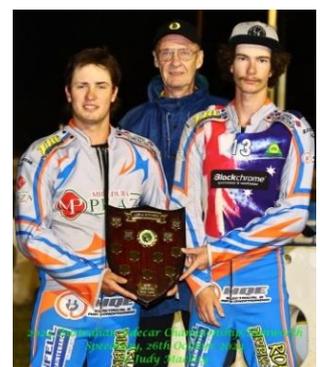
The Kurri Kurri motorcycling precinct in the NSW Hunter Valley has received a \$250,000 Government grant in order to accommodate the current wave of female racers looking to get involved in motorsport. The speedway track at Kurri was built from the ground up by Peter Campton, father of former racer, Mason, and has served as solid base for the sport in the Hunter for around 13 years. This cash injection is an exciting development and comes hot on the heels of female race Celina Leibman becoming the first lady racer to ever compete at second division level in the UK. Watch this space...

HARRY WHO?

A young New South Welshman in a hurry is Harrison Ryan, who looked really sharp at Nepean riding in the NSW Under 21 Championship. His outside passing moves provided some of the best races of the day and he mixed it with both Tate Zischke and Michael West (Reigning Australian Under 21 Champion).

ASRA MOST IMPROVED DUO

Phil McCurtayne presented up and coming sidecar stars Max Howes and Riley Commons with the ASRA Most Improved Trophy at Tamworth on October 26th. Photo credit to Judy McKay



Max Howes &
Riley Commons



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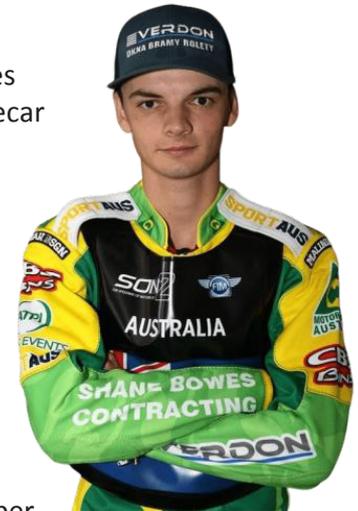
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STATE SECRETARY ROUND UP

SA/NT Shane Parker



Twenty-two year old, Adelaide born international rider, Fraser Bowes will contest the International Speedway Masters at Gillman Speedway on December 28. Bowes is a third generation racer, his grandfather, Len Bowes, is a former Australian Sidecar Champion, whilst his dad, Shane Bowes, was a top flight international solo star. During the European season, Fraser is based at Lublin in Poland, where he's resided for the past three years. His current clubs are; Orlen Oil Motor Lublin (Poland), Solkatterna Karlstad (Sweden) and Morizes in France.



- FIM will be holding a coaching day at Gillman in the New Year 2025. I believe 5 times world champion Tony Richardsson will be attending .
- Aaron Summer and I have been helping at Gillman with coaching days
- Port Pirie Half mile is making slow progress, should be up and running soon.
- Referee William Bates-Brownsword wife Janet passed away last month.
- Former rider and engine tuner Peter Koesling passed away on the 14th November.
- Aaron Summer along with myself have been helping out at Gillman with a couple of coaching days

Results:

5/10/24 Gillman Sidecar Masters Final Plaisted (R 62.486), Howse (W 64.137), Menadue (Y 64.507), Hobbs
 2/11/24 Classic Championships

Solo, 2 valve, rider aged 40 or over: Graetz (Y), Christopher (R), Hall (W), Georgeff (ns), 65.15
 Solo, Evolution Upright 4 valve: Final Pedler (R), Doolan (B), Tomkins (Y), Spear (ns), 64.38
 Sidecar, British/European/American: Den Nash (R), Mitchell (W), Dar Nash (B), Atherton (Y), 65.75
 Sidecar, Japanese: Lethbridge (R), Engels (W-exc, infield), Silvy (ns), Hoogland (ns), 72.08
 Sidecar, Post Classic: Rae (B), Hobbs (R), Banks (Y), Abriani (W), 68.47
 Sidecar, Evolution: Rae (R), Abriani (W), Lethbridge (Y), No rider (B), 67.58



Meetings

- Friday Dec 27 : International Speedway Masters Sidecars/Darrin Treloar Cup
- Saturday Dec 28 : International Speedway Masters Solos/Leigh Adams Medal
- Friday Jan 3 : 2025 Australian 500cc Solo Championship CBS Bins R1
- Friday Jan 10 : Gillman \$3000 to win Sidecar Spectacular
- Saturday Jan 25 : CBS Bins FIM Oceania Speedway Solo Championship
- Saturday Feb 8 : Bowes Family Sidecar Cup , Solos, Classics
- Saturday Feb 22 : Safe Fire Electrical SA Sidecar Championship
- Saturday March 1 : Marker Brothers Sidecar Cup, Classics
- Saturday March 15 : Bob White Sidecar Cup
- Saturday March 29 : Paintmaster SA FIM Oceania Sidecar Championship



*Fraser Bowes story courtesy of

STATE SECRETARY ROUND UP

TASMANIA Leon Jowett



TASSIE SPEEDWAY TAKING SHAPE

NEW MOORLAND BEACH SPEEDWAY operated by TASMANIAN SPEEDWAY MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

This new speedway complex came into existence thanks to the generosity of Richard and Victoria Higgs. Richard and his brother Chris had been involved in Solo Speedway motorcycle racing in Tasmania during their younger years and Richard had a desire to re-establish solo speedway motorcycle racing in Tasmania. Richard and Victoria came into some money and decided to pursue re-establishing solo motorcycle racing with a vision of introducing juniors, youngsters from 7 years of age, promoting motorcycle riding and bike maintenance.

To achieve this they required a suitable track and associated equipment, e.g. solo motorbikes suitable for juniors and a club with experienced members who can assist.

The club, Tasmanian Speedway Motorcycle Association, was formed mid 2021 when Richard invited a few individuals to a meeting where he expressed his desire to establish a track suitable for juniors and seniors. Richard and Victoria with support initially of the small TSMA group proceeded to investigate opportunities and locations for a new speedway complex and an area of approximately 20 acres at the northern end of Moorland Beach Road Wesley Vale was then purchased. After considerable time and considerable cost they finally received approval to establish the track and infrastructure for the speedway.

Track construction is currently underway with the junior track to be 120 mts in length and the senior track to be 330 mts in length with a crushed blue metal surface. The tracks will be constructed to Motorcycling Australia standards and will be licensed by MA when completed.

We must acknowledge the significant support from a number of local Tasmanian businesses and volunteers. We aim to have both tracks completed by April 2025 and are planning on having “come and try” days where interested riders, young and old, can experience solo speedway motorcycling.

What's on in Tasmania

Tasmanian Speedway Motorcycle Association (TSMA)

January 26th 2025

Australia Day Henley On Mersey Latrobe.

Static speedway bike display

Information day/club membership drive.

February 8th- 9th 2025

North West Motorcycle Show Ulverstone.

Static speedway bike display

Information day/club membership drive.

Proposed Feb/March 2025

If track licenses issued, Junior/Senior come and try/information day.

Moorland Beach Speedway, Moorland Beach Road Wesley Vale.



STATE SECRETARY ROUND UP

VICTORIA Tony Webb



- Ray Taylor who rode in England in the early fifties for Long Eaton expressed his valid by concerns about the future of the our sport and the need for more support from MA.
- Alan Skippy Paynter who rode for Newcastle in England in the early sixties with Ivan, is also a keen follower of the sprint car scene around Australia.
- Keith Hunt from Footscray says the Gordon Guasco JAP now has pride of place in the Nabiac museum.
- Charlie Wallis our long time member from South Kilsyth has not enjoyed the best of health recently and is currently have hospital treatment.
- British champion Dan Bewley is due to return to Mildura for the Jason Lyons Trophy.

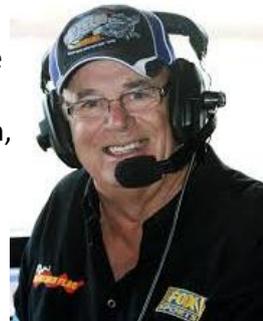
Victorian Fixtures : Mildura Olympic Park
December 7th Victorian Solo Championship
December 14th Jason Lyons Trophy
December 29th Phil Crump Solo Classic
January 5th Australian Solo Championship
January 11th Victorian Sidecar Championship
January 11th Mildura Solo Championships
February 2nd Sidecar Shoot Out.

Albury/Wodonga Diamond Park
January 9th Australian Solo Championship Round 3.

Swap Meets
April 6th Scoresby : motor cycles only.
1200 Ferngully Road Scoresby Victoria 3279.

NEW RADIO SHOW IN WEST AUSSIE

The popularity of speedway in Western Australia has prompted the SEN Sports radio network to schedule and broadcast a dedicated speedway show as part of their WA sports coverage. Jarred O'Brien, SEN Content Manager/Host said: "We have been monitoring the growth and popularity of speedway racing right around the state and have wanted to tap into this strong demographic market with a dedicated weekly one-hour speedway radio programme and it will all come together when we air our first show in mid-October, just prior to the summer of speedway. The new show will be hosted by **Con Migro and Graeme Sinden** and will be known as **'The Spirit of Speedway'** and will initially go to air each Friday at 2.00pm through SEN Spirit radio stations 621am and Bunbury 1494am and also on the SEN App with the hope to eventually reach a statewide audience.



FOOTNOTE

Memoirs. One of the FAQ asked is for advice on disposal of memoirs, particularly paperwork. While it is very important and preferable to keep memorabilia within and accessible to the speedway community, Dennington's Auctions in Melbourne are a reliable source who have experienced staff on motor sport who can advise on provenance and options. The Victorian state library, Ballarat Mechanical Institute and Geelong Heritage Centre are also good reference points who hold newspaper and speedway publications. ASRA needs to have a policy on offering advice on this topic and also an inventory of what historic memorabilia is owned or under loan, where it is stored and a nominated beneficiary recorded.

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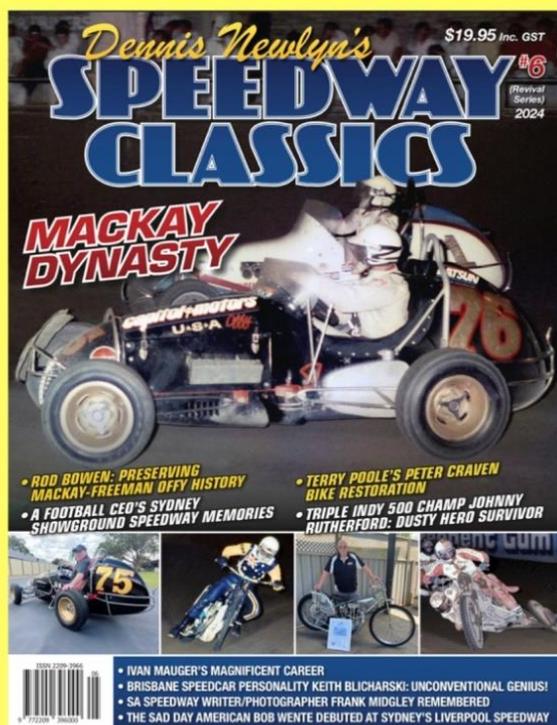
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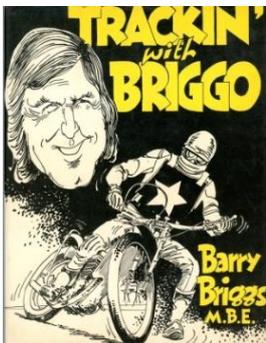
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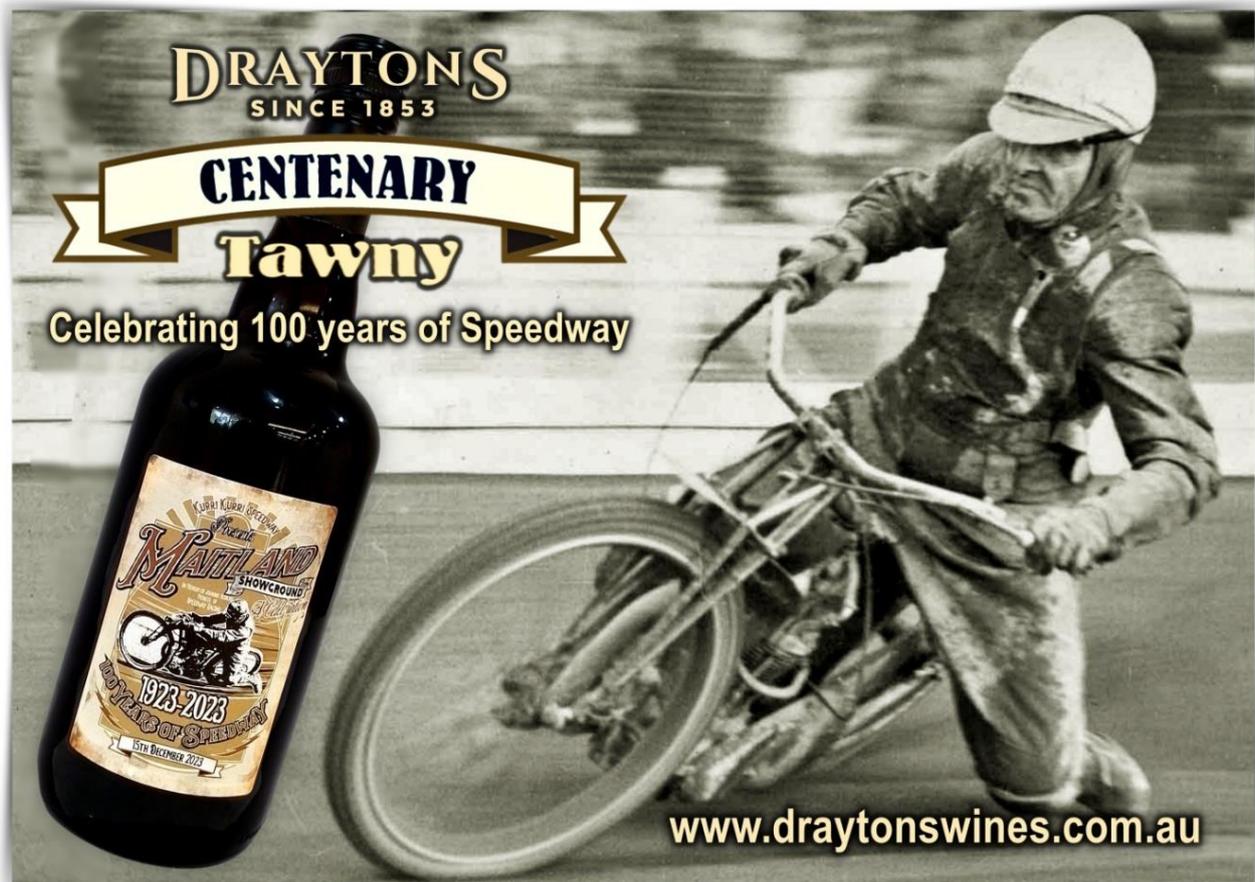
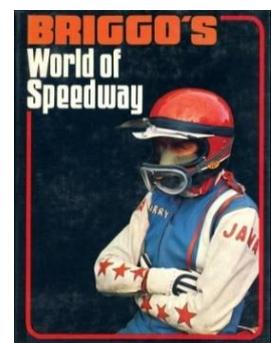
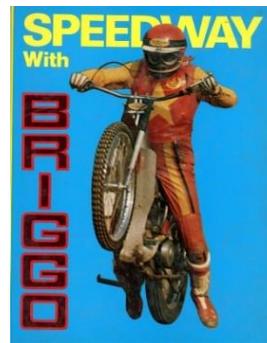


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OUR THOUGHTS AND GOOD WISHES ARE WITH YOU – Bill Powell



IAN ADAMS

I always eagerly look forward to visiting and catching up with long standing, respected ASRA Member and good friend, the remarkable Ian Adams. These meetings unfortunately, only occur when Ian re-visits his mid-north coast residence from Thailand, which is now his permanent residence.

In October I spent a wonderful day with Ian and his former sidecar passenger and close friend Les Cox. This was truly a very special occasion, for Ian now 83 years young, is finding the long-distance air travel compromising to his current health. This was possibly the last time such a meeting would occur. Ian has loving family in Thailand and since 1991 he has worked managing a children's orphanage of 70+ children.

He has been a loyal Member of the ASRA for many years, during which time he has assisted the Association in every possible way, including financially by his generous donation of stickers and transfers for Members.

During his sidecar racing career he always displayed enthusiasm, perfection and is a tireless worker. A wonderful man full of energy and action, who during his racing and post-racing years, made countless friends.

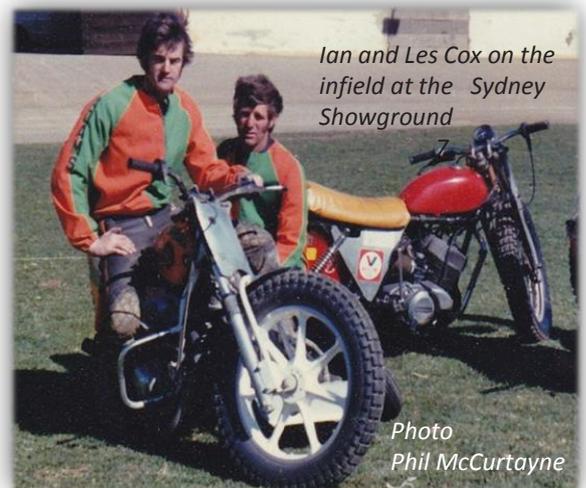
Ian built bikes for many sidecar champions including Ray Andrieux, Phil Page, Gary Treloar, Glenn Innes, John Lloyd, Gary Keene and Phil McCurtayne.

He decided to build a bike for himself and that is when he raced the first Honda 4 to be seen at the Sydney Showground speedway. Ian's last bike was a Kawasaki 750 H2 (*see photo*) which he passionately kept, until recently when it was passed on to a speedway collector, with Ian's instructions that it is to remain unchanged. Prior to Ian's departure from Sydney, he had lunch with Phil McCurtayne, who has been his very good friend and mate for many decades.

Phil reminds us – *"Apart from his racing career in speedway sidecars, road racing sidecars, formula 5000 open wheelers, sports cars and sedans, he is a wonderful engineer and has helped many speedway riders, (including myself) get on the track when times were financially tough.*

He was very generous and always willing to share his mechanical and engineering knowledge, time and expertise to others."

Best wishes Ian – you will always be in our thoughts.



Ian and Les Cox on the infield at the Sydney Showground

*Photo
Phil McCurtayne*

RALPH WARNE

It is with deep sadness and regret that I have to inform you of the sad passing of former ASRA President and Life Member

Ralph Warne. Ralph aged 76, passed away in hospital on 19th November 2024, following a long illness of pain and suffering only a man of Ralph's strength and courage could endure. In October 2017 Ralph was elected ASRA President and served in that capacity from 2018 until 2020, unfortunately having to retire early due to ill health. Ralph has always displayed great support to our Association, prior to his becoming President, right up until his tragic passing. He was a vital part of the team in gaining Incorporation and Affiliation for the ASRA. Ralph always passionately displayed with pride his beautifully restored solo bikes, especially his treasured John Langfield machine. For the last two years Ralph and partner Robyn organised the very successful Speedway Show Day at the Toukley Golf Club (NSW) catering for all Speedway divisions. A true and loyal friend, mate, never to be forgotten.

Our thoughts go out to those Members who are experiencing not so good health or recovering from post-operative procedures. Hopefully you will be on the road to recovery in the near future. Neil Grant, Phil McCurtayne, Jan Grainger, Terry Starbuck, Max Wintle, Dave Mills, Chum Taylor, Rod Dunn and Jeff Lee

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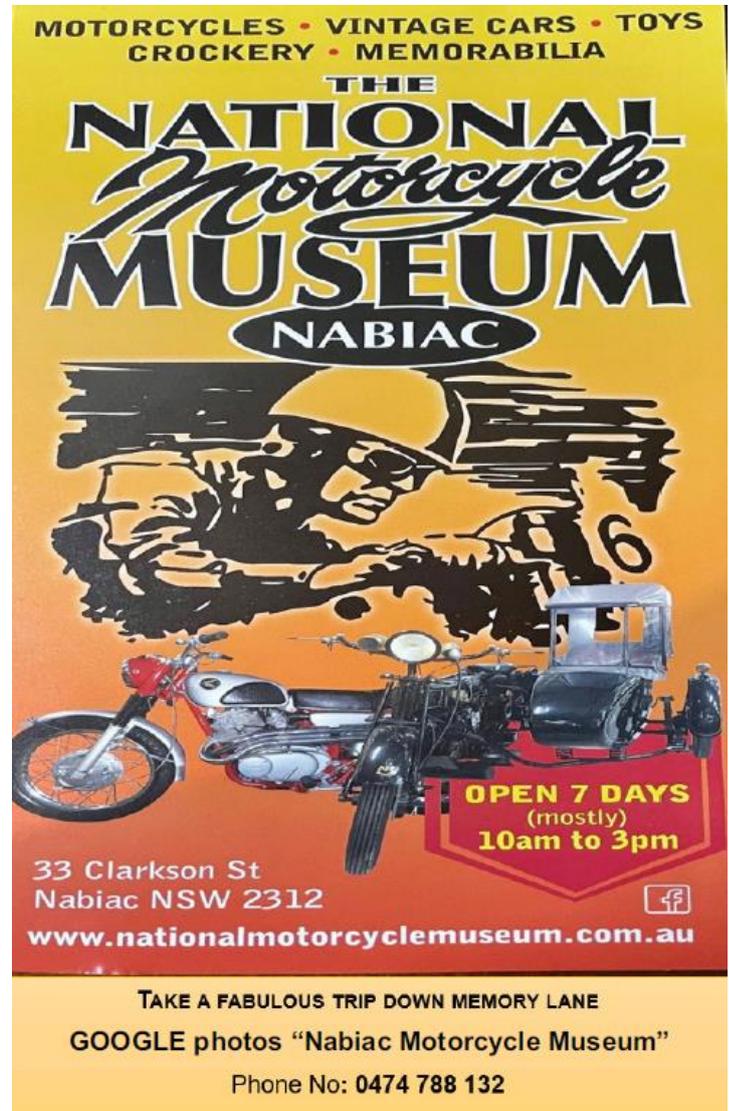


Events in 2024

- Dec 14** - NSW Senior 500cc & Junior 125cc
Speedway Solo Champ, Oakburn Park, Tamworth.
- Dec 14** Jason Lyons trophy, Mildura Olympic Park
- Dec 14** Rod Slater Super Series Rd 1, Pinjar Park, W.A.
- Dec 14** Broadford Series Rd 3, SSRAV, Broadford, Vic
- Dec 27** Sidecar Masters Darren Treloar Cup, Gillman SA
- Dec 28** Solo Masters Leigh Adams Medal, Gillman SA
- Dec 29** Phil Crump Classic, Mildura Olympic Park, Vic

Events in 2025

- Jan 3** CBS Bins Australian Solo Championship R1
Gillman Speedway SA
- Jan 4** Sidecar Spectacular, Pinjar Park, W.A.
- Jan 5** Mallee Bearings Australian Solo Championship
Rd 2, Mildura Olympic Park, Vic
- Jan 8** Australian Solo Championship Rd3,
Albury/Wodonga Diamond Park
- Jan 11** Australian Solo Championship Rd4
Mick Doohan Raceway Brisbane
- Jan 11** Victorian Sidecar Champ, Mildura Olympic Park
- Jan 11** Mildura Solo Champ, Mildura Olympic Park
- Jan 18** - Rod Slater Super Series Rd 2, Pinjar Park, W.A.
- Jan 25** - Oceania Solo Speedway Championships
Gillman Speedway, Adelaide SA
- Jan 26** - Mildura Solo Masters/Gates Sidecar Cup,
Mildura Olympic Park
- Jan 26** Australia Day Car & Bike Show
Ballarat Vintage and Collectables Market.
- Feb 1** Pinjar Park Teams Challenge, Pinjar Park, W.A.
- Feb 15** Sidecar Shootout, Mildura Olympic Park
- Feb 22** Sidecar State Title, Pinjar Park, W.A.
- Mar 1** Jeff Gittus memorial, Pinjar Park, W.A.
- Mar 1** 10am - 2pm "The Place of Pace Liverpool Speedway 1967 – 1989" Liverpool Regional Museum
Featuring cars and motorcycles that raced at the Liverpool Speedway with a static display of both cars, bikes and memorabilia. Contact. To display your bike and more details contact Bill Powell.
- Mar 8** 17 May; 9 August; 6 September; 18 October
Vintage Speedway & Kart Events - Illabo Motorsport Park - Illabo NSW. ASRA members with solo bikes can put their bikes on display and participate in some parade/demonstration laps.
Contact Kerry Phelan - kerry.phelan@gmail.com
- Mar 22** Kings of Pinjar, Pinjar Park, W.A.
- Mar 29** Oceania Sidecar Speedway Championships, Gillman Speedway, Adelaide
- April 5** Rod Slater Super Series Grand Final plus Blast from the Past, Pinjar Park, W.A.
- April 7** Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria, Motorcycles Only Swap meet,
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