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Café News

Can't ride next meeting? How about pitching in *and* winning?

There are a few roles just begging for owners at the March 2nd race meeting. We need some start line assistants, a pit manager, pit gate marshal and crash truck crew. Other roles for general helpers are also available. No experience? That's OK! We will conduct a pre meeting briefing for club officials at the meeting on February 18th along with an introductory seminar for Bracket Racing. You can get close to the racing and help the club we all love at the same time. Call Rotten now!

Did I say winning? All officials will go into a draw for one of Hollywood's fabulous gourmet beer 6 packs during the presentations at the end of the day.

Our treasurer says your membership due date is «Due_Date».

More important than an Amex card. Don't leave home without it!

Looking for a hot date or obscure part? Check here!

For Sale:

Bracket/Practice Tyres 120-60/17 180-55/17 Michelin Pilot Race \$150(f/r) & Dunlop 207GPs \$150(f/r) - phone Alec 0410 628 750

Race glass & tank to suit '02 R6 price negotiable – phone Michael 8379 9822 BH

Conti replica mufflers suit Monster 600 or 750 \$400 neg. – phone Clair 0417 764 309

Wanted:

Race glass to suit '90 GSXR750 any condition – phone Richard 0407 608 795

Electronic Tacho to suit Single – phone Alec on 0410 628 750

Suzuki GSX-1100's or bits thereof (I've got room for a couple more parts in the shed) – phone Hattie 0401 710 607

Sunday Riders – meet at Lobethal Deli on the last Sunday in the month for 11:00 departure, 2 hour ride, Boxing Day pace.

More classifieds. Just email them to webmaster@caferacerclub.com, post them to the PO box, or bring them along to a meeting.

Look like you own the track with genuine Café Racer Club gear

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| Embroidered Caps | \$15.00 | Stubby Holders | \$5.00 |
| Polo Tops & Singlets | \$25.00 | Stickers (1 large & 2 small) | \$1.00 |

All available at club meetings.

A stubby of Pale Ale for \$2.00? I'd like to see that.

You can at a club meeting, 8:00pm on the first and third Tuesday nights of each and every month at the Velocette MCC clubrooms 74 Drayton St, Bowden (South of Hawker St).

Cheap bar (and the Café Racer of the Year is your barman)!

Next meetings: 18th February, 4th March, 18th March

When can I practice at Mallala?

Check for scheduled practices on their web site at www.mallala.com (you can follow the link from our site) or, check with Rotten at the next meeting. Bike only practice days are scheduled for the Saturday before most scheduled Mallala race meetings. The ASC round is the obvious exception as it runs for 3 days. The provisional list of dates is:

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| 8 th Feb | General Practice |
| 15 th Feb | General Practice |
| 22 nd Feb | General Practice |
| 1 st March | Bike Only Practice |
| 8 th March | General Practice |
| 15 th March | General Practice |
| 22 nd March | Bike Only Practice |
| 29 th March | General Practice |
| 5 th April | Bike Only Practice |
| 10 th April | Bike Only Practice |
| 26 th April | General Practice |
| 3 rd May | General Practice |
| 10 th May | General Practice |

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| 17 th May | General Practice |
| 24 th May | General Practice |
| 8 th June | General Practice (First Weekend after Truck Racing) |
| 21 st June | General Practice |
| 5 th July | General Practice |
| 12 th July | Bike Only Practice |
| 19 th July | General Practice |
| 2 nd Aug | General Practice |
| 9 th Aug | General Practice |
| 16 th Aug | General Practice |
| 23 rd Aug | General Practice |
| 6 th Sept | General Practice |
| 27 th Sept | General Practice |
| 4 th Oct | General Practice |
| 18 th Oct | General Practice |
| 25 th Oct | General Practice |
| 15 th Nov | General Practice |
| 29 th Nov | General Practice |
| 6 th Dec | General Practice |
| 13 th Dec | General Practice |

Talking About Calendars...

April 27th will be a ride day at Mallala for road and race riders organised by Yamaha Pitmans with assistance from the Café Racer Club. Full details and entry forms from Pitmans or Paul "Muzza" Murray.

Some late changes to the competition calendar

General consensus from last year was that the State Championship meetings were a bit tight for time. The 2 Mallala rounds will now run Bracket Racing on the Saturday along with practice for the open classes. That will give us more time and remove the need to restrict the number of grid places. It will also mean that the State Championship events will be able to run over longer race distances. By splitting the day between Historic and Modern racing the State Championships should remain viable, and the extra numbers practising between our events on the Saturday should ensure the same for us. To achieve this the AVA

round of the SA Championships will move to July 13th with Brackets on the 12th and an interclub meeting will be run on the 7th September.

2003 Calendar - * = Bracket Racing in programme

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| 2 nd March | Café Racer Club - Interclub Mallala * | 28 th -30 th Mar | World Superbike Championship Phillip Island |
| 11 th -13 th Apr | Australian Superbike Championship Mallala | 18 th -20 th Apr | Easter Cup & State Title Rnd 1 McNamara Park * |
| 17 th -19 th May | Seniors Meeting McNamara Park | Saturday 12 th July | Café Racer Club – Bracket Racing & Open Practice * |
| 13 th July | AVA State Title Rnd 2 Mallala | 7 th Sept | Café Racer Club - Interclub Mallala * |
| 17 th -19 th Oct | Australian Grand Prix Phillip Island | Saturday 22 nd Nov | Café Racer Club – Bracket Racing & Open Practice * |
| 23 th Nov | Phoenix State Title Rnd 3 Mallala | 26 th -28 th Dec | Master of Mac McNamara Park |

Steve Martin

As mentioned last issue, Steve was in town at the start of the month. He spent some time out at Mallala providing riders help with their bike set-up, and attended a dinner for our Gold Members. Steve extended an offer to continue to help Café Racer Club members with their set-up problems, albeit remotely. (Thanks Steve, that's a generous offer from a busy man.) If you have a question for him, or want to wish him well for the coming WSB season, you can send it by email to stevemartin99@ozemail.com.au. Please don't send attachments, backgrounds etc. as he receives email to his phone while he is away.

License Fees for 2003 (Oh, my aching hip pocket)

The bad news is that license fees have gone up again this year. Open licenses are now \$280 for the year. One event licenses took the biggest hit, rising to \$40.00. Potential good news on that front is the **Club License** at \$205 for the year. These can be used for closed to club and interclub events (e.g. Bracket Racing) in the same way as a one event license. Should you change your mind and decide to go open racing, you can upgrade to an Open License for \$100. Given that there are 5 meetings scheduled for Bracket Racing, a club license will cost \$5 more, but you won't have all that paperwork to fill out on the day, so you will get through machine examination quicker. If we manage to organise a couple of club ride days (like April 27th), then you will be in front.

Got a beef or an idea? Contact a committee member (they're lonely souls)

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Did I mention the committee's first baby? Skye Julia was born on January 22nd at 2:25pm, weighing in at 6lb 12oz. Congratulations Alison and Shaun.

What happened at the Presentation Night?

For those poor unfortunates who couldn't make it:

Café Racer of the Year – James Potter

Autumn Leaf – Dave Johnson

Bracket Challenge – RoadSkills (Andy Hiscox) on a countback from Computers Reborn (Aaron McClement)

Unlimited Solo – Michael Brenton

State Championships

Superbike – Karl Schmidt

600 Supersport – Michael Brenton

600 Superstock – Marc Nelson

250cc GP – Brett Metcalf

250cc Production – Mat Childs

125cc GP – Tim Inkster

Thunderbike – Craig Blesing

Sidecar - John Francis & Rowan Biram

Annual Trophies for Open Competition

Yamaha Pitmans Trophy (Solo points) – Michael Brenton

Kathy Horsman Trophy (B Grade points) – Jeff Thomas

Carl Hammersley Trophy (C Grade points) – Marc Nelson

Nat Saunders Trophy (Production points) Mat Childs

Paul McMenamain Trophy (Most Improved C Grader) – Nick Strawbridge

Honda Australia Trophy (Outright Sidecar) – Neville Lush & Martin Scott

Mal Evans Award (B Grade Sidecar) – David Cawthorne & Brian Clow

Editorial Footnote

I've been travelling a lot again lately. So much so, that in my mind a hot lap is what happens when the hostie spills the coffee while reaching across me to pour for the person in the window seat.

People sometimes say to me, "I wish I had the time to devote to the club that you do. I can't attend regularly so I don't take on responsibilities." That brings to mind a story I saw when serving on the board at my kids' school, about "Somebody Else", who is the person responsible for making everything happen. The guts of it is, if you can spare some time, occasionally, to do a bit, it adds up. Another old adage goes "Many hands make light work" and at the end of the day that is what keeps any club going. Otherwise, the few burn out and it grinds to a halt. Over the almost 25 years that the club has been ticking along, I have had the privilege of working alongside many very talented people. They have each applied their skills to the club, shaping it and forging its' path to where it now stands, many I suspect without even knowing the influence they wielded. You are a part of the Café Racer Club. Don't be afraid to leave your mark on it. See you in the pits.

Hattie :o)



Wayne Madden – Street Toons