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Café News

Win! Win! Win!

We've always advocated that Bracket Racing is partially a road safety initiative in that it offers sports bike riders a safe venue to test the limits, and an easy entry to the sport of road racing. We've had a number of tries over the last 6 years to convince various government bodies that we are worthy of some funding in a bid to reduce the costs to competitors. We're about to give it another shot, this time starting with the Police on the Road Safety angle with a view of working our way back around to SGIC and MAC (Motor Accident Commission).

"How can I help?" you chorus. Easy. If you've ever had a go at racing, please fill out the questionnaire on page 4 and return it (either by email or to the post office box, to reach us by **January 17th**. That will achieve two things. The first is, we can compile some statistics to take with us to the meeting the following Monday. The second is we will place you in the draw for **a year's free membership and the first of the new embroidered Café Racer Club caps**. We will draw the winner at the club meeting on Tuesday 21st.

Gold Members Dinner

No, not another Austin Powers movie. Our Gold Members initially came together to help the club through some tough times. They will be having a dinner with Steve Martin on January 11th hosted by the club as a thank you for their ongoing support. Special thanks to Steve for taking time out to spend with the club. If you want to become a Gold Member, speak to a committee member.

Our records show your membership due date as «Due_Date».

It doesn't happen often, but I have been known to make a mistake, so check your card. Remember to keep it handy too, you'll need it at scrutineering at race meetings.

Have you been to a club meeting lately?

We meet at 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 prices, too!

Next meetings: 7th January, 21st January, 4th February, 18th February

How does our Bear keep cool in summer? By wearing Café Racer Club gear!

Caps	\$5.00 (for the last few printed ones)	Stubby Holders	\$5.00
Polo Tops	\$25.00	Stickers	\$1.00

Polo Tops, Caps, Stubby Holders and Stickers are available at club meetings.

It's rumoured that the list of committee members is now correct....

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2003 Calendar - * = Bracket Racing in programme

2 nd March	Phoenix 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	13 th July	AVA Interclub Mallala *
7 th Sept	AVA State Title Rnd 2 Mallala *	17 th -19 th Oct	Australian Grand Prix Phillip Island
23 th Nov	Phoenix State Title Rnd 3 Mallala *	26 th -28 th Dec	Master of Mac McNamara Park

Don't Miss This!!

If you want to see South Australian Road Racing's champions for 2002, from both Modern and Historic classes crowned, then you will want to be at the Motorcycling S.A. club rooms, 251 The Parade, Beulah Park on the evening of February 1st 2003. **STOP PRESS** – *We have always performed the Cafe Racer Club presentations at our AGM in July to encourage attendance there. This year though we have agreed to perform them at the Road Race presentations, as have Phoenix and the Historic Register. It will be a night where all of the road racing fraternity comes together to celebrate their achievements in front of their peers. Who won the coveted Autumn Leaf award? Who is the Café Racer of the Year? Which team took out the Bracket award? Be there to find out!*

Boxing Day

The main street of Lobethal was packed with bikes down both sides of the road in front of the Amberlight Deli. I thought, "looks like a busy day" and then slowly realised that all 35 bikes were there for the Café Racer Club Boxing Day ride. The town stopped to look as we took off up the street, bound for the Mitcham Reserve. It was a nice, casual ride through some twisty (and bumpy) back roads. Some got to ride roads they didn't even know existed, while most got to ride in a Café Racer Club pack for the first time. Even more made it to the BBQ – special mention here for Rick's wife, Sandra, who came along on her birthday. The cricket, the bocce, the Vortex tossing, the beer, the barbecue, the yarns, the kids rides in the sidecars – who'd miss it? The best turn out we've seen in a long, long time. Well done everyone, what a great afternoon!

Editorial Footnote

Welcome to 2003. I hope the year brings you all that you deserve.

A couple of weekends ago I was sitting at home lamenting the end of the season as I started to tear down the motor for a check up. Then Christmas and New Year swept me away with the family get togethers and celebrations. As I was squeezing back into my work clothes (which seem to have performed their annual mid summer shrinking trick) this morning I realised that it's less than 2 months to the next race meeting! The next thing I'll be squeezing back into will be my leathers for some practice. Of course, first of all I've got to reassemble all those bits on the bench in my shed.

I've just negotiated an exchange of links with www.caferacer.net. Their site is dedicated to bikes of the original café racer era, with a focus on those currently racing in the US of A. Check it out.

This month's edition of Café News has also gone by email to some former members as a nod to the club's history. We've also sent it to a number of former competitors to help us with the questionnaire. Greetings to you all.

I'll see you on the road, at the track or at a meeting.

Hattie :o)



Wayne Madden – Street Toons

Age

Gender

How long have you been riding?

Did you ride on the road prior to racing? Yes No

Do you still ride on the road? Yes No

How many hours per week?

Same bike as raced? Yes No

What prompted you to start racing? _____

Approximately how much did it cost to set up for your first race \$ _____

Did you have ambulance cover before racing? Yes No

Has racing changed the way you ride on the road? Yes No

Has racing made you a safer rider on the road? Yes No

Has racing made you a faster rider on the road? Yes No

Is riding/racing on the track safer than riding in the hills? Yes No

Have you participated in training...

Before racing? Yes No After commencing racing? Yes No

Should coaches available at race meetings and practice days? Yes No

How did you find the following officials:

	Bad	Poor	Neutral	Average	Good
Check In	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Machine Examiners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rider Briefing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Starter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flag Marshalls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Club Officials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Have you crashed on the road? Yes No

Approximate cost \$ _____

Severity of injuries _____

Have you crashed on the track? Yes No

Approximate cost \$ _____

Severity of injuries _____

What do you think will contribute to getting more riders involved in Bracket Racing?

More advertising More seminars

More on track training Reduced entry fees

Reduced license fees Prize money

Personal insurance Bike insurance

Other (please specify).....

If you have stopped racing, why? _____

For entry in the draw for a Club Cap and 1 year's membership (will be separated from your questionnaire response):

Name : _____