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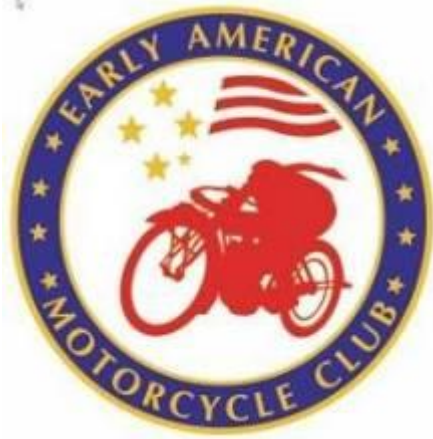
August 2016



Roger, Andrew and Tim at the 111 Indian Anniversary Ride.

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Dedicated to the restoration and use of American made motorcycles manufactured before 1967.

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Membership Fees

These are due by 31 December. \$35.00 per annum. Nomination Fee of \$20.00. Cheques made payable to **Early American Motorcycle Club**. Preferred method is electronic direct deposit to:-
Commonwealth bank BSB: 066 100
Account: 1021 0659

Our postal address is.

PO Box 184, Tuart Hill, WA 6939



President's Report

Hi folks

Yes it's been a while with no magazine last month is always a concern. And this seems to happen every time Glen goes on holidays-the whole process goes to crap. Thank goodness he's back.

Not much to report this issue but we had a small ride last weekend to the new Indian dealership. I thought for some reason that we were going to get a tour of the dealership but no it was not to be. Didn't matter as we stood around and chatted for a while or had a burrito and coffee kindly put on by the 111 Club and still enjoyed the day despite the showers. Graham Hammond stole the show again with his fabulous Powerplus collection and rightly so as they are lovely bikes.

Glen and Rob have returned from their Canada/USA tour and I for one am very jealous, particularly after seeing the many photos of bikes, bike museums, bike shows, bike swap meet, bike races and bike people plus some spectacular scenery.

And I think our wayward caravaners are back this week as well. Welcome back Chris and Helen. Did you bring Pop back with you?

With the weather being all over the place we have not scheduled major runs however the Committee would like to start having informal "Coffee Runs" for the want of a better term to be held on a Sunday morning with venues to be decided on the day pretty much. Notification will be by email to the general membership but if you are keen then please drop Glen a line so he can be sure to notify you.

That's about it from me.

Have a good week and we hope to see you on a ride soon

Keep the shiny side up.

Wayne
EAMC Patron, President
DAM and member #2
elezresources@bigpond.com



Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Meeting Minutes:

Meeting held on 9 August

Venue: Mike's place.

Meeting opened: 7.05

Attendees: Mike, Wayne, Jeremy, Glen, Rob, Rex, Lyndon

Apologies:

Chris, Brian, Tim, Barry, Greg.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of May meeting read.

Moved Wayne, Seconded Jeremy. Passed.

Business arising from the minutes.

- Beverley Run VMCC. Information distributed via club Gmail with registration form.
- Mean Machine café and gallery in Morley is putting on comedy film night Saturdays.
<http://www.meanmachines.com.au/>
- CMC affiliation fees \$75 to be forwarded.
- CMC club members update to be forwarded.
- No notification from CMC concerning neither code 404 nor road trauma levy for concessionally registered bikes.
- Albany Hill climb- see Saddle Up.
- Bunbury Two day event. This will be under a different format next year.

Correspondence In:

- Matters of the Mount leaflet
- Insurance invoice \$866.80
- Membership application from Glen Kilpatrick
- Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 25 Sept.
- Invoice for envelopes \$7.85
- The Great Race 2017 information sheet.
- Australian Made Motorcycle Jamboree- 24 Sept Glenelg SA
- Pre-48 ride – IHC Bunbury. 21 August.
- Alex Marshall –Arthur Grady event 27 May 2017.
- Antique Motorcycle Club of America information.

Correspondence out:

- Annual membership return to CMC.
- Moved Wayne, seconded Mike that the correspondence be received. Passed.

Business arising from the correspondence: See Saddle up and General Business.

Treasurer's Report:

- Opening balance \$1665.85CR. This is a good end of financial year balance considering we had an outlay of \$2730 for the marquee.
- Invoice received for insurance \$866.80
- Membership application fee received from Glen Kilpatrick \$20.
- Reimbursement receipt from Glen for envelopes \$7.85.
- Invoice for CMC affiliation fees \$75.

Moved Lyndon, Seconded Rex that the Treasurer's report be received. Passed.

Business arising from the Treasurer's report:

Nil

Safety Officer's Report: Nil

Ride Coordinator's Report: General discussion about:

- Recent Indian 111 Ride to Ravenswood.
 - Pre -48 Ride IHC. 21 August
 - Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. We have formed a team if you wish to enter.
<https://www.gentlemansride.com/>
 - General discussion about a November ride incorporating the Albany Hill climb.
 - Wayne suggested that we try informal runs as the weather is variable currently and we have not scheduled major rides. Notification will be via email. We'll give it ago and see how it pans out.
- See Saddle up for more information.

Check the club's Facebook page for videos and updates of events club members have attended.

<https://www.facebook.com/EarlyAmericanMotorcycleClub> and also The Bike Shed Times
www.bikeshedtimes.com

General Business

- Membership application Glen Kilpatrick passed. Member #122.
- Antique Motorcycle Club of America
<http://www.antiquemotorcycle.org/index.php?page=join-the-club> An Australian Chapter is being launched. Rob and Glen discussed to launch with the AMCA President when they were in Wauseon Ohio for the swap meet. The AMCA offers much to motorcycling enthusiasts including downloading of manuals, magazine and newsletter, tech forum and national meets.
- Associations Update. General discussion about the new model constitution which we will vote on at the forthcoming AGM Sunday 13 November. We will establish an assets register. We will continue to provide a safety inspection day in February each year.

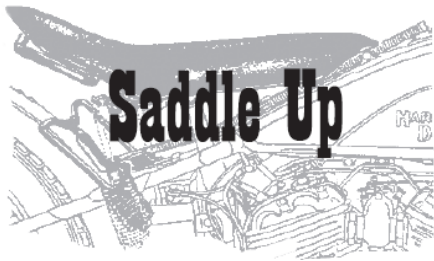
Click on this link here to see new Model Rules : [Link](#)

- Concessionally licensed bikes must have a Post Vintage or similar plate attached to the bike.

Please note: all club members are invited to attend Committee meetings.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Next meeting: 13 September Wayne's place 6200 Stoneville Road.



Hello everyone.

The committee has discussed some future events.

• **Sunday 28 August – Coffee ride to Mean Machines 19**

Rudloc Road Morley. Meet Caltex Midvale at 8.30am. Depart 9.00. Ride through Guildford then Walter Road to Mean Machines in Rudloc road. Arrive about 9.20. Or meet us there.

<http://www.meanmachines.com.au/pages/about-us>

• **3 September - Overnighter at Beverley.**

Members are invited to attend the overnighter at Beverley Sat 3 Sept to join in with VMCC Beverley re-enactment. Expressions of interest are called for as hotel bookings need to be organised now. Please don't leave this until later as rooms are already filling at the hotels and VMCC needs to be advised. Please contact Wayne 0438977741 elezresources@bigpond.net.au or Tim 0407959692 timc@wbho.com.au to advise if you will be attending. ASAP please.

9 September – Kevin's Breakfast at Jarrahdale. Meet Caltex Midvale at 8.30am. Depart 9.00am. Ride through hills and over dams to Jarrahdale. Have breakfast there.

• **26 Sept – Distinguished Gentleman's Ride.** Entry form <https://www.gentlemansride.com/>. No ride details advise to date.

• Nothing scheduled for October. However we will try running another informal "Coffee Run" of a Sunday morning for something different. TBA

• **November ride Down South.**

Discussion concerning a week's ride down south in November coinciding with the **Albany Hill Climb event**. Depart Thursday 3 November and returning Wednesday 9 November. Suggest trailer bikes down and then use Albany as a base for rides during the week. Use rifle club as a base for trips out of Albany prior to the event. Trailer bikes to Nannup and use Nannup as a base for a few days. Modern bikes are welcome too. You can enter the Hill Climb on the Sunday 6 Nov. or just participate in the Poker Run on the Saturday 5 Nov. If you wish to partake of the evening meal at the rifle club then you must submit the entry form so a meal ticket can be issued. You do not need to enter the actual event.

Expressions of interest are called for as accommodation will need to be booked asap. Please contact Wayne asap if you will be going. We would like as many members as possible to attend this event as it has proven to be great fun.

Albany Hill climb. Information sheet

http://avcmc.iinet.net.au/201608/information_sheet_2016.pdf

Entry form

http://avcmc.iinet.net.au/201608/hillclimb_entry_form_2016.pdf

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www.bikeshedtimes.com

• **13 November AGM** - venue to be advised.



Ride Calendar

Sunday 28 August – Coffee ride to Mean Machines.

3 and 4 September – Overnighter to Beverley.

9 September – Kevin's Breakfast at Jarrahdale.

26 Sept – Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. TBA

October – No scheduled event. Informal Coffee runs.

3 to 9 November. Southern Ride. Based in Albany and Nannup. Rides out from there incorporating the Albany Hill climb. Contact Wayne please.

13 November – AGM venue to be decided.

Other Events (optional)

Any further information will be noted in the ride calendar as events get closer. Check our Facebook page too.

<https://www.facebook.com/EarlyAmericanMotorcycleClub>





3rd Annual Indian Anniversary Ride

It was a dark and stormy morning... the question on everyone's mind was do I ride or do drive? Me, I bailed and loaded Chris's 32 Chief Bobber onto the trailer. I had spent two hours the previous day getting the bike all polished up for display. No way am I going to ride in this weather. I think the bike got more dirty with spray from the car than it would have from riding.



The plan was to meet at BP Kewdale and then ride in from there. I arrived to find Tim waiting with his Pan, followed closely by Rex on his Black 111 Chief and JJ on the very serious looking Harley Ultra. It was good to see Shayne and his well turned out 46 back for his first ride in twelve months.



A warming cup of coffee from the BP was drunk whilst waiting for any stragglers. We got a message from Wayne. He had issues with Old Blue which saw him turn around and head home to venture out in the car. Glen messaged to say that he had an issue with a flat front tyre on the Harley and was in search of a solution. We caught up with Glen at the dealership as a handy can of tyre repair helped get him back on the road.



As we were getting ready to head off, Andrew and Dave turned up by car; a well-made decision as it was looking bleak out to the West. We set off for the dealership in the sprinkling rain, everyone being that little extra careful on the slippery roads.

We arrived at the site of the new Indian Dealership 1429 Albany Highway Cannington. Although still a few weeks away from opening, a large banner proclaiming Indian and Victory Motorcycles was hung on the outside. Twenty or more bikes were parked up in the car park. Pride of place in front of what will be the main entrance for the Dealership was Graeme's trio of Indian Red 1918 PowerPlus bikes. This display was complemented by a 1913 Round Tank Indian owned by Kevin. So much Indian History.



Bikes were parked in the existing line-up and after the obligatory hellos and a discussion about the weather, focus turned to the food truck that was busily supplying breakfast burritos and coffee. Thanks go to Aaron and Michael from the new dealership for sponsoring the ride and providing the breakfast. The sun came out for a while and we were treated to blue skies making the gathering all the better. Wayne and family turned up. It was good to see other members and friends that had come out to celebrate this 3rd Annual Anniversary Ride.





Looking forward to the opening of the new dealership in September, Aaron spoke of an Indian Riders Group chapter that will run, with promises of monthly rides and coffee mornings. Bring it on.

The group gathered together for a riders briefing before setting off for a lunch at the Ravenswood Hotel.

Tim, Shayne, JJ, Roger, Rex and Glen headed off with the riders for a regroup stop at the Narrogin Inn. The roads were wet and slippery so caution was taken. From the Narrogin Inn the ride route was to take us along Brookton Hwy to Jarrahdale then down the hill to SW Highway, Serpentine and follow the back roads to Ravenswood. Only JJ and Glen decided to continue on the planned route to Ravenswood. We did get rained on but the road to Jarrahdale, past Karnet and the Buddhist Monastery was pleasant with few cars on the roads. Crossing over SW Hwy the roads were longer and straighter so there were opportunities to open up the throttle.

Coming into Ravenswood it was surprising to see the new housing estates where until recently there were grassy paddocks. We parked the bikes at the pub, shook off our wet weather gear and sat close to the fire. Despite it being an inclement day the pub was doing a good trade with meals. JJ and Glen did not stay long and bid farewell to the Indian riders and thanks them for holding the event.

Mike and Glen.



Transition to Model Rules (new constitution)

The following has been adapted from VMCC. Acknowledgment is given to VMCC for this article.

The AGM on 13 November 2016 will vote on the motion that "The Early American Motorcycle Club of W.A. (Inc.) will adopt the Model Rules as provided by the Department of Commerce and adopt the new By-Laws."

As from 1 July 2016 a new Act governing incorporated bodies comes in force and there are some aspects of our current rules which need to change to comply with the law. Basically the law is changing to catch up with national standards in incorporation law and also to bring it into line with current administration best practice.

Many of the legislated changes strengthen the rights of members, clarify the roles and responsibilities of Club officers and more clearly define the accounting requirements and the treatment and disposal of Club property. Members also have enhanced protection of their private information. The new Law now permits an email address to be used as the contact point. Also the law makes it clear that this information can only be used for Club purposes and any abuse of this privilege can be a criminal offence i.e. a member inspecting the register of members wishing to take an extract will need to provide a statutory declaration setting out the purpose for which the extract is required and declaring that the purpose is connected with the affairs of the Association.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Protection (DOCEP) has developed a set of Model Rules which provide a legal framework and authority for running the Club. It is proposed to adopt these in full, and unchanged. Once adopted, we will not have to review them again nor amend them. DOCEP may amend them from time to time to conform to the law and our copy of them will be automatically amended by the Department. This also removes the requirement for us to seek approval from DOCEP (plus pay fees) on how we run Club activities.

The Model Rules once adopted will be known as "The Rules" and will replace the existing Club Constitution. All other instructions for running the Club will be in either our By-Laws or Procedural Instructions. These documents cover how we run the Club and will not require reference to DOCEP. This approach will simplify the administration of the Club and provide us with greater flexibility to respond to changing circumstances.

As all members are eligible to attend Committee meetings, in terms of the Model Rules, Committee meetings and General Meetings are one and the same meeting for our club.

Model Rules can be seen here: Click on the words [Link](#) and [Link](#)

Beartooth Highway Yellowstone National Park.

The Beartooth Highway is a section of U.S. Route 212 in Montana between Red Lodge and the Wyoming state line at Beartooth Pass, located 10,947 feet (3,337 m) above sea level near Yellowstone National Park. It has been called the most beautiful drive in America. Because of heavy snowfall at the top, the pass is usually open each year only from mid-May through to mid-October, weather conditions permitting. It traces a series of steep zigzags and switchbacks, along the Montana-Wyoming border. Because of the high altitudes, snow storms can occur even in the middle of the summer and the pass is also known for strong winds and severe thunderstorms. It has become an iconic ride for motorcyclists. Glen and Rob rode it in June 2016. Here is a link to some of their photos. Click on any photo when they come up to see in full screen. <https://1drv.ms/a/s!AhOIU-OmZoX2gdf6p0aRp1LVxa1Ogw>

Here are some other links.

<http://www.redlodge.com/beartooth-highway.asp>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=547kxnL-wwk>



Q and A # 43 Gearbox Oil and Spokes

Hello folks

This is the Q&A section with ramblings from our resident dumb arse mechanic. All answers given are an uneducated opinion by a semi-literate wog and should be taken on board at your discretion.

Q: Wog, what's a good gearbox oil to run in my WLA?

A: Um, there are lots of different thoughts on this. Originally it would have been a 50, which is a good call. It's light enough to not "drag" and heavy enough to "stick" to the gears well. I have run an 80 in my Pan but I found it a bit thick. There are some very good gear oils around so do some research and see what you can find in the 50 to 60 weight range and avoid full synthetics. Many of them don't work well with plain bearings (bushes).

Q: I have to freshen up my bike soon and I'm thinking of painting and respoking the wheels. I've been told a couple of times that stainless spokes are too brittle and will break if I use them in a Harley. Should I go chrome or cad plated instead?

A: The line about stainless spokes breaking is crap as usually breakage is caused by something like huge pot holes or over tensioning spokes. If you use quality spokes (not cheapies) you can use any of the above as it depends on what finish you want.

If you would like advice on any maintenance or club related issue, feel free to drop us a line or call the wog or Glen (See the front of the mag for contact details).

Keep the maintenance up, the rubber side down and ride safely.

Regards
Wayne Elezovich
D.A.M. (dumb arse mechanic)





To The Great Race Family,
 The 2017 Great-Race goes back to Victoria for its 25th Anniversary.
 The Mansfield High Country and surrounds will be the region.
 Period Style Bobbers and Choppers will be the featured bikes. Bikes in this category are expected to have pre 1958 Indian or Harley engines and frames.
 Event registrations will be on the afternoon of Thursday 26th January the event will start at 8.00am on Friday 27th and the race will conclude at a special brunch from 11.00am at a unique destination immediately after the Rolling Race on Sunday 29th January.
 Invitations along with additional information will be sent on 1st September and entries will initially close on 15th September. Every effort will be made to accept all entries received in this period. After this date if space permits we will accept additional entries.
 Co-efficients will be x 1.25 for up to 1920 machines, x 1.15 for 1921 to 1933 machines, x 1.075 for 1934 to 1939. The featured Bobbers and Choppers will receive x 1.075.
 Best Regards,
 The Great-Race Organisers.

AMCA AUSTRALIA Inc LAUNCHES

Hello to all Australian and International Vintage and Classic Vehicle enthusiasts. A quick note to introduce the AMCA Australia Inc.

The primary aim of the AMCA Australia is to initiate an annual National Meet in 2017 to promote **ALL MAKES and MODELS** of Vintage and Classic Motorcycles 35 years and older in Australia. This event should become Australia's premier motorcycle event each year and will bring like-minded enthusiasts together.

We have submitted our plans to Council and authorities and so far so good. Upon Council blessing our event, we will announce a Launch and advise Australia (and internationally), the dates and location of our weekend Event.

We anticipate the Launch will be late August 2016, and from there we can commence locking in the many activities we have planned.

As is a feature of USA AMCA Nationals, the Swap will be a key component, as will AMCA Judging. In addition there will be technical seminars, Vintage and Veteran rides, a Bike Corral for vintage and classic motorcycle sales and many more activities.

All models and makes of Motorcycle, memorabilia and parts, 35 years and older are embraced by the AMCA and we look forward to announcing Australia's first AMCA National shortly.

The AMCA Board is hard at work, and we look forward to our next communication with you.

For more information please follow the link below to the AMCA Australia website.

www.amcaustralia.org

Thanks for your interest.

Regards

VL Phill Fordham



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<http://www.antiquemotorcycle.org/index.php?page=join-the-club>

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