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## Club Reminders

Don't forget the Triumph Club ride days are on the 4th Sunday of every month with notification in the Advertiser "Club Notes Section", or via our web page at [www.triumph-riders-club.org.au](http://www.triumph-riders-club.org.au), text message or email. Membership for the club will be \$25 for full membership (Triumph owner), \$15 for associate membership (friend/partner/wife of owner) and an initial once of joining fee, to cover admin costs and patch, of \$20. Memberships will be due the 1st of July each year.



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## Next Club Ride Day Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2007

We will be leaving from the "Place Next Door Café" 516 Glynburn Road, Burnside (next door to Feathers Hotel) 10:00 am. We then head up into the hills for a ride to Williamstown. This is where we will have our second meeting point (Williamstown Hotel car park) for any one who lives north of the city who does not want to come in to the City. We expect to be there about 10:45 – 11:00 am and will be having a short break. After Williamstown we head off to Sevenhills Hotel (Clare Valley) for lunch. Hopefully the weather will be a bit better than our last ride to Victor Harbour?

We have our Club rides on the fourth Sunday of the each month. Hopefully we see some more new faces at the next ride and some of the old ones as well? 8^}. Any more information contact Chris Roberts on mob 0422-617633.

## Triumph Riders Club AGM – 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2007

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2007 at 7:30 pm where were you? Out "Trick or Treating"? Watching TV or a DVD or maybe working? Some members came along to our Triumph Riders Club AGM at Ray's Outdoors, West Terrace, Adelaide so thanks to those people who came along.

A big thank you must go to Tobin Bald at Ray's Outdoors for supporting the club and allowing us to have our AGM there. They not only supplied 20% discount on the night for any of our members but tea, coffee, biscuits, nibbles and soft drink. The club supplied some beers and wine so a good night was had by all who attended. Don't forget club members get 10% of most items in the store at any time; just show your membership card at time of purchase. The committee now consists of 3 executive and 6 committee people. They are; President: Shane Ince, Treasurer: Ian Bell, Secretary: Chris Roberts Committee: Dwayne Hall, Rick "One Point" Cooper, Kevin "Candy Man" Button, Steve Phillips, Ian Armitage and Greg Songer.

Thanks to Michael Houston who donated some Yaldara wines on the night to be used by the club for any events or raffles.

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## Ride Day Report – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2007

Well the old triumph god did not shine on us this time for our club ride. Nice sunshine and balmy breezes was not the order of the day. More like gale force winds and the occasional downpour. 18 hardy riders and pillions met at the "Cafe Next Door" for our ride with Greg, Gaby, Dean and Amy rolling up just in time (Some people forgot to adjust their clocks for day light saving, wonder who?). The numbers were down a bit due to the weather but it is good to see a few riders still keen even with the lousy weather. Thanks to Chris Roberts for leading the ride to Meadows. I was supposed to lead the ride but as I had just got two new tyres (ready for our track day) and with the wet roads I was not confident in leading at a reasonable pace.

We headed off in the usual direction up the hill to Summertown, Uraidla then to Balhanah, Mt Barker, Echunga and Meadows to pick up some new riders. Chris thought it was time for me to lead so we headed off to Mt Compass for a quick stop and then to the Finals of the State Dirt Track Titles at Victor Harbor which was put on by the Mud and Tar Motorcycle Club. Thanks to the club for inviting us down and allowing us free entry and a mention over the PA as we parked the bikes near the bar.

Some of the riders made themselves comfortable at the bar, between rain showers, with others finding shelter in the food, coffee and tea shed. A very nice set up there and on a nice day it would be great to watch the racing and have a cold beer. We got there in time for lunch, so after lunch we saw the Veterans (Old Blokes) race. Certainly a different speed to the younger riders we watch a little later but they were out there giving it a go. Some of us said to Dwayne Hall (Nav Man) that his America would go well out there and his comment back was "Are you going to clean it for me after?"

The rain kept coming in every now and then so we decided to cancel the rest of the ride and head of home at our own pace. While we had strong winds and rain to ride home in you have to take the good with the bad and in the past we have been really lucky with the weather.

So all in all though the people who did come along had a nice day and it is good to see people still keen to come along in not so perfect weather. Candy Man, don't forget to send in the death certificate for not coming on the ride! (rumor has it he was fishing over at Yorke Peninsula, good weather for that as well). Thanks once again to Matt and the rest of the Mud and Tar Motorcycle Club for the invite and the friendly hospitality. We are going to organise a combined ride with the "Tar" part of the club sometime next year so stay tuned.

Shane Ince

## Cruise For Critters - RSPCA

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2007, the 3rd RSPCA "Cruise For Critters" is on. The ride starts at the Old Colonial Function Centre, 10 Mt Barker Road, Glen Osmond at 10 am (registration is from 9 am). The ride then goes on a scenic ride through the Adelaide Hills (roughly 90 km) ending at the Frank Smith Dam, Coromandel Valley for a BBQ and raffles. \$10 per rider pre registration (\$15 on day) and \$8 per pillion passenger pre registration (\$10 on day).

Any more information or entry forms please contact the RSPCA Adelaide on 8212-6871.

## All British Day 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2008

On Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the "All British Day" is being held at the Uraidla Oval, Uraidla. This event is open to cars and bikes. We will be having a space for our club there to show case our bikes. For more information go to <http://www.allbritishday.com/> or contact Shane on 0402-409495. Entry forms need to be in by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

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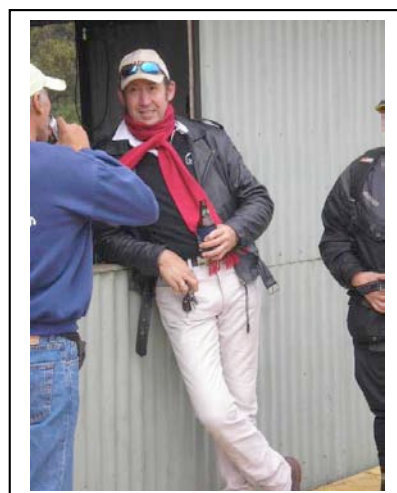
## Club Rides – Family and Friends

While the Triumph Riders Club is primarily for Triumph riders and owners we understand some of our family and friends have other bikes. So that other people get to see first hand how the Triumph's cruise around, family and friends are welcome to come along on our rides. If they come on a regular basis we ask they join the club as an associate member. This ensures that they are covered under the club insurance for any accidents to them (we all still need our own insurance for our bikes).



## Club Merchandise

Finally we have TRC merchandise for sale. These include, men's two tone t-shirts (\$25) (Code 1TTBC), men's polo shirts (Code 7SPPB) (\$35), women's ribbed t-shirts (\$30) (Code 1LRBX), women's v – neck polo (\$38) (Code 2LSVBB), number plate surrounds (\$10) and Triumph leather belts, no buckle (\$30). I have a sample of the number plate surround (on my bike) and polo shirts so people can at least have a look at them on our next ride. All the clothing has the TRC logo embroidered on them. If you want to have looks at the type of clothing on offer go to <http://www.johnnybobbin.com/> and type in the code number. We can get any of the clothing at this site so if you see any other things that take your fancy take down the code number and we will find out the price for you. Just keep in mind they are big sizes so check out the sizing tables they have. Hopefully all members have received the club patch to sew or stick onto your jackets? Should you want any more they are for sale at just \$10 each? Contact Rick Cooper to order clothes [deb.skye@bigpond.com](mailto:deb.skye@bigpond.com) or mobile 0407-399721.



*"We are all in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend"*  
*Robert Louis Stevenson*  
*1850 - 1894*

# Triumph Riders Club Incorporated South Australia

## 1<sup>st</sup> Inaugural TRC Mallala Ride / Track Day Report

Triumph Riders Club Track Day Mallala: \$160, day off work and petrol.

Smile on people's faces after first session: Priceless.

Thursday 1st November rain settles in to Adelaide. Friday 2nd November cloudy with chance of showers in the afternoon. In the middle of a drought and we get rain before our track day and showers expected during the day of the event. Mother Nature can be a bit cruel sometimes.

The day starts early at Mallala with the gates opening at 8 am. The first session is at 9:30 am so this gives everyone time to have the bikes and gear scrutinized and any lights taped up ready for the track. Everyone nominates for one of the groups, slow, medium or fast at the beginning of the day but can move around in the group as needs arise. The fast group was made up mainly of track bikes, medium group a mixture of track and road and the slow group made up those of us who have not had very much track experience.

First up was the slow group and as we readied our selves for the first session the nervous smiles were evident. Some of us had mentioned we had had a bit of a restless nights sleep in anticipation of the day. The first lap was a slower warm up lap with each lap getting faster and faster. Try and set up some sort of line for the corner, downshift and brake, into the corner and accelerate on exit (sounds great and by the book). Now what is really happening for us slow group people, especially first timers like me, is this. Pick a line, out wide or in tight, not sure but try anything. Down shift while braking, woops a little to early (well get it right next time, next time a little late, well next time), into the corner and woops not quite right gear and out with the power. Going out of the corners accelerate (wow can I go this fast around the corners) and get ready to do it again. A lot of the faster corners you just go as fast as you want (depending on the size of your balls!) Just getting things working and out comes the red flag to go in.

In the pits we are all standing there with big grins on our faces and saying that was fantastic. As a lot of us had new tyres for the day we were all comparing the wear on each tyre and looking for the balls of rubber and see how far they go around to the edge of the tyre. Some on the cruisers (and even the sport tourers) checking out which parts had had contact with the ground. Dwayne Hall and Hans Sieburn had a friendly competition throughout the day with Dwayne sending up sparks on a lot of the corners keeping in front (till the very end session, bloody red flag!).

Now the wait till the next session. This time we go out with a few more things to try and faster speeds in our heads to get around the corners and straights. The first lap is always the warm up lap but after that it is all go (well for us slow group it seems all go). Grab that throttle and twist (bloody hell am I going that fast) and see how the bike goes. This is fantastic, no radars, cameras, double lines or police just pure fun.

Each time back in the pits (sounds fancy but just an area near a shed with a carport to park our bikes) the banter gets louder and the stories get better. If you have not tried this you need to try this at least once before you die. You do have to remember it is your bike you are riding and not a hire car or bike. Out there, get the revs up to maximum in each gear and get caught up in the moment, only to think every now and then "Hey I have to ride this home and use it again"

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Each group had three sessions of twenty minutes out on the track before lunch. As we had kept the numbers down for the day it meant very group had plenty of space out there. I have heard of other track days where there are 30 – 50 riders in some of the groups. These days have been cheaper than our day but I think most people were happy to pay a little more and have less people.

After lunch was when things got interesting as the rain started. Just spots at first but soon enough the track was wet and slippery. The rain had only just started as the slow group was going out but by the end of the session most of us had had the back wheel slide around when we down shifted or braked for the corners. Even the fast and medium group was a bit tentative with the conditions.

By the time it was time for the second session for the slow group the track was well and truly wet so only a few decided to go out. Near the pits there is a bit of a straight with a tight corner to go into leading onto the main straight. During the day this was a good spot to watch some of the fun. During this slow group session Candy Man (Sprint 1050) and Stuart Kennedy (Speed Triple 955) would have a bit of fun on this part of the track. As they new we were watching from there they both had a bit of a race to the corner. Candy Man kept the throttle on and slipped in front of Stuart, but a little fast for the corner. Candy Man had the backsliding around and had to run off the track and this meant Stuart could sneak in and get out in front again. Next lap was nearly the same with Candy Man sliding around with breaking and gear changing, but this time not going of the track.

After that session we decided to call it a day, with most of the other groups doing the same. The track was well and truly wet by now and not looking like clearing up. We decided to head of to the Mallala Hotel for a drink and talk about the day.

On the day there were two photographers there. One was Damir (he was the one with the big lens in the middle of the track) and if you email [damir@fv.com.au](mailto:damir@fv.com.au) with Triumph Mallala Track Day and description of your bike, jacket, helmet or anything that will distinguish you from other riders he will send you low res pictures (watermarked) for you to look at and order the files of any of your pictures. The files will be \$40 for one (more files you get cheaper it gets) and then you can print of your pictures to your hearts content. Otherwise you can go to [www.fv.com.au](http://www.fv.com.au) in a couple of week's time and have a look at the site and order from there. The other photographer was Kristen Anderson (TRC member) and wife who took some stills and video footage. They will be available to buy as well with prices to be confirmed, so will keep you informed.

Thank you to Steve Drury and the rest of the Road Skills team for running a very professional and safe day. I would have no hesitation in recommending them if you feel like putting on a day of your own. We are looking at getting them to run an “Advanced Riding skills Course” for the club in February or March 2008 and need a minimum of 15 people so if you are interested let me know. The costs at this stage is \$270 plus \$20 Air Fence levy fee but may change slightly depending on the cost of the ambulance for the day

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Apart from the weather, it was a bloody good day with everyone having some fun and getting to try out their bike and themselves. There were only two spills through the day (no one from the club) and no major injuries, perhaps a few bruises, some scrapes on the bikes and damaged pride. For those of you who could not make it you missed a good fun day so I would be thinking twice about not doing the next ride day. Stay tuned. Will have some pics from our "official photographer" Hans Sieburn of the day as well (free) and will put them up as soon as possible.

Shane Ince

Testimonial of the day from Kevin "Candy Man" Button

"Firstly thanks again for organizing the track day. In all honesty I think it was the most fun I have had with my clothes on and I can understand why some people get hooked on this sort of thing. I had a few scary moments and learned a few things too, including how good it feels to have the back of the bike snaking while hard on the brakes. Every time I talk to somebody about the day or think about some of the things that went on I can't help smiling."

## Club Discounts



10% of the fun stuff and 22.5% of industrial and footwear all year with your TRC membership card. Go to <http://www.raysoutdoors.com.au/> to check out their site.

Maximoto - 456 Main North Road, Blair Athol for 10% of all accessories and bike maintenance items. Go to <http://www.maximoto.com.au/index/home-1.php> and take a look.

G C Motorcycles offer \$10 off all tyres to all TRC members. They have a place at 122 Main North Road Prospect or 947 South Road Melrose Park. They also do accessories and brake work.