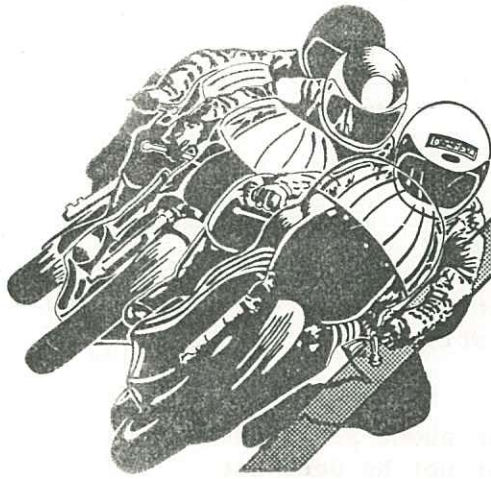


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19 May, 1988.

MRA Committee Members.

Dear Committees,

when I was sacked from the MRA office on trumped up charges that were later withdrawn, I predicted that the Association would be on the edge of bankruptcy within six months. That was February 1, just 3½ months ago. I made the prediction because of the way the Association was being run. In the past I have pointed out the decline of the MRA through poor management, lack of promotion and a general leadership style reminiscent of a would be if it could be outlaw club.

Now I do not propose to rehash what the members have lost under the last three administrations but I do want some answers. Weeks ago I wrote to the committee re several matters. One was the possibility of getting the MRA out of debt by running a GP Rally. Another was appointing someone to talk with me about the third party campaign.

I have rung and rung all 5 phone numbers (4 committee, 1 office) repeatedly for weeks - no response. I rang the President, Dave Hornsby last night to try to sort some of the problems out since my letter had not been acted on. The lady, Carol, who answered said he was out and she would ask him to ring me but she doubted he would. I felt like saying what's more important, the members or Dave's personal feelings? But I did not. The office phone sits in a run down building costing the members rent. The answering machine which Julian had serviced and which I gave to the Treasurer in February has not been plugged in. The Treasurer has apparently moved out of Melbourne without a forwarding address.

Now being completely independant of the MRA the collapse of the Association should not involve me. But I am getting a lot of calls at all hours re stock orders not filled, memberships not processed and worst of all monies owed. Apparently the musician hired for the Noojee pub on May 14 (?) was given a rubber cheque for his trouble. And he is not the only one from what I hear. He should not have been hired if the funds were not there. There was no door charge.

I have made every effort possible to contact the Victorian Committee to sort out some of the mess. On third party the MRA will just have to wear what I decide to do. On the GP Rally the meetings were held ten days ago. Answers were needed. I put my own team together because I could not contact the MRA. The members lost.

Finally, I hear that BRASS, via Alan Mitchel, is setting up a Gippsland group and will outperform MRA/4B's or whatever ??? I dont know if its true but the Broken Bones Rally was and is a function of the 4B's and the 4B's Melbourne would have to convince me that it was the right thing to do to allow BRASS to use the name.

I know it is a waste of time but will the MRA please pay me the money it owes me?

Damien cc. State Secretary, Ballarat,
Damien Codognotto. EASTERN BORDER DIST, Sth Penn
Director. WEST COAST, 4B'S, METRO, Sth GIPPSLAND
GEE LONG, Seymour.

4.20 PM. Monday, May 23, 1988.

Margaret,

for weeks now I have been trying to contact the committee about various activities that could get the Association out of financial trouble, if handled right.

Hornsby, the president, wont talk to me even on the phone so it does not matter if I can be of benefit to the members or not he does not care.

Even as patron & life member etc I cannot find the treasurer for the money the MRA owes me or to get the people off my back who want money. You lot wanted me out now I dont need the problems that seem to be generated by the leadership style of the last couple of State Committees. From what scicluna's flat mate said on Friday last he moved out 3 weeks ago and left no forwarding address. Sounds bloody shifty when I explain that to callers.

I did the right thing and put some of the matters in writing weeks ago. I finally caught you at home last Friday and tried to explain that people like Doug Simmondson had been on the phone to me and he was really upset. The MRA, you remember, the organisation that used to command at least minimal respect, had written him a rubber cheque and when he had tried to cash it he discovered that other cheques were also bouncing. Knowingly writing bad cheques is illegal and it disgusts me. Some treasurer we've got. Or have we? No one can locate him.

Contact with Michael Zeeng the Vice President has been difficult too. But when I did get through it seems he cant contact the committee either.

On Friday, when I finally got through to your place I did the right thing when you said you were going away for the weekend. I let you get on with it instead of insisting on answers because you said you would be at the MRA office today. Well I've rung all day on both the office and your home number and its rung out every time. After weeks of this I just dont believe it anymore.

If I were in your place and I could not get either phone number as I said I would I would at least have the courtesy to ring and say I was delayed or whatever.

Well that's the end of it. I have tried to help but it seems that you people are determined to destroy the MRA and have just about managed it.

If you want a stand at this year's Toy Run you better get the \$50 deposit in or the preferred space will go to whoever plays by the rules and places the deposit first,

When I think of what the MRA could have been and done and what you people have done to it, I just want to spit. I dont believe you ever intended to be at the MRA today and I dont believe the MRA books will ever be put right nor that MRA services will ever return but I bet you lot keep accepting the membership fees.

Daniel