



Sporting Motor Cycle Club (SMCC)
Historical Records from the Geelong Advertiser
1932 - 1939

- 1932
Mar 19. p.12 Those interested in the Motor Cycle clubs activities are asked to meet at the East Geelong Tram Terminus at 2 o'clock on Sunday.
- Apr 16. p.11 Members of the Sporting Motor Cycle Club will be going over the Reliability Trial course tomorrow afternoon, leaving the service station at the corner of the Ballarat Rd and Church St at 2 o'clock. Intending competitors should try to make a point of accompanying them. The course will be from the service station along Ballarat Road to the Lovely Banks Road and along to the Separation Street, down here to the Melbourne Road and the You Yangs. From here it continues to Anakie, then on through Durdiwarrah to Meredith, travelling back through Steiglitz, Maude, Darriwell to the Anakie-Ballararat Road and the service station. Total distance approx. 72 miles.
- The test run will be held on Saturday April 30th, and entries close on Tuesday 26th. Entry forms and rules may be obtained from the motor cycle trade houses, and also from the honorary secretary L F Pratt 245a Moorabool Street, Geelong.
- Apr 30. P 11. The Committee of the Sporting Motor Cycle Club has decided to postpone the Reliability Trial, which was to have been run today until Sat. May 7th. Entries will be received until Wed. May 4th.
- May 7. p11. Reliability Trial is the 3rd event held, after a hill climb and acceleration test. President P Coleman.
Unlike previous trials, which have included a night section, this event is confined to the afternoon.
Riders B. Blair 250 Velo, B. Dickins 350 Raleigh, A Hendy 350 Douglas, C Rankin 350 Velo.
Class C – W M Cairncross Morris Cowley, R T Hinchcliff BSA & Sidecar, J W Brown BSA & Sidecar, D Munro (?) 750 Austin, L F Pratt Sunbeam & Sidecar.
Class D – R F Walter Sunbeam, D A Walter Sunbeam, A D F Griffiths Sunbeam, R Paulden Sunbeam, H Paulden Sunbeam.
- May 10. p7. Results of Trial: R F Walter started & A Winkler. Officials P Coleman H Shoebridge, Thewlis, J W Pilgrim, W J Elsdon, J Urquhart.
- May 14. Notes regarding the sand meeting at Torquay.
- May 28. Opening meeting of clubs grass track June 6th. Track lent by well-known sporting man, only 17 miles from Geelong. (Vice Chairman C S Rankin) Chief award – ride in an aeroplane.

1932

- Jun 13. p11.* Results of Bonnievale –
All Powers won by A Smith, L F Pratt, R Walter.
Sidecar – L F Pratt, R F Walter & D Olney.
Novice – E Williams, D Walter, C Rankin.
Open Champ.- L F Pratt, A Smith, R Walter.
10 Mile Handicap – L F Pratt, R Walter, C Rankin, P Griffiths
Sidecar Handicap – R Walter, L F Pratt, D Olney
Ron Walter and Alick Smith won the aeroplane rides.
- Sep 13. p8* The Sporting Motor Cycle Club will hold a meeting on Friday night September 23rd at 9 o'clock. Members are asked to attend, as the business includes arranging a program for the forthcoming season and affiliation with the A.C.U. (Auto Cycle Union)
- Sep 24. p11.* Decided to hold a scramble on October 2nd at 2 o'clock next to Bonnievale. Affiliation held over.
- Oct 1. p11.* Entry fee of 6d to be charged at scramble.
- Oct 3. p8.* Riders mentioned are L F Pratt, D Walter, A Smith, E Williams, D Olney, A Hendy, B Blair, R Harvey, C S Rankin.
- Oct 29. p12.* Hill climb October 30th at Drysdale.
- Oct 31. p9.* Riders at Drysdale were R F Walter, L F Pratt, A D F Griffiths, D A Walter, B Blair, A Smith.
- Nov 9. p8.* Notice re races at Bonnyvale on Sunday.
- Nov 14. p8.* Results of Bonnyvale Races. Besides the usual competitors were H Shoebridge, Stan Orr, G Wookey.
- Dec 5. p8.* Results of Bonnyvale Races on Sunday.
New rider was H Bonney.
- Dec 17. p11.* Notice regarding Bonnyvale on 2nd January 1933. Mr E J De Fenzell (?) has given 3 pounds 3 shillings for trophies.
- Dec 21. p10.* Further on Bonnyvale January 2nd. Entry fee 1/- and practising allowed Saturday and Monday. Only 2/6 to join club for remainder of season.

1933

- Jan 1. P7.* Re Bonnyvale today.
- Jan 2. P7.* Lap records at Bonnyvale by L F Pratt in the 350 race at 66 mph and Unlimited at 68 mph. A Smith wrecked his motor while practising on Chater Lea. (?)
Novice – A Griffiths, B Blair, D Walter.
Presidents Handicap – D Olney, B Dickins, C Rankin.
Match Race – A D F Griffiths beat E Williams
Club Champ. – L F Pratt, A Smith (Enfield), A Griffiths.
Match Race – R Walter beat L F Pratt.
Bonnyvale Handicap – S Orr, A Smith, D Olney.

- Jan 6. p7. Geelong & District riders will have the opportunity to practise at the Drome (Kardinia Park Speedway) on Saturday. Entries with M J Hede. Entry fee for the G & D riders race is 1/-. (note- No dirt track took place at Kardinia Park from 1/1/32 – 14/1/33)
- Jan 16. P9. A Smith 2nd heat.
- Jan 28. P8. Drome not running because of Phillip Island.
- Feb 4. p11. Results of Phillip Island. LF Pratt won sidecar TT with A Smith. Finished 4th in Senior TT. R Walter 8th in Senior.
- Feb 7. P 7. Miniature TT road race at Bonnyvale next week. (no results)
- May 27. P12. SMCC to hold sports meeting at Bonnyvale on June 5th with Glenhuntly.
- June 3. P14. Bonnyvale postponed. Water on track.
- June 5. P9. SMCC to hold sand races at Torquay instead of Bonnyvale. (with Glenhuntly)
- June 6. P7. Results of Torquay. Fine day and good beach.
Riders mentioned – B Blair, B Anderson, LF Pratt, P Lunt, D Walter, R Walker, A Smith, W Golding, K Marks, L Sidney, A D F Griffiths, G Wilson.
- Oct. 14. P 11. Preparations are in hand for sports meeting at Bonnyvale with Glenhuntly. L F Pratts address 245 Moorabool St, Geelong.
- Oct. 21. P8. More notes on Bonnyvale.
- Oct. 23. P8. More Bonnyvale. R Anderson rode.
- 1934
- Feb 9. p8. Picture of R F Walter and H Shoebridge taken just after they finished 3rd in the 50 mile sidecar race at Cowes (Phillip Island)
- Mar 3. P11. Notice regarding Bonnyvale March 4th.
L F Pratt & A Smith 1st in GP at Phillip Island. L F Pratt 1st in the 250 GP.
- No results re Bonnyvale.
- May 14. P8. Geelong versus Ballarat.
The Geelong motorcycle club met the Ballarat club at a pre arranged place to hold a series of flying ¼ mile races for all classes and powers of motorcycles. The attendance was very good and the club was pleased with the enthusiasm shown by its members.
Results- L F Pratt 493 Sunbeam 107, P Griffiths 493 Sunbeam 102, B Dickins 497 Rudge 100, F Goulding 348 Norton 100, L Bigham 490 Norton 90, J Skinner 490 Norton 84, D Olney 493 Sunbeam 93, L F Pratt 250 Sunbeam 81, H Bray 350 Douglas 50, E Groves 350 Velo 75, A Moodie Scott 74, Rye 69, Webb 71, Oats ? 75, McDonald 66, A J S 55, Ritchie 64, Cox 60, Doncaster 60, E Williams 493 Sunbeam & Sidecar 79, H T Shoebridge 600 Ariel & Sidecar 75.
- Races at Bonnyvale next Sunday.
- May 19. P11. Races Sunday at Bonnievale between Ballarat and Geelong riders.

- May 21. P9. Bonnievale results – A Kerry outstanding. Shown as the only newcomer to feature in the results.
A Smith walking about after a fall at Warragul.
Club run to Narre Warren Grand National on June 4th to support 3 riders.
- Jul 28. P 12 Notes regarding the Reliability Trial at end of August. This time to be around the Otways.
- Aug 11. P11. Trial date to be August 26th.
- 1934
- Aug 25. P11. Entries for trial – L F Pratt, P Griffiths, I McDonald, D Olney, H Shoebridge, C Rankin, R A Dunn, R Stewart, J Jellett, E Groves, I Beveridge, A Hendy, T Schroeter, B Dickins, C J Stewart, R Hinchcliffe 744 sidecar, R Harry 493 Sunbeam s/c, J Harris 490 Norton S/c, E Williams 493 Sunbeam S/car, R F Walter 747 Austin.
- Aug 27. P2. Otway Reliability Trial results – Drizzle commenced at start. Belmont – Winchelsea, Winchelsea –Bambra 16 ½ miles, Bambra –Aireys Inlet 12 ½ miles, lunch, Aireys Inlet – Anglesea 10 ½ miles, Anglesea – Paraparap 7 ½ miles (hard), Paraparap – Torquay Road, Torquay Road – Belmont (20 mins.)
- L F Pratt clean in Solo.
R F Walter & passenger K Cowley lost a wheel 100 yards from the finish but put back on and finished on time. R Herd an extra entrant was 1st in B Class.
- Sep 3. P 11. Evening to be held next Monday night, trophies to be presented.
- Dec 10. P11. First motorcycle notes since Sept.
Dirt Track Victoria vs. England at Exhibition. Attendance about 15,000. Won by Victoria.
- Dec 15. L F Pratt advertisement for 250 New Imperial Unit Construction.
- Dec 29. P8. Motor Cycle test near Colac. Triumph outfit runs 198 hours' non-stop. ACUV checked.
- 1935
- Jan 10. P1. Picture of A D F Griffiths as Geelong Scout Leader.
- Jan 29. P7. L F Pratt secures 7th win in 8 starts at Phillip Island. Won 250 but not placed in sidecar.
- Mar 11. P8. Ballarat Centenary Motor Cycle grass track Championships at Ballarat Miners Racecourse. Run by Ballarat Harley Club.
A Smith 2nd in All Powers Handicap. (1st heat). A Smith 3rd in final to A Kerry and F Mussett.
B Dickins rode in All Powers solo as did Reg East (Norm Osborne).
10 miles 350 Champ.- F Mussett, L Barnett, A Smith (Royal Enfield).
Solo Match Race – A Smith & B Dickins (Geelong) defeated K Jackson & A Skinner (Ballarat).

- Jun 8. P12. Otways Trial to be held at end of July. Riders for trial are: E Williams, L F Pratt, A J Pratt, K Cowley, R F Walter, C S Rankin, J Jellett, A D F Griffiths, B Dickins, I Beveridge, R Anderson, E Groves, A Philpott, H Stritch, H Bray, J West.
- Jun 18. Decided to stick to last year's times for Trial to be held on July 28th.
- Jul 13. P11. Doug Davies official starter for Trial.
- Jul 27. P11. Competitors for Reliability Trial : B Blair, A Philpott, I Beveridge, C S Rankin, H Bray, E Groves, E Williams, V Rumble, R Anderson, J West, R J Hinchcliffe, L F Pratt, L Schroeter, ADF Griffiths, B Dickins, L Willetts, J Yelland, N Cameron, J Gatehouse, K Cowley.
Officials – D Davies, O D Fallaw (Timekeeper), A J Pratt, C Bouchier, R Harvey, C Stock, D Olney, L Wilmore, I Cowley, L Cowley, J Barling, McDermott.
- Jul 29. P 9. Results of Otway Reliability Trial
Won by L F Pratt (sidecar) and B Blair (solo) – No points lost.
Extra starters G Kenshole 500 BSA, G Winkler 350 Humber.
- Aug 3. P 11. Photo of placegetters in previous Sundays Reliability Trial.
Names in order – left to right.
C Rankin 1st in Class A, E Winkler 2nd in Class A, R C Anderson 3rd in Class A.
E Groves 2nd in Class B, I Beveridge 1st in Class B (100%), L F Pratt 1st Sidecar (100%), A D F Griffiths 2nd sidecar.
- 1935
- Sep 18. P 8. Flying ¼ mile. Geelong and Ballarat.
Peter Hammerli (Sunbeam Sidecar 78.9 mph)
- 1935/6 Quite a few notes on aviation featuring C D Pratt, P J Pratt and the Geelong Aerodrome. Also Perc. Coleman.
- 1936
- Jan 14. P 9. SMCC notes L F Pratt, R F Walter and R C Anderson preparing for Phillip Island. L F Pratt stated as being President at that time (?)
Club run to Cowes on Australia Day.
- Jan 24. P8. ADF (Peter) Griffiths & L Smith from SMCC going to Cowes to join other members.
Smith to be L F Pratts passenger in place of L Stone. (Melb ?)
- Jan 28. Results of Phillip Island. No Geelong riders mentioned.
- Mar 7. L F Pratt advertisement for new 500 Utility at 89/10/-.
- Mar 16. P8. Western District Motor Cycle Club.
The initial run of the WDMCC was held yesterday to Barwon Heads.
Names mentioned- R Barry, G Dupe, D McGie, J Kinnersley, L Wilson, Miss J Bond, Miss D French. (Jack Kinnersley has photo)
Next week Queenscliff, then Torquay. Include Miss Edna Davies.
- Apr. 1. P 7. SMCC Notes re trip to Grampians and about Easter trip to Warrnambool and back through Port Campbell.
- Apr 14. Notes re Warragul Grass Track. No Geelong riders mentioned.
- Apr 16. Western District notes – Belmont Reserve to be used.

- Apr 20. Results of Belmont event – included some SMCC riders.
- Apr 23. Western District MCC – New members: Jackson, Smith, West, Thompson, Groves. Next week: Splatt, Harris, Lynch & McMahon.
- May 1. SMCC – Picture night at Aerodrome. Meetings still at 225 Moorabool St.
- May 6 SMCC – N Smith President, E Groves Secretary, C Rankin Assist. Secretary, L F Pratt Treasurer, B Blair & ADF Griffiths & R Anderson Committee. 12 new members enrolled. Now to meet at Aerodrome with billiard table, ping pong etc.
- May 13 SMCC- 1st meeting at new clubrooms at aerodrome. 35 in attendance. 7 New members. Col Rankin donated First Aid equipment to be used by A J Pratt. The President reported an interview with Mr Bearden of Marcus with reference to Bonnyvale training track. To be inspected and tested.
- 1936
- May 18 SMCC – ½ mile. 50 riders - R F Walter, E Perrett, ADF Griffiths, L Day, R Nicholson, H Bray, C Rankin, L Willetts, B Blair, M Hosford, A Dunne, F Fiesley, W Palmer, E J Stock, W Phillips, R Grinter.
- Jun 10 WDMCC- Successful house party at Mr & Mrs Geo. Rushtons house. Meeting at Belmont with Port Melbourne Motor Cycle Club.
- SMCC- Report on Trials course to be held July 26th. Some members will be competing at Kooweingiboora next Sunday.
- Jun 27 WDMCC – Meeting at Belmont reserve with SMCC and Port Melbourne.
- Jul 11 DKW advertisement appears.
- Jul 15 WDMCC – Big annual social attended by 100 at Trades Hall.
- Jul 25 SMCC – Notes on trial to be held next Sunday. New members mentioned as officials are D Fallaw, H Selman, N Hosford, V Bieske. New riders – H Moodie, G Bennett, A Finley BSA?, G Reed, J Wilson, R Burkett, C Bouchier, W Rauert, J Stephenson, F Phillips, J Ford.
- Jul 27 Notes on Reliability Trial. 23 starters.
- Aug 8 SMCC club run to Flinders Naval Base, also Sand races to be held at Torquay.
- Sep 5 SMCC – Report on Torquay sand races. Winner Oates (Ballarat MCC)
- Sep 12 WDMCC – Euchre party at club rooms Ryrie St.
- Sep 24 SMCC – run to Whittlesea hill climb event. (approx 3,000 people there).
- Oct 2 SMCC – Club run to Show and pictures. Look at Hillclimb next Saturday. Assembly at 225 Moorabool St for photo.
- Oct 13 WDMCC – Practice at Belmont.

Oct 24 SMCC & WDMCC – Club notes.

Oct 26 WDMCC – notes re Belmont includes some SMCC members.

Nov 7 SMCC & WDMCC – club notes.

1936

Nov 9 SMCC Hill Climb at Drysdale results:
 L Darby – Utility (Melb) fastest time of 14 seconds.
 L Day – Sunbeam 14. 2/5
 A Smith – 16. 4/5
 E Perrett – 17
 Etc.
 J Kinnersley- Norton sidecar 24 seconds.

Nov 11 WDMCC – Mentions that the club is affiliated with the ACUV. Club meeting to be held in the old club rooms in future.

Nov 21 SMCC – Club run to Phillip Island and another to Anglesea.

Dec 7 SMCC – Flying ¼ mile. New names mentioned were R Burkett 350 Velo, E Callahan 350 Hunter, T Anderson 500 Scott, R Nicholson 500 Sunbeam.

Dec 18 SMCC – Final meeting of the year.

1937

Jan 16 SMCC – notes run to Torquay and others.

Jan 23 SMCC – L F Pratt leaving for Phillip Island with 730 BMW Sidecar and 246 Sunbeam

Feb 2 Events at Phillip Island - L F Pratt wins sidecar TT by 20 yards.

Feb 13 SMCC – about Phillip Island and club runs.

Feb 24 SMCC – Invited to Ballarat Harley Clubs miniature TT on Sunday. Arranging a 2 day tour around the Western District.

Feb 26 WDMCC- going to Colac showgrounds Saturday. Also invited to Ballarat event.

Mar 1 WDMCC – results of Colac events.

Mar 12 SMCC – Itinerary for 2 day run around Western District.

Mar 27 Arranging a run to Bendigo on Easter weekend.

Apr 3 WDMCC – re Warragul races.
 SMCC - about Bendigo run.

Apr 7 WDMCC – New Office Bearers.

Apr 19 SMCC – Torquay beach races with WDMCC. 2nd mention of Bill Rauert (Sunbeam).

- May 5 SMCC – Elections of Office Bearers
 President – N Smith
 Vice President- ADF Griffiths
 Secretary- E Groves
 Ass. Secretary- Col. Rankin
 Treasurer- L F Pratt
 First Aid- Alf Pratt
 Committee- ADF Griffiths, T Anderson, W Rauert, A Dunne
- May 15 SMCC – Reliability Trial to be held on 25th July.
 Run to Belgrave.
- May 29
1937 WDMCC – Run to Kooweingaboora.
- Jun 4 SMCC – Reliability Trial course settled and other news.
- Jun 24 WDMCC – Run to Kooweingaboora. (should have been in previous week)?
- Jun 25 SMCC – Talk by Frank Pratt about his 3,000 mile trip up Eastern Australia to Queensland on an English outfit.
- Jul 24 SMCC Reliability Trial entries: C Bouchier, E Perrett, B Blair, C Hodgson, E Groves, A Philpott, C Rankin, A Finlay, A Hinchcliffe, T Waterman, L F Pratt, F Fiesley, J Wilson, G Reid, B Archibald, F Kinnersley, W Stockdale, E Davies, J Ford, A Collins (498 Utility), E J Stock, G McDonald from Meredith (Harley & S/car), D Hession (998 AJS & S/car).
 WDMCC – Have been making a track at Fyansford on land owned by W McKewan. Combining with Ballarat tomorrow.
- Jul 26 SMCC - Details of Reliability Trial.
 WDMCC – Details of Fyansford Scramble.
- Aug 13 SMCC – Trip to inspect Bonnyvale track which has again been made available by the owners.
- Sep 4 WDMCC – Run to Preston Open Hill Climb. Working Bee at Fyansford.
- Sep 8 SMCC – Run to Cowes. Working Bee at Bonnyvale next Sunday.
- Sep 18 WDMCC – Trophy for member getting most new members. New member Billy Pilgrim.
- Sep 25 SMCC- Flying ¼ mile results. E Groves (102.2), J Dewhurst (Melb) , E Perrett, L F Pratt, F Kinnersley, R Burkett, N Smith, T Santuccione, E Stock, E Davies, Condie, A Pratt, L Potts, I Woods.
- Oct 9 SMCC- Notes on Motorcycle Exhibition and club run.
 WDMCC – ½ yearly meeting. Office Bearers President C Hewson, Vice Pres. J Kinnersley & W Pilgrim, Sec. A Smith, Ass Sec. J Cole, Treasurer L Maloney.
- 1937
- Oct 19 SMCC – Run to Lancefield cancelled. Two club riders competed at Warrnambool scramble – E Groves (500) and L F Pratt (250).

- Oct 30 SMCC – Run to Learmonth with Ballarat Club. Moved that Warrnambool Club be invited to Geelong.
- Nov 6 SMCC – W B Archibald has made a grader for Bonnyvale.
- Nov 13 SMCC – Warrnambool riders to arrive this afternoon for tomorrows Bonnyvale races. Col Stewart to ride. Death of H Ibbotson. Alf Collins in hospital.
WDMCC – Run to Romsey – A Smith competing.
- Nov 15 SMCC – Details of Bonnyvale races – J Newman, J Kay & W Fraser (all Warrnambool riders)
Second meeting to be held at Nelson Park on Saturday Nov 20th.
- Nov 20 WDMCC – Report on Lancefield (? Romsey) racecourse races – A Smith got many places.
SMCC – Working Bee at Bonnyvale for event on Dec 5th.
- Nov 27 WDMCC – Represented at Nelson Park by J Bartlett, F Betts & B Thompson.
SMCC – New members : Penwill & J Stubbs. Picnic run to Lorne.
- Dec 6 SMCC – Results of Bonnyvale – Leo McKeegan (Douglas S/car), C J McDonald, E J Walker, J Welsh, W Theodore.
Meeting at Colac on Sat 4th about proposal for Western Centre. Delegates from Warrnambool, Hamilton, Camperdown, Horsham, Colac & SMCC.
- Dec 18 SMCC – New members : Messers Robert & Drew.
L F Pratt, E Groves, A E Philpott to ride in the Ballarat Centenary races at Learmonth January 3rd.
- 1938
- Jan 8 SMCC - Results of Learmonth races.
E Groves won Clubmans race (500). A Philpot broke carburettor stub when in second place. L F Pratt got a bad start in Senior but pulled up to 4th.
Club to organise 1st Western Centre event at Bonnyvale at Easter, with camping.
- Jan 15 SMCC – Bit more about Western Centre Event.
- Jan 22 SMCC – Notes regarding Kluge and the 250 DKW which was in Geelong on the Friday night. More notes on Learmonth Senior eventm won by A Kerry (Ballarat) on a BSA.
- Feb 5 SMCC – Regarding Phillip Island – no placings.
- Feb 12 SMCC – 600 mile tour to Wangaratta, Bright, Omeo, Bairnsdale and home on Eight Hours weekend of March 26, 27, 28.
- Feb 28 SMCC – Report on club races at Bonnyvale.
- Mar 5 WDMCC – Annual Meeting next Wednesday 9th.
- Mar 19 WDMCC – New Office Bearers : President C Hewson, Sec. A Smith, Ass. Sec. J Cole, Treasurer I Maloney.
Last Saturday J Cole and A Smith attended ACUV meeting regarding the Western Centre.

SMCC – Have to erect a fence along front straight by order of ACUV. Licence forms available from secretary W Rauert or LF Pratt 2/6

- Mar 29* SMCC – Report on Alps Tour.
- Apr 2* SMCC – Alex Finlay to give talk on Tuesday and show new BSA Gold Star at Commun Na Feine Hall. Sponsored by Geelong Motor Cycle Company.
- Apr 9* SMCC – Details on Easter Saturday at Bonnyvale. Events, entries etc.
- Apr 18* SMCC – Results of Saturday Western Centre races at Bonnyvale. (no names)
- Apr 23* SMCC – Run to Hawkesdale Sunday for Grass track Western Centre meeting.
- 1938
- Apr 26* SMCC – Hawkesdale results. Bill Blayney beat Frank Pratt in Open Championship but not shown in results. E Theodore (493 Sunbeam) SMCC. (usually sidecar). Western Centre delegates meeting affirms use of Petrol/Benzole mix but no alcohol.
- Apr 28* SMCC – Charlie Pratt to leave Belmont Aerodrome. Appointed instructor to Victorian & Interstate Airways Ltd. Intends to specialise in aerial photography.
- Apr 30* WDMCC – Club rooms now at the rear of 15 Maude Street, Geelong. Alick Smith retiring from Club. Tour to Lorne.
This Club folded in 1938. Not sure of date but this is last notice recorded)
- SMCC – Weekend left open.
- Jun 11* SMCC – Run to Horsham for Western Centre scramble this afternoon. Dinner Sunday night at Dooen and Western Centre delegates meeting.
- Jun 14* SMCC – Results of Horsham scramble. (extra names C Hill DKW Horsham)
- Jun 18* Details of Reliability Trial on July 31st announced.
- Jun 28* SMCC Election of Office Bearers :
President - W B Archibald
Vices Pres'ts- ADF Griffiths, N Smith, A L Roberts, E Groves
Secretary- W Rauert
Ass. Secretary- C Rankin
Treasurer- L F Pratt
W/Centre Deleg- A Philpott, A L Roberts.
Committee- Roberts, Perrett, Philpott, L Walker.
- Jul 23* Western Centre delegates meeting to be held at Geelong Sat. night 30th Jul.
- Aug 1.* Result of Reliability Trial.: Won by L F Pratt
Aug 2. Photo of SMCC Trial Team winners.
- Aug 8* Western Centre Hill Climb to be held at Hamilton Aug 28th.

- Aug 29 Hill Climb at Hamilton abandoned because of rain. At Western Centre meeting on Sat. night Camperdown Club was admitted. Next Western Centre meeting at Tower Hill. Sept 11th for photo.
May have some Indian Club members there.
- 1938
- Sep 12 SMCC club run around Geelong with Indian Club (20 members), SMCC (30 members)
- Oct 8 Scramble at Fyansford tomorrow, 1 mile from Fyansford proper. J Kinnersley on only sidecar.
- Oct 29 Trip to Warrnambool scramble on Nov 13th.
- Oct 31 Run to Bonnyvale yesterday.
- Nov 12 Riders at Warrnambool tomorrow are LF Pratt, E Perrett, E Hill, J Stubbs, J Kinnersley, W Bond, R Lynch, E Groves & J Isles.
- Nov 14 Results from Warrnambool – good riding by E Perrett the only solo placing. R Lynch 1st in sidecars, W (Bill) Bond 2nd.
- Dec 3 Run to Bonnyvale.
New Motorcycle Club formed : Geelong Motor Cycle Touring Club. Club rooms above Buckleys Estate Agency, Lt. Malop Street. Meetings on Mondays, information from Maloneys.
- Dec 17 Learmonth races at Christmas.
Races at Lobethal this weekend.
- 1939
- Jan 2 Lake Learmonth race report: A Smith (Royal Enfield) 3rd in Junior. (now with Ballarat Harley Club). Won by Wickham from Hamilton?
A Philpott (BMW) 3rd in Clubmans GP.
- Jan 6 Geo. Trait new member. Run to Queenscliff.
W Peckham made run from Geelong to Sydney in 1 day on outfit.
GeelongTouring Club- Captain H Crawford, Whips J Agg, W McCarthy.
- Jan 16 New member H Singleton.
- Jan 28 Geelong Touring Club new members : H Agg, E Agg, E Robinson, J Flannigan, M Chapman, R Luttrell, R Nichol.
- Jan 31 Phillip Island results: No Geelong riders mentioned.
- Feb 4 Reports on L F Pratts win at Phillip Island, Philpott as passenger.
- Feb 6 Reported that L F Pratt, Norm Osborne (Horsham) and Bill Blayney (Warrnambool) had won the Teams Prize at Phillip Island Australian TT for the Western Centre. New member – S Davis.
- Feb 18 The use of straight petrol at Western Centre events has yet to go to a Western Centre meeting.
- Feb 20 Club to move to new club rooms shortly (small bore rifle club).

- Feb 25 New member : K Reed.
- Mar 4 Club has decided to bring Bonnyvale forward 1 week to 2nd April to leave Easter free for a long trip over the Alps, starting at Bairnsdale.
- Mar 6 Bonnyvale discovered to be under water at weekend. Meeting at Hawkesdale after Easter. New member P Van Vledder.
- Mar 18 Sun 2 Day Tour. Geelong riders start from Colac and back to Ballarat.
Mar 20 At the 2 day tour overnight stop in Ballarat a Western Centre delegates meeting was held. Mr Cliff Wilson attended and spoke.
- Mar 25 Final preparation for Bonnyvale. A dinner may be held to mark the end of the 1st year of the Western Centre next Saturday night. Frank Hodgson sustained a leg injury. Col Rankin & Passenger successful in 2 day Trial.
- 1939
- Apr 1 All ready for Bonnyvale.
- Apr 3 Results from Bonnyvale including trick riding by P Van Vledder. Good performances by Pratt, Philpott, R Taylor & E Stock (Sidecar). Camp. Successful – visitors H Barr & R Burt.
- Apr 8 Trip over the Alps this weekend.
- Apr 29 Hawkesdale on May 14th. Frank Pratt's new DKW in Geelong.
- May 13 Info re Hawkesdale trip
- May 20 Results of Hawkesdale : LF Pratt did well. Presentation of inscribed stop watch to F G N Ewence for his year as Secretary of Western Centre. Also one to Harry Wood (ACUV rep.) Horsham Scramble to be June 11th.
- Jun 17 Results of Horsham Scramble - D Head ???????
- Jul 29 Entries for Reliability Trial: K Reid (250 BMW), 54 L Walker (250 Triumph), 3 W Blayney (W'bool 250 BMW), 20 B Archibald, 40 S Cook (W'bool), W King (W'bool), 34 R Charles (Horsham DKW), 1 H Gorell, A Philpott, 8 E Hill, 6 G Ewence (W'bool), 83 G Watts (Velo Camp.), 80 R Burt (Camp.), 47 J McDowell (Velo Camp.), 2 G Whiteside (Camp.) 4 J Kay (Sunbeam W'bool).
- Jul 31 Result of Reliability Trial: L F Pratt, H Gorell, L Walker, E Hill all made checks on time. Won on observed sections – H Gorell 1st, L Walker 2nd, LF Pratt 3rd.
- Aug 5 Tenders have been called for the car-racing project at Ballarat adjoining the aerodrome.
- Aug 30 Petrol test on run to Ballarat. New names mention – R Ivory (490 Norton) and D Spence (Norton)
- Sep 9 Had run to Camperdown to inspect the Hill Climb. Horsham are putting on a few races at Horsham Showgrounds October 14th. H W Johnson killed in air crash at Darwin.

Sep 23

Run to new Ballarat Racing Track. Races at Warrnambool in 3 weeks time and Lobethal at Christmas.

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