

5th Southern Triples Rally 2017 Hahndorf (9-12 March 2017)

This year the 'Southern Triples Rally' for BSA Rocket Three and Triumph Trident riders was moved to South Australia at the request of several triple owners in SA. The previous four southern triples rallies were held in southern NSW to compliment the well-established and very popular northern NSW triples rallies organised by Col McAndrew in Ballina and now Evan's Head.

So, it was that Gerry Rowley, Steve Kelly (of Tri-Spark fame), Steve Cramp, Geoff Kemp and Joanne Kelly got together to organise this Rally in the picturesque tourist town of Hahndorf in the Adelaide hills to promote the use and enjoyment of these machines.

Many of the thirty or so entrants travelled from as far as New South Wales, Canberra, Queensland and Perth to get there (it is nearly 1200Km from Canberra). The venue was the Hahndorf Resort just south of the village with its fantastic hills vistas and excellent amenities.

To kick things off we had a BBQ dinner in the camp kitchen, organised by Joanne Kelly. This was a very pleasant evening with balmy conditions and the casual surroundings were perfect for getting acquainted with fellow enthusiasts.

Friday dawned again sunny and pleasant for the ride to the National Motoring Museum at Birdwood. The ride to Birdwood was planned by Steve Kelly and began on semi-urban roads with many speed limit changes. The roads later opened up and a decent ride developed. At the Birdwood 'National Motor Museum' the collection of cars and their display was first class. Sadly, the display of bikes was less impressive and indeed many of the machines on display had flat tyres!

The rally organisers arranged a BBQ lunch at the museum with not plain snags but cheese filled Kranski Sausages and sauerkraut - we were spoiled! With all the bikes parked on the museum forecourt we made an impressive display for the staff and other visitors and an even finer sound as we left.

The trip back to Hahndorf went a bit awry with the rear half of the rally getting caught up in not just one but two lots of road works and missed a turn eventually completing the intended 90 km round trip and then some!

Friday night we had a buffet dinner in the Old Mill pub in Hahndorf with plenty of conversation in great company. It was a nice evening and a pleasant walk back to the 'Resort' afterwards.

Saturday brought the threat of wet weather later but none was dismayed as this was the 'big ride'. The machines were judged for the awards by people's choice before we left fully prepared and briefed for a full day of riding led by Gerry Rowley and tail end Charlie Steve Cramp both riding Triumph (BSA) Hurricanes.

The ride went south via Strathalbyn then Langhorne Creek to Clayton Bay on the shore of Lake Alexandrina for morning tea. One of the bikes had broken down and there was considerable effort made to get it going again which sadly failed. We rode on to Victor Harbor for the first fuel stop dodging showers during the morning and when we reached the Cape Jervis road they caught up with us. Thankfully the showers were light and no

wet weather gear was required for the long and winding ride along the Range Road to Delamere. This road was a hit with everyone judging it by the expressions on their faces at the break!

Lunch was at the Delamere general store, where more effort was made to fix the broken T150. Gerry and his team of mechanics succeeded this time diagnosing a chafed and shorting wire in the main loom. The ride back to Hahndorf was lovely with views of the rugged coast before a final stop off at the Myponga dam for more photos of the triples lined up on the rally ride. We arrived back at Hahndorf having covered 200 miles, perhaps the furthest some of these bikes had been ridden in a long time.

The presentation dinner on Saturday evening was at the restaurant in the Resort where we enjoyed a great meal and some thirst quenching after a great day of riding. The evening was enjoyable with tasty food and a warm ambiance. The award presentations followed the meal with some noteworthy outcomes.

Ian and David Wright (Brothers) won awards for their beautifully restored early T150 and T160. Paul Edwards won the best special for his Legend. Steve Mobbs won the Best BSA Rocket 3. The heroic Tim Tapsell won the 'furthest traveled award', well deserved for riding his T160 to and from Sydney! The award for best Hurricane went to Steve Cramp while the award for best Drum Brake Trident went to Ian Matthews, both of South Australia.

Sunday morning was pouring with rain and continued to do so all day. Steve Cramp had organised a ride which was to go to Willunga via McLaren Vale. This would have been excellent however Steve cancelled the ride due to the rain. All the local SA people then packed up and left for home leaving a few enthusiasts to contemplate the weather and options for a ride if things eased which they unfortunately did not.

TMRA event's organizer, Lorraine Litster, paid tribute to the rally organisers who pulled together all weekend to bring their rally plans to life. Many commented on the caliber of the bikes which are an absolute credit to their owner's efforts to keep them up to this very high standard. Plans are already being discussed for a next TMRA triples rally event in Gunning NSW for 2018 and perhaps back to South Australia after that.

Trophies were sponsored by –

Brit Bikes SA - Murray Johnson

Tri-Spark Ignition Systems – Stephen and Joanne Kelly

Re-Engineered Concentrics – Jeff Skillen

Triumph Motorcycle Register of Australia

5th Southern Triples Rally Entrants, 10-12 March 2017 Hahndorf SA

Name	Bike	From
Steve Kelly	T160 Trident 1975	SA
Ian Wright	T150 Trident 1969	QLD

David Wright	1975 T160	QLD
Eddie Preston	T160	WA
Lorraine Litster	BSA Rocket 3 1969	ACT
Steve Cramp	Hurricane	SA
Terry Hentschel	BSA R3 1969	QLD
Maureen Bennetts	Bonneville 2000	NSW
Phil Stotter	Trident T160, 1975	SA
Gerry Rowley	Hurricane	SA
Joe Fallon	BSA Rocket 3 1969	Vic
Ken Phelps	BSA Rocket 3	Vic
Jeff Skillen	T150 1972	NSW
Ian Matthews	T150, 1973	SA
Tony Earl	T150V	SA
Paul Dempsey	T160 1975	SA
Barry Garner	T300	NSW
Murray Johnson	BSA Rocket 3 1971	SA
Ross Newton	T150 1969	Vic
Geoff Kemp	T160, 1975	SA
Paul Edwards	T160 Legend	NSW
Rick Moss	T150V 1974	NSW
Peter Bates	T160, 1975	SA
Stephen Mobbs	Rocket 3 1971	SA
Daniel Nance	T150V 1973	SA
Stephen Hentschel	T150	SA
Jim Brown	T150V 1975	SA
Tim Tapsell	T160, 1975	NSW
Phil Anderson	T150, 1972	SA