

Event -AMCA Bulli Meet Ian Coulston

On the 26th and 27th August I took myself down to the Bulli show ground to see the very first AMCA event for old motorcycles. I was not quite sure what to expect and was wondering if this, being an event by a branch of an American club, might be dominated by Harley Davidsons and a certain style of enthusiast of that marque with which I have little in common. Immediately my concerns were allayed. What a great variety of interesting bikes brought along by attendees in the display area. A full range of makes from all over the world and of all ages.

The event offered a nice range of motorcycle related activities. I immediately headed for the swap meet and snatched myself a ?bargain? Douglas brake. I passed on the talk about judging motorcycles for concourse - not my cup of tea - and got myself a coffee at one of the two pop up cafes. A few trade stalls were inside and the display of bikes up for auction later. Throughout the weekend there were numerous technical talks. Unfortunately I missed VMCC member Sil's talk on creating patinated parts to blend into an unrestored vehicle. I enjoyed the talk on magnetos and as usual our club secretary Antony was entertaining explaining the operation of older bikes to the many whose experience is only of clutches, gear-boxes, and twist grip throttles.

I hung around late on Saturday to see the auction. All out of my league. I don't think it would have gone down well if I turned up at home with another bike anyway. A very interesting old Indian was sold and also a very expensive Indian Four went for the price of a really good deposit on a Sydney house.

On Sunday morning I arrived at Loftus Oval with my trailer on the car to be backup for the club run down to the show ground. Only two club members chose to ride - both on very reliable bikes so I felt a little redundant. I drove down anyway. More swap meet and technical talks. It was very interesting to hear Adrian Vale give advice on taking quality photos of your bike with a phone camera. Adrian also does bike portraits which make even the roughest bikes in the untidiness garage look great.

All in all I had a great weekend and will definitely be going next year.
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Above
Dave
Reidy's
super rare
8 valve
racers
Left. Tech
talk on
wheel
building