



### **BACK TO THE PAST 2024- 1974**

My first 24-Hour Trial was in 1974, and in that year there were 120 entrants, made up of 27 Sidecars and 93 Solos. The entry fee was \$3.00 with a meal charge of an additional \$2.50!

The event started from the carpark at the Kmart Shopping Centre at Ingle Farm, and the main control was in Gawler.

On my last lap, and with only three and a half hours to go, I drowned the bike in the last competitive section, Kalimna. By the time I got the bike started again, and being one of the last riders in the event, all the control keepers had packed up and gone to the pub!

As 2024 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my first ride in the 24 Hour Trial, I will be organising a special ride of the 1974 24 Hour Trial course to be held on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

Starting from Gawler, there will be a lunch break at the top of Menglers Hill and then back to Gawler via the 1974 course.

The ride could take up to 6 hours, and will follow the original course as closely as possible. Unfortunately, most of the original competitive sections are no longer accessible and, due to the hard-working councils, some of the roads are now in a much better condition than they were back in 1974.

A pickup crew will shadow the course in the unlikely event of any bikes "failing to proceed".

The Juventus Motorcycle Club will be arranging lunch at Menglers Hill, and a donation of \$10 per person will give you a feed and a drink.

To join the celebrations, you will need a registered, pre-1990 Motorbike or Sidecar.

Note that numbers will be limited, and that this is not an event, just a leisurely trail ride around public roads in the Barossa Valley.

To register for this trail ride, or for further information, please contact:

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# 24 HOUR

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**JULY 13/14**



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