



Not The Spoken Word

Bi-monthly newsletter of The Western Australian Historical Cycle Club Inc.

MH Jones Day

The combined display of Milton Jones bikes and reunion of steel-era racers at John XXIII College on the 14th July 2018 was a great success with 150-200 people attending.

Production of a professional flyer by club member Richard Patenall, extensive Facebook promotion and promotion targeted to specific individuals and their network of friends played no small part in attracting the crowd.

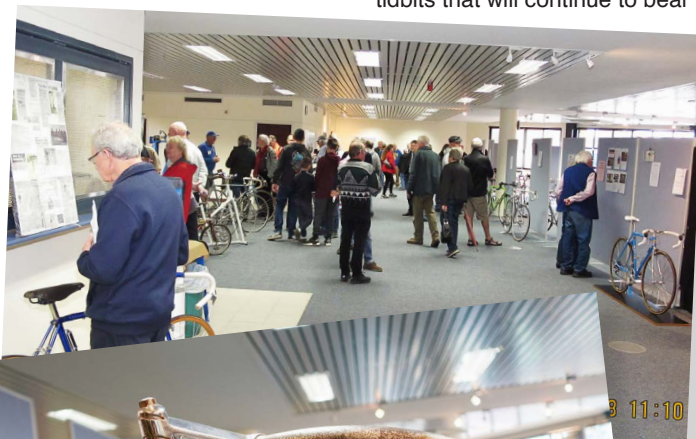
An advertisement in the Can You Help? column of the West Australian led to an ABC Breakfast interview and a feature article on their website directing their audience to the club.

It was wonderful to have Mavis Jones attend with her collection of bikes. It was also a rare opportunity for her to catch up with many old friends. The riders attending were a veritable Who's-Who of WA cycling champions and included Bernie Fudger, Geoff Baker, Mick O'Sullivan, Graham Benthien, Wayne Bavin, Bob Fairchild, Jack Sudlow and many more.

Sadly, record breaker Rod Evans could not attend due to poor health. In his absence were three of the four remaining bikes custom-built for him by Milton. They included his 1990 fluorescent yellow world record breaker with its reconstructed uridome, his 1994 1000km world record back-up bike which, to quote Rod, "to my absolute dismay appeared to be noticeably faster than the Allsop" (the Allsop was used to break the record) and his around Australia "all-time favourite bike". For the show, Rod very kindly provided a draft extract

from the autobiography he is currently working on. He described Milton as a "wonderful but often overlooked man". Hard copies of the extract went quickly.

The show was probably the largest collection of Milton's creations ever assembled in one place. The process of organising it brought to light many other historically interesting tidbits that will continue to bear fruit;



- After 50 years hanging in a shed, the earliest known verified racing bike built by Spike came out of hiding. Not only that, it was built for one of WA's, if not Australia's, top riders in the 1950's, Noel Davey.
- The last of the "20 to 30" Stallard's built by Milton for Denis Stallard was unboxed and on display.
- A Flying Arrow, either built by Milton whilst working for Bill Kell, or substantially worked on by him at a later date, belonging to WA representative Alan O'Hearn was identified.
- The third miniature belonging to former champion Mal Barker was located (the first miniature was built for Noel Davey and is now in the WA Museum).

Another fantastic outcome was that the Noel Davey bike, in conjunction with an old picture supplied by former WA State Rep Bob Fairchild, enabled the club to positively identify a mysterious unidentified purple frame that had long belonged to the late Alan Hind and subsequently bought by club member George Morris. The

frame was not only built by Milton, it was one of the three bikes he built for himself. The p[hoto shows him on the purple bike with it's unique lug work.

Frank West

photos; top, over 150 people attended; Noel Davey bike; Mavis Jones unveiling a restored MHJ.

Club Calendar

Meeting & Auction - August 20th 7:30pm

Club Auction, please see the website for listing.
Ardross Clubroom.

Display - York August 26th 9am

York Motor Show, Avon Terrace York

Meeting - September 17th 7:30pm

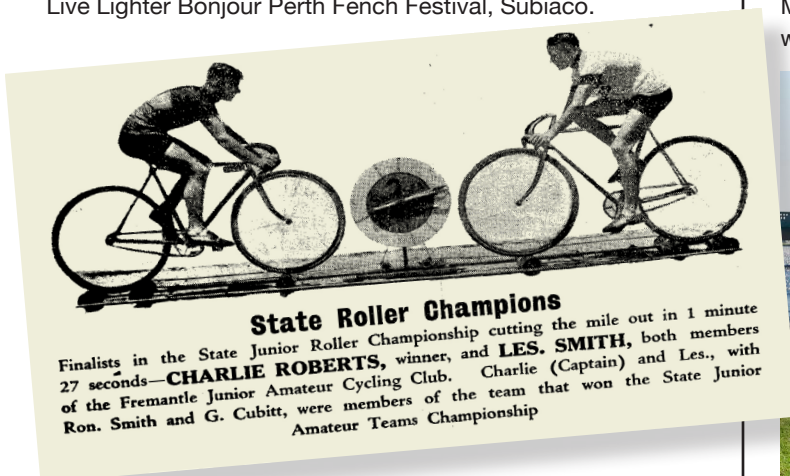
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Ride - Sept. 23rd 10am Whiteman Park

Revolutions Transport Museum, Whiteman Park, Whiteman

Display - November 10th 10am

Live Lighter Bonjour Perth Fench Festival, Subiaco.



For Sale

Mal's garage cleanup
Nickel plating kit (Janekits) complete with heating bath \$100
I have a assortment of old bike spokes. They are basically new old stock and have crud from 50+ years storage and surface rust that will clean off easily.
Price negotiable approx 50c each dependent on number required.
11 5/8" 0.076"dia 50 of
14 3/4" unthreaded light rust straight
12 1/8" 0.101"dia rustless 40 of
12 1/16" 0.072"dia (15g) 8 of
12 3/16" 0.076"dia rustless 14 of
11 7/8" 0.081"dia rustless 40 of
12 3/4" 0.072"dia surface rust 29 of
11 3/4" 0.081"dia rustless 32 of
12" 0.081"dia rustless 100 of
12" 0.081"dia surface rust 25 of
12" & 12 1/2" 0.101"dia straight 11 of
12 1/8" 0.074"dia rustless 40 off
12 1/5" 0.072"dia painted black no thread 38 of
11 1/8" 0.080"dia rustless 15 of

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Club Auction Aug. 20th

There will be an auction of donated items at the August meeting - offered for sale are;

- Gents Gordonson
- Ladies Gordonson
- Vintage child's tricycle

Check the club website and facebook page for details and photographs.

Penny Farthing Dan

Club members and visitors turned out in their droves for the opportunity to startle the general public on the South Perth foreshore on a spectacularly sunny June day. We counted at least 6 pennies and a number of other intriguing machines including an unlikely looking "sociable" from the 70's. A tandem with a twist - the riders are seated next to one another.

Owners and riders of vintage pennies were astonished at the ride quality and handling of Dan Bolwell's shiny new penny. Dan was also the guest speaker at the July Annual General Meeting, inspiring so many members and visitors to attend that we actually ran out of chairs - a first!



2018 Tour de Ruste

Every year the Tour de Ruste is an amazing glimpse into the best collections of bicycles in Perth. On July 29th members visited Phil Harris and two non member collectors; David Ruane and Clive Andrews.

David has been collecting for only a few years and is focussed on dragster style bikes from the 70's and 80's time trial bikes.

Clive is part of WA cycling royalty. He, his father and grandfather were all racers of note and his father Les ran a bicycle shop for many years.

