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Spoke 'n Word

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Newsletter

February 2001

Special Thanks to Mal Bell and Sons for going to Dunsborough to swell the field and to Alan Naber for organising a \$200 donation from the "Trots" and his talk and slides at the Meeting on 15th Jan. Well Done!

Great to Welcome Denis Gibbs to the January Meeting after his disagreement with the car. Claude Butler will take longer to recover and may have to have surgery to remove bent stays - "Cross dresser is he"? said Dave C.

January was a bumper meeting with 22 attending. We welcomed nine visitors from the Melville BUG and the Fremantle Recumbent Club here for Alan's presentation. Business wise we are still solvent with funds to the tune of \$1273 before Xmas.

Events - The Guildford Festival on the 1st April looks like being a fun event with Merv ensuring we get a good shady spot and morning coffee at the Hotel BUT there is no such thing as a free coffee so we have to take two bikes be in costume and do two demo rides around the Town centre. "Try for an extra bun Merv that sounds energetic to me" said D.C. when consulted.

Show and Tell / Trash & Treasure

Merv - had some 1881 photos of a Tricycle taking part in the 1st official ride on Forrest Field being lead off by the Governor.

Ken - brought along a copy of "The Dancing Chain" a history of the derailleur gear change mechanism. Worth a borrow if it tells how to adjust the beasts.

Phil - brought along his mystery bike - the one that certain of us added two and two and got one and a quarter pence rather than the \$250 it cost! It turned out to be a c.1937 British made delivery bike with 20inch front and 26inch rear with 2inch tyres and no makers name plate. (see later for its identification). After DC's "blast from the past" Phil had a Musical Safety Light. Can you program "The Ride of the Valkeries"(sic) another item from a Trash or Treasure day.

Lots of events reports this month

Kalamunda 10th Dec.

In brief. As predicted the hills won but there was a large good natured crowd and lots of Penny haggling. The bikes were well received with lots of interest after the event. *Phil Harris.*

Next Meeting : Monday 19th February at 7.00pm

VCC Club Rooms 6b Hickey Street, Ardross.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month

WAHCC Committee:- President Merv Thompson. 9450-2579 Vice President Alan Naber. 9332-3956
Treasurer Peter Smith. 9405-7561 Secretary Dave Brown. 9581-9084 Historian Ken Ward 9364-3601
Events Coordination Phil Harris 9459-7146

Dunsborough. State Penny Championships.

Seven Penny riders took part in a Crit. course race of 1.8k passing through the town Centre. A large crowd enjoyed the event which was won by Nicky Armstrong followed by Joe and Tom then the Bells filling the rest of the places.

Next round Port Beach to Sorrento Quay 18th March.

Tom Atkinson

Rockingham Club Ride.

A good turn out. 14 with Phil's new one wheel smaller than the other turn out to be a NAPF. After the hype and guesses surrounding this machine in reality Phil did not know who the maker was - but thanks to John Pinkerton's "At Your Service" (A look at Carrier Cycles) from the frame and the chain wheel it is one of the Phillips TC (NAPF) series. Three three wheelers - Malcolm's Super Trike and Bob and Blanche Ice Cream float - alas not selling any before midday and Merv's Danson Trike. Must be a club record for wheels to saddles ratio! Tom's Penny Farthing dwarfed Don's Philco and Eric's 1896 Humber and Merv's Hamilton and by a bigger margin the 1970 Mk 3 Moulton of Julie Buckland, Dave C's Strida and Dawn's 1970 Raleigh (But see later Ed.). A pleasant location. A market selling bike badges and seaside paths to ride on made this a great day. **Thank you Malcolm and Julie** for organising what I hope will be an annual trip to Rockingham for a New Year outing.

It was noticed by many that Merv again did an excellent job on preparing Dawn's bike surpassing the missing chain link this time with a slow puncture so she had to return to ride the Danson "fold up while you ride" Trike. One can only conclude that Dawn's insurance is now at it's peak and Merv has another collection deal in motion. Fear not Dawn we will protect you. *Caramello Koalo.*

Trots Penny Farthing Race.

This year the Fremantle Trotting club again invited the Historic club to put on a display and 'race' the penny farthings around the Glouster Park track. A good turn out and good weather insured an interesting evening. We were allocated a small area by the winning post for the bikes and Eric with his Rover, Phil with his new odd size wheeler, Alan with the Kangaroo bike were the 'normal bikes'. The penny farthings well represented by Mall Bell with 2 sons Tom and Joe. Spike and Mavis added support in fact a very pleasant evening, the trotting club donating \$200 to club funds. *Alan Naber*

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Serial Numbers

Malvern Star serial numbers were generally of the form 9M99999. Some say that the first number corresponds with the last digit of the year of manufacture and the M is for Melbourne as there are some of the form 9S9999 where S means manufactured in Sydney. However, there are great inconsistency in these numbers and none of these rules regularly hold true. The best way to judge the decade of manufacture is to look carefully at the components if they are original. The brand and model on components will often date the bike as they changed often. The following are some of the bikes that we know about. If you have found a serial number on your Malvern Star bike, please send it to us, so that we can add it to this list and perhaps work out a system.

s/t is on the seat tube and rrd is on the right rear drop out.

Type	Description	Date	On	Serial No
Delivery		1920<s	s/t	12975
Delivery		1938	s/t	1M5676
Delivery		1930<s ?	s/t	6M28874
Delivery		1930<s ?	s/t	7M4542
Ladies	28"	1942	s/t	4M23112
Ladies	2 star	1915?	s/t	5M21701
Ladies	2 star		s/t	8224
Ladies	1 star	1950<s	rrd	81259
Ladies		1960	rrd	02234
Ladies	coronation	1953		7P446
Ladies	coronation	1953		56M/9265
Ladies	coronation	1954	s/t	
Girls	16"	1953	s/t	53M/10503
Girls	2 star	1970	s/t	5M26030
Gents	2 star	1940	rrd	30496
Gents		1941	rrd	41/50255
Gents	5 star	1944	lrd	9M9/798
Gents	4 star		rrd	05345
Gents	3 star	1960<s	rrd	OM18076
Gents	2 star		rrd	93368
Boys	2 star	1940<s	s/t	6840
Boys		1950		
Gents	cantilever	1960<s	b/b	41195
Family		1970<s	b/w	1279943
Tandem		1975	s/t	7644
Folding	smallwheel	1985	rrb	S3F90121

Correspondence

Re Dunsborough

A large crowd were treated to an outstanding display of aggressive riding by all grades and the unique abilities of dual world champion Nicky Armstrong who blew the field apart to win the Radisson Resort State Penny Farthing Championship, after leading from go to whoa. The Penny's were great - I think that we have got ourselves a winner here - we would like to know when Avondale is on as we can run an event the week after here in WA.

Phil Hopkins. W.A. Cycling Fed.

Not this year. See March Events below Ed.

For Sale

Recumbent, 'Cruiser', WA built, Short wheelbase 20/26 alloy wheels, 18 speed, high steering, computer, good condition \$500. Super Elliot Ladies bike 1930-50 beautiful paintwork mauve with hand scrolling, 28in wheels, 3speed Sturmey with back pedal brake. Skirt guard, named Janine on frame. Offers

Penny Farthing Bike, 3/4 size model, 40 inch wheel, with stand all steel, not rideable, ideal display item \$800. Dutch bikes: Spica Export, 23 inch gents, 26inch wheels 3 speed \$80. Needs work Gazelle ladies 22 1/2 inch, 26 inch wheels, hub brakes and 3 speed \$200. New Sturmey Archer single speed rear hub with drum brake.

Wanted

Osgear complete either 3 or 4 speed.
Alan Naber, tel 9332 3956
email: oldcyclist@hotmail.com

Future Meetings.

Our 19th March - Meeting - Merv has managed to get the services of a Leather Expert to come to answer all the problems of how to maintain and rejuvenate saddles, saddle bags, tool boxes and the secrets of re stitching.

24th March Club ride and BBQ sponsored by "Cycle Instead"

*April 16th **Slide Show and Talk - Alan Naber's futher adventures in Germany*

Look out for these Events in March

Both involving the Combined Car Club's Swop Meet and Auto Jumble at Whiteman Park and a similar event in Bassendean for us to promote The Club and sell our duplicated, not enough space / time expired projects. Details are not finalised but start sorting if only in your mind. *Contact Alan to register your interest.*

Saturday 17th March Centenary Celebrations ride
Fremantle to Perth and train back. 09.00 - 12.30hrs

Sunday 18th Great Sunset Coast Bike hike - Port Beach to Sorrento Quay. Possible round of State Pennyfathing Championship if we can find enough riders for a 25kms race

Another Mystery Bicycle.

More anonymous tip off's.

Full of Eastern (states) promise not due to arrive till April but described as a "lovely little thing". After our pliable Swedish Itera and Phil's NAPF this one is called - Daisy. "Sounds like the name for a cow to me" said Dave C. (calf in view of the size. Ed.)

In case you missed these last time Good Fairy Wanted to supply

1) Details of the cycles you will ride at the Guildford celebration on 1st April.

Info to Merv Thompson.

2) Some Dry, Lockable Storage Space at your place for Club tyres, frames and general spares.

3) Lone of a Trailer for the more distant events where car sharing and a trailer would save money.

4) Temporary Shelf Space for some of our expanding collection of Magazines and reference books.

5) A lockable Metal filing cabinet so the Books and Magazines can be stored at the VCC Club Rooms.

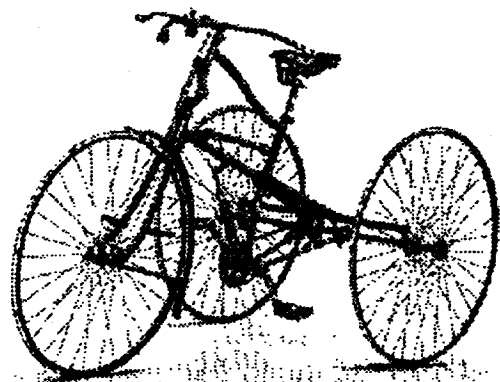
Offer of Three Free Bicycles

- 1) A 1950 Triumph.
- 2) A Malvern Star framed local badged machine .
- 3) A Schwimm - less seat post.

Contact Alan Naber for details

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Memory Jog - Has anybody ordered tyres from Guildford Cycles and forgotten to collect them? *Contact Destry Schrock*



Guess What it is?

Western Australian Historical Cycle Club Events Planner

FEB 2001

New Gosnells Country Fair	Fri./Sat/9th/10th Feb. 4pm - 10.30pm 3pm - 10.30pm	Canning Vale K9 Assoc. Complex. Crner of Warton & Ranford	Alan Naber 9332-3956	Secure locked overnight stay possible for bicycles. *Fireworks both nights*
* Avon Valley	Sunday 18th Feb.	Northam	Phil Harris 9459 7146	Invitation to attend details nearer the date. Sharing trailer possible.
WAHCC Monthly Meeting	Monday 19th Feb. 7pm	VCC Club Rooms	Dave Brown 9581 9084	Excellent Video from Mal Bell on P/F and Antique Cycles via Channel 31
CYCLE INSTEAD OF FEDERATION	17 TH MARCH	Fremantle to Casino	0413 123 757. CONTACT LEON EBBELER TRAVEL SMART OFFICE	9.30 to 12.30
WAHCC Monthly Meeting	19th March	VCC Club Rooms	Dave Brown 9581 9084	Leather Restoration Demo. Contact Merv for details.
Guildford Celebrations	1st April 2001	Stirling Square Guildford	M Thompson 9450-2579 with WA Cycling Federation	Period costume please for Parade and display of as many members mounts as possible.***** Bike details needed now!

* P/E RACE SUND 18TH MARCH

DR. I HODKINS Part Beach to Sorrento P/E Race



WANTED MORE PENNY FARTHING BIKES FOR CLUB MEMBERS.