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# Spoke 'n Word

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NEWSLETTER

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## AGM – MAY 20th

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and all positions will be vacant. Merv would like to step down after presiding for three years, and Dave and Peter are finding it difficult to attend meetings regularly. So how about YOU doing your bit for the club, and having a go? I'm sure that many of you have the time and ability to do the job, we are only a small club, and there is not much involved each month. Start lobbying NOW.

You will find a nomination sheet in this issue. Please contact the member you wish to nominate, get their approval, and send the form to Merv PRONTO.

## MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2002

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

*Apologies* – D. Smith, P. Smith, A. Naber, D. Brown. Jon Palmer was in attendance, up in town from Katanning.

*Minutes of Previous Meeting* – Read and accepted moved P. Harris, seconded K. Ward.

*Matters Arising* – \$100 due from BTA still outstanding.

### *Correspondence. IN –*

- Tandem Club event 17<sup>th</sup> March.
- Pinjarra Festival 2<sup>nd</sup> June. RAC Christmas Pageant.
- Request from Guildford Heritage Festival to participate Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

*OUT* – Riverton Forum re Public Liability etc.

*Treasurers Report* – Treasurer was absent, but phoned balance of \$1,702.00. Passed – moved D. Clarke, seconded M. Bell.

### *Past Events –*

- The Rockingham Family Day was a success despite low members present.
- The Mandurah Collectors Fair was attended by four members; a good display, well received by visitors to the fair.

### *Coming Events –*

- 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March – Riverton Forum Exhibition
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – Bike to Breakfast Run (Bike Week)
- 17<sup>th</sup> March – Whiteman Park display
- 24<sup>th</sup> March Bike Week ride and barbeque at McCallum Park, Victoria Park.
- 7<sup>th</sup> April Guildford Festival display and ride.

### *General Business –*

- The AGM will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Merv is to inquire re getting the Club into the White Pages telephone book.

### *General Business Continued*

- Display signs for display machine are being produced through Peter Wells.
- Seven bikes have been donated to the club, priced from \$5 to \$20 each to members.
- Dennis Gibbs has sourced a hall in Applecross that may be available – further inquiries needed.

### *Show and Tell*

- Merv had a Dahon foldup in a carry bag.
- Ken had a map of Perth (1952), books on Raleigh and How to Restore Antique Cycles.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

## MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2002

Meeting opened 7.15pm, with 14 members attending

*Apologies* – D. Clarke, A. Naber, P. Shugg. Welcome to visitor Walter Edom.

*Minutes of Previous Meeting* – Passed. Moved Mal Bell, seconded P. Harris.

*Matters Arising* - \$100 from BTA still outstanding. President to check with Merrill Martlew.

### *Correspondence. IN –*

- Tandem Club Calender of events.
- Brochure, Cycle Instead Week. Request for bikes, Subiaco 23<sup>rd</sup> March. M. Thompson is to contact Subiaco Council re inability to attend on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

*Treasurers Report* – Nil report.

### *Events Report*

- Riverton Forum Exhibition – This was a very good display, thanks to six members providing machines, and several more helping to man the display. A vote of thanks to all concerned was moved by K. Ward.
- Bike to Breakfast Run – Four members attended, but were unable to attend as a group.
- Whiteman Park Classic Car Show – only one member, Bob Brown, Displayed machines. Due to the heavy commitment of the previous week other members decided not to display this year. It is necessary to ensure that too many events are on at the same time.

### *Coming Events –*

- 24<sup>th</sup> March Bike Week ride and BBQ, McCallum Park, meet at 9am.
- 7<sup>th</sup> April Guildford Heritage Festival, Stirling Gardens, set up by 9am. There will a 3 rides thru the park during the day.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June Pinjarra Festival.

NEXT MEETING: 15<sup>th</sup> April Monday at 7.00pm

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Events Co-Ordination: Phil Harris 9459 7146

Alan Naber 93323956

### **General Business –**

- There are a number of bikes available to members. New Member Walter Edom purchased a Swansea Roadster.
- Dennis Gibbs has been unable to view the hall to see whether it is suitable for us to use.
- The display signs proved worth having, and the president moved that a further \$38.00 be allocated to pay for these items, the cost now being \$88.00. This motion was passed, moved P. Harris, seconded M. Buckland.
- The Club can get a free listing in the White Pages, M. Thompson to pursue this matter.
- Public Liability Insurance – Mal Bell prompted discussion on this issue. The Combined Car Clubs Association is meeting to discuss this, and it was decided to check whether BTA will be doing likewise.
- Ken Ward produced details of prices for the book Collecting and Restoring Antique Bicycles, ex USA. It was moved M. Buckland, seconded K. Ward to purchase a hard cover copy.

### **Show and Tell –**

- Peter had 2 veteran frames and other parts.
  - Phil had a Blackbird from Sydney.
  - Merv had a photo display board, and the Swansea purchased by Walter Edom.
  - Walter had a very original Indi 500 racer to show
- Meeting closed 9.25pm.

What Happens if you are riding your bike at the speed of light and turn your headlights on?

### **RIVERTON FORUM CLUB EXHIBITION 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2002**

A small group of club members met on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March after the shopping centre had closed to the public and began setting up our display of bicycles and other memorabilia. Other members brought in bicycles early Monday before the centre was opened to the public.

Our display was set up in the centre of the forum and had excellent lighting and clean white barricades.

Six members only exhibited twenty-two bicycles ranging from 1881 to the 1980's. David and Phil spent many hours preparing a small mining camp complete with an old prospectors bike – a great attraction to the public.

Mal and Myreen supervised the first day and told me that some of the public thought that the 1881 Tricycle would be better displayed without the coloured decorations (left on after the Christmas Pageant). No sooner had they been removed a person said to me "What are you taking the streamers off for – they are an attraction when you enter the forum! With the decorations removed I fitted a small frame under the tricycle so that the wheels could turn slowly showing the lever action movement of the pedals.

The framed identification for each bicycles supplied by Peter at short notice gained much attention during the week. People stopped to read this information with family and friends.

A Victorian wooden fire screen recently purchased at an auction was quickly converted into a notice board showing photos of club events held during the year and other photos of club bikes in restored and unrestored condition. The exhibition was supervised by a small band of club exhibitors and also Mavis and Milton who were pleasantly surprised by the public response when they supervised during the week.

On the first day a young school kid who called into see the exhibition raced to school (unusual!) and raved on to this teacher who closed shop and bought the whole primary school class to see the exhibition.

Our exhibition was not advertised, yet four primary schools have contacted us regarding a further visit and talk at their schools (any volunteers?).

Other comments from the public were.....I shop regularly at Riverton Forum and this is the best exhibition seen here' From a Welshman says, "our display is excellent. He had just returned from Esperance Museum and our display is older and better prepared"

'Fantastic display of bikes'

Cleaners comment "her observation indicated that people were extremely interested in the excellent display throughout the week"

Both Bullcreek and Rossmoyne Primary Schools brought classes to see the exhibition.

Ice Cream Parlour "business has increased 100% during the week"

Over thirty people asked us if the exhibition continued throughout the week, as they want to return with their husband and children.

Club members can be justly proud of our first major exhibition, as has been the Marketing Manager of the Riverton Forum who has invited us to exhibit again in 2003.

**Merv Thompson.**

### **Bicycles Exhibited:**

- 1940's Childs "Fliver"
- 1950's "RRR" Racing Rocket
- 1900's Prospectors Bike & Mining Memorabilia
- 1980 "Itera" all plastic bike
- 1939 "Swansea" 4 Star Racer
- 1951 "Swansea" Semi Racer
- 1885 "Coventry" Rotary Tricycle
- 1896 Humber Bicycle
- 1925 "Speed King"
- 1881 "Perfection DD" Tricycle
- 19880's "Coventry" Machinist Ordinary
- 1887 "Coventry" Machinist Ordinary
- 1988 (French) Bicycle
- 1950 Cyclops Tricycle
- 1939 (German) Tandem
- 1935 "Lucas" Bicycle
- 1980's "Strida" Vele
- 1982 "Raleigh" Superbe
- 1930's Delivery Bicycle
- 1930 "Malvern Star" Delivery
- 1970's "C5 Sinclair" Electric Pedal Car
- 1965 "Moulton" Bibcycle

### BIKE WEEK

This club was represented in two events this year, firstly the ride into Forrest Place for breakfast, with Phil Harris, Tom Atkinson, Ken Ward, and Dennis Gibbs taking part.

Then there was the event at McCullam Park on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> march. It was a perfect cycling day, marred only by the lack of club members taking part. Those who did make the effort were – new member Walter Edom, riding a bike purchased from the club only six days earlier, Phil Harris, David Clarke, Ray and Merrill Martlew, and Peter Wells. This event deserves a much better support from members, even the Ordinary enthusiasts. The scenery and flat cycle paths are ideal, even for those with small children. Let's do better next year.

Walter was considering legal action, since his 5/5 warranty on the Swansea proved worthless – one of the tyres gave out during his ride along the foreshore. Top marks for enthusiasm, Walter, we hope that your efforts will inspire others to attend more runs (or walks, in your case).

Peter Wells.

### Raleigh Rides Off After 115 Years

Raleigh, once the only bicycle to be seen on, is to cease assembly in Britain, bringing to an end 115 years of production. Staff, who were expecting a new site to be announced last week, were told instead that they would be made redundant as the company finally bowed to the pressure of cheaper foreign products and more fashionable bikes. About 280 jobs will be lost

The company is to buy machines abroad but, if possible, distribute them from its base in Nottingham.

### Meat or Poison?

A couple of months ago an old mate of mine (all my mates are old, come to think of it) heard on the grapevine that I had some health problems, so made his annual phone call to see how I was. The small talk eventually got around to what we were doing to keep ourselves amused, he still rowing, a lifelong interest. In fact he stroked a winning Kings Cup crew for WA in the early fifties. I mentioned that I was now involved with old pushbikes, and we reminisced for a while on our youth and the bikes that we rode sixty or so years ago. Then he told me that he still had the remains of his grandfathers old bike that had also been used by his father, then handed down to a third generation. I could have it if I want it, but it was a bit rough nowadays. Apparently his grandfather had bought it in 1907, and W. Jackson built it in Perth. It had been in continuous use until the 1960's, and was called The Pilot, as a brass plate on the headstern proudly proclaimed. The upshot was that just before Christmas my mate turned up with the back of his Datsun full of old bike bits, including The Pilot. It is certainly a bit rough, but I reckon that any machine that age must be worth bringing back to its former glory if at all possible, especially with a known history. It is basically complete, only the front wheel is missing. On the rim of the rear wheel is a small oval brass plate marked "Dunlop Australasia, 28x1 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Naturally it is a fixed gear machine, as was pretty much the norm at the turn of the century, and all components are English. I was interested to see that the front forks are exactly the same as the Speed King that I have rebuilt, and tentatively dated 1925. Maybe that bike is older than I thought.

The point of this little tale is that one never knows what is lurking in back yards, so it pays to ask around, one of your friends might have a gem sitting around waiting for someone to come along and rescue it from the dump. One man's meat is another man's poison, as the saying goes.

Peter Wells

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2002

**April 7 Sunday Guildford Heritage Festival Display and Ride**  
Set up bikes at 9am. Lets make this even better than last year.  
Contact Merv Thompson 9450 2579

**April 15 Monday – MONTHLY MEETING**

**May 20 Monday – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Election Of Office Bearers

**May 26 Sunday Club Ride and BBQ/Picnic**  
10.30am start Garvey Park, Fauntleroy Avenue, Ascot.  
We will ride alongside the river to Garratt Road and return.  
Bring the family and enjoy the day.  
Contact Phil Harris (08) 9459 7146

**June 2 Sunday Pinjarra Festival**  
This is a display day, with plenty to see and do at the Fair. Be there at 9am. We can depart around 4pm. Help show our bikes at a country venue.

**June 17 Monday – MONTHLY MEETING**

**July 7 Sunday York Festival of Cars – Bike events**  
More details later

**Oct 29 Tuesday Have A Go Day – Burswood**

2003

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Historic Cycles Downunder Rally, Evandale, Tasmania

### FOR SALE-SWAP-WANTED

There are a number of complete bikes (1940's – 1950's) available – priced to clear at \$5 to \$20  
Contact Merv (08) 9450 2579

**Wanted**  
20" back wheel with Westwood style rim, or even a good rim (28 spokes) to complete a 1949 Swansea child's bike  
Peter Wells (08) 9459 1750

**For Sale**  
'Superbe' gents roadster, very original. 28 x 1 $\frac{3}{8}$  tyres. S.A. 3 speed gears. Made in Sydney. Peter Wells (08) 9459 1750

**Wanted**  
Articles or technical info suitable for publication in this journal.  
Send to Peter Wells 25 Constantine Court Thornlie WA 6108

**FREE FREE FREE**  
Eric Barrett has a very good exercise bike going free for someone wishing to keep fit during the winter. Get in early  
(08) 9257 2474

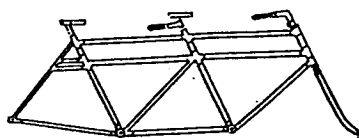
# TANDEMS

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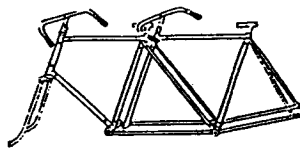
Ken Ward

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The tandem bicycle frame design is now considered complete



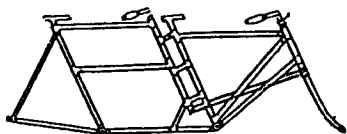
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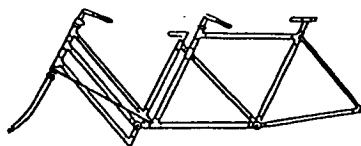
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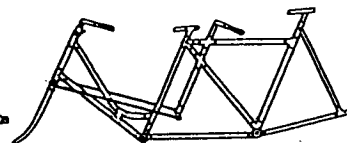
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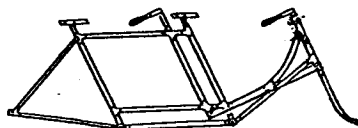
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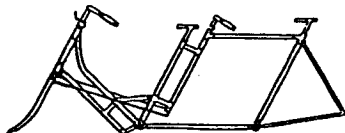
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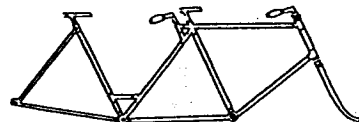
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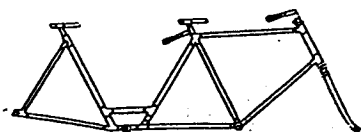
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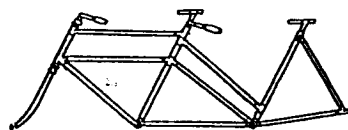
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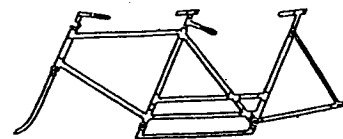
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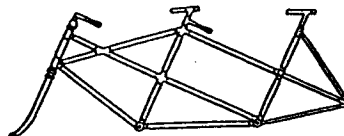
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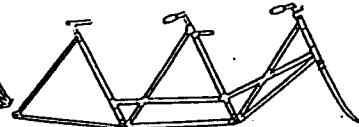
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