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NEWSLETTER

May/June 2002

AGM – MAY 20th

The meeting opened at 7.10pm, with fourteen members present. Scott Anderson was a visitor

Apologies - D. Brown, Milton & Mavis Jones, Eric & Jean Barrett.

Minutes of Previous AGM – These were read and accepted.

Moved P. Harris, seconded K. Ward

Presidents Report – M. Thompson read his annual report (attached to this newsletter)

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement as at 30th April 2002

Income

Meeting Subscriptions	\$203.40
Event Sponsorship	\$650.00
Fund Raising	\$265.00
Member Subscriptions	\$400.00
Bank Account Interest	\$11.55

\$1,529.95

Expenditure

Club Rent & Key Deposit	\$190.00
Third Party Insurance	\$1,293.10
Post & Newsletters	\$140.00
Bank Fee's	\$3.10
Club Signs for Bike Displays	\$88.00
Refreshments (Meetings)	\$70.00
Filing Cabinet	\$25.00

\$1,809.20

Closing Balances

Bank Account	\$613.01
Petty Cash	\$1,052.35

\$1,665.36

Election of Officers

The following positions were filled

President – M. Thompson

Vice President – D. Clarke

Secretary - M. Martlew

Treasurer – D. Smith

Editor – P. Wells

Events Officers – P. Harris, D. Gibbs, D. Clarke

Club Photographer – D. Clarke

Librarian – K. Ward

A vote of thanks was extended to Dawn Thompson for her stirring efforts with the suppers.

The meeting closed 7.50pm.

MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING 20th May 2002

The meeting opened at 7.50pm

Apologies – D. Brown, M & M Jones, E & J Barrett.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Were read and accepted. Moved M. Martlew, seconded P. Harris

Matters Arising – The club does not need an ABN number, and now has the prescribed forms. It was noted that many shopping centres now charge for displays.

Correspondence.

➤ There had been no reply from the Guildford Festival re our display.

➤ Letter from D. Brown re 2001 AGM.

➤ Receipt for Liability Insurance.

➤ Request for a display in Mandurah on November 10.

Treasurers Report – Closing Balance \$1,665.64 Moved M. Bell, seconded D. Clarke.

Events –

➤ P. Harris spoke on the ride on 26 May

➤ Pinjarra Festival, Sunday 2 June. Merrill and Ray will ride there on the Saturday.

➤ York Festival of the Car, Sunday 7 July. This is a sponsored event, with parades through the streets. Be there at 10.00am.

➤ Swap Day – Discussion on holding a day where members can buy, sell or swap parts. No decision was reached.

General Business

Merv asked members to look for guest speakers for meetings. He is organising an overhead projector.

No further action has been taken on a replacement meeting place.

NEXT MEETING: 17th June Monday at 7.00pm

VCC Club Rooms 6B Hickey Street, Ardross

WAHCC Committee - President: Merv Thompson 9450 2579

Treasurer: Don Smith 9447 3003

Historian: Ken Ward 9364 3601

Articles for Newsletter: The Editor Peter Wells

25 Constantine Court Thornlie WA 6108 (08) 9459 1750

Vice President: David Clark 6278 1048

Secretary: Merrill Martlew 9451 1186

Events Co-Ordination: Phil Harris 9459 7146

Denis Gibbs 9398 2792 David Clarke 6278 1048

Show and Tell

- Scott Anderson has an unusual veteran frame.
- Phil – 2 children's pedal cars, painted by Budget Powdercoaters.
- Dave – Cyclops deluxe scooter.
- Mal Bell – a beaded edge rim, possibly light motorcycle type.
- Merv – Super Elliott ex PMG cycle, plus sundry kits for sale to members
- Peter had some early carriers going free.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 15TH APRIL

2002

The meeting opened 7.10pm

Apologies – M & M Bell, E & J Barrett, D. Clarke, D. Gibbs.

John Sinclair was a visitor, and 13 members were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meeting discussed – Moved P. Harris seconded M. Jones accepted.

Matters Arising – Public Liability Insurance was discussed. BTA is looking into this problem.

Correspondence Out – Riverton Forum re display and ABN number.

RAC Channel 7 Pageant, and ABN number.

Telecom – re Club name in White Pages. Cost \$71.50 per annum. It was considered to be too expensive.

Correspondence In

- ABN number. Dept of Infrastructure has forwarded relevant paperwork.
- Public Liability Insurance – New fees \$720.00 rising from \$573.10 last year.
- Riverton Forum – Letter agreeing with a display in May or June 2003, and cheque for \$400.00
- RAC – Channel 7 cheque for \$250.00

Treasurers Report -

Nil report, but the balance at the Committee Meeting had been \$1,746.64 at the end of March.

Mal Bell has displayed some bikes in Kalamunda and had donated \$100.00 received for this display. A vote of thanks was passed.

Events -

- Merv commented on the Riverton Forum display.
- Phil discussed Bike Week events, and then reported on the Guildford Festival, a very successful event. Merv was disappointed that the officials didn't take more interest in what went on at the festival.
- Peter reported on the York Festival of the Car, and the need to put on a good display. There will be a display area in the main street, and rides through the town.
- Phil mentioned the event in May and June.

General Business -

- Merv told of the Management Committee meeting, where the A.G.M., Public Liability, events, club meeting place, the ABN, telephone, and finance was discussed.

Show and Tell -

- Ken had a history of Malvern Star and Speedwell
- Phil had some parts from a bike shop that is closing down, including some stands to be used at displays.
- Milton had a novel Honda scooter.
- John Sinclair has a veteran frame, that he hoped to fit a 1902 FN engine into. He also had an early Moto Rove clip on engine.
- Peter had some early hubs and hub brakes.

Meeting closed 8.40pm.

THE GUILDFORD FESTIVAL

Once again the club put on an excellent display, with an even greater variety of machines than last year. And this time we had more room to display our bikes, and a much improved grassed area, so there was little chance of any machine falling over.

A few showers early in the day soon gave way to pleasant sunshine, and encouraged a good crowd of sightseers, so that at times our area was filled with interested people, of all ages and sexes.

The Bell family spent much time and energy hoisting children onto the saddles of the penny farthings for a short run around the area. A couple of older kids (in their thirties) also lined up for a go, some even managing to proceed without any support.

Perhaps the most unusual machine was the wheelchair displayed by Bob Barrow. Ray and Merrill Martlew went for a 65km ride on their tandem before gracing us with their presence mid afternoon – how keen can you get?

Those in attendance, and their machines were –

Mal & Myrene Bell, and their families, with
4 Penny farthings
Rotary Coventry Tricycle
1888 Safety Cycle

Don and Shirley Smith
1953 Coronation Model Malvern Star
1920 Armstrong Racer
1949 Royal Enfield ladies model

Merv and Dawn Thompson
1881 Perfection Tricycle
1939 Tandem
1965 Moulton

Phil Harris
Pre-war Phillipps Delivery Bike
Ladies Roadster
Childs mini-mini bike

Bob and Blanche Barrow
Ladies Crossfire Roadster
Early Hand driven Wheelchair
Cyclops Tricycle

Peter Wells
1925 Speed King
1940 Swansea Ladies Roadster
1939 Swansea Racer
c1950 Superbe Roadster

Ray and Merrill Martlew
Tandem

David Clarke also graced us with his presence.
Peter Wells

IVOR PROBLEM

How can anyone tell how old their old bike really is? I mean, unless they are lucky enough to have a one owner machine with a known history, it is almost impossible to tell when it was manufactured, especially since many makers bought proprietary components that covered a period of twenty or thirty years with very little change. Only a handful of builders used any recognisable dating system, and they mainly English, so we Australian enthusiasts, with mainly locally made bikes have a Problem.

Eadie coaster hubs were available around the turn of the century, and their patent dates tell us so on their hubs, but they don't seem to have changed much over the years. I recently came across a set of specifications for military cycles built by BSA, and there was very little change from around 1906 until the early 1930s, mainly to do with frame sizes, so you see, it is very hard to tell just how old an early bike really is.

As I said in the beginning, Ivor Problem. Where does one go for help in this matter, for it seems little is published which will give some clues as to when certain features were in vogue, when different components first became available, and so on. A 1939 Bairds (Perth, Western Australia) catalogue still listed kero and acetylene lamps available for cycles, so it is hard to say just when certain items are wrong for our machines. I have found that corresponding with other clubs or makers does not often elicit a reply, unfortunately.

On a different note, just what is considered to be an original machine? Many have had components changed over the years, and have been repainted. If the original type and brand of component has been fitted, I think the bike can be considered to be still original, and if the paint scheme is similar to the original it should also be classified as original. Of course a bike that still has the original finish, faded and worn, must take pride of place, but these are pretty hard to find.

So, where do we go for info on our bikes? Can you help? Let your Editor know so that we can pass it on to other members.

Some Dates to Help You

- 1892 Single pneumatic tyres (USA)
- 1896 Coaster bars and steps introduced
- 1900 Freewheels available
- 1902 Sturmey Archer 3 speed hub gears
- 1902 Villiers 2 speed hub gears
- 1903 Eadie 3 speed hub gears
- 1903 Lucas acetylene lamps
- 1928 Simplex derailleur gears (France)
- 1930 Campagnolo derailleur gears (Italy)
- 1931 Tri-Velox derailleur gears (England)
- Mid 1930s Cyclo derailleur gears (England)
- 1937 Sturmey Archer Dynohub lighting sets
- 1938 Sturmey Archer trigger control for gears

No doubt members can enlarge on this list, which I have gleaned thru reading some books on cycling. If you can, send the details to me so that others interested in old cycles can further their knowledge.

Ed

REALLY OLD BICYCLES

In Australia, a veteran vehicle is defined as one built before 31 December 1919, and a vintage one built before 31 December 1930.

I Presume that this system also applies to our cycles, although it will be a bit difficult to positively date some of them, particularly those manufactured in Australia and there were a lot of them built from the turn of the century until 1960's.

I have recently obtained the remains of three very early machines, two obviously Australian, the other having BSA fittings, but not necessarily a BSA. Now, the wheels of these machines have little brass plates attached to the rims with copper rivets, reading Dunlop Welch Australasia, 28x1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Only one of these plates is in good condition, so it is my intention to have some made using the lost wax method of casting. As with all this type of work the more being produced brings the individual cost down, the main price being the initial mould.

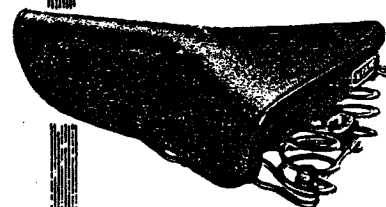
So what I would like is for any member restoring an early bike, and needing some of these plates, to contact me ASAP so that I can arrange to have them made. The cost to have twenty cast in brass will be \$10.00 each. It will be too costly to cast less than this number, so I will not go ahead until I have firm orders for them. I have used the casting firm several times in the past with complete satisfaction. They are involved in the manufacture of jewellery, so are used to handling small parts.

Send your orders to - Peter Wells 25 Constantine Court, Thornlie WA 6108 (08) 9459 1750



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Catalogues and
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MOTOR CYCLE & CYCLE EXPORT TRADER, March 1960

PHIL'S GARVEY PARK RIDE

Perfect Autumn weather saw eight riders converge on Garvey Park, in a beautiful setting on the banks of the Swan River, for a jaunt along the cycleway through shady trees and brilliant lawns.

Now, along these paths, it is necessary to negotiate a number of roads, and in an effort to stop motorists using the paths, the authorities have planted a number of steel poles, and other similar barriers. Some are not very well sited, and Alan Naber had the misfortune to run foul of a pole just as he was endeavouring to avoid a pothole – this after negotiating a rather rough wooden causeway over a swamp. Apart from his wounded pride (after all, he is a very experienced rider) Alan was left bruised and scratched, with a slightly deranged bike. So the tools that I had carried in case Merv had trouble were used to fix the Hercules.

Alan decided to return to the start point while the rest of us proceeded to Garrett Road Bridge, and returned along the same route, mainly 'cos we had left our maps behind.

Also in the area were a number of people with recumbents, and a couple with some American styled machine, very colourful, and well finished. Apparently they are built in Asia, but they made our old machine look a bit dated. A leisurely picnic lunch and chinwag helped pass the time, as well as Merv's folding Dahon.

Those intrepid cyclists were –

David Clark	Flash recumbent
Ray and Merrill Martlew	Early Tandem
Phil Harris	Malvern Star delivery bike
Dawn Thompson	1970 Ladies Raleigh
Merv Thompson	Super Elliott PMG bike
Alan Naber	Hercules Corello
Peter Wells	1947 Swansea
And the Dahon	
Peter Wells	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2002

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 – Display and ride through York. We get some sponsorship for this event, so come along and enjoy some great cars and also help our cause. Be there by 10.00am. BYO picnic lunch.

Aug 19 Monday – MONTHLY MEETING

Oct 13 VCC Autojumble Cannington

Oct 21 Monday – MONTHLY MEETING

Oct 29 Tuesday Have A Go Day – Burswood

2003

Feb 21st – March 2nd

Historic Cycles Downunder Rally, Evandale, Tasmania

FOR SALE-SWAP-WANTED

Wanted

16-inch front wheel or rim, spokes, with Westwood old style rim.

Bob Barrow 96 Scrivener Road Herne Hill 6056 (08) 9296 0028

Wanted

Does anyone have a copy of The History and Development of Cycles, by Counter, that I can borrow or perhaps buy?

Peter Wells 25 Constantine Court Thornlie 6108 (08) 9459 1750

Wanted

40 hole dual sided rear hub assembly.

Phil Harris (08) 9459 7146

SUBS SUBS SUBS

Your annual subs are now due. Despite the savage increase in our Public Liability Insurance the fee is still only \$20.00.

Please send you cheque to –

The Secretary, Don Smith
8 Charles Riley Road
North Beach WA 6020

Alan Naber showed us some wonderful cycling videos during the club meeting. A social night was also popular when we celebrate our second year anniversary. More social nights and guest speakers should be included in Autumn Club Meetings.

Our show and tell segment after each meeting creates much interest in items exhibited and many items have come out of the woodwork.

The Club newsletter is being recognised by other bicycle movements as can be seen from related WA cycling history submitted by Peter Wells and articles by other members throughout the year. Ken Ward continues to receive photos and WA racing cycle data and we should expect to find some interesting articles in the Club newsletter in the future.

There's uncertainty in continuing use of the Club Rooms after August. It will be disappointing if we have to vacate such a wonderful federation building for the sake of a sub-division.

Meanwhile with the enthusiasm shown by all members this year, I am confident the Club will continue to prosper in the future.

**President
M Thompson
May 2002**