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NEWSLETTER

July/August 2004

MINUTES OF AGM 17th MAY 2004.

The meeting opened at 7.40pm.

Present – 13 members

The minutes of the AGM held on 19/5/03 were read and accepted. Moved Merv Thompson, seconded Merrill Martlew.

It was noted that the Club Historian Ken Ward was omitted from these minutes.

Apologies – Alan Naber, Mal & Myrene Bell, Phil Harris and Ray Martlew

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Read and accepted.
Moved Mal Bell, seconded Merv Thompson.

Treasurers Report –

Opening Balance \$1,713.89

Receipts \$2,791.00

Payments \$2,483.77

Closing Balance \$2,021.12

Moved Paul Redman, seconded Ken Ward

Election of Officer Bearers

President – Peter Wells

Vice President – Dave Clark

Treasurer – Ray Martlew

Secretary – Merrill Martlew

Events Officers – Phil Harris & Merv Thompson

Librarian - Dave Clark

Club Photographer – Ken Ward

Club Historian – Ken Ward

Meeting closed at 8pm

Presidents report 2003/2004

The past year has seen an increase in the numbers of small displays, but perhaps at the expense of rides, so I think that we will need to address this matter in the future. We have also seen a few new members, from both country and metropolitan districts. Despite members going walkabout (or ride about), numbers at our monthly meetings are constant.

Unfortunately we were unable to stage a major display at a shopping centre this year, which has affected our financial status, but due to the very generous actions of some members, we have managed to keep the fiscal side of the

club in the black. So thank you to all who helped raise funds, with special thanks to Mal Bell and Alan Naber for their donations.

The death of Eric Barrett during the year saw a good attendance by members at this funeral, which was appreciated by Jean and the family.

The introduction of club shirts and caps has been well received, and our presence at various events now lets more people know of our existence which will no doubt lead to an increase in numbers both members and early machines. It is good to see that more early bikes are being displayed and ridden by our members, some of them in as found condition.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for the dedication, in particular Dawn Thompson for her continued supper making efforts. Lets face it, without supper our meetings would be only half enjoyable. I am sure that many enjoy the chatter and cupper much more than the meeting.

Peter Wells

MINUTES OF MEETING 17TH MAY 2004

The meeting opened at 8pm.

Present – 13 members

Apologies – Alan Naber, Mal & Myrene Bell, Phil Harris, Ray Martlew

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 19th April 2004 – Read and accepted. Moved Ken Ward, seconded Merv Thompson.

Treasurers Report – Balance of \$2,242.91

The following events were announced

June 21st General meeting

June 27th Hillarys ride

July 25th McDougal's Park ride

August 22 Belltower-Matilda Bay and return

Sept 26th Collie Museum Display

Oct 17th Gosnells Museum display

Oct 23rd Narrogin Field Day display

Oct 24th Midland Railway 100 year display

Dec 11th Christmas Pageant.

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 19th July at 7.30pm
Monday 16th August at 7.30pm
VCC Club Rooms 6B Hickey Street, Ardross

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Show and Tell

Ken Ward talked of a Serpentine-Jarrahdale-Mundijong penny-farthing race to be held on 7th Nov 2004.

Merv Thompson showed a rare taillight and a 1930 centre bracket crank.

Paul Redmond showed a NZ magazine.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

MINUTES OF MEETING 21st June 2004

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present – 15 members

Apologies – Milton & Mavis Jones

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Read and accepted.

Moved Ken Ward, seconded Merv Thompson.

Treasurers Report – Balance of \$2,193.16. Moved Mal Bell, seconded Dave Clark. It was noted that currently we have 17 financial members.

Correspondence

Letter from Rotary regarding a three-day event in February 2005.

Events

Phil Harris talked on the Ride around the Bridges - a lovely day, good ride with 7 riders.

Coming Events

June 27th Hillarys ride

July 25th McDougal's Park ride

August 22 Belltower-Matilda Bay and return

Sept 26th Collie Museum Display

Oct 23rd Narrogin Field Day display

Oct 24th Midland Railway 100 year display

Dec 11th Christmas Pageant.

Mal Bell agreed to carry the bikes to the Narrogin Day.

General Business

Ray Martlew told members about a mural to be painted onto an underpass on the Roe Highway at Willeri Street.

Show and Tell

Ken Ward spoke first of the costs involved in using ambulances, and then displayed a Swansea cycle ridden by Nick Lucas, winning many events and titles (five swans)

Ray Martlew displayed WA made tandem – the first made for the Blind Association tandem riders. He also showed an old Aussie cycle with the frame number 1017

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

BRIDGETOWN HERITAGE FIELD DAY 8TH MAY

Black clouds accompanied Merv and Dawn Thompson as they drove their fully laden wagon south to the town of Bridgetown for a display of bicycles and cycling memorabilia at the districts Field day. Also journeying south were Bob and Blanche Barrow with their trailer full of historic cycles.

After much toing and froing the Thompson's finally managed to locate their overnight accommodation, and where they could set up the display, and were able to

unload on the Friday before the hectic rush set in at the day break on the day of the event as locals began setting up stalls and exhibits all around the area.

Saturday morning also saw the Barrows team arrive with their load of bikes, so now the cycling display was complete. Luckily it was inside the pavilion, because there was a heavy downpour overnight. The display included a 1930's delivery bike, 1969 Moulton Stowaway, mini Penny farthing, 1924 Fliver, 1890 Columbia tricycles, C1910 child's trike, 1950 RRR (Regies Racing Rocker), an ice cream tricycle, 1953 Malvern Star Coronation model, and an early cross frame machine. In addition there were displays of club activities, number plates and other items of interest.

Children were given a chance to sample the early tricycles and allied playthings as the rain continued several times during the day.

The usual Field Day displays and demonstrations kept the large crowd entertained all day. Our efforts were well appreciated by the country folk, who don't get a chance to see early cycling history very often.

MONGERS LAKE IN AUTUMN

Perfect weather saw a gathering of humans and their human powered vehicles for a pleasant ride around the shore of Mongers Lake, a one time rubbish dump that is now home to myriad water birds, including WA's famous black swans. The well laid out grounds with plenty of picnic facilities makes the area an ideal spot for cyclists, walkers, kite flyers, skaters, and anyone just wanting to relax.

Between cups of tea/coffee we managed to get in two laps of the lake, in the course of which we found that swans have no road sense, and do not give way to cyclists no matter how efficient their bells are. Some members, the Nabers and the Bucklands rode all the way from Applecross, the rest of us merely motored to the lake.

Those in attendance were –

Ray Martlew – 1932/33 Aussie sports

Tony Hall – 1972 Peugeot folder

Fay Hall – Bickerton folder

Merv Thompson – 1945 Swansea

Dawn Thompson – Raleigh

David Nathan – Peugeot folder

Anne Nathan – Raleigh folder

Alan Naber – 1972 Raleigh Superbe

Wendy Naber – Apollo

Malcolm Buckland – Moulton

Julie Buckland – Moulton

Peter Wells – 1945 Swansea

SECOND ANNUAL SWAP DAY

After the success of this event last year it seemed only right that we should repeat the exercise, and once again it was the cause of much bartering and the scene of great displays of bikes and bits from the turn of the century to the mid seventies.

There was much good-natured ribbing among members, and several complete and rideable machines changed hands for quite modest amounts of cash. The large number of ladies bikes available at very reasonable prices only served to show that they are not regarded as worth collecting, which seems a pity, since many of them were pre war jobs. Oh, well, they must prove to be a good source of parts, especially of Westwood rims.

There were at least five trailer load of bits and pieces, many new old stock that have survived thanks to the efforts of member.

It was encouraging to see the large number of the fair sex in attendance, two seen trying out different bikes before persuading their husbands that they needed something to ride on future club rides. And then there was the intrepid couple getting to grips with a tandem kindly loaned by Ray Martlew so that they could decide whether to purchase one.

Once again the sausage sizzle lunch proved popular, and thanks must go to the Thompson and Martlews for the success of this part of the days proceedings. Apart from any exchange of parts among members, the Swap Day has been a fantastic social event, even the ladies voting in favour of a repeat performance next year.

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A fate worse than death

AROUND THE BRIDGES RIDE, 13TH JUNE

Despite a gloomy forecast the weather stayed fine for a small band of riders who met at Coode St, South Perth, for a ride around the Swan River encompassing the Narrows Bridge and the Causeway.

After a leisurely 11am start, the group paused for a while at the Belltower, then continued to the Causeway and back along the South Perth side to the start point. The wind was no more than a gentle breeze, making riding very pleasant.

Some large wheeled scooters ridden by adults were encountered, but doubts about their performance on hills were expressed.

They had one large and one small wheel.

Those participating were –

David Northan – Malvern Star Skid Stars

Anne Northan – Hercules

Paul Redman – Swansea 5 Swan Racer

Phil Harris – CWS gents roadster

Tony Hall – Peugeot foldup

Dawn Thompson – Challenger

Merv Thompson – Raleigh

A COLOURFUL IDEA

It has been said that you are never too old to learn. For me, that is just as well. With my congenital amnesia I find I am forgetting things at an alarming rate and I simply need to learn new things to stop my cranial cavity from imploding.

It is exciting to learn about something new, particularly if it makes life easier or is a better way to doing things. This week I discovered a pressure pack paint can.

“A pressure pack paint can,” I hear you say, “what is he on about, they’ve been around for years?”

Perhaps I should explain, this was no ordinary pressure pack paint can.

It started off when I decided to sell my Renault Fuego. We have three cars in our household and seeing as it is just Helen and I, three cars did seem a little excessive. Unfortunately, the tin worm had started to munch away at the bottom of the passenger’s door and before selling the car I thought I would treat the rusted area.

I called into the local automotive paint shop, which had been very helpful in the past, with the idea of buying a litre of matching acrylic to touch up where I had repaired the door. I was not looking forward to rubbing down the orange peel, which is inevitable when you use a low-pressure spray gun.

This is when I made my momentous discovery. The paint shop was able to match the Renault paint colour formula with an acrylic lacquer – and – pump the paint into a pressure pack can. No ordinary can, the nozzle was such that it produced a fine spray similar to a high-pressure spray gun. It was ideal for the purpose for which I needed it.

I then had an inspiration as my brain jerked out of zonk mode and lurched into a rare moment of lateral thinking. What an ideal way to paint a bicycle. I know how many coats and how much rubbing down I had to do when I painted my five-swan Swansea. To have the paint in an efficient pressure pack would have saved so much time and effort.

So. If you are thinking of painting a bicycle or touching up your motorcar, and you don’t have a high-pressure spray gun, the pressure pack idea may be suitable for you.

The paint shop I used was O’Connor Paint Centre, 7 Pritchard Street O’Connor (9314 7788) and the cost the acrylic (400ml), plus a similar can of clear acrylic (500ml) as a finishing coat, was \$35.00.

PS Anyone want to buy a now immaculate Renault Fuego? Paul Redman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004

July 19th Monday – General Meeting

July 25th Sunday – Club ride. Starts McDougal Park Como. Meeting Ley Street 10am. Contact Merv 9450 2579

Aug 16th Monday –General Meeting

Aug 22nd Sunday – Club ride. Belltower – Matilda Bay and return. Contact Phil 9459 7146

Sept 20th Monday – General Meeting

Sept 26th Sunday – Collie Cycle Museum visit. Contact Ray Martlew 9451 1186

Oct 17th Sunday – Gosnells Museum Display. Contact Phil 9459 7146

Oct 18th Monday –General Meeting

Oct 23rd Saturday – Narrogin Field Day Display. Contact Merv 9450 2579

Oct 24th Sunday – Midland Railway Workshop – Centenary Display

Nov 15th Monday – General Meeting – Christmas Social

Dec 11th Saturday – Christmas Pageant

FOR SALE SWAP WANTED

For Sale

Ladies Malvern Star. Good condition.
Ladies Kris Sports. Original, chain case.
Gents Aussie 3 speed hub gears, original paint etc.
These are club machines. Make an offer. Peter Wells
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