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NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

As usual, our final General Meeting of the year will be a social event, with a slap up supper provided by members, who are asked to bring a plate. There will also be a raffle that is being organised by Phil. He has even promised to have tickets available. So roll up, bring your better halves, and we'll all have a great night.

CYCLES IN THE WEST

The West Australian has started a cycling section in the back pages of the motoring supplement on Saturdays. This could lead to bigger things as cycling is becoming more popular partly due to rising fuel and parking costs. I shall see whether the West is interested in doing an article on our Club, as no doubt they will be looking for something to fill their columns.

MINUTES OF MEETING 18th SEPTEMBER 2006.

The meeting opened at 7.40pm

Present – 17 members

Apologies – Alan Naber

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Read and accepted.

Moved Merv Thompson, seconded Ray Martlew

Matters Arising

Nil.

Treasurers Report –

Previous Balance \$3,815.28

Income \$108.00

Expenditure \$105.20

Total \$3,818.03

Tony reported with regret the resignation of Jeremy Peters of Karratha.

At present we have 22 financial members.

Moved David Clark, seconded Mal Bell

Correspondence In

- Cycling in the West
- BTA Cycling in the West
- Council of Motoring Clubs Minutes AGM, Minutes General Meeting
- Police & Nurses re shares (no action needed)
- Have a Go News
- Add Life to your Years Book (WAHCC now on list)
- Motor Museum of WA – Brockwell Run
- Account from People Who Care – bus hire
- Account from David Clark – fuel for bus
- CMC receipt
- BTA receipt

General Business

- Peter said he may not be able to attend club events due to recent surgery and asked that members attending write a report for the club newsletter.
- Paul reported having received a request from the Bayswater Historical Society (BHS) seeking a speaker from the club for a BHS meeting in 2007. Club Historian, Ken Ward, volunteered to speak at the meeting. There was also an opportunity to put on a small display of historic cycles at a BHS event to be held at the time of the Avon Decent in 2007.

Past Events

- Phil reported on the successful bus trip to Yarloop at which 14 members attended. He said he was surprised at the size of the railway facilities at Yarloop. Members also visited a wood workshop at the town where the work created and the workmanship was first class. The club subsidised the event to the amount of \$62.00

Coming Events

- 24th Sept – Sunday a ride through the Swan View tunnel and John Forrest National Park.
- 8th Oct – Sunday – Cannington Auto Swap Meet at the Greyhound track. Open 6.30am – start 7.00am
- 25th Oct – Wednesday – Have a Go Day at Burswood Park. We must be in place by 8.30am
- 4th Nov – Saturday – Darkan Centenary – see Mal or Peter.

**NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 20th November at 7.30pm
NO DECEMBER MEETING**

VCC Club Rooms 6B Hickey Street, Ardross
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Librarian: Harold Perry 9364 7253
Events Co-Ordination: Phil Harris 9459 7146 Merv Thompson 9450 2579

SHOW AND TELL

- Tony showed a Malvern Star roadster from 1956.
- Phil showed a 12" child's bike with solid rubber wheels. Vintage unknown.
- Phil also showed a toy ice-cream tricycle, electrically driven, which calls "Ice-cream" and plays a tune.
- Phil displayed an assortment of cycle magazines and enthralled us all with the opportunity to purchase Girl Guide first-aid kits and biscuits.
- Merv showed a cycle license plate from 1942 and a list of bicycles he has for sale.
- Merv displayed a nickel plated Ariel Star fitted with Westwood rims and BSA fittings and a 1973 26" Triumph with 3 speed dynohub.
- Kim showed his Manxman track bike originally owned by Eddy Barron. It is in superb condition with exquisite line markings.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm to enjoy supper and a chat.

MINUTES OF MEETING 16th OCTOBER 2006.

The meeting opened at 7.40pm

Present – 11 members

Apologies – Alan Naber

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Read and accepted. Moved Phil Harris, seconded Judy Perry.

Matters Arising

- The start time for Have-a-Go Day Wed 25th Oct has changed and members must be in place with cars out by 8am.

Treasurers Report

Previous Balance \$3,848.08

Income \$198.80

Expenditure \$209.00

Total \$3,837.88

Moved Harold Perry, seconded David Clark.

Correspondence In

- Cycling in the West
- BTA Cycling in the West
- Police & Nurses re shares (no action needed)
- Motor Museum of WA – Brockwell Run (amended start)

General Business

- Peter reiterated he may not be able to attend club events due to recent surgery and asked that members attending write a report for the club newsletter.
- Ken has had contact with the Bayswater Historical Society and will speak at a meeting. Members are encouraged to attend which is Sunday (Morning) 25th Feb 2007. Details to be advised.
- Merv suggested we invite speakers to talk at future club meetings. Ken said he would approach Rod Evans to speak, hopefully at the March meeting.
- Malcolm has purchased a kit to enable him to nickel plate various metal components. He believes the equipment will also enable copper plating. He will advise members on the success of the project when it is up and running.
- Merv moved that sparklers be purchased from club funds (up to \$50) for the Channel 7 Pageant. Moved Merv Thompson, seconded David Clark.

Past Events

- Merv spoke on the ride on 24th Sept through the historic 1895 tunnel at John Forrest National Park. The pavement was rough and few bike lights worked, but the ride was a great success due to the beautiful weather and grand scenery.
- Merv advised that the Cannington Auto Swap Meet (8th Oct) at the Greyhound Track was successful and attended by several members.

Coming Events

- 25th Oct Wed – Have a Go Day at Burswood Park. We must be in place by 8am.
- 29th Oct Sun – A river ride at the Riverton Bridge Kiosk at 10am BYO lunch. Snack and food available at the kiosk.
- 4th Nov Sat – Darkan Centenary. See Mal or Peter.
- 20th Nov Mon – General Meeting.
- 26th Nov Sun – A ride starting at the Carine Tennis Club. Details later.
- 9th December Sat – Channel 7 Pageant.
- 10th Dec Sun – Christmas BBQ 6.30pm at Paul and Helen Redman's house, 7 McKnight Place Melville. BYO food and drinks.

Show and Tell

- Phil showed a pair of gleaming chrome forks that he acquired from his regular supplier – the tip.
- Peter displayed 4 crank assemblies. A Magistrini, a pre-war Super Champion, a Raleigh with short crank and a BSA with 1" pitch.
- Ken showed some photos.
- Merv reignited general business and suggested a social night at the Tivoli Theatre in Applecross for early 2007.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm to enjoy supper and a chat.

NICKEL PLATING

Malcolm Buckland has just bought a nickel plating kit, a thing that a number of members (myself included) have been talking about for some time. The cost of plating for the average bicycle these days has risen astronomically, partly due to the expense of getting rid of the chemicals used in the process, and of course, wages and government charges.

Properly done, nickel plating should be as long lasting as chromium, a thing that I found out years ago when I was involved in restoring vintage motorcycles. It will need a bit more TLC to keep it in pristine condition, but only a purist could tell the difference between chrome and nickel if properly done.

Malcolm has consented to tell us of his progress with his new venture, as I am sure a number of us only need to know what is involved in this undertaking.

The main cost in any plating process is, of course, the labour involved in getting the parts polished and clean ready for plating, and getting the necessary grinding and polishing gear might prove a bit of a stumbling block, but cheap electric grinders and polishers are now on the

market. Keep tuned for progress reports on Malcolm's project, they should prove very interesting.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW – SUNDAY 18TH MARCH

Are you going to participate in the Club's display at Whiteman Park? If so, please let Peter Wells know ASAP so that he can arrange passes for you to enter the grounds.

SWAN VIEW RIDE

Seven members turned out for the Swan View Ride, to view the old railway tunnel.

All came with lights on their bikes, but as some found out dynamos don't work too well when one is almost walking. One member pulled the down light out of this ceiling and fixed it to a motorcycle battery, it gave a real good light. Some members and the tourists must have thought a train was coming.

It was all too much for one member, who, after one ride through the tunnel, went home.

The weather was just right once again so we all went on to the old railway bridge and the pool in the park. And sat at the BBQ area for some lunch, nice place it was too.

The track was good apart from some short gravel sections. One member thought riding fast over the part was better, it was down hill so was able to pick up some speed to the shock of a slower rider.

We did see two snakes, it is that time of year after all, but it didn't take long to see they came out of a members back pack and then spent the rest of the ride on the handle bars.

I reckon all who came had a good day and it was something a little different.

Those taking part were:

Phil Harris – Mountain Bike

Merv Thompson – Raleigh

Dawn Thompson – Peugeot

Tony Hall – Diamond

Judy Perry – Record

Harold Perry – Shogun

David Northan – Skidstar

Phil Harris

HAVE A GO DAY – 25TH OCTOBER 2006

Once again we put on a good display of a wide range of cycles and memorabilia covering almost a century of Human Powdered Vehicles. It was once again left to a handful of members to provide the public with a glimpse of the world in a long lost and, I think, much healthier and happier time. I cannot recall seeing the large numbers of obese people of all ages when just about everyone used a bicycle to get to school, work, or to do the shopping, but they were there in their droves at Have a Go Day.

Our ideal position looked like being a bit of a dead loss when some idiotic woman started to shriek thru the bank of loud speakers near our stand. After putting up with it for five or six minutes, your scribe stormed off to the official tent and threatened to fold up our tents and go. Other people were there doing the same thing (complaining, not shrieking), so the powers that be saw the error of their ways, and we had peace at last. I don't know why it is that people

in charge of a mike seem to think they must have it as high as it will go to get their message across. I even cut the wires at one event some years back – that fixed that problem.

Our stand attracted a lot of interest, a couple of members got leads on some bikes, and we had several people enquiring about our activities.

So I reckon the day was quite satisfactory, and there was plenty of things to see and do, with a record number of organisations taking part this year.

I must thank those members who helped me to load and unload my trailer, to erect and dismantle our cabana and signs, and to man the stand and answer the many questions thrown at them by interested onlookers, both male and female.

Phi Harris helped load my car and trailer but couldn't attend the display. But everyone there on the day pitched in and soon had every thing packed and ready to depart. And there wasn't a bit of rubbish in sight, which is what we expect from our members, isn't it?

Those present were:

Merv and Dawn Thompson

Mal and Myrene Bell

Harold and Judy Perry

Paul Redman

David Northan

Peter Wells

And Alan Naber popped in to say G'Day

Peter Wells

RIVERTON BRIDGE RIDE - 29TH OCTOBER 2006

Eight members turned out for a ride around the Canning River to Nicholson Road via Kent Street Weir, then to return on the other side along Riverton Regional Park about 12ks all up.

The weather was perfect, very over cast and about 20°.

Riding over Nicholson Road Bridge one was able to see a Black Swan and her offspring also enjoying her day and the serenity of the beautiful scenery. Only one mishap when Judy fell off after hitting the kerb but was soon on her way with only bruised pride, just as well because the first aid kit was left at home in a safe place.

After the ride we stayed at the kiosk and had a chat and coffee and made some more plans for the next few rides. Hope to see you there.

Those taking part:

Merv Thompson – 76 Raleigh

Dawn Thompson – 70 Raleigh

Tony Hall – 76 Raleigh Twenty folder

Harold Perry – Indi 500

Judy Perry – 82 Hercules

David Northan – Malvern Star Skidstar

Ann Northan – Hercules

Phil Harris – 4 Star Malvern Star

COMING EVENTS

26TH NOV SUNDAY – CARINE SWAMP RIDE

This will be our last ride for the year, so come along and enjoy some different scenery.

Meet on the southern side of Beach Road, at the car park near the tennis courts. This is clearly marked on your current road map. Bring a picnic lunch. Start time is 10am sharp.

9TH DEC SATURDAY – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Be at the start point on the Esplanade around 6.30pm. Wear period costume if you can. The Club will be providing some of those fluorescent lights to help dress up our bikes. Parking is on the west end of Langley Park, but you **MUST HAVE A PASS**. Let Peter Wells know ASAP if you need one. **NO PASS. YOU PAY.**

10TH DEC SUNDAY

Club BBQ at Paul and Helen Redman's, 7 McKnight Street Melville. Bring your own meat and drinks, salads will be provided. RSVP 9330 2092 so that catering can be arranged 6.30start. **SEE YOU THERE**

21ST JAN SUNDAY – PERRY LAKES RIDE

9am start. Parking area off Meagher Drive. Map ref. Streetsmart 2006, Map 371, B1. Bring a picnic lunch.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Hasn't this year flown? Here we are talking about the Pageant, and planning events for 2007, and I had almost forgotten to wish all our readers the usual compliments, and that would never do, would it?

So let us all have tail winds and hills that only go down in the coming year, and of course the pleasure of riding with an ever growing group of like minded cyclists.

Thankyou to all who have helped me during my recent spell of recuperation from my operation.

Peter Wells.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006

Nov 4th Saturday – Darkan Centenary Show

Nov 20th Monday – General Meeting

Nov 26th Sunday – Ride – Meet at Carine Swamp Reserve, off Beach Road. Car park at the tennis courts on south side of Beach Road. Start 10.00am

NO DECEMBER MEETING

Dec 9th Saturday – Christmas Pageant – Be at start by 6.30pm parking at west end Langley Park. **PASSES ONLY.** Please use your oldest bikes, and dress in period clothes.

Dec 10th Sunday – 6.30pm BBQ at 7 McKnight St Melville, the home of Paul and Helen Redman. RSVP 9330 2092 BYO meat and drinks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006

Jan 15th Monday – General Meeting 7.30pm

Jan 21st Sunday – Ride Perry Lakes 9am start

Feb 19th Monday – General Meeting 7.30pm

Feb 25th Sunday – Como Ride. Meet at McDougall Park CNR Henley & Ley St. 9am start

Mar 18th Sunday – Car Show at Whiteman Park

Mar 19th Monday – General Meeting 7.30pm

Apr 16th Monday – General Meeting 7.30pm