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## MINUTES OF MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2010.

The meeting opened at 7.40pm.

**Present** – 12 members

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** Read and accepted.

### **Treasurers Report**

Balance B/F \$3,662.10

Income 116.00

Expenditure 145.50

Balance \$3,632.60

The Treasurers Report was accepted. Moved Phil Harris, seconded Judy Perry

### **Correspondence In**

- Christmas Pageant. This will again be held on a Sunday morning at 9.30am on December 7<sup>th</sup> and will be a ride around Langley Park.
- Minutes of latest C.M.C. meeting and calendar of events.

### **General Business**

- Fremantle Festival. We put an excellent display of over 20 bikes in a magnificent room. Unfortunately there was little else to see apart from a few craft classes and pictures. Peter Wells expressed our disappointment and this was echoed by Ken Ward.

### **Events**

- 27<sup>th</sup> June Speed Dome. Be there by 8.30am as parking is difficult. Set up can be done on Saturday afternoon from 2pm onwards.
- 19<sup>th</sup> July General Meeting.
- 25<sup>th</sup> July Tour de Ruste visiting Merv Thompson, Harold Perry, Ken Ward and Dave Clark.
- 29<sup>th</sup> August Bus Trip to Cunderdin. \$20 per head plus tea – 21 people max.

### **Show and Tell**

- Phil Harris showed a 1918? Diamond resurrected from Dave Clark's junk. He warned of the cost of plating nowadays! He also showed a unicycle picked up for \$40.

- Topy Geer showed a number of books on cycling going back many years. The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2010

The meetings of the General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 was read and accepted. Moved Dave Clark, seconded Judy Perry.

### **Financial Report**

Balance B/F \$3,973.10

Income 1,147.33

Expenditure 1,487.83

Balance \$3,632.60

The Financial Report was accepted. Moved Ken Ward, seconded Carl Bentley.

### **Presidents Report**

In the absence of the President, the Vice President gave his report. He commented that our membership had stagnated and that we were not attracting or retaining younger members. The same people were doing the work and he personally would like a break.

### **Matters Arising**

- Merv Thompson asked what was the position regarding the transfers held by Alan Naber as these were of considerable value. Alan is to be asked to explain the position on his return.

### **Election of Officers**

The following persons were elected unopposed

President – Merv Thompson

Vice President – Dave Clark

Secretary – Carl Bentley

Treasurer – Harold Perry

Historian – Ken Ward

Librarian - Harold Perry

Committee Members – Judy Perry, Tony Hall

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm

**Committee - President:** Merv Thompson 9450 2579

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**Librarian:** Harold Perry 9364 7253

**Committee Members:** Judy Perry, Tony Hall

## MINUTES OF MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010.

*The meeting opened at 7.35pm.*

*Present* – 12 members and 1 visitor. Apologies were received from Dennis Gibbs.

*Minutes of Previous Meeting* Read and accepted.

Moved Judy Perry, seconded Dave Clark.

### ***Treasurers Report***

Balance B/F \$3,632.60

Income 250.81

Expenditure 24.20

Balance \$3,859.21

The Treasurers report was accepted. Moved Peter Wells, seconded Ken Ward.

### ***Correspondence In***

- Association Information pamphlet.
- Minutes of C.M.C. General Meeting.
- Cycling West – Ride to Work display.
- Channel 7 Christmas Pageant.

### ***General Business***

- The Subs for the coming year are now due \$25.
- There will be a committee meeting at 7pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July at Merv Thompson's house.
- Ken Ward requested a copy of the Members list.

### ***Coming Events***

- 25<sup>th</sup> July Tour de Ruste visiting Harold Perry, Ken Ward, Merv Thompson and Dave Clark.
- 16<sup>th</sup> August General Meeting.
- 29<sup>th</sup> August Cunderdin bus trip. \$20 per head. Maximum of 21 people.

### ***Show and Tell***

- Visitor Andrew Blackmore talked about how he needed some help and advice with his bicycle projects, including help with rebuilding the wooden rims on his project.
- Phil Harris showed off 2 wheels he has built from scratch. He patiently sat down and figured it out and made a good job. He thanked Peter Wells for his help and advice. Phil also acquired a Steele Bishop aluminium frame. The bike required a little work and now rides well.
- Carl Bentley showed off his 1984 Jack Taylor Tour of Britain which he acquired from a collector in South Australia.
- Merv Thompson showed a bike of uncertain vintage and unknown make. The bike has had some modifications and also needs new guards.
- Topsy Geer showed 2 Series 1 Moulton bikes. One was a folding model and both had front and rear suspension. He brought them at an auction.
- Alan Naber brought in several items to be auctioned with proceeds going to the club. These items included various pedals, sprockets, seat stem,

various Shimano parts, steel handlebars, rear rack and a Ladies Swansea bicycle frame.

### **FREMANTLE FESTIVAL DISPLAY**

Although we had perfect weather for this event, and a great selection of bikes and memorabilia, it was disappointing that so few members came along just to see what we had on show. There were machines displayed that are not usually part of our events, and they proved very popular with our many visitors.

We had a fantastic venue, what would have been the dining room of the 150 years old Fremantle Asylum, now part of an Arts Centre, and fully restored, with a genuine wooden floor fit for a ballroom. Our display looked even better under the excellent lighting, and we had plenty of room so that photo buffs really enjoyed themselves.

Seven members displayed 28 different items, as well as numerous period photos and other memorabilia. A special display of Fremantle built Swansea's got a lot of attention, as did Merv's children's bikes and his doll collection. I still can't get over the big number of ladies interested in bikes, many of them quite knowledgeable of course regular riders. They may have even outnumbered our male visitors, certainly were more keen on the photographic side. The little ones were on their best behaviour, and apart from wanting to play with our rope barrier (all kids want to do that) gave no trouble at all.

Speaking of rope barriers, David Clark came good with some chrome posts, and a roll of colour rope that not only looked good and professional, it all worked well, so a special thankyou, David, and to your friend who helped out.

This was our biggest display by far for some years, and it will be interesting to see whether we gain some new members from it. The range covered just about every type of bike available over the years, as well as the odd ones like skate bikes and uni-cycles, but there wasn't a trade bike to be seen. Most bikes displayed had our Club signs depicting their main features, dates, etc, and were of great interest to our many visitors. Members were kept busy talking to visitors about our display, and listening to tales of cycling incidents, and memories of riders and courses long gone.

So to all who helped to make this another memorable event, thankyou very much. I must admit that when I saw the size of the room I had doubts that we could fill it but it looked perfect, not

too crowded and no empty spaces.

### **SPEED DOME DISPLAY**

This year we were able to set up our display on the Saturday, thereby avoiding the huge crowds on Sunday morning, and being able to leave our trailers secure overnight.

There were 18 bikes on display, from a couple of penny farthings to some children's bikes and trikes, with a good selection of racing and touring machines as well.

We had plenty of room to display our wares, and the inclusion of the P.Fs proved a good move, they attracted a lot of attention. A number of trade displays on site caused some comment with the price of some bikes on offer almost as dear as a new small car – definitely not in our league.

The racing once again showed the skill of the riders, especially when swooping up and down the track. It looks pretty dangerous to me, but I supposed that when you are young and fit that would be the least of a riders concern.

Our only problem for the day was trying to get our lunch. For some reason there was a mix up among the officials, and we (or some of us) could not get to where our meals were waiting for us. Naturally that didn't go down very well, and some hot words were uttered. Eventually Merv managed to get some food for those missing out, but we must sort this problem out before next time.

Those taking part were – Merv Thompson, Harold & Judy Perry, David Clark, his friend Wayne, Phil and Troy Harris, Peter Wells.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

As you can see from the new names on the front page, ~~we have had some changes on the Committee~~, and now some members can have a bit of a rest for at least a year after serving for quite a long time.

But for any Club to flourish it requires all members to do their bit attending meetings or events, helping others with their bike problems, even helping with the supper. And don't forget that your annual subscriptions are now due, still a miserly \$25.

### **VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Another year has raced by, and we have had a mixed bag of events, some outstanding, others damp squibs. Perhaps we need to look at the type of events members are willing to patronize, we definitely need more starters.

There has been increasing interest from the public in our machines, especially for displays at fairs and cycle race meetings, and this has brought to light a

number of interesting old bikes made available to members, as well as other memorabilia. The interest shown by members of the fair sex in our displays this year, especially at Fremantle, shows that we must encourage the ladies to join us, especially as many of them are obviously much younger and fitter than many of we oldies.

This year the number of members supporting rides and displays has fluctuated quite a lot, so that the poor old events organizer often wonders whether he is wasting his time and effort, and we see the same old faithful few turn up each time. Where are our younger members?

At the close of this year a number of committee members have indicated that they would like a rest, having served for up to eight years, so it is now time for us to see some new blood in the committee.

Thankyou to all those who have supported me over the years, even though I may have stepped on a few corns at times. It is time that even I had a break, though I will continue with the Editorship if necessary.

Peter Wells.

### **TOUR de RUSTE**

What a day! I have never seen so many old bikes in so few back yards/sheds before, and rather suspect that I never will. The winner of the yard with the most bikes was undoubtedly Harold Perry (Judy did not wish to admit having anything to do with that lot) with something approaching the magic century.

Some of them were quite good bikes too, as was the morning tea. The Perry collection of cars and bikes was very impressive.

Then we were off to visit Ken Ward, his small selection of very nice racing machines of course expected from someone with Ken's competition background.

The Thompson collection seems to get bigger each time we visit them, another shed being needed to preserve this mixed bicycle and children's toy group. There's still room for a couple more sheds, Merv.

Finally we travelled north to visit David Clark and his nice selection, all nicely laid out for inspection, as were tables and chairs for our lunch, which was held in some very welcome sunshine after our recent cold spell. In fact it was getting rather warm out of the wind, so a game of musical chairs began. A vote of thanks was given for all our hosts and hostesses, and much discussion took place on what we had seen, and tips on various restoration tasks,

Those present were:

Harold and Judy Perry, Ken Ward, Merv and Dawn Thompson, David Clark, Topy Geer, Tony Hall, Phil Harris, new member Andrew Blackmore and Peter Wells.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**29<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Bus Tour to Meckering and Cunderdin**

Our annual Bus tour, with lots of interesting things to see plus great scenery. **LIMITED SEATING SO BOOK NOW.** Cost \$20 plus morning tea and entry fees to museums. BYO lunch. Meet at Bunning's Car park, Cannington, 8.30am for 9am start. Contact Peter Wells 9459 1750 to book your seat.

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **McDougal Park Ride**

Meet in Ley St Como for a 10am start. BYO lunch. Contact Merv Thompson 9450 2579 for more details.

### **OLD BIKES IN MELBOURNE**

I have just returned from a holiday in Melbourne (it's just as cold as Perth) and took the opportunity to look up some old bike enthusiasts, with at least 100 bikes between them. Patrick Leverett lives in an outer suburb, and his collection is housed in his 2 car garage, which just happens to have a second floor above space for the cars. That floor is accessed via a folding ladder cunningly arranged so that when folded the ceiling appears to have a large manhole. His bikes include a genuine Posties bike and quite a few very original touring and racing machines. There are two very original Toseland racing bikes from South Australia, as well as a Swansea and Malvern Star that once resided in Thornlie. There was one motorcycle, a VERY low mileage Benelli in as new condition, I drooled over that. There must be 30 bikes in his collection.

Patrick then drove me to Geelong to visit Rod Charles, who is not only a collector and restorer, is also dedicated historian, particularly interested in Geelong and Melbourne built bikes. He has just restored a magnificent wooden front wheel driven velocipede, with exquisite lining done by an old cycle painter of the old school. A ladies Coronation model Malvern Star was at the final stages of a rebuild.

Rods collection has a good number of very early machines, some yet to be worked on, as well as a nice original PF. There must have been at least thirty machines on display, including a Rainbow from WA. I spent a complete very enjoyable day with those two enthusiasts talking bikes and bike history.

Some days later I was able to visit Warren Meade in Bairnsdale. Warren runs a bike shop, but also has a passion for old bikes. His collection is mainly Malvern Star, from very early days to a couple of Skidstar bikes – one brand new. He must have almost 100 machines in his collection, as well as numerous N.O.S parts.

We spent several hours going through Warren's various locations. His main shop building is a beautifully restored house adapted to suit display and work areas. If you are going to Melbourne look these enthusiasts up.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Monday** – General Meeting

**August 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Bus Tour – Cunderdin. See main notice.

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Monday** – General Meeting

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Ride McDougal Park 10am start.

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Monday** – General Meeting

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Ride Tomato Lake 10am start.

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** – Have a Go Day

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Golden Spokes Ride and displ

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Monday** – General Meeting

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday** - Hillarys Ride

**Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Christmas windup

**NO DECEMBER MEETING**