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NEWSLETTER

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## MINUTES OF MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007.

*The meeting opened at 7.45pm*

*Present* – 14 members

*Apologies* – Mal and Myrene Bell, Denis Gibbs

*Minutes of Previous Meeting* – Read and accepted.

Moved Harold Perry, seconded Dawn Thompson

*Matters Arising*

➤ Nil.

*Treasurers Report*

Previous Balance \$1,988.92

Income \$337.85

Expenditure \$35.00

Closing Balance \$2,291.77

Moved Dave Clark, seconded Alan Naber.

*Correspondence In*

➤ Cyclist Magazine

➤ Canberra Bicycle Museum Newsletter

➤ Council of Motoring Clubs, Minutes of Meetings etc

*Correspondence Out*

➤ Nil

*General Business*

➤ The Green Bill. Members are reminded to sign and return the petition enclosed with the last newsletter if they have not already done so.

➤ York Motor Show. After a cold start 5 members turned up with a selection of bikes earning \$100 for the club.

*Coming Events*

➤ 29<sup>th</sup> July – Tour de Ruste. Meeting at 10am at Alan Nabers house at 29 Teague Close Bullcreek.

➤ 20<sup>th</sup> Aug – Monthly Meeting

➤ 26<sup>th</sup> Aug – Bus trip to Toodyay.

➤ 17<sup>th</sup> Sept – Monthly Meeting.

➤ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Ride around Herdsman Lake. Details later.

*Show and tell*

➤ Phil showed a hand that moved when he clapped his hands.

➤ Peter showed a hub which he had powder coated preserving the markings that often get lost when items are polished before plating.

➤ Alan Hind showed two bike frames and discussed their history.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm for tea and a chat, following with Alan Naber auctioning a quantity of bike parts raising \$79 for club funds.

## MINUTES OF MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007.

*The meeting opened at 7.40pm*

*Present* – 13 members. The President welcomed back Mal and Myrene Bell from their prospecting sojourn.

*Apologies* – Tony Hall, Denis Gibbs

*Minutes of Previous Meeting* – Read and accepted.

Moved D. Clark, seconded J. Perry

*Treasurers Report* –

Previous Balance \$2,291.77

Income \$257.00

Expenditure \$126.25

Closing Balance \$2,422.52

Moved Mal Bell, seconded Ray Martlew

*Correspondence In*

➤ Letter from the DPI regarding policy on cycling maps.

*General Business*

➤ Swan Plating has now ceased business after many years in the industry.

*Coming Events*

➤ 26<sup>th</sup> August Sunday – The bus tour to Toodyay leaves Bunnings Cannington car park at 9am sharp. BYO lunch. Morning tea stop at Bindoon.

➤ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept Sunday – Herdsman Lake ride. Meet at Dodd St car park for 10am start. BYO lunch.

➤ 31<sup>st</sup> Oct Wednesday – Have a Go Day, Burswood. Be there 8am.

➤ 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Friday – Mundaring Shire Display. Details later.

➤ 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Sunday – Whiteman Park Ride.

*Show and Tell*

➤ Merv showed a very early child's front wheel drive bicycle that he has rebuilt for display purposes only.

➤ Phil showed a ladies cycle in sound condition.

➤ Peter showed a novelty bicycle ornament. He also requested a source of handlebar grips for 3/4 inch bars.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm for supper, followed by a short talk by Alan Naber on wheel hubs.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm  
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### **WHEEL TRUING TOOL**

Some time back the Club purchased a wheel truing tool that needed a bit more than a casual lick of paint to make it serviceable once more.

Now, a year or so later, this ancient but still quite practical tool, has finally been repaired and is ready for use by club members. Probably only a few of us will be game enough to tackle what to many appears to be black magic, but in reality it is not beyond the scope of most of us, especially those who are prepared to carry out any adjustments or running repairs on their own cycles.

The truing or even complete respoking of a wheel was covered by an article that appeared in the long defunct Freewheeling, and subsequently reprinted in the September/October 2003 issue of this newsletter.

Those of you who do not have this information can obtain it by contacting Peter Wells, 9459 1750.

It is proposed that the tool shall be on hire for a period of no more than one month, and will be picked up from, and delivered to Peter's address or at a meeting night if arranged. Instructions on the use of the tool will be given when it is picked up. Cost to members will be \$5.00.

Stainless steel spokes can be ordered from Jet Cycles, Gosnells, in any size up to 305mm, at 50¢ per spoke. They do not carry stocks in the shop, but usually have them within a week of ordering. Mention that you are a member of the Club, and ask for Will (the boss) when ordering spokes – Phone 9398 2359.

### **YORK FESTIVAL DISPLAY**

Very low temperatures, but unlike last year, fine weather saw a small band journey to historic York for the annual car and bike show in conjunction with the York Motor Museum. Our members were down this year, with the Bells still looking for Lasseter's Reef, and the Harris's gallivanting down south, but we still had a reasonable display, although lacking the early machines that caused a lot of interest.

A gaggle of racing motorcycles were displayed next to us, and when a couple were started up – caused a bit of consternation for a while – it was good when they stopped.

As the temperature slowly climbed a couple of degrees the day became very pleasant, most of the crowd taking advantage of the sunshine.

The usual pedal car races drew a good crowd of onlookers, a youngster piloting Merv's Studebaker Cyclops taking second spot in his age group. We had an unusually high number of folding bikes this year, with only one veteran to be seen. Perhaps we will be able to display more of the truly old bikes next year, as I think that is what we should be aiming for.

Those present were-  
Dawn and Merv Thompson  
Judy and Harold Perry  
Ann and David Northan  
Tony Hall  
Kim and Peter Bartlett  
Peter Wells

### **2007 TOUR de RUSTE**

Unlike our bikie brethren in other parts of the world, all participants in our Tour were positively free from drugs, in fact not one of our crowd even smoked, so we were all pretty safe from the drug cops.

A dozen participants turned up on a winter's day reminiscent of ones that we oldies can remember in the forties and fifties, when riding to work or to school in winter usually meant getting wet either coming or going. But it was good to see decent rain at last after years of very poor rainfall. Luckily most of the bikes and bits and pieces were under cover, so the showers did not worry us unduly.

First, we were the guests of Alan Naber, his collection on display in his covered area, and in his shed, all very tidy nowadays. Some very nice bikes were displayed, as well as spare parts. Alan turned on morning tea or coffee for all, and all too soon it was time to wend our way to see Ken Wards collection of racing bikes and assorted old photos etc.

Ken had a very nice wheel building machine that caught everyone's eye, and which was subsequently carted off by your scribe so that he could take note of how it worked, and also to see if it was possible to include some of its features on the ancient one that is being rebuilt for the club.

Then we were off to the Thompson Museum to see what Merv had been doing of late. He had waterproof covers all over the backyard covering at least twenty bikes still to be rebuilt, as well as his usual sheds and back verandah. Dawn must have lots of patience although she won't let bikes into the house – yet. We were just in time for the grand opening of Merv's new shed, so at least we could now get into the billiard room, as all the bikes and pedal cars had a new home. It was nicely done, too. Lunch, and chin wagging, as well as tunes from, a jukebox, a gramophone, and a pianola, saw most of us trying Dawn's cream scones to go with our tea and coffee.

We saw some wonderful history on our travels, with photos, memorabilia, important Australian, and West Australian in particular, machines from the late nineteenth to the very early twenty first century. It is great that our members are preserving some of Australia's way of living in our short (by European standards) history.

Thanks to all our hosts, and to all who turned up for a very enjoyable day.

Those taking part were –

Merv and Dawn Thompson  
Paul Redman  
Alan Naber  
Alan Hind  
Phil Harris  
Harold and Judy Perry  
Ken Ward  
Tony Hall  
David Northan  
Peter Wells

### 2007 TOUR de BUS

Once again our intrepid tourists ventured into the dull grey yonder to sample the culinary delights of the Bindoon Bakery. It was dull grey because old Jupiter Pluvius had decided that it was time to bestow his largesse onto the worthy (or perhaps unworthy) citizens of Perth and all points for many miles around. In fact it was one of those winter mornings that only the septuagenarians among us could remember having seen the likes before.

But that didn't stop fifteen keen cyclists venturing out in our ACROD stickered omnibus for a journey through the Chittering Valley clad in verdant hues as far as the eye could see (which at times wasn't very far due to the rain) to Bindoon where we inspected literally acres of land covered in all types of old machinery and vehicles slowly rusting away. Even we males were glad that our yards didn't look like that! But we recovered enough to regain our usual sunny dispositions by consuming disgusting amounts of coffee, pies, and cakes at the previously mentioned Bindoon Bakery before checking out a thrift sale.

Then it was away through rolling green country along good roads through the Julimar Forrest to the historic town of Toodyay, formerly known as Newcastle. Apparently because they couldn't find any coal there they had to change the name. If you believe that, you'll believe anything! The settlement dates back to 1836, just 8 years after the colony was started, and still has many buildings from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

We enjoyed a break in the weather while we had our picnic lunch in a park, then visited some of the historic sights and buildings that abound in well kept condition. It was great to see an old West Australian town that has retained its old world charm, as usually we tend to destroy anything that is more than a handful of years old.

After rounding up the elusive tourists, especially a photographer who shall be nameless, we headed home via Clackline, with more attractive scenery en route, until we finally arrived back at our start point around 5pm. Thanks to our driver, Dave Clark, we had a very enjoyable trip, relived by some recordings of cycling and the life of Oppy courtesy of Alan Naber.

Now someone has to find where we can go next year on our annual outing.

My thanks to all who supported this year, we almost had a full bus.

Peter Wells.

### COMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Herdsman Lake ride. Meet in Dodd St, Wembley (where we meet for the Monger Lake ride) for a 10am start. BYO lunch. We will follow the cycle paths along John Sanders Drive to Herdsman Lake, and will probably also ride around Monger's Lake in the afternoon.

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>** – Have a Go Day – Burswood Display.

Be at the grounds at 8am to set up our display.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Mundaring Shire Display. Details later. Early bikes, Penny farthings, wanted for this event which is actually in Brown Park Swan View, not far from where we meet for the Tunnel Ride.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>** – Whiteman Park – ride and picnic. More details later.

### 28 INCH TYRES AND RIMS

Some time back, when I was busy restoring my 1902 Raleigh, I had problems with the rear wheel. There was nothing wrong with the original Westwood rim, so I had derusted it, repainted it, and rebuilt the wheel. I might add that there was an old perished tyre on the wheel when I obtained it, and I was about to put a good one on. However, I found that a number of 28x1 $\frac{3}{8}$  tyres, would not fit, but simply slipped over the rim. So I then rebuilt the wheel using another rim, which incidentally was slightly larger in diameter than the original, and had no problem fitting another tyre.

I completely forgot about that rim until I was rebuilding another very early bike, and had exactly the same problem.

Now the bike in question had come complete with quite good tyres, but I wanted to fit a matched set of near new 28x1 $\frac{3}{8}$  covers, so why couldn't the new tyres fit? They fitted the front wheel perfectly, so I then went through my collection of tyres, found the one that had been fitted to the bike, and lo and behold, the darned thing fitted. It was a 28x1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cover.

So then I had recourse to some notes on tyre sizes that had been printed in our newsletter courtesy of the English Veteran Cycle Club, and all was made clear.

The following notes explain what the problem was, and of course we are inclined to think ALL 28inch tyres fit the same rim. They don't. The following notes explain what this is all about.

28inch tyres vary in bead diameter according to the width of the tyre. The bead diameter is the actual measurement of the ledge where the tyre rests on the rim. The outer diameter of the rim has no relation to the fit of the tyre on the rim.

A similar situation also occurs with the 700 and 650 series of tyres and rims.

There are three types of 700 series tyres, A, B, and C, and each type has a different bead diameter, ergo, a different size rim.

The Continental 650 series also has three sizes of tyre with different rim sizes. So, be careful when dealing with these groups of tyres.

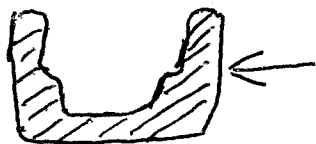
I will only list the 28inch tyre and bead sizes, but if any of you need the 700 or 650 series sizes, they appeared in the September/October 2005 issue of 'The Spoke'n Word'.

### 28" TYRE & RIM SIZES

TYRE SIZE	BEAD & RIM SIZE
28x1 $\frac{3}{8}$	25.25x642mm 25.3inches
28x1 $\frac{1}{2}$	25x635mm 25inches
28x1 $\frac{3}{4}$ (also marked 28x1 $\frac{3}{8}$ )	25.4x622mm 24.5inches



WESTWOOD  
BEAD SIZE



ENDRICK  
BEAD SIZE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

**Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Monday** – General Meeting

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** – Herdsman Lake Ride. See details in this mag.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Monday** – General Meeting

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** – Have a Go Day Display. See details in this mag.

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** – Mundaring Shire Display. More details later.

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Monday** – General Meeting

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Whiteman Park Ride & Picnic.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Sunday** – Mundijong Display. Details later.

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec Saturday** – Christmas Pageant

**NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

**18<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Classic Car Show

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## MONSTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thanks to the generosity of Paul and Helen Redman we will once again be having a Christmas Social and BBQ, but hopefully there will be no monsters there, only little ones allowed. So keep this important date free.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> – 6.30pm**

Full details in your next newsletter.