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NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF MEETING 15th FEBRUARY 2010.

The meeting opened at 7.40pm.

Present – 14 members

Minutes of Previous Meeting Read and accepted.

Moved Mal Bell, seconded Merv Thompson.

Treasurers Report

Balance B/F \$3,971.60

Income 65.90

Expenditure 65.30

Balance \$3,972.20

The Treasurers Report was accepted. Moved Peter Wells, seconded Dave Clark.

Events

➤ Rockingham Ride Jan 24th. We had a new starting point which a number of us couldn't find – half way to Kwinana! However most of us picked up en route. It was a hot day and the promised Fish & Chips took a while to come. It was suggested that in future we bring our own BBQ.

➤ Riverton Ride Feb 21st. The kiosk has been demolished. However a caravan has been located nearby. A number of people turned up but only three people completed the ride.

➤ General Meeting March 15th.

➤ V.C.C. Meeting 21st March. Whiteman Park be set up by 9am. Tickets to get in from Peter Wells at General Meeting.

➤ Brookton show 17th March. Set up by 9am. Details from Peter.

➤ Revolutions Whiteman Park 11th April subject to confirmation.

➤ General Meeting April 19th.

➤ George Webber visit May 23rd. Details later.

Show and Tell

➤ Merv Thompson showed a most unusual fun bike with rear wheel steering and front pedals. A Supa Special!

➤ Alan Naber brought in a number of bike lamps and books for disposal. Frames, old frames with rear facing dropouts are wanted by the younger generation. It was suggested to advertise them in the Quokka. They should fetch at least \$50 each.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm. After which we were given a most interesting talk by John Deckert a visitor from Victoria. He started out as a farmer but always had an interest in the outback. Maps were not available so he made his own and also became a Tour Operator.

MINUTES OF MEETING 15th MARCH 2010.

The meeting opened at 7.40pm.

Present – 15 members

The Vice President took the chair in the absence of the President.

Minutes of Previous Meeting Read and accepted.

Moved Mal Bell, seconded Judy Perry.

Treasurers Report

Balance B/F \$3,972.20

Income 36.00

Expenditure 150.00 (Rockingham lunch)

Balance \$3,858.20

Correspondence In

➤ Minutes of C.M.C. meeting March 2010 emphasising the need to be at Whiteman Park for the Classic Car Show by 9am.

➤ Details of Bike Week March 21st to 28th March 2010. from Dept of transport.

General Business

➤ Have a Go Day last year saw us getting wet even under the gazebo. Peter and Mal are making walls to keep us dry next time.

➤ Ken Ward advised that John Caldwell's aunt rode in the Northam to Perth race in 1937-38 and that he can put us in contact.

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 19th April 7.30pm

Monday 19th May 7.30pm

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Committee Members: Merv Thompson, Phil Harris

Dave Clark, Fred Rumokoy

Events

- Riverton Ride. A good day and a number of people turned up. Unfortunately we got split up into two groups and only three riders completed the route. We all got together again later for lunch.
- March 21st to 28th Bike Week activities. See leaflet above.
- March 21st Classic Car Club Show Whiteman Park. Be there in good time.
- March 27th Brookton Show. Set up by 9am.
- April 11th. Visit to Revolutions Museum Whiteman Park. Set up for 10am. BBQ will be made available. Parade at 11.30am
- May 23rd visit to G. Webber cancelled. Small bike ride instead. Venue Lake Monger or Tomato Lake.
- August 28th Bus Trip. Details later.

Show and Tell

- Phil Harris brought along a Bianchi track bike. His friend Jason is open to offers for it starting from \$400.
 - Merv Thompson told us of his travels north of Kalgoorlie in search of vintage car parts.
- The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

A COMMITTEE DECISION

A recent committee meeting dealt with an unusual item, namely what to do with spares and bicycles belonging to various members.

As many members are aware, the Club has a small amount of property, mainly our Library, the Club sign, the gazebo, and a few other odd small items. There is also some complete unrestored bicycles. The fact that brought this subject up was the realisation that as time goes on it will be necessary to relocate some of this property, and the notion of having a storage shed of some sort arose.

The idea of a small shed, or a container, was mooted, hence the committee meeting. After much discussion it was eventually decided that the Club is not into storing complete bikes, frames, or spare parts. If members have spares available they can offer them to members or sell them to others, but the Club should not be involved in that side of cycling.

The problem of having a shed on a members property is that should that person decide to move, the shed has also to be moved, which may not be feasible.

So, even though a member may have spares that he would like to donate to the Club, it is not up to the Club to find room for them. We are not into storing bikes or spare parts, that is up to the individual member. The vote on this matter was almost unanimous.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL THE VISIT TO SEE THE WEBBER COLLECTION HAS BEEN CANCELLED. THE SMALL WHEEL-TIN CAN RIDE WILL BE HELD AT MONGERS LAKE INSTEAD.

OUR LIBRARY

Recently Harold Perry and I spent several hours sorting out our Library.

There are a number of books and other publications dealing with the early days of cycling, both from the historical and technical issues. There are even details of what the well dressed lady would be seen wearing in pre WWII times. For those members wondering just when certain products came on the market, our library is a source of great value. But unfortunately very few members avail themselves of this source of information.

Over several years I have included technical and dating tips in the newsletter, but recent observations make me wonder if any member actually reads what I write.

I thought that every keen member would know that 3 speed hub gears had been around since 1902, along with 2 speed hub gears and coaster brakes, but that is not so. There is all that sort of info locked in our library, so why not make use of it?

A.G.M. 2010

June 21st, and time to think about helping to run this Club is with YOU again. I am a firm believer that you only get out of any organisation what you put into it.

Some committee members have been active since the Club was formed, and no doubt would appreciate a rest for a while. Let's see some new faces on the committee, the jobs aren't that hard or time consuming.

ARE YOU GOING TO VOLUNTEER?

COMING EVENTS

April 11th Sunday

Whiteman Park Ride, display & BBQ.

Meet at Revolutions before 10am. Bring extra bikes for a display. We ride around the Park at 11.30am, then have a BBQ lunch. BYO drinks, meat, etc.

May 23rd Sunday

Small wheels/tin can ride, Lake Monger.

Meet at northern end (Dodd St) for a 10am start. Bring your small wheeled or hub geared bikes. BYO lunch. NOTE this ride replaces the Webber visit.

June 27th

Speed Dome Display

This event is open to members wishing to display racing or touring bikes this year. Be there well before 9am because the venue is crowded with racing cyclists. We receive a lunch voucher for our efforts, and the track racing is spectacular. Contact Phil 9459 7146 for more info.

THE RIVERTON RIDE

Beautiful mild weather saw seven stalwarts front for a ride from the bridge, along the southern cycle path and over the Mt Henry Bridge and back along the other side of the river to the start point. Well, that was the plan, but some decided to shorten the distance a bit, and only covered the shortened leg twice.

It was still a pleasant ride, some of the cement paths a bit rough at times, and low tree branches also a nuisance. It was a pity that more riders didn't turn up, because the river and the parklands were quite beautiful, with cyclists, walkers, fishers, and boat types all enjoying themselves, and of course man's best friend was also out in great numbers.

The old coffee shop has been removed, and a new one is being built to replace, a caravan serving drinks etc in the mean time.

Those taking part in the ride were:

Harold Perry – Malvern Star

Merv Thompson – BSA

Dawn Thompson – Peugeot

Phil Harris – Raleigh

Tony Hall – Raleigh

Carl Bentley – Jack Taylor

Peter Wells – Armstrong

Also present, but not riding, due to a vicious attack by a Pekinese or sumnot similar, Judy Perry.

NOTE. Judy is still having treatment on her legs five weeks after the attack.

THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Apart from the head honcho of the Show Committee having a bad hair day, and going out of her way to antagonise many present, the day was once again a success. And the thunder storm failed to materialise, so our new walls for our shelter definitely worked - there wasn't a drop of rain got through them.

Nine members brought a very good selection of machines from the 1880s to the 1970s, from work bikes to kid's bikes, some as found, others rebuilt to their former glory. There was a constant flow of visitors all day, many stopping to enquire about the earlier machines in particular, and cameras constantly clicking away. Dave Clark brought his new special recumbent for all to admire, and he can at last ride once more, so now we will have to pull up our socks to keep ahead of him.

There were several people, men and women, enquiring about joining the club, so we can look forward to some new blood soon. Although the humid weather made things a bit uncomfortable, the general feeling among those present was that it was a successful event with plenty of feed back from the public.

There were a number of members and ex members also making their presence felt during the day, all remarking on the large number of machines on display.

BETTER THAN VESTA WAX MATCHES

Having been half drowned at last year's Have a Go Day it was decided to have some walls made for our shelter, to keep the weather out. However, the prices quoted for the job were impossibly high, so it was decided to have a go ourselves using a machine offered by the Bells.

Plans were drawn up, material purchased, and the supposedly simple task of making and cutting the shade cloth was soon under way. This process involved the consumption of numerous cups of tea as technical points of contention were resolved. Then it was time to start sewing, using one of Mr. Singer's heavy duty machines of almost vintage origin. Unfortunately our machinist had problems that needed a visit by the repair man, so an SOS was sent out for him. By the end of day one, most of the sewing had been completed, delayed by visitors and more cups of tea.

Day two saw the arrival of another more modern machine, which took a bit of getting familiar with by the operator, but steady progress was made, delayed only by someone who shall be nameless marking the position of some Velcro incorrectly.

Never mind Mal, you are forgiven.

In the meantime, that learned gentleman had been making up new pegs for the walls, and fitting the eyelets where necessary. So, finally this supposedly simple job was completed, and met with the approval of the mob at the Car Show.

Thanks to Mal and Myrene, once again the Club has been able to improve conditions at our displays. Without their generous support we would have a much poorer Club, and I am not talking about money, but spirit.

Peter Wells

Perhaps we were lucky that the storm that hit Perth hadn't arrived on the Sunday as originally forecast, because there was no way that any shelter would have withstood that fury of wind, rain, and hail.

For those of you not knowing what Vesta wax matches were, they were special waterproof matches used by miners to light their carbide lamps.

BROOKTON OLD TIME SHOW

We may have been thin in numbers, but we were fat on the ground.

On a fine but overcast day six members left at dawn for a pleasant drive to Brookton for their annual Show, and for once not troubled by the rising sun in our eyes.

In no time at all our shelter and display was set up ready to accept the expected throng of visitors, practice having made us pretty efficient lately. We had quite a good selection of old and not quite so old machines displayed, and they created a lot of interest all day long.

One amazing thing was the good behaviour of the children, perhaps country kids have been told not to touch other people's property.

As for the total display of cars, trucks, caravans, farm machinery and many crafts, I would rate this year's show the best ever, with a truly amazing variety of all types and models. Those who didn't attend missed a fantastic event.

Those present were – Mal and Myrene Bell, Harold and Judy Perry, Phil Harris and Peter Wells.

HANDLEBAR TAPE

A good period style handlebar tape is readily available from any Spotlight store, and is far cheaper than the plastic tape available in bike shops. It is called Birch polyester belting, and can be had in black and white. It comes in various widths, I found the 32mm width most suitable. Costing \$2 per metre, you will need 5m to completely cover an average set of bars.

I used a couple of dabs of liquid nails to fix the start point, merely because I had some. If you don't have proper plugs for the ends, corks make a good substitute, then coloured with a felt pen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

April 11th Sunday – Whiteman Park – Ride and BBQ. NOTE THIS IS INSTEAD OF THE CITY RIDE. See Coming Events.

April 19th Monday – General Meeting

May 17th Monday – General Meeting

May 23rd Sunday – Small wheels/tin can ride. Mongers Lake. See Coming Events.

June 21st Monday – Annual General Meeting

June 27th Sunday – Speed Dome Display. See Coming Events.