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Newsletter

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Last Meeting - With our Globe trotters still away we were only nine at our meeting on the 16th Oct. But it turned out to be an important meeting in that Alan's wide range of contacts may save us lots of money. The "Over 55's Cycling Club" is a member of the BFA and as part of their membership deal they get Public Liability cover for their rides. Alan is to find out if we would be able to cover our rides and displays if we joined the BFA and what it would cost the Club.

Good Vibes - Alan, Phil & Dave C. reported back on their attendance at the *Vintage Car Club's Auto-Jumble*. They received lots of interest for their WAHCC stall and some leads to cycle parts. The late Don Hill's (a famous road racer from the 50's) son invited Alan to see some frames and parts his father had left. Alas. they were badly rusted and not for sale at present but Alan was able to borrow for the meeting several dozen magazines and cycle invoices which we had the chance to study.

Dave C reported Club Funds had been boosted by a cheque of \$25 from the *Kalamunda Historic Village* for the display of Merv's P/f for three days during their "How it was" Week.

Events - Special Notice !! - Mandurah 19th Nov

Charity Ride (see over for details.)

A NEW ONE for 26th Nov. A *Club Ride*. BikeWest are again Promoting Cycling by sponsoring a ride, BUGS from Freo. and Cannington and the Recumbent Club are to be invited. Format is - a *Ride* and *Social* with *Sausage Sizzle* back at the Club and a *Raffle/Auction*. **Please note** Club Bicycles are available for the 26th if you are short of a mount. We have two ladies and one large gents cycle. Contact Dave C the Custodian for details and reservations on 08 6278 1048.

One for the New year is a Request to go to Northam on 18th Feb. 2001 for the Avon Valley Festival.

Show & Tell - Alan brought along his amazing Hercules Cavello frame which he bought in Germany now sporting full road equipment for us to ride. To make progress you push down on both pedals together whilst pulling on the handle bars, a series of linkages in the frame are moved and eventually the front sprocket transmits the motion via a conventional chain to a three speed hub and rear wheel.

Next Meeting : Monday 20th November at 7.00pm

VCC Club Rooms 6b Hickey Street, Ardross.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month

Alan has promised to bring The Hercules to the Club ride on the 26th. It needs to be seen and tried as it is definitely at the top of the unusual stakes.

Dave C had a Gents Malvern Star with a light green metallic frame which might have been a Coronation Model? and so needed some help with Identification and original specification. The Sturmey Archer hub was a 1971 vintage and the cycle parts were thought to be from the same decade. The Canberra Museum Web site has a list of some Malvern Star frame numbers which may be useful for future identifications - a copy of which will be lodged with the Club librarian. - Dave C's promised "Blast From The Past" - turned out to be a handle bar mounted, battery operated, bell/buzzer in the image of a red and silver radial aero engine with a wind powered two blade propeller still in its box. Hope this goes on one of your bikes for the 26th for others to share the noise!

The Video after the Meeting was about the history of the Tour de France and featured some of the Hero of the past. Very interesting.

Editorial

I would like to start a letters / correspondence column where cycling experiences can be shared, histories of bicycles catalogued and requests for help in restoration and identification posted. In this way the Newsletter would belong to all members particularly those because of distance and other commitments who can't make it to meetings or those who HATE meetings but still want to support and be involved with the club. You can write phone or Email to say how this idea grabs you.

Items for Sale

Phil Harris has found someone to make Small brown or black Leather saddlebags for \$20. Good for Tool Kits or Mobile 'phones.

Christmas Special Revised Dates

Please support our Chorister Denis Gibbs. - experience Handel's Messiah 17th Dec Winthrop Hall UWA. and 20th Dec. Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. Full details from Denis on 9398-2792

Next Meeting.

Merv's tales from around the World. & *Episode 4* of the Cycling History video - Bicycle Manufacturers Old & New.

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Ken Ward for info.

Serial Numbers

Malvern Star serial numbers were generally of the form 9M99999. Some say that the first number corresponds with the last digit of the year of manufacture and the M is for Melbourne as there are some of the form 9S9999 where S means manufactured in Sydney. However, there are great inconsistency in these numbers and none of these rules regularly hold true. The best way to judge the decade of manufacture is to look carefully at the components if they are original. The brand and model on components will often date the bike as they changed often. The following are some of the bikes that we know about. If you have found a serial number on your Malvern Star bike, please send it to us, so that we can add it to this list and perhaps work out a system.

s/t is on the seat tube and rrd is on the right rear drop out.

Type	Description	Date	On	Serial No
Delivery		1920<s	s/t	12975
Delivery		1938	s/t	1M5676
Delivery		1930<s ?	s/t	6M28874
Delivery		1930<s ?	s/t	7M4542
Ladies	28"	1942	s/t	4M23112
Ladies	2 star	1915?	s/t	5M21701
Ladies	2 star		s/t	8224
Ladies	1 star	1950<s	rrd	81259
Ladies		1960	rrd	02234
Ladies	coronation	1953		7P446
Ladies	coronation	1953		56M/9265
Ladies	coronation	1954	s/t	
Girls	16"	1953	s/t	53M/10503
Girls	2 star	1970	s/t	5M26030
Gents	2 star	1940	rrd	30496
Gents		1941	rrd	41/50255
Gents	5 star	1944	lrd	9M9/798
Gents	4 star		rrd	05345
Gents	3 star	1960<s	rrd	OM18076
Gents	2 star		rrd	93368
Boys	2 star	1940<s	s/t	6840
Boys		1950		
Gents	cantilever	1960<s	b/b	41195
Family		1970<s	b/w	1279943
Tandem		1975	s/t	7644
Folding	smallwheel	1985	rrb	S3F90121

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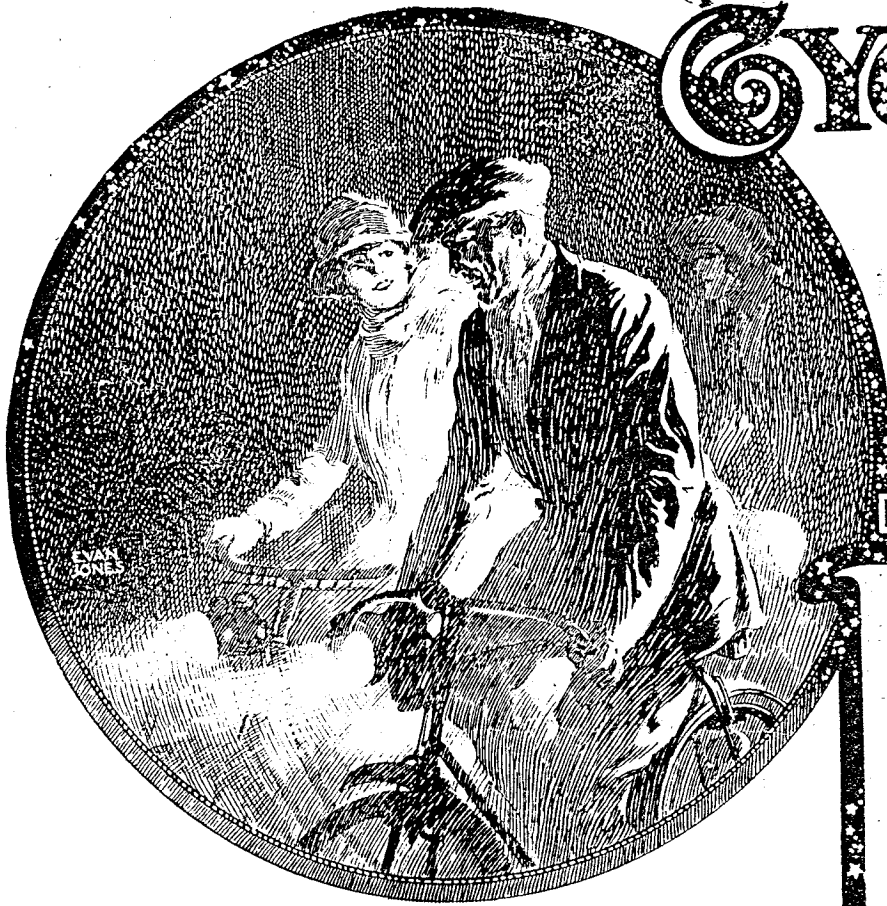
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WAHCC meetings occur on the Third Monday of each month and are held at :- The VCC Club Rooms, 6b Hickey Street, Ardress. (Old Wireless Hill Houses)

Please Note :- Hickey Street divides soon after the start - at the bend - take the small road on the right.

Event	Date	Location	Contact	Comments
State Championship Penny Farthing Races <u>CANCELLED</u>	Sunday 12th Nov	Midland Festival	Joe Cox 9531-1368	Possible Annual Event with WA Cycling Federation. 10 P/F booked so far. Should make a good opportunity for Photos.
Bridge to Bridge Charity Ride	Sunday 19th Nov. Register 08.00hrs	Mandurah - Western Foreshore. For registration then along paths/roads to Dawesville	Alan Naber 9332-3956	Charity Ride & Parade for Spinal Research Choice of distances 5/13/31Kms. Entry \$10 NB Period costume if possible for Parade. Prize Draw for \$20 sponsorship
Monthly Meeting	20th November 7pm	VCC Club Rooms	Dave Brown 9581-9084	See Part 4 of Cycling History Video.
Bike West sponsored WAHCC Club Ride	Sunday 26th Nov	Start VCC Club Rooms	Alan Naber	BBQ and Auction after ride. Free Recumbents and BUGs to be invited
Kalamunda Xmas Pagent - Possible Team appearance -TBC.	Sunday 10th Dec	Kalamunda TBA	Alan Naber	The Organisers say we can walk for the hilly bits of the route.
Planned Club Ride	Jan/Feb 2001	Rockingham/ Safety Bay	M Buckland 9527-9427	New Year Club Outing. Sun, Sand, Sea and Cycles = Heaven.
Avon Valley	18th Feb.2001	Northam	Alan Naber	Invitation to attend details near the date
Guildford Celebrations	1st April 2001	Stirling Square Guildford	M Thomson 9450-2579 with WA Cycling Federation	Period costume please for Parade and display of as many members mounts as possible
Pinjarra Festival	First Weekend in June 2001	Edenvale House Pinjarra	Tom Atkinson 9531-1243	They want us back for another display of our cycles

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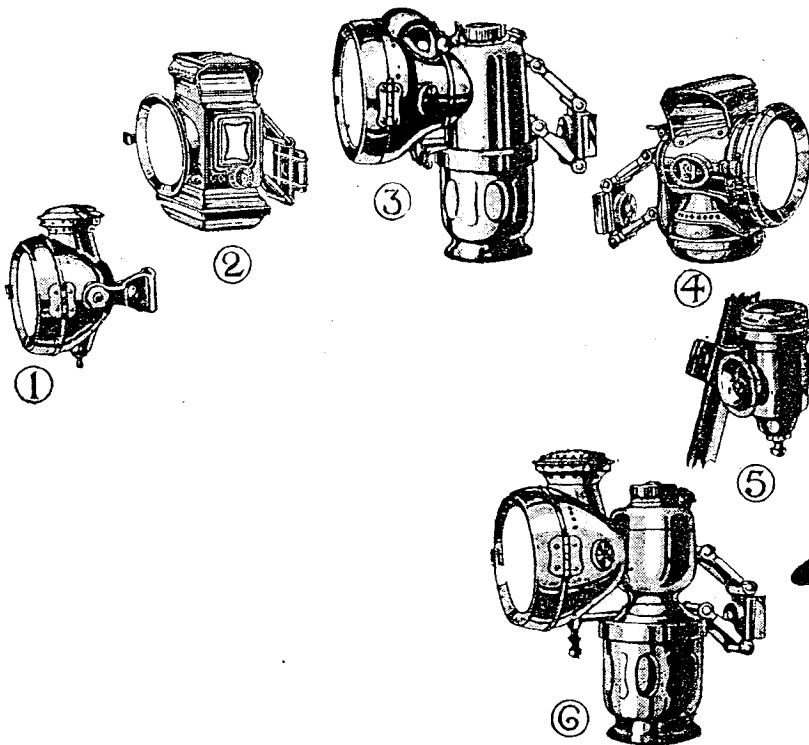
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