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NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the Secretary succumbing to a rather debilitating illness, we are seeking someone to carry on in her place, until the AGM next May. If you can help in this matter please let me know ASAP so that we can continue to function smoothly.

In the meantime we wish Merrill a speedy recovery, and thank her for her dedicated assistance since taking office.  
Peter Wells (08) 9459 1750

## ERIC BARRETT

The recent death of foundation member Eric Barrett will leave a big gap in this club, for Eric was not only a keen cyclist of long standing, he was also a mine of information on early cycles and cycling. And he was always ready to pass on his knowledge to anyone who approached him. But Eric was much more than a keen cyclist, he also loved good motorcars, and had his share of some exotics over the years. He was also a quiet hero during the grim years of World War II, was shot down and became a P.O.W. in Germany on the last flight of his tour in a Pathfinder bomber squadron. Eric's greatest achievement though was as a husband, father and grandfather, and this was brought out to those in attendance at his funeral.

The club extends to Jean and family our deep sympathy in their sad loss, but I am sure that Eric's love for them will help them in the grief.

Peter Wells

## NOVEMBER MEETING

The November general meeting will be our last for 2003, and will be kept short followed by a social evening. Bring along a plate of goodies for supper, and if you can play a musical instrument we might even have a sing-a-long, but don't let that stop you.

**NO DECEMBER MEETING**

## MINUTES OF MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003

**Present** – 10 members.

**Apologies** – Mal & Myrene Bell, Ray Martlew, Merv & Dawn Thompson and Eric Barrett.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Read and accepted. Moved Phil Harris, seconded Dennis Gibbs.

### **Channel 7 Pageant**

➤ This is to be followed up with a date and more information.

### **Correspondence**

➤ BTA wants contact names and numbers for our club – it was decided we would contact people to get previous events and get addresses and give them our change of address.

### **Events**

- Recreational ride on Sunday commencing at Hestor Park.
- Peter Wells reported on the Midland display with three people and eleven bikes present. The members were Phil Harris, Dave Clark and Peter Wells. There was a lot of interest in this display and next year will be a definite event celebrating 100 years of the Railway Workshops.

### **General Business**

- There are still shirts available at \$26 each.
- 'Have a go Day' is to be followed up with more details.
- Melville Fair we still do not have a date for.
- Guildford Fair will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

### **Show and Tell**

- John Wilson showed a beautiful trike he had built.
- Phil Harris showed a 'Flash' racing bike from the early 1950's and has the complete racing history of it.
- Alan Hind had a very old racing bike, which was a restoration job and has half moon rims. It's a 'Flying Scot' with beautiful lug work and was brought out from Scotland in 1957.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> February Monday 7.30pm

VCC Club Rooms 6B Hickey Street, Ardross

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2003**

The meeting opened at 7.35pm, and Milton and Mavis Jones and Paul Redmond were welcomed back after their time up North or in the Eastern States.

**Apologies** – Ray & Merrill Martlew, Mal & Myrene Bell.

The President asked all present to stand for a minutes silence in respect for our late member Eric Barrett.

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

Moved Phil Harris, seconded J. Wilson

There was no financial report.

#### **Correspondence**

- The Guildford Fair will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2004.
- Details of the Christmas Pageant were received, the date now 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- The Avon Valley Swap Day is 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2004.
- The Bridgetown Fair is to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2004. Four members indicated that they would attend.

#### **Events**

- 'Have a go Day' is not on this year.
- The BTA ride and BBQ at Burswood is on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The club has been asked to put on a display as well as ride.
- Details of the Christmas pageant will be printed in the newsletter. Note the change of date, now 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- There will be a ride in the Safety Bay area in February.

#### **General Business**

- A Malvern Star Stingray is for sale – see Merv Thompson for details.
- Mal Buckland donated a book titled Encyclopaedia to the library.
- Members are asked to return any outstanding books to the library.

#### **Show & Tell**

- Peter Wells showed a Cyclo Benelux derailleur, and a Philco brake that he had made new rivets for so that it could be dismantled for plating.
- Merv Thompson showed some veteran handlebars of unusual types, an early leather saddle, and several other veteran parts. He is seeking a Major Taylor type head stem.
- John Wilson had a chain driven child's tricycle, possibly from the 1940's

The meeting closed at 8.20pm, and was followed by supper and an interesting slide show of Alan Naber's recent cycling tour of Britain, which was much appreciated by his audience. Thanks, Alan.

### **PHIL'S MYSTERY RUN**

The only mystery was why anyone was stupid enough to venture out on a day that threatened gale force winds and heavy rain. But five stalwarts braved the elements, and turned up at Hestor Park with the promised gale already making its presence felt; but it was blowing in the right direction, so it was decided to ride to Phil's home, where Ray and Merrill would be waiting for us.

Merrill was venturing out on her trike for the first time, and Ray was keeping her company on his scooter (yes, that's right, scooter). So Harold, Phil and Peter set off along the bike path along the banks of the Canning River aided by the wind.

It had started to drizzle by the time we arrived at Phil's abode, but it was decided to proceed, and although the sky was becoming increasingly darker, and the rain heavier, all went well until we reached the old Fremantle Road bridge over the Canning, which is now part of the cycleway. Here Merrill had a very nasty fall when her trike struck trouble negotiating a depression in the road surface. Luckily she did no major damage, but shortly after decided that she was more shaken than at first suspected. So Phil rode ahead to bring back his car so that she could be driven to the Homestead Museum, where we would be having lunch. The rest of us rode on, with the rain now getting heavier, and the wind even worse when we moved into the open ground away from the river.

After everyone finally arrived at the museum, we settled down to lunch in the huge display shed, crammed with equipment and machinery of all kinds. It was decided to take advantage of the little Mazda, so the Martlews, after viewing the great display in the old homestead, went back to their car, while we waited for the return of Phil so that we too could get back without braving the gale and torrential rain.

A welcome cuppa, a chat, and it was time to go our various ways, but the hero of the day was Harold on his 1937 Hartley, who rode from Brentwood, did the run, then rode home. And on a single speed bike too!

The riders – Ray Martlew (scooter), Merrill Martlew (Tricycle), Harold Perry (37 Hartley), Phil Harris (Raleigh Superbe), Peter Wells (1935 Aussie)

### **MIDLAND RAILWAY WORKSHOP DAY**

The annual open day at the near century old Midland Junction Railway Workshops proved a great success, and although only three members attended, there was a good variety of cycles in various stages of repair – or disrepair, to attract the attention of the many visitors. Members were kept busy answering queries about the display. I was amazed at the number of women in attendance at what I would have thought to be a men only event.

Next year will be 100 years since the workshop opened, and already plans are being made to make it an even bigger event. This club has been asked to take part again, so hopefully we will have a bigger turnout than this year. Those attending were Phil Harris, David Clarke (complete with broken foot), and Peter Wells.

## RAC CHANNEL 7 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

### *Instructions to Participants*

**Parking** – West end Langley Park. PASS ONLY. Enter off Terrace Road heading west.

**Assembly Point** – The Esplanade/Barrack Street. Be there by 6.30 at the latest.

**Route** – the same as last year.

Please let Peter Wells know if you need a vehicle pass by the November meeting, or you will not be allowed on Langley Park.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2003

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – BTA Ride and BBQ Burswood club display. Meet at Burswood 10.00am. Contact Phil Harris 9459 7146

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Monday** – **MONTHLY MEETING** and Christmas Social. Bring a plate – BYO.

**NOTE NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday** – RAC Channel 7 Christmas Pageant. Details in Newsletter.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Monday** – **MONTHLY MEETING**

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Monday** – **MONTHLY MEETING**

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** – Safety Bay Peddle and Paddle. Details later. Phil Harris 9459 7146

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Guildford Fair – club display.

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> Monday** – **MONTHLY MEETING**

**Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday** – Whiteman Park Classic Car Show. Club display

**Mar 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>** – Brookton Old Time Motor Show

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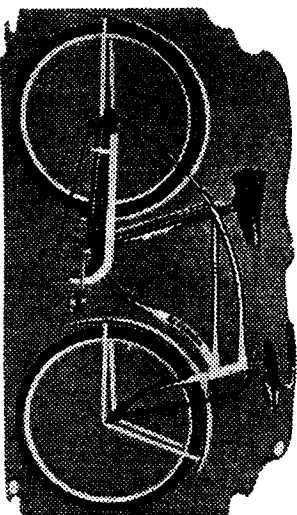
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