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NEWSLETTER

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HOW TIME FLYS

Here we are, another year gone, and I still haven't won the lottery, there again, I haven't brought any tickets, so perhaps that may be the problem. You can't restore bikes and buy lottery tickets as well, and what would I do with all the dosh? So, to all our readers, we wish you a happy and healthy New Year, and perhaps we can look forward to more starters at our events this year.

We are trying to encourage you to come along, and are even providing free fish and chips and a coffee at the popular Rockingham Ride, so be a devil, front up and enjoy yourself in good company, as well as improving your health.

NAME TAGS

Would members please wear name tags at meetings and Club Rides or Events. We now have some new members, and they don't know who the heck you are, and vice versa. Not to mention that I went to a lot of trouble making sure that you all had one. If you or your better half have lost one, let me know so that a new one can be issued.

Peter Wells

MINUTES OF MEETING 16th NOVEMBER 2009.

The meeting opened at 7.45pm.

Present – 13 members

Minutes of Previous Meeting of 19th October – Read and accepted. Moved Mal Buckland, seconded Phil Harris.

Treasurer's Report

The was no Treasurers report as the books are in the hands of the auditor.

Correspondence In

➤ A letter was received from the organisers of the Champion Lakes function enclosing a donation of \$100 and inviting us again for next year.

Events

- 25th Oct Tranby House ride. An enjoyable ride along the river to the Causeway and back with coffee at the Golf Club on the way.
- 28th Oct Have a Go Day. For the first time ever it rained.
- 6th Nov Golden Spokes display and ride. Once again a good day out.
- 15th Nov Scoby Tour de Perth race and display.
- 16th Nov General Meeting.
- 29th Nov Christmas Function at Mal & Myrene Bell's place in Forrestfield.
- 6th Dec Guildford Heritage Day. Display and ride at Stirling Square. Set up for 9am. Activities commence at 10am with Penny-farthing rides at 11.30am, 12.35pm and 3pm.
- NO DECEMBER MEETING.
- 18th Jan General Meeting.
- 24th Jan Rockingham Ride. Meet at beach foreshore for 10am. Map and details from Tony Hall at the Christmas BBQ or phone him on 9446 5738. Coffee and Fish & Chips on the Club.

Other Business

- Ken Ward attended a dinner given for Cadel Evans at Fremantle Town Hall at which the history of his achievements in the cycling field were listed.

Show and Tell

- Mal Bell showed a vintage hub marked Brevette similar to those found on Penny farthings and a hub found on the Goldfields.
- An old Triang bike was snapped up by Alan Hind.
- Phi Harris showed his collection of tin motor cycles some of which are now quite valuable.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 18th January 7.30pm
Monday 15th February 7.30pm**

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If you only want the head badge, don't bother to apply.
Peter Wells 94591750

SCOBY TOUR DE PERTH

One of the biggest road race meetings to be held in WA for some time, and held over two days, was the venue for half a dozen members on November 15. Due to early closing of roads leading to our display area, it was necessary to rise with the birds, and stir ourselves to be on site before 8am., then get set up ready for a busy day. We all had a good easy run thru the traffic, and since the whole crew arrived virtually together, our shelter was erected in record time, and our display was soon ready to amaze the crowd of visitors, well before the first race of the day began. Incidentally, we were given a delightful spot with shade from a couple of trees, plenty of room to display our bikes, and a grandstand view of a number of young boys doing their trick riding at the Skate Park. These youngsters were truly amazing, we all felt sure that there would be broken heads and limbs, but luckily they all survived intact.

We had a steady flow of visitors, many young ladies showing interest, which is to be expected with the number of the fair sex now riding regularly for fun, health, or even in competition. Our display of bikes covered almost a hundred years of development, so we had a pretty good spread, but there wasn't one ladies bike on display for a change.

The racing was taking place only a stones throw from our site, so we had good views of the riders, and the PA system was clear, easy to listen to, and not intrusive. In all, we had an enjoyable day, pleasant surroundings, pleasant weather, and most definitely pleasant company. And we were thanked by the organiser, and asked to come back next year.

The crew consisted of Mal and Myrene Bell, Harold and Judy Perry, Phil Harris, Peter Wells.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

What can one say? Perfect weather, perfect venue, perfect hosts, and a perfect crowd, made for a perfect evening. We had more than the usual starters with Don and Shirley Smith (foundation members) gracing us with their presence, and some of our new members also turning up to swell the ranks. Phil and young Troy made good use of the pool, but couldn't coax any one else in.

There was a big stir when Merv turned up with his latest toy, a penny-farthing rebuild, but I am not sure that his legs will be long enough to ride it - it has a BIG front wheel. Maybe a stretch in jail might help. After an excellent meal, with contribution from many of the young ladies present, It was time to see the

treasures in the Bell warehouse (they were too big to call them sheds), many members marvelled at the sights, especially a 1904 Centaur with cross frame still to be restored. A number of interested ladies took part in this Tour de Ruste, so perhaps we will have someone take Nicky Armstrong's place before long.

It was fairly late when the happy crowd began to head for home, and I think that this time, with some youngsters fronting, we may be able to coax more families to attend next year.

Our thanks to Mal and Myrene Bell for making us welcome once again. I am sure that many members are looking forward to next year already.

THE GUILDFORD FAIR

What a way to finish the year! After the busiest few weeks with almost every weekend seeing some of us rushing around for rides or displays, we now have a good break before the Rockingham Ride, A fantastic turnout of members and their friends/relations, 18 all told, made the Fair a day of busy but easy activity, with everyone pitching in helping to unload, set up, and at the end of the day, pack everything up for the trip home. At the start everyone turned up like Brown's cows, and since the parking area was a fair way from the fair ground, my Wolseley (with only room for one passenger) did quite a few trips to the parking spot and back.

We had three rides around the large grounds on very good wide paths, and cameras appeared all round the route. Our quite varied display attracted visitors in a steady stream for most of the day, from octogenarians to toddlers, some of the latter trying out some of the exhibits. It was pleasant to see so many dressed for the occasion, and there were so many activities for young and old that I doubt that many present saw every display.

The organisers intend making this an annual event, but at a different time of the year. You'll be kept posted. Thanks to all who helped during this pleasant event.

SERVICING RATCHETS

On a bicycle, the ratchet is the device that allows you to either pedal, or to freewheel. It works exactly the same wether your bike is an old fashioned single speeder, or the latest model with twelve sprockets, and like other components it needs servicing occasionally.

All these devices have right hand threads to screw them onto the hub of the wheel, and nowadays most of them can be removed using the correct

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removing tool. If there is no tool available it will be necessary to dismantle the ratchet on the wheel for servicing or, in some cases, removal. All ratchets have a LEFT hand thread holding them together, and this is usually indicated on the outer end, often with an arrow. There are usually two small holes drilled into this cover plate for removal purposes. Since you probably won't have the correct tool, use a small centre punch for removal. Before you do this check for any excessive side play in the unit. Having removed the cover, be careful of the numerous small ball bearings, and some very thin and easily damaged shim washers that will be found inside. It pays to have a large tray under the unit or wheel before you actually pull everything apart so that nothing is lost.

You can now carefully clean all parts, taking care not to damage the pawl springs, and noting how they are held in place. Use a light grease to replace the steel balls, remembering that there should be room for one more ball to fit, and replace the ball in both races. To replace the pawls use a small thin elastic band, a bit cut from an old inner tube is a good size usually. I use a very thin piece of wire with a small hook on it when refitting the pawl carrier, then pulling the elastic out with the hook.

If you had excessive side play, remove one of the shims, then, carefully replace the outer cover, making sure that you do not cross the threads, then tighten with the punch or tool.

The steel balls are 1/8 inch, and readily available from your bike shop.

COMING EVENTS

Jan 24th Sunday Rockingham Ride

Starting from Rockingham Beach foreshore. Assembly 10am for a 10.30am start. Start Point at the south end of Naval Memorial Park Rockingham Beach.

Directions to Start Point

From Perth travel along Patterson Road (the coastal approach to Rockingham). Continue straight ahead at the Ennis Avenue turn off to Mandurah continue past Bunnings Superstore on the right and the car yards on the left. 1.2km after Ennis Avenue turn right into Victoria Street, Take the third turning to the right in to Rockingham Beach Road. After a few yards park and assemble at Gazebo.

The ride will be from the assembly point south along the foreshore at Point Peron and return. On the outward leg there will a coffee stop at a coffee shop in the main foreshore area where coffee or tea will be provided by the club.

On return to the assembly area a free fish and chips lunch will be provided with a maximum of 3 pieces of fish and chips per family group. Orders will be taken during the ride.

SEE SEPARATE MAP

More Coming Events

Feb 21st Sunday Riverton Ride.

Meet at the Kiosk at the eastern end of Riverton Bridge, 9.30am for 10am start. NOTE: NOT THE SHELLEY BRIDGE. Bring a picnic lunch.

March 21st Sunday

Classic Car show & Bike Display

Mussel Pool area, Whiteman Park. A car pass is needed, and you must get there well before 9am. THIS IS OUR BIKE WEEK EVENT. BYO lunch, drinks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Jan 20th Monday – General Meeting

Jan 24th Sunday – Rockingham Ride. See separate notice.

Feb 15th Monday – General Meeting

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March 15th Monday – General Meeting

March 21st Sunday – Classic Car Show – Bike display.

March 21st-March 28th – Bike Week.

April 11th Sunday – City Ride

April 19th Monday – General Meeting

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Fitted with German 'MAW' 49.5cc Moped motor (with clutch), plus spare motor and original hand book copy. Front and rear brake, 10 speed gears, 26" new alloy wheels with stainless steel spokes, new tyres/tubes. New seats, new hand grips, new pedals, warning bell. Speedo/odometer computer fitted.

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