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NEWSLETTER

July – August 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING 18th JUNE 2012

Meeting opened 7.40pm.

Present - 16 members present.

Minutes of Meeting 21st May 2012- Read and accepted.

Moved Ken Ward, seconded Phil Harris.

Treasurer's Report

Balance B/F	\$4,460.36
Income	\$ 16.00
Expenses	\$ Nil
Balance	<u>\$4,476.36</u>

The Treasurers Report was accepted, moved Mal Bell, and seconded, Topy Gear.

Correspondence In

➤ The Machinery Preservation Club of WA advised their Annual Steaming Day will be held at the Workshops, block 3, Centennial Place, Midland on Sunday 26th August and we are cordially invited.

➤ Newsletter of the Penny Farthing Club of South Australia.

Correspondence Out

➤ Nil.

General Business

➤ No money has been received from the organisers of the Moondyne Festival, Toodyay. Merv Thompson will follow this up.

➤ A Swap Meet is proposed to be held next year at Georges Bike Shop in High Road, Willetton.

➤ A Night Ride is proposed for a warmer night before it gets too hot.

Events

➤ 27th May – Mt Henry Bridge Ride. It was very disappointing that only three people turned up.

➤ 2nd June – Leonora Festival. Merv Thompson took four bikes and two penny farthings with riders and headed the parade with girls in costume. A good day but a long drive home!

➤ 24th June – Speed Dome Display. See later for

➤ 16th July – General Meeting.

➤ 22nd July – Tour de Ruste. See the George Webber Collection from 10.00am at 9 Stirling Crescent, Hazelmere.

➤ 20th August – General Meeting.

➤ 26th August – Machinery Preservation Club. See correspondence above.

➤ 16th September – Bus tour to Gingin. Note change of date.

➤ 17th September – General Meeting.

Show and Tell

➤ Robert Hunt brought bike stands. These are available at \$20.00 each from BB Cycles in Osborne Park.

➤ Merv Thompson brought a collection of cranks, handlebars, head stems etc from the dark ages!

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 18TH JUNE 2012

Meeting opened 7.50pm.

Present - 16 members present. (See Attendance Book)

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 20th June 2011 - Read and accepted. Moved Mal Bell, seconded Phil Harris.

Treasurer's Report

Balance B/F	\$ 3,802.01
Income	\$ 2,352.33
Expenses	\$ 1,677.98
Balance	<u>\$ 4,476.36</u>

The Treasurers Report was accepted, moved, Mal Bell seconded, Phil Harris.

Election of Officers

➤ The following person were re-elected unopposed.

President Peter Wells

Vice President Merv Thompson

Secretary Tony Hall

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 20th August 7:30pm
Monday 17th September 7:30pm

Committee – President: Peter Wells 9459 1750

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Committee Members: Andrew Blackmore, Alan Hind

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Treasurer	Harold Perry
Editor	Peter Wells
Historian	Ken Ward
Events	Phil Harris
Committee	Andrew Blackmore, Alan Hind

There being no further business the Annual General meeting closed at 8.10pm.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President's Report

Another year has gone by; our membership has remained steady, although attendance at events has fallen slightly. The usual faces turn up, but not many of our newer members show much interest in our rides. Of course there are lots of other events on these days, and most of us are involved in other clubs, so events must clash.

There have been a number of outstanding events this year, the Speed Dome Display attracting a lot of attention and the racing once again thrilling to watch. The Tour de Ruste saw a small group view two fantastic collections to suit all tastes, including things for the ladies for a change. Our Mystery Bus Tour saw us venture a little further afield than usual, to view the amazing Jesse Martin collection near Williams. The countryside looked great also. As usual the Classic Car Show was a great day, even better this year by being held a month later, the increased crowds showing this to be a good move. But something needs to be done to encourage more members to take part in our rides. I know that some of us are getting a bit long in the tooth, but surely you younger and fitter types can encourage the organisers by coming along at least a couple of times each year.

We are still having problems with our Public Liability Insurance, and may even have to forego taking part in displays if the worst happens. Our new spot at the Have a Go Day was a success, the visitors even better than usual. Of course we owe a special thank you to Mal and Myrene Bell for their continued use of their magnificent venue for our Christmas party.

So, apart from a paucity of starts at a few events, and our Insurance problems we have had a good year and can look forward to better times ahead.

Peter Wells

MINUTES OF MEETING 16th JULY 2012

Meeting opened 7.40pm.

Present - 15 members present.

Apologies – Dave Clark and Walter Edom.

Minutes of Meeting 18th June 2012- Read and accepted. Moved Mal Bell, seconded Merv Thompson.

Treasurer's Report

Balance B/F	\$4,476.36
Income	\$ 427.00
Expenses	\$ 924.80
Balance	<u>\$3,978.56</u>

NB. Expenses include deposit for bus hire in September.

The Treasurers Report was accepted, moved Phil Harris, and seconded, Robert Hunt.

Correspondence In

- The Moondyne Festival organisers have paid \$100.00 for our attendance at the Festival. \$10.00 will be paid to each of the six parties attending to defray travelling costs. We are advised the Public Liability Insurance will be available to us.

Correspondence Out

- Nil.

General Business

- Public Liability Insurance – some discussion took place as to whether we need to have PLI at all. It was pointed out that some venues insist on it being provided. An overwhelming majority were in favour of paying Public Liability Insurance for next year but what we should review the situation again then.
- The bus has been arranged for the September outing to Gingin and Fred Rumokoy has made himself available to drive. Jim Selkirk gave details of the proposed program for the Gingin visit which promises to be interesting. Please put your names on the list if you are going as numbers are limited to the capacity of the bus.

Events

- 24th June – Speed Dome Display. This event was well attended although some people were charged \$25.00 to watch the racing and this deterred some! Road works made access difficult and our sign was not very visible in the location provided.
- 22nd July – Tour de Ruste. See details in June minutes. We have advised that 12 – 15 members can be expected to attend but that we will need to provide our own refreshments.
- 20th August – General Meeting.
- 26th August – Machinery Preservation Club display at Midland Workshops.
- 16th September – Bus tour to Gingin. Note change of date. Meet at Bunning's Cannington for 9.00am departure.
- 17th September – General Meeting.
- 15th October – General Meeting.
- 21st October – Garvey Park ride with a 10.00am start.
- 14th November – Have a Go Day at Burswood Park.
- 19th November – General Meeting.
- 25th November – Christmas Party.

Show and Tell

- Merv Thompson showed a Bury (Belgian) bike which he has recently rebuilt for Andrew Blackmore.
- Phil Harris showed a rather rusty Boans Bluebird ladies bike from the 60s. It is all there and rides well!

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Christopher Foy and Joshua Patterson to our merry band. It is good to see some younger people instead of geriatrics joining up, not that I have anything against geriatrics, but quite a few of us are members of the OBE Club.

MORE MEMBER NEWS

Our Melbourne member, Patrick Leverett, contacted me recently and informed me that his collection is still growing, but getting more organised, some of the bikes from his loft now downstairs and on display. There seems to be more interest in restoring bikes lately, so it seems to be an Australia wide movement.

Our old mate Ray Martlew has been in the wars lately, his postie motorcycle falling down on the job, and Ray suffering a few cracked ribs. There were no lasting problems though and Ray expressed his good wishes to all our members.

Several members attended a bicycle swap meet in the car park in front of George's Bike Shop in Willetton and came home with some goodies. Someone who shall be nameless dropped some loose coin down a stormwater drain and had to lift the grille to recover it. Reminds me of seeing a coin glued to the pavement and passersby trying to pick it up, looking around first in case someone was watching.

ANNUAL BUS TOUR – CHANGE OF DATE

Due to our host of the day, Jim Selkirk, being otherwise engaged, the bus tour will now be held on **Sunday 16th September**. We will be visiting a number of local attractions and for a change there will be something for the fair sex to enjoy. You will enjoy afternoon tea at a nominal charge, but bring your own lunch. Morning tea will be courtesy of our hosts. There are a limited number of seats available, first in best dressed. Please note this change on your calendar enclosed in the last newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

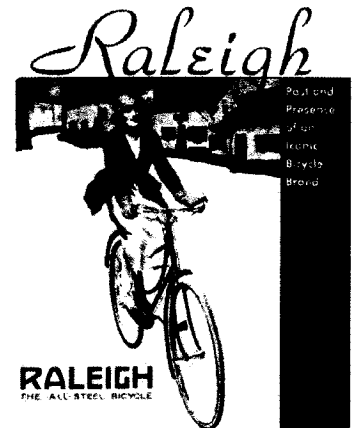
Over the next few General Meetings there will be some VERY INTERESTING show and tell items. Make an extra effort to attend; they will blow your socks off. Don't miss out, be there.

➤ Bus Tour - Sunday 16th September

This year we will be seeing a number of tourist attractions in the Gingin area. There are only 25 seats in the bus, so book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Peter Wells at the meeting or 9459 1750. Did you know that Gingin is one of the oldest settled areas in WA? For members living in the Northern suburbs the bus will stop to pick up passengers at the Centre Point car park, Midland Junction. We should be there by 9.30 – 9.35am. Other starters will meet at Bunning's Cannington car park, departing 9.00am SHARP.

A NEW RALEIGH BOOK

A new book on Raleigh, written by noted author Tony Hadland is now for sale. The full name of the book is "Raleigh – Past and Presence of an Iconic Bicycle Brand". At present it is available via your local retailer or via the internet. It is a big book of almost 400 pages with lots of photos and illustrations.



It includes chapters on Raleigh's days with motorcycles and motor cars as well as Sturmey Archer and the later years with Moulton, Taiwan and so on. Might be time to drop a hint that it would make a great birthday/Christmas prezzy.

SPEED DOME DISPLAY - Sunday 24th June 2012

A cool but fine day saw eleven members turn up for this annual event, a couple of them a little late in the proceedings. The coming Olympics meant that Australia's best cyclists were absent, but the racing was still pretty keen. A couple of riders took a tumble, fortunately with little damage.

This year our site was on even ground which made it easier to set up our display, which consisted of seventeen bikes and some memorabilia. The machines ranged from 1907 to the 1970s, but not one ladies bike was on display. One other good point was that we received our remuneration on the day. It was good to see our new members; Christopher Foy and Joshua Patterson come along with a bike too. I must thank Phil in particular for his help on the day, but everyone pitched in to help both set up and dismantle and load everything.

Those present were Robert Hunt, Alan Hind, Phil Harris, Harold and Judy Perry, Joshua Patterson, Christopher Foy, Douglas Hughes, Peter Wells, David Clark and Walter Edom.

BIKES FOR CLUB MEMBERS

A large number of bicycles were offered to Club members interested in restoration. Only one member David Townsend responded and selected four bicycles for future restoration by Wesley students.

The remaining dozen bikes have now been donated to "Bicycles for Humanity" and will be forwarded to overseas countries for restoration and distribution to the less fortunate. A disappointing response from club members!

Merv Thompson

LEONORA GOLDEN GIFT - 2nd – 4th June 2012

Early in May I received a phone call from the Leonora Shire requesting a penny farthing bicycle to be ridden in the parade on Sunday 4th June. As my days are now gone to attempt riding my oversize bike, I suggested that I could only manage the 1881 tricycle. All of our discussions took place over the telephone and within a week or so before the event a Transit Van was hired which transported the tricycle, the penny farthing: a 1937 bicycle and the decorator eccentric wheel fun bike. Fortunately my sons Trevor and Bryan (who rode the penny farthing) shared the long journey of nearly a thousand kilometres to Leonora, of course making quick stops at every second hand shop for old goodies (I wonder who they took after?)

On the Sunday our bicycles led the parade followed by vintage cars, a group of young bicycle club members and the local band. I consider our contribution was well received as we were all in period costume. The highlight would have to be the local lass who was dressed up in hired period costume and rode the large 1881 tricycle. She looked stunning!

After this parade we had to pack up quickly and head off home as Bryan had to be back in Denmark on Monday – a long continuous journey arriving at Perth at 2.00am.

Merv Thompson

TOUR DE RUSTE – 22nd July 2012

A round dozen turned up to view the outstanding collection of memorabilia belonging to George and Ena Webber, but first we had to confront a possessive alpaca that reckoned it was king of the castle.

The display of musical instruments with a working harmonium kept everyone fascinated for ages, and the collection of motorcycles and cars brought back lots of memories. The children's toys and early prams also had everyone saying that they "had one of those". It took a couple of hours to look at everything on display, George answering innumerable questions along the way.

Lunch time saw everyone move to the spacious covered outdoor area, where some bbq'd lunch, others settled for sandwiches, with tea and coffee available as well. The

amount of chinwagging and reminiscing that went on for another couple of hours was a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon in perfect weather with good company. If you didn't turn up you missed a great day.

Those present were – Merv and Dawn Thompson, Harold and Judy Perry, Topy Gear, Robert Hunt, Alan Hind, Dave Clark, Phil, Desiree and Troy Harris and Peter Wells.

FLASH CYCLES DECALS

Flash cycles were built and sold by top WA racing cyclist Eddy Barron, and are now very collectable, especially the road racers. At the Speed Dome event I was approached by a lady who had a complete set of Flash decals in mint condition. If any member needs a set they can have a set reproduced at a reasonable price, the originals are not for sale, but will go with the Clubs other decals. Contact Peter Wells if you are interested.

FOR SALE

Bike carrier. Suits 2 inch towbar ball, NOT 50mm ball. \$25.00.

1945 Swansea 4 Swan Racer. 21" frame. Lotsa alloy components, some Campag. Very light bike. Repainted, correct decals, 10 speed ready to ride \$700.00.

Club shirts and caps. Also frame decals to suit bikes 1930s – 1950s. Correct decals for Swansea, Malvern Star and several others. These are all Club sourced items.

For all items please contact Peter Wells, 25 Constantine Court, Thornlie, 9459 1750.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

- Monday 20th August – General Meeting
- Sunday 26th August – Midland Workshops Display and ride. Starts at 9.00am. BYO lunch, drinks.
- Sunday 16th September – Bus Tour
- Monday 17th September – General Meeting
- Monday 15th October – General Meeting
- Sunday 21st October – Garvey Park Ride 10.00am start.
- Wednesday 14th November – Have a Go Day
- Monday 19th November – General Meeting
- Sunday 25th November – Christmas Party