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NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF MEETING 18th FEBRUARY 2013

Meeting opened 7.40pm.

Present - 17 members and 2 visitors present.

Minutes of Meeting 21st January 2013 - Read and accepted. Moved Topy Geer, seconded Dave Clark.

Treasurer's Report

Balance B/F	\$4,573.97
Income	\$ 107.00
Expenses	\$ nil
Balance	<u>\$4,680.97</u>

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

Correspondence In

- Email received from Naomi Purcell, Community Development Officer, Shire of Waroona advising us of the Vintage Machinery Rally to be held at the Waroona Showgrounds on Sunday 8th September 2013 and inviting us to attend.

General Business

- There was some discussion on the establishment of a website for the Club. It was agreed that a Committee meeting be held in the near future to which interested members be invited to attend.

Events

- Sunday 24th February - Small Wheel Bike Ride around Tomato Lake, Kewdale. Entry off Oats Street. Be there for 10.00am. A selection of suitable bikes will be provided for those who do not possess such machines.
- Sunday 24th March - Whiteman Park Ride. To be discussed further at next meeting.

- Saturday 30th March - Monday 1st April (Easter Weekend) - Avon Valley Festival, Northam. Let Merv Thompson know if you are going.
- Monday 15th April - General Meeting
- Sunday 28th April - Swan Valley Ride and Display. Sunday 5th May - Moondyne Festival Toodyay. Details later. We have been offered \$150.00 to attend this event.
- Monday 20th May - General Meeting
- Sunday 26th May - Hillary's Ride. Details later.

Show and Tell

- Topy Geer brought a peculiar looking old tricycle which he had been given recently. Unfortunately its history is unknown.
- Merv Thompson showed a large frame enclosing pictures of early bikes.
- Tim Eastwood showed an interesting tool by Stronglite used as a crank puller.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

MINUTES OF MEETING 18th MARCH 2013

Meeting opened 7.35pm.

Present - 17 members and visitors present.

Minutes of Meeting 18th February 2013 - Read and accepted. Moved Mal Bell, seconded Topy Geer.

Treasurer's Report

Balance B/F	\$ 4,680.97
Income	\$ 107.00
Expenses	\$ 71.60
Balance	<u>\$ 4,715.37</u>

The Treasurers Report was accepted. Moved, Phil Harris, seconded, Merv Thompson.

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 18th February 7:30pm

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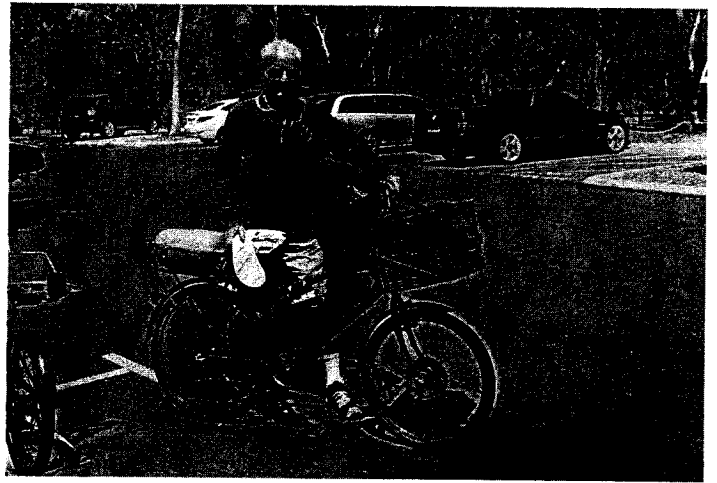
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Correspondence In

- Brochures detailing activities occurring during Bike Week 17 - 24 March 2013 received.

General Business

- Bob Burrows is cleaning out his sheds. Those interested should attend at 90 Scrivner Road, Herne Hill on 20th April between 9.00am and 12noon.
- Mal Buckland advises that he has opened a yahoo website for the Club. A meeting to discuss the Club website is to be held at 298 Hamersley Road, Subiaco at 7.30pm.



Events

- Sunday 24th February - Tomato Lake Ride. This was a very successful event with about 20 members and friends attending on a not too hot day.
- 30th March - 1st April - Avon Valley Festival to be held at the Northam Recreational Centre, Peel Terrace, Northam from 10.00am each day.
- 28th April - Swan Valley Ride - Lilac Hill for a 10.00am start.
- 5th May - Moondyne Festival Toodyay
- 26th May - Hillary's Ride - details later.

Members present were Tony Hall, Harold and Judy Perry, Phil Harris, Merv and Dawn Thompson, Andrew Blackmore, David and Ann Northam, David Clark, Alan Hind, Rob Frith, Karen Phillips and Orlando, Tim Eastwood, Walter and Helen Edom and Peter Wells. My apologies if I have missed anyone but I was present thanks to Simon and Angela Hughes and Douglas. Angela is the one responsible for the typing and printing of our newsletters. It was suggested that this event should become an annual one, and from the response from members I think that is more than likely.

Show and Tell

- Merv Thompson showed two interesting bikes. One was a ladies bike with an unusual hexagonal frame possibly made in Japan. The other was a Rolls Rapid gents bike made in South Australia with very good decals.
- Our visitors gave details of their bikes and interests.

There were too many varieties of bikes to list them, a truly amazing array.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

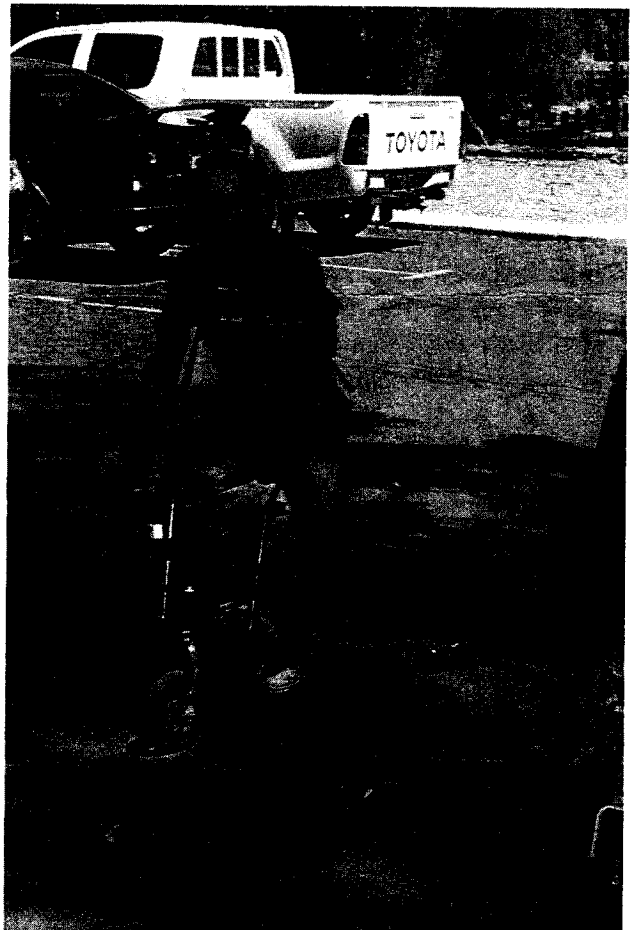
Peter Wells

TOMATO LAKE RIDE

Sunday 24th February

The weather was perfect, the venue magnificent, but as we drove into the parking area it was a bit alarming to find we were the only ones there. It was at least 20 minutes before another car turned up with a couple of small wheeled bicycles on the carrier. Then there was a rush of members turning up with every sort of bike imaginable, until there were some twenty members present with at least forty different machines.

At least an hour was spent inspecting the vast selection of machines, with only a couple with 26 or 27 inch wheels. Then it was time for the first of several laps of the area around the park, the dual use path also having a big turnout of pedestrians and dogs of all shapes and sizes, all well behaved. There were dozens of kids on scooters, mini bikes, again all well behaved. Those of our members who had not been to this venue before were staggered by the amount of facilities available for both young and old in such a magnificent setting.



COMING EVENTS

Avon Valley Festival

Saturday 30th March - Monday 1st April

Northam Recreation Hall - Club Exhibits 10.00am - 4.00pm each day. Please advise Merv (9450 2579) if you intend to exhibit on any of the above dates.

Valley Ride And Display

Sunday 28th April

This ride/display will be held at Lilac Hill Park just over the bridge to West Swan Road out of Guildford.

Registration for riders is from 9.00am to 9.30am, for a 10.00am start. There is a 22km and a 32km course, but our members can ride as far as they like and turn back to the start point, where we will be setting up a display. The event finishes at 1.30pm. Riders should all be back around 11.00am.

There is ample parking with room for trailers. There are shady trees and a grassed area where we will set up a display of our bikes. Depending on a LotteryWest grant the Club will receive a payment of between \$150 and \$300. Please support this event and bring along stands to display your bikes.

Moondyne Festival Toodyay

Sunday 5th May

Club exhibits to be set up by 10.00am outside the Sommerville gallery (in the main street). Parking of vehicles is available behind the Gallery. Nearly 7000 people attended last year so for the new recent club members be in it! Merv Thompson 9450 2579.

Hillary's Ride

Sunday 26th May

Meet in Monyash Road, off Duffy Road, Beach Road at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. BYO lunch etc. contact David Northam 9401 2321.

River Ride Applecross

Sunday 16th June

Meet at club rooms 9.30am for a 10.00am start. BYO lunch, drinks. Contact Judy Perry 9364 7253.

ANNUAL BUS TOUR

We need a venue for our Annual Bus Tours, so how about exercising the grey matter and coming up with some ideas on where we can have a pleasant trip into the country combined with some interesting historic buildings, small local museums within some 150km or so of Perth.

S.A AND BSA THREE SPEED HUBS

Way back at the turn of the 20th century both BSA and Sturmey Archer were involved in producing three speed hub gears, and as the years rolled by there were various modifications.

Sturmey Archer had two basic types along the way, the K type up to 1938, then the A type, both with various extras such as hub brakes or dynamos for lighting purposes. They also went into four and five speed hubs along the way, even some with alloy shells for racing.

As far as I can gather, BSA did not have hub brakes or dynamos, but am open to more information on that point. What brought all this article on was my involvement with Mal Bell needing to do something about a veteran bicycle with the wheels needing refurbishing. Unfortunately, along the way the internals of the rear hub have vanished in his workshop so there we were with a nice nickel plated hub, and no sign of the rest of the bits. Now, I happened to have a 1950s BSA hub with a damaged actuating nut that actually moves the gear train along the hub for each gear. The problem was that the only other bike I knew of with a BSA hub was an Aussie of mine on loan to the Motor Museum. So we brought that back home and had a new actuating part made. Then I was able to reassemble the two hubs so that the Aussie is once more a goer, and once I get some new spokes the veteran wheels can be returned to their proper location.

My Aussie has a little control fitted to the top frame bar similar to earlier SA fittings whereas the veteran BSA has a cunning device that is clamped to the handlebars for gear changing a Bowden cable is used.

The main point in this article is that BSA hubs and parts remained unchanged for half a century. The reason for the broken part was because it had a left hand thread, and some ignoramus didn't know that, and disaster struck. I was not the ignoramus.

The BSA hub is far more simple to dismantle and reassemble than the Sturmey hub and doesn't have all those little springs and revolving gears. For anyone contemplating overhauling and servicing a BSA hub I can provide the necessary illustrated genuine instructions.

Peter Wells

CONE SPANNERS

The old cone spanners with one end having a slot to fit two sizes of bearing cones the other end having two pins for centre bracket cones are no longer available.

However, there is a tool available that has two pins and an adjustable swinging arm that will fit almost any size within reason. The pins are screwed into the tool, so are removable. It comes with an extra set of pins. The brand is LIFU, part number 11AO, price around \$18.00.

SPEEDWELL CYCLES

Speedwell cycles were built in Victoria and were among the top bikes in pre-war years, ridden by the likes of Duncan Grey, one of Australia's competitors in the 1934 British Empire Games. In 1934 Speedwell bikes were sold in WA by Wyper Howard Ltd, 671 – 3 Hay Street, Perth.

BIKES GETTING MORE POPULAR

It is quite evident that there are more bikes to be seen around the streets, particularly on weekends. If the State Government and local Councils got their act together and did something more to improve cycle paths no doubt even more people would take up cycling.

Another point that has been brought to my notice is the growing concern by many riders at the number of cyclists treating cycle paths as their personal training track for the Tour de France. It is quite disconcerting to be passed by a couple of riders giving no indication of their presence until they have whizzed past in a whirr of wind and noise. Many more mature and steady cyclists are not impressed by these idiots. It only needs a slight wobble by a startled rider to cause a nasty and unnecessary accident.

It will be interesting to see if our Pollies do anything to improve cycle paths after the election, but don't count on it.

WHEEL TRUING MACHINE

The Club has a wheel truing machine that is available to any member who is rebuilding some wheels. It is free to members, but there is a one month time limit which should be more than adequate for the purpose. Once you have respoked your wheels the machine makes truing a doddle. A crash course in how to do the job is also on offer. Contact Peter Wells for more information.

WHATS IN A NAME

This Club seems to have had an amazing time deciding on a suitable name that covered all types from the very earliest to those of recent times.

After a number of advertisements, the first meeting was held on Saturday 6th March 1999 at Hickey Street, Ardress. The minutes of that meeting are headed Antique and Ancient Cycle Club of Western Australia. The list of interested persons was also graced with the same heading.

Then at the second meeting on 10th April 1999 the name was changed to Historic Cycle Club of Western Australia. Along came the first newsletter in June, 1999 and the name had been changed to the Historical Cycle Club of WA. Much later of course the Club became incorporated, so that meant the Inc. had

to be included. You would be surprised at some of the correspondence and phone calls coming my way with weird ideas of what this Club is all about.

After all this, the Club will be fourteen years old on 6th March 2013. Have we acquired all that history in such a short time?

RARE PARTS FOR SALE

Sadly, the time has come for me to realise that I will not be restoring any more bikes after the veteran BSA that is now being worked on. I am offering Club members first crack at a big selection of rare components, both racing and touring, from around 1900 to the mid-1950s.

There are Airlite, Racelite, Campag, Shimano alloy racing hubs, and a number of steel hubs of the 1920 – 1940 era. A pair of alloy single racing wheels plus a pair of alloy single rims. There are lots of pedals, brakes, crank sets, handlebars, head stems, both steel and alloy. Early luggage carriers, lamp sets, generators, mudguards, chainguards. Numerous wheels and rims, and lots of odd minor and unusual fittings.

Sensible offers for these components please don't waste my time or yours by offering \$20.00 for a mint Airlite hub. If Club members don't take advantage of having first bite of the cherry, parts will be advertised on EBay and Gumtree. Peter Wells 9459 1750.

Reg and Blanche Burrows are having a shed cleanout of early parts, frames etc. The date, Saturday 20th April from 9.00am to 12.00noon. 96 Scrivner Road, Herne Hill. Bob is a long time collector and has a lot of good gear. Reg and Blanch Burrows 9296 0028.

Restorable small wheel bikes for sale or swap. 3 Raleigh folders, 2 fixed Raleigh's, 2 Peugeot folders, 1 Cinzo folder, 1 three wheeler. Merv Thompson 9450 2579.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

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- Monday 15th April – General Meeting
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- Sunday 16th June - River Ride Applecross (See Coming Events)
- Monday 17th June - AGM
- Sunday 30th June – Speed Dome Display