

White Horse Whispers

The Newsletter of The Motor Scooter Association of Victoria

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OBITUARY

On Sunday, July the second the M.S.C.A.V. lost its Club Captain John Peter Burford, killed in a tragic accident at Rokeby.

John had been a member of the Association for just over twelve months and in a short space of time had become one of our most popular members. I do not think the Association has had a more dedicated captain than John, who never travelled anywhere with the Association but on his motor cycle or scooter. John was undoubtedly the easiest going member in the Association and never once can I recall him having argued about anything or complain when things went wrong.

The Association has lost a fine member and a very good friend.

John R.I.P.

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The Loss Of A Member

Saturday July 1st.

Four members left Melbourne and headed for Warrigal, where they were accommodated at a motel for the night. The weather during the journey was fine but began to rain during the evening, but this didn't worry them as they were in high spirits and occupied themselves by making plans for similar outings in the future.

At 9:00am the following morning, in fine weather and the prospect of a good day ahead of them, they departed from the motel intending to journey to Mt Baw Baw, where they intended to meet the official convoy. However on rounding a curve just past the town of Rokeby tragedy struck when the third member of the convoy Johnny Burford, was involved in a collision with a truck travelling in the opposite direction. The impact threw John from his cycle which resulted in the loss of his life. A second collision then occurred in which the truck and the fourth member of the convoy were involved and as a result Kevin Nye was seriously injured and is now recovering in hospital.

Wednesday 5.

The cortege was met outside of Dandenong, and escorted to the cemetery by six fellow Honda riders. Over fifty people paid their respects at the service, which was held at the Springvale Lawn Cemetery. The coffin bearers were Robert Jellett, Greg Smith, Alan Shafto and Bruce Higgs. Peter Philferan spoke at the grave side on behalf of the Association, expressing our deep sorrow on the loss of a good friend and club Captain.

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JUNE 2 SOCIAL

Meeting opened 8/30. Proposed amendments to the constitution were issued. They will be discussed at the September Social as they contain so many alterations. The minutes and the correspondence were then read. The new competition "SCOOTERING SET" was then brought to the attention of the members and as you will know you will be awarded points for participating in

various Assn. Activities during a period of 6 months, at the end of which a trophy shall be awarded to the winner.

The unofficial run to Rushworth was left to private arrangements with Johnny Barker.

The elections for the offices of Social Secretary and Treasurer, which had become vacant owing to the resignation of the members concerned. Len was voted in as Treasurer and Reimke as Soc. Sec.

After much confusion the motion was brought forward, by the Editors, that the name of the Association be changed to the MOTOR SCOOTER & CYCLE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA. The motion was seconded by Johnny Barker. A secret ballot was held and the results were 12 against and 22 for the proposed name change.

The members were then reminded of the proposed amendments to the constitution. Any suggestions must be submitted in writing to the committee for discussion and consideration at the September General Meeting. Meeting closed at 10/30.

The Auction was then held, with David O'Keefe acting as auctioneer. The bidding was slow at first, but as more articles were brought forward it began to fluctuate. The highest bid being for a "stack hat" which finally went for \$3.00. total proceeds amounted to \$12.81.

A rendition on the piano was then given by Ron Clarke, who is an escapee from the Vesper Club. Owing to the lateness some members left for home before supper was served. When the last crumb was eaten your correspondent left for home.

Welcome to :- Gunter Ross (introduced by Greg)

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Sunday 4

Trentham Falls

Left Alex Ave 9:30 and reached Woodend round about lunch time, so it was decided to grab and scoff lunch there (John Burford, Kevin and Robert went ahead to the falls to cook theirs). After stuffing ourselves with fish & chips we two (sorry) also made our way to the falls and arrived just in time to watch the already mentioned persons dispose of the last of their tucker...most interesting. They even had knives and forks yet!!

We then had a look at the local scenery. Not much scenery and it was pretty local, and then someone decided that a tin lid made a decent sort of Frisbee. So while some flipped their lid the rest stood around talking and swiping other people's ignition keys. Didn't they Fay? By this time Mal had arrived with the football. No more need be said. About 3:30, after we heard reports of Stephan running out of petrol somewhere between Trentham and Bendigo. Don't ask me. We decided it was time to head back to Melbourne. We arrived back at Woodend, had a bit of a warm up, sent the smaller bikes on ahead and followed on.

CRYPTIC COMMENTS.

What the weather not suitable for a Puch Ken?

Sue meet the Ass'n...I give up!!!

John Burford was there, on his portable kitchen!

By the way it may be of interest to some of you, to know that 21 bikes were present.

WELCOME TO

Ron Hayward....Puch 250

John Hutchinson...?

Kevin Trevan... Honda 90
Ken Tregoning Puch
Derek Cave... Ducati (Bin along before but aint bin welcomed)

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What about that prospective member you brought along. If he pays a subscription you get 10 points.
If she paid her subscription you get 11 points.

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Friday 9.

Bowls Night.

11 members attended arriving at 7:30, some playing bowls the others going on the trampolines and believe Barney won the bowls...Didn't you give em a go you dirty dorg?

The trampolines were enjoyed by all, with Susan Ward showing the boys how it should be done. Splitting her slacks in the process)or some other place just as embarrassing Ed's note)

Also Brian and Susan Baetty were holding hands while on the tramp (typist's note. Brian Who?) Then the girl on the public address made an announcement for all to hear. "Please no holding hands, you could fall on top of each other!! Yeah?

After this we went upstairs for supper, Peter P having his usual snack. All in all it was a good night, finishing at 11-00.

Submitted by Peter P.

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5 points for articles submitted to the Whispers...Keep it clean!

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Sunday 11.

Sale:

5 members arrived for the Sale run and as we didn't get away till ¼ to 10 from Dandy it was decided to shorten the run and so we finished up going to Drouin and Warragul, we had a good run, except for Bruce Kennedy, his bike was a little sick.

Arrived at Warragul at 11 O'clock. Had lunch which consisted of fish and chips although Robert had his usual snack of hamburgers with the lot – and those chips? Weren't bad were they boys.

After our tour of inspection of the local railway station we had a job to figure out what to do, to fill in time and after talking to one of the locals, followed his suggestion and went for a trip in the surrounding hills of Warragul. The scenic route consisted of unsealed roads which resulted in the bikes being covered in mud, and Peter P having trouble to keep his MAICO on the road. Howard nearly hit a calf. The road brought us out at Yarragon, on the Princes Highway.

Dispersed at Dandy after waiting half an hour for Bruce K who was then informed that there was a service centre just for Hondas, Yeah.

Cryptic Comments.

Got any oil in your gearbox Bruce.

Submitted by Peter P.

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EDITORS COMMENT

Owing to the personal commitments of the Editors we cannot attend many of the Club Functions. The articles will be printed in the Whispers only if the members on these Club Functions submit their articles for publication.

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The Motor Scooter and Cycle Association Of Victoria gives thanks to:-

Mr & Mrs Ratcliffe who catered for the mourners

The Association also wishes Kevin a full and quick recovery.

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The Editors give thanks to:-

Len Shearer and Peter Philferan for their valuable assistance in the compiling of this magazine.

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Our Best Wishes to:-

Kevin Nye and Johnny Barker who are recovering in hospital from their accidents.

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