

White Horse Whispers

The Newsletter of The Motor Scooter Association of Victoria

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NOTICE BOARD

Any person running in, please inform the Captain, and arrangements will be made.

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Itineraries are obtainable from Mayfair Motors- Eliz St City, Malvern Star - Eliz St City, Village Bros Cnr Cecil St and City Rd, Sth Melb and on application to the Secretary.

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There is a suggestion box at G. Meetings. So get yourselves some points for Scootering Set.

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Submit your articles for the Whispers early in the month if they are to receive a prominent position in the Whispers...Get yourself some more points.

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An extra 10% discount on disposal goods may be obtained from T.B. Trading Co....See Committee.

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A Get U Home Fund has been devised by the Committee and if accepted there will be a fee of 10c for every run and will come into operation on Sunday June 4th.

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The proposed constitution shall be brought forward at the July General Meeting with the exception of the name of the Ass'n which will be finalised at the June G. Meeting.

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May General Meeting:

Meeting opened rather late and normal procedure followed which included a discussion on the Get U Home Fund and after arguing for about 15 minutes it was decided to let the committee form an opinion at the next committee meeting and open discussion would take place at the next general meeting.

A small presentation then took place for the winners of the recent trial. It was then discovered that there was an error on the itinerary and these had to be reprinted.

The meeting was then closed. Talk and supper then followed.

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This business of high handed authorities depersonalising the individual, reducing him to a string of numbers, has got to stop. Even at my bank I'm no longer Mr Rockbottom, merely a string of digits. They'll just have to find computer gadgets that can remember names, that's all. It's ridiculous. You know what's likely to happen if they don't drop this number system. One of these days you'll wander into your bank and the teller will demand, "what's your number?" and you'll meekly reply, "one, six, three, eight, four, nine, five, two, zero, stroke seven"

"That's funny," he'll say. "You don't look Jewish," I suppose you could always retort "It's only my Nick Number."

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Somebody in the railways Department in Sydney has a sense of humour – I think. I was walking down into one of the under – ground stations the other day when I noticed a sign which read "Public toilets under reconstruction please use platforms 7 & 9"

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EDITORS COMMENT.

Recently it was suggested that the Association invest in a new first aid kit, but we feel that it would be of more benefit to the members if a rule was passed, stating that all scooter and cycle riders carry a personal first aid kit. The members could then use their own kit when not travelling with the Association. Also a kit large enough to cater for the needs of the entire Association would be cumbersome to carry on a scooter or cycle. It has also been suggested that the kit be transported by car. This on the surface appears to be a good idea but when you consider the inconvenience involved if the person in charge of the kit was unable to attend for any reason and if an accident should occur on this occasion the Association would still be left without a first aid kit. So unless there is any person who attends all runs owns a car and can administer some rudimentary form of first aid, we believe that most benefit would be obtained from first aid kits if members supplied their own.

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On behalf of the Association we give thanks to Mr Jones, 5 Stanley Street, Ballarat North, for the services he rendered on the scene of the accident in which Len was involved during the Blackwood Run. Mr Jones stopped at the scene of the accident and gave his assistance there and also continued on to Blackwood located the Association and informed us of this occurrence. So Mr Jones once again our sincere thanks.

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Mayfair Motors have been approached on behalf of the Association concerning a discount for members. Unfortunately the management of Mayfair did not agree with our proposal. However, Mayfair has supported our suggestion that a sign be placed in their front window stating that itineraries are available here and anyone interested should inquire.

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Sherbrooke Forest (plus)

Ten bikes departed from our favourite meeting spot, Alexander Ave that is after the boys had a kick of the football. Someone must have gone to the meeting.

On arriving at Sherbrooke the 'BIG BOYS' played footy while us younger ones threw or tried to throw, the Frisbee about. After that strenuous bit of exercise everyone decided they were hungry. What was on the menu? Cold pies and pasties!

Then after the very appetizing lunch it was decided to take a walk. It was then we were joined by a late sleeper. The walk ended up in getting lost, we forgot our compasses!

It still being early in the afternoon we all voted to go to Belgrave for a ride on the "Big Train" (Puffing Billy). It was enjoyable, if you are the type of person who likes being covered in soot. Robert, being the only sensible person, followed the progress of the train by road. He managed to find almost every place the tracks crossed the road and our members cheered and waved madly at him, much to the disgust of the younger folk present. Actually he was beginning to feel neglected. Isn't that so?

Brian became quite upset when the kids didn't respond to his friendly wave, I wonder why?

On the way home we made a detour and visited Emerald. To our surprise there was a number of 'hot rods' to be inspected. It was strictly hands off though.

Into the twilight we rode homeward bound and so ended a rather full and enjoyable day. Agreed?

Anonymous

THE NEW COMPETITION

Named: "SCOOTERING SET!"

This competition will be run for a period of six months, at the end of this period the member scoring the most points will be awarded a trophy which will be in his or her possession for the following six months. The Scootering Set will then recommence.

For your information the competition has already begun it started at the May Social! This will finalise the first Scootering Set for the October Annual Elections. Thus allowing outgoing committee members participation in the second Scootering Set.

As you will no doubt see, if you read on, you will be awarded points for the various club activities in which you participate set out below is the points system:-

For new scootering or light motor cycling members – male 10pts – female – 11pts.

Attendance for the Saturday morning roster system – 2pts per time.

Articles submitted for Whispers – 5 points per article.

Suggestions placed in the suggestion box – 5pts per run, 10pts per improvement of the Association.

Attendance on OFFICIAL club functions – 2pts per time.

Efforts in competitions, not including Scootering Set – 1st place 3pts – 2nd place 2pts – 3rd place 1pt.

Janitor duties at socials – 1pt for each duty completed.

Now there you have it, but just to confuse the issue we the committee have a set of rules by which you must abide, these are listed below:-

To obtain points for new members you must accompany the new member on paying of his or her first subscription.

For the Saturday morning roster system you must have your name placed on the roster sheet.

Points for articles submitted to the Whispers shall only be awarded if the article appears in the magazine. The choice of articles shall be decided by the Editors.

Suggestions you are eligible for points only if the suggestion is used during the Scootering Set in which they are submitted.

Attendance on official functions (those which appear on the itinerary) members shall be entitled to only half the amount of points awarded for attendance if they arrive independent of the official convoy to the destination started on the itinerary.

If a member does not bring supper to the general meetings he or she shall be entitled to only half of the attendance points.

A possible member shall be entitled to points during his or her probationary period.

Remember you must check in to ensure that you have received attendance points, if this is not done the committee cannot be responsible for any lost points.

Any person fined for a breach of road rules will have this stated on his or her membership record.

If you travel on a run by means other than m/scooter or light m/cycle you shall be entitled to only half of the attendance points, but this will be subject to the discretion of the committee.

The Scootering Set may be contested by all financial members with the exception of committee members.

The winning members of the Scootering Set will be decided by the committee and members records will be taken into account if there is a tie for first, second and third place.

As stated previously the winning member will receive a trophy which he or she will hold for a period of six months, he or she shall also receive a certificate (to be held permanently) and if the committee judges it is warranted the member shall be awarded a MERRIT STRIPE.

Second and third place getters shall be presented with certificates, to be held by them permanently.

Well that's about it, so from the committee good luck and remember progress reports will appear in the Whispers.

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MAY 14 YAN YEAN

The club left town at approx 9.30 with a small number of scooters. We proceeded in the direction of Yan Yean, but for some reason or another, there was a difference of 45 mins between the last car leaving the city and the first bike arriving at Yan Yean (could be due to a stop at Whittlesea?)

Graeme 2 was the car to arrive at Yan Yean, ahead of the rest of the club, closely followed by a Suzuki. "Where are the rest of them?" "I don't know, probably got lost!"

We waited around the fire, talking to the ranger. Eventually the others turned up with cold hands and red noses, which we all felt. "Give a little of the fire will you?" But they soon warmed up. We were there for a little while, until some-one said "Let's go to the Go-carts" so off we went.

We got around a turn off and we more or less had lunch, 5c for a doughnut (a bit of leather). We then set off again for the carts, upon arriving we were told by the man at the gate, 40c please, so we watched from the outside. Played a little football and a throw of the Frisbee while the rest played the fool. From there we went to Kinglake, where we met Len and Sandy, to Hurstbridge and arrived back at the bowl for tea at approx, 5.30.

From there we went home.

Bruce Talbot.

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Sunday 21.

Suggestion Box Run
(Blackwood)

Left Alex Ave along with a past member of the Metro Club who was having trouble with his Maico! He blew his head gasket and had to be in Albury that day. Must have got on O.k. as he was nowhere to be seen when we returned. Arrived in Blackwood where some people went hungry, due to the lack of grub able to be purchased, but we had a game of footy in the recreation ground. By this time Mal had arrived he also had a little trouble in Alex Ave.

After lunch and belting over a pile of blue metal, we had a tour of the surrounding area. The majority calling into the car park, paying a fee and going for a walk to the lake, where much to their surprise they came across 3 of our blokes already there and on bikes yet! They came up the back way and got out of paying the Dirty Dawgs! But never mind one of the three had a little misfortune on the way down.

After this excitement some met in Blackwood where it was learned that Len who had left early, had met with an accident a few miles down the road. So Mal and the RED Honda took off. Naturally the Honda arrived first and after going into a skid which terrified Len, Sandra and the rider, presented Sandy with a first aid kit and administered a cup of coffee to Len. By this time a few more members had happened upon the scene and a little later the rest of the club. Len was then bundled into Mal's car, his MAICO which was unrideable (well almost) was moved to a farm close by.

We then headed for Bacchus Marsh and Melbourne.

CRYPTIC COMMENTS!

Steven couldn't hit the broad side of a burn. Just his bike!

What are you laughing fro Stephen I hear tell you did something similar not so long ago!

On Len's helmet were these words. MOTOR SCOOTER ASS OF VIC! Yeah!

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Wife, at mirror: "I do believe I've developed a few more wrinkles."

Hubby trying to sleep: “Rubbish there isn’t any more room!”

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Sunday 20th May
Unofficial Run
(Pakenham)

Left Alexander avenue approximately 9.30 and after losing the convoy in Alexander Avenue arrived at Dandenong there all met Bruce Kennedy (Honda 50) who left the city with the rest of us but arrived at Dandenong way ahead of the leader. How in the “L”. After thawing out at Dandenong we continued on to our destination Pakenham and the scramble races.

There were a great number of criticisms as to the various riding styles adopted by the racers. Opposition arrived later in the afternoon in the Angeles so we thought it was time to move on. Homeward bound we went via Ferntree Gully. One thing has been proved, Suzuki’s like a mud bath occasionally, especially blue ones. Not mentioning, any names but two of our members decided to duck into a hotel at one of the stops. Excuse his uncle owned it. I must conclude with a word of advice for the girls – stay away from Graeme (2) or he will have you put in the boot of the car.

CRYPTIC COMMENTS.

Who left the convoy at Dandy and said they would meet the club at Pakenham? Oh yes!

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The weirdo wandered into the psychiatrist’s office and stuffed half a pound of cigarette tobacco in his left ear.

“Obviously you need help” said the psychiatrist.
“Sure do” replied the man. “Got a match?”

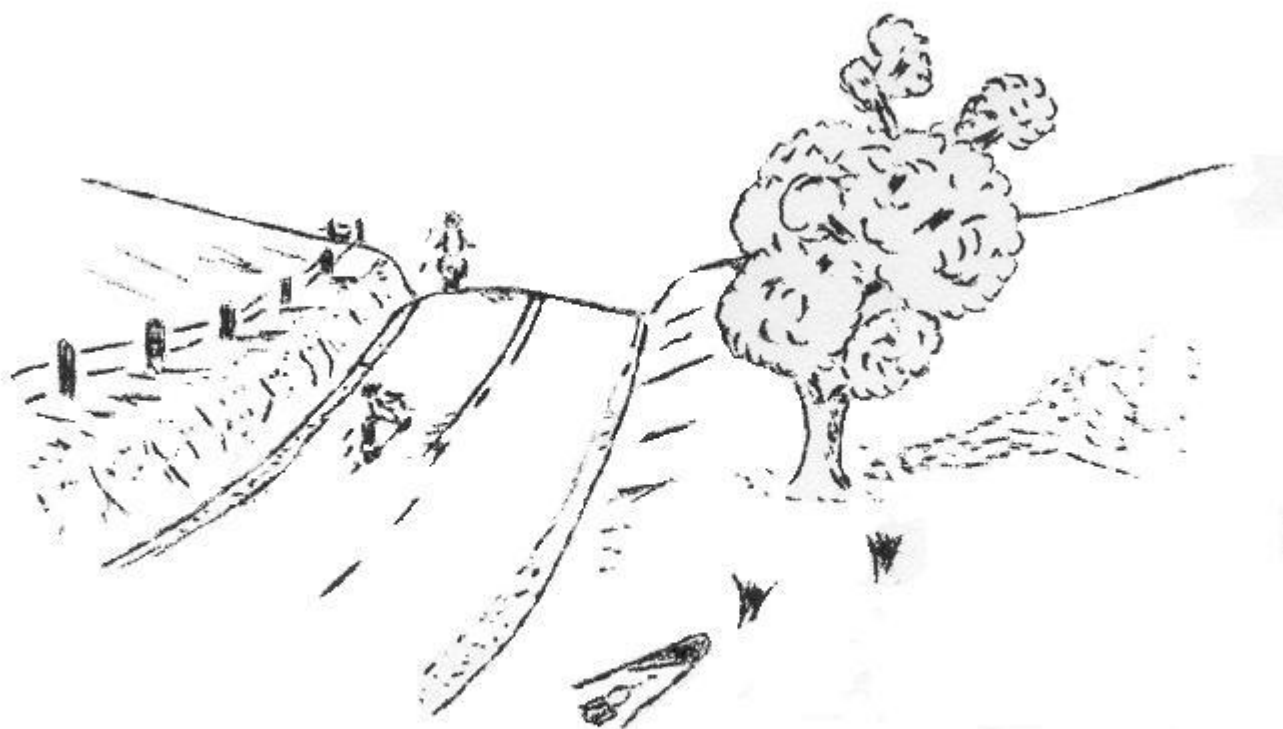
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