

White Horse Whispers

*The Newsletter of the Motor Scooter and Cycle Association of
Victoria*



FEBRUARY 1970

* * * * *

EDITORIAL

Editors:-
Lynda Uren
Kurt Mueller

Bruce Higgs (Labourer)

Hi, this month I thought that I would like to have a few words to the readers. After reading this magazine, MANY of you should notice a difference in the quality of the typing and layout. I would like to thank the people who have done a fair bit of work helping to put out this mag. As many will also see, there were plenty of articles to write upon. Maybe the next edition will have more write-ups in it.

NOTICE!!!! A new editor is with us. Take a bow Lynda!

Kurt said that as a new editoress I should contribute a little something in the way of an editorial. But as I am new to this game, I wouldn't have a clue as to what to write. Kurt suggested that I write anything, so here goes "Anything". Perhaps I will be able to think of something to say for next month's mag.

Lynda.

Thank you Lyn, now on to the rest of the mag.

.....

Here is even a few words from the secretary – Take it away Bruce...

SEC'S REPORT (Say that without grinning)

Our club name is now in Two Wheels Magazine, and a couple of enquiries have been received as a result of this. I was really pleased at the attendance at the Southern Cross Rally (33 members), in fact, seeing the Southern Cross Club wouldn't say how many members were present, I think we beat them. So now we've won the best attendance (Other than host club) at the previous 2 SCR, AND the last Kangaroo Rally. But all is not roses. There have not been enough new faces lately in the club there is a membership drive in the city on Feb 14, 8.30am in front of Pratt's. Please support it if you can.

P.S. New membership list is being prepared.

BRUCE HIGGS.

We've even got a President's Report...Take it away Big Daddy...

Our trip to the Southern Cross Rally was a great success. Thanks to everybody who attended, and a special mention to Gerry Mickels for getting those broken down machines home. I feel sure those who didn't attend missed a trip and a half, because everything that happened was either exciting or

amusing. On behalf of the Committee, thanks to those who went to make a successful run. Looking forward to next year.

Pres. (Peter P.)

Contributors:-

Kurt Mueller

Lynda Uren (who wrote all anonymous articles)

Peter Philferan

Bruce Higgs (who is the 1 in the Christmas trip report)

Advertisement:-

“For sale – one pair of size ten riding boots, suit either horse or motor cycle”.

.....

OFFICIAL CLUB RUNS FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY

TOUR THROUGH OLD MELBOURNE GAOL – 21st NOVEMBER

This run turned out to be more of a car club meeting as on arriving at the car park, there was found to be a total of about 5 bikes and no less than 13 cars! After migrating in a mad scramble in several different directions we arrived breathless at the Jailhouse. We inspected the Fuzz bikes with enthusiasm and were given a radio demo by a “nice policeman”.

While touring through the cell block I was pushed into one of the cells by a funny man. We were scattered all about the place when the lights “failed” and there was much screaming. HMM Kelly’s gallows, cell and grave were very interesting. I noted that Peter couldn’t get a volunteer for a demo of how the gallows work. The night was ended with a good attendance at the Classic Restaurant for supper, after which we split up to follow our own interests.

Our thanks to Peter Philferan for a very informative evening. (Anon)

LAKE BURRUMBEET – 23RD NOVEMBER

As there was no report made, a write-up is impossible.

LAKES ENTRANCE WEEKEND – 29TH AND 30TH NOVEMBER

There was no report made for this ride either, except that we heard a few rumours from the grape vine that Phillipa threw away her Suzie and someone was bending street signs. To remedy this someone else got to them and bent them first!

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

A good meeting.

LAKE CORANGAMITE – 7TH DECEMBER

No report, but rumour has it that Bill Davies had a great time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY V’S BRIAN’S 21ST – 12TH DECEMBER

Both parties had an about equal attendance, except for the trips made from one party to the other by people who couldn’t decide which one to stay at. A good time was had by all and Peter Philferan really kicked up his heels at Sergio’s.

KOONYA VIA RYE – 14TH DECEMBER

Again no official report. I streaked down to Rye but evidently missed everyone, so I returned to Melbourne. Kurt.

MAINTENANCE DAY – ALAN CRANDLER’S – 21ST DECEMBER

Nothing – not even rumours!

CHRISTMAS TRIP

On Boxing Day 4 bikes and 3 cars left for Merimbula in perfect weather. The trip up was fairly uneventful, except that Carol rolled her Honda 90 once. The camping grounds were full, so we found ourselves a secluded beach to camp on. Friday night we were joined by Vic Byron and Gordon McGlashan.

Saturday and Sunday were spent scrambling between the road and our beach camp, swimming and sun baking (or burning), thrashing hell out of a hired boat, botting showers at the caravan park and generally touring around. The cars went home on Saturday and Carol vanished (still don't know where to). Monday Steve Jones, Robert Kissick (PMG Wonder Boy), Mick (a foreigner who joined us up there) and I headed north up the coast, leaving Vic and Mack in Merimbula. Monday afternoon we arrived in Canberra and camped in a forest on the outskirts. Monday night and Tuesday we toured around Canberra. Tuesday afternoon we left for Cooma where we actually stayed in a caravan park.

Wednesday morning (Jan. 31st) I decided to go to a New Year's Eve party. Only trouble was, it was in Melbourne, but I made it!

Steve, Robert and Mick toured the Snowy Mountains on Wednesday, accompanied by Banjo Patterson II (a local drunken sex maniac from Cooma). They headed for Albury on Thursday and came home on Friday through rain. Mick sort of didn't keep up and we haven't seen or heard of him since. All in all we had a good trip with no bike trouble. Whew!

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Only a handful present due to Christmas trip.

WALHALLA V'S PHILLIP ISLAND – 3RD AND 4TH JANUARY

Walhalla was abandoned. Just as well, as the “damp” weather we had caused the whole place to be flooded out and a lot of the road was out. About a dozen went to Phillip Island but, as often, no report was made.

GUIDED TOUR – 9TH JANUARY

CANNED.

PORTSEA RUN – 11TH JANUARY

This run was a good one, with a good number of members present. I arrived late (naturally) and caught up with the club at Sorrento. A sand dune at Portsea was found by the trail minded members to be a good challenge but T500 Suzuki's are not meant to climb dunes. They only bury themselves when furiously churning around with the back wheel.

After the frivolities we all wandered down to the beach and sat in a huddle playing chicken with the incoming tide. Some mad mutt came along and wanted us to heave a log of wood through the air for him to chase and retrieve. While watching this dog dragging his log of wood around we

neglected to watch the waves. Consequently, Vic got wet feet up to his knees. The brave swimmers decided to go to the beach which was patrolled by the lifeguards where the spectators had a lot of bare territory to look over.

When we left at 3pm and went through Portsea a petrol stop was decided upon. Meanwhile, a Fuzz came charging out of the service station and informed your truly that I would be booked if I rode my bike onto the road before I moved my P plates from around my neck and affixed them permanently to my bike.

After a short wait we were on our way again towards Melbourne and the Bowl.

Kurt.

ROTATING PARTY – 17TH JANUARY

Postponed to a later date.

MAINTENANCE DAY – BRUCE KENNEDY'S – 18TH JANUARY

Possibly canned – no report.

SOUTHERN CROSS RALLY – 24TH TO 26TH JANUARY

Bill Davies and I arrived Saturday afternoon after an eventless trip, except for an unexpected camping stop. The club had assembled in a wooded area of the camping ground so we also dropped our bundles there. After going trail riding for about 2 hours the trail riding members of the S.C.M.C.C tried to show us a steep hill. Bill and I came to a fence and waited for the others. On arriving, they asked us what we thought of their "hill". Our reply was "Where?"

Saturday night we had the Official Opening of the Rally and this was followed by films or a run to see the lights from the top of Mount Lofty. On Sunday morning camp was evacuated by the bikies because a Scottish Bagpipe Band took over the camping area. We all went to Stirling sports oval, where most of the competitions were held. Our members were in force here, outclassing all others.

I asked the fellow from Cycle World for a test ride on his Motto Guzzi but he told me to come back later as he had it entered in a few events. So Bill, Tony and I went trail riding. Boy, did we find some hills. In Adelaide (we went there too) we found some sand dunes to wear down, which we rightly did with a S.A. audience. Coming back I ran out of petrol and Bill had to tow me to the top of Mount Lofty. After filling we again rode off to follow a few more tracks and creeks around the mountains. At the lookout we met a few club members. The lookout gardens were not even held sacred by the demon trio. We eventually found the correct way home again and made it back in time for the presentations. The M.S.C.A.V. "cleaned up" the place.

Awards were:

1. Best represented Victorian Club.
2. Best club on parade.
3. Club with most female members (6)
4. Belle of the Rally – Lynda Uren
5. Best Ossa – Yours truly
6. Best Kawasaki – Warren Mayfield.
7. Best BSA – Peter Sanders.
8. 1st prize for weaving – Graham A. Bell.

And so on. More films and talk and then we hit the sack to start again early on Monday morning. We left at 7am and arrived home at 2am Tuesday.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Lyn actually scrapped a footrest coming home via the Great Ocean Road.

.....

