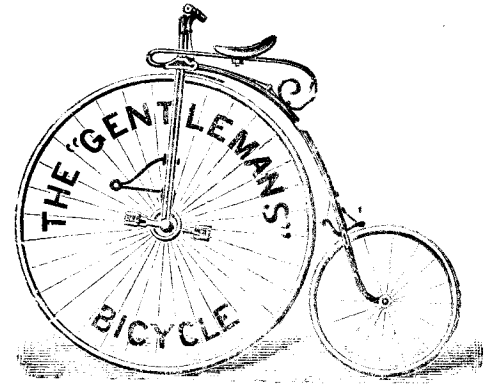


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Newsletter of the Historical Cycle Club of W.A.



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WELCOME

Welcome to this the first newsletter of our newly formed Historical Cycle Club of W. A.

It is hoped that this epistle will become a vibrant forum for the interchange of news, notes, ideas, projects, events and opinions regarding our hobby.

The title of the newsletter is something we need to consider. I have chosen the above for this issue and have probably been influenced by various ABC and BBC programmes and the like. This name is by now means final as I am sure our committee would like to have your comments and ideas. Have you a catchy title?

As is common with most Club newsletters we need items of interest from members to pass on to other members. Naturally these will mostly by cycle orientated however other news and snippets of information is most welcome. I hope that we can have a members profile occasionally. Reports on

tours, trips and competitions will, of course, be of primary importance.

Further on in this newsletter you will find a precis of the minutes of the last meeting. There is nothing more boring than repeating verbatim the minutes in a newsletter. There are however, often items which need to be brought to the attention of members which can be culled from the minutes. Again you will have to put up with my interpretation unless there is a particular item which needs to be repeated in order for a decision to be made or what ever.

Well, over to you. How about some thoughts and ideas and particularly some items for our newsletter. You can contact me as follows:

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MEETINGS:

The Historical Cycle Club of W.A. meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Veteran Car Club premises, 6 Hickey St, Wireless Hill, Address at 2.30pm.

COMING EVENTS

York Sports Weekend

Sat 5th June 1999 at York
Contact people = Alan Naber 9332 3956 or Steve Paslow 9841 1548 This is one straight line race only so far for penny farthings.

Hotham Valley Train Race

Sun 6th June '99 from Pinjarra to Dwellingup. Contact person is Tom Atkinson 9531 1243. Race the steam train to Dwellingup. BBQ at finish - come to the bbq even if you don't ride.

Holmes a Court bike collection visit.

Date to be confirmed. If in June then members will be advised. Contact person Merv Thompson 9450 2579.

At the Trots & Dogs

Sometime in later in the year probably on a Sat evening. Contact person Bill Burrows. A fun bike event on the race track!

Display of cycles

5 & 6 Nov '99. Canning Show. Contact person Geoff Moor 9397 5515. A static display on Fri evening and all day Saturday. More details later.

Penny Farthing Championships.

26 Feb 2000. Contact person is Nicky Armstrong. International event in Evandale, Tasmania and includes a village fair.

FROM THE LAST MEETING

The last meeting was held on 8th May 1999 with 8 members including Tom Atkinson who came up from Pinjarra. Other members were scattered far and wide with Nicky Armstrong off defending her Womens Penny Farthing World Championship trophy in France; Eric & Jean Barrett on their annual pilgrimage to the U.K. for 6 months and Peter & Don Smith both off up north. Bill Burrows has to work each Saturday and David Clarke & Geoff Moor both had wedding commitments.

The proposed constitution was deferred to the next meeting as both Nicky & Geoff were absent. The name of the Club was again raised. The original name "Antique & Ancient Bicycle Club of WA" was altered from Bicycle to Cycle and there will be more discussion and a vote on the Club name. Only financial members will be able to vote on this and all are reminded to pay their \$20 family subscription quickly. All those at the last meeting have paid. Merv Thompson presented a Treasurers report and a full report will be given at the next meeting. Until we have decided on a name we cannot open a bank account. At this stage please don't send in cheques for your membership. Cash can be paid at the meeting.

FRONT PAGE PICTURE

The penny farthing cycle on the front cover was printed

onto this newsletter from an original copper printing block. It was dug up in a rubbish tip about 25 years ago by a collector of antique bottles. The picture was printed using a letterpress printing machine patented on 20 Dec 1873. The machine is pedal powered (most appropriate) and each sheet of paper is fed in by hand one at a time. It takes 5 pumps on the pedal to print one sheet!

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE.

Vice President Bill Burrows started cycle riding after he had completed his National Service. He rode track events and won the State Mile Title in the late 1950's.

Two trips were made to the Eastern States; one to Sydney and one to Whyalla. Like many sports people he had a bit of a layoff in the early years of his marriage but took up cycling again in 1977. He won the Menzies to Kalgoorlie ride in 1979 as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations of WA. This ride no doubt commemorated the famous cycle mail. He completed in a Canberra 2 day event for various age groups and came 3rd in the Australian Veteran titles. He is a member of the West Coast Veterans Club.

Bill is the proud owner of several old cycles including Raleigh of around 1945 vintage which is labelled "The Challenge" and came from South Africa; a German delivery bike and an English pre war policeman's bike.