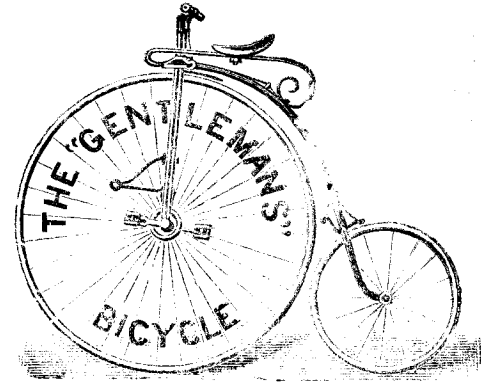


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From the Last Meeting

The last meeting of the Club in June was our fourth. How time flies! A Most Important Decision was made. (All important decisions deserve to have capital letters). The name of our Club is officially:

The Historical Cycle Club of W.A. This name will now be registered and so on.

The family membership fee will be \$20 per year. Our Club is still looking for someone to take on the Secretary's job.

Our guest speaker was David Doust. David gave an interesting talk on a recumbent, a folder, a Moulton and home built bicycles. He is a member of a group which caters for these cycles. Just to prove the quality he road his 1982 design Moulton to the meeting from Fremantle. He also brought along some interesting books and illustrations of unusual cycles.

CLUB MEETING TIMES

A number of members indicated that due to work and other commitments the current meeting time was not suitable. It has been decided that meeting would be held in the same venue (Veteran Car Club rooms, Hickey Street, Ardross) on the Third

Monday of each Month. The next meeting therefore will be on MONDAY JULY 19th 1999 at 7.00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Nicky Armstrong who has added another World Ladies Penny Farthing Race title to her list. Well done, Nicky!!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Please make welcome these new members:

Joe Cox
Malcolm & Julie Buckland
Peter Wilson who joined as a result of our first official parade and race at York.

Coming Events

Heytesbury Collection and Picnic Day. Due to the sale of a number of items from the collection, this outing has been postponed. More details later.

York Flying Fifty - 21st October 1999. Details still yet to come.

Greyhound Evening - at Cannington in November.

Canning Show - Display 5th & 6th November at Cannington

Penny Farthing Championship Everdale Tasmania - 26th February 2000.

Official Opening of Graham Farmer Tunnel - approx April or May 2000. This follows a good response received by President Merv from the Main Roads Dept for a cavalcade of old cars and cycles. A golden opportunity for our Club. All entrants will be required to dress in appropriate attire.

Enquiries are being made regarding a subsidy to all country members to attend.

Next Meeting - Monday July 19th at 7pm at the usual venue.

High Jinks at York

(Report by Alan Naber)

The Historic Cycle Club was well represented at the York sports day on Saturday 5th June. To start off the day's racing, seven members plus a new recruit in Peter Wilson together with Jim Harwood of the York Motor Museum paraded their velocipedes along the main street of York. Jim was the proud rider of an immaculate Dawes racer.

A bucking herd of high tech springing Mountain Bikes set off on

the local
 captain. ... ed by the
 ... Historic Bike
 ... which means a tussle
 between Nicky, Tom and Joe. Nicky
 ... her style and streaked
 ahead in the chase and led to the
 finish.

Results were:

- 1st - Nicky Armstrong on her Edlee.
- 2nd - Tom Atkinson on a Tom Atkinson Special Penny
- 3rd - Joe Cox on a Tom Atkinson Special Penny
- 4th Phil Harris on his Kris Safety
- 5th Alan Naber on a 1906 Triumph Safety
- 6th Merv & Dawn Thompson on their 1939 Phillips Tandem
- 7th Peter Wilson - York Motor Museum Penny.

All entrants shared the prize money and had a great day.

Steam Power v 'Ordinary' Power

The Historic Cycle Club was busy in June. The day after the York event the Club attended Pinjarra to participate in the "Race the Train" handicap. This was a race by cyclists against the Hotham Valley steam train over 25 kilometres - up hill!

Penny Farthings were well handicapped and ran the last 5km up the hill. Alan Naber went off first unaware that the train was delayed. The three Pennys went off some 20 minutes later and beat the train by a good margin and most of the multi geared modern racers.

The event wound up with a sausage sizzle and the entrants again received prize money!! Results were:

- 1st Nicky Armstrong
- 2nd Alan Naber

- 3rd Tom Atkinson
- 4th Joe Cox.

See you there next year.

Changes/ additions to the list of Club office bearers.

- Peter Smith - Tel: 9405 7561
- Geoff Moor - 9397 5515
- Ken Ward - 9364 3601

Nicky's a big wheel in an old sport

from the West 7/7/99.
 Nicky Armstrong sees her future in the past. The 31 year old Justice Ministry solicitor intends establishing herself as the world's greatest in the sport of penny-farthing cycling.

She has made a great start after taking it up 2 1/2 years ago, winning the world women's championship for the past two years.

"A friend of mine, an American who is 78, told me that he does not intend retiring until he is 90," Armstrong said. "So that has inspired me. I don't intend stopping until I am at least 90."

Armstrong outclassed her rivals in May to take out the world title in Blois, France, a race over the imperial distance of one mile.

She clinched her first title in Austria last year.

"When I won my first Australian title in the small Tasmanian village of Evandale, the organisers of the world championships were there," she said. "They wanted competitors from outside Europe, so they persuaded me to enter."

Armstrong successfully defended her national title in Evandale last

February.

The world titles will be run in conjunction with the national titles at Evandale next February and Armstrong is aiming for a world and national hat-trick. As a part of her training, she rides a normal bike from her Kalamunda home to work and back in the city - a round trip of 60km five days a week.

"I can't ride my penny-farthing bike to work, because it is not good in the traffic," she said.

Armstrong has never raced in the traditional form of cycling but is a member of the Audax club, which regularly holds long-distance rides. In the past couple of years, she has completed two Audax 1200km rides on her penny-farthing through the South - West.

Adelaide penny-farthing bicycle maker Phillip Levi made Armstrong's machine. It weighs about 15 kg.

