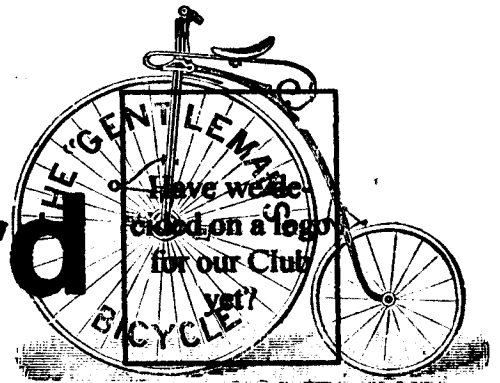


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Newsletter of the Historic Cycle Club of W.A.



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## From the Last Meeting

A record number attended the last meeting on 15 November at Wireless Hill. My copy of the minutes is a little ambiguous however there was a total of 26 people present with visitors from Fremantle and from Melville Bicycle User Groups (BUGS)

A number of coming events were discussed and plans made for participation. Alan Naber has kindly correlated these and the calendar is included in this newsletter.

A deal of correspondence was also involved to and from Bike West relating to bicycles promotions.

It was noted that we now have 22 financial members.

Reports were given on several successful events including the Canning Show and the very successful picnic event.

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
17th January at 7pm at Wireless Hill in Ardress. No advice of programme; come along and be surprised!! Bring some items of historic interest to show.

## Coming Events

23 January 4.30pm WA Cycling Criterium championship. George Burnet Park, Manning Rd, Karawarra South Perth Fiesta function. Antique bikes & penny farthings to start the race.

11 February 5-8pm and 12 February all day - City of Gosnells Show at Tom Bateman Reserve, Nicholson Rd, Canning Vale. Set up on Friday morning. Contact Alan Naber on 9332 3956 - HCC stand will be available and overnight security assured.

26 February 2000 - Penny Farthing Championships in Tasmania. Contact Nicky Armstrong.

End March 2000 - VSCC sprint - Northam. Contact Ian Fry 9383 3062.

Bike West "Bike to Work" March in Forrest Place. Display planned.

Fremantle Recumbent Riders meet Sunday mornings fortnightly 9am Ginos cafe Contact David Doust 9418 4630.

9 April 2000 - Combined Car Clubs Show - Whiteman Park - Contact Fred Belford 9364 2998 Note the change of date.

1st weekend in November Penny Farthing race at Pinjarra. Contact Tom Atkinson.

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## FROM THE LAST MEETING continued:-

It was suggested that a committee be set up after the first meeting in January.

Several items of interest were brought along. These included books and old brass bell by David Brown; a modern racing bike with unusual Goodnite Tubular seating by Ken Ward; a rusty child's velocipede dated c1875 of either French or English origin by President Merv.

Alan Naber concluded the meeting with an interesting show of slides and talk of his cycling adventure through Europe and Britain, visiting many museums en route. Alan traded in his fold up bike on the way for a more comfortable bike.

**WANTED**  
An editor for this newsletter. Contact President Merv as soon as possible.

## HISTORICAL CYCLE CLUB – END OF YEAR SOCIAL EVENT SUNDAY 14/11/99

We all met at Wireless Hill Club Rooms 10.30 AM Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 99 – for last social event of the year.

At commencement of event I did not have a historical bike to ride – but managed to purchase the Zimbardian “Phillips” from Alan Nabor.

After a short delay – mainly caused by Merv misplacing his glasses and having to feel his way around the club rooms looking for them – we had a group photo taken and headed off on our bikes toward the Swan River – and headed east on the dual use path alongside the river.

Merv didn't find his glasses and was last seen heading south on his pennyfarthing.

The rest of us carried on to the Raffles Hotel – no we didn't go inside – and then headed back to base along the same route – return trip took about an hour.

A great ride, terrain relatively flat, bit of a height hazard for pennyfarthings with overhanging trees – and centre of path bollards for 3 wheel recumbent. Sea breeze was coming in on return trip and made the going a little more difficult – especially for bikes like Graham York's delivery bike – as it turned out Merv's glasses did the entire course in the delivery basket.

Bikes, especially the pennyfarthings created a lot of interest with passers-by along the route.

Back at club rooms (Merv had found his way back by then) we viewed each others bikes, discussed various features and had more photos taken.

We had a barby lunch, with soft drinks, snaggers, salads & nibblys arranged & prepared by Merv & Dawn Thompson, Peter Smith provided the gas barbecue.

David Clark donated a pennyfarthing clock & book of raffle tickets to raise money for the club – tickets were sold for \$0.50 each – raffle raised \$25.50 for the club.

Winning ticket was #M7 – held by Graham York – not present at time of draw, booby prize – a packet of Smarties was won by Peter Smith – with ticket #M33.

From a headcount 22 people made the day – weather was fine about 23 deg. C. max.

David Doust rode his 3 wheel recumbent to the event, as did Mal & family – great to see such devoted bikies.

An assortment of bikes present on the day, 3 pennyfarthings, the Flash cycles “easyrider”, Hercules Folda, the 3 wheel recumbent, Simplex – Amsterdam, the All-steel Bicycle, 3 off Moultons, an interesting “home made” recumbent – and a selection of other bikes.

Day wound-up approx 2.30 PM.

On behalf of all present & those who couldn't make it on the day – I would like to thank all those responsible for their efforts, in making it a great day.

Don Smith  
15/11/99

