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NEWSLETTER

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WAHCC February 2015 Meeting Minutes

Opened

7:35pm Monday, 16 February, 2015

Present

Andrew Blackmore, Mal Buckland, Dave Clark, Tim Eastwood, Rob Frith, Tony Hall, Phil Harris, Alan Hind, Phil Jagger, Robert Hunt, Kym Murray, Alan Naber, Harold & Judy Perry, Merv & Dawn Thompson

Apologies

Mal & Myrene Bell, Peter Wells

Visitors

Collyn Gawned

Next Meeting

Monday 16th, March 2015

Announcements:

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting;

January's meeting minutes deferred

Treasurers Report:

Deferred due to Mal's apologies for this meeting.

Matters Arising:

Tim Eastwood announced a initial draft, concept logo and branding basis was present to the Committee at the December meeting.

Feedback was generally positive, but a number of points were raised and agreed on by those present. These points have been fed back to the designer and it is hoped the reworked logo will be ready for presentation at next months' meeting.

Discussion of a private magazine collection offered for potential sale to the club by Bunbury based member, Evan Strudwick. Approximately 1500 Cycling related magazines & periodicals dating back to the late 1970s.

Some concern about lack of WA specific nature of the magazines. Motion passed not purchase for this reason.

Andrew Blackmore proposed reviving Alan Naber's Wheel Building presentation which had been previously postponed. Tentatively suggested for July's meeting.

Correspondence In:

Two new memberships received, Phil Jagger & Nick Raven

Events

Recent Events Attended or Held:

Rockingham Ride – Brief report by RF. Weather was good with a number of keen members and a few mates riding to the event from Fremantle.

Upcoming Events:

22nd Feb Garvey Park Ride. RF to prepare route map.

15th Mar. Giro d'Perth Club display and participation in the event by a number of members anticipated. Some re-numeration anticipated from the Giro d'Perth organisers for display participation. Start point confirmed as Dorrien Gardens, West Perth.

18th Aug - Collie to Donnybrook Race and possibility of display in Collie. RF to contact E. Strudwick about this possibility.

Show and Tell:

Mal Buckland demonstrated an ingenious contraption to stretch the relatively common vintage 28" size tyre to suit an especially obscure and early 30" wheeled restoration of his.

Phil Jagger

A free standing steel cast workstand. Exact vintage and country of origin not certain.

A partially restored pre-WW2 BSA roadster frame.

Colin Gawned

A four "R" frame. All tell-tale signs suggesting a very quality frame from its era.

Merv Thompson

Very original Raleigh 'Supreme' with locking fork. As found condition, with some paperwork. Lacking exact dates however

Phil Harris

An "M & M" 'Smartie on a bike' promotional figurine.

Dave Clark – Some display stands made by the Great Southern members and donated to the Perth chapter.

Meeting Closed: 20:40

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Apologies

Phil Harris, Cameron Smith, Mavis Jones.

Visitors

Andrew Frank, Jesse-Jane Van Zyl.

Next Meeting

Monday 20th, April 2015

Announcements:

Nil

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Robert Hunt moved January's minutes be passed. Seconded by Merv Thompson

Treasurers Report:

Mal Bell presenting a brief financial summary statement. Balance at Bank statement dated 16th March \$5,536.38. Some small issues with online banking for the club account being worked through.

Matters Arising:

Nil

Correspondence Inward:

Nil

Correspondence Outward:

NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 18th May 7:30pm

Monday 15th June 7:30pm (AGM)

Committee

President: Robert Frith 93832910

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Vice President: Merv Thompson 9450 2579

Treasurer: Malcolm Bell

Secretary: Kym Murray

Librarian: Harold Perry 9364 7253

Committee Members: Alan Hind, Tim Eastwood

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Nil

Events Co-ordinator Report

Recent Events Attended or Held:

22nd Feb - Garvey Park Social Ride A good turnout with 10 riders and lovely weather. Robert was unable to ride revealing his two newly broken wings to members. Phil running the gauntlet of some dog owners along the 'No cycling' stretch of path along the Maylands foreshore.

15th March - Giro d'Perth. Robert, Tim and Dennis participating with positive reports of a good day. 13 members' bikes on display for the event. Tim collecting a prize for his French Randonneur cycle.

Upcoming Events:

29th March - Guildford Heritage Festival

26th April - Kent St. Weir Social Ride – Meet 0930 Canning River Cafe Car Park, at the end of Kent St, Cannington. Further details TBC.

(Event clashed with proposed attendance of the City of Swan 'Bike in the Valley' event. RF moved City of Swan event be missed in favour of the more casual social ride. Seconded KM)

21 Jun – Bibra Lake Social Ride.

General Business:

Tim Eastwood advised new, reworked logo is still anticipated soon from the designer.

Show and Tell:

Dennis van Gool presenting a recent Gumtree acquisition of a regal blue "Tassie" touring style frame bearing the rider's name Baker-Finch. Mixture of 1970s / early 80s parts on a possibly slightly older frame.

New member Andrew Frank introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his recent expedition to the UK and participation in a frame-building course

Meeting Closed: 20:05

UPCOMING EVENTS

Moondyne Festival Display - Toodyay

Saturday May 3rd

Cars and trailers to be out by 8am, main road closes at 8. Contact Merv Thompson for details 94502579

Arthur Grady Day - Fremantle Display

Saturday May 9th

Setup between 9 & 10, trailer parking on Freo Oval, car parking in Queensgate. Contact Rob Frith 0411555607

Vancouver St Festival - Albany Ride & Display

Saturday May 9th 11:45am

Contact Murray Gomm 0431 846412

May Meeting

Monday May 18th 7:30pm

Applecross Clubroom

June Meeting - Annual General Meeting

Monday June 15th 7:30pm

Applecross Clubroom

June Ride - Bibra Lake

Sunday June 21st 10am

Winter Grand Prix - Midland Velodrome

Sunday 28th June

This event is tentative pending discussion with Track Cycling WA - contact Phil Harris to register your interest in attending 9459 7146

V.E.W. Components

Giovanni "Jack" Bazzano was born in Morano sul Po, about 50 km east of Turin in northern Italy. He arrived in Australia with his family, including boys Charles (3 at the time) and Leo in about 1925.

By 1934 he was in partnership with W.L. Morgan in the Velox Cycle Works at 356 Parramatta Road, Petersham. The partnership was dissolved in June 1934, with Morgan retaining the premises and the name Velox Cycle Works. Jack Bazzano moved to 6 Holmwood Street, Newtown, a big Victorian house. In 1934-1935 he set up a factory in sheds adjacent to the house which he named the Velox Engineering Works. Charlie, along with Leo became tradesmen producing VEW branded alloy bicycle components, including hubs that are reputed to be some of the earliest one-piece aluminium hubs in the world.

Jack competed in the 1934 Goulburn Sydney race (as an amateur for the Newtown club) and his sons Leo and Charles were prominent amateur cyclists. Charlie rode for Marrickville and swept the field for the 1945 NSW State Championship, when he was compared to the great Dunc Gray and he went on to win the NSW sprint title seven times. He competed in the 1948 Olympics and scored a fourth place in the sprint. He was beaten in the semi-finals by Reg Harris, who won a silver medal. He also represented Australia in the 1950 Empire Games (now called the Commonwealth Games) as a sprint cyclist finishing fifth in the sprint title with fellow team-mates Russell Mockridge and Sid Patterson taking the gold and silver medals.

During the second world war, Velox was provided with a priority on aluminium that was higher than some munitions manufacturers so that they could make hubs whenever there was a shortage of them in the bicycle industry.

Velox never made hubs in anything other than aluminium, so even the most humble go-to-work austerity finished roadster bike could sport an all alloy one-piece hub that the most expensive British or European bikes could only dream of at the time.

V.E.W. made four different headstems and five grades of hubs, Roadster, Light, Continental, Special Continental and Zenith. The Roadster was a low flange model, the Zenith, Continental and Special Continental were high or wide flange models with the Light model available in three flange sizes.

V.E.W. hubs were a mid level option on Malvern Star Five Star models from around 1951 with Harden Bacon Slicers as the premium offering.

An advertisement appearing in Sydney's "Il Giornale Italiano" in December 1930 indicates V.E.W. also made handlebars and there have been rumours of seat posts as well. To date there is no evidence that either were ever produced

Velox Engineering Works moved to Blakehurst, probably about 1946. They continued production of bicycle components until at least 1957. As the post war bike boom wound down during the 50's Velox diversified into the manufacture of letterboxes and mag wheels for boat trailers. Production of both lines continues to this day; Velox Engineering Works is still in business near Sutherland, south of Sydney.

Original article by John Johnson, edited by Rob Frith

Officina Meccanica di Precisione con Fonderia Propria

Specializzati nella costruzione di parti per bicicletta in alluminio e sue leghe (mozzi Alpha-Zenith, freni, manubri adottate da tutti i migliori corridori, sia professionisti che dilettanti, in Australia.

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