



Not The Spoken Word

Bi-monthly newsletter of The Western Australian Historical Cycle Club Inc.

Richardson Reaches Katherine

The West Australian Monday September 11th 1899

On Friday evening we received the following telegram from Arthur Richardson, who is engaged in an attempt to cycle round Australia, and who left Perth early in June last :

KATHERINE, September 8. From Hall's Creek, the last telegraph station on the West Australian side, I rode across very rough, mountainous country to Flora Valley, then running the Regenda Creek down to Booty's station. Here the bad country for blacks commenced with a rough piece of country to Ord River Station. I got through all right, and, spelling there for two days, I got a look at some maps of the country, for there are no roads or tracks from Ord River to the Katherine. I also got a good supply of flour, beef, etc. I made a seven days' stage "per boot" to Wave Hill, having a very rough time, running out of tucker, and living like a black-fellow. I struck Wave Hill Station all right. Mr. Cahill, the manager, made me very welcome, and I had a good spell there.

Then, with the worst patch of country in Australia in front of me, I got a black boy to show me a short cut across the ranges to the Victoria River but he "reckoned plenty blackfellows all about," and ran away, the first night, leaving me "on my own." I had a very rough time from constant exposure and several falls caused through travelling at night, and had very little sleep, for the blacks are very bad. I had no "tucker" but what I could catch, and I was fairly tired out by the time I struck the Victoria River about seven miles below the station. Here Mr. Watson, the manager, insisted on my having a good spell, absolutely refusing to let me go on.

Luckily, while I was there he had news from Wyndham that would take him to Port Darwin at once, so I travelled in with him. We were both glad of company for the blacks are bad all through here, and no one ever goes out mustering without a 9in. "colt" in his belt. The last two hundred and forty miles to the Katherine has not had any wheel traffic on it for four years, so that I could not travel much faster with my bike than Mr. Watson with the horses. We got in here this afternoon. My bike tyres are all right, and I am going strongly.-ARTHUR RICHARDSON.

Arthur's grandson Hugh is our January speaker - see over.

1961 Ephgrave

Cameron Smith showed his stunning 1961 Ephgrave type 1 at the Nannup display earlier this year. The bike was originally purchased in 1961 from Ephgrave as a custom order by Stanley Warren of Chippenham, Wiltshire.



Stanley ran a bicycle shop in Chippenham however it is unclear if he inherited his Grandfather's shop or opened his own.

It was sold locally in 1969 and Cameron bought it from the second owner in Oct of 2016.

The bike sports its original groupset, colourset & lining.

More information and photos of this period correct classic can be found on the Members' Bikes page of the club website.

Flickr for Club Photos

It is well known that WAHCC members are multi-talented individuals. Our versatile minds stretch from the mechanical and astronomical to the anatomical and comical.

It is the mastery of the photographical which is of most use to the club though; pictures are needed to document, illustrate and promote so much of what we do.

There now exists a repository on the web for your very best images of club activities, and old and unusual bikes - really anything that might be useful in the newsletter or to promote our activities on the club website and Facebook page.

You can upload images to the Flickr page by simply emailing them to: seen89corner40find@photos.flickr.com
The subject line of your email will become the image title and any text in the email body will become the image description. Limit uploads to a maximum of 20mb per email - anything over 20mb won't be accepted.

You can see what other people have uploaded by visiting:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/wahcc/>

Club Calendar

Meeting - January 15th 7:30pm - Speaker Hugh Richardson

Ardross Clubroom.

Original copies of Arthur Richardson's book "The Story Of A Remarkable Ride" are vanishingly rare. The story told is of one of Australia's great endurance rides, the gruelling circumnavigation of the continent by Richardson in 1899. Arthur's grandson Hugh Richardson has recently republished the book and will speak about his grandfather's many adventures.

Meeting - February 19th 7:30pm

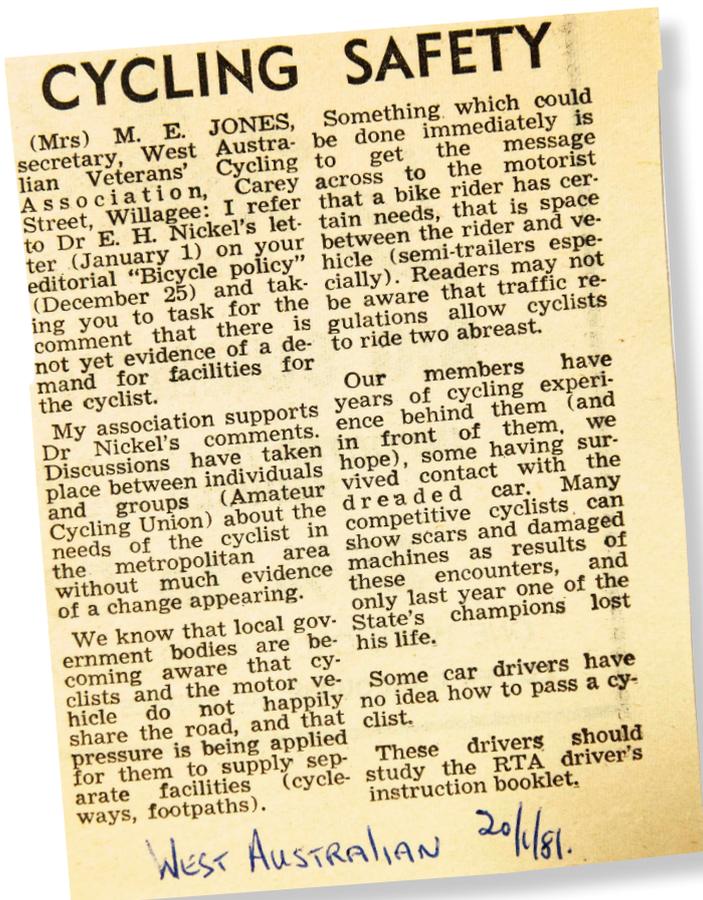
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Meeting - March 19th 7:30pm

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Meeting - April 16th 7:30pm

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In The Shed With...

Mavis Jones

What are you currently working on?

I'm bringing the garden up to date - all the tools and manure are in the shed so it gets unlocked for those. The chook food is in the shed too.

How many rideable bikes do you have?

Milton (Jones) built a bike for me about 15 years ago, it's in good condition but I don't ride it any more. Some of the other bikes in the shed are rideable. They might need a bit of air in the tyres.

What was your first bike?

It goes back to post war, 1949, when my brother took me to Subiaco and bought me a Flying Arrow off the floor. I was so happy, being able to ride to Subiaco, to tennis at Leederville, shopping at West Perth. Lots of other people rode bikes, they couldn't afford cars.

Pick a bike, any bike... in your dreams what are you riding?

I can't say I dream about riding. I might need to recommision the three wheeler if I lose my license!

If push comes to shove what is your favourite bike?

My blue bike, the one Milton built, a blue racing bike (pictured below). I had to get used to the drop bars and gear levers, which I did.

Whistle while you work? Give us a tip on the sounds that fill your workspace.

Local Melville radio station. I like old time music.



Wanted

- **BB oilers** with caps (min 2). Do not have to be working, but hopefully good undamaged appearance. Thread size/type not known so will need to experiment. Happy to try press fit type.
- **1940's-50's headset lock nut** and matching threaded top ball race. Smaller than 1", possibly 15/16" and 26TPI (maybe 28?). Likely to be 2-4 holes for pin spanner... but possibly hex.
- **1940-50's single hand brake lever** in working order. Something "classy" in alloy, maybe available in Aus during that period? Interested to see what anyone has in drop bar and non-drop-bar version.
- **Steerer and BB Pin spanners** and BB locknut spanners. Any working condition. Looking for cheap, rusty, non-display items!

Contact Frank West

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For Sale

Display clips.

The club has a number of display card clips. They'll clip onto the top tube of a bike and will accept a display card up to 5mm thick. \$4 each
Contact Rob Frith ph: 0411555607 email: robert@frith.net.au

New old stock **cotton rim tape** - 10 available \$8 each
Contact Rob Frith ph: 0411555607 email: robert@frith.net.au



Richard Patenall has recently been in contact with Clive Rodell in Manly, NSW who is in the process of selling off a vintage bicycle items collected over a period of 25 years. Some of the parts have already been offered elsewhere but we have compiled a rough list of what's currently available.

Richard is happy to coordinate requests to Clive so if you see something of interest please **contact him via email: rpatenall@gmail.com** or **phone: 0421 694 611**. If you're after something specific then please describe it as accurately as possible. Richard will accept requests until 19th Jan and then try to finalise everything. If you'd prefer to contact Clive directly Richard can supply his details.

Bike

1970s Hetchins. Professional restoration with 120km Campagnolo Super Record groupset - \$5000

Frames

1990s Olmo (53cm st c2c) - \$300

1970s Holdsworth Super Mistral (23 inch st c2c)

Misc. lugs and frame tubes incl. Hetchins

2 x Colnago, Super and master needing tube repairs, no forks \$350 for both 53cm

Tecnotrat (think Olmo, etc etc,) 53cm ok paint \$200

Pat Hanlon (Rory O'Brien etc etc Vic Edwards built) \$400 21.5inch

Forks

Colnago Precisia, new and 'fitted' only, fork sets

Misc. fork crowns

Cranks

Campag track 165mm. BCD 144 NOS \$500

Campag circa 62 Record cranks and BB (they're a different taper to later) \$350

Gipiemme excellent condition

Stronlight 49D

Crank Rings

TA, Stronglight (incl. NOS), Williams, Magistrini, Zeus, Sugino, Gnutti

NOS TA/Stronglight crank bolts NOS in packets (Various) \$25/pkt

Front Derailleurs

Campagnolo Nuovo Record, Gran Sport, Super Record, Valentino (some NOS)

Rear Derailleurs

Triplex NOS \$50

Galli (ex low klms Team Raleigh) \$75

Simplex from 1950s including shifter and cable, also lever on it's own. \$250

Rims and Hubs

Sprint rims (NOS) Mavic, AVA

Gipiemme hubs (NOS) \$200 Campagnolo Record type

Campagnolo Nuovo Tipo, Record (road and track)

Miche, Olympic, other odd hubs

Several Wheelsets including large Flange Campag hubs (Road/Track)

Brakes

MAFAC, CLB

Universal 51 calipers, excellent \$100,

Universal 61 front NOS \$75

Handlebars

Cinelli

GB

Track bars and Stem AVA (alloy) fluted Rare, never seen another stem done like it.

Misc.

Cable guides (NOS)

Pump clips

Wing nuts

Mavic stem

Skewers

Pedal cages

Cyclo Levers

Sugino crank dust caps NOS

Campagnolo bar end and down tube shifters

Lytard Marcel Berthet pedals

Brooks professional saddle (NOS)

Optimax seat post

Bottom Brackets and Headsets Misc x lots!

