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News*



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This list shows those who have volunteered to do back-up on the slower rides.

Anyone else who wishes to add their name to the list, please ring Kim on 0409 080 317 or come to a meeting. \$40-\$60 is given to the driver towards petrol expenses etc. The Club Trailer is at Chester Powell's place 0428 541034 and it must be used as it has the first aid kit, fire extinguisher, tools, petrol etc.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held at 7:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month at

Lotteries House

North Rd, Albany

(Opposite Caltex Service Station)

DEPARTURE POINT

For all rides is from the Tourist Information Bay on the corner of Chester Pass Road and Mercer Road.

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KIM'S KHIPS

Hello members, another good year for our bike club with heaps of interesting rides to good destinations. I say year, because of course you all know it's our AGM on 13th August. Time to stop thinking about joining the club committee and actually nominate for a position and you can bring new ideas to the club. Some committee members need a rest. I know I go on about this all the time, but everyone should contribute. Hopefully we can get a full committee for next year and keep this unique club going. Charles Walmsley has volunteered to organise the Hillclimb this year. See page 15 for information to date. More info will be on the Web page on the 19th August). I've been making a big effort myself to get out with my bike for the club rides. I'm noticing we are getting a lot of new members. Very good to see. Also keep sending in articles for our club news and don't forget the backup roster. Thankyou.

Welcome NEW Members

Timothy Hussey- McKail

Brian Skewes- Padbury

Roslyn Gebbetis- Padbury

I WENT LINE DANCING

LAST NIGHT.

WELL, IT WAS

A ROADSIDE

SOBRIETY TEST...

SAME THING.

CLUB RIDE REPORTING

Text Ian on 0478 610 705 or email on iann@aapt.net.au with your
NAME, BIKE REGO with DESTINATION.

PLATYPUS NEWS & The Chris Rees Foundation



It's that time of year again when we invite those who have ridden with us previously to support the Chris Rees Foundation in Vietnam.

Some of you are new to Platypus and some won't even be riding for another 4-7 or 8 months so we are jumping the gun a bit, but it is a great cause and we scrounge annually around this time. You will not be bothered by regular calls, mail-outs or that stuff. We have a separate bank account for this purpose and we administer the funds directly.

For our newcomers, you riders support a veterinary student at university in far north Vietnam, around the area we normally ride through.

It is all done in memory of Chris Rees, who rode with us 3 times but was tragically lost in Southern Africa. The Rees family approves projects before we consider them; this young man, Pha, has done amazingly well and is currently being considered for a scholarship to either Denmark or Israel – it comes down to his English language proficiency it seems, We anxiously await his news.

Sung Thin Pha has completed year 4 and has done consistently well. His latest report shows: Law B, Infectious diseases B, Cat & dog diseases B, Veterinary internal diseases A, Intern A.

His semester GPA (?) mark is 8.09 out of 10. It does not mean a great deal to me, but it looks like 80%. If you thought riding a camel through the eye of the needle (or whatever) is tough, try vet science from the wrong side of the tracks in tough territory. Our lad is excelling. He plays a significant part in student affairs and has already been offered a job after graduation. He will be a significant force for his ethnic minority clan.

Pha is Hmong, from a poor mountain family and had none of the advantages of the city kids (home computer, extra coaching, holiday work experience) and the better teachers are inclined to avoid remote areas where life can be pretty tough. I get a huge kick showing his annual report to a Kinh friend in Hanoi who once told me Platypus is wasting money educating the Hmong because they are "like animals". He didn't mean it unkindly, but it rankled!

We are passing the hat around in case you have a few spare coins looking for a really good home. Nobody is going to spike your drink if you pass on this occasion, and we do not expect you to sell your house for the cause. Mind you, should you do so we will happily bank the proceeds and send you a few blankets to keep out the winter cold. Never let it be said we are ungrateful!

Donations can be made through our website or by direct deposit to NAB BSB 086-412 Acc no 558822425 and donations are tax deductible.

Thanks very much for your support over the years and safe and healthy riding for the next year.

Regards, Bob Greer. 21 July 2023.

Great Southern Classic Car Show

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AGM

13th AUGUST 2023

SANDALWOOD FACTORY FOR LUNCH

Don't forget the AGM which is to be held at the Sandalwood Factory at 11:30am. We still need nominations for Secretary and Ride Co-ordinators. There is a lot to be discussed. So come along and be a part of the decision making for the club. (Nomination forms for all positions was included with the previous issue of the Club News)

There will be a short ride leaving the Mercer Road Info Bay at 10am and ending at the Sandalwood Factory in time for the meeting. The meeting will be followed by lunch which is being subsidised by the club. Cost to members is \$15 per head.

GNOWANGERUP RIDE 2ND APRIL *by Chris Penny*

10 riders left Mercer Rd and headed to Millbrook Rd, then on to Albany Hwy and Mount Barker for morning tea where we met Jeff. We then rode to Cranbrook then Pootenup Rd and called in to the old school. After a break it was onto Gnowangerup for lunch. After lunch 3 riders went on the Jerramungup Rd to Borden and then home, while the rest of us rode down Formby South Rd. A great day's riding and good company



Gnowangerup lunch stop.

**I ENJOY A GLASS
OF WINE EACH
NIGHT FOR ITS
HEALTH BENEFITS.
THE OTHER
GLASSES ARE FOR
MY WITTY
COMEBACKS AND
FLAWLESS DANCE
MOVES.**

Gathered in the old school shed

ANVIL BEACH

by Chris Penny

PEACEFUL BAY RIDE

A slight change to this day's ride. We went to Peaceful Bay instead of Anvil Beach. No matter whether it's rain, hail or shine AND a beer there are always two brave ones. (Or crazy ones, says Trudy)



Steve at the info bay with Chris' bike.

MT BARKER

RIDE by Chris Penny

Another cold, wet day. Just what a few of our members like. Chris, Steve and Andrew were the adventurers who braved the elements to ride to Mt Barker.

(I still think they're crazy. Trudy)



Steve and Andrew getting out the wet weather gear. Chris is just the shadow.

CHEYNES BEACH RIDE *by Chris Penny*

Sunday 11th June.

Three dedicated riders 🤪 rode to Cheynes Beach. There was Athol, Chris, Andrew, and in the sidecar was Jenny.

Can't seem to escape the rain.



I think the sun is trying to peek through the clouds.



Andrew with his sidecar at the Info Bay

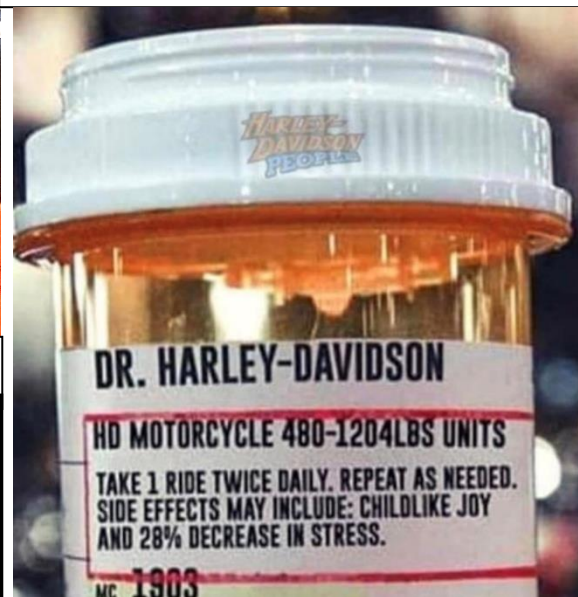


Athol, Andrew and Jenny, nice and warm in the Cheynes Beach Cafe.



Chris, Athol and Andrew at Cheynes Beach

**To ERR is HUMAN
To blame it on someone else
Shows MANAGEMENT POTENTIAL.**



BOXWOOD HILLS RIDE *by Kim*

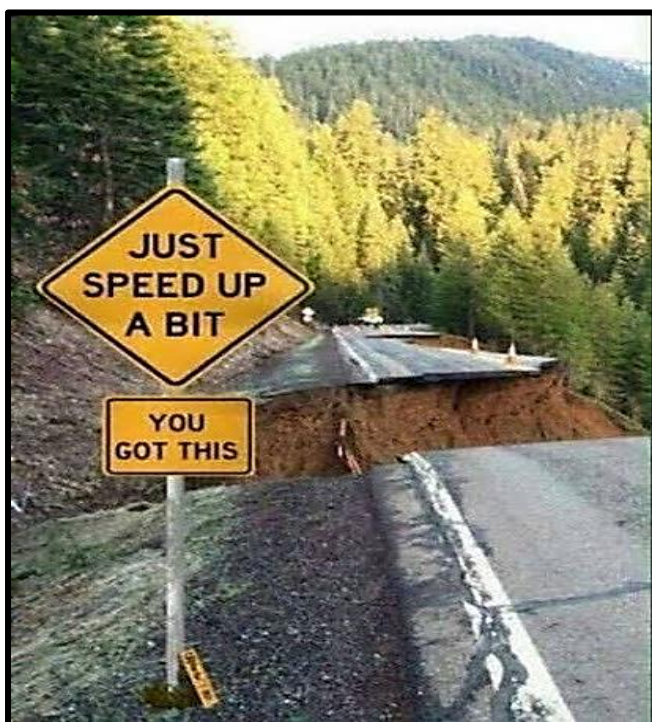


Tony, Bob, Chris, Phil, Steve, Chris, Ron & Kim at the info bay.

A beautiful Sunday morning for a ride. I met up with 8 other club members for the ride to Boxwood for lunch. We headed off at 9:50 am, first stop Amelup. It should be open. Unfortunately it wasn't. This is why you should always have enough fuel and food and drinks when going on these rides. After a short stop we took the Borden-Bremer Bay Rd to Boxwood Hill. Steve asked if we thought the shop at Boxwood would be open. Yes, we said. A great ride to Boxwood, sorry Steve it's shut as well.



Steve, Kim, Phil, Chris Ron & Steve enjoying some refreshments.



Ok, plan B off to Wellstead for lunch. A few of us had our lunch with us and the other's purchased food from the shop and some even got more fuel. After an hour or so we decided to head back to Albany with a short stop at the King River Tavern for a refreshing drink.

LIGHTS BEACH RIDE

by Kim



Riders gathering for Kim's chat about the day's ride.



Kim Looking out over Lights Beach

Once again, a fabulous day in paradise. Around 15 club members turned out for the ride to Lights Beach and then lunch at Mt Shadford lookout, Denmark. Garry and Carol doing backup. After a chat and trying to agree which way to head out of Albany for our first stop at Youngs Siding. It was decided that we go Chester Pass Rd, Hanrahan Rd and take the lower Denmark Rd to Youngs for a coffee. Then onto Lights Beach only for look at the ocean. Some members stopping in Denmark to grab something for lunch.

Finally, we all got to the beach to regroup. I had to remind some people that it wasn't our lunch stop. The beach looked great with a few people swimming, fishing or just taking in the sights. Time now to ride up to Mt Shadford



Some of the riders at Lights Beach

for lunch. We took the new sealed road out to South Coast Highway and then back to Cussins Rd, then up to the lookout. A really good spot overlooking the inlet. Thankyou everyone for good day and thanks to Garry and Carol.

ZIG ZAG RIDE 28 MAY

by Kim

I woke up Sunday morning and couldn't make up my mind whether to go on the ride or do something else. Luckily, Warwick rang, and he was going, so that made my mind up that I would go as well. I got to the Mercer Rd meeting point and after a while we had 10 bikes and of course Warwick in his car. A good turnout. A little chilly, but it got better.

At about 9 30 we all headed off on Chester Pass Rd and then turned left into Settlement Rd. Some turned into Jackson Rd, which had about 4km of gravel. The rest of us continued on Settlement Rd to Albany Hwy. Mike told me later that he went down Yellanup Rd. But we all went along Spencer Rd to Mt Barker and obviously to the bakery for morning tea. These blokes love a cake or two. Once again, no girls on this ride mmm.



All set to do the Zig Zag Ride. Keen riders at Mercer Rd



Lunch in the Rotunda



The lunch stop at Kendenup

Warwick, Steve Miller and Ian Dury left Barker to return to Albany. Andrew Haydock continued until Woodlands Rd and then went home. His sidecar is going well. While we were having lunch, a couple traveling around Australia joined us. They had bacon and eggs cooking on the bbq. They have been on the road for 2 years and are looking at being on the road for another year, with a few months in Tasmania. (that's what life is all about). Eventually lunch and chit chat was finished we all headed back home.

WEDNESDAY RIDE TO CHEYNES BEACH

by Steve Collins



Steve's new 1987 Harris Matchless 500

The weather was really nice, so I was looking forward to a good turnout for ride to Cheynes. There was only seven of us which wasn't the best turnout. Perhaps it was the whales that had beached themselves that put people off.

I went on my new bike, a 1987 Harris Matchless 500, single Rotax engine, which I bought from Bunbury about a month ago. This was its first ride after putting it back together. I am having trouble kick starting it but it runs fine after you bump start it. So I took a toe-rope just in case. The ride to Cheynes was good at a steady

100/110 km per hour. Just a few drops of rain.

When we got to Cheynes, I was really surprised at the amount of people trying to help send the pod of whales out to sea. I would say at least 100. We parked the bikes and went for a look. It's really sad as about 60 had already died and they we're trying to get the remaining ones back out to sea. They were loading the dead ones with a front end loader to be taken to the tip in Albany. I'm afraid they all ended up dying (strange thing nature).

We all ended at the caravan park for coffee in the sunshine. The usual stories were told and made up until it was time for home. That was when I tried to start the bike it coughed and spluttered but would not go. Luckily, Barry gave me a tow with



Ron & Steve looking over the sad sight of whales at Cheynes Beach.



his bike, and it burst in to life. It was fine all the way home, but I have to find the problem why it won't kick start. If I don't then I'll just take the toe-rope.

WA Veteran Vehicle Muster 3-5 NOV 23

ANNOUNCING: The Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc and the Veteran and Classic Car Club of WA are jointly hosting the inaugural WA Veteran Vehicle Muster over the weekend of 3,4,5 November 2023 based in Donnybrook, WA. This event is for road-going Motorcycles, Cars and Other vehicles manufactured before 1919.

AIM: This event aims to bring together road-going veteran vehicle enthusiasts with various numbers of wheels for a weekend of social and riding/driving pleasure.

ROUTE FORMAT: The riding/driving involves three short loops out and back to Donnybrook for those capable of the miles and some optional even shorter cruises (within 15km radius) for the more elderly or infirm vehicles. Loops will include a rest stop at a local town or suitable venue where you can buy a coffee or self-cater. All corners will be marshalled and we have a cunning plan to keep the slow and fast vehicles separated.

Saturday morning's 70-75km loop is out for a morning tea stop and back to Donnybrook's main street for buy-your-own lunch.

Saturday afternoon's 70-75km loop will return to Donnybrook's town centre for an Historic Vehicle display before the evening's get together. Period dress is encouraged.

Sunday morning's single loop of 100km will include a buy-your-own brunch stop in a local town with return to Donnybrook for a late lunch and finish.

SOCIAL FORMAT: Saturday evening is the main get-together from 6PM for a group outdoor dinner, refreshments, story-telling and awards at Egan Park. (Sunset 6:46 PM). Just prior to this we have organised front row parking for Veterans in the town centre Historic Vehicle display from 4-6PM. Here we join in (period dress encouraged) and be amazed at the huge range of Veteran, Vintage and Classic vehicles on display. All Historic Vehicles welcome. For those planning to get to Donnybrook on Friday before the rally start, we have booked a few tables at the Donnybrook Hotel for the evening meal where we can make ourselves known to each other.

ACCOMMODATION: We have block booked the Donnybrook Transit Park at Egan Park for the weekend and will be using this as the rally base. There are powered and unpowered sites, only available by calling Apryl Longford at Donnybrook Shire 08 9780 4200 and quoting the WA Veteran Vehicle Muster. If you attempt to book online – it will say there are no sites available (because we have reserved them all). If and when the Transit Park is full, contact Vic 0429 450 045 to book a site in the adjacent overflow area.

Donnybrook Motel (600m East) 08 9731 1499 info@donnybrookmotel.com.au

Donnybrook Hotel (600m South East) 08 9731 1017 admin@donnybrookhotelwa.com.au

If you are searching for other accom on Stayz or AirB&B etc, you could include Argyle (7km), Boyanup (15km) or Kirup (18km) in your search area.

REGISTRATION: Please email your expression of interest to: andrew@vintagesteel.com.au

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - WA VETERAN VEHICLE MUSTER 2023

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How many in your crew including you: Which accommodations are you likely to use?

Club Name:

Your most likely Vehicle Details

How many wheels? 2 / 3 / 4 / 6 / ?

Make Year/Model etc

Ideal open road cruising speed mph / kmh

Your second most likely Vehicle Details

How many wheels? 2 / 3 / 4 / 6 / ?

Make Year/Model etc

Ideal open road cruising speed mph / kmh

A motorist was driving along a country road when suddenly a three-legged chicken overtook him. He shook his head and thought it had turned into the driveway of a farm. He must have imagined it, but a little further along the road he saw it again: a three-legged chicken going 100km per hour.

Hardly believing his eyes, he followed the chicken until it turned into the driveway of a farm. The farmer came out of the barn to see what was going on.

"You won't believe this mate," said the motorist, "but I just followed a three-legged chicken up the road doing about 100km per hour and he ran into your farm.

"Yeah I know," said the farmer. "I breed them."

"Really! You breed three-legged chicken!" exclaimed the motorist. "What do they taste like?"

"Blowed if I know," said the farmer. "I haven't been able to catch one yet."

DONNYBROOK HISTORIC VEHICLE DISPLAY AND SUNDOWNER

4 NOVEMBER 2023



Where: Donnybrook Town Centre
When: 4-6PM Saturday 4 November 23
Who: All Historic roadgoing Vehicles (Cars, Bikes, Buses etc)
Why: This display (open to all clubs) and coincides with the end of day 1 of the annual WA Veteran Vehicle Muster, a two day rally based in Donnybrook for pre-1919 roadgoing vehicles of all descriptions. It is a chance for everyone to see the oldest of our vehicles in use and be part of an historic display.

What Now: Keep us informed by email if you intend to join in

andrew@vintagesteel.com.au

or if you want more info, please call Vic on 0429 450 045

BOB'S TRIP TO EVERYWHERE *by Bob*

and condensed by Raelene and Trudy

Bob has been very busy since the last magazine. His regular reports on facebook are very entertaining. With Bob's permission Raelene & I (mainly Raelene) have tried to condense Bob's reports. (They are often quite long). We hope you enjoy the journey with Bob. We're picking up on Bob's travels to the IOM TT and surrounds when he arrives in Heathrow:

Customs was a breeze as well as all the manual body scanning. There waiting for me was the Harrison's from Albany. They are on holidays in London visiting family. Great for me as they helped with my luggage and wheelchair.

Spent the night in the container port of Felixstowe where I could pick the bike up the next day, and I had a fabulous accessible room at the Premier Inn.

Next morning we went to the container port to pick up the bike. And after a bit of confusion, we found it. Dave Milligan of Get Routed shipped it for us.

After running the bike for a while the main bike battery wouldn't hold a charge!!

So after discussing it with my newfound friends and helpers we decided it would be better, to put it on charge overnight and go to the nearest Harley place which is Newmarket tomorrow and get a new battery fitted. Without it there was always a chance the battery would wind up too low, and I could be stuck.



Bob advising Aaron to try the other wire, all deep within the heart of the ship container terminal warehouse Felixstowe, England

So back to the same hotel for another night, a few beers and a sleep.

I must say Chris Harrison had been a great help, as has Christine Harrison.

The weather's fining up and I'm itching to get on the bike. Looking forward to tomorrow.

AFTER spending another unplanned night in Felixstowe my mate Chris drove to the hotel to pick me up and take me back to the warehouse on the wharf. Bike's all ready to go the 40 miles to Newmarket to pick up a new battery. After saying goodbye to Chris and Chris and the guys working there I followed my GPS to the town of Newmarket. The weather was cold, and I was freezing, under my old leather jacket I only had a t-shirt and thin hoodie. The Harley shop in Newmarket was the biggest in the UK. People there



That feels better- A nice new warm shirt

were fabulous, nothing was too much trouble. Time was getting on and another 80 miles to go, so I followed the GPS to Brackley where I had booked a hotel for me and my mate Ralph.

It was a difficult place to find, but got there, disabled parking at the front door. Ralph was in his car!!!! and lost in the English countryside while I was having a cold beer.

People there were great, as always, and we had a good night.

Next day 120 mile ride to Wales.

We were stuck in a bloody awful traffic jam on a motorway for two hours, I'd forgotten what it was like.

We stopped for a coffee half way and as I was about to hop on the bike when a lady in a wheelchair with MS came over, she was so

pleased to see me and hear what I was doing, it was really nice, made her day and made me feel good too

Going over the Severn Bridge the fuel light came on. Fabulous being able to push a button and 16 litres from my auxiliary tank pumps in the bike tank.

Then the sign, "Welcome to Wales".

Got to Ralph's and Mo's house.

So I'm staying till Wednesday in Cardiff, then riding to the Isle of Man, for the TT races.

This has turned out better as I didn't realise I would be so busy in Cardiff catching up with family and friends and organising stuff which was better to do in the UK.

It's been great seeing my sister, Joan, again as well as everyone else.

I've been asked if I would do a talk about my life, living with a disability etc at Cardiff University and a Cardiff High School. I'm hoping this will happen as I love speaking and informing people of what it's like living with a disability and how things can be improved.

It's hilarious watching the reaction of people to the Harley outfit, I've had plenty of photos and videos taken already, I'm loving it, especially when they realise I'm in a wheelchair, and hopefully opening their eyes



Now where was that battery?



Bob with his sister, Joan

to see how life can still be lived, no matter what.

The weather has been great, although a bit cold for me, I got my beanie on, they're in shorts and t-shirts ha ha. So I got 5 more days of socialising in Cardiff before leaving for the TT.

I'm so lucky to be doing this trip. I'll do another instalment in a week.

IT'S BEEN a great stay in Cardiff, Ralph and Mo have been so hospitable. I've known Ralph since I was 14 and Alan and Hilary came over too, they were also part of the gang when we were young.

But in particular it's been so nice seeing my sister, Joan, and the rest of my Welsh family, it's been great with plenty of food, drink and laughter.

The weather has been fabulous, sunshine every day and it's so nice to be out on the bike, but I can't believe the state of the roads, especially suburban, they are so bad, deep potholes and rough. And the pavements are no better, I was told the main reason for people visiting the outpatients are broken ankles - no wonder!!!!

We went for a ride on Sunday to the Pit Stop Cafe, next to an old race track, there were some of Ralph's mates there and a wide variety of bikes, good fun.

And my bike is causing a lot of attention as usual.

Ralph followed me to the Harley shop for a tyre and servicing etc, so I could be ready for the ride to the Isle of Man and the TT. Harley Davidson UK had informed the shop that anything I need, servicing, tyres, repairs they will do for free.

I'm very excited about going to the bike racing, although I'm really looking forward to meeting some of the people who have been in contact with me including others on sidecar outfits and riders like Christophe, a disabled French rider who has no left arm, riding a modified Suzuki sports bike from Southern France, he's going for a ride around Ireland first.

There is an organisation called "Handicaps Motards Solidarite" in France which is a nonprofit organisation, modifying bikes for disabled riders and also helping get their modified bike licence.

One thing that's changed in the UK is men wearing shorts, and I've never seen so many tattoos, maybe that's why the shorts.

I forgot, in the UK, when someone stands still, a queue is formed behind them!!!

And I can't figure out when you're from a different speaking country, you've learnt English and you've arrived in Birmingham for example, how the hell do you know what they're saying, the accents are so strong.

I took the motorway to Liverpool, cruising along at 100km/h, nice and relaxing. Drivers are very considerate, joining the motorway from a slip road and they move into the next lane over to give you room.

Found the hotel I was staying, "The Titanic" easy, its right on the wharf, close to where I board the ferry the next day.

Disabled bay next to the main door. The accessible room had a well laid out bathroom and I immediately ran over the shower curtain bringing it down to the floor, ah well.

It's a very upmarket hotel, but I was getting treated like a celebrity, maybe cause I was the only one there in a hoodie, beanie and motorcycle boots.

The doorman said we'll make sure your bike is safe and put a fence around it for the night.

I was getting stuck into a cooked breakfast in the morning and thought maybe this isn't a good idea as I might be seeing it again on the ferry. Again, plenty of help in the morning even to the extent of holding up traffic at the entrance to the hotel so I could get out safely.

Cont'd back page.



Outside the Titanic Hotel in his fenced off parking bay.

Sex after surgery

A recent article in the Daily Post reported that a man, Dave Harper, has sued St Paul's Hospital, saying that after his wife had surgery there, she lost all interest in sex.

A hospital spokesman replied:

"Mrs Harper was admitted for cataract surgery. All we did was correct her eyesight."

SECRETARIES REPORT *by John Davidson*

MINUTES OF MEETING 21ST JUNE 2023

The Monthly Meeting of the Albany Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club was held at Lotteries House on 21st June 2023 at 7:37pm.

President Kim Thompson welcomed 13 members with 4 apologies.

The minutes of the 17th of May meeting were read out and accepted by Warwick James and seconded by Robert Boyes.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT:

187 renewals so far. 1 new member, Tim Hussey, proposed by Kim Thompson was accepted

TREASURES REPORT:

\$9,423.26 in the General account. \$9,166.50 in Hill Climb account.

Accepted: Andrew Haydock

Seconded: Steve Collins.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Indian Harley Club Bunbury – requesting information about 2-day Rally in November. Members at the meeting confirmed, affiliated club members are invited to register, only pre 1980 motorcycles, full details to follow in the next newsletter.
- ACCI Directory Albany – A offer for the club to be included in the 2024 ACCI Directory, at a cost to the Club of \$144.00. Members at the meeting decided not to take up the offer.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

Accepted: Leanne Dowsett.

Seconded: Ron Stevens.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Kim Thompson informed members at the meeting that Charles Walmsley has now offered to be the Co-Ordinator for the Hill Climb November 2023, making it possible for the event to go ahead. Kim said we will need to have further discussion with Albany Council, and all involved to see if it is now possible to run the Hill Climb this November 2023.
- Steve Collins with news from Ronnie Jellesma - he is looking into Halls at Narrikup and Napier being used as rest stops on rides proposed on the 2-day rally on the Hill Climb weekend Sat-Sun 18-19 November, short/long rides with tea & cake on offer at the two Hall locations.
- Steve Collins with news from Chris Penny – he is looking at arranging a week away following the art trail, silo art, for this October/November 2023.

CLOSED: 8:25PM

MINUTES OF MEETING 19TH JULY 2023 The Monthly Meeting of the Albany Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club was held at Lotteries House on 19th July 2023 at 7:30pm.

President Kim Thompson welcomed 13 members with 3 apologies.

The minutes of the 21st of June meeting were read out and accepted by Trudy Powell and seconded by Colin Dowsett.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT:

193 renewals so far. 2 new members proposed by Thomas Hardie was accepted – Roslyn Gebbetis, and Bryan Skewes.

TREASURES REPORT:

\$9,593.26 in the General account. \$9,166.50 in Hill Climb account.

Accepted: Warwick Jones.

Seconded: Andrew Haydock.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Council Of Motoring Clubs of W.A. – Wild Apricot club guide training session to be conducted later in 2023 for clubs, with the date to be advised in due course.
- Council Of Motoring Clubs of W.A. – CMC's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 21st August 2023. Our Club Secretary to complete and return attached Club Update form prior to the CMC's AGM to enable the membership register to remain current.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Indian Harley Club Bunbury – Response to questions raised regarding the 2-day Rally in November 2023 from the Indian Harley Club Bunbury email.

Accepted: Garry Taylor. **Seconded:** Antoinet Glazema.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Kim Thompson informed members at the meeting that Albany Council have indicated the Hill Climb can go ahead, Charles Walmsley will be submitting the paperwork to Council this week, so it looks like the Hill Climb will go ahead in November 2023. The street bike display will be held on the Saturday on Stirling Terrace, and the Hill Climb will be held on Sunday at Middleton Beach, with the event running up Marine Drive as in 2021. Hill Climb event badges will be ordered, the number of badges to be made is yet to be decided.

It was agreed by the members at the meeting, the 2-day Rally being arranged to replace the Hill Climb weekend will now be cancelled due to the Hill Climb now going ahead.

- Trudy Powell informed the meeting that PBF want to give a talk to our club and any other clubs interested.

Closed: 8:10pm

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

AGM SHORT RIDE

Departs Mercer Rd 10am for a short ride to the Sandalwood Factory for the AGM and lunch.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

AGM of the AVCMC

To be held at the Sandalwood Factory Meeting starts at 11:30am SHARP Followed by lunch which is subsidized by the club. Cost is \$15 per head for members.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

COSY CORNER BREAKFAST RIDE

Leave the Mercer Rd info bay at 8 am or make your own way. An ideal opportunity to ride your old bike to an idyllic spot for breakfast. Chester Pass Rd, Hanrahan Rd, Lower Denmark Rd to the Cosy Corner BBQ area for your BYO breakfast and catch up.

BACKUP AVAILABLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

PEMBERTON RIDE.

We haven't done this ride for quite a few years. It's a long one but a good one. You could ride all the way or just do a section of it. Just let people know if you are heading back earlier.

Leave the info bay at 9.30am. Ride through Denmark to Walpole for a morning tea break. Continue on to Northcliffe, then up to Pemberton for lunch. Return riding from Pemberton to Quinninup and then the Muir Hwy, Mt Barker and home. **NO BACK UP.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

CLUB RIDE TO THE GREAT SOUTHERN CLASSIC CAR SHOW- DENMARK

Let's make this the club ride. Make your own way and meet up with other members.

Venue: Strickland Street, Denmark WA

- Entrance Fee: Gold Coin Donation
 - Entrant's Fee: \$20 Classic Cars/\$10 Motorbikes
- FB Page - <https://www.facebook.com/GSCClassicCar>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

PEACEFUL BAY RIDE.

Leave the Mercer Rd info bay at 10 am and ride to Denmark for a morning cuppa. Then head up Scotsdale Rd, turn left at the Alpaca Farm down McLeod Rd and then right towards Bow Bridge. Turn right onto the Valley of the Giants Rd. Continue on the whole way till you arrive back at the South Coast hwy. Turn left and then right and head down to the pergola at Peaceful Bay.

NO BACK UP.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21-22

PUB RIDE TO MANJIMUP

Depart 10am from Mercer Rd and make our way to Manjimup. Meet at the Manjimup Gateway Inn Saturday night for tea. Organise your own accommodation.

Speak to Garry for more details. 0413 067 346

POSSIBLE BACKUP- More info next magazine.

SATURDAY-TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21-24

3 DAY RIDE TO MANJIMUP

Starting with the Pub Ride, we will stay in Manjimup for 3 nights and do several rides around the area with Manjimup our base. We will head home on the 24th. Speak to Garry for more details. 0413 067 346

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

MT BARKER HILL-LUNCH RIDE.

Leave info bay at 10 am riding up Millbrook Rd before heading up the Albany Hwy and turn left to Narrikup for a cuppa break. Shortly afterwards we continue down Spencer Rd to the Denbarker Rd, turn right, then right again along the Muir Hwy to Mt Barker. BYO lunch on Mt Barker Hill or grab something from the bakery before you ride up the hill. Then along the Porongorup Rd and home.

NO BACK UP.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3-5

WA VETERAN VEHICLE MUSTER & SUNDOWNER

See notice Page 10

THE ALBANY VINTAGE & CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB HILL CLIMB 2023

The AVCMC Hill Climb is being planned for the weekend of the **18th and 19th of November 2023.**

The event will be for Pre 1980 bikes only. Entry numbers will be limited.

Charles Walmsley is the co-ordinator and is busy finalising all the details. Unfortunately, we cannot advertise these details at this time. Entry forms and full details will be available on the club webpage from the 26th of August. If you do not have access to the web, please contact Charles closer to the date and we can arrange for the information to be sent to you. The AVCMC Web Page is

<http://avcmc.asn.au>

Contact Charles on 0439 097 515 or email albany.hillclimb@gmail.com

FIVE MONTH CALENDAR 2023

AUG	SUN 6 DISPLAY BIKES FORESHORE <i>Meet at 9:30 am Haz Beans. Possible ride after</i>	SUN 13 AGM SHORT RIDE <i>Meet Mercer Rd. 10am Depart</i>	SUN 13 AGM AT SANDALWOOD FACTORY <i>Meeting starts 11:30am SHARP</i>	WED 16 MEETING & SOCIAL SIP <i>Lotteries House 7:30pm</i>	SUN 27 COSY CORNER BREAKFAST <i>Departs 10am BACKUP AVAILABLE</i>
SEP	SUN 3 DISPLAY BIKES FORESHORE <i>Meet at 9:30 am Haz Beans. Possible ride after</i>	SUN 10 PEMBERTON RIDE <i>Leave Info Bay at 9:30am NO BACKUP</i>	WED 20 MEETING & SOCIAL SIP <i>Lotteries House 7:30pm</i>	SUN 24 GREAT SOUTHERN CLASSIC CAR SHOW <i>Make your own way there</i>	
OCT	SUN 1 DISPLAY BIKES FORESHORE <i>Meet at 9:30 am Haz Beans. Possible ride after</i>	SUN 15 PEACEFUL BAY RIDE <i>Depart Mercer Rd Info Bay 10am</i>	WED 18 MEETING & SOCIAL SIP <i>Lotteries House 7:30pm</i>	SAT-SUN 21-22 PUB RIDE TO MANJIMUP <i>Details to follow</i>	SAT-TUES 21-23 3 DAY TRIP AWAY MANJIMUP <i>Details to Follow</i>
NOV	FRI-SUN 3-5 WA VETERAN MUSTER DONNYBROOK <i>See Flyer Page 10</i>	SUN 4 WA VETERAN DONNYBROOK SUNDOWNER <i>See Flyer Page 11</i>	SUN 5 DISPLAY BIKES FORESHORE <i>Meet at 9:30 am Haz Beans. Possible ride after</i>	SAT-SUN 18-19 HILL CLIMB WEEKEND <i>See details Future Events or check website from 26/8/23/</i>	WED 15 MEETING & SOCIAL SIP <i>Lotteries House 7:30pm</i>
DEC	DISPLAY BIKES FORESHORE <i>Meet at 9:30 am Haz Beans. Possible ride after</i>	Date to be confirmed CHRISTMAS TOY RUN - Departs 10am		WED 20 MEETING & SOCIAL SIP <i>Lotteries House 7:30pm</i>	TUES 26 BOXING DAY RIDE TO DENMARK

EVERY SUNDAY **when there is not an organised ride** there will be a mystery ride starting at 1pm at the info bay.

EVERY WEDNESDAY meet at the info bay Mercer/Chester Pass Rd at 1 pm for the MIDWEEK MYSTERY RIDE.

1st Wednesday - Kendenup, 2nd -Denmark, 3rd- Mt Barker, 4th -Cheynes Beach. There is no Back-up vehicle for either the Midweek Ride or the mystery Ride on Sundays

PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR OWN TEA/COFFEE OR REFRESHMENTS WHEN GOING ON THE MYSTERY RIDES. This will allow a wider choice in stops.

PERTH RIDES: Ring Clive 0417 134 063 or Bruce 0408 918 502 (Tuesday's 10am "Perralla's Café "1 Beenong Rd Darlington. (Classic Motorcycle Riders Club) Thursday's 10am "Bean 2 Café "1 Pickering Brook Rd Pickering Brook. (Vintage Motorcycle Club)

NOTE: When we have an organised club ride the 1pm mystery rides do not run. That means that if you choose to do an afternoon ride on those days, concessional bikes are not covered for their licence or club insurance unless you advise Ian Grant our club recorder. (See below)

CONCESSIONAL BIKE LICENSE HOLDERS MUST contact Ian Grant by email iann@aapt.net.au (preferred) or text on 0478 610 705 when you use your bike for **IMPROMPTU RIDES**.

Supply the following details: **YOUR NAME, BIKE REGO & DESTINATION. An Impromptu ride is: any ride other than that approved by the club**

ALBANY VINTAGE & CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SURNAME

FIRST NAMES Date of Birth

ADDRESS

..... POST CODE

TELEPHONE PRIVATE WORK

EMAIL OCCUPATION

DECLARATION & INDEMNITY: I hereby agree to abide by the regulations and constitution of the Albany Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club Incorporated. In consideration of the acceptance of this application, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Albany Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club Inc., the promoters and organisers and all other club members, their respective officials, servants, agents and representatives against all acts on claims, costs, expenses and all demands in respect of death, injury, loss of or damage to the person or property of myself or passengers however caused arising out of or in connection with this application, except insofar as same are covered by an insurance policy with the Motor Vehicle Insurance Trust or some other insurance company. I understand that all monies paid will be refunded should my application be declined.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE DATE

PROPOSED BY *Note: Proposer must be a financial member*

My current motorcycles are

NOTE: Motorcycles eligible for concessional license must be at least 25 years old.

FEES: **Application fee \$30.00**

PLUS: Annual Subscriptions: \$30.00 (Due April 1 each year) or Family : \$35.00

If joining after the 31st December, Fees will be due on April 1st the following year (ie up to 15 months)

PLEASE FORWARD TO

Membership Secretary, Albany Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club (Inc), P.O. Box 429, Albany 6331

Send a *CHEQUE, CASH OR DIRECT DEPOSIT*

Direct Deposit: Albany Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club Account

BANKWEST BSB 306-001 Account 0357190 Narration: **YOUR NAME**

If using Direct Deposit method you must send the application form and indicate how you've paid.

<p style="text-align: center;">ATTENTION ABOUT NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>Dear members, if you nominate a friend to become a member of our club can you please let them know that to join the AVCMC they also have to pay an (one off) application fee of \$30.</p>
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Bob's story continued.

Heaps of bikes in the two-hour traffic jam to get on the ferry.

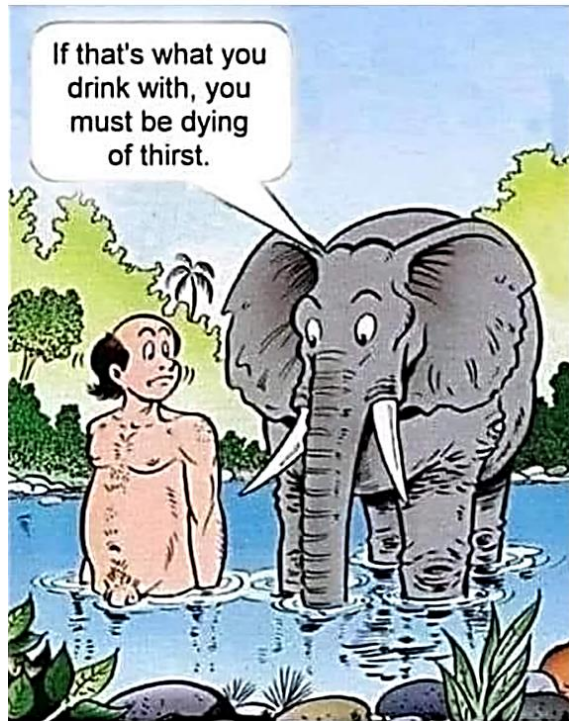
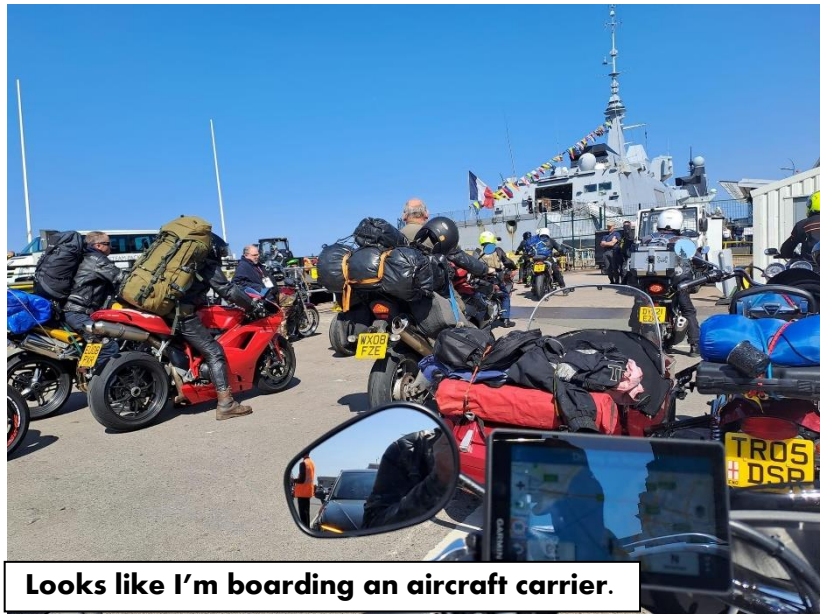
There's a special area for disabled people who need access to their vehicle. I was first on, going up and up and up till I was level with the top deck.

The crew made sure there was plenty of room for my ramp to go down and me to get off, on a shit of an angle though.

The weather is again brilliant, sunny, 20C and the Irish Sea is like a milk pond.

As the ferry was leaving the docks a World War II bomber plane (Lancaster) and two Spitfire fighter planes flew over, its the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Getting off the ship in Douglas on the IOM is going to be interesting, but I'll leave that till the next episode.



Next edition, disembark and the IOM TT Races.

Three middle aged men, Fred, George and Peter, were sitting in a bar talking about life in general. Eventually the talk turned to sex. Fred asked the others "How often do you have sex?" George replied "Well we have it at least once a week. What about you Fred?" Fred replied "I'm lucky if we have it once a month. What about you Pete?" Smiling, Peter replies "We do it once a year." Fred and George looked at each other and Fred asked, "If you only do it once a year, why are you so happy?" Peter replied, "It's TOMORROW!"



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