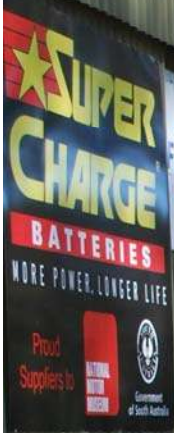




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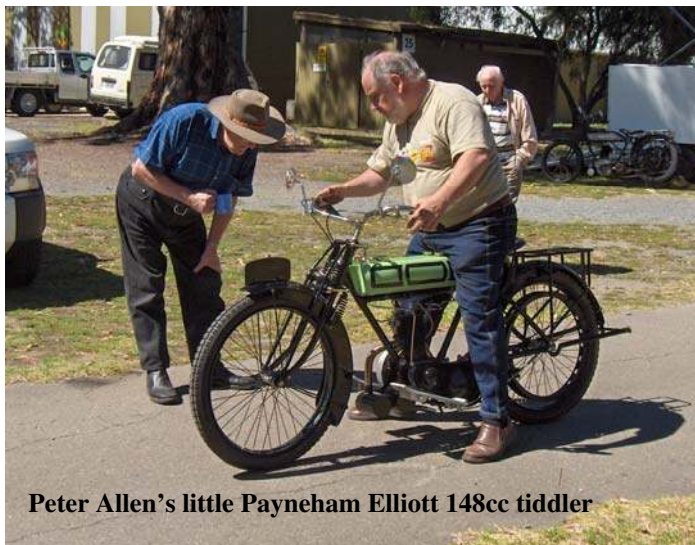
Members.

On page 11 of this magazine is the story from Steven McGolugh and the re-uniting with his grandfather Murray Nixon and his lost sold AJS outfit. Steven through a determination to 'find' the AJS trolled the internet, telephone and personal visit to people, finally discovering it was in the possession of Maitland Auth Preservation Society and through strong determination was able to purchase the AJS and reunite it with his grandfather before his passing.

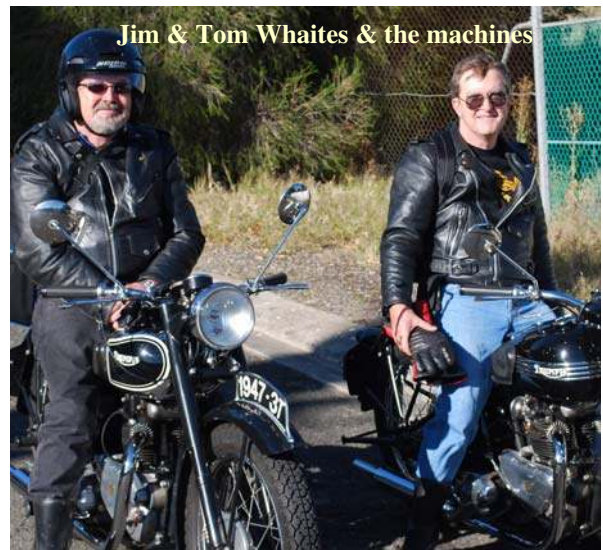
The VVMCCSA annual 'Motorcycle only Swap Meet' has been booked for Sunday 7th October at Balhannah Oval. Please be prepared to volunteer an hour of your time for public and sellers gate entrance from 0630hours (job description profile will be available) - contact Peter Yates or Bill Lorimer.

Brian Forth.

President, Club Run Coordinator & Editor



Peter Allen's little Payneham Elliott 148cc tiddler



Jim & Tom Whaites & the machines

What is the difference between a **MOPED** and a **MOTORCYCLE**

To be legal, the vehicle has to be registered. This cannot occur if the vehicle is not fitted with a compliance plate – so that rules out imported mini bikes and monkey bikes.

When looking at the compliance plate, it will identify the vehicle's Category. Cars will have the words "Category: MA" usually in the top right hand corner (MA = Passenger Car). Mopeds and motorcycles are an LA category vehicle (Moped - 2 Wheels) or an LC vehicle (Motor Cycle).

The definition of Moped - from the Regulations is:

moped means a 2 or 3 wheeled motor vehicle (other than a power assisted pedal cycle) that—

- (a) is propelled by—
 - (i) an internal combustion engine with a capacity not exceeding 50 millilitres; or
 - (ii) a motor other than an internal combustion engine; and
- (b) is capable of a speed not exceeding 50 kilometres per hour;

A moped can legally be ridden using a car licence, under R45(2) of the *Motor Vehicle Regulations 2010*. The moped rider must wear a motorcycle helmet, not a bicycle helmet.

Some mopeds have the speed restrictor removed, rendering them capable of 60 or 70 km/h. Dealers are often asked to do this at the first service. Increasing the maximum speed turns the vehicle into a LC category vehicle (i.e. a motorcycle) requiring a motorcycle licence.

Minutes of VVMCCSA General Meeting 665 held at Payneham RSL 13th March 2012

Brian Forth chaired the meeting which opened at 8-00pm

Visitors-- Peter Tustin (UK)—

Membership. The following application from Les Jolly, Jarrod Green, Peter Stagg and John Heinrich read out to members.

Treasurers Report. Presented by Terry Rowe, There was no business arising.
Acceptance moved -Philip Holmes. Seconded--Alan Thompson.

Correspondence In-- In addition to that published in the Smoke Signal March Committee minutes.
1-Account from Kersbrook Soldiers Memorial Park Community & Sports Club for BBQ lunch.
2-statement of Westpac Bank cheque account..

Correspondence Out. Letter and application details of next years Moseley Sq display by Stephen Hooper.

Emails In and Out

- 1- Numerous emails in and out to software developers re. our efforts to update our website.
- 2- From Holdfast Bay Council requesting Event submissions, replied by Stephen Hooper.

Publications Received. In addition to those listed in March Smoke Signal.

- 1-The Vintage Motorcycle from the UK; 2 Restore and Ride from Coffs Harbour Motorcycle Restorers Club.
 - 3-Classic Vibrations from Indian Harley Club WA; 4-Vintage Chatter from VMCCWA; 5-The Throttle Lever from Newcastle VMCC; 6-The Bulbhorn from Mildura VVC.
- Acceptance moved Paul Knapp, Seconded Stephen Hooper.

Club Run Coordinators Report.

- 1-18th March, Birdwood Figure 8.
- 2-25th March, Moseley Sq. Bike Display, Stephen Hooper organiser.
- 3-15th April, Southern Clarendon area, Dan Moriarty organiser , start Echunga Memorial Institute car park.
- 4- 6th May Logbook day Payneham RSL.
- 5 -20th May-Ride and BBQ somewhere.
- 6 27th May Logbook day at CCC clubrooms Glandore.
- 7-17th June, Lobethal Potato Day, Malcolm Gray organiser .

General Business.

Update on Swapmeet Sub-committee Volunteers.

Update on Website negotiations.

Brian Kuerschner reported that Scammell Auctions had a number of motorcycles listed for their next auction.

Visitor Peter Tustin (UK) gave a very interesting talk about he came to own two SS80 Brough's, he also had an interesting DVD which covered a rally in the UK .

Buy Sell & Swap read.

Meeting closed at 9-00 pm .

QUESTION:

Are there any rules about caravans and car trailers carrying additional fuel e.g. in jerry cans.

There is no prescriptive requirement for the majority of persons carrying a couple of jerry cans either on the "A" frame or in a suitable holder/s at the rear of a caravan. If the person wishes to carry more than 250 litres then Dangerous Goods legislation applies. Ideally, members of the public should be asked to avoid locating jerry cans in the "crash zone" area at the rear of the vehicle. If the jerry cans are located on the "A Frame", the towbar loading may be compromised with the 40kgs of added weight. This may affect the vehicle's steering and/or stability of the trailer.

Minutes of VVMCCSA Committee Meeting 26th March 2012 at Goodwood Community Centre

Meeting opened at 7:45 PM

Members in attendance- Brian Forth , Bob Gill , Terry Rowe , Bill Lorimer , Paul Knapp , Barry Carlisle.

Apologies - Ray Collins, Rob Smyth .

Minutes of previous meeting presented as published in the Smoke Signal.

Acceptance moved -Paul Knapp . Seconded-Terry Rowe Business arising -None.

Treasurers Report-Presented by Terry Rowe. Acceptance moved Barry Carlisle. 2nd Paul Knapp.

Terry Rowe moved that we close our financial year trading in May to allow auditing to be done before the end of financial year and accountants are too busy because of tax returns. Seconded Bill Lorimer-Carried.

New Members read to committee and ratified -Jarrad Green, Les Jolly, Peter Stagg, John Heinrich.

Correspondence In -

Article from 1957 Motor Cycle, sent by Neil Caust.

Post Office receipt for PO Mailbox.

Correspondence Out.

To Holdfast Bay Council re 2013 Moseley Sq Display, Sent by Stephen Hooper.

Publications received - MAPS Review from Yorke Peninsula.

Emails In and Out-In addition to those published in the Smoke Signal.

1-From Stephen Hooper re. DVD purchase, reply sent to go ahead.

2-From Neville Grey advising of price reduction for entry to Bay to Birdwood.

3-From Carolyn Nevels about the possibility of her 80 year old father getting a ride on an old bike or sidecar outfit, Reply sent.

4-From Bill Giamos re. Moseley Square display. Reply sent.

5-From Ross Clements re. historic rego. for his 1975 Honda GL 1000, reply sent.

Run Co-ordinator Report.

18th march Figure 8, Committee members that attended the run all reported satisfaction with the run and its organisation , all enjoyed the day . Thanks to leader Rob Smyth and Ray Mann driving the backup trailer, it was used too.

25th March Moseley Sq Display.

15th April –Southern Meadows area, Dan Moriarty organiser, leaving from Meadows Institute car park.

6th May -Logbook day Payneham RSL

20th May Ride and BBQ.

27th May-Logbook day Triple C club rooms.

17th June Lobethal/Bushland Park Potato day.

General Business-

Various suggestions received and discussed to improve Swapmeet, Bill Lorimer to liaise with Peter Yates and discuss the points with him.

Website quotes discussed in detail, Moved Bill Lorimer that we accept the quote from Nicole Aspinall to design and produce a new website. Seconded by Barry Carlisle. Carried.

Meeting Closed 9.30 PM .

The issue of motorcycles driving between stationary vehicles is a very contentious one.

Provided that the rider or driver has a clear view of any approaching traffic and can safely overtake, it is permissible to overtake any vehicle to the right unless it is turning right, or making a U-turn from the centre of the road, and is giving a right change of direction signal.

A rider must not overtake a vehicle to the left unless:

- (a) the rider is on a multi-lane road and the vehicle can be safely overtaken in another marked lane; or
- (b) the vehicle being overtaken is turning right, or making a U-turn from the centre of the road and is giving a right change of direction signal and it is safe to overtake to the left of the vehicle; or
- (c) the vehicle being overtaken is stationary and it is safe to overtake to the left of the vehicle.

There are a number of offences that can be committed when riding between stationary or moving vehicles. They include:

- overtaking to the left of a moving vehicle – (Rule 141);
- changing lanes without signalling for sufficient distance to alert other road users – (Rules 44 – 51);
- failing to stay within a single marked lane or line of traffic - (Rule 146);
- crossing a continuous lane line – (Rule 147);
- failing to provide a safe distance when passing another vehicle – (Rule 144);
- failing to stop at a stop line at traffic lights – (Rule 56); and crossing a continuous white edge line – (Rule 150)

It is also arguable that the behaviour might also infringe section 45 –drive without due care of the Road Traffic Act

Buy, Sell and Swap

Please Note ads will run for two issues unless requested otherwise. If your item is sold before the second issue, please advise the Editor. Full name of Seller, Registration Number &/ or Engine number MUST be provided, otherwise add cannot be printed. Deadline is the one week prior to each General Meeting.

For Sale.

Ensign Beaded edge tyres/ tubes 24 x 2 1/4 @ \$185; 26 x 2 1/2 @ \$150; 26 x 3 @ \$150 & 28x3 -\$185 each; **Thailand 26 x 2 1/2** b/e tyres/tubes \$60 each; **Chater-Lea** replica hubs large & small, & packets of Spokes (144); Contact *Brian Forth 0409 514 213*;

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Norton gear change lever; **Norton** springs for spring heel; Generator fiber gear; Amal carby needle; Villiers carby slide & needle—*Alan Thompson 82963062 (March12)*

1938 DKA 500cc, sorry no other details; **1956 AJS twin** Eng Nr563003 S/A TC-657; **Gilera 330cc** Eng nr 312002 S/A RW-936; *Alan Thompson 82963062 (March12)*

Goulding sidecar wheel for sale \$10; *Ron Truscott 85723010 (March 12)*;

Calthorpe fly wheels w/- pin probably early 30's to 40's 350-500cc; *John Lord 82430653 (April12)*

BSA DBD 1963, S/A DBD349—P.O.A. *Daryl Rosser (April12)*.

Dunlop tt100 400x19 @ \$130 each; tubes \$25 each—NEW stock; *Brian Forth 0409514213*

Wanted.

Complete set of Teledraulic front forks, Wanted:- suitable for restoration To suit a **1949 AJS or Matchless** motorcycle. Must be correct for 1949. *Contact Brian Kuerschner on 08 83903990 or 0418854565.*

Wanted Starting rollers—12 volt system; *Garry Nelson 82807428 (March 12)*

Royal Enfield J2 frame wanted; *Gary Page 82657116 (March 12)*

1925 Indian Prince, wanted any information, a manual would be asking too much; *Mick Mango 0401034825 (March 12)*

1937 BSA Empire Star HB34 350 wanted engine cases. *Simon Mussared 0422090701 (March12)*

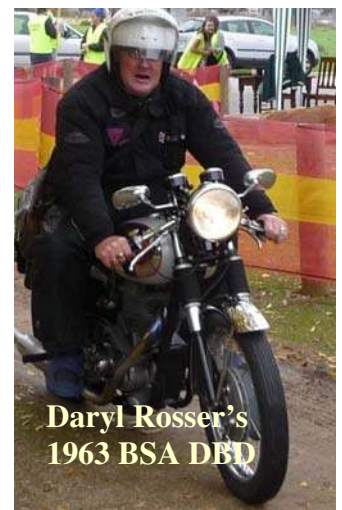
1951 Norton centre stand to suit 1951 Norton plunger frame wanted; *Paul Knapp 82430130 (March12)*

Just Bike magazine a collection give away FREE; *Ron Truscott (might bring them along next meeting)*

2 or 3 Radial tubless tyres 185x14 4ply suitable for a trailer; *David Hooper 8298 3081 (April12)*

Triumph Tiger 100, wanted inlet manifold for a ridged head, have a later one to swap; *John Booker 82651633 (April12)*.

Triumph or BSA -Wanted in a reasonable condition to Buy as a good project; *Ric 0417 001198 (April12)*.



Club Runs & Events.

All members participating in **Club Runs MUST lodge a Rally Entry Form** with the Club Captain before the event. This ensures that you are covered for Third Party Property and Public Risk from home, on the Run and return to home. This is a Club requirement. Please be sure to fill out your **Historic Registration Logbook** before leaving home and make sure you **carry it every time you go riding**, this is a legal requirement. Enquiries to Brian Forth on 0409 514 213 (President & Club Captain).

2012 club rides and meetings.

**** denotes club point s****

10th April— General meeting 666- Payneham RSL

**** 15th April— Southern—Meadows area— Dan Moriarty Organizer. See map page 15**

6th May— Log book day Payneham RSL clubrooms—**Bob Gill & Phil Jenner.**

8th May— General meeting 667- Payneham RSL clubrooms

20th May— Ride and BBQ somewhere— organizer TBA— **** BBQ afterwards ****

27th May— Log book day—CCC clubrooms— **Bob Gill & Phil Jenner.**

12th June— General meeting 668- Payneham RSL—Trophy Presentation & basket supper

17th June— Lobethal—Potato day at Bush lands Park, Malcolm Gray organizer *** Potatoes at cost ***

10th July— General meeting 669 & Annual General

15th July— Eastern or southern ride—organizer TBA.

14th Aug General Meeting 670—Payneham RSL.

19th Aug Southern Vales Tiddler ride—Tony Morrisset and Rob Mottillo—BBQ lunch.

11th Sept General meeting 671—Payneham RSL clubrooms.

16th Sept Unknown if a run to be held due to Bay to Birdwood following weekend.

30th Sept Bay to Birdwood run (Vintage time).

7th Oct VVMCCSA swap meet—Balhannah Oval

9th Oct General meeting 672—Payneham RSL clubrooms.

21st Oct Dan Moriarty annual hills ride.

13th Nov General meeting 673—Payneham RSL clubrooms.

20th Nov Scarpantoni ride in the Southern Vales and BBQ lunch.

16th Dec General meeting 674—Christmas BBQ.

18th Dec Annual hills ride somewhere.

2012- Invitational Events – (Not club runs, but members are welcome to join them, enquiry with Secretary.)
See information in Committee Minutes and general meeting minutes.

Classic Owners Mid Week runs— members are invited to join the **Classic Owners** on their run on the **first Wednesday & third Tuesday** of each Month, **Hawthorn Cres at Hazelwood Park at 10:00am.**

SWAP MEETS - Any new dates or swap meets please advise editor.

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HAHNDORF- 15th January 2012

BALLARAT – 25-26th February 2012

CLARE– 18th March 2012;

NARACORTE – 5-6TH May 2012;

KAPUNDA- 27th May 2012;

WILLUNGA – 19th August 2012;

***VVMCC MOTOR CYCLE ONLY 7th October 2012.**

Regency Park - 5th February 2012

CAMPBELLTOWN – 26th February 2012;

MOUNT BARKER – March 2012;

SEDAN – 17th June 2012.

ANGLE PARK – 29th July 2012;

GAWLER - 23rd September 2012;

STRATHALBYN – T.B.A. October 2012;

Historic Registration.

Please ensure you complete your new logbooks before leaving home and that you carry it with you when riding the motorcycle the book is allocated to.

Enquiries to Bob Gill 82584982 (north) or Phil Jenner 83706664 (South).



Members and Motorcycles outside Melb



Birdwood figure 8 day



Nothing has changed, Dean is still putting petrol into his bikes





a's Chocolate Factory last Sunday 18th March 2012



Moseley Square display



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1927 AJS Outfit – Back in the family

Following my eldest brothers restoration of my Grandpa McGough's 1954 BSA, I decided to search for my Grandpa Murray Nixon's old AJS.

My understanding of the bikes history is that Mr Prime (father of Ken Prime of Blackwoods' Primes Paints), bought the AJS H9 500 side valve in 1927 from Wyatts in Adelaide for about 50 pound. (The bike was purchased as a solo and did not come with lights as they were going to be an extra 3 pound that Mr Prime could not afford at the time). My Grandfather (Murray Nixon) purchased the AJS as a solo from Ken Prime (I believe sometime in the 60's) and added the side car. For a period, Murray was a member of the VVMCCSA and had his outfit published in the Clubs Booklet 'Slipping Belts & Oily Chains'. He also entered the outfit in the inaugural Bay to Birdwood Historic Vehicle run with my Grandma Lydia in the sidecar. In the mid 1980's Murray fell ill and was forced into early retirement and regretfully sold the outfit to Mr Fox, possibly of Balaklava.

My 14 month search for the AJS commenced by contacting any Fox's in the Balaklava vicinity along with a few people within the Vintage Motorcycle circles without success; however Murray remembered that the man he sold it to had a brother who owned/ran the Glendambo Roadhouse. I continued my search and spoke to the Roadhouse owner who led me to Mr Grant & Rex Fox. After a quick search on the internet, I was alerted to a mention of an AJS in the minutes of the 'Maitland Auto Preservation Society (MAPS).' and made contact in September 2011. It turned out this was in fact Murray's old AJS.

The outfit was sold to Mr Rex Fox who lived at Angle Vale and worked for the EWS in Maitland for a period of time in the late 1980's and early 1990's. Rex passed away in 2004 having bequeathed three motorcycles and three trucks to the Maitland Auto Preservation Society. In the years between 2004 and 2011, the AJS was stored and displayed at various MAPS club members' homes or businesses throughout the Yorke Peninsula.

I was very keen to purchase the outfit and to spend lots of time with Grandpa restoring it and getting it back on the road. Following months of correspondence and a visit to Napperby (the storage location at the time), the MAPS club accepted my purchase offer on 2 December 2011 and I collected it with my brother on 2 January 2012. We were fortunate to see Grandpa's excitement to see the AJS 'back in the family' on 4 January 2012. Although his balance was not the best he insisted on 'throwing the leg over' and giving it a couple of kicks. Grandpa shared his delight in having the bike 'back in the family' before sadly and suddenly passing away on 24 January 2012 aged 85 after a fall at home.

I feel very honoured to have the AJS that was such a great part of my Grandparents lives and look forward to getting it back on the road as Grandpa would have wanted.



Birdwood Figure 8 contd.

John Booker 1957 Triumph
Paul Knapp 1957 Triumph
Ian Tonkin 1958 Velocette
Denis Smyth 1958 Triumph

Russell Sadoroshny 1966 Matchless
Martin Blindell 1967 Triumph
Barry Foster 1972 Moto Guzzi
Peter Langdon 1973 Triumph
Madeleine Tonkin 1976 Benelli
Bill Lorimer 1979 Honda
Ian Baldock 1982 Honda
David Fitzner 1993 BMW
Nicole Hauser 2007 Royal Enfield
Alan Martin 2007 M/Cycle
Pud Freeman 2008 Suzuki
John Mills 2012 Kawasaki



Old bikes had plenty of admirers

The Ace, Indian Chief and Superscout all had their fair share of admirers when they were in Port Pirie last week but the old timers didn't get overinflated or choked up — they, and about 100 of their contemporaries, took it all in their ride.

The quaint names belong to quainter machines, namely vintage motorcycles, and they were here in time for the picnic during a 1000 kilometre tour of the Mid North.

The captain of the Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Club of South Australia, Gary Jolly, said the tour was organised to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the club.

He said riders completed the ride just prior to the start of the Bay to Birdwood rally which started 1800 vintage vehicles last weekend.

The Mid North tour took the group to Clare, Peterborough, Port Augusta then to Pirie.

The day after the picnic they set off again, this time for the Wallaroo Town Hall for a bike display.

Mr Jolly said money raised at the door of the display would be donated to local charities.

The bikes included a rare 1220cc four-cylinder Ace (1924), an Indian Superscout 750 cc (1928) and an old Kirmer built in 1912.

There were two Western Australian entries, a Queensland entry and many from Victoria and New South Wales in the tour. The riders were followed by "back-up Charlie", a restored RAA van, which was kept fairly busy along the way.

MOTORCYCLE ONLY SWAP MEET

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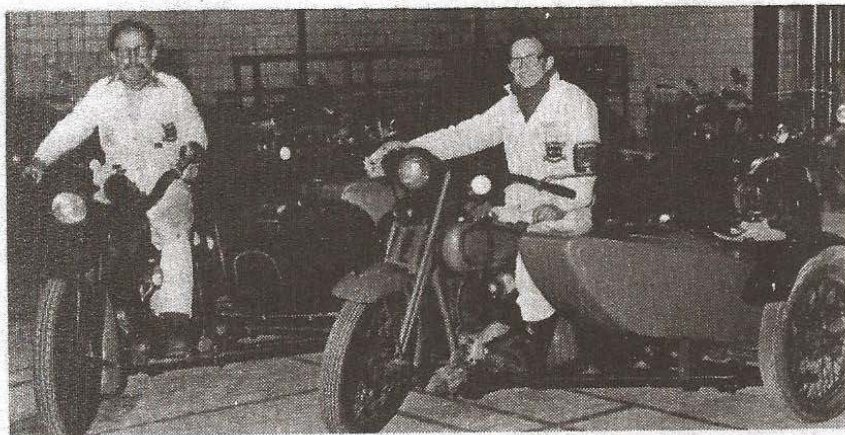
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- Contact: Peter Yates Ph: 0408 019 950 after 6 pm or email secretary@vvmccsa.org.au

Old motorcycles visit town



On the road again — one of the members of the South Australian Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club heads out of Peterborough.



Ex-Port Pirie residents, Eric and Paul Jenner on their classic motorcycles. Eric rides a 1926 1000cc Harley Davidson and sidecar, while brother Paul sits astride his 1925 1200cc Indian Super Chief.

The South Australian Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Club, which is touring South Australia to commemorate its 30th anniversary and recognise the State's Jubilee caled at Peterborough last weekend.

Tour secretary, Mr Leslie Jones of Adelaide said it took two years to organise the tour comprising 100 pre-1956 motor cycles from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia.

The earliest motor cycle in the club is a 1904 Fabrique National 350cc owned by Basil Mercer of Adelaide and the earliest motor cycle completing the tour is a 1912 500cc Kirmer — manufactured by the Arrow Cycle works in Birmingham England and owned by John Pettigrove of Victoria.

This motor cycle broke an engine valve between Gladstone and Peterborough and the Peterborough Electrical Supply Company used their tool room and lathes to manufacture a brand new valve, so that it could continue.

The smallest motor cycle completing the tour is a 1953 122cc Excelsior solo owned by Bob Frankham of South Australia while the largest is the 1300cc Ace motorcycle from the 1920s with sidecar owned by Bob Hill of South Australia.

One of the organisers of the Peterborough section of the tour, Mr Bill Kennedy came to the rescue of another entrant who lost the top of a carburettor between Peterborough and Gladstone.

Mr Kennedy rummaged through bits and pieces which he has carefully collected and hoarded over a long period as a motor cycle enthusiast and came up with the exact parts that were missing.

The motor cycle is now again an original.

The club visited Port Pirie yesterday for the Smelter's Picnic.

Vintage motorcycles to tour state

The Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club of South Australia will contribute to the Jubilee Year when they begin a 30th Anniversary Tour of the State in mid-September.

Motorcycling is another part of the State's heritage, and the club is taking the opportunity to show country people the evolution of early mechanical transport in South Australia.

The tour will take in the towns of Clare, Peterborough, Port Augusta, Port Pirie, and Wallaroo, and over 100 entries have been received. Interstate entries from Queensland, NSW, Victoria and WA make up half the total field. Some 170 people will be involved in the run.

Their superbly restored machines, which range in age from 1912 to 1955, will be on show at

overnight stops, and several charities will benefit from funds raised at these displays.

At Wallaroo, on September 25, the bikes will be displayed in the Town Hall, and proceeds from a small admission charge will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Riders will leave Port Pirie on that day at 10.30 a.m., travelling via Crystal Brook and Port Broughton, (where they

will stop for lunch) to Wallaroo.

The oldest bike taking part will be a 1912 Kirmir, originally made in Birmingham, England. Most of the popular makes, such as BSA, Triumph, Harley Davidson, and Ariel, will be seen, as well as some not so well known - Ardie, GCS, Swastika, and Brough Superior.

Peter Grace of Adelaide will be astride his 1930 ohc 500 AJS which was imported new from England by well-known former speedway rider Bruce Rehn, and raced by him at the old Speedway Royale (Wayville Showgrounds), and in Victoria.

Bruce won the 20 Mile Sidecar Championship at Sellicks Beach in December, 1932, on the machine, and present owner Peter raced it again in January this year at the Jubilee 150 commemorative meeting at Sellicks.

Peter also competed on the AJS in the 1978 International Rally from Sydney to Brisbane, and the "Alpine 1000" Rally in Victoria in 1985.

Former speedway rider Harry Gordon, now of Kadina, has another of Rehn's bikes, a 1938 Manx Norton (one of the famous racing Nortons) which D. Minett rode with success on the Coorong in 1939 to establish several speed records.

Harry, and other members of the newly-formed Vintage and Veteran MCC of Northern Yorke Peninsula, will assist in running the rally when it arrives in the Wallaroo area. The club will stage a promotional display in the Kadina Public Library next

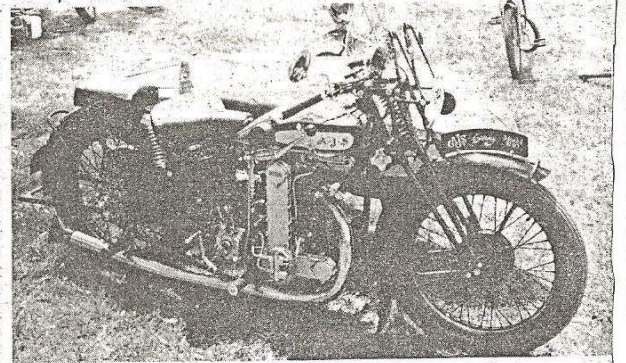
week (September 15-20), when several club bikes will be on view.

Owners will be on hand on Thursday night, September 18, to discuss their respective machines with anyone

interested.

The NYP club was formed only this year, and already has 21 members. President is Malcolm Bridges of Cunliffe, and Harry Gordon is an enthusiastic motorcyclist.

had quite a checkered career, having raced solos and sidecars at the old Kilburn and Rowley Park speedways in his younger days. He is still a cyclist.



The 1930 A.J.S. of Peter Grace, one of the vintage motorcycles to be seen at Wallaroo during the forthcoming Jubilee 150 Anniversary run by the Vintage and Veteran Motorcycle Club of S.A. One would hardly suspect from its pristine appearance that it was a former speedway machine, and also raced at Sellicks Beach in the 1930s.



Harry Gordon of Kadina (nearest camera) during his racing days at Rowley Park. The picture was taken 30 years ago, and shows him racing with Len Bowes. The bike Harry is riding has also been restored to its former glory.

(Photo courtesy David Brock)

A wheeled cavalcade of motoring history

The towns roads were congested with more traffic than usual last week and motorists could be forgiven for grinding their teeth as they crawled along the highway behind old vehicles.

Port Augusta played host not only to 104 vintage motorbikes, but also to a hefty sprinkling of vintage cars that graced Highway One with the charm of yesteryear.

It was a rare opportunity for lovers of fine old machinery to see motorbikes dating back to 1912 in all their uncomfortable simplicity, chrome shining and paint gleaming.

The bikes from SA, WA, NSW, Victoria and Queensland are touring the State for the 30th anniversary of the Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club of SA Inc.

They set up a display at the Stirling North hall that attracted hun-

dreds of bike devotees and along with the club dinner raised \$1700 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The oldest bike was a 1912 Kirmir 500cc from Victoria, and other names from the past included Sunbeam, Velocette, Panther, Norton Indian and Ariel. There were also a few of the industry's stayers on display: Harley Davidson, Triumph and BMW.

Accompanying them were 172 owners and their passengers ranging in age from early 20s to late 70s.

But what is the attraction of restoring and owning a vintage motorcycle?

According to the club captain, Gary Jolly: "They're uncomfortable, they vibrate, they're not real fast, but they're a lot of fun."

"There's no answer for it. We

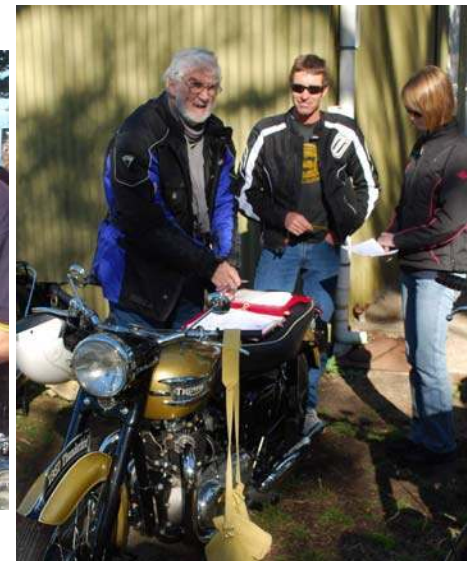
just like bikes, that's it."

In a true show of devotion and with deference to the insurance company, Gary slept with the bikes on the floor of the Stirling North hall.

The Port Augusta Vehicle Restorers Club also played host to some veteran visitors.

Fourteen cars from all over Australia and two from New Zealand dropped in on their way to the annual Bay to Birdwood Run, the vintage car rally that attracts hundreds of competitors.

But for those modern motorists who found the going slow last week, a sign hanging on the back of a Model T Ford provided a gentle touch of reproach: "Don't toot at me, I'm getting old".



Birdwood Figure 8—Sunday 18th March 2012.

Members slowly gathered on the grounds of National Motor Museum at Birdwood for the annual 'Birdwood Figure 8 ride'. This is the premier ride for the club where we gather on the lawns of the museum with a bike or two, and some with family members for a day of riding and socializing. It could be like a ground hog day to some the same place, the same rally route, the only change is newly acquired or restored motorcycle will appear but there is one known fact that the age of the riders change each year. This year it was not raining, we had a clear sky and warm weather, all the essential requirement of a club ride. Member slowly arrived before 9.30, some tried to follow (loosely putting it) Rob Smyth from Pelican Plaza, others braved the South Eastern Freeway only to be detoured for a major bicycle race, but all arrived safely. Slowly motorcycles were off loaded from trailers, fuelled & started. Some had trouble starting. Peter Allen a long standing member decided this was the year to rally a Norton and an 1922 Elliott Payneham. The Norton refused to fire correctly and many hands eventually were able to coach the Norton into life, the little Elliott had no trouble at all in firing. It was a sight to see Peter paddle the little Elliott off and fire first go. At 10am Rob brief members and ride was soon underway heading to Lobethal and finally for a rest and photograph outside Melba's Chocolate factory then back to the Mill. I left the members and headed home to work while others had lunch then completed the afternoon ride.

Birdwood Figure 8 entrants

David Radloff 1909 Triumph
Chris Harley 1912 JAP
Bob Gill 1913 BSA
Dean Govan 1914 Douglas
Bob Whitehead 1918 Jap Healing
Colin Behn 1920 Harley Davidson
Peter Allen 1922 Elliot Payneham
David Radloff 1927 Sunbeam
Brian Forth 1927 Harley Davidson
Rob Smyth 1929 AJS
Bob Mather 1932 Scott
Mal Mackay 1936 BSA
Trevor Cooke 1936 Rudge
Ed Sanders 1939 Norton
Dave Canty 1940 Ariel
Phil Jenner 1941 Indian
Paul Wallis 1942 Harley Davidson
Tom Whaites 1947 Triumph
David Cant 1947 Indian
Robert Lear 1947 Ariel
Alf Lear 1948 Ariel O/Fit
Kevin Meade 1948 Velocette
Bruce Lehmann 1948 Ariel
Ted Williams 1949 Triumph
John Deacon 1949 Norton
James Whaites 1950 Triumph
Marie Hurley 1950 BSA
Neil Hamilton 1951 Norton O/Fit
Graeme Bartlett 1952 Norton
Ian Diss 1952 Norton
Colin Behn 1953 AJS
Ron & Joan Truscott 1954 Norton O/Fit
Peter Arriola 1954 AJS
John Byles 1954 Ariel
Steve Truscott 1955 Norton
Nip Kuerschner 1955 AJS
Ted Williams 1955 Triumph
Richard Kretschmer 1956 Norton O/Fit
Jim Hamilton 1956 Matchless
Dave Jackson 1959 Triumph
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Moseley Square display—Sunday 25th March 2012.

Stephen Hooper organised another annual club display at Moseley Square, Glenelg. Early morning clouds and a cool breeze made members think it could rain like it did the previous day, however all was forgiven when the clouds moved on and the sun came out, what a wonderful day. It was nice to see a few new members support this annual event and other regular members. Plenty of interest was shown by the public viewing the wide range of bikes. Thanks to the members who made the effort to attend. With the Council's support the club hopes to assemble a display in 2013. Watch this space!

Leon Mitchell	1909 Lewis
Peter Allen	1922 Elliot & 1925 Norton
Darryl Rosser	1924 AJS
Brian Forth	1927 Harley Davidson
Terry Rowe	1929 Raleigh
Lyndon Rowers	1939 BMW
Phil & Carolyn Jenner	1941 & 1948 Indian
David Cant	1941 Indian
Paul Knapp	1947 Ariel outfit
Paul Wahlstedt	1949 Matchless
Geoff Thompson	1949 Ogar & 1951 Jawa
John Deacon	1954 Panther
Stephen Hooper	1950 AJS
Neil Hamilton	1951 Norton (or 1946 Excelsior)
Graeme Bartlett	1951 James
Ron & Joan Truscott	1954 Norton outfit
Peter Arriola	1954 AJS
Alan Martin	1954 Matchless
Stephen Jenner	1955 BSA
Ted Williams	1955 & 1949 Triumph
Steve Cramp	1955 Triumph
Kym Moreton	1955 Triumph
Russell Sadoroshny	1957 Ariel
Neil Caust	1958 James
Dave Jackson	1959 Triumph
Barry Carlisle	1956 Norton outfit
Greg Patterson	1960 Honda
Bill Giamos	1962 Norton



V&V Southern Run 15th April. Start 10.00 am

The run starts in Meadows at the Car park of the Meadows Community Hall. Toilets are nearby. We head off to Clarendon for morning tea then back to the Blewitt Springs turnoff. We follow the Onkaparinga park all the way to Chapel Hill Winery then onto Willunga for lunch.

From Willunga we go up old Willunga Hill and across to Bull Creek road via Yundi. The Bull Creek Road takes us back to Meadows for the finish.

This is a veteran friendly run of about 95km.



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