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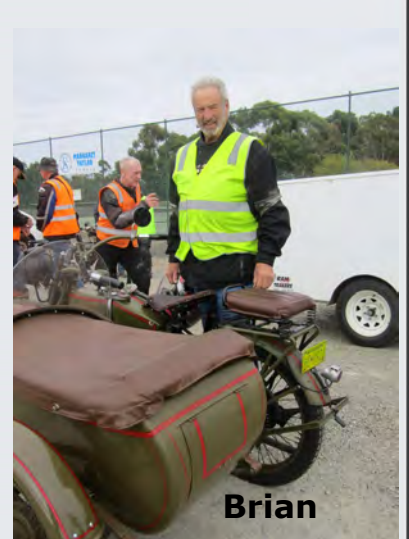
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Arnold



David



Brian

The member's who rode the veteran and vintage motorcycles on the Kersbrook Tiddlers ride.



Tony



Geoffrey Webster presented Honorary Membership

Oil leaks ignored—lies and mistruths about speed and reliability accepted.

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Membership is open to all and owning a suitable machine is not a pre-requisite.

Machines must be at least 30 years old in the current year to be awarded points towards Club trophies.

The Club has a strong family orientation and features many social activities as well as Runs and technical help.

The Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the **Payneham RSL Club, 360 Payneham Road, Payneham** commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Annual Fees are due by the 30th June each year. **A joining fee of \$15.00** is applicable to new members.

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Club Web Page - www.vvmccsa.org.au email secretary@vvmccsa.org.au

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2023–2024 Committee.

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Michael Griffin, Phil de Groot, James Falkenberg and club volunteers

Club Ride committee

Ian Hese (Club Captain), Paul Carroll, Brett Mitchell, Ian Rounsevell and Vaughan Edwards.



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President's report.

"Ask not what your CLUB can do for you - ask what you can do for your CLUB"

Members

We have finally finished of the hot summer months and we now are moving into the Autumn, Winter and Spring riding weather.

Ian Hese and his ride committee have some exciting events for members, one is the Burra 2 day ride on 17th—18th May 2025. Details of the ride will be available soon.

If you are considering participating in the ride, it is suggested you make arrangements for accommodation at Burra.

Accommodation selections are many with the following places Paxton Square Cottages, Burra Railway Station, Burra Motor Inn, Koringa Cottages, Copper Mine Cottage, Miss Mabel Cottage, The O'Bryan Cottage, Ayres Burra Historical Cottage, and Hotel of Burra Hotel, Commercial Hotel, Royal Exchange Hotel, Burra Creek Park and many more in or near Burra.

Suggestion is to try and be in one location, makes it easy to arrange things to do as there is a huge amount of historical places to visit in Burra.

You can either make your own section, or work in with others and share the cost, your call.

VVMCCSA have the following Club involvements -

Birdwood Figure 8 ride— Sunday 16th March 2024 Our monthly club ride is at the National Motor Museum Birdwood (grounds booked).

5th Campbelltown 'Classic on the Park, Sunday 16th March 2024 (same day as Birdwood Figure 8). If you wish to enter the 5th Campbelltown 'Classic on the Park' Then please go to this web address for entry information —

<https://www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/experience/events-and-programs/events/march-2025/>

Anglicare Display The new date is Wednesday 19th March. It will still be at 56 Monmouth Rd Westbourne Park. We will set up from 10.00am in the main foyer, for the residents to view from 10.30, till about 12.00 noon.

The Sporting Car Club of SA—Old Crocks Run— Sunday 5th of May 2025 The Sporting Car Club have invited VVMCCSA to be a part of this event with our pre 1930 motorcycles.

On the 2024 run, VVMCCSA had 4 members on the Veteran and Vintage motorcycles, can we supply more motorcycle for 2025 event?

Entry for pre 1919 vehicles is FREE

National Veteran Motorcycle Rally at Ballarat 19th to 24th +October 2025.

Brian Forth, President and Editor etc.

Lobethal Show and Shine.

Colin Behn and a friend went to the Lobethal Show and Shine to promote our Club with only 4 motorcycles, unfortunately it was the same day as our Kersbrook Tiddlers Ride



I recently had the pleasure of awarding **'Honorary Membership'** to **Geoffrey Webster** for Service and continuous membership with The Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club of South Australia.

Geoff joined V&V in late 1957 or early 1958 (V&V started in 1956) along with his father Ted Webster OAM who was President and Life Member of V&V. In those days the Club met in a small attic room in a business premises in Norwood.

Geoff's first rally was 31st March 1958 on a 1924 Douglas. At this rally there were 20 machines 1902-1914, and 29 Vintage from 1924-1930. On this ride Geoff received an award for the best turned out rider and machine. Geoff also rode a run and jump Douglas and Calthorpe, and pedal start Lewis. As Geoff said they were 'new' motorcycle and enjoyable to ride.

Regards, Brian Forth, President & Life Member VMCCSA



Chairperson: Brian Forth

Attendance: 37

Apology: unknown

Guest: nil

Who are we? Peter Allen. Peter is on my 1927 L model 350 BSA in April 1981. 25th Anniversary Rally Barossa Valley now owned by Bob Gill. **Cheers Dean Govan.**

Minutes from General Meeting 14th January 2024,

Presented as printed in the January Magazine 667.

Moved: Ian Haywood

Seconded: Daryl Rosser

Treasure – Terry Rowe

Terry Rowe report on VVMCCSA income and expenditure.

Moved: Ian Rounsevell

Seconded: David Radloff

Membership: David Alexander Edwards, Member No: 627 read to members.

Correspondence: - Mail and Emails in.

- 1/ Magazines from BSA Owners Club SA, NVMCC Throttle Lever, Beeza Journal, Oily Rag Auctions emailed to members.
- 2/ Command Host email checking faults
- 3/ Invoices from Brian Forth magazine postage, Lane Print, and Maggie Moore.
- 4/ Sporting Car Club of SA information the Old Crocks Run on Sunday 4th May 2025 sent to members
- 5/ Westpac Bank statements
- 6/ Steve Jarvis confirming attending March 11 meeting to a talk on his father Frank Jarvis's Ariel Bucking Bronco motorcycle
- 7 Terry Lawrence advise of change of address. Reply sent.
- 8/ Steve Cramp advising of A Class chrome experience and information
- 9/ Consumer and Business Affairs sent application notification of the official appointment of Maggie Moore as Public Officer
- 10/ Historic Motor Vehicle gathering, March 16.

Correspondence - Outgoing emails

- 1/ Brian Forth to Command Host with Club's email issues
- 2/ Incoming magazines and information sent to members
- 3/ Brian Forth to Steve Jarvis confirming his attendance at March General Meeting.
- 4/ Brian Forth email out Smoke Signal Magazine to all members
- 5/ Brian Forth email Smoke Signal to Lane Print.
- 6/ Brian Forth advising member of the passing of member 165 – Kevin George Meade.

Moved: Brett Mitchell

Seconded: David Radloff

Club Captain - Ian Hese

Past Events

January

Thurs 16th Old Crocks and Tiddlers. 15 bikes to Williamstown and return.

Sun 19th Breakfast Ride Cudlee Creek. Forecast 36c+. 16 at breakfast. 12 on shortened ride after discussion. Thank you Brett Mitchell, ride leader.

February

Sat 1st Coffee at Loose Caboose Hindmarsh.

Thurs 6th North ride from TTG Hotel to Strawberry Farm Hay Valley. 7 bikes 8 people.

Found own way home for an early finish before heat came in.

No issues with the above events.

Future Events

February

Thurs 13th Southern ride 10.00am Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill

Sun 16th Kersbrook Tiddlers ride and Lunch. 10.00am ride. Lunch at about 12.15–12.30. 3 marshals and Trailer operator needed. Ian Rounsevell ride leader. Show of hands for catering numbers please.

Thurs 20th Old Crocks and tiddlers, 10.00am Gumeracha.

Thurs 27th Club display at Anglicare Westbourne Park. 6 bikes attending. More details to follow.

March

Sat 1st Coffee at Loose Caboose Hindmarsh.

Sun 2nd Club display at All British Day.

Thurs 6th North Ride at TTG Hotel

March Is Figure 8 ride from Birdwood.

Sun 30th Gawler Club Pre 1930 Rally. Points count for Veteran Trophy.



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VVMCCSA Committee Meeting, 25th February 2025 - Goodwood Community Centre - 7:30pm.

Present: Brian Forth, Adrian How, Maggie Moore, Terry Rowe, Daryl Rosser, Greg Paterson, Vaughn Edwards, Mat Williamson, Ian Hese, Colin Behn and Ron Wuttke.

Apologies: Wayne Lawson

Minutes from Committee Meeting 28th February 2025

As printed in Smoke Signal 667

Moved: Vaughn Edwards

Seconded: Daryl Rosser

Business Arising.

- 1/ **Member information Book.** Ian Hese and Brian Forth (change) ongoing (28/Feb/2023)
- 2/ **Committee Members Succession Plan.** Ongoing. (25/Oct/2022)
- 3/ **Constitution amendments.** Brian Forth, liaising with Peter Allen (30 May 2023). Ongoing
- 4/ **25-30 years Historic Conditions** being assessed, by Brian Forth – ongoing.

Treasury Report – Terry Rowe

Terry Rowe report on VVMCCSA income and expenditure.

Moved: Ian Hese

Seconded: Greg Paterson

Membership: David Alexander Edwards, Member No: 627 ratified by the Committee

Correspondence: - Incoming Mail and Emails

- 1/ Magazines & information - Northern Yorke Peninsular V&V magazine; Strathalbyn Tourism information; Queensland 'Oily Rag' magazine and Country Motoring magazine.
- 2/ Mike Canty advertising an Ariel for sale
- 3/ Invoices from Goodwood Centre room hire; Lane Print and DOC computers. All paid
- 4/ Westpac Bank statements
- 5/ CommandHost email enquiry
- 6/ Steve Cramp seeking sidecar mudguard – sent to members
- 7/ Ian Hese, Kersbrook information, Anglicare date change to **Wednesday March 19**
- 8/ Campbelltown Rotary Club's Classic on the Park - same day as Figure 8
- 10/ Relocation of Clare Swap Meet to the Clare Racecourse

Outgoing emails

- 1/ Brian Forth to members re Anglicare display **CHANGE to 19th March**

- 2/ Incoming magazine and info sent out to members

Moved: Mat Williamson

Seconded: Terry Rowe

Club Captain Report - Ian Hese

Past Events

February

Thurs 13th South ride. 12 Bikes. Morning tea at McLaren vale and lunch at Finniss

Sun 16th Kersbrook Tiddlers run and Luncheon. 18 bikes, 17 for lunch

Sun 16th Club Display at Amberlight to Bierhaus Show and Shine. Thank you Colin Behn

Thurs 20th Old Crocks and Tiddlers run Gumeracha. 10 bikes. Smoko at Mt Pleasant

Fri-Sun 21-23rd Southern Yorke Peninsula Rally. Several Members attended.

No issues or break downs reported on these events.

Future Events

March

Sat 1st Breakfast at Loose Caboose Hindmarsh 9:15. **Club to cover cost of first drink non alcoholic**

Sun 2nd All British day—Club Display

Thurs 6th Northern Ride TTG Hotel 10am

Thurs 13th Southern Ride Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill 10am

Sun 16th Birdwood Figure 8 Rally

Sun 30th Gawler pre 1930 Rally. Club veteran trophy points

May

Sun 4th Sport Car Club Old Crocks Veteran Vehicles FREE entry. Club Veteran Trophy points

Sat/Sun 17/18 2 Day Rally overnight to Burra. With tiddlers component

Moved: Vaughn Edwards

Seconded: Mat Williamson

General Business:

- 1/ Brian Forth reports Honorary Membership certificates presented to Rob Karran and Geoff Webster.
- 2/ Brian Forth reported that he and Terry Rowe attended, interesting meeting. Liaised with ATO staff to update ABN and register details with ATO
- 3/ Mat Williamson and Colin Behn - Lobethal Bierhaus Display at Lobethal, went well
- 4/ Adrian How - attended Southern Yorke Peninsula Rally, went well

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General Meeting 817—continued from page 4

Club Captain report—continued

April

Planned ride “down south” possible Oxenberry.

May

A 2 Day Rally to Burra. Book your own accommodation and Dinner to be at the Burra Hotel.

Rally Forms - a reminder that Rally Forms to be submitted at all club rides by members and guests.

Moved: Brian Kuerschner

Seconded: Ron Wuttke

Invitations events.

4th May 2025—Old Crocks Run – information

We are excited to announce that entries for the **Old Crock's Run 2025** are now open!

This year's event will take place on **Sunday, 4th May** and promises to be another fantastic day of fun, camaraderie, and motorsport nostalgia. To secure your spot, simply book online via the following link:

<https://www.sportingcarclub.com.au/event-details/old-crocks-run-2025>

[Old Crock's Run 2025 - Book Now](#)

Alternatively, if you prefer to book by phone or need any assistance, feel free to call the club at **8373 4899**.

Please note: **Entries close on Friday, 28th March 2025, or earlier if sold out**, so don't delay!

We look forward to seeing you again and hope you're as excited as we are for this year's event!

General Business

1/ **Brian Forth** – Drew attention to an article on Page 12 of the February edition of the Smoke Signal

This article talks about a William Laver's shop in Port Pirie. Last week a Laver bicycle sold for \$360 and a Red Wing bicycle sold for \$180 at Falkenbergs Auctions.

Any Other Business from the Floor

1/ **Greg Paterson - Regalia Officer** had regalia for sale

Greg has a pair of bike pants he is giving away for free and has other items available for sale

2/ **Alan Orrock - Club Librarian** - has plenty of books available for people to borrow

3/ **Brian Kuerschner** - Drew attention to the next Jampot Rally to be held 7,8,9 November 2025 at Wagga Wagga.

4/ **Brett Mitchell** - spoke about various types and styles of number plates available thru Service SA and their costs. Also advised members to make sure they have their motorcycle 'Special' number plates renewed every couple of years or registration will lapse and could lose your rights to display..

Drip Tray INQUISITION by Adrian How

Adrian conducted an outstanding interview with Peter Arriola who has been a long standing member of the Club for many years.

Meeting Closed: 8:45pm

Next General meeting: 11th March 2025 - 8pm Payneham RSL clubrooms

Maggie Moore

Secretary, VVMCCSA

Members at James Falkenberg's Auction (member 464) had 2 bicycles for sale -
Red Bird sold for \$180.
Laver made in Port Pirie went for \$360.
A lot of work to restore or leave as it, passed my bidding price.

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Around the Table:

- 1/ **Mat Williamson** - Moved a Motion—Members to have the first drink (non alcoholic) paid for by the Club at the Loose Caboose coffee morning and Old Crocks and Tiddlers ride
Seconded: Maggie Moore—discussed and approved
- 2/ **Ian Hese** - a gentleman from Middleton who is trained in medical procedures will come to a Club meeting and give a talk on the usage of the AED devise in the near future
- 3/ **Greg Paterson** - Moved a Motion to purchase T-shirts for the Club with the Club Logo.
Seconded: Mat Williamson, discussed and approved
- 4/ **Adrian How** - mentioned that the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride and the Burra Rally are on the same weekend.

Adrian How provided a cake to celebrate Daryl Rosser's Birthday. Thank you, Adrian.

Meeting Closed: 8:50pm

Next Committee Meeting: 25th March 2025, at 7:30pm Goodwood Community Centre

Maggie Moore
Secretary, VVMCCSA

Yorke Peninsula **Country Times**

Congratulations to Ted Williams and son John on making the front cover of the [Yorke Peninsula Country Times](#)! Well done to Jenny Oldland on the photo and article about the club's [SYP HVC Coast to Coast Rally 2025](#) .



PHOTO: Jenny Oldland

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.

VVMCCSA club regalia, shirts, jumpers, hats, badges & bags etc enquiries Gregory Paterson **0404 934 246**.



Golf Caps with British only emblems, @ \$25 Brian Kuerschner 0418 854 565.
nipper.nipper33@gmail.com

1942 Harley Davidson WLA type IV and Dusting sidecar. Paul Wallis 0449 737 945.

1950 Excelsior Talisman 250cc Reg YZI545, engine number 503. \$6,500; and
Dusting sidecar: this came off my Huntmaster, absolutely nothing to do to body and trim.
\$6,900. All are negotiable Rod Bailey 0406 982 582

Dusting sidecar body and chassis for sale. All mounting fittings bumperette and Boot flashings. Very good chassis Body needs Repair \$2200 **Ian Rounsevell 0412 708 410**

Gear Head Precision Bench Lathe Model L.D. 12" - 36", Complete with Books and many Extras. Excellent Condition \$4,700.00— AND **16 Speed Heavy Duty Drill Press 3/4 Horsepower** As New \$320.00; Contact: John Byles 8262 3965

1940 Ariel Square 4 Model 4G see page 11 for information \$25,000. Mike Canty 0418 841 432
BSA 500 Gold Star, engine & gearbox, ready for racing Sellicks Beach ready for racing. Comes with log book \$20,000,

Wanted.

1920's Harley Davidson "W" model, anything else lying around for this model. wheels for flat twin Harley required for a second bike or 1920's Harley single wheels may also be the same? Colin Behn 0407 070 287.

Wanted - Girder forks for 1939 Ariel VH - just the forks, I have everything else. Please contact David Horton 0468 469 324 or horton.davidjohn@gmail.com if you have any you want to sell,

BSA A7 rigid frame & mudguard wanted, Stan Tsiros 0408 193 796

Matchless/AJS 1949- 1954 swing arm frame wanted (pair of bottom rails that join the front frame to the rear); Paul Wahlsted 0428 298 678 (Aug24).

Pilgram oil pump wanted in good working order to suit a **1928 Matchless OHV model 500cc single cylinder V2**. Single chamber type with rear (on left side) input opening for oil with two at the front (on right side) oil output apertures and driven in a clockwise direction looking at the drive end.

Cam to suit same model 1928 Matchless 500cc OHV model V2 motorcycle. It is a gear driven cam, has both inlet and exhaust lobes. Matchless Part no. VE33.

Contact John Coleman jcandkate@bigpond.com or nipper.nipper33@gmail.com

Wanted— Sidecar mudguard and brackets for a side car project, Steve Cramp—0418 592 888

70th Anniversary Rally



"Gathering of the Faithful".

The 50th Anniversary Rally was the time for us to celebrate from 16th to 23rd September 2010. (See page 12-13 on the event)

A Book Committee consisting of Mrs. Leslie Jones, Messrs Dean Govan, Stephen Hooper, Jeff Schaefer and Bob Jones compiled an incredible book titled—

'50 Golden Years of Motorcycling'.

This book will give you the information and an understanding of the formation of our Club from 1956 to 2010.

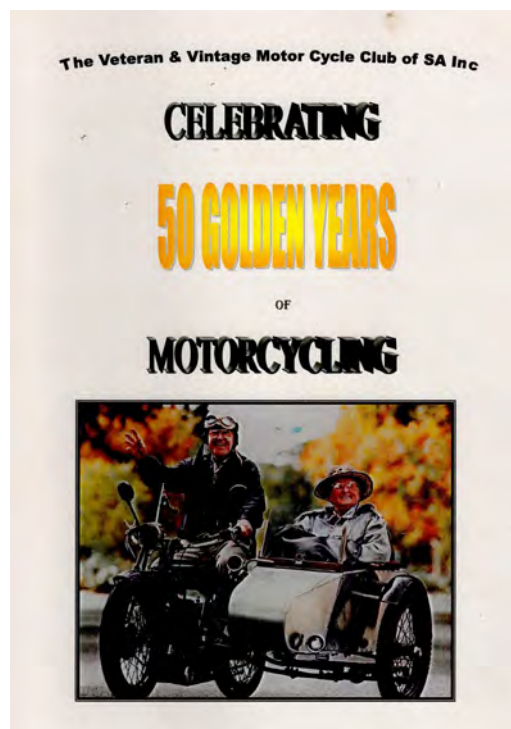
The book is still available for purchase ask Greg Paterson is you wish to purchase.

Goolwa here we come in 2026.

Regards—

Brian Forth, Chairperson 70th Anniversary Rally Committee.

'I was there and participated in the 70th Anniversary Rally'



1942 Harley Davidson WLA type IV and Dusting sidecar with 3 speed gear box plus reverse, 90% original parts restoration, 47 k negotiable, would consider trades for equivalent restored GPW (ford) military 1944 jeep , 50s 60s panhead, J model ,V or Indian 101 741 ,scout etc.

Paul Wallis 0449 737 945 (Aug23)



1951 BSA-B33 reg YZX502, Eng ZB3311536 \$8,000.
1950 Excelsior Talisman



250cc Reg YZI545, engine number 503. \$6,500;

Dusting sidecar: this came off my Huntmaster, absolutely nothing to do to body and trim. \$6,900. All are negotiable

Rod Bailey 0406 982 582

Martin Blindell 0413 058 600 is advertising a **1960 Panther model 120 Reg S/S S63-BOE.**

For sale \$7500.

Registered and in good condition with spare and Documentation.



Bill Lorimer's - 1981 Kreidler MP-19 Moped for sale with a powerful 48cc engine coupled to a 2 speed auto gearbox, 2 stroke petrol etc.

Registered in S/A YYU067.

Comes with 8 books covering the machine, engine and frame dismantling and rebuild including where one can find those exotic parts for it.

It is commonly known as a suburban go to work economical vehicle and is also a 'tiddler' aka a low powered motorcycle that could put bigger machines to shame, well that is what i have been advised? Yes it has survived the Kersbrook annual tiddler run with pilot **Bill Lorimer** in charge and will go nearly everywhere. What a beast at \$2,000 ono

If interested contact me Brian Forth 0409 514 213 for viewing opportunities. You can enjoy the experience a Kriedler can give you?



Wanted— Steve Cramp is looking for a mudguard and brackets for a side car project
If you have a spare please call him on 0418 592 888



Dusting sidecar body & chassis
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Club Runs & Events.

All members/visitors participating in **Club Runs MUST lodge a Rally Entry Form** with the Club Captain before the event or on the day of the ride. This is a Club requirement.
Do not forget to fill out your **Historic Registration Logbook** before leaving home and always **carry that logbook every time you go riding**. This is a legal requirements. **Ian Hese 0409 083 436**

Back-up trailer is required every run—Every ride has to be covered, please contact Brian FORTH or Ian Hese to nominate. Reimbursement of \$60 for petrol money.

2025

***** denotes Club points on runs & ride events*****

March 2025

- 1st Coffee morning, -**Loose Caboose 21 First St Hindmarsh** - 9:15am
2nd **All British Day at Echunga—entries have closed VVMCCSA display - invitation**
6th Northern Midweek ride—Tea Tree Gully Hotel, 10am—destination on the day
11th **General Meeting 818**. 8pm Payneham RSL Club rooms.
NOTE - Guest Speaker—Steve Jarvis will talk about the Ariel bucking bronco motorcycle.
13th Southern Midweek Ride—10am Victoria Hotel at O'Halloran Hill
16th *** **Birdwood Figure 8—National Motor Museum—1 or 2 laps around the block.**
16th Campbelltown—5th Classic in the Park—invitation—see page 11 for details
19th **Anglicare 59 Monmouth Ave Westbourne Park 10.30 m to 12noon display.**
20th *** 43rd Old Crocks Veteran & Tiddlers ride - 10am Federation Park in Gumeracha
25th Committee meeting at 7.30pm, Goodwood Community Centre.
30th *** **Gawler Veteran Car run for pre 1930 vehicles—invitation & entry form page 18**
NOTE—Points awarded towards the Clubs Veteran Trophy.

April 2025

- 3rd Northern Midweek ride— Tea Tree Gully Hotel leaving 10.00am
5th **Loose Caboose 21 First St Hindmarsh** 9.15am. Coffee and nattering.
8th **General meeting 819** - 8.00pm at Payneham RSL clubrooms—**talk on Fire Extinguishers.**
10th Southern Midweek Ride, 10am Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
17th *** 44th 'Old Crocks' Veteran & Tiddlers ride —10am, 10am Federation Park in Gumeracha
20th *** **EASTER WEEKEND — Ride to be southern Vales**
25-26-27th All British Rally at Newstead Victoria
29th Committee Meeting—7.30pm Goodwood Community Club.

Heat Policy

May 2025

- 1st Northern Midweek ride— Tea Tree Gully Hotel leaving 10.00am.
3rd Coffee morning— **Loose Caboose 21 First St Hindmarsh** 9.15am
4th *** **Old Crocks Run—Sporting Car Club from Victoria Park to Glenelg—invitation**
***Information is available and entries close 28th March.**
8th Southern Ride—Victoria Hotel at 'Top-o-Taps' leaving 10am
13th **General Meeting 820** - 8.00pm at Payneham RSL clubrooms.
15th *** 44th 'Old Crocks' Veteran and Tiddlers ride —10am, Federation Park in Gumeracha
17th—18th *** **Burra 2 day Club Rally, more information coming**
27th Committee Meeting—Goodwood Community Centre 7.30pm

June 2025

- 5th Northern Midweek ride— Tea Tree Gully Hotel leaving 10.00am
7th Coffee at '**Loose Caboose 21 First St Hindmarsh** 9.15am.
10th **General Meeting 821**, and **Trophy Presentation** - 8pm Payneham RSL clubrooms
12th Southern Midweek Ride—10am, Victoria Hotel, O'Halloran Hill.
15th *** **Club ride—details to be advised**
19th *** 45th Old Crocks' Veteran & Tiddlers ride—10am, Federation Park Gumeracha.
24th -Committee meeting, 7.30pm **Goodwood Community Club.**

July 2025

- 3rd Northern Midweek ride—Tea Tree Gully Hotel, 10am—destination on the day
5th Coffee morning, -**Loose Caboose 21 First St Hindmarsh** - 9:15am
8th **Annual General Meeting & General Meeting 817**. 8pm Payneham RSL Club rooms
10th Southern Midweek Ride 10am Victoria Hotel at O'Halloran Hill
17th *** 46th Old Crocks Veteran & Tiddlers ride 10am Federation Park in Gumeracha
20th * * * **To be Advised**
29th Committee meeting at 7.30pm at **Goodwood Community Centre.**

Members wishing to use the Club trailer are to contact Mat Williamson and make arrangements to collect.

If you volunteer as 'back-up trailer' on a Club Run, call & collect or arrange to meet Mat at the ride you volunteered for and collect the vests and first aid box.

Call—Mat Williamson 0422 488 491





Kersbrook Tiddlers Ride 16

David Radloff	1912	P&M
Arnold DeGroot	1913	P&M
Brian Forth	1924	Harley Davidson
Anthony Williams	1928	P&M
Paul Carroll	1951	P&M
Roger O'Loughlin	1953	P&M
Brian Gray	1956	P&M
Ian Hese	1960	P&M
Chris Magor	1961	P&M
Murray Tyler	1965	P&M
Ian Rounsevell	1971	P&M
Steve Cramp	1981	P&M
Terry Rowe	1986	P&M
Martin Blindell	2001	P&M
Grant Christie	2003	P&M
Adrian How	2004	P&M
Mick Hayes	2005	P&M
Greg Paterson	2016	P&M
Ron Wuttke		Backpacker

Racing a Kangaroo on Sundays Kersbrook Tiddlers Run <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hKtech>

Whilst on a Rally organized by the local Vintage Motorcycle Club on my 1912 Phelon & Moore (P&M) motorcycle I startled a Grey Kangaroo. Luckily on the other side of the fence. It continued to hop along the fence line up the hill and easily beat me to the top. Kangaroos are dangerous as you never know which way they are going to hop, and if you hit one you can cause significant damage and injury. When I got to the top of the hill I kept a close watch on it and luckily it hopped away from me even though I was quite capable of jumping the fence. **Regards David Radloff**

Kersbrook Tiddlers ride was held in perfect riding temperature at a pleasant 28c. 19 members attended with 4 members on their veteran and vintage machines with the remainder on classic machines. It was a quiet ride to Lyndoch and back with no real issues. But our intrepid veteran rider David Radloff riding his 1912 Pahelon & Moore motorcycle which ran like clockwork all the way, did encounter a Kangaroo just out of Lyndoch on his return journey. The video uploaded by David shows he startled a Kangaroo and they had a race to the top of the hill, yes the Kangaroo outpaced the P&M. and won. Back at the clubrooms we were provided with a BBQ lunch, desert, coffee and cool drinks, again another splendid meal provided by the Kersbrook Club members and appreciated by all attending.



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50th ANNIVERSARY TOUR

CO-ORDINATORS REPORT.

In March 2005 a meeting of interested Club members was held to begin organising a rally to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Veteran And Vintage Motor Cycle Club Of South Australia Inc. A regular committee was formed and work began on planning the "50th Anniversary Tour", to be based in Nuriootpa in the Barossa Valley.

Joy and I covered a large area looking for ideas and sponsors. Gary Jolly set about planning each day's riding route. Malcolm Gray found suitable places for lunches and looked for places of interest to visit. The Vine Inn was approached to cater for the Anniversary Dinner.

Our findings allowed us to incorporate:

The Club's Motorcycle-only Swap Meet.

The National Motor Museum and Melba's Chocolate Factory.

For those interested, a bus tour of McLeod's Daughters filming sites.

The Air Museum at Greenock

A lunch time Murray River cruise at Mannum.

Gary planned routes to tie in with the extra activities and lunch stops, and so detailed planning began.

A thermometer was produced as a memento of the Tour. Laurie Leibhardt found suitable components and Philip Holmes arranged the screen printing and final assembly. Brian Kuerschner and Greg Cameron were approached for designs for the badge. Polo shirt and hat designs were selected and eventually produced with the badge design embroidered on them.

The Committee sampled two different ports from Liebhichwein at Rowland Flat. Their selection was subsequently bottled and labelled. Malcolm, Joy and I visited the Vine Inn to see what the table layout would be for the 175 plus people expected at the dinner, so that we could look for suitable decorations to improve the atmosphere on the night. Decorations and balloons were purchased ready for the occasion.

Although I had many knock-backs in the Barossa area for support, the Holmes family used their local knowledge and contacts to change this and we eventually had some good support.

Stephen Hooper thought an attendance book for people at the dinner would be appropriate, and had a special book produced to be kept for future reference. Laurie approached Allan Marks to be our Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Dean and Audrey Govan offered to man the morning tea trailer, which was stocked with fresh cake every day. Dean also produced an information folder for each entrant.

The Barossa Valley "Herald" featured Philip Holmes and Trevor Diener in a publication in the week preceding the event. I was approached, through Philip, by the ABC regional station at Port Pirie, and my interview went to air on Friday morning, September 15th 2006.

The bus proposed to carry followers of the Tour was not supported well enough to justify the hire, so we arranged cars driven by Eric Kelly, Jean Holmes, Jenny Diener and Maureen Kuerschner as a substitute.

Leisurely cruise, old style

More than 100 vintage motorcycles have descended upon the Barossa this week as part of the Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club of South Australia's 50th anniversary tour.

Joining the 40-mile an hour cruise are five residents, Trevor Diener and Philip Holmes, who, as members of the Kayser Motorcycle Club, share a passion for motorcycles.

Touring until Friday, Trevors 1946 Triumph 5T and Philips 1928 350 AJS can be seen with the other entrants leaving the Nuriootpa Caravan Park from 8.30 a.m. each morning.

The formation of Kapunda, Angaston, Kyathron, Nodda, Currala, Mannum, Mount Pleasant, Springton, Bethany, Lyndoch, Gawler, Willemstown and Light Pass will all be visited during the final days of the tour.



Courtesy: "The Leader" Newspaper

Our Club 50th Anniversary Tour by Co-ordinator Colin Pauley.

On Thursday, September 14th, Joy and I took all the goods needed for the tour to the Nuriootpa Caravan Park and stored them in a meeting room ready for check in on Saturday the 16th. Some interstate entrants had already arrived and were settling in. We returned on Saturday morning, and so started our busy week.

We opened the check in room early, and by late afternoon about 75% of entrants had checked in. Saturday night was highlighted by a free sausage sizzle and drinks. The Holmes family supplied the large BBQ plate and were assisted ably by Trevor Diener to cook the sausages which David Radloff had brought along, together with the beverages.

On Sunday morning we left the caravan park at 8.00am in pleasant riding conditions to attend the Clubs 'Motorcycle Only' swap meet at Birdwood, where cars were parked for quite some distance from the oval entrance. Entrants in the tour were able to park in a prepared separate display area. In the afternoon some riders ventured to Melba's Chocolate Factory while others visited the National Motor Museum in Birdwood. Joy and I returned directly to Nuriootpa to open the check in room again.

Mondays ride followed a picturesque route through the Adelaide Hills with our morning tea stop courtesy of Dean and Audrey Govan and helpers with the Club tea trailer en-tow at Kersbrook and a lunch stop at the Bedford Hotel, Woodside. The return trip stopped at the Big Rocking Horse in Gumeracha.

Tuesday saw a group of 21 take a bus tour to visit filming sites for 'McLeods Daughters, with the riders meeting the bus at Tarlee for morning tea and onto Freeling Bowling Club for lunch. Our afternoon stop off was at the Greenock Air Museum at which time a light rain began to fall.

Wednesday was our longest day, covering some 200+ Km. Morning tea was again at Tarlee with lunch at the Clare Primary School. Most pupils were aghast asking all manner of curiously inquisitive questions. Our return route was different stopping at Saddleworth to regroup.

Thursday's ride travelled to Sedan for morning tea then onto Mannum for a lunch cruise for some, while others had lunch at the local rowing club followed by a guided tour of PS Marion and the Mannum Dock Museum. Our arduously long grind, for some, trip up Cooks Hill, stopped off at the Herbig Family Tree at Springton where our large group gathered saw many happy shutter bugs scampering for the best fading sunlight snap shot. Of further interest was to stop off at the Barossa Valley Machinery Preservation Societies shed at Angaston.

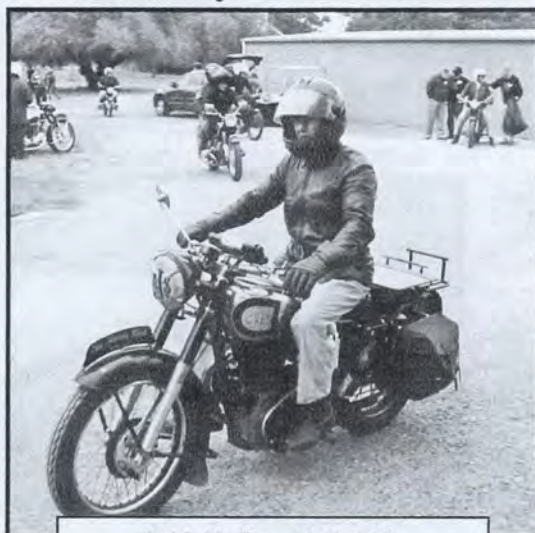
On Friday, the last riding of our long week riding days we stopped for morning tea at Dead Man's Pass in Gawler then onto Williamstown Primary School for lunch, with a brief stop off at the Whispering Wall along the way. The ride returned via the picturesque Menglers Hill Lookout.

Joy and I returned directly from Williamstown and took the raffle prizes to the Vine Inn and set them on display. There we met Jean Holmes, Maureen and Brian Kuerschner, Anne-Marie and Rodney Carr who were busily preparing and decorating the dining room.

We returned at 5.45pm and soon after people began arriving for dinner, which was quite a success. An anniversary cake had been made and decorated with a copy of our Club badge on top which was later cut by the Club's oldest active Member, Alan Beatty. A visual history of the Club was collated by Malcolm Gray and was screened continuously throughout the evening. Some entrants left saying there should be another week of this!

I would like to thank all who helped in any way to make this 50th Anniversary Tour the success it was. To all our entrants who travelled many kilometres from most states we also thank immensely for without them this memorable event would not have happened.

Your Rally Co-ordinator Colin Pauley



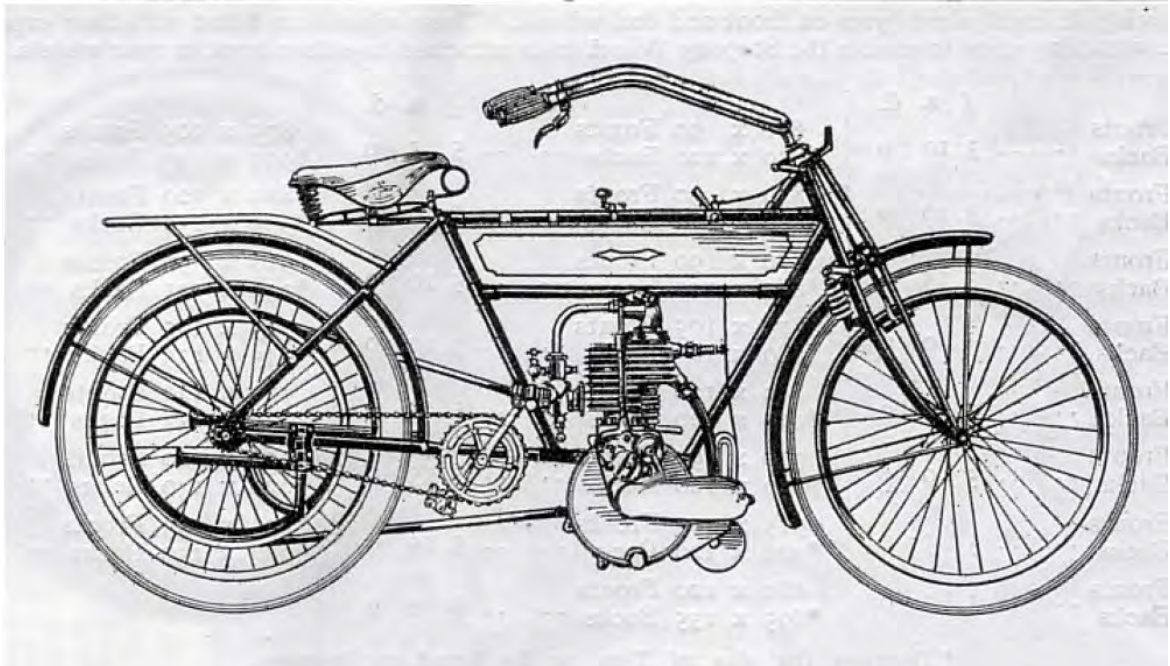
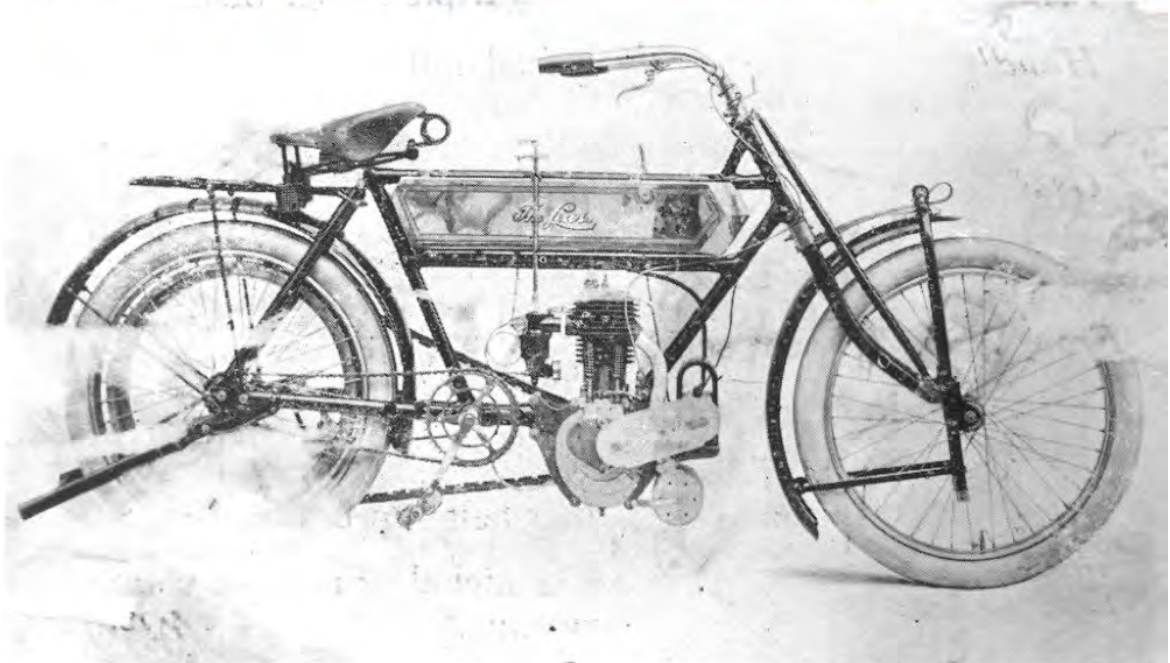
Keith Holley, 1950 AJS .
Ridden from Gatton QLD



Barry & May Makin WA 1928 Zenith



Fred & Betty Cliftons 1949 HRD Rapide NSW



The Limb Motorcycle.

Roused by an article about the Port Pirie motorcycling pioneer Archie Limb, Ian Wilson knew he had to share the story of his prized possession.

Mr Wilson is the proud owner of an original Port Pirie-built Limb motorcycle.

Mr Wilson said it was originally sold to a Mr Gold, who then sold it to Reg McDonald of Crystal Brook about 1910. It was registered as a Limb of 3.5 horsepower.

The registration number in 1916 was SA-6872. Reg McDonald was Mr Wilson's wife's grandfather – he went away to the first world war and the bike was dismantled to avoid paying registration. At the time, all vehicles which were roadworthy had to pay tax.

The motorcycle was in pieces and the frame and tank ended up with a gentleman by the name of Cam Gilbert. He was reportedly going to restore it, but never got around to it. The bike was still in Crystal Brook at that time. In 1975, Mr Wilson discovered the engine in Mr McDonald's shed and he allowed him to restore it. Mr McDonald collected the rusty frame from Cam Gilbert and in 1978 it was in running order. The bike is a complex machine featuring a single gear with no clutch and lots of controls. Mr Wilson said that many pieces were missing but with the help of the Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club and its members he was able to duplicate it. The bike consists of a frame and cycle parts by Chater Lea, a company in England that supplied parts as well as complete motorcycles. The engine is a Fafnir – a Belgium company in no way related to the Fafnir bearing company. It had a low-tension dynamo which supplied current for a trembler coil for the ignition, however Mr Wilson replaced it (because there was nothing there) with a High Tension Magneto. Archibald "Archie" Limb was a master of machinery. He built one of the first motorcycles that was entirely created in Port Pirie in 1903 and it is likely that this very bike was built by hand in his workshop and business Port Pirie Pioneer Cycle and Motor Cycling Works. He bought the business from Mr T. Row in 1898 in partnership with Arnold Low in the early years and is believed to have worked with a Mr Alf Williams later on. Mr Limb wasn't the only one as at least three brands were made – the Limb, the Laver and the Growden. Mr Limb earned a good reputation by reading respective literature of his field to keep his skills up to date and had the latest machinery available. More than 100 years since the motorcycle was made, a remarkable tale of family and friendship lives on.

Regards Terry Parker



Blyth Agriculturist 12 January 1923

J N Boberg report in the Right Around Australia by Mmotor Cycle.

Mr. BOBERG PASSES CLARE.THROUGH

This formidable project has been undertaken by Mr- J. N. Sober*, who arrived in Clare on Sunday evening last from Adelaide, enroute to Perth. Mr. Boberg is travelling as a representative of the Sydney 'Daily Mail,' toward which paper he is contributing a series of articles respecting his travels, as well as pictures taken as he goes through. He has been commissioned to forward specimens obtained on the trip to the Botanical Gardens and Museum, Sydney.

Interviewed at Cadan'e Clare Hotel on Monday morning, Mr Boberg had interesting facts to tell of his journey, which began in Sydney. The type of machine used (riding solo as far as Adelaide) was a 5 6hp Indian Scout. When in Adelaide a Goulding side-car attachment was added. Proceeding to Messrs Vivian Lewis, Limited's Clare garage, and by the courtesy of Mr. Shaw, our reporter inspected the machine, which appeared to be in first-class condition. Surplus gear is carried in the side-car, but when riding solo strong leather bags strapped to the carrier are used. A tank containing an 8 gallon supply of petrol is also carried, for in case of emergency.

A hardened steel casing protects the front of the engine from flying pebbles, sand, &c , and altogether the outfit looks very light for so huge an undertaking.

A large-sized water-bag completes a most compact and useful travelling kit.

Several onlookers commented upon the very small clearance between the engine

and the roadway, thinking that for such a rough trip more clearance apace was necessary, but Mr. Boberg explained that the steel casing underneath had acted very well up to date. Others expressed the idea that he would have a 'rough bit' in the West Australian sandy country and through the Nullarbor Plain, but with the optimistic spirit of the adventurous, he smiled, and said ' it was on the cards,' but he would have a good try.

Bronzed by the sun and whipped by the wind, this hardy explorer looked the personification of health. Standing about 5 feet 10 inches in height, with a loose wiry frame, we have no doubt that his perseverance and pluck will see him through.

Respecting the roadways so far as he has travelled, Mr Boberg said that from Sydney to Eden (on the Victorian border) the roads were generally good, with a few potholes. From Eden to Genoa (Victoria) they were in a very bad condition, though re-construction is now taking place. Genoa to Orbost, roads good little sand in places, Orbost to Lakes Entrance, bad roads ; afterwards splendid track right through to Melbourne. Melbourne to Hamilton, good Casterton to Penola, sandy to Millicent to Kingston, good; Kingston, (Coorong Desert), Meningie, not as bad as imagined or reported ; Meningie to Adelaide, good ; Adelaide to Clare, good, but not equal to parts N S Wales and Victoria, while from Adelaide to Gawler potholes were freely met with.

Questioned when he hoped to arrive in Perth the cyclist said he could not hazard a guess, but 'depend upon it, he would arrive sometime. Wishing him the best of luck, a hearty hand shake, and his cheerful 'cheerio' were the finishing touches to a pleasant interview.

Geraldton Guardian 1 March 1923.

J. N. BOBERG RESUMES HIS JOURNEY.

Two motor cycles and a side car formed the centre of interest for a big crowd of people at Armstrong and Co's garage, Perth, on Monday.

One was an Indian Chief with, a miniature masher cart body attached, and the other was an Indian Scout. The heavy machine was the property of Mr. Jack Higham, of Glenflorrie Station, back from Onslow, and the Scout is the machine that is carrying Mr. J.N. Boberg, the travelling representative of the Sydney "Daily Mail," around Australia.

The two motor cycles presented a unique contrast. Mr. Higham 's mount was new and shining, and the up-to-date sidecar was filled with tins of petrol, spare tyres, supplies and odds and ends. Mr. Boberg 's machine though free from the grimy mass of dirt which it brought to Perth, looked spare and gaunt beside the big Chief and side car. Mr. Higham will accompany Mr. Boberg on the first thousand miles of his journey north. The route will be through Midland Junction, Moora, Pithara, Mullewa, and then on through the different stations, Billabalong, Byro, Dairy Creek, Lynton, Yannarie, and on to Onslow.

Mr. Boberg carries only a spare tube and repair outfit. He takes no food or water with him, and depends on the people he comes across for sustenance. As one spectator of the departure remarked, "Ned Kelly was a game 'un, but he had nothing on this chap."

Mr. Boberg aims to proceed to Roebourne, and then cut inland to Hall's Creek. After that, well, he says he will wait and see. He left a message to the people of W.A. whom he has met thanking them for their kindness which he said had made his journey much easier than it would otherwise have been.

Mr. Boberg left Sydney on December on the 9 and in due course hopes to re-turn to that city after driving around the continent. His future plans include the circling of Tasmania and then home.

Reference—the above newspaper report are located on Trove.

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Book produced in 1923

J.N. Boberg 'Around Australia' motor cyclist.

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.High Brian I have posted this article on William (Billy) Laver on the Pirie site...very gifted man.

Recorder (Port Pirie, SA : 1919 - 1954), 28th September 1937.

SCIENTIST, SINGER, AND SPORTSMAN

Mr. W. E. N. Laver Leaving Pirie Had Town's First "Motor Car Wedding" ONE of Pirie's cheeriest personalities, Mr. W. E. N. Laver, of Queen s street, Solomontown, will sever his residential and business connections with the town on October 13, when he will leave for Glenelg.

Mr. Laver has in 32 years' residence experienced good times and some which have not been so bright, and he has smiled through them all, but he feels a pang of genuine regret at the thought of leaving a host of good friends, and he admits that he will miss the sociable atmosphere of Pirie.

His labor and recreation in the fields of commerce, science, art. and sport over a period of many years, as related to "The Recorder" yesterday, make an interesting story. Mr. Laver learned his trade as a bicycle manufacturer from W. Tyler, of Adelaide, whose workshop, he said, was one of only three in Australia which turned out its own cycle parts.

At the same time he studied electrical engineering' at Adelaide School of Mines, where he gained three certificates. PURCHASED CYCLE BUSINESS In 1903 he came to Pirie to manage a cycle shop for Massey Harris. The following year he went to Mount Gambier for the same employer, and in 1905 he purchased the Pirie business and came here to reside. In passing it may be mentioned that he has occupied seven different premises during his 32 years in the town.

Eighteen months after having set I himself up in business Mr. Laver began manufacturing his own cycles in a shop in Ellen street. He continued in that line of business for years and at one time had 13 boys and men working for him making and repairing machines.

He believes that he holds a record unique in Australia if not farther abroad, in that he manufactured 550 genuine B.S.A. cycles and three pattern machines. "And I believe that No. I machine, built in 1907, is still being ridden in Pirie," he said. When motor cars came into vogue, Mr. Laver added the sale and repair of the mechanised product to his business, and he sold more than 300 cars in Pirie while holding agencies.

He was called upon to do all classes of work, heavy and light. Whereas today a garage proprietor has merely to order a part for a client, years ago the mechanic, had to fashion them himself, often with makeshift tools, "Billy" Laver has turned to and made a crankshaft from a solid block and in the same breath he tells you that he once averaged £2 10/ a month doing engraving for the two local jewellers.

Tendered for Big Electrical Job Electrical engineering was another string to his bow. "I tendered for the town electrical installation contract and lost it by £320," he said. That was a long time ago, but if my memory serves me right the contract price was about £7,000.

Unbehaun and Johnstone Limited were the successful tenderers. "I had a big hand in preparing the specifications for the job, however. I strongly advocated alternating current, believing that it would be more economical, but it was turned down on the score of cost."

In 1911 he installed at Bishop's House, Gladstone—then occupied by Bishop Norton—a complete 100-volt plant. Costing £150, it was one of the largest private plants in the North.

Mr. Laver is a lover of music, and in his long association with Solomontown Methodist Church he found an outlet for his card or. On and off he has conducted the choir for 16 or 17 years, and he was recently re elected as its leader. For years he sang as first tenor in Pirie Male Voice Choir, of which he was deputy conductor for several years. He is a life member of the organisation.

TEACHER FOR 30 YEARS Recently he relinquished the position of teaching the young men's class at his church—a labor of love which he carried on for 30 years. "They were fine chaps," he said, referring' to his pupils, many of whom now occupy high positions in the business world.

Rev. Charles B. Schafer had charge of the ministry here when Mr. Laver began his long association with the church. Mr. Laver remembers him as a vigorous preacher who was particularly "down" on intoxicating liquor. With a smile the old Piriean recalls that his was probaby the first "motor car wedding" in this town. The groom and his bride (formerly Miss May Bawden, daughter of a headmaster of Pirie School) were favored by sunshine during the ceremony, but they were glad of the protecting canopy which formed the hood of the vehicle as they drove away from the Methodist church in pouring rain.

Mr. Ted Limb, the groom's rival in business, drove the car. That was in 1909, and the now almost defunct, cab was the usual means of transport.

SUCCESS AT SPORT Mr. Laver played cricket with fair success as a member of the old Y.M.C.A. team, and later for about 17 years with Solomontown Culb in Pirie Association. Fielding was his forte.

In 1923 he laid aside his cricket bat and took up the golf club. In his second year in the game he was runner-up in the club championship. He has always enjoyed his same of golf, which he deems the world's finest sport so far as individual skill is concerned. He plays no mean cue at billiards, and two or three years ago won the Institute Club championship. "I was a good marbles player, too, he remarked to the interviewer, with a chuckle. It is as an astronomer however, that Mr. Laver has found his favorite recreation.

He purchased an expensive telescope, and for years he has been studying the heavens. His late father-in-law interested him in the science and the two of them spent many happy hours taking transits of the stars, gazing through a sawcut in a post, and getting their calculations to within a few seconds of correct time.

Mr. Laver made a study of meteorites and discussed them with Mr. Dodwell, of the Observatory. He sent on to the latter photographs of an eclipse of the sun which he observed. Tracing the courses of obscure comets was another of his pleasures in the world of astronomy. Before he came to Pirie he took a keen interest in Druids' Lodge, and he went through the chairs of the New Thebarton branch.

TALENTED FAMILY Mr. Laver and his wife, who is noted for her skill with the brush, passed on their love of art. to their daughters. Daphne (Mrs. L. A. Belcher) and Heather, who are accomplished musicians, the former with the violin and the latter at the piano.

The Areas' Express (Booyoolie, SA : 1877 - 1948) 14th Oct 1910 THE

"LAVER" CYCLE AND MOTOR WORKS.

Mr. W. E. N. Laver, of the "Laver" Cycle and Motor Works, Alexander St., showed five of the latest patterns in cycles, amongst them being a "Laver" Special and "Laver" Model 1.

Some fine samples of the good work done at the "Laver" Cycle and Motor Works, in the shape of steel, brass and copper polishing brazing work were also amongst the collection.

A special item of interest was a fine motorcycle — the "**Matchless**" — three and a half (3.5) horsepower, which at present holds the world's record, won on the famous Brooklands track, for speed.

Other notable lines were Newton McLaren electric lamps and shades, fans and motors, for which the local agency is located at the rear of the popular "Laver" Cycle and Motor Works.

LAVER William story 28 September 1937 *by Eddie Sloan of Port Pirie*

Reference from Eddy Sloan of Port Pirie from the following newspaper
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MR W. E. N. LAVER.

Though the somewhat rough and ready annexe was not an attractive setting, the exhibit from Laver's Motor and Cycle Works was one worthy of more than a passing glance. The five machines displayed were all manufactured at Mr Laver's Alexander St establishment, as one might gather from the engraved trade mark, a capital "L" and a horse shoe intertwined. Among the bicycles was a Laver path racer, while a conspicuous feature was a photograph of a local athlete, Mr S. Konn, winner of the Demonstration Wheel Race. Owing to pressure of work the proprietor was unable to exhibit any new cars or motor cycles, though the very fact that he is unable to keep a permanent stock surely says more for the quality of work produced than any number of unsold samples. The only motor cycle on view was one built by Mr Laver for Mr J. Bottrall two years ago, which still shows but little sign of the constant use to which it has been subjected. In awarding the whole exhibit a prize the judges complimented both the builder and present owner on the cycle's perfect state of preservation. Mr Laver has recently moved into commodious premises in Alexander Street, where, with more room, better appliances, and a staff of experienced assistants, he is prepared to cope with all the demands of cyclists and motorists.

Petersburg Times Tue 13 Oct 1908 (Trove)

Wm.E. N. LAVER, Cycle Agent

The principal cycle agent in Port Pirie is undoubtedly Mr. Wm. E. N. Laver, whose well-stocked premises adjoin the Exchange Hotel in Ellen-street. Intending buyers could not do better than call on the proprietor, who is an exceedingly energetic and popular business man, and inspect his fine range of Massey Harris machines. The reputation of this cycle is world-wide. They are built to last well, look well, run well, and keep running well; also the grade is higher than the price asked. Mr. Laver makes a speciality of repairing work and does a large share.

Another thing, he is a thorough mechanic, and is able to satisfactorily undertake any small engineering jobs. The stock of accessories is a large and useful one, and the prices are reasonable. There are many second-hand machines on view at low prices, so those not desiring to pay a good price for a good machine like the Massey Harris, can be suited in other makes. He is a fair dealer. and residents can't do better than favour Mr. Laver with their patronage.

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 Peter Allen on our 1927 L model 350 BSA in April 1981 25th Anniversary Rally Barossa Valley now owned by Bob Gill. Cheers Dean

25th ANNIVERSARY RALLY our SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

The second time we ventured into Anniversary Rallies was for our 25th. As this was our Silver Anniversary we had a special Badge, our club badge done in silver instead of gold. The rally was centred in the Barossa Valley. The Organisers were Clem Evans and Leslie Jones and the rally Routes for two days riding were done by Dean Govan and Peter Grace. It was held Easter Weekend of 1981, Of course the Easter traffic was nothing like it is today, but we still kept the riders off the Main road as much as possible.

There were 109 riders: 13 veterans, 41 Vintage and the rest up to the 1950s. Of these 52 came from other states from Western Australia right through to Queensland. In those days we had to get a "Permit to Ride" from the Registrar to take an unregistered/historic vehicle on to the road. You can imagine the reaction of the bloke at the registrar when Leslie turned up there with 52 applications for permits. However they were very accommodating and next day they were collected all in alphabetical order! On the Friday night we had a Wine tasting and get together for the Entrants. Day 1 was 124 kms and we rode through Koonunga, Kapunda Tarlee, Templars, Greenock and back to Nuriootpa, Day 2 was 106 kms and we travelled through Angaston, Menglers Hill Lookout, Seppeltsfield to Greenock oval where Alan Webster and his helpers cooked us a great BBQ lunch. Then returned to Nuriootpa. Dinner each night was at Hoffman's Winery. Arrangements had been made via the rally forms for voting in 25 different categories and these trophies were awarded on the last night. We finished up with a farewell Breakfast on the Monday morning.

More On Mack Trucks

The Mack Brothers Company was incorporated in New York in 1901 with John M. (Jack), Augustus F (Gus) and William C. (Willie) Mack as directors.

From 1904 the brothers adopted the Manhattan name for their vehicles and in 1905 formed Mack Brothers Motor Car Co. in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, with production facilities at Allentown.

From 1910 it was decided to drop the Manhattan name and call the trucks Mack. The first trucks of 1905 were a bonneted 1 to 2-tonner and forward-control models for 3, 4 and 5 tons payload - all powered by Mack's own design of gasoline engine.

To raise further capital the International Motor Company was formed in 1911 as a holding company for the Mack Brothers Motor Car Co. and the Saurer Motor Co.

The latter built Swiss Saurer trucks under license. A significant development was the introduction of the medium-weight AB of 1914 followed in 1915 by the legendary AC.

It was the AC's rugged performance during World War I that impressed the British soldiers, so much so that they dubbed it the

An early example of Mack's legendary AC Bulldog dating from 1917. Around 40,000 ACs were built between 1915 and 1938.

From 'Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Tractors & Trucks'

"Bulldog".

The name stuck and from 1922 the famous bulldog motif was adopted as Mack's corporate symbol.

Over the years more famous models appeared, such as the BJ and BB of 1927. Then came the streamlined medium-duty Mack E models of 1936 with payload ratings up to 4 tons.

Heavier E models followed, including the 6-ton shaft-drive EM, 6-ton chain-drive ER and EQ tractors for 10 to 12 tons.

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BIRDWOOD FIGURE 8 RIDE—10.00am MARCH 16TH 2025

The Ride once again starts from the **National Motor Museum Birdwood**. Enter through the gate off of Blumel Rd after 9.00am (*Ed. see map this page*). Park trailers at the rear of the buildings on the left and form up on the roadway alongside of the lawn area.

After the usual riders briefing, we will head off at 10.00am.

We will travel down the main road through **Gumeracha** and turn left into the **Gorge Road**. Another left turn at **Cudlee Creek** and the main ride will turn right up **Fox Creek Road to Lenswood**.

Veteran and Tiddler bikes.

Instead of turning they can go straight on at **Fox Creek Road**, to go straight through to **Lobethal**, to turn right to the refreshment stop.

Long Route riders.

At **Lenswood** the main route turns down **Swamp Road** to turn left into **Oakwood Road to Oakbank**. Turning left, then through **Woodside** to turn left at the roundabout to the **refreshment break at Lobethal**.

After the break we will all head through on the main roads to **Birdwood, via Mt Torrens**. Crossing over the Main street of **Birdwood onto Cromer Road** to turn left into **Lucky Hit Road onto Martins Hill Road**.

Right into **Forreston Road onto Warren Road** to right turn onto **Cricks Mill Road to Mt Pleasant**.

A right turn will put us onto the main road **back to the Museum at Birdwood**.

On arrival back at the Museum the bikes will be judged by the Museum Staff for their Annual Trophy.

We should arrive back early afternoon, so this will give you plenty of time to go to one of the cafes in the main street opposite the Museum for something to eat. The rest of the afternoon can be spent looking at the various displays in the Museum, at no extra cost to you.

The main route is about 96kms

Shorter route of 75km, which misses the climb on Fox Creek road.

Will be looking for someone to tow the trailer and of course **Corner marshals as well.**

Please contact Ian Hese to volunteer for the trailer. (\$60 towards your running cost).

Ian Hese—Club Captain

