

THE SHARP END

A few pointers to articles this month. The Coolgardie/Kal run starts life this month both with an outline of events, page three and an expression of interest form on page thirteen.

Similarly on the same pages information and form for next year's National Veteran Rally in Albany.

. Also, on page five the proposed Two Day Sidecar Run to Boyup Brook.

One of Bill Young's pieces is further on plus an original machine made for rabbit hunting.

Now a web site of interest to those racers amongst you, assuming you have a computer!

www.kapitalmoto.co.uk/node/235

A full practice lap of the IOM course ridden with voice over by the late David Jefferies, not a recent video but well worth watching.

PRESIDENTS REPORT MARCH 2008

The VMCC inducts up to five new members at each general meeting with a few well chosen words by Charlie Lawson, and a presentation of a membership pack. We then turn the member loose to find his own way through the services and benefits of the Club. The Management Committee has discussed this issue and is seeking members help to introduce new members to the workings and services the Club offers.

It is recommended that the member who sponsors the new member take a greater role in the introduction of our services, such as the Parts Store, Library and Tech Library, and participation in the many runs and other events we are involved in right through the year.

Other members are encouraged to look out for new members that may be standing alone and looking a little lost. We urge you to give that new member a few minutes of your time so they can quickly integrate into Club activities and become a valuable member, and so continue to build on our strong desire to have all members involved in Club activities.

One of the many benefits of being a member of the VMCC, is being able to tap into the knowledge your fellow members have about what services are available for having work done on your restoration, and where those services can be found.

Most of the services are available right here in WA, and some have been listed in the Chatter with others in the Eastern States, England and New Zealand.

I advise new members to seek out this information from your fellow members and watch the Chatter for listings.

The Club's Swap Meet is to be held Sunday the 30th March at the Cannington Agricultural Society's grounds.

Organisers are putting together their teams of people to run that event, so if you can offer an hour or two of your time please do so.

A list of team leaders is in the Chatter, so you can approach them with an offer to help. This is a major event on our calendar and we need your help.

PRESIDENT REX

NEW MEMBERS

768, Noel Sutor, Plant operator, of Karratha.

769, Shaun Smith, retired, of Noranda.

770, Peter Boreham, civil engineer, of Carmel.

771, Graham Spink, retired, of Maylands.

772, Brian Higgs, retired, of Canning Vale.

773, Jamie Birnie, plant operator, of Karratha.

774, John Nicholls, trailer hire & sales, of Geraldton.

JOHN MCGEE

SWAP MEET

The time has come to collect all the bits you haven't sold in the Chatter, or to the club stores, and drag them to Cannington on the 30th March to sell at the annual swap meet. More details next month.

If you can spare a few hours of your time at the Swap Meet, these are the team leaders to contact.

John Moorhead Gate.

Ron Chave Display.

Owen Page Sellers.

Rex Edmondson BBQ.

Keith Perry (to confirm) Refreshments.

EVENTS CALENDAR

PRE 31 MEETING EVERY 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. START TIME 20.00hrs

MARCH 2008

SUN 2 NO EVENT

WED 5 GENERAL MEETING

SAT 8-SUN 9 IHC TWO DAY RIDE. (BUNBURY)

SUN 16 GRUMPY'S RIDE page 3 Trevor Stephenson

WED 19 STOCKER SPECIAL page 3 Peter Stocker

SUN 23 EASTER. JARRAHDAL RIDE page 3 Barry O'Byrne

SUN 30 VMCC SWAPMEET

APRIL

WED 2 GENERAL MEETING

SUN 6 TWO STROKE RIDE Brian and Jean

SUN 13 I.H.C. COLLIE TIME TRIAL

SUN 20 CLASSIC CAR SHOW, DISPLAY for M/Cs Whiteman Park Tom Green

SUN 27 ROCKINGHAM RIDE Owen Page

MAY

SAT 3 –SUN 4 BUSSELTON TWO DAY Rex Edmondson

WED 7 GENERAL MEETING

SUN 11 MOTHERS DAY

SUN 18 ECONOMY RIDE / BRITISH CAR DAY GINGIN Alan Johnson

SUN 25 BOWLING CLUB RIDE Barry O'Byrne

RUN ORGANANISERS. Please ensure a fire extinguisher is available on each run.
Remember to inform Club Caretakers in plenty of time, if access to Club
Rooms is required for your run. Call Alan and Kay Chapelle 9453 2728

ORGANISER CONTACT DETAILS

.Trevor Stephenson 9457 8160, B&J 9291 8361, Tom Green 9361 5385, Peter Stocker
9397 5217, Owen Page 9592 5960, Rex Edmondson 9354 9008, Alan Johnson 9294 1417

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR, BARRY O'BYRNE, Mob 0418 936 254

COMING EVENTS**A STOCKER EXTRAVAGANZA**

A great mid week run for the old fellows who no longer have to work.

When? Wednesday March 19th, at 9am for a 10 o'clock start.

Where? Peter Stocker's place, 22 Stocker Road Roleystone.

Tea, coffee, biscuits, before to Where?.

Through hills to Jarrahdale with no traffic lights en route, for lunch at the dam site.

Return through Byford. \$2.00 entry fee, not including lunch!

Trust me! Ph 9397 5217

JARRAHDAL RIDE SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

Meet at Armadale City Council car park, Jull St. Armadale, entering from Church Avenue off Armadale Road. Depart at 10.30.

This year's lunch stop will be at Mundijong, plenty to choose from.

Cost \$2.00. Back up required.

BARRY O'BYRNE 9455 1262, after 7.00 pm

THE GRUMPY RUN SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

Starts at 33 Fifth Ave Rossmoyne, 9.00 am for a 10 am start, easy ride mostly flat, any bike or outfit, (same as last year same as next)

TREV 9457 8160

COOLGARDIE KALGOORLIE RALLY 2008

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER TO 19TH SEPTEMBER

The Rally will be similar to the one in 2004.

The first day (Saturday) we had a run in our cars as there was some gravel.

Sunday was Coolgardie Day we went in their parade and then put the Bikes on display.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday we did different tours organized by Dave Hurst a local from Coolgardie.

Friday returned home.

The caravan park has powered sites \$132.00 per week, unpowered sites \$102.00 per week, they also have 3 chalets and 4 rooms.

The Motel across the road also has 2 or 3 rooms. All these places should be booked early as it is a fairly busy time.

Form for expression of interest in this months Chatter, see page thirteen.

Any further information please ring 08 9459 8804.

BILL COOTE (301). Also email (Daughter Kylie) at wksewell@bigpond.com.au

7th NATIONAL VETERAN MOTORCYCLE RALLY 2009.

This event is open to all Veteran motorcycles (pre 1919). It is to be held in Albany from October 24th (check in) to October 30th 2009. Expressions of interest are being published in The Chatter, so get out the old bike, register for the rally, and come and have some fun; if you can't ride it lend it and lets show off some of the gems of the West.

The Albany Section will be looking for assistance from Club Members to help with travelling, and corner marshalls, preference for Members to use Vintage motorcycles as to keep in with the theme of the Rally.

Enquiries for Rally, Colin Butler 08 98464337, or Bill Morrell 08 98444081.

Shirley #341

REPORTS

INSPECTION DAY 2008

Inspection day has come and gone with a good turn out of well presented bikes for all to see. With eight scrutineers on deck, new signage and the P A system up and running, we experienced a good steady flow of machines through without any delay. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their regular and reliable help on the day. Above all there are the scrutineers, Ron Chave, Jim Forster, Norm Chester, Spencer Sheffield, Clive Glands, Bert Holmes. Jack Berkshire and Don Fawell. Even though they all enjoyed a later start it is still a very busy day. I would also like to thank Mary Green [photographer] and Keith Perry, as ever reliable general hand. Em Searls put a lot of effort in through the year to rectify the problems we experienced last year with members confused with the new format and car park chaos. I believe this year we all enjoyed smooth sailing, so thanks Em. I know most of us enjoyed a cuppa and sausage sizzle thanks to John and Loraine O'Brian, they do all the organising for this themselves, all I did was to ask "John, are you available again this year?" and the whole job is done. Thanks also to Owen Page and Carl Montgomery for the book keeping side of the day, it is very important the records are accurate and I know they're in good hands. John McGee was up bright and early to provide us with the up to date membership list to avoid confusion on who was financial and who wasn't, so thanks John. On a sad note I would like to notify members of the resignation off our longest serving scrutineers, Max Madill and Jim Forster. Max has been a scrutineer since 1979 and was also our machine registrar for many years. Jim has been a scrutineer for the past 16 years and has provided a valuable service to southern based members; at the age of 89 he has decided to make this his last year. I'm sure I speak for every club member and thank you both for a job well done.

Phil Skinner # 523

Report on 265th Pre-31 Meeting of 23 Jan 08

This was the first meeting of the New Year, which started at the new time of 8pm, & was chaired by Kevin.

After the usual fellowship, 16 members & 1 visitor took their seats, two new members being Rex Edmondson & Ken Vincent.

The usual formal business was cleared quickly, with the suggestion that the annual inspection day be moved to the second Sunday of February to allow attendance of the VCC's Vintage & Veteran run, which has clashed every year.

Bits & Pieces was themed carbies, & many interesting ones were passed round, dating from 1905 to the 30's.

Next month's theme is to be magnetos.

The evening ended with everybody retiring to the kitchen/verandah for the usual fellowship.

Weeksy # 626L

ALBANY NOTES

Inspection Day On 3rd Feb, successful day, all machines inspected were a credit to their owners. February 10th Run. An enjoyable ride put on by John Bond which took us out into the Albany /Mt Barker district ending back at the Chalet for a BBQ lunch.

March 9th Run. Meet at Old Gaol to DEPART at 10-00am for a ride to Anvil Beach BYO lunch etc. Easter ; Members are asked to please donate \$5-00 towards Easter Eggs which will be distributed to the Albany Regional Hospital on Easter Saturday Afternoon.

Easter Display and Rally. This event is put on by the VCC Great Southern Section.

There will be a display of cars and motorcycles at the Education resource centre on the Saturday morning from 8-30am to 12-30 pm, members are urged to attend.

Sunday Rally. Starts from VCC Club Rooms in Kitson Road, assemble from 8-30.

Briefing 09-00am, first vehicle out at 09.15am.

NOTICES

A MESSAGE FOR ALL OWNERS OF GIRDER_FORK BIKES

The Pre-31 Section is happy to accept all owners of girder-fork bikes into their fold, & all are welcome to Pre-31 meetings.

Although Pre-31 bikes generally had girder forks, this form of suspension continued for more than 15 years on many models. This period of bikes "falls between stools" with the Pre-31 covering Vintage & Veteran bikes & the main club's tendency to cover '50's or later bikes (due in part to the 25 year rule). This tends to leave the post'30 bike owners without a forum, notwithstanding the various girder-fork runs that are put on through the year.

The Pre-31 section meets at 6 Hickey St Ardross (Wireless Hill Park) at 8pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except December).

The meetings are a lot less formal than the main club, with a pool of knowledge that will surprise you, & a "show & tell". January's was on carbies, & Feb's will be on magnetos.

So come along & be welcomed.

Weeksy # 626L Ph 9384 6617, mob 043 999 1584

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

SIDE CAR TWO DAY 30th —31st AUGUST 2008

BOYUP BROOK

Expression of interest required to determine costs.

Phone TERRY McKIE 9298 8953, Email ariel2m@westnet.com.au

OUR CLUB AFFILIATION WITH THE VMCC Ltd UK

When the VMCCWA (Inc) was being formed, the club founders were required to present a Constitution before incorporation would be approved. They "borrowed" the Constitution of the VMCC Ltd and modified it for our purpose. Thirty two years later our club has officially affiliated with the VMCC Ltd in the U.K. This decision was not taken lightly and your Committee has spent considerable time and effort considering all aspects of the benefits that will come from this affiliation.

At the February General meeting the official notification was tabled, including the Certificate and membership material sent by the U.K. body. The VMCC Ltd is a large organisation with world-wide affiliations, and a membership of around 15000. They have a large reference library and provide a range of services to affiliates, including information on most types of motorcycles to assist restorations, along with spare parts that are in short supply, such as beaded edged tyres, tubes, rims and belts for veteran machines. They have access to expert advice and information for restorers. We now exchange newsletters and thus keep in touch with events over there and developments that may eventually affect us.

There is an Overseas Clubs Liaison & Affiliation Officer, Mr Eric Londesbrough. He may be contacted by members and can advise on the persons most likely to assist.

His contact details are: The Meadows; Orchard Close, Dalton-on-Tees, North Yorks, DL2 2PY.

Phone 0011 441 325 721 463. email : eric.lon@ btopenworld.com

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Members are invited to access the services offered provided by this affiliation. Should difficulties arise contact the Vice-President, Mr E Seris on 9458 2818

**Minutes of the V.M.C.C.W.A. Monthly General Meeting Held at the V.C.C
Hall Wattle Grove on Wednesday 06/02/08 Commencing 8.00 pm**

President: Rex Edmondson. Secretary: Elliott Montagu Treasurer: Delys Brazil
91 registered members attended with apologies from D Fawell, C McKee, J van Bockxmeer, K Wiggins, R Gordon, N Montagu, M Annear, R Morrison.
The President introduced the mike usher Allen Johnson.

Visitors: The President welcomed eight visitors.

New Membership Envelopes: The following new members were welcomed to the Club and those present were presented with Membership Envelopes by Charlie Lawson. S Blundell, J Saunders, P Sharpe, J Denard, B Lambert, K Russell, D Bunning, D Shaw, P Ramsden.

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were accepted as a true and faithful record and signed by the President.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence:

Gasket sent to D Ward and C Tie.

Letter from DOCEP accepting the changes to rules made at Jan 08 EGM.

A request for expressions of interest in 7th National Vet. M/C Rally 2009.

Accommodation ideas for above rally.

Entry forms. 2 Day Bunbury rally. 8th 9th March 2008.

Correspondence moved D. Weeks seconded O Page. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

REPORTS.

President: Rex thanked the members for their patience and support at the EGM in Jan 2008. The amendments to the Constitutional Rules By-Laws and Regulations passed at the EGM have been accepted in writing by the Dept of Consumer and Employment Protection and take effect from the 25th Jan 2008. He advised that the constitution will be reprinted incorporating the changes and each member will receive a copy.

The photocopier is for the Publishers use only however the Publisher will copy material for members if it is for Club purposes.

Treasurer: Payments. Library Books and Stationary \$145, Chatter Postage \$250, Web Site \$43, Machine Examinations \$7, Annual Wind-Up \$290, Sign \$66, Refund of Subs \$30. Receipts. Interest \$79, Machine Examinations \$14, Membership Badge \$3, Aviation Ride \$13, Parts \$707, Yellow Plates \$10, Two Dog Run \$48. Moved K Perry and seconded D Weeks that the report be accepted. Carried.

Membership Secretary: John McGee reported that deposits made since the last report totalled \$3880 and that we now have 521 active members. As at the 3rd Feb, 79 members had not paid their membership renewal fee. F Whitley has resigned as he is travelling and V L Gerring has resigned due poor health.

Machine Registrar/Examiner: Phil reported on Inspection Day and thanked all the scrutineers who had a long day finishing at 2pm. Thanks to Ern Serls and Keith Perry, Mary Green for photos, John and Lorraine O'Brien for the sausage sizzle, Owen Page and Carl Montgomery for recording, Ron Chave for cool drinks, John McGee for last minute up to date records and the members for presenting good quality machines. Next year we want to see more machines inspected at the Inspection Day and less at home inspections. We have 418 con/lic machines and 173 have been done. Albany has 34 and those who helped on Inspection Day have 60 machines between them. 9 no show forms were sent in so there are approximately 150 yet to be done.

Dating Officer Veteran and Vintage: Greg dated a 1928 BSA S28 Sloper for Dave Weeks.

Dating Officer Post Vintage and Post War Machines: Terry McKie has provisionally dated the following machine. J. Turner 1972 Norton Commando.

Spare Parts: Bill Cowlin advised that parts are required for the store. Next month two Yamahas, a 400 and a 250 will be available for sale.

Concessional Licensing: Norm Chester made two First Time Concessional Examinations. G Cotton 1954 BSA and P Tutt 1982 Yamaha.

Librarian: Ken Vincent has some new books for loan. Triumph Repair 1947-1948, M/C Repair Encyclopedia, AJS Manual 1951 Twins, Norton (13 Books), Ariel M/Cs From 1933, The First

Classic BSA Scene, M.V.'s Down Under (Video of Agostini), Negative Gravity.(Biography of Beatrice Shilling), Chilton's BSA Repair and Tune Up, Triumph Repair Guide 1937.

Technical Librarian: No report.

Editor: Peter Bennett reported no problems.

Publisher: The photocopier had a problem caused by unauthorised use. A copy of the Chatter will be sent to the VMCC Ltd (UK) on a regular basis.

CMC Representatives: Chas Bayley was not in attendance and Ern Serls had nothing to report as the CMC will not be meeting until 19th Feb.

Events Co-ordinator: Barry O'Byrne called for reports from participants in past events.

Past Events:

16th Jan. Old Fellows Run. This mid-week ride was organised by **Colin Knight**. **Keith Perry** reported that the ride started at his place in Riverton and finished at **Ron and Merle Cherrington's** in Falcon. A good ride, about 40 turned up and there were no break-downs.

20th Jan. Two Dogs Ride organised by **Dave Weeks**. The route was changed from last year. There was a long and a short route. **Delys and Colin Brazil** drove the backup on the short route. There were two breakdowns, the weather was good and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Lunch was at the Parkerville pub.

3rd Feb Inspection Day. See Phil Skinner's report.

Future Events:

Details of most future events appear in the Chatter.

18th May. National Motoring Heritage Day. **Phil Skinner** said that this event is for Veteran and Vintage machines. There will be 3 routes from Perry Lakes to Forrest Place arriving between 12 and 1pm. Machines will be required to take part in a static display at Forrest Place. Watch the Chatter for more information.

Busselton Two Day. If attending you are advised to book accommodation early.

Reports Accepted: Reports were accepted by the meeting. Moved M. Green and Seconded D. Weeks.

General Business:

J. Rock paid tribute to "Crash" Edwards a former speedway identity who has passed away and former member S Morris who has also passed on. Stan's family request that no one contacts them regarding the purchase of bikes and parts.

Ken Duperouzel witnessed a nasty accident on another club's ride recently and reminded members to allow plenty of space between bikes.

Charlie Lawson said there may be some bikes available to ride in the 2009 Albany Rally.

Ern Serls who is liaising with the VMCC Ltd spoke on events leading to our affiliation with this Club and of some of the benefits that will be available to members. On behalf of the VMCC Ltd Ern presented the Certificate of Affiliation, a Pennant and a badge. These items will reside in the Marshall Room. An outline of services and other information will soon appear in the chatter.

Colin Mayfield asked if anyone knew how to adjust a voltage regulator.

Bits and Pieces were then addressed.

Machine Presentation: Charlie Lawson gave a short talk and a demonstration of problem solving with magnetos. Keith Perry displayed his 1988 "Reborn" Matchless G80. The machine was built in England

and features parts from many different countries. The machine is powered by a 500cc single cylinder Rotax. engine. Keith read extracts from a road test and spoke on some of the interesting features of the machine. About 3000 were made and 6 came to WA.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

President

Secretary

FOR SALE**Note. Ads will run for 3months.****Please advise if item disposed of sooner, or requires a longer run****ROUTE SHEET HOLDERS**New style available, includes weather cover
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condition. \$2500.HONDA SL 1971, 175 twin, (special). Good
condition, \$2000..

ROYCE 9349 1409, mob 041 919 7316

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BITS AND PIECES

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Steve Adams, Parts Manager Kiwi Indian Parts

:Steve@Kiwiindian.com,
www.Kiwiindian.com

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AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM
Contact details of a new motor cycle museum, location is 50Kms west of Brisbane Qld.

www.australianmotorcyclemuseum.com.au

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Recommended by member for transfers for side covers, etc ,

"ALL SIGNS", rear of 1026 Albany Hiway, East Vic. Park. 9361 2662

CLUB SPARES

Bill Cowlin, Club Spares Officer, reports the spares section is in need of more stock, and would like expressions of interest from any member who has surplus parts they would be prepared to sell to the Club.

Contact Bill on 9523 1137

LIBRARY

Books, biographies, workshop manuals.
Magazines Videos, Photo library
All the information to put or keep your bike on the road.

Loan periods-, books 2 months, videos
1 month

Proof of membership required

Ken Vincent Librarian

A lovely young Scouse woman was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the Mersey.

She went down to the docks and was about to leap into the freezing water when a handsome young sailor saw her tottering on the edge of the pier, crying.

He took pity on her and said, "Look, you have so much to live for. I'm off to America in the morning, and if you like, I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and bring you food every day."

Moving closer, he slipped his arm round her shoulder and added, "I'll keep you happy, and you'll keep me happy."

The girl nodded yes, after all, what did she have to lose? Perhaps a fresh start in America would give her life new meaning. That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a lifeboat.

From then on, every night he brought her three sandwiches and a piece of fruit, and they made passionate love until dawn.

Two weeks later, during a routine inspection, she was discovered by the captain. "What are you doing here?" the captain asked. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she explained. "I get food and a trip to America, and he's screwing me."

"He certainly is," the captain said. "This is the Birkenhead Ferry."

A man walks into doctor's office. "What seems to be the problem?" asks the doc. "It's... um... well... I have five penises." replies the man.

"Blimey!" says the doctor, "How do your trousers fit?"

"Like a glove."

VETERAN RALLY REWOUND

The Veteran section of the Veteran Car Club of W.A. has invited the V.M.C.C.W.A. to participate in a veteran, vintage rally, held on the 18th May 2008, departing Perry Lakes [morning] and arriving in Forrest Place just after lunch for a static display. There will be three different routes to choose from to ensure all machines are catered for. This rally is a reverse direction reenactment of the very first Ampol/Weekend Mail rally, held on the 20 April 1958. So much interest was generated from this rally that it led to the formation of the Veteran Car Club, and in turn the VMCC. The 18th of May 2008 is also the National Heritage Motoring Day so we are all encouraged to get our machines out of the shed for the day. I strongly urge everyone with a pre 31 bike to participate in this rally, as it is only a short run, and we will have a great opportunity to enjoy the company of similar minded people and machines. Kevin Badby [Pre 31 Section] and I, will be attending another meeting with the organizers of the rally early next month, so there will be more details in the next Chatter. Phil Skinner #523

CHINESE WHISPERS DO HURT !

Chinese Whispers is a kid's party game where they stand in a line then the one on the end is told a simple phrase such as "send reinforcements, we are going to advance". So the first kid then whispers this to the next kid who then repeats it to the next and so on until the whispered message gets to the other end of the line. With much hilarity the last message is compared with the first, it might end up "send three and fourpence we are going to a dance".

The same thing, without the humorous result occurs when adults pass on hearsay. commonly resulting in unjust hurt to others. This has happened in the past when Charles Lawson and Keith Perry were accused, without any evidence, of "doin' orlright from those parts they bought for the club". More recently Colin Tie was subject to a similar slur (slander). The problem occurs when the "Whisper effect" is involved as the unfounded rumour gets repeated. Suspicion is created and most people lend credence to such rumours as they think it must be true "because everyone knows it".

Please personally check your facts. If true refer the information to the President, Secretary or any Committee member

KEITH PERRY #209

PART OF MY LIFE by Bill Young October 1979

Yesterday I rode behind the New Imp!

So what, says you. What's so wonderful about a middle aged, portly, greying, Grandfather chugging up the highway behind an old single cylinder bike almost as ancient as himself? Well, it wasn't always like that. Pull up a chair, fill your glass and listen to a wondrous tale so poignant and unbelievable it will bring a lump to your throat and a tear to the eye.

Picture the scene, half a lifetime ago, early one morning in the Swan Valley: the first rays of the morning sun peeping over the range, bringing wraiths of mist drifting off the barren vines.

A tall engine camshaft Norton thundering up Great Northern Highway, a blue uniformed figure crouched on the rear mudguard pad in the approved racing position of the thirties I was in the Air Force at the time, it was the early stages of the War and my usual thirty minutes estimate for progress Perth - to - Pearce left no time to admire the beautiful spring morning. It was my boast in the pre- R.T.A. days that nothing passed me if I didn't want it to. So it was with an astonished ear that I detected another exhaust note blending with that of the Norton.

No time to wonder! It was alongside and past in a flash, a sleek black machine, narrow tyres, wheels perfectly in line, engine so low that it almost caressed the road, twin Brooklands' fishtails, the rider tucked in so he almost appeared part of it.... a fleeting, wonderful impression heightened by the exciting aroma of Castrol R.

I spurred the Norton to greater effort. She nobly responded, dilated her nostrils, lengthened her stride and I tucked in behind until we swept into the gates of Pearce Airforce Base. A brief halt at the Guardhouse, a crescendo of sound echoing back from the brick archway and he was gone. I was left to wonder.....

For once I was early for Parade but I must confess my motions on the drill square lacked the usual smart precision, my heart just wasn't in it. I still itched to learn more of the remarkable machine.

It wasn't long before the opportunity to disappear from my usual duties presented itself. I soon located the owner, a fellow Airman and the machine, a genuine 1928 TT New Imperial... close ratio gearbox... twin float carb... racing square ML... strutted duplex frame... the lot! REMEMBER this was 1939... a very desirable machine indeed.

Several times during the next few months I was privileged to follow the New Imp. Somehow it didn't seem right to lead, something like a commoner following Royalty, if you know what I MEAN. Then, with the so called Cold War hotting up, our paths parted, I was posted away and never saw my friend or the New Imp again.

October again, but this time 1976. The home phone jangles and a voice, strangely familiar, introduces itself. I'm afraid if the owner of the voice could have seen me he would have noticed a quizzically raised eyebrow.

"Don't you remember me? I was in the Air Force with you in '39."

I hastened to assure him that when it came to mathematics I was well off the leader board, but by removing my boots and counting fingers and toes I could subtract 39 from 76 and the answer was a long, long time for sure.

The voice said it was forced to agree, but then.. did I remember the New Imp?

Making a noise like a Trials Bike with its' exhaust submerged in a **swamp**, I gasped; "You haven't still got it?"

"In the backyard," replied the voice, "and the BSA as well". This was unbelievable news. I hastened to arrange a look which had to be postponed for several weeks because the BSA had savaged him when he tried to start it, breaking his ankle. He would ring me later when he was mobile.

Time dragged on. It only flies when you are having fun.

I was fast running out of patience and at last, could wait no longer. Knocking on his door, I was invited inside and for the next two hours we drank tea and talked about old times. Then AT LAST.

"Would you like to see the bikes?" WOULD I?

More meetings followed. He told me he would never ride them again but he didn't want to part with them."They're part of my life."

Being a little bit funny that way myself, I quite understood, but that didn't help much!

We met regularly, exchanged plants and literature and an occasional fat fish found its' way to his 'fridge, but I was beginning to feel like giving up. If a vacancy had occurred in the Diplomatic Service, I'd have qualified easily. No risk. Then with the thought that "Faint heart never won fair turkey, I rang him again.

It was Grand Final Day... I remember it well.

"Come and pick up the BSA" he said. "I can't get my car in the garage, it takes up too much room."

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO GET A HAND ON GRAND FINAL DAY? Everyone it seems is at the football. The BSA and sidecar was huge, my trailer was small, but somehow I got it on.

During the restoration period, I picked him up to inspect progress for 'way in the back of my mind I suspected that the BSA was really a sort of Trade Test.

At last, with the help of my friends, it was restored to its magnificent conclusion. I once again picked him up and waited tremulously for the verdict while he did his inspection.

"Better than when I first got it 40 years ago."

I sighed with relief. Perhaps I still had a chance of getting the New Imp? Time passed.

Grand Final Day again. Another phone call. "Come and pick up the Imp." I was gone in a flash. Together we pushed it out, wobbling on flat tyres, rusty, dusty, cobwebs and all. But the most

remarkable thing of all, after all the chase, the prize was MINE but I didn't feel that I'd won. I felt almost ashamed to take it. Then as I rolled down the hill and checked the rear vision mirror, I saw the New Imp lashed firmly on my trailer and an old man, back bent away from me, picking a weed - where I am sure no weeds grow

.Original Editors Note:

The TT New Imperial referred to above was ridden by Kerry Young in the TT Commemoration Run of 1979 and ran beautifully, apart from the railway crossing incident, and I feel sure that all who have seen it will agree that BYs' patience and an incredible good luck in acquiring such a rare and desirable machine was fully justified. Truly a worthy addition to our ranks of thoroughbred old Motor Cycles.

Jim Forster sent this after we'd done his "Profile". Adrian White

During the World War 2 period the fox population throughout the wheat belt multiplied to almost plague proportions, mainly because farmers could not do much about them because of the lack of guns, ammunition, man power and poisons. These were well restricted in case of Japanese invasion, besides the rationing of fuel.

The first year I was back on the farm the foxes killed almost all of the lambs born to the flock of 30 ewes so I decided it was time to declare war again, this time against the fox.

We first started by chasing them at night with a three ton Dodge truck and twelve volt spotlight. This was successful to a point, but too many foxes were escaping because the truck was too slow on picking up speed, rough to shoot from and not manoeuvrable enough. If a fox escaped we were only teaching him to be more careful next time.

So I decided to build a special vehicle for the purpose. We acquired an old 1934 Ford V8 car with a chassis but rusted body and blown engine. This was stripped of the body excepting the cowl and windscreen. A bigger Ford V8 engine from an army armoured car was fitted with its bigger radiator. No bonnet or guards were required. A special body was designed and fitted to accommodate two shooters, one left and right and a man in the middle with the spotlight - this was a 24 volt ex aircraft landing light powered by two 12 volt (300 c.p. lamps) batteries and an auxiliary power unit each ex army surplus of course. The four wheels were fitted with the heavy treaded tyres from hay making machinery not in use at the time. The brakes were modified and made to work well. A rare looking vehicle but proved to be very good for the purpose. My youngest brother elected to be driver, he began by taking it out in a paddock and practiced with it and in no time he learned to turn sharply by throwing it on full lock and tramping the motor, the back would spin around and put us still with the fox. When being chased foxes keep turning sharply hence the reason for a pursuing vehicle doing the same.

We teamed up with a young ex army sergeant who was farming next to us and in a matter of weeks his and our properties were virtually cleared of foxes. Our success was soon known throughout the district by bush wireless of course, and other farmers were ringing up and asking us to come and deal with their fox problems, which suited us because their foxes would only migrate back to our farms. We were well compensated for our efforts with petrol, ammunition, and maybe a few bottles of ale; also we got five shillings for the ears and tail of each fox we killed from the local council.

The first season we used this vehicle we shot 300 odd foxes with our biggest kill being 16 in three hours of one night. Soon many people throughout the wheat belt took on the idea of chasing and shooting foxes with all types of cars etc. A lot did it just for the sport- especially the town folk. We enjoyed it also and got a lot of pleasure in seeing a dead fox.

As time went on the Agricultural Protection Board commenced using 1080 poison for the rabbit extermination which in time reduced the fox population, and also because the foxes ate the poisoned rabbits. Our special vehicle which we named a Fox wagon was pensioned off, and was eventually scrapped. Something I regret now, and I don't even have a photo of it. I believed the fox population is again increasing because there are not many rabbits to poison, and what kind of weapon will be used against the fox in future remains to be seen. I think that young farmers of today do not learn to use guns, and I don't think they would resort to our methods.

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