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A newsletter for the Sunraysia Historic Motorcycle Club Inc,

President's Report June 2020.

Well, where do I start? Who would have expected the worldwide disaster that we have experienced in the past 3 months, and continues to cause havoc and hundreds of thousands of deaths in many of the larger countries.

While it has been inconvenient for clubs such as ours, and we miss going for a ride either individually or as a club, or getting together for a chat over coffee, our issues pale into insignificance when compared with what has and is happening elsewhere. We are most certainly "The lucky country".

I hope all members and their families have not been affected by either the virus or the economic shock waves which have resulted from the lockdowns. We all look forward to better times ahead from both a personal and club perspective.

We now have a Webmaster to maintain the club website, thanks to Max Folie. Max has already included the histories of several of the British motorcycle manufacturers in the History section. Max will be on the lookout for local content to replace some of the older photos etc on the site. If you have anything of club history or member interest please discuss with him – email foliejm@gmail.com.

We have had several members on the sick list (not virus related). Get well cards have been distributed from the club and progress reports by phone or personal visits where possible.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to all;

- *Ian Kinleyside, surgery a couple of months ago and on the mend. Light duties.*
- *Graeme Lyons, surgery a couple of months ago and on the mend. Light duties.*
- *Gordon Gunther, treatment in Adelaide which meant he has been living there for the past 2 months due to the border closure. All going well.*
- *Danny Curran, surgery for a pinned wrist following a fall. Recovering well and light duties.*

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- *Jeff Uchtman, extensive treatment over the past 2 years resulting in surgery to remove his lower right leg in Bendigo recently. He is back in Mildura and awaiting a prosthetic.*

Now that home visits are OK, a committee meeting will be conducted within the next week to compile a draft calendar for 20/21 and plans for our AGM, which we hope to hold on its due date of Sunday 26 July. This will include the election of Office bearers and the usual reports. If you have any suggestions for inclusions in our calendar for member interest, be they local or away events, please advise me for inclusion in the draft.

Subject to the next round of Corona rules, (due 21/6/20) we may have a ride only on Sunday 28 June, but no meeting due to the distancing rules. As soon as we know I will email all members.

Likewise for the AGM. A ride may be possible but if the distancing rules remain we may have to postpone the meeting. Again, as soon as I know I will email all members.

Cheers

Jack



Jack congratulating club stalwart Doug Laird on his honorary membership and birthday at the BSA owners rally and Wentworth fly in November 2019. Well done Doug!!

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Statement of Receipts & Payments Month Ended 20th May 2020

Balance as at 21/05/2020 (As per bank statement 259)			\$7,951.06
Receipts			
Mem/ship; Cash Rec.			
Donation Rec: Unidentified cheque deposit 187 #Chq:1		80.00	
Badges-Stickers Rec.			
Club Polos Rec.			
Mem/ship; EFT Rec.			
			80.00
			8031.06
Expenses			
	Chq. No.		
Meander Reimbursement Peter Blaby	534	55.00	
Meander Reimbursement Brian Jory	532	55.00	
Meander Reimbursement Jack McCarthy	530	55.00	
Meander Reimbursement Geoff Kranz	529	55.00	
Meander Reimbursement Roger O'Loughlin (Deposited Not yet cleared)	528	55.00	
			275.00
Balance of Funds available as at 20/05/2020			7756.06
Plus cash on hand			
Total funds available as at 20/05/2020			7756.06
Add Unpresented Cheques as at 20/05/2020			
Meander Reimbursement Jack McCarthy	530	55.00	
Meander Reimbursement Roger O'Loughlin (Deposited Not yet cleared)	528	55.00	
			110.00
			7866.06
Balance as at 20/05/2020 (As per bank statement 260)			7866.06
Term Deposit			
#163958606 15/04/2020 to 15/11/2020 Balance as at 20/05/2020			\$8,235.46

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To quote Mark Twain:- "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

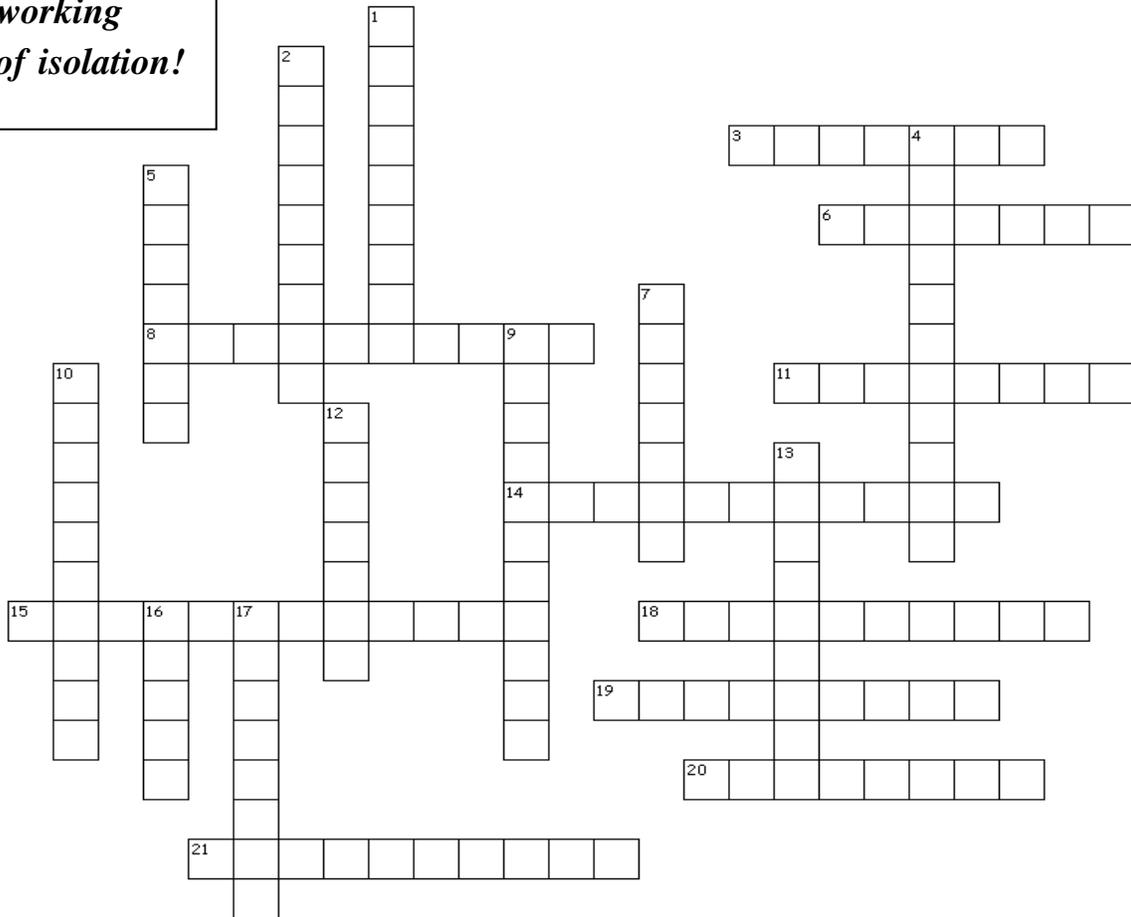


Some spectacular photographs of the BSA rally and fly in at Wentworth. Some very nice machinery there!!



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A motorcycle puzzle to ponder while working your way out of isolation!



Across

- 3/ Mum can ride in this (Two words 4,3)
- 6/ What happens when you apply the front brake hard and the rear wheel lifts off until you cease motion. If done successfully, attracts many admirers – if not attracts the bike wreckers and the doctors.
- 8/ What you fit to your bike so that your hands are 'up in the air' (and you are not surrendering!!) (Two words 3,7)
- 11/ When you come off the bike and fly in the air (demonstrating your undoubting acrobatic ability!!) Cryptic clue: The effect of drugs and not at the front or back but on the (Two words 4,4)
- 14/ When the front end wobbles on its own at speed, and a change of undies is necessary. Cryptic clue: Not quite what you are like when you have had 'too many' and getting hit. (Two words 4,7)
- 15/ A very fast bike you ride, but only if you are a jockey and fold up like a concertina. Cannot be ridden for any great distance without rehabilitation by a chiropractor and/or a physiotherapist. Cryptic clue: Where your legs meet, what NASA sends up. (Two words 6,6)
- 18/ This engine has valves and goes – Suck, Squeeze, Bang, Blow. Most modern bikes have this type of motor. (Two words 4,6)
- 19/ Local speed way hero (Two words 4,5)
- 20/ An old motorcycle everyone wants to discover in a remote area/place and is a 'renovators dream/nightmare'. (Two words 4,4)

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21/ *What motorcycles that originate predominantly from Japan are collectively called (colloquial). Cryptic clue: food type that is singed! (Two words 4,6)*

Down

5/ *Most of the bikes we ride at the club are classed as this. Some wives/partners also classify some of us riders as this too!! Cryptic clue: Some older wines are like this.*

2/ *You need these on the front of your bike at night. Your bike will be unroadworthy without one of these operational. A white stick will not be accepted at night!*

1/ *BMW engines were renowned for this type of engine. Cryptic clue: A punching pair!*

4/ *These are as special category of smaller capacity bikes that do not go very fast at all. Cryptic clue: poultry runner. (Two words 5,6)*

10/ *BMW bikes had these instead of those chains. (Two words 5,5)*

12/ *This person can accompany the rider on a bike. Hopefully they pay for the meal/coffee at the end eh!!*

16/ *Always a good idea to keep these on the ground most of the time. Cryptic clue: Rubber rings.*

17/ *Bikes with no rear suspension, and those who own them have permanent bookings with the chiropractor / physiotherapist. Cryptic clue: Solid end. (Two words 4,4)*

9/ *This is often seen behind dirt bikes on takeoff. Cryptic clue: Poultry finish. (Two words 7,4)*

7/ *Two wheeled transport that looks like it has been build from old parts picked up from the tip. Built for ugliness not speed, looks or performance. Cryptic: Related to a rodent (Two words 3,4)*

13/ *These bikes are customised to make them lightweight, stripping them down to the bare essentials to aid handling, increase acceleration and give a sportier appearance. Cryptic clue: Where you get your coffee, faster. (Two words 4,5)*

It was only when I bought a motorbike that I found out that adrenaline is brown!

Some fast facts about the club.

- *Current membership is between 105 and 110 members.*
- *Total number of bikes owned (and club registered) – 130, plus 20 motor cars.*
- *Number of people in attendance at a meeting around 55 – 60.*
- *Number of bikes on a ride – around 40*
- *Inaugural club meeting was on the 7th April 1981, with approximately 20 people present.*
- *President elected then was John Lever, Vice president was Robin Lewis and Secretary/Treasurer, Dallas Williams.*
- *The early meetings were held at club members houses, until the number of members escalated, and the home venues became unsuitable for large numbers of people and bikes.*



This is no ordinary bike. This pic was found in a December 1989 Classic Mechanics magazine, and is a diesel Matchless – that's right diesel!!!

An interesting riding tip from John Basham

In another world I attended a fatal collision at a cross-intersection, in which a 47-year-old and supposedly experienced male motorcycle rider T-boned a large-sized Nissan Navara utility, and was killed as a result of the collision. The Navara ute driver, and a number of independent witnesses, stated that the motorcycle rider had his left blinker on and therefore appeared as though he was intending to turn left at the intersection.

However, the collision occurred at a bearing of approximately ten o'clock on a clock-face, indicating that the motorcycle rider had entered from a six-o'clock position and was intending to pass through the intersection, and NOT TURN LEFT at all.

Several Meetings ago I made a strong comment about SHMC members taking part in a ride on a Sunday before our regular monthly meeting. My comments were to do with riders at an intersection or similar indicating a turn AND LEAVING THEIR BLINKERS ON AFTER COMPLETING THAT TURN.

I watched one SHMC rider for almost the entire length of San Mateo from 15th WHO DID NOT TURN HIS BLINKERS OFF. There are thirty-five [35!] combined T- or cross-intersections in San Mateo between 15th and the Murray bridge. Twenty-three of them are on the left, going towards the bridge over the river.

THINK ABOUT THIS: that is 23 potential collision spots, from the left-hand side, that SHMC rider had! And typically such a collision would probably have involved other motorcycle riders following close behind that rider. *In my opinion, as a general comment, Mildura drivers and riders are of a poor standard.*

There is a simple rule commonly ignored here: Speed is Equal to Time by Distance. A vehicle driver on the left intersection at a T-intersection, making a judgement of "how far to my right is that other vehicle?" will quite often enter that intersection and turn to his left WITHOUT

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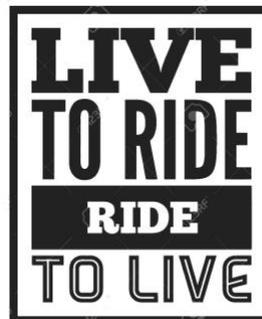
LEAVING SUFFICIENT DISTANCE FOR ANOTHER VEHICLE TO EASILY STOP, and then drive off ahead of the vehicle who properly had right-of-way on the continuing roadway.

Add to that the motorcycle's LEFT BLINKER REMAINING FLASHING and the driver from the left quite understandably MAY CONTRIBUTE TO A COLLISION, even though technically the driver on the continuing roadway is correct, and the entering driver will likely be at fault. Naturally, the same thing can apply to a right-hand intersection.

I do not believe in *accidents* involving a motor vehicle; there is almost ALWAYS a cause! In this case above of the SHMC rider, a vehicle of some type approaching San Mateo from the left would see that motorcycle rider WITH HIS BLINKER ON, at a speed at which it may be possible to turn left – the vehicle driver may very well see the motorcycle's blinker, put his brain in neutral and enter the intersection, guided by seeing that left blinker...

In most cases there will not be sufficient distance between the vehicle and the motorcycle to prevent a collision of some kind. Like it or not, even though the vehicle driver is technically at fault, the collision would really be caused by the motorcycle rider's inattention!

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BLINKERS ON ONCE YOU HAVE FINISHED THE TURN FOR WHICH YOU ACTIVATED THE BLINKERS. As a very simple reminder to yourself, if your bike does not have self-cancelling blinkers, LEAVE YOUR THUMB ON THE BLINKER OFF BUTTON till you have finished the turn. This simple tip might help keep you live a bit longer, and riding your bike.



Scene: *Driving instructor with a learner driver approaching an intersection, with a car turning and coming in the opposite direction, with their blinker on.*

Question by instructor: *What does the blinker tell you about the car coming towards you>?*

Learner driver response: *The car is turning left!!*

Instructor response: *Incorrect!!! It tells you that the blinker works!! (and they may be turning left, right or travelling straight ahead !!).*

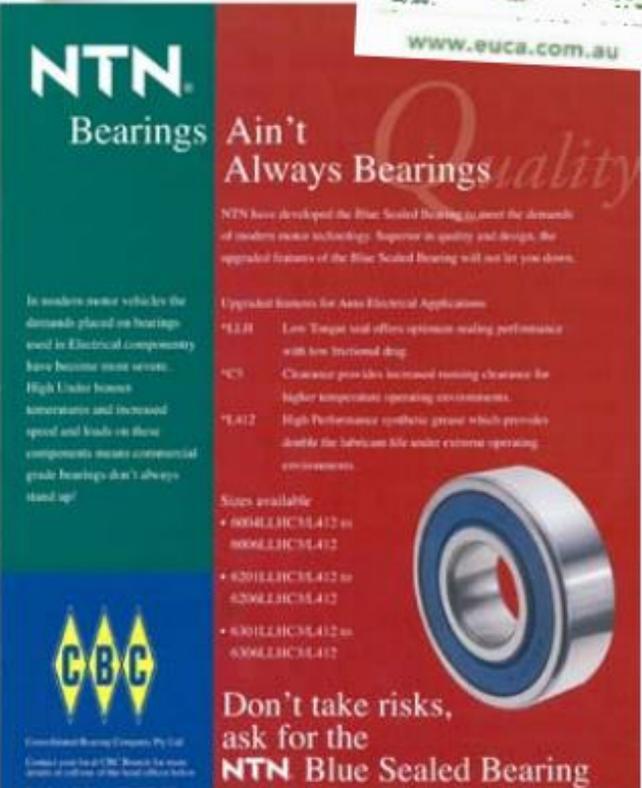
This is a good deal...

Graham Burton-Clay at Sunraysia Bearings, 34 Orange Avenue, Mildura, telephone 5023 4337, is offering all SHMC members trade prices on a wide range of items including those featured below... All you have to do is flash your membership card to get one of the best deals going around. The Sunraysia Bearings team have 50 years experience in the industry, and the business is locally owned and operated by people that live and work in our community. Thanks Graham! Let's support the bloke who supports us. The good stuff!











Who's who in the club.

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Wanted To Sell

1987 Harley Sportster XLH 883 DLX. \$5,000 ono Ring Danny Curran 0418 303 964.

1984 Suzuki GSX250S. Reg 4386H. \$1,000. Roger Moser 0428 413 323

2000 Ducati Monster Dark 600cc, 56,000 kms, excellent condition, RWC, new tyres \$4,000
Contact Roger Moser 0428413323

1950 BSA A7 500 twin \$10,500ono Phone John Stevens 0427 246 524.

1983 GS1000GK Suzuki. Goes well, includes touring kit and spare donor bike. \$2300ono. See photographs below. Contact Al Tarr for info on 0409957832

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For sale 1993 Goldwing. New rotors , pads, tyres, battery and windscreen. Rego No 475 NH \$7000 ono

Phone Peter Blaby 0478 737 216

Services • Can do small panel beating jobs on motorcycle metal body parts.

Phone Geoff Needham 0437 006 882

Regular events Regular Club Runs *Monthly meeting rides leave from Hudaks on 15th Street opposite Centro at 10am. The run finishes at the Mildura Scout Hall in 12th Street, Mildura. ·*

The mid-month ride leaves from Hudaks on 15th Street opposite Centro at 10am on the second Sunday of the month. Turn up with a full tank. Many more events listed on our website

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Some wise sayings:

- *75.7% of statistics are false, the other 48.9% are just made up!*
- *A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.*
- *Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.*



Bush Chatter is always on the lookout for news and information around the club. If you have a tall tale, or a true tale, or some interesting stories/anecdotes/ photographs/ jokes etc. You know the drill!! Send them to me at hammondmp@outlook.com. or call me on 0419 352 291. Thanks in advance and cheers!!

Report from the 'Club Band'

You may think that the band has been rather silent, which it has been – for obvious reasons!! However we have started honing our skills once again to ensure that our first public performance will be something that everyone will enjoy. So when our public debut occurs (date for this is a well kept secret!!) we want everyone to join in the singing of old songs that you will easily recognize, and simply tap your feet to those that you are not familiar with.

Even if you play the zither, the triangle, guitar, spoons gumleaf or whatever, everyone is welcome to join regardless of your skill level. All welcome, we are still on the lookout for those who wish to have a good time in the band.

Phone Peter Hammond on 0419 352 291 for information,

