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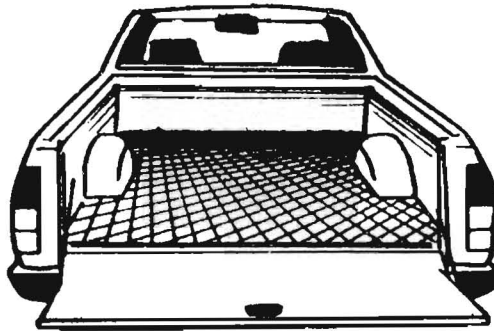
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Well folks, September and the A.G.M. draws nigh. We hope that you will join us (the Eds) in a vote of appreciation to all of the hard workers who formed the various Committees - in the Main Branch and the Registers. Without their tireless efforts, absolutely nothing would have been achieved in 1987 - '88. At the same time, allow us to express a heart-felt welcome to the in-coming Committee members for 1988 - '89.

On a darker note, the issue of Third Party Premiums has raised its ugly head yet again - hopefully the 'Knight in Shining Armour' in the form of the MRA can stave off a major premium hike. The phantom Polaroids on the Poles (the dreaded red light cameras) have made their impact on the major traffic intersections of Adelaide, and it would seem that one disgruntled customer has left his impact on several of the cameras in no uncertain way - perhaps he was wishing to make a statement with some force.

Naturally, if you wish to make your own 'statement with force' on issues concerning bikers and biking in general, then all you need do is give some support to the MRA and its activities. Think about that during Motorcycle Awareness Month - Biketober - and then make some positive commitment for the coming year.

**RIDE SAFE & WE'LL CATCH YA SOON
MILO, TOM AND WENDY.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the time has come around again for another one of these reports. Well I still haven't got used to the idea as yet.

First of all let me say how personally proud I am of all the Committee members, who have done a magnificent job, in the last twelve months. Without such a great group of people I don't know where we would be.

This is the time of year where we have our A.G.M. and that means we must elect another Committee. The position vacant at the moment are; Stock Control Offices, and Treasurers as he has stated that he will not be standing again for that position, so if anyone out there feels that they have the boots to fill any of these positions, come to the A.G.M. and put your bid in.

Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances which have arisen over the last few months, I will not be re-standing for the position as President. It is with great regret that I am unable to carry on with this position, but unfortunately we cannot foresee the future.

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to the committee and general members for their support and understanding, during the last twelve months. I also would like to wish the committee and general membership, all the best in the future, Ride Safe. I will be a general member and help wherever possible.

Now to the business in hand. We are organising several venues; a money raffle and a blue light rally, all in aid of raising funds for the M.R.A. which we still need desperately. With the help and generosity of the general members, these will turn out to be a great success as was the beer raffle.

I would also like to take this opportunity, to wish all the Registers all the best, and please keep up the good work. Once again to everyone, thanks very much for your support.

Ride Safe in '88
Russell Hicks, President.

MRA ACTION

How many times have you heard people say; "Well, what has the MRA done for bikers lately"? — the following lists should go some way to disarming comments similar to the above.

MRA SA ACTION IN 1987

MRA agency for Swann Insurance
MRA agency for Deter-A-Thief bike security system
MRA weekly radio program
Opened MRA Riverland Register
Closed Yorke Peninsula Register
Made submissions and spoke on same at Adelaide Road Safety Forum
Held 2 state conferences
Investigated Police Pursuits
Held Share the Warmth Run, Bunny Run, Awareness Ride, 2 Blood Runs, bike displays, and other promotional activities

INVESTIGATED:

Road marking paint	Rider training
Lights on	Third party insurance
Painted helmets	Street Furniture
Driver training	Road design & Traffic Management

Legislation, enforcement, & penalties

Helmet safety factors

RESEARCH TO DATE

Dangers of front number plates	Keep Left Law
Fuel rationing	Bitumenised steel plates
Road marking paint	Rider Training
Lights on	Schools m/c education program
Third party insurance	Noise
Street furniture	Painted helmets
Road design & traffic management	Driver training
Police pursuit	Legislation, enforcement, & penalties

UNDER CURRENT INVESTIGATION

Moped riders' skills & accidents	Driver training
Bitumenising of corners to vegetation	Schools program
M/c hazard warning signs	First aid prerequisite of licence
Helmet safety factors	Differential speed limits
	Road Marking paint

SECRETARY'S COLUMN

In this column I will endeavour to answer any queries members direct to me and let you know of any interesting correspondence received or sent. There is another motive for this column also and that is to quieten Tom and his requests for magazine material.

Firstly, I received a letter from Megan Oates which has been passed on to the Editor. However I undertook to provide the answers to Megan's questions, so here they are!

Brake fluid tests at the bike clinic — yes, your Secretary's brakes passed and so did a few others, however, there were quite a few red faces when so many fluid tests were in the red. It pays to change your fluid regularly.

4B's raffle — it was advertised Megan, but it was a day late — apologies from those concerned.

Registration Cost — unfortunately the heavy cost in registration is the third party bodily injury insurance, however the MRA has a member on the committee that reviews the SGIC requests for premium rises and so far has managed to put a bit of a brake on the price hikes.

Can't do much about the air hoses — sorry!

Radio Show — unfortunately it had to go because of cost, however I am reliably informed that there is a worth while show on 5 PBA FM (87.7) on Monday evenings 6-7pm.

Thanks for your letter Megan — I hope it makes an appearance elsewhere in this issue.

As far as general correspondence goes, we are keeping up the battle with the Minister of Transport over the country bikes questionnaire and we have taken Channel Nine to task for the mix up when they took over the 500cc GP telecasts. You have to admit though, the last one telecast from France was pretty good — even if the result wasn't.

Mike Giesecke



BIKE-CENTENNIAL '88

As Biketober '88 draws nearer, I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of what we have planned for this most important month. Firstly though, I should explain why the month is so important to us as motorcyclists.

There are two main reasons why the M.R.A. presents the annual Motorcycle Awareness Month campaign; first, and most important, is raising the level of awareness motorists have in regard to motorcyclists. Second, is to involve the general membership of the Association in what is happening, to help them keep in touch so to speak. We understand many members are unable to attend general meetings, so events such as the Toy Run and the Awareness Ride, etc., give you the opportunity to 'be active'.

In reality, the Biketober activities are already under way in form of a Blood Challenge against the Salvation Army. The real winner of this event will be the community in general, but, the organisation to donate the most units of blood between July 2nd and October 22nd will be presented with a trophy recognising the effort. So, if you are a regular donor, or, are willing to start, make your donation in the name of the M.R.A.

Saturday Biketober 1st marks the first day of the Happy Birthday Australia rally in Canberra, and, also our second local event for the month. Members will be distributing thousands of 'Be Motorcycle Aware' leaflets throughout the city and suburbs, and obviously the more 'ACTIVE' members we have helping the bigger the impact this campaign will have.

The Brickworks Market at Thebarton is the venue for the next event, a Bike Show involving a number of the race, road and dirt bike clubs.

There will be a number of awards up for grabs including Best Club Display, so it should prove to be very interesting day. The basic idea of this event is to present to the general public a varied cross-section of motorcycling, and with as many as 20,000 people passing through the markets, it should prove an ideal venue. Oh, yes the date for the Bike show is Sunday 2nd of Biketober, and, private entries would be welcomed, so if you are interested contact the M.R.A. 'phone number for more details.

Biketober 15th is turning out to be a very busy day for some. To start with we have a combined Fuel Economy / Poker Run, followed by a Rock 'n' Rage at the Reephem Hotel. The eco./poker run is to be run over a route through the Flerieu Peninsula, beginning and finishing at B.P. Darlington. Both runs will start at 1 p.m. and the cost of entry is, eco. ride - \$3 (various awards to be presented), and poker run \$2 per hand with 50% of poker money going to the winning hand. As an incentive to attend, those going on the economy ride will be entitled to a \$2 discount on entry to the Rock 'n' Rage later that night. With top R 'n' B, rock 'n' roll band The Lunchcutters providing the vibes a great time is assured, so why not "be in it".

The final event and hopefully the biggest will be held on Saturday Biketober 29th, when the annual Motorcycle Awareness Ride will be held. Leaving from the Glenelg carpark, at Noon, the route will follow Anzac Highway to the city and then proceed to Bonython Park where a band will provide entertainment for the participants. There will also be catering in the form of food and soft drinks.

All of these events are dependant on people for their success, and those people are YOU! You may not be able to attend all of them, but surely you can make it to at least one or two, so make the effort. And don't forget to tell your mates to get off their butts, and show some solidarity - for motorcyclings sake!!!

Jolyon.

BIKE CENTENNIAL '88

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RIDER TRAINING VIDEOS

The Federal Office of Road Safety is now in the production stage of "Right Attitude", the fifth and last video in the "Right Rider" series of motorcycle training films. FORS expects to complete it in September, so it should be available in South Australia through the MRA early in October.

The "Right Rider" series is a FORS/AMC (Australian Motorcycle Council) initiative, and is aimed mainly at the novice rider, although much of the information would also prove beneficial to those with many years' experience. The other videos in the series are "Right Rider", "Right Roadcraft", "Right Braking", and "Right Maintenance", and are certainly well worth a look.

The videos were prepared through consultation with MRA's and other member groups of the AMC, and rider training schools, so they are not only practical and informative, but reflect the collective opinions, problems, and ideas of road-going motorcyclists.

The series will be available to clubs, schools, and other groups at no cost, except that of postage, and may be borrowed by individuals. Those interested in obtaining this valuable training tool should approach the MRA main branch, any of the MRA registers, or contact me directly on (08) 339 5400.

Peter Mount.

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NOVICE RIDER BOOKLET PUBLISHED

"The Ride of Your Life" booklets, which were written and produced on behalf of MRA (SA), are now available. They were sponsored by the State Government Insurance Commission "in the interest of saving lives".

To date, novice motorcyclists have had to learn from hard experience how to stay alive on the road, and how to safely enjoy motorcycling, there being no cheap and concise literature available on the subject in Australia. The booklet aims to redress the situation by briefly covering points which would normally be learnt during the first two or three years of riding, such as choosing a bike, maintenance, tyres, clothing, riding in traffic, road hazards, braking, cornering, and courtesy.

Space and cost precluded my going into any real depth on these issues. The booklet is not designed as a training manual. The target group is novice motorcyclists, and the aim is to assist those riders during the initial learning period. I see its use primarily in rider training schools, and, ideally, at point of sale of motorcycles to new riders (the booklets are free).

The initial printing run was 30,000 copies. The majority of these have been given to the S.A. Department of Road Safety and Transport for distribution to government rider training centres throughout Australia; most of the rest will go to the other MRA's and groups involved with training. Unfortunately, there will not be sufficient for widespread distribution to dealers, unless further sponsorship can be arranged for

a second printing.

The information was gleaned from personal experience and many people from the MRA, some of whom freely gave up two days of their time for photo sessions around Adelaide. No expense was spared in utilising Clemenger Adelaide (Adelaide consultants) and Jug's Studio (photography), top people in their fields, so I reckon SGIC was serious not only about saving bikers' lives, but in improving their own image within the motorcycling community.

Riders will undoubtedly find some areas that haven't been covered (one MRA member mentioned gravel which often collects in the middle of the road junctions and intersections in the country), but I hope these omissions will not detract too greatly from the booklet's usefulness. It is my intention, at some future date, to compile a more informative book which will cover these and other points in far greater detail, and which might, with a bit of luck, be of some use to a wider range of motorcyclists. It'll take a bit of research though, so don't hold your breath.

Copies are available from the MRA, its registers, and me. By the way, for those socially conscious libertarians, an equal number of guys and girls feature in the photography, although it's pretty hard to tell with their helmets on. Thanks for all your support, advice, and involvement, peoples.

Peter Mount.

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SAMRATS

Well, it seems only the other day since I did the last SAMRATS report, how time flies when you're having fun! Since the last report many of our members have been touring around various rallies and other events, this report only highlights a few things that I've noticed, and is by no means a complete record of the activities indulged in by the MRA tourers.

The Swagman Rally was well attended and for an inaugural event was very well organised, and the catering etc. was excellent. The site was just off the highway on the Adelaide site of Mt. Mary, and was quite easy to get in and select a campsite. The organisers had prepared a bonfire which had mounted on top of it an old bike with a dummy rider in position (shades of Guy Fawkes!) and we spent the night next to the bonfire yarning and listening to the bush band. The next morning saw the usual awards ceremony mixed in with packing up tents and hangovers! The trip back to Adelaide was short and uneventful.

The new look Croweater Rally, with a new site, and no catering, succeeded in attracting the serious rallyists who prefer the back to basics arrangements. I got to the site early Friday afternoon to help set up the control tent, toilets etc, however as the recent rain had made the area very slippery I managed to fall off the GT several times! Many familiar faces were noticed there, Fred and Nellie made it from NSW, Linda brought along lots of sparklers for us to play with, and the MRA vic-prez, Peter Mount, parked his bike under it's own hootchy! The Saturday night saw all the usual rally activities, with camp fire tales of how many, how often and why!

And guess what colour the 1988 Croweater Rally badge is? You don't need to be a Woodville supporter to work out that one!

The Share the Warmth Run was well attended with lots of bikes loaded up with donations. The SA Police gave us a traffic free run out to the Central Mission Goodwill depot at Dry Creek, where we dropped off our donations and then went out around the suburbs collecting donations from members of the public. The Mission people supplied us with lots of coffee, tea and food to keep up our strength when we had a break between collections. And we all got to see ourselves on TV that night!

The Radiata Rally was on again this year, conducted by the MRA SE and was held in amongst the pine forests near Penola. I set off from Adelaide early Saturday morning, looked out for any SAMRATS at the Eagle on the Hill servo — none were to be seen. However it was a beautiful morning with very little traffic around so I wound up the GT out on the freeway until near the Swanport Bridge when I turned it down to the legal value again — good thing too, for just out of Taillem Bend the MAN came up behind me and just sat there until we got into the town centre.

I stopped at Keith for a cuppa and put some fossil fuel into the Kwacker before heading off down the road to Naracoorte. It was getting blacker on the horizon with lots of rain coming

down, and the road was going straight into it! I stopped at Padthaway and put on the trusty old Line Sevens, just in time too as it really poured, and there were some lovely road-works being done to help raise the level of enjoyment!

The road in was great, first it was gravel, then it was dirt, followed by lots and lots of deep sand, and finally it was mud! Just the sort of challenge that the true dedicated rallyist (read — nutcase!) like to have to meet in order to get into the rally site! And there's nothing like a really good wet rally, I had not had one since the 1987 Emu Rally. After I had checked into the control tent and picked out the spot to camp, setting up the tent in the pouring rain was fun — only managed with some help from other rallyists in the same predicament.

Met up with all the regulars — Dave, Fred and Nellie, Hank and Wendy, Danny and Mary and Linda. Once the rain stopped everyone busied themselves drying out by the camp fire, cooking, meals and generally partying on through the night! One of the many visitors to our camp fire was a feral SAMRAT named Greg from Millicent, hope to see you at some other rallies mate!

The road out was better in the morning as all the rain had packed down the sand and made it easier to navigate, once back onto the black top it was all go again!

The SAMRATS meet at the Black Lion Hotel on the first Monday of each month for a short business session and a long social one, so roll on up and make yourself known. There are always lots of rally forms available and there is a calendar of activities for all to participate in.

The Happy Birthday Oz Rally is on the weekend of the 1st/2nd of October in Canberra. At the Video Night Hal Caston mentioned that SA had a very high number of pre-paid entries, so let's see if we can make it bigger. The SAMRATS have plenty of forms available for this rally. When you pre-pay you get a special certificate and various stickers as well as entry to the rally and the badge. I was at the 10,000 bike rally in Canberra on Australia Day in 1980, and it was really something unique, let's see if we can outdo that rally this time for the Australian Bicentenary!

Cheers for now,
Uncle Pervie.



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4 B's REPORT

Since our last report the MRA 4Bs have been very active in both P.R. and Charity work, as well as the MAIN objective of the 4Bs, being Hospital visiting. Within the last couple of months the 4Bs have been showered with write-ups in the Messenger Press and the Advertiser.

The write-ups and photos taken by the Messenger Press were taken at the Modbury Hospital. Because there were no injured riders in the Hospital at the time; which was very good to hear; a male nurse volunteered to act as a patient for us while the photos were taken. This is one good example of how well the 4Bs are thought of by the Hospital staff at all the Hospitals we visit.

A reporter and photographer came and interviewed us from the ADVERTISER asking what the MRA 4Bs are all about, taking photos of the MOTORCYCLE RECOVERY TRAILER with us loading and unloading a Motorcycle.

Then, what you might say was the icing on the cake, Channel 10's PAUL MAKIN rang and said that he was interested in doing a story on the 4Bs to be conducted at the St. John Ambulance Centre at the Modbury Hospital. The whole taping took about 2 hours and was a whole lot of fun to do. It was in conjunction with the SPINAL BOARDS which were donated to St. John Ambulance. The actual show took up only three minutes of viewing, but managed to do a heap of good for the MRA 4Bs and the motorcyclists in general.

The MONSTER RAFFLE that we organised netted us 6 Spinal Boards which we presented to St. John in one hit at their headquarters on Greenhill Road. The presentation went well and we were informed that a plaque was being made to Commemorate our DONATION to them. This we now have in the 4B possession and will EVENTUALLY be stationed at the Black Lion Hotel for all to see.

The 4Bs also DONATED a spinal Board to the Motorcycle Division of St. John. This part of St. John went out of their way to show us their gratitude by allowing us to present the Board on their ANNUAL INSPECTION Night. HEINI BECKER the Politician was there to accept the Board and the 4Bs were given a Certificate of Appreciation in return. This also will eventually be stationed with the plaque.

Not only were the Spinal Boards presented to the City Divisions, but also the country registers were given one to help improve their standing in their respective communities. They were; Victor Harbor, Whyalla, Pt. Augusta, and the Riverland register.

On the 30th OCTOBER 10 a.m. the 4Bs HOPEFULLY will be having a HOSPITAL BED PUSH, starting from the Torrens Parade Gound, continuing along King William Street, around Victoria Square, down Grote Street, along West Terrace, all the way down Anzac Highway to Wigley Reserve (by the Buffalo Restaurant), where there will be a BBQ. All money raised this time will go to the ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL in the way of Medical Equipment. So please keep that day free, and come along join us and have a FUN day. An inquiries please ring us on 263 2446. We are also looking for SPONSORS for the Bed Push, if anyone is interested in sponsoring us, please ring us.

The MOTORCYCLE RECOVERY SERVICE is still going strong with an average of 3-4 pick-ups a week, sometimes less. A lot of the Recoveries that we handle are caused through

LACK of Maintenance-mainly the chain either not lubricated or adjusted or in some causes BOTH, so keep an eye on the condition of yours - it may save you inconvenience as well as money. We had write ups in the Advertiser & Messenger about it and the feed back has been excellent.

So you can see that being a 4Bs member is not just visiting a hospital once a week, it is getting involved with the community — trying to change the image that has been hanging over our heads for far too long. Much satisfaction has been our regard for the time & effort these events and activities take.

STOP PRESS:

It has just been brought to our attention, that one of the SPINAL BOARDS we donated was used in a car accident on a woman. If this Ambulance did not have one of our Boards then this woman would now be a PARAPLEGIC. One could not ask for anything more than that, for the efforts to put these boards into the Ambulances.

Anyone interested in being a 4Bs member please do not hesitate to see us at the MRA meetings, or phone us on 263 2446.

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Ouch! Recovery Service Required



Lynne and Alf with the Famed Recovery Trailer

WEST COAST REGISTER

Well, it has been a long time since the last article which we sent into the magazine, so I will go back to last November and our very successful Toy Run. After much publicity, some 40 bikers took part in what turned out to be a rather different ride than what was organised. Due to the fault of our sometimes forgetful Pres. the fact that the annual Christmas Pageant was to be held on the same day was overlooked. Unfortunately, it was also taking the same route as the Toy Run.

Anyway, after some urgent phone calls, we arranged to take part in both the Pageant and the Toy Run. This turned out to be a godsend, as the response from the public was overwhelming — spectators waved, and took photographs of the riders and bikes as we rode past.

The beginning of 1988 was celebrated with a "Start of the Year Party" which went on late into the night as well as much of the next day. During this time 50 members and friends came and went and came and went again until the beer had been exhausted. The sheep on spit — donated by Bruce — went off with a bang in more ways than one. Being only a novice at cooking sheep on spits, I overheated the bloody thing — setting it alight. After dousing it with the garden hose, thus reducing the temperature somewhat, the sheep started cooking as it should. In the end, it turned out to be cooked to perfection — God knows how!! Phil enjoyed it so much he returned for about six serves. Anyway, it all went off well, with Bruce's dog 'Alfred' getting the bones. I think I have made a friend for life.

A little while after the New Year's partying, about two months after that is, we made a donation to the local Old Folks Home of \$50 which went towards their next Christmas party. Wait a minute, that was made before December, not in the middle of March. Anyway, the old folk loved it. When I took the money to them, the old folk came up talking and thanking our group for the donation. This meant more to me than the money itself.

Well, after jumping from January to March and back to December, we are back to March again. I think. Yes, we are, 'cos during March we held a beach ride to Arno Bay. This proved not to be a popular Run, with only 12 riders braving the windy conditions to make the 120 km trip. Our first stop was Cowell, or should I say the Cowell pub. Anyway, we met with another three riders who joined our party.

Some time later we departed Cowell for our next destination — Arno Bay. We took little time in setting up camp at the local park and headed off to the local meeting place. The locals were very friendly — feeding us their famous amber fluid and homemade food. I think I have sampled their amber coloured liquid somewhere else, anyway, that's another story.

The next main event on our calendar was the Share The Warmth Run. It was rather poorly attended due to the bloody wet weather and the general lack of interest shown by a lot of members at that time. Thanks to the 10 or so people who did turn up, we managed to gather a fair trailer load to donate to the Salvation Army, who were very grateful. It was also great to see non-members dropping parcels off at the collection point.

After the usual Blood Runs, Mystery Pub Rides and other activities during the months following the Beach Ride, it was time for the Trot again. With some months of organising and a few dollars invested, we waited to see if it was worth while. It

was. The weekend was a great success, from the weather to the 150 from as far as Woolongong in N.S.W. I hope all who attended enjoyed themselves. The Trot was also a financial winner — we made a few dollars as did the locals.

Putting the money part of it to one side, may I reflect upon another aspect of these events. To me, seeing so many people mostly with the same interest (biking) get together for a weekend of fun, socialising, yarn telling, competing, etc, with no fights, hassles or ill feelings is an achievement in itself. Three times we have held this event with the same result...Isn't that great!!!

These events do not just happen, they need a lot of work and sweat to put on. Without the assistance of a few dedicated members it would not have been possible to be successful in any way. People like Tracy Ives; Phil Leslie; Licko; Anne Grell; Tracy and Dave; Craig Warn; Bruce Scott and his better half, Lyn all chipped in. Thank you all for your help.

We are now looking forward to an even busier second half of the year with Biketober, Toy Rides, Blood Runs and the usual club rides and barbies etc, etc, etc.....

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The President of the SE MRA, Mr Gregg Morrison is pictured handing over clothing to Lieut. Alastair Watson of the Salvation Army after their Warmth Ride through George Street on Saturday.

Warmth Run Clothing

In these cold winter months warm clothing was welcome at the Salvation Army, says Lieutenant Alastair Watson.

He was accepting a donation of clothing from some SE members of the Motorcycles Riders Association on Saturday morning.

About 10 bikes with 14 people aboard rode down George Street around the Roundabout and left at the Grand corner to the Salvation Army Thift Shop on Railway Terrace where the presentation was made.

The President of the SE MRA, Mr Gregg Morrison handed over the bags of clothing, including sleeping bags and over coats to Lieut. Alastair Watson.

At this time of the year, any such help is readily used, Lieut. Watson said gratefully in accepting the clothing.

Mr Morrison said the event was an annual one and that although the 50 SE members had not all taken part this year due to work commitments, the group would be donating again next year.

The MRA has 10,000 members nation wide and the SE branch meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the Tantanoola Tiger Hotel at 7.30pm with everyone welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Having only recently joined the M.R.A. I would like to let you know that I have thoroughly enjoyed the last six months of your radio program "Centre Stand".

I stumbled across this program when I first moved to S.A. thus prompting me to finally join the M.R.A. after eight years of motorcycling. I understand the reasons for it's grand finale, but now how am I ever going to know what's happening. Unfortunately I work evenings and cannot attend any meetings. Besides being a fantastic music program (yes, someone likes Milo's music) it got me to the:

Mt Mary Pub Run	(blow me down)
Red Gum Rally	(hot stuff)
Swagman Rally	(hope there's another)
Croweater Rally	(bonfire bikers)
Motorcycle Clinic	(did anyone pass the brake fluid test?)

The Flying Doc rally was not attended as I could not obtain any information about it. Even on ringing the M.R.A., the postal address of this rally was not known and the two magazines I buy monthly made no mention of it.

My six months motorcycling in S.A. has let me to meet some of the nicest people on two wheels. There seems to be a great heart in motorcycling still apparent here which seems to have fallen by the way side in most of the eastern states. Keep up the good work!

A few questions

- 1 Why was the 4B's raffle results not published as advertised on the tickets?
- 2 Why does it cost me \$165.00 for six months registration on a C.W. 500 when in Victoria I paid \$154.00 for a year on a Gold Wing?
- 3 Why is it on Sundays that petrol stations do not put out their air hoses and innacurate guages? From Woodville to Marion I could not find a air hose.

The last question I should direct to the consumer affairs department I suppose. Okay, shall do.

Thanks again for a great radio program and I hope somehow or another that I can still be informed about coming events. Don't forget its wet and ride safely!

Yours faithfully
Megan Oates.

EDITORS COMMENT: See the Secretary's Column for all your Answers.



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And the writing's on ev'ry wall;
Yes, it's cost us all; or very nearly,
When our institutions; fade and fail.

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Lack of care - and low concernin',
Cause the staunchest ones to quit:
They all reach the point of no returning,
And scream, "I'm out of it!"

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Twelve short months; of hard campaignin',
For the MRA's Radio Show; -
In sponsorship; they were not reigning,
At year one; - their MORTAL BLOW.

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I cannot say; that I did listen,
'Tis the sad, sad truth of it all; -
And now I'll not know just what I'm missin',
Now that show's gone to the wall.

WILL CATHERY.

THE SHOTS I'VE FIRED - Will Cathery

May I explain; since you've enquired,
'bout all those politic'l shots I've fired;
And why; at times, I chose such a mark,
Believe me; 'twasn't for a lark;
But 'twas at those shot; whom we've hired,
Whom seem'd by thieves and liars sired.

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Not for me; gilt Halls of Fame,
Or some grand tome, to bear my name;
Nor for politic'l; thrust 'n parry,
Some politic'l party to marry;
But this soul seeks; in this life serving;
The politic'l justice we're all deserving.

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Not in Glory; for to linger,
For glory's a trap, plum-full of danger;
Rather; I sought, to bring to light,
The hidden dangers, of life's night;
Now having some of said dangers barred,
I'll retire; with a warm glow of that which I've shared.

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SEPTEMBER

- 3rd WEST COAST REGISTER AGM, Worker's Club, Whyalla Norrie, 1. P.M.
 3rd Puma Rally, near Balmoral, Vic. PO Box 776, Horsham 3400
 10th Riverland Register meeting, Berri Club, 1. P.M.
 10th Ivan Pettit Memorial Rally, near Bordertown. 29 Venn Avenue, Bordertown 5268.
 14th MAIN BRANCH AGM, Black Lion Hotel 8. P.M.
 17th NORTHERN REGISTER AGM, 14 Carlton Parade, Port Augusta, 1. P.M.
 21st Committee meeting
 22nd MID-NORTH REGISTER AGM
 28th General Meeting
 28th SOUTH EAST REGISTER AGM, Tiger Hotel, Tantanoola, 7.30 P.M.

OCTOBER — BIKE CENTENNIAL '88

- 1st Road Safety leaflet campaign. Distribution point: Adelaide Oval Gates, King William Road, 8.30 A.M. on
 1st WC meeting
 1st Happy Birthday Australia Rally, Canberra. PO Box 34, Higgins ACT 2615
 2nd Bike Centennial (Motorcycle Awareness Month) Opening Day Bike Show, Brickworks Markets, South Road, Torrensville, 9. A.M. to 5. P.M. Opening Ceremony and presentations 2. P.M. 9 Trophies
 8th RR meeting
 12th General Meeting
 15th Fuel Economy Ride/Poker Run, B.P. Darlington, 12.30 P.M. \$3 Eco Ride, \$2 per poker hand. 8 awards.
 15th Rock 'n' Rage, Reephram Hotel, Corner Regency/Churchill Roads, 8. P.M. \$2 discount for Eco Ride entrants. Featuring "Lunchcutters".
 15th NR meeting
 19th Committee meeting
 22nd Blood Run and close of Blood Challenge. Leaves Le Cornu's Keswick 8.45 A.M.
 26th General Meeting
 26th SE meeting
 27th MN meeting
 29th Motorcycle Awareness Ride, leaves Glenelg Carpark 12 noon for Bonython Park via Anzac Highway. Catering, live bank.
 30th 4B's Bedpush, Royal Adelaide Hospital to Glenelg. Leaves RAH 10. A.M.

NOVEMBER

- 1st Magazine articles due in
 5th State Conference, Black Lion Hotel, 10 A.M.
 5th WC meeting (could be moved)
 9th General Meeting
 12th RR meeting
 12th Fish Holes Rally, near Portland. PO Box 347, Portland, VIC 3305
 16th Committee meeting
 19th NR meeting
 23rd General Meeting
 24th MN meeting
 30th SE meeting

DECEMBER

- 3rd WC meeting
 7th General Meeting
 10th RR meeting
 11th Toy Run. Leaves Glenelg Carpark 12 noon for Woodside Oval. Catering and live band.
 14th Committee meeting
 17th NR meeting
 21st Chrissie drinks, Black Lion Hotel, 8. P.M.
 22nd MN meeting
 28th SE meeting
 SAMRATS meetings first Monday in month, Black Lion Hotel, 7.30 pm
 4B's meetings Tuesday prior to General Meetings, Brahma Lodge Hotel 8 pm
 Motorcycle Awareness Month meetings Thursdays of week between General Meetings, at Jolyon Porter's.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the main branch of the Motorcycle Riders Association of S.A. Inc is to be held on September 14th at the Black Lion Hotel, Richard Street, Hindmarsh. All financial members are requested to attend. Nominations for all Committee positions will be accepted at any General Meeting prior to this date.

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- † Is it true that the B.M.W. Owners Club or S.A. recently celebrated their thirtieth birthday? Congratulations and a belated Happy Birthday folks.
- † Who won 2nd prize of \$500 in the recent Booze Raffle? I believe it was someone from the Fund Raising Committee!! Do I hear cries of "rigged"? How about a redraw? How about a loan?
- † In what state did our resident Doctor rise following the recent "24 Hour Trial"? A little too much over proof Bundy perhaps? Is it true that the Doc has applied for a Govt. grant to do some field work?? The submission goes like this: the Govt. gives us large amounts of money, so we buy copious quantities of intoxicating liquor; we consume the said liquids; get drunk; awake with massive hangovers. The Doc. then applies theoretical wisdom to cure the said hangovers. If the Doc. fails to find a cure, we repeat the entire process over and over again. Any takers?? — naturally all volunteers would be working to help cure their fellow human beings, not to have a cheap party.
- † How many Green Ginger Guzzlers were recently spotted sporting leg injuries and requiring crutches to walk? I might add that not one was even vaguely motor cycle related!
- † Has Wendy Pollywonker been skinny dipping lately?
- † Thanks to Russ Hanby, Dave Rault, Peter Mount and 'Milo' Marlow for their contributions towards keeping their names out of this column.
- † Has Sue traded in her Harley for a two stroke cycle?
- † Keep an eye on the window at 69 Anzac Highway, Keswick during October — Motorcycle Awareness Month.
- † Is it true that Tom is considering selling his stable of bikes so that he can purchase a Mack truck? This follows a spate of recent near misses.
- † In the last issue, I asked what have Sue Engel, Russell Hicks, Kerry Stelzer and Tom Griffen in common. Well, just for Rusty — the only one not to guess the answer. They are all President of a motorcycle Club — not the same one of course.
- † How many tickets did Wendy sell in the Booze Raffle? I believe it was somewhere around 500. How many did YOU sell? Who brought back books saying they couldn't sell any? Shame on you!!
- † How many present Committee members are not standing for re-election at the A.G.M. in September? Quite a few if you can believe the rumours (and I believe all of them). If you are at all concerned about the MRA's future, how about standing for election?
- † Scott McBain (alias Santa Claus from the Toy Runs) started in the "24 Hour Trial", hit his head on a low branch on the first lap then retired on the second lap to a local watering hole. I hear he was complaining about broken spokes in the rear wheel of his Yamaha 600. Perhaps next year he should use his Harley with mag wheels.
- † Speaking of Harley Davidsons: Is the MRA going to raffle one soon? I hope so.

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