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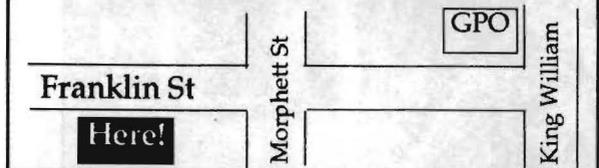
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EDITORIAL

Why do we ride? Is it because we like the wind in our hair? No - we have to wear a helmet. Is it because we love the feel of the motorcycle throbbing under our rear ends? Maybe - it's certainly better than the swivel chair I jockey every day at work. Is it because we love the freedom of the open road? Freedom? Hah! We spend more time looking out for Mr Plod, dodging potholes disguised as bits of road and avoiding tintops pretending that they are low flying aircraft without a pilot than we do engaging in esoteric thought processes about the meaning of life which we would do if we had the freedom of the open road to do it in. No, I think we do it because its just plain fun. Not much point otherwise is it?

Ride Safe Harald

MRA SA NOTES**SLICKS NOT SO SLICK**

This may seem to be a very basic question but when my tires start to lose their tread why does the handling of the bike deteriorate? The front end tracks badly and at any reasonable speed an unwelcome vibration sets up and the rear end slides when I don't want it to - and this is in the dry.

The poor man's answer to racing slicks doesn't seem to work so maybe someone out there can enlighten our readers so that we will stop fooling around and get some proper rubber for the road. I'm looking for a common sense answer and an answer that will explain the physics behind the rubber reaction and will print the most readable of both in the next issue.

'WOTS IN A NAME?' HE SEZ

I heard the other day that some of our members won't come to our meetings at the Gov because of some past reputation of its being a gay pub. Fair crack of the whip folks, are we living in the 90s or what! I would have thought that our macho biker image could survive the occasional shoulder brushing with folks of an alternate gender orientation than ourselves. Consider too that with around 10% of the population being gay or lesbian we are daily coming into contact with them without knowing which side of the fence they sit or what bike they are riding. So don't deprive yourself of the experience of meeting with your fellow MRA members, swallow your fear and come to the meetings or social sips at the Gov.

CONVERSION CONFUSION

Fuel consumption is something that we are all interested in but we don't always speak the same language. In the old days miles per gallon was fine. Now we have litres per 100 kilometres. My preference is kilometres per litre. So how do I do the conversions so that I know what I'm talking about? How do we convert miles per gallon to k/l or to l/100k or even l/100k to k/l? has anyone out

there know a simple set of formulae which we can use to cut the confusion?

PARTY ON

A "Festival Of Wheels" will be held at Eudunda on Sunday 13 April at the Eudunda Recreation Ground. It is being put on by the Freemasons Lodge of Eudunda to commemorate motoring history. The event is open to every form of vehicle and machine, either petrol, steam, horse or otherwise powered dating from the turn of the century to today. If you are interested ring Jim Reese on (08) 8581 1268 or Dick Severin on (08) 8565 3223. All proceeds to go to charity.

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If you have received a letter (or have seen an advertisement) concerning the recall of your vehicle, it is important that you return the vehicle to be inspected.

Please check this list to see if your vehicle is affected by a safety recall. Also check this list to see whether it includes parts and/or accessories you have purchased and fitted. If you think your vehicle may be affected, you should contact the seller (or an authorised dealer for your model vehicle) **without delay**.

Co-operation by all vehicle owners is essential to ensure that safety defects are rectified on vehicles in the interests of road safety.

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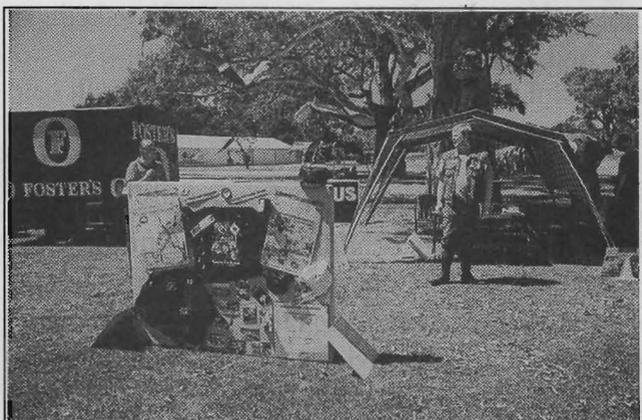
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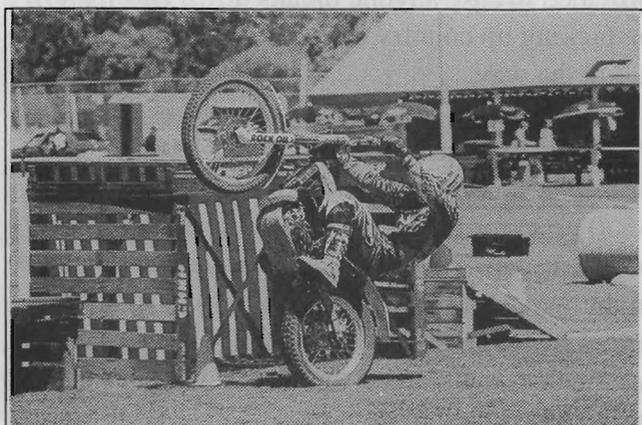
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On February 15 1997, on invitation, the MRA SA fielded a presence at the Southern Districts Multicultural Festival. We set up a display of stock, photographs and road safety information and gave away magazines and stickers. Although interest was initially limited due to the low turnout, things picked up a bit when the boys started giving free circuits of the oval to visitors (as pillions).



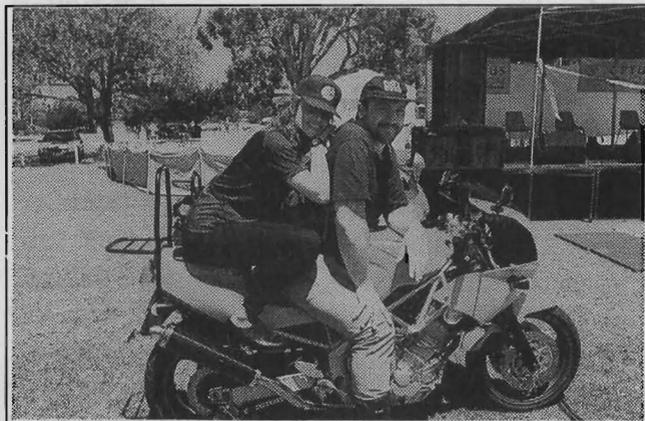
MRA at the Southern Multicultural Festival

It was gratifying to have been invited to attend as it is a confirmation of the standing of the MRA as a community group with a recognition factor and an indication that we are starting to break down the old image that the public has of motorcyclists.



AJS Club Observed Trials Team

The people I spoke to on the day recognised the MRA mainly in relation to our work on the Toy Run which confirms it as our major public relations exercise in improving bikers' image. As this is one of the aims of the Association we can be pleased on this score.



Organiser Jen Kirkwood and Friend

The moving of the site of the Toy Run has become a minor controversy within the MRA having both its adherents and detractors. We have had more letters about it than we could print in the magazine. All the letters will be considered by the Toy Run Committee when it starts to meet at the end of March and a detailed report on all aspects of the event is being prepared by myself. We intend that any real and perceived problems will be properly considered. If you have an opinion on this which you haven't yet shared, drop us a line so we can include it in our deliberations.

As noted elsewhere in the magazine the MRA is playing a major part in the organising of the Vietnam Vets Supporting Kids with Cancer Run. This is a worthwhile cause and will be a lot of fun, so come along to support the Run and show that MRA members support MRA activities. We will be having a presence at the drive-in at Barmera to sell a little stock and to offer memberships. So if we haven't met you come over and say giddyay and put some faces with the names.

Stay Upright, Harald

TREASURER'S REPORT**GENERAL ACCOUNT 16/11/96 - 27/01/97**

OPENING BALANCE	\$ 3 043.67
INCOME:	
Membership	1 265.00
Sale of Stock	326.50
Centrestand Advertising	1 900.00
1996 Toy Run Site payments	400.00
Overpayment	10.00
Proceeds from 1996 Toy Run	7 185.60
	\$ 11 087.10

EXPENDITURE

Australia Post Centrestand	61.00
Australia Post	104.56
Toy Run Parking	100.00
Toy Run Expenses	663.90
Toy Run BBQ Meat	2340.00
Toy Run Toilet Hire	340.00
Telstra	136.79
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Commission on C'stand Advertising	246.00
AGM Nibbles	45.00
Christmas Drinks Nibbles	130.00
Printing Membership Forms	272.06
Bank Charges	20.28
	\$ 5 009.59

CLOSING BALANCE **\$ 9 121.18**

TOY RUN ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE

INCOME

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CLOSING BALANCE

THE RIVERLAND RUN

A charity run supporting kids with cancer will be held on the 8th & 9th of March. If you haven't already heard about it here's the good oil. This run is being organised by the Childhood Cancer Association of South Australia and Vietnam Veterans with support from the MRA SA, the Virago Club of SA and the Gold Wing Riders Club of SA. The MRA was invited to join the organising committee to share its experience in organising large numbers of motorcyclists on a run ie like the Toy Run. We are proud to be asked to help and proud to help as we think that a successful run ie successful in fund raising will help a lot of people.

The Childhood Cancer Association gives support to families who have children suffering from cancer. As you can imagine this would be a time of great trial to parents and other family members so the Association provides support in the form of counselling, home care, tutoring, nursing and relief care. The Association is a non-profit organisation and depends on fund raising to keep it going.

So here is a chance for you to have some fun for a good cause. The Run is from Globe Derby Park to Barmera Drive-in. It will cost you \$10 to go on the Run and that will include the cost of a commemorative badge. Support vehicles will be provided in case anyone breaks down and we will be picking up country riders at various points along the way.

At Barmera there will be trade and food & beverage stalls, a Concourse de'Elegance with a \$500 prize for Best Bike as well as other prizes ie best Brit, Jap, Trike, Harley & European bike. At night there will be bands and films, cheap hotel, motel and camping accommodation has been arranged in town and a shuttle bus has been organised from the drive-in.

Ian Marlow Treasurer

See you there!!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Adrian Gibbs

I am pleased to report that membership renewals are coming in fairly steadily as are applications by new members whom we heartily welcome to the fold. The Toy Run was an especially good day with almost 30 new members joining us.

I would like to take this opportunity to let new members know a bit about the M.R.A. We are like most Clubs, Associations or Voluntary organisations in that we would not survive without our members who join just to support us financially or join for the discounts, Centrestand etc. If this isn't enough for You then become an active member. If You can spare just 3 or 4 hours per month then come along to meetings, rides or social events. Have Your say in how Your M.R.A. is run.

Imagine if You went to the most exciting place in the world (Isle Of Man or Disney Land) and you sat in the shithouse all day. You're not going to get much out of going there. If you find that you're not getting much out of Your M.R.A membership, then my advice to You is get out of the shithouse and get involved.

Our membership number to date is 355 financial members. Not a healthy amount of members, but don't get a negative picture the news isn't all bad. The good news is it is not getting worse, 300 to 450 members has been the norm for about 3 years.

The fact is we need new blood. If you're out on a ride and meet a biker then tell them about the benefits of being an M.R.A member, and give them an application form. If you pull up at the bike parking at the shops etc. slip an application form between the tank and seat of the other bikes there. Now let me guess, You don't have any membership application forms. They are available from me at any General or Committee meeting, or I'll post them out to you if you phone me at home on (08) 8345-4766

I would like to welcome all our new members :

Kim Allen	P.T.Griffiths
Andrew Bolton	Alan Boldock
Jamie Francis	Philip Mellor
Wayne Carvosso	Mr Wolff
Brett Scheske	Gwyn Morgan
Randall Bailey	Carol Miatke
Anthony Eglington	Peter Lafferty
Jeremy Milner	John Pitkin
Mike Thomas	Shaun Crocker
Ron Hocking	Dwayne Jackson
Nick Tucker	David Filler
Don Ingerson	Glenn Fairbanks
Colin McInnes	Peter McDonough
Andrew Grinde	Michelle Hurst
Sean McPherson	Lee & Maureen Payne
Dean Whitehorn	Chris Vanderzon
Carl Miller	Hans Kolb
Rodney Hussey	Steve Trembath
Peter Dent	Brian Tonkin
Tony Stallon	Laszlo Majoros
Sue Lewin	Roland & Miriam Peik
Gareth Thomas	Daniel Wiseman
Wayne Biggs	Lance Camilleri
Tania Modra	Stephen Langman
Mark Guerin	Vin Leeton
Maryanne Harris	Aaron Dark

Welcome one and all to the M.R.A. S.A

Til Next Time, Adrian

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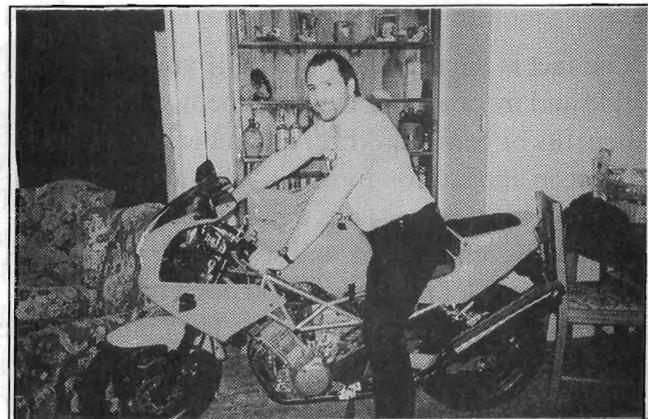
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 (08) 8265 5388 (w), (08) 8264 4453 (h)
- ♪ BMW R80 with RS fairing and touring
 panniers Black \$7 000
 Jeff AH (08) 8396 3742

WANTED TO BUY

- ♪ Helmet with visor for 7-8 year old
 Harald 8260 4461 (still looking)
- ♪ Kawasaki GT 550 Shaftie. Motor and
 cosmetics not important, prefer with straight
 frame and front end, but will look at anything
 reasonably cheap. Steve 8261 7971

FOUND

- ♪ A pair of Summer riding gloves found at the
 Toy Run. If you think they might be yours
 please phone Adrian on 8345 4766 and give a
 description. Jeff need not apply.



Jeff and the Bike before the Mountain

TOY RUN REPORT by Paul Morgan

Well, 1996 Toy Run, what a blast. After months of discussion, wrangling and soul searching we finally got to the day. All in all it was a great day. We had fine weather, lots of people came along to join our celebration, public as well as bikers and we got good comments all through the day. Our guests John Olsen and Diana Laidlaw thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I can honestly say that it was an eye opener for them. They discovered that bikers can run a well organised event for thousands of people and everyone can have a lot of fun doing it. The Premier said words to the effect that this was a major South Australian event (as if we didn't already know that).

There were problems on the day, like some over crowding and lack of parking space, food queues were too long etc. but for most people this didn't detract from the day and the reason why we were all there. As a first time on the new site we prepared as best we could, there were some things which we didn't foresee and some things which with the best will in the world just didn't work. We will be doing all we can to fix the problems for 1997.

The parking was less than successful because of the cars parked in the Oval grounds. This year there will be no cars allowed to park on the bottom oval. There will be paddocks open near the oval for cars. Bike parking will be available on the top oval. An exit will be provided at the back of the oval for those people who want to leave early.

The Vinnies were very pleased with the day and for most of the people I spoke to after the event, this will always be the measure of our success, not whether we managed to provide the best parking spot for everyone who came, or whether we provided enough food stalls, or even whether the public relations exercise was a success (we will try to do all that too), but whether we made a difference to the families of South Australia who

needed help at Christmas, whether we were able to make some kids happy.

The day would not have gone anywhere without the support of many people and many sponsors. Thanks to the Toy Run Committee, who work most of the year and without whom there would be no Toy Run, all the marshals and those who help set up the oval and pack up afterwards, to You a big thank you.

Also SPD Transport who give us two semi-trailers for the stage, at no cost, the South Australian Police who do a great job controlling the traffic on the run, the Mount Barker Council band the Mt Barker Traders Association, the Hahndorf Oval Committee, Gawler Foodland and Gawler John the Cheaps and all the companies who put up sites at the Oval, thank you.

The bands, Wooden Indian and Four Past Midnight, who donate their time and their music. Regency Plaza and Vili's, major sponsors. Ranger and Sons for the supply of the truck and drivers to take all the stock and tents etc up to the Oval. And finally, but by no means least, St. Vincent de Paul for collecting the toys and running the BBQ.

If anyone would like to help with this great event, please come along to the Toy Run meeting at the Gov. on March 24th at 7.30pm.



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LETTERS

To the President MRA SA

Dear Harald

Thank you to the MRA for organising yet another very successful Toy Run from which the Society of St. Vincent de Paul benefited. All the toys were distributed by our branch members prior to Christmas and many, many children were able to enjoy Christmas due to the generosity of your members and the great organisation which went into Toy Run '96. We look forward to continuing our association in 1997.

It would appear that the message is getting through about the need for toys for boys and older children and the quality of the soft toys was very good. Gifts of food and cash were higher than in the past. The cash was used to purchase toys for older children, teenagers in particular. I took photos of mountains of toys awaiting collection.

On a personal note, I greatly enjoyed my bike ride and look forward to participating in 1997.

Lynette Walker Development
Officer
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*Dear Mr Lindemann
Last week we picked up a whole
load of a wonderful selection of
toys and gifts from "Vinnies'
store at Edwardstown*

*contributed by your Association
and other riders involved. We
were absolutely overwhelmed by
your generosity.*

*We conference members, who
you may not have thought
about, are being privileged to
deliver these presents and see
the joy and tears from the
parents of "our" children. You
have lifted the worry from our
shoulders of how we will be
able to supply these many
families in need with gifts to
their children who deserve a
good Christmas. We are just
sorry you cannot share this gift
by seeing their faces when we
deliver the sacks of toys.*

*On behalf of Noarlunga Conf-
erence I would like to thank you
very sincerely for the wonderful
contribution you have made to
so many South Australians this
Christmas and indeed in recent
years many others too, you
make such a difference to their
lives and ours.*

*Ann Partridge
for the Noarlunga Conference*

To the Secretary MRA SA
Dear Paul
Congratulation to the South
Australian Motorcycle Riders
Association on the hard work
put in by your members and
supporters in order to make
Sunday's 17th Annual Toy Run
a huge success.

Once again, the MRA repeated its past efforts to put together a significant event for Adelaide, an event for the enjoyment of not just motorcyclists, but also for many South Australians.

In particular, to your fellow Executive Members and Committees, my thanks for your invitation to participate in what has become a widely supported community event. There is no doubt that if Adelaide's Toy Run is not the longest, it certainly must be the most scenic in the country.

It was a pleasure to ride in a kilometres long motorcycle cavalcade and positive to see first hand the efforts and generosity of many thousands of people who give to those less able to provide for themselves and their families.

Good luck as you progress towards your next successful Toy Run. I am sure it will be bigger and even more fun than this year's Run.

John Olsen FNIA MP
Premier
Minister for Industry,
Manufacturing, Small Business
and Minister for Infrastructure



LETTERS

Toy Run 1996

Dear Harald

You mentioned photographs in the September issue of Centrestand. Please find attached our record of my wife and I all set up on my 650

Yamaha for this years Toy Run. I am a 560 BSA Flash rider from the early 50s who has only got back on a bike in the past few years. With our grandchildren seeing Grandma and Grandpa from the roadside at Handorf, it was just great.

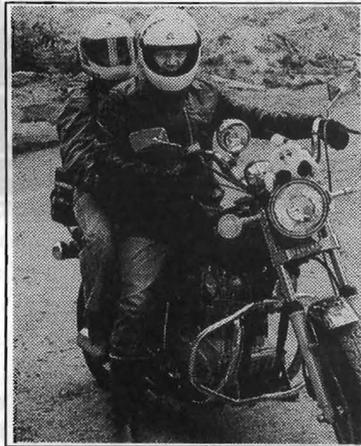
Although I have had the pleasure of riding in the Toy Run for a few years, this was the first year I was able to persuade Marcia (my wife) to come along as a pillion passenger and after 35 years I really believe that she enjoyed herself and the Dick

Smith Intercom worked well. With any luck this will be the first of many runs my wife and I can enjoy together. Those motorcyclists who have never been on the Toy Run are certainly missing out on an excellent experience.

Some constructive comments about the 1996 run: The police were great with all the help they gave, the extra distance up the freeway was excellent.

If possible, next year could we have more Marshals and/or Officials to direct us to areas for

parking. It was a bit chaotic at the entrance gate. Opening the paddock opposite the oval for car parking was a good move as there were a lot of car owners who wished to participate, but the oval should be for Motorcycles only.



The trade sites were great and you did very well with the food and liquid sites, all in all a complete success.

Rod Hussey

Dear Harald

We have been participants in the last ten toy runs and thought we would drop you a line to express our thoughts and experience on this years' event.

The event promotion through the TV, radio and newspapers, both before and after the event was good as was the traffic control by the Police and the marsalling at the oval.

The food catering was completely inadequate for the

number of people present. The Villies caravans were understaffed and the queues were long. Due to the high turnover there was insufficient time for the pies to heat and they were served cold. The queues from the various food stalls started to intermingle resulting in the area being a solid mass of people.

The portable toilets that were positioned on the oval were a good idea, but when my wife went to use them they were locked. She had to walk to the opposite end of the oval to use the permanent toilets, even then there was no toilet paper.

The oval appears smaller than Woodside and has noticeably less parking around its perimeter. The parking amongst the trees was very uneven and rough and great care was required to park a bike there. The lack of suitable parking space caused confusion and frustration as bikes were getting boxed in and not able to leave when they wanted to.

Although Hahndorf is a nice town with a Council that is prepared to assist and encourage the event, I don't believe the oval is suitable for the number of participants.

Overall a top day was enjoyed by our party and we look forward to next years event.

David Gunner

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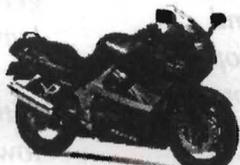


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MRA AND SAFETY RESEARCH

by Peter Mount

The State Government has allocated over \$400,000 for the Office of Road Safety's 1997/8 Road safety Research program. It is anticipated that this level of funding will be sufficient for about 30 projects, a similar number with a similar budget to those which were researched in the previous year.

In accordance with government policy, an important part of the process in developing the research program involves community consultation. The MRA has been identified as a major stakeholder in the program and has been invited to present proposals for consideration based on research priority areas identified by the SA Road Safety Consultative Council, The SA Office of Road Safety, the (national) Research Coordination Advisory Group, the (national) Rural Road Safety Taskforce, the National Road Safety Strategy Taskforce and Austroads.

The projects determined by the MRA as fitting the criteria and of significant interest to motorcyclists in terms of improving our safety on the road are :

- * Investigate ways to systematise the gathering of road crash information in a consistent fashion to provide a centralised database for all researchers.
- * Identify extant sources of data which are currently not recognised or utilised.
- * Investigate pedestrians' awareness of their own vulnerability and possible contribution to road crashes.
- * Investigate involvement of pedestrians as a causal or contributing factor in motorcycle crashes.
- * Investigate the possibility of introducing Learner Approved Motorcycles (LAM) based on power to weight ratio as a system to replace the present 250cc engine capacity restriction on novice m'cyclists.
- * Investigate the viability and potential acceptance of enhanced rider and driver training programs.

- * Investigate methods of increasing road user attentiveness across a broad spectrum.
- * Determine the effectiveness of penalties in reducing the rate of repeat traffic offences.
- * Determine the possibility of introducing rewards for good road user behaviour.
- * Investigate the viability and potential effectiveness in reducing alcohol related road trauma through the introduction in schools of education in the use and abuse of alcohol
- * Determine the benefit-cost ratio (BCR) of enhanced public transport usage during hours of high risk in relation to costs to the community of private motor vehicle crashes during those times.
- * Investigate means of attracting people to increase their patronage of public transport during periods of high risk.
- * Examine the effects of roadside barriers in relation to impact trauma of motorcyclists.
- * Determine if there is a connection between crash risk and attitude, mood or the perception of danger.
- * Examine the feasibility of introducing refresher road theory and practical training courses designed specifically for elderly citizens, including their promotion through appropriate means.
- * Determine the effectiveness in reducing motorcycle crash involvement in the Adelaide Hills through the introduction of Bracket Racing and other measures initiated or planned by motorcycle organisations.

Each of these proposals was accompanied by extensive justification, including relevance, background of the problem, the aim of the proposal and its benefits, both direct and flow on.

It would not be reasonable to expect all of these to win a slice of the pie, but the Office of Road Safety shares our concerns regarding safety and we should be confident that some of our proposals will be successful.

RALLY ROUNDUP

by Steve Tyler

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1-2 Ellenborough Falls Rally (20th)

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MARCH**8-9 The 1997 Riverland Run**

See back page of this magazine for details

15-16 Old Tom Rally

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27-30 Ducati Rally

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25-27 The Great Escape Rally No 4

see ad in this magazine

25-27 Outfit Rally

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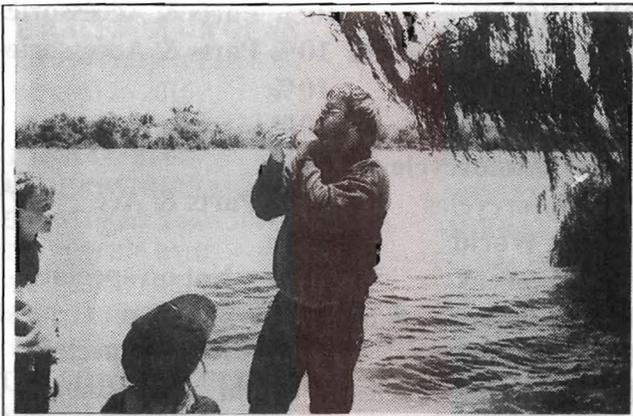
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VALE - TERRY HARDING

Terry Harding, a motorcyclist, a fellow biker, died recently. He was well known by many of us as a committed motorcyclist of many years, an avid rallyist and a good bloke.

He is spoken highly of by everybody who knew him and his death was shock to his friends and acquaintances. Doubly so, because Terry took his own life. Underneath the camaraderie and bonhomie lay a great deal of pain that he was unable to share with even his friends. In the end it became too much for him. While his life was an example, his death provided a lesson for us all.

Uncle Pervie (Les Dicker) is putting together a photo album of Terry's biking life for his family, who have few photographs of that side of his life. If you have some that you can spare, send them to the MRA and we will pass them on. Please date them, and include the occasion if you can.



Terry at the 'Round the Bend Rally'

This photo was taken in January 1996 on the River Murray at Tailem Bend. Peter lee of Murray bridge had decided to put on a small invitation only rally for approximately 20 riders and families who had been rallying together for many years and Terry was one of them. He offered to make up the badges for it and at that stage the rally had not been named. When Terry brought the badges along he'd named it 'The Round The bend Rally'. He will be sadly missed at this year's rally.

Vicki & Bill Eales of the South Coast Register

Terry's family asked that in his memory and because of his love for riding in the Toy Run that instead of wreaths at his funeral that money be donated to the Toy Run. The hat was also passed around at the reception after the funeral service and altogether about \$500 was raised. The Toy Run Committee when it meets later this month will decide what to do with the funds. ED

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4Bs REPORTby **Sammi Ross**

It was with relief that we were faced with few patients to visit during December and January. Usually our busiest period with a regular 7 or 8 injured people, we were delighted to find only one or two and once no-one! Over the last few weeks there have been only 3 and 6.

Andrew and his fiance Joanne, visit patients who are sent to Hampstead to learn how to walk again, as well as the RAH. Adrian regularly visits the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, so earning his 4Bs patch at the February meeting. (It was given to him with some light hearted apprehension because over the years, some members stopped visiting soon after they received their patch!)

Greg, Guy and Sammi have maintained twice-a-week visits to the royal Adelaide Hospital. Craig continues to keep an eye on anyone who has a motorbike accident in the Port Pirie area. We are willing to visit accident victims in other hospitals. If you know of people admitted elsewhere, please don't hesitate to contact us.

At the end of December we received disappointing news. Our request to the Motor Accident Commission for money to help us computerise all of our horizontal sheet information had been turned down. So it's back to square one with our statistics. However, many trends have become evident over the last few years.

Some examples are :

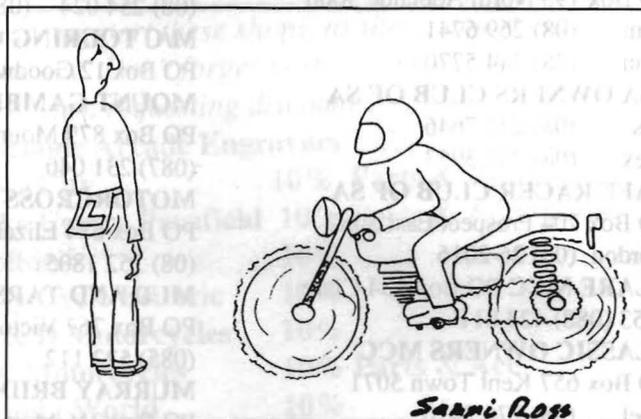
- Harley riders usually have cracked or broken pelvis's as a result of their accidents,
- A high proportion of double vehicle accidents are caused by on-coming cars turning across in front of motorcycles,
- Off-road victims are often on borrowed bikes and/or have not been wearing helmets.

We were also disappointed to not have access to information regarding actual cause of death of motorcyclists eg broken neck, blood loss etc. the improved understanding of what causes the

majority of accidents and fatalities can but help those riders who are aware of their "vincibility" and could be utilised in rider training programs.

Thanks to Ronnie from Docteur Desmo for his donations of current magazines. Any donations of motorbike magazines are always gratefully accepted. Thanks to our non-visiting members, Les, Gary and Rosemary for their continued support. Any queries regarding 4Bs, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Greg 8346 8060 (ah) Sammi 8391 2648 anytime



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A lot of information comes in to the Centrestand office and this piece was thought to be of interest to members of the MRA as many are veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

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