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## EDITORIAL

Good day, Nice to see you all after the Festive season, I hope not many had the usual hangovers that go with Xmas.

No doubt many readers have noticed in the previous Centre Stands there has been some new advertisers and some who have stuck with us since the first issue. Without these advertisers there would be NO more issues, so I beg you to support those who support us. When you venture into those trade houses tell them you saw the advertisement in the Centre Stand.

Many thanks to the 3000 members and non members who attended the annual Toy Run. If you know anyone who attended the Toy Run and is not a MRA member, please mention to them that the MRA is still fighting the never ending saga of Third Party Ins. To do this fighting we need their help both in numbers and financially, so I (and the MRA Committee) plead with you to sign up a friend. There is a membership form in the rear of this magazine for you to sign up a friend.

Stay Upright, Tom, Milo & Wendy



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well this is my first report for the year. I am glad to say that things are going along smoothly. I would like to welcome Michelle Rault as the new Minutes Secretary to the Committee and look forward to a long and happy stay with the Committee. I would also like to congratulate Zebby Johnston on the appointment as Publicity Officer and I know that she will perform the job to the best of her ability.

There has been a lot of discussion lately about giving the MRA a larger profile. There are many ways in which we can do this but one way is by individuals spreading the word. Bikers talking to other bikers that they don't know and explaining what the MRA is about.

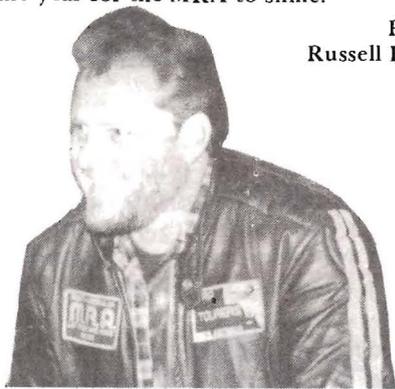
Another problem arising is that we need more people to come along to the meetings, for without your input and support we can not function as an Association properly. We need more attendance for feed back from the general membership, however there is a number of members who turn up consistently at meetings which is appreciated.

Things are moving along nicely for the year, the Biketober Badges are now available and we will also have 4 blood runs a year now instead of 1 (the first one being scheduled for Saturday 26th March, 1988 leaving LeCornu Carpark at 8.45 am) and this I hope will help improve the image of the MRA to a degree. If you have any ideas please come to the meetings and voice your opinion.

All in all it should be a great year for the MRA and I hope that this continues for many years to come. We are in close contact with the Australian Motorcycle Council on certain issues that arise that effect the general motorcyclist.

On a closing note I hope everyone of our membership had a good christmas and new year. Let's all get together and make this the year for the MRA to shine.

Ride Safe In '88  
Russell Hicks, President



## BIKETOBER 88

Year: 1988 (Bi-centennial)  
Month: October (Bike-tober)  
Event: Motorcycle Awareness Month  
Purpose: To raise the level of awareness motorists have towards motorcyclists  
Slogans: Bike-centennial '88. A place in the past, a place in the future!  
Proposed calendar:  
Aug. - Oct Blood challenge  
Oct. 2nd Opening day bike show.  
Oct. 15th Fuel economy ride.

- Oct. 15th (pm) Rock'n'rage.
- Oct. 22nd Advanced rider training day.
- Oct. 23rd Kuitpo forest rally, non-competitive enduro.
- Oct. 29th Motorcycle awareness ride.

Required: PEOPLE!!

As you can see, we are not short of ideas for the upcoming Biketober (we also have a rally and road safety leaflet campaign pencilled in for the month); what we really are short of is . . . people with time and the inclination to help make this the biggest and best Biketober yet held!

The MRA is somewhat like an inverted pyramid; a large top supported by a small base. If that small base fails under the pressure or work load, well the result is pretty obvious, you end up with a lot of damaged bricks! So far the base has held up pretty well and, looks like doing so for some time yet. But, that won't last for ever. So, if you are looking for a way to help the MRA and, motorcycling in general, here is the perfect opportunity to do so.

Each of the above events needs to be detailed and co-ordinated to be a success. If you can offer some assistance in helping finalise one or more of these events, or, perhaps put forward some ideas to improving a planned event, then please make the effort to come forward and help!

To offer you much needed assistance see myself, Jolyon, at one of the general meetings held at the Black Lion Hotel, or, phone me on 269 3912. Soon!

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# NATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Canberra was the venue for the annual National Conference, and the long weekend in January, the time. The Clubman Rally was on the following weekend, which would have been great to go to had time permitted, as quite a few South Aussies went over and enjoyed themselves immensely, as usual. Ah well, next time, maybe. Anyway, I reckon the conference was pretty constructive, which made up for it, but I'll leave it up to you to decide. Here are the main points that arose.

1. Each Branch to investigate the feasibility of a Government/Industry — funded helmet replacement program (i.e. inducement to trade in old helmets for new in the interests of safety, with a side benefit derived from testing the old helmets to come up with better standards).

2. Each Branch to investigate the feasibility of pushing for 5/25 helmet exemptions (i.e. if you have 5 years' experience or are over 25 years old you would not have to wear a helmet).

3. The next MRA National Rally to be held over Easter '89 at a site more accessible to WA than Broken Hill (which probably means SA). We are to look for a National Rally Coordinator for '89, and others willing to help, so would those interested please contact me by the end of March.

4. Branches to discuss life membership, with guidelines being finalized at the '89 National Conference.

5. Focus on how MRA Australia can better use the services of the Australian Motorcycle Council.

6. Rallies in some states are major fundraisers, provided all work and catering is done by the MRA. SA to discuss the feasibility of holding our own state rally (subject to finding a suitable site).

7. Wider national promotion of the Toy Runs.

8. Branches to consider the feasibility of horsepower/power to weight ratio limits to replace the existing 250cc law. One suggestion is that learners' bikes be limited to 1 HP/5 kg up to a maximum of 160 kg, with usable power over two thirds of the rev range. The weight of the rider must also be taken into account here.

9. The Federal Government says that we will eventually suffer either running lights or lights-on legislation, whatever we do, say, prove, or disprove. Branches are to begin a campaign against lights-on at their own discretion.

10. There is a need to develop short —, medium —, and long-term goals with high, medium, and low priorities for MRA Australia. Those determined at the conference are:

- (a) Finalize the constitution and become incorporated
- (b) Become financially stable. For this we need general purpose and special purpose fundraisers. We will aim to raise \$1000 for National Rally expenses and \$5000 for general revenue in 1989.
- (c) Finalization of the policy document in 1989.
- (d) Increased accessibility to MRA Australia.
- (e) National uniformity of services provided for bikers by the MRA.
- (f) Obtain Federal funding for MRA activity in road safety, rider training, rider education, and Motorcycle Awareness Month. Branches are to research methods of organizing a national campaign to reduce road trauma in the long term, and to make drivers more aware of motorcyclists in the short term.

Branches are also to research the profile of the driver most likely to be involved in motorcycle collisions, and to prepare a discussion paper on what each thinks

it should promote/act on re reducing road trauma. These ideas will be implemented, and after a suitable period of time the profile of the driver will again be researched to determine the effectiveness of the campaign.

(g) Branches are to make a valiant effort to double membership in 2 years. Each state is to determine their own method of achieving this. This goal will kick off with a one-day national membership drive on March 5 this year.

(h) The first issue of a national MRA magazine will be produced by January 1990, with a bulletin including information on the states' activities ready by January '89.

11. Branches are to request action by the AMC on increased import duty tariffs on bikes and spares, based on there being no local industry to protect.

12. A watch is to be maintained on Government activity which might result from any research reports on open-face and full-face helmets.

13. Most states have legislation re window tinting and stuff in cars which obscure vision (towels in windows, fluffy dice, etc.), but which is not enforced. Branches are to push for enforcement at their own discretion.

14. The MRA 10th anniversary will be promoted as the Victorian 10th (May 16, 1988). Individual state branches will promote their own at the appropriate time.

15. We now have a National Research Officer, Annaliese Caston, who is the A.C.T. President. She will maintain a record of all research done by Branches, and coordinate and initiate research as the need arises.

Other points of less general interest were also discussed at the conference. Feel free to call me if you want more info, or if you have some comment on the points mentioned.

Peter Mount



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## 4 B's REPORT

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Before taking over as Co-ordinator of 4Bs in July 87 things had been very stagnant. The 4Bs had nothing to keep interest going, members were starting to drop out and we were having only four members turning up for meetings. Then things started to take off for us.

Firstly; besides being a MORAL SUPPORT group for Bent and Buckled motorcyclists in the hospitals, we felt it was about time people started to take more notice of us, not only as 4B members but as ordinary CARING motorcyclists. That's when we thought the RECOVERY SERVICE needed a good boost. So we made up some cards about service, with phone numbers etc on them, and every 4B member went out in full force, placing, giving, talking to every motorcyclist – placing them on bikes etc etc. Soon the message was on almost every ones lips about our service. HEY, WHAT A GREAT IDEA, WE NEED A SERVICE LIKE THAT – EXCELLENT – SURE WILL KEEP THIS CARD AND WILL HAND THEM ONTO FRIENDS etc etc are some of the comments we received. Whether you are a MRA or 4Bs member or not, we will pick you up.

We had a slight hitch when we first started our service, as we had a WINCH on the trailer, and this IS classed as a TOW TRUCK, yes how stupid, but that is the law. So got in touch with the MRA Lawyers in Angus St CITY, and found out what was what. In turn we got in contact with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles Tow Truck INSPECTOR and he was more than very helpful to assist us with the Service. So Alf had to go and get a Tow Truck Licence didn't he. Yes I got the Licence and away we go. We now can charge a fee for the Pick-up service. We are charging \$20.00 city limits, outside limits eg. Past Gawler, and Reynella and Inglewood areas, we've set a fee of \$40.00. This service is run on a VOLUNTARY BASIS and is a service – not a business.

Then one Friday afternoon we got a phone call from the FLEURIEU TOURERS MCC saying that they had raised \$200 for the 4Bs to be used for Maintenance for the Recovery service. The donation was from the DEEP CREEK RALLY '87. committee. So any of you who participated in this rally we THANK YOU SINCERELY.

We also got in contact with a few of the Motorcycle clubs to ask if we could talk to their members about the 4Bs in the way of our Hospital visits to injured motorcyclists, our Recovery service, our Fund raising for St Johns Ambulance. The response was dismal, so if there are any clubs out there wishing us to come along and give a talk you will find that a lot has happened of late. Please give us a ring on 263 2446 and ask us anything you want to know, make a date and we will be very happy to give a talk to your members.

Our hospital visiting is progressing with R.A.H. being well covered and our members seem to be really enjoying their work. Remember 4Bs is a voluntary group of dedicated people and are very well received by patients and the staff. Imagine being in hospital with other patients in the same ward who don't understand you because you ride a bike and then this group of 4Bers pop in to see you, or if you are in traction flat on your back and all you see is the ceiling. How would you feel, – rotten? Of course you would. Then we pop in to see you, cheer you up and all you can say is, "How is my bike and when I get out of here I want to go for a ride, it's such a lovely day etc."

Most people who have accidents WILL get back on a bike, maybe not straight away but in a year or two when they have healed their wounds. There are a few guys who have lost a limb and they are back out there riding again. Dedication is the word. If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from us, please give us a ring on the above number and we will arrange something for you. We have a magazine library, and also we can arrange a LAWYER for you too.

We had a 4B Conference earlier this year held at HAY, NSW with members from NSW, ACT, VIC and SA taking part. It was quite successful for the very first 4B Conference. Many things were discussed and all had great time.

We were also told by the Lord Mayor of Hay that next year we would have the KEY TO THE TOWN and that there would be media coverage for us as we decided to do a BLOOD RUN for the town. So anyone interested in coming along next August, or any Registers who have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

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4Bs have now been on the MRA RADIO SHOW twice now and went off quite well. Although none of us are experts in this field, we think we did a fairly good job. So members don't forget to listen to the radio show, . . . never know who might be on next.

The 4Bs have gone a little bit further in their efforts to FUND RAISE for ST JOHNS AMBULANCE. We decided to have caps, T Shirts and metal stickers printed. The caps are black with a peak and a logo "I've supported the 4Bs MRA". Anyone wanting to purchase any of these items can do so by seeing a 4B member at a meeting or ringing the above number. Stickers are Metal stick ons. Peel off the back and stick it to the frame on your bike, gearsack etc anywhere you want so it's easy to see our bike recovery numbers. Our T shirts have MOTORCYCLE RECOVERY SERVICE 263 2446 printed on them; If you want to help advertise for us you might purchase one of these T shirts as well.

Just as an aside, we heard that WAYNE GARDNER did some visiting in the RAH while he was in Adelaide for the Grand Prix. We thought how nice it was of him to do this, so we had him an HONORARY LIFE MEMBER of the 4Bs. See even Wayne Gardner is a member.

On the 2nd February two large envelopes arrived in the post addressed to the 4Bs. (SA) They were from WAYNE GARDNER ENTERPRISES, the contents consisted of two very large personally signed posters of the MAN HIMSELF, Wayne Gardner. One is for the 4Bs and the other to go to the Adelaide Hospital at his request. There was also a note of Thank you for the 4Bs patch and being asked to become a LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBER of the 4Bs, which Wayne has accepted; much to our delight.

4Bs have finally DONATED their first SPINAL BOARD to Victor Harbor (South Coast Branch) of St Johns Ambulance Brigade. So those of you who know of the boards and wondered what has been done about them, – well, wonder no more.

Victor Harbor is arranging for a reporter from their district to do an article on us for their local paper – so once we've



4Bs hard at work for St Johns

donated one, we feel it's all systems GO, . . . which brings me to the next subject, and that is the 4Bs MONSTER MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE. Proceeds from this raffle go to St Johns Ambulance.

First Prize – Value	\$1,265
Second Prize Value	\$293
Third Prize Value	\$126
Tickets \$2.00	

Every item of the raffle was donated, so we wish to give a Great Big Thanks to every Motorcycle shop who gave a donation. I'm very sure the 3 winners and St Johns all wish to thank you as well, without your support this Monster Motorcycle raffle would not have been able to go ahead.

The Raffle will be drawn on 13th April at the Black Lion Hotel 9.30 pm after MRA meeting – so get your tickets NOW, be in it and help St Johns. Tickets available at Motorcycle shops or ring 263 2446 for a ticket.

These Spinal Boards are worth \$320 each, yes, that is a lot of money, BUT they are a very valuable necessity. Anyone can use these Boards, Mum, dad, kids, Motorcyclists, etc. They need about 20/30 of these Boards, so you see how much money we need, plus you support to make this raffle a real success.

We also hope to get Media coverage of presentation for these boards so you will all know where your money has gone So let's show the public what motorcyclists are made of stop and give us a dollar or two. Should look quite spectacular –

We also HOPE to get permission to run a BED PUSH down Anzac Highway, with Proceeds to go to St. Johns, (Excellent P.R. for Motorcyclists eh) so when we eventually do this, stop and give us a \$1 or two. Should look quite spectacular-Motorcyclists pushing a bed down the road for St Johns, certainly make the public look.

So you can see the 4Bs certainly have been a busy lot and if anyone is interested or has any ideas for more fund raising ideas for St Johns, or wishes to come along to a 4Bs meeting, give us a ring; 263 2446 anytime for details.

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# TOY RUN REPORT

I was approached the other day by the marvellous editors of this magazine to do a report on the 1987 Annual Motorcycle Rider's Association Toy Run — being one of the organizers.

The Motorcycle Rider's Association set the 13th day of December as the date for this annual event.

The day started for Bruce Denson (who is the other organizer of this event) and myself at 7.00 am, meeting at the butcher's to pick up the barbecue meat for the day. As we were standing there we both looked up at the sky and saw that it was bright blue and we both agreed that this day we would be pushing for a record attendance.

After this, and with the meat on board, we started the slow drive up to Woodside. The drive was SLOW only because the truck would not do over 40 kilometres per hour up the hills. When we finally arrived at Woodside Oval about 20 minutes late it was with pleasure that we did so as two of the general committee members were there waiting.

After saying the usual good-ayes etc. we went into discussion on how we were going to set up the marquees. At this stage I would like to thank the Army for their generosity in giving us the loan of their four marquees. After slowly working out how these marquees went together they were up with everything in place and sorted out — and then we were ready for the days event.

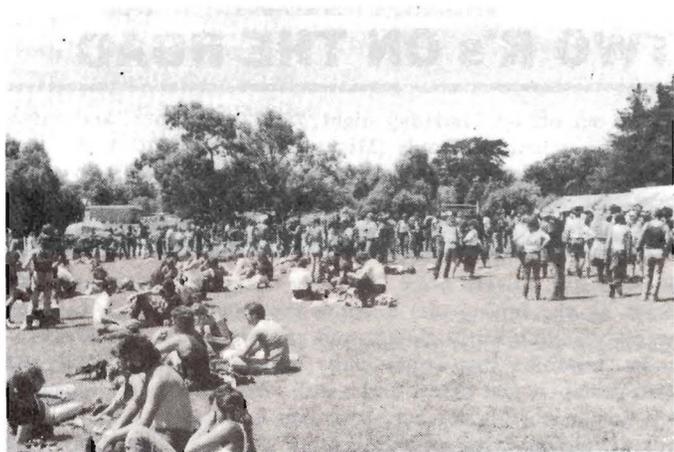
Now for the attendance — let's try to set the record straight. In the Advertiser and the A.M.C.M. the articles said that there were about 1,600 people in attendance. Well as far as Bruce and I are concerned we believe this figure to be wrong, as we estimated that on the ride from Glenelg to Woodside Oval there would have been 4,000 to 4,500 people in attendance which we both agreed that this was our biggest crowd ever for this event.

It was really good to see that so many people can get together for a tremendous day.

Upon doing this report I would like to say a few thank you's and to first of all Bruce Denson for all the work and time he put into this event. Next to Mike and Sue Engel for helping set up the marquees. To Mike for the tremendous effort in cooking the barbecue and to Sue for the effort in the MRA tent. To Milo for doing what he does best — the memberships. To the committee for just helping out wherever they did. To the bands, The Lunchcutters for their spot, Cliff and the Hangovers for coming along on such short notice and who could forget Chris Finnin for his brilliant spot. To Father Christmas — well what can I say about this fellow, just thanks for doing yet another tremendous job. To the Salvation Army for distributing the toys to the children. To the South Australian Police Force for their traffic control and lastly to all you people who love to come to this event.

So upon this note I hope you will all come along next year and have a good time.

Dave Rault



Sure was hot at Woodside!



Santa's little helpers on the move.



Lots of pressies for lots of kids

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## TWO R's ON THE ROAD

We set off on Thursday night, right after work, and amazingly on schedule. Roy's (Michael's) R100RS took the tent and most of his gear, while Linda's R80 carried his wet weather gear. We made good time till Gawler and stopped for the night at Terowie (before we both fell asleep on the bikes).

Earlyish Friday morning we were on our way toward Broken Hill. Lovely place, but very hot, which was getting to Roy, as the fairing was keeping the engine heat in too. We were travelling fairly slowly and stopping often for breaks — most notable was Topar pub, (between Broken Hill and Wilcannia) — just desert and a pub. We were pretty buggered by the heat, (this is where Roy said he would "swap the BM for a Fairlane with airconditioning") so we pushed on after dark to reach Cobar. "Watch out for the Roos" all the locals were warning us, but we didn't have any problems with them, they just seemed to wander off the road or sit and stare at us. The suicidal sheep however . . . but we avoided hitting any.

The weather was a bit overcast Saturday morning at Cobar (the locals were hoping for rain) which turned into a light drizzle about 10km down the road. This was really nice compared to the day before's heat. Later still it rained in earnest. Just past Dubbo we were hoping to make our next stop before the rain, but were pushing on as it was at our backs — could we outrun it? No. As we rounded a corner, IT hit — pouring rain that reduced visibility to less than ten feet, we dropped our speed down to a crawl and lent hard against the wind. However, when trees started dropping limbs designed to get us, we decided to call it a day and stayed at Dunedoo to recover and dry off. The lightning and thunder show was quite spectacular (when you are safely indoors at the pub, with beer in hand).

Sunday saw the rain gone, but still overcast. Somehow we weren't too lively getting moving, so we got into Karuah river Rally at 1.30 pm. We just missed out on the awards — longest distance was 1200 and we had done 1700 so we would have bolted in. Actually, we were glad we didn't push on Saturday night, as the rain had raised the river level through the causeway and heaps of people camped on the wrong side of the river, to cross into the rally on Sunday morning.

After a refreshing COLD swim in the river, we set off again, to visit with Linda's relatives at Toronto on Lake Maquarie (only 100km away). There we swam, fished and generally were very relaxed and lazy.

Monday we did a lap of the lake on Linda's bike — about 100 km, very pretty. Stopped for a swim at Caves beach. The surf was really great after the calm gulf waters of Adelaide.

Tuesday saw Roy sorting out the points that were still wet from Karuah (bet you were wondering why we took Linda's bike yesterday eh?). Then more fishing — where we caught Wednesdays tasty breakfast of bream, flounder and tailor.

Wednesday we set off midmorning for the trip into Sydney. We took the highway which was mostly boring except for the bit through Kuringai National Park, which is great. Roy reckoned that Linda was being a bit excessive in the suburbs, but the R80's speedo was broken and showed crazy speeds (is that a good excuse?) Roy was impressed by Sydney's light traffic at 1 pm — creepy crawl up to the bridge. We were glad to stop for lunch and a rest at Linda's folk's before out again to get new tyres and the RS's swingarm adjusted. That night we enjoyed a beautiful curry with Richard & Joy (Linda's brother and his wife). Richard seemed surprised that the bottle

of port he opened for us was finished on the night. Richard is also a bike rider, so he gave us some tips on roads to try on the way south.

Thursday, early afternoon saw us heading out of Sydney. We kept fairly close to the coast and enjoyed the view at Bulli pass, but avoided Port Kembla and Wollongong. The Kiama Blowhole was pretty quiet due to the calm seas but it's a good place for a break. On Richard's advice, we looped back a short distance to enjoy Maquarie Pass, between Jamberoo (10 metres above sea level) and Robertson (760 m asl), but there's only 10 km between the two. The area is lush rainforest and some of the hairpin bends have 15km advisory signs! The road gets lots of traffic on weekends but it is great on weekdays.

Thursday night we stayed at the Bushranger Hotel at Collector, just outside of Canberra. The food, beer and the staff were good but the mozzies were fierce.

Friday, we briefly stopped in Canberra and Cooma (it's bloody hot again), and enjoyed the trip through Kosciusko National Park. Near Thredbo, an eagle swooped off the mountain, and must have been startled by us and the tourist bus from the other direction, because it dropped a bundle of fur onto the road. It bounced, came up all ears, and the bunny ran off!

The 40km section of dirt around Mt K, was in better condition than expected, lightly corrugated and occasionally washed out near Geehi. Roy finally admitted he was impressed with the Metzlers, in the dirt (and fanging through Maquarie Pass). From there it's an easy trip down the Murray Valley Highway to Walwa and the Clubman Rally. In fact, the rally was too close to the highway. Roy says that 90% of the site was uncampable (due to floodplain shale and sand — really shitty stuff that saw more than one bike lose its grip, or get bogged). But the Murray River was great and we were glad of the Lilo in Saturday's heat.

We saw Fred & Nellie — they send hellos to the SA MRA. Bruce, Karlyn, Les (Uncle Pervy), Jolyon and Kerry were also there. Bruce was having a few problems with the Guzzi, but you'd better ask him about that. (Must feel like old times for Fred, working on Bruce's bike again).

Sunday (late) saw us on the road with Joles & Kerry, heading to Shepparton, via the Hume Weir (not much to see at the weir, but a nice road). Monday was a quick sprint home to a hot bath and a half a bottle of port (it's better in winter).

Linda Smith & Michael (Roy) Dight



Comfort Stop??

# CALENDAR MAR-JUNE

## MARCH

- 6th Casterton Hill Climb (SE Register)
- 7th SAMRATS meeting, 8 pm
- 8th Radio show 6 pm
- 9th Committee meeting 7.30 pm
- 10th M/c Awareness Month meeting 7.30 pm
- 12th West Coast Register meeting, Whyalla Workers' Club, 1 pm
- 12th SAMRATS night spots bus tour, \$16 prepaid
- 12th Riverland MRA Register meeting
- 15th Radio show 6 pm
- 15th 4B's meeting
- 16th General Meeting
- 22nd Radio show 6 pm
- 24th MAM meeting
- 24th Mid-North Register meeting
- 26th Blood Run. Leaves Le Cornu's, Keswick 8.45 am  
BYO blood
- 27th Mallala track hire day, 8 am onwards. \$20 includes  
BBQ. Members or invitation only. Prepaid
- 29th Radio show 6 pm
- 29th 4B's meeting
- 30th General Meeting
- 30th South East Register meeting, Tiger Hotel, Tantanoola  
7.30 pm

## APRIL

- 1st Bunny Run. Leaves Adelaide Oval gates 2 pm. Bring  
Easter eggs for ACH kids
- 2nd W.C. meeting
- 4th SAMRATS meeting
- 5th Radio show 6 pm
- 7th MAM meeting
- 9th RR meeting
- 12th Radio show 6 pm
- 12th 4B's meeting
- 13th General Meeting
- 16th SAMRATS Yabbe City Revisited. Leaves Top O  
Taps 11 am. \$20
- 19th Radio show 6 pm
- 20th Committee meeting
- 21st MAM meeting
- 21st MN meeting
- 23rd BMW Rally, Myrtleford, Vic
- 23rd Flying Doc Rally, Mambray Creek SA
- 26th Radio show 6 pm
- 26th 4B's meeting
- 27th General Meeting
- 27th SE meeting
- 30th State Conference, Black Lion Hotel 10 am

## MAY

- 1st MAGAZINE ARTICLES DUE IN
- 2nd SAMRATS meeting
- 3rd Radio show 6 pm
- 5th MAM meeting
- 7th WC meeting
- 7th Swagman Rally, Mt Mary area SA
- 10th Radio show 6 pm
- 10th 4B's meeting

- 11th General Meeting
  - 14th R R meeting
  - 17th Radio show 6 pm
  - 18th Committee meeting
  - 19th MAM meeting
  - 24th Radio show
  - 24th 4B's meeting
  - 25th General Meeting
  - 25th SE meeting
  - 26th MN meeting
  - 28th Share The Warmth Run. Leaves Peacock Road  
near South Tce 10 am Bring clothing and blankets
  - 31st Radio show
- ## JUNE
- 2nd MAM meeting
  - 4th WC meeting
  - 6th SAMRATS meeting
  - 7th Radio show
  - 7th 4B's meeting
  - 8th General Meeting
  - 11th RR meeting
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  - 12th/ Tarcowie Trot -- MRA West Coast \$7 - \$9 late
  - 13th BBQ Saturday Night
  - 14th Radio show 6 pm
  - 15th Committee meeting
  - 16th MAM meeting
  - 21st Radio show 6 pm
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- \* Is it true that Wendy got sunburnt boobs over the Xmas break?
- \* Is Russ Hanby going to sell his "Dingy" for a much bigger "Dingy". Just to upset his "Mates"?
- \* Who were the "Snobs & Slobs" at the SAMRATS Breaky?
- \* Why couldn't Bruce get out of the lake at Barmera? Ask Karlyn!!
- \* Who is going to leave her dogs at home the next time she goes out? Please!!
- \* Is Dave trying for the Hairless Riders Association after his haircut over Xmas?



Dave the Hairless

- \* Who taught his cousin (14 years old) to drive his sidecar over Xmas, then made the cousin drive the drunk (himself) home at a New Year's Party?
- \* Who got a thick ear from the cousin's 78 year old Grandma? Could you imagine the headlines in the papers!!
- \* Is it true that Tom doesn't know the difference between 3 Months and 12 weeks?
- \* Is it true that some members are very unhappy with the running of the M.R.A., and are thinking of starting up F.A.M?
- \* Who got drunk at the GGG Mt Mary Pub Run and made fools of themselves?
- \* Who isn't listening to the CENTRE STAND RADIO SHOW Tuesday at 6.00 pm on 5MMM FM? WHY NOT??
- \* Does the Sidecar Club still exist? Do you own a sidecar? Want to join a social club that caters for sidecars and their riders? Phone Les 08 3901785 A/H.
- \* Why did Henk pull over just before a R.B.T. Unit, then make Wendy ride through? Only Wendy couldn't find the Starter Button on the BMW and hit the horn instead. Who got the notice of the Police Force?
- \* whose Guzzi & Chair didn't return from the Clubman Rally?
- \* Who wasn't too thrilled with the Clubman Rally site? Who isn't going again if they have the same site in '89.
- \* Is it true that the President of the Suzuki Club rides on the back of his girlfriend's 250cc?
- \* Is it also true that the said girlfriend is the Vice President of the Suzuki Club?
- \* Who was heard saying, "Good on ya, Digger" and seen giving the thumb's up to Charles and Di, as they passed the Marion Trade Centre.
- \* Who was seen drinking orange juice, while his small daughter was seen drinking beer at a GGG meeting?
- \* Is Rally furniture safe from Vandals? Not when Tom's around!

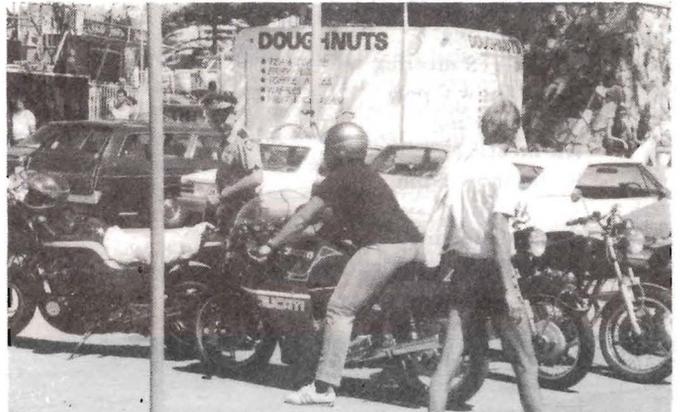


Caught in the act of destroying Rally furniture

- \* Who had to take it easy coming back from Broken Hill because he couldn't keep up with the Jap stuff. Who also ran out of petrol twice and did in a piston? What was he riding??  
Yes! British Triumph 85 model.  
Yes! He still says his bike went well.

## TRIVIA

- Q Where did the first Motorcycle Race take place in the 1900's?
- A. Yes you guessed it. Adelaide SA where the Adelaide University now stands. They rode Harley Davidson's and Indian's and wore leather helmets and gloves for protection.



Is the doughnut van of significance?



Just eyin' off the bike!!

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Enquires To: Mr. Andrew Smith - 218 7356  
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18th November, 1987

Mr. Jolyon Porter,  
Motorcycle Riders Association of  
Australia Inc.,  
C.P.O. Box 1895,  
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Dear Mr. Porter,

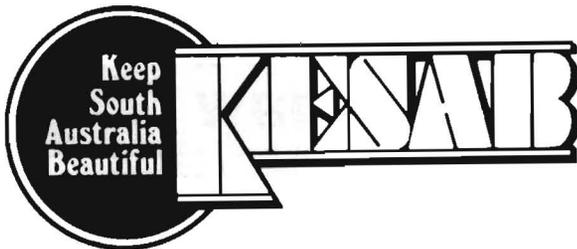
Congratulations on the success of the recent "Awareness Ride" which concluded at Bonython Park.

My staff inform me that Bonython Park was left in a clean and tidy condition and that no motorcycles were left parked on the Park Lands. The responsible attitude taken by your members in attending to these matters is to be commended. Please pass on my thanks to your organisers.

I look forward to hosting the event again next year and hope that the weather will be less severe on that occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew A. Taylor,  
(DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION)



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\* \* \* \* \*

Two hundred years; in '88,  
The "Poms" all try to tell; ---  
But "Black Australia" just cannot wait,  
To tell them to "Go to Hell!"

\* \* \* \* \*

And we too, as a minority,  
Our crosses will have to bear; ---  
Just like the 'Abos', we're not free,  
And of that, I'll gladly swear.

\* \* \* \* \*

For motor-cycling; in this land,  
Leaves little for celebration; ---  
There's so much, on which one could take "a stand",  
'Pon law improvements with-in this nation.

\* \* \* \* \*

Political persons; please take this note,  
Before you pass new legislation; ---  
Check first with us; --- (WE'LL take a vote!)  
Let's clear away the dead "vegetation".

\* \* \* \* \*

Let's get this country's laws,  
Back firmly 'pon the rails; ---  
No more to grasp at straws,  
A coin; --- guess, "Heads, or Tails!"

\* \* \* \* \*

Yes! The time has come,  
This we've all said; ---  
For our future; --- (Yet to come!)  
Let's hope, We're not all dead.

\* \* \* \* \*

Let us hold hope, in '88,  
Our future'll improve; ---  
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Will Catherly

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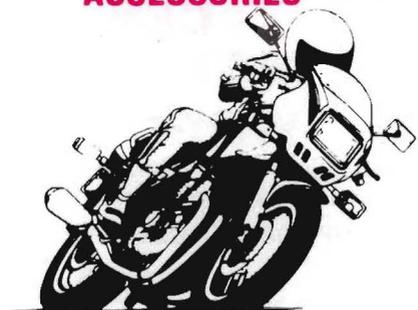
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