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- EDITORIAL -

It never ceases to amaze me how people piss off on events which we put on. Often after the event we on the MRA Executive Committee receive comments on how you would have come along on the Ride, Rally, Social Night, Toy Run etc but you didn't know it was on.

Well from now on remember, you heard it here first. Where possible all MRA sponsored events are published in the Centrestand via articles or boxed advertisements. If publication dates will not allow entry in Centrestand then a notice is placed in the Club Notes section of the News. The Centrestand also contains our home telephone numbers and the office number to ring and find out what is going on.

So from now on you can attend to the three principles of support for the MRA "Read, Remember and Ride".

Thanks to the 50 odd bikes and riders who attended the recent Westfield Santa Run - much appreciated.

Merry Christmas and Ride Safe
Harald



BJ's CORNER

DRAMA ON THE ROAD

While riding home the other day I witnessed an incident which set me thinking. It was peak hour, and the traffic was hectic. There was one of "the boys" on his Harley up front a bit. A small car changed lanes in front of him. There was the sound of a bike horn, some vigorous gesticulations, and the car swerved back where it came from. The Harley rider then rode up beside the car, and with one well placed kick took the passenger side rear vision mirror clean off. My first thought was "Well done, they'll think twice next time." By the time I passed the rear vision mirror (still spinning on the ground) I was thinking that if the Harley rider had time to sound his horn then it wasn't all that close a call and he probably over reacted. Then I passed the offending car (now pulling over and stationary) and saw the woman driver in tears.

Now don't go thinking that I'm some kind of a bleeding heart, I've dented a few doors in my day, and always slow right down when somebody offends me by trying to be my pillion without getting out of their car. There are undoubtedly times when a bit of aggro is the best thing, but often humour is a sharper weapon. I am an invertebrate lane slicer at the lights, it used to be called the Honda Highway, but I've been using it since back when the competition was between BSA's and Trumpy's. I have several times had frustrated car drivers pull right over the line to block me, I know its deliberate when their eyes are locked on me in their rear vision mirror. Physics states however that to pull sideways in a car you have to move forwards as well, and in stationary traffic you can only go so far. Boy do they look pissed off when I cut behind them over to the other side where they have now created a glorious wide freeway. I always wave to them like old friends to rub it in. If a driver changing lanes doesn't see me until the last moment and swerves back I usually smile, drop back a bit, give them a elaborate bow and wave them in front of me. The fact they they swerved back shows they had no ill intent, and I can get past them without effort in a second.

It is tempting to think of life in terms of us and them, and if you consider all car drivers to be homicidal maniacs or incompetent idiots it will definitely help you to survive out there. Convenient as this is however, it is not an accurate perception of reality. A better comparison is to think of car drivers as blind people just doing their best with impaired facilities. If you see a blind person coming toward you waving a white cane do you lay into them for nearly hitting you with their stick, or do you get out of their way? I can't help thinking that the woman crying in the car could have been my wife or, in a few years, my daughter. What if it wasn't even her car? Most of us drive cars as well as ride Bikes, and I know from personal experience that Bikes can be hard to see. (and lights on doesn't help eradicate blind spots.)

There is enough violence in the world without us adding to it, rather than the "homicidal idiots and us" philosophy try the "invisible man" approach. We on two wheels are fast moving and small, they on four wheels are slower and half blind. Act at all times as if you are completely invisible. Do not expect anyone to see you, must make sure you don't occupy the same place in time and space. I rarely use indicators, this is asking the cars to see you and respond. If they are close enough for it to matter two hoots to them where you are going then you probably shouldn't go there. If you want to turn right through oncoming traffic and can't accelerate first to build up a buffer zone and there isn't an island to

protect you, then for christ sake keep an eye on your rear vision mirror. I've seen cars try to pass on a single lane road even with oncoming traffic, hoping that the oncomers will keep left to make room for them. This means that they are on or over the line, and if you are sitting on the line, unseen by them, waiting to turn when they pull out to pass then you have what might be called "a situation".

Of course this invisible man mentality has its limits, if it's a flagrant case of "I'm bigger than you and I'm coming through" then give them curry. I had a classic case the other day. Out riding with a mate we were paused at a roundabout momentarily, I was behind, and a car pulled up alongside me. I don't mind a bit of crowding when I'm stationary, but when he tried to overtake as we pulled off I decided it was a bit rude. There was a car in front of my mate, indicating to turn left, so there was no point in passing me, especially when there was no room for a car between me and my mate, or my mate and the turning car. I accelerated and regained my position in front, right on my mates tail and dead centre of my lane, when bugger me if he doesn't pull up along side me again. Now he had my full attention, and when he tried it on my mate as well I ripped out past them both and pulled in front just as the turning car removed himself from the scene. My mate had dropped back when he found he had company and followed me round to the front. As my mate pulled in beside me so we occupied the whole lane I gave a signal to the arsehole, now trapped behind us, that could not be mistaken for indicating brotherly love. He had three options, sit there trapped (and we slowed down to make our point), get away from us) by turning off or parking), or try to ram us. He turned off, but I was ready if he became homicidal, keeping one eye on him all the while and staying in a low gear for quick action. Never assume that the won't hit you rather than lose face, you might get a nasty surprise.

This sort of thing is relatively rare, most drama on the road is the result of the way the human brain sorts visual data. You've all seen those pictures of animals and things made up out of a few stars in the sky by imaging lines drawn between them, and you only have to see half a word, and you can figure out what the word is. Jigsaw puzzles are a classic example of how you can see a picture even if it has pieces missing. This pattern recognition is one of the brains best tricks, in fact everyone has a "blind spot" built into their eyes, its the part of the eye where the nerves join the optic fibre and go to the brain. You were born with it and have gotten so used to it you may not even know you've got it. The brain simply fills in the gap so you don't see it. I actually had a minor bingle in a company car at a stop sign once, I had stopped completely, looked to the right, scanned my eyes right along the road including all sections as far down to the left as I could, and saw a clear road. I accelerated away and just clipped the bumper of a car coming from my left. Why didn't I see him? I was carrying a passenger, and as I scanned the road I saw clear road. My brain filled in the short gap of "passengers head" and said "clear road".

Part of the problem of relations between car drivers and motorcyclists is the way we instinctively react to mistakes we make. It doesn't matter how reasonable you usually are, your first instinct is always to blame anyone except yourself. If you suddenly find a motorcycle in the spot you are about to occupy with your car and are forced to suddenly jerk back to where you came from you don't say "golly that was careless of me!", you are more likely to say "stupid bastard must have come right up in my blind spot, those bloody things are dangerous!" If the "offending" motorcyclist then becomes aggressive you are likely to view banning of Bikes as desirable.

If you are forced to deviate from your planned speed or line of travel by the unexpected action of another vehicle don't be too hasty about switching into agro mode. It could be an honest mistake, due to the physics of light moving in straight lines, or the brains pattern recognition ability filling in gaps in vision, rather than arrogance or malice. That other driver could be someones mate, wife, or kid, — of course if could also be another arsehole!!

B J Robertson

'GOANNA'

*Congratulations on Vanessa Jonathan (a bit late) on being the first female president for the MRA (SA). I promise not to pick on her for a while, or until she stuffs up, which won't be long.

(Obviously Goanna wasn't at the Quiz Night. Ed)

*And speaking of the Jonathons — Is Daryl going to start up a touring bike club called the "Inna City Tourers"? It appears he led the October Blood Run up and down city streets trying to find Pirie Street and the Blood Bank. He is trying to blame the Grand Prix traffic restrictions!! Don't believe him.

*Tom has been seen walking again!! Fuel and tyres aren't that dear are they?? Or has the bike been in the shop again???

*Jezza (of the Green Ginger Guzzlers MCC) had the offer to buy a Yamaha and sidecar with all the trick bits but turned down the offer to buy a car instead, and while on the subject of Jezza, is it true that he would rather play golf than go to a rally?

*Now on to "Big Belly" what can I say other than the boy is in love!!!

*Now for Uncle and Auntie Pervie. This being a family magazine I can't write what I know or what I've heard. All I ask is **MAKE SURE NO ONE IS OBSERVING YOUR ACTIVITIES** at rallies and MRA functions.

*Good to see some new blood donors at the October run!

*If you are reading this before the '91 Toy Run, the MRA needs your help on the day, either setting up, in the BBQ tent, the Coke van or cleaning up after. Even if it is only half an hour, your assistance will not go unnoticed.

*I'm still waiting for some photos I could use with this column instead of me waffling trying to fill this page.

*At the BMW's only rally there were some other brands as well: 1 Yamaha, 1 Kawasaki, 2 Dukes, 1 Laverda, 1 Harley and no petrol bombs.

*While on rallies! Is it true that the 'Red Back Tourers' held their own rally near Kapunda (late October) and only invited their own club members?

*And still on rallies! Have you got your "Horse 'n' Cart" Rally badge yet?

*And even more on rallies! At the BMW Rally the mossies were so big they were taking the steak and snags off the BBQ before the meat was cooked!!

*Do you want the MRA to organise more social events such as Poker Runs, Rock N Rages, Fuel Eco Runs, Quiz Nights, Rallies, Family Picnics, Beach Runs etc, either come to meetings or drop us a line to let the committee know. Perhaps YOU could organise an event!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At this year's AGM I was voted in as President. I asked Ian 'Milo' Marlow what it took to be President — he said "delegate" and chair the meetings. Thanks Milo even the short time I have been in I have found it is a bit more than delegating and chairing the meetings.

I realised when I stood for the position that it would be a lot more involved than that and am prepared to do my best. I will certainly make mistakes (as I am only human) but will learn by them and know I will have the full support of the present committee.

For people who don't know me I am also heavily involved in the 4Bs as Secretary for the past four years, also Treasurer of the 4Bs for the past 5 years, General Committee Member for one year and have been on the Toy Run Committee this last year as Secretary, also have been heavily involved in Race Meetings at Mallala and AIR selling stock, Awareness Campaigns, Rolling Thunder Shows and promoting the MRA to the general public over the past 7 years.

As you can see I am more than qualified to give it a go and if you wish to have a say and cannot make the meeting please feel free to write to me and express your opinions, gripes or fantasies. (ha ha).

Vanessa Jonathan



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reply to letter from Sykes Bidstrup published in September Centrestand.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 6th September, 1991, it is advised that the use of steel plates in City streets is usually kept to a minimum and only used where trenches cannot for some unforeseen reason be closed the same day at the excavation.

The plates to which you refer were used by the contractor to E.T.S.A. in connection with the major task of running heavy duty underground cables to and from a sub-station in Coromandel Place to another in Whitmore Square. Your concerns are appreciated and in the above case press notices regarding the work and bunting and warning notices of works ahead together with traffic restrictions, were designed to alert road users of the caution required when travelling adjacent those works.

At this stage, therefore, the best solution appears to be to restrict the use of the plates unless absolutely necessary and if used ensure that adequate lighting and signs are positioned to enable motorists and motorcyclists to take due care.

Yours faithfully,
J R Hadaway - City Engineer

A LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Mr Fry,

I refer to your letter of 21 May 1991 in which you seek my approval of your sticker; request that stickers be included with all registration and licence renewals; and that the Association be provided with 50,000 stickers for its own distribution.

The role of the MRA has played in lobbying and advising the Government on motorcycle policy matters over recent years is appreciated.

After giving consideration to the costs involved in the production and mailing of stickers, and because of the Government's policy of not promoting private organisations, I advise that I am unable to produce and distribute stickers which bear your Association's name, address and logo.

Nevertheless, I am prepared to have the "LOOK RIGHT, LOOK LEFT, LOOK BIKE" sticker produced by the Department of Road Transport mailed out with all registration and licence renewals for one month during the Federal Office of Road Safety's Motorcycle Awareness Campaign programmed for the coming spring season. This would have the definite advantage of raising bike awareness not only for motorcyclists but also for pedal cyclists, making such distribution cost effective.

I am also prepared to provide 50,000 stickers free for distribution by your Association during the motorcycle awareness campaign.

I trust that these arrangements will be supported by the MRA and would appreciate receiving your response as soon as possible.

Once again, thank you for your Association's contribution to road safety.

Yours sincerely,
Frank Blevins MP — Minister of Transport

REPLY

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 5 August relating to the MRA's 'Look Bike' stickers.

Following extensive canvassing of this matter with our membership, it is with regret I advise of the MRA's disappointment with these arrangements and its inability to lend support to your proposals.

Whilst the MRA welcomes the attention given to this issue and the intended demonstration of commitment to driver awareness by the Department, in enclosing stickers with forthcoming licence renewals, I must address some significant considerations which have been neglected in discussions thus far.

I believe the key issue under dispute is the provision of a smaller, cheaper sticker which is unsuitable for a specific motorcycle awareness campaign. Through this, the Department has shown a remarkable lack of understanding and awareness in failing to recognise that it has not committed itself to specifically target driver awareness for motorcycles. The logo was originally designed by the Victorian branch of the MRA in 1982 and has obviously been adapted by the Department with younger bicycle riders in mind and judging by its size, is surely intended for surely intended for use on pedal cycle helmets. This drawback makes it totally inadequate for effective visual impact for motorcycles. The use of a tiny sticker, a few centimetres wide, will impart little information to drivers, especially when it can't be easily read.

This is of serious concern to the MRA since it believes your Government is committed to managing a positive and supportive motorcycle awareness campaign for motorists. The MRA believes that this cannot be done effectively using key promotional material which has been designed for bicycles, and not motorcycles.

The MRA believes its proposed sticker imparts the message of driver awareness of motorcycles — but the Department's proposed sticker has NO impact at all for motorcycles. Its minuscule size limits its potential effect and would just be seen as a small daub of colour on a car, not strengthening its proposed intention, ie for its message to be EASILY noticed and ready by motorists.

The proposed sticker's colour scheme is inappropriate for our use. Its colours are an all too commonly used combination across the general community to promote a wide range of issues. The original colour scheme of yellow on a black background or even the reverse of black on yellow, is far more obvious. These colours are starker, noticeable, utterly conspicuous. Their combined effect is IMMEDIATE. The message is EASILY registered from a distance.

I must sadly therefore record our dissatisfaction with your findings, a decision not taken lightly, in view of the mutual hard work and respect which has been built up over the years between the Association and your Ministry.

It is additionally very disheartening, following the great deal of effort and consideration which went into the production of the original proof, to be faced with the possibility that the proposed alternative, whilst eminently suitable for pedal cyclists, is proposed as suitable for motorcyclists as well. The campaign proposes that motorcyclists are looked for, yet the Department's proposed sticker cannot even be delineated at a small distance.

In conclusion, I acknowledge the Department's predicament that it cannot be seen to display partiality to private organisations by promoting MRA details on the sticker, but this factor alone should not hamper the use of the MRA sticker. The MRA believes that if a motorcycle awareness campaign is to be seriously heeded by both Government and road users, the Department should adequately and positively support and enhance it, by utilising the most appropriate promotion available.

I believe that even a cursory cost-benefit analysis will highlight the advantages of using the MRA's specific-target sticker, rather than the Department's general one. If an unsuitable medium is used, the Government's intended aims to improve driver awareness of motorcycles will be meaningless. The MRA believes this will undoubtedly be the case should the proposed option be implemented.

As a concerned Association, the MRA urges you to reconsider your viewpoint and use the original, larger, yellow/black sticker. We are convinced its higher profile will assist in achieving the Government's aims with respect to this campaign.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you as a matter of urgency, knowing that the spring season awareness campaign looms.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Fry — MRA Road Safety Officer



CALENDAR

DECEMBER

2nd General Meeting
 3rd Toy Run Meeting
 8th Toy Run
 12th 4Bs Xmas Drinks
 16th Main Branch Xmas Drinks

JANUARY

13th General Meeting 92
 18th Blood Run
 20th Committee Meeting
 23rd 4Bs Meeting
 23rd Mid North Meeting
 27th General Meeting
 29th South East Meeting

FEBRUARY

6th 4BS Meeting
 10th General Meeting
 17th Committee Meeting
 20th 4BS Meeting
 24th General Meeting
 26th SE Meeting
 27th Mid North Meeting

MARCH

5th 4BS Meeting
 9th General Meeting
 16th Committee Meeting
 19th 4Bs Meeting
 23rd General Meeting
 25th South East Meeting
 26th Mid North Meeting

BLOOD RUN

We are meeting at K-Mart Kurralta Park car park to ride to Red Cross House, Pirie Street, to donate blood.

Why not come along and join us. All donations gratefully received. The last run saw around thirty people turn up.

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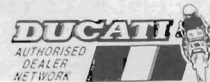
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We would like to thank the 1990-91 Committee members for the time and effort put into the Association over the past 12 months.

This year our meeting will be kept to the last THURSDAY of the month at TANTANOOLA and there will be separate weekends including camps. This will be instead of our Summer meetings which several members found that they were unable to attend.

We are pleased to see that we are still joining up new members and that we have gained a good reputation throughout the South-east as a result of our previous TOY RUN and WARMTH RUN etc. Next year we plan to add the BUNNY RUN to our list. Hopefully more of our members will be able to participate.

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QUIZ NIGHT REPORT

About 30-odd intrepid starters lined up their grey matter to contest the soon to be repeated MRA Quiz Night held on October 4.

Several tables of hopefuls wheeled out their "Brain Trusts" in an attempt to outdo their Einstein like rivals to help raise over \$200 for the dwindling MRA SA coffers.

Of the 100 questions only one caused the Judges to seek legal protection!! A near riot was caused when BSA was termed British not Birmingham Small Arms. Promised with leniency, the Judges — Milo and Harald, voted in favour of the city rather than the nation. Just as well.

Everyone who participated has promised a more practised (and less noisy) attempt at finding their brains for the next Quiz Night.

More tables of budding Einsteins will ensure the next Quiz Nights success, so tell your friends and book a table early.

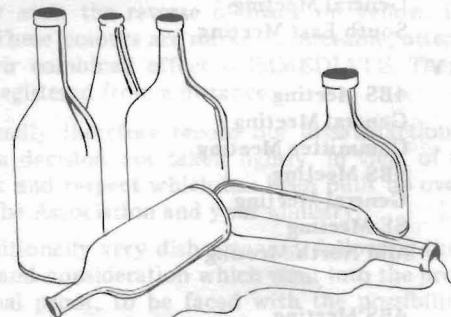
Thanks should go to everyone who lent a hand, arm, leg or a piece of grey matter to help the organisation for the night. Special thanks to Justin and Michelle for procuring the Pandora's Box of goodies and thanks to those small businesses who assisted the MRA by donating prizes.

Q. What is Fearless Fly's real name and who are his male and female friends.

Answers on a postcard please. No prizes for the neatest correct entry.

Denise Keane

*Is your blood
worth
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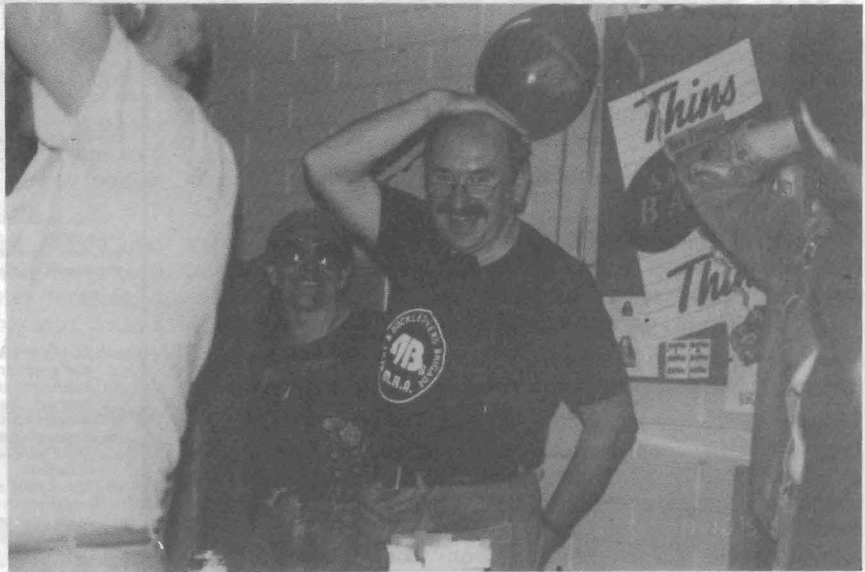
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TOY RUN REPORT

12 year's ago the SA Main Branch MRA started the SA Toy Run. Over the years with various organisers it has got bigger and better. This year's run has grown to a stage where we even need a bloody committee to run it, (sounds like the MRA doesn't it?)

To get the run to where it has progressed we started organising it after last year's.

Thanks to everyone who turned up and helped on the day last year because it was our biggest and most successful run, considering the weather.

Along the way this year we have gained major supporters, who have realised what the Toy Run and the MRA's aims represent on the day. So please support those who support us.

This year we are leaving the Glenelg Car Park at 11:00am (an hour earlier than previous years) and arriving at Woodside at approximately 12:00 where we will be having Adelaide's foremost Rhythm and Blues Band, Chris Finnen/Greg Baker Band, plus 32-20, while children will be entertained by a huge blow-up castle, face painting and Loony Toon Characters.

Please make an effort and make it on the day and pass the message on that non-motorcyclists are welcome after 1:00pm and that this year we are also accepting non-perishable food and clothing as well as toys for the needy families of South Australia.

We will see you on the 8th December at Glenelg Car Park or Woodside Oval.

Thanks to all the committee that have worked extremely hard throughout the year and to all those who have volunteered to work on the day.

Stay upright if not get a sidecar.

Big Belly



TOY RUN COMMITTEE

L-R Vanessa, Mike, Harald, Justin, Darryl, Gary, Paul & Tom

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BUSH PIG RALLY REPORT

HUGHES GAP

21 - 22 SEPTEMBER 1991

I attended the inaugural Bush Pig Rally in '89 and reported on it in the Centrestand. The conclusion was that it was well worth attending and having missed last years' I was looking forward to being there again. I wasn't disappointed.

The arrangement was much the same as before, except that the site was further in from the Gladstone-Crystal Brook road than before, about 1km and actually a better location. I found the signposting on the road a little ambiguous, turned off too soon and got lost for a while but I wasn't the only one.

Set amongst tall trees next to a creek in fairly sheltered valley, the site was idea for a good rally. The ground was kind to the tent pegs too.

The show was again well catered for. The "Bush Pig" is named after the hapless creature which ends up rotating on a spit for the benefit of rally-goers. Besides that there was a barbie with plenty of tucker for sale and drinks could be obtained via coupons.

The Gymkhana was well organised; the usual slalom, slow ride, toss the helmet contest and that one where seemingly grown up people belt each other with rolled up newspaper while riding as pillions in an attempt to burst each others' balloons. The local fauna probably wasn't much impressed by this carry on - but who cares anyway. All in the cause of good gun and motorcycling bonhomie!! These events were again held on an open field above the campsite and made more interesting by the grass covered rocky ground.

There was a burnout or two at some stage, but after dark many people were content to sit around their campfires, drink and tell the usual tall tales. The weather turned out to be terrific, having been a bit threatening earlier in the day and the stars were out. Extra entertainment was provided in the form of rally made UFOs which looked good against the night sky. (If you want the recipe for these phenomena just ask your local pyromaniac balloonist)

The Bush Pig is a small rally and this one in '91 was quiet. It definitely desires a big attendance and again I would recommend it for next year. There's good tucker, entertainment if you want it and most important, good company. And one of the smartest rally badges around!

Thanks to the organisers once again. Good one fellas!!

Greg Janzow

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A SECOND OPINION

The Mid-North mob held another successful Bush Pig Rally at the Hughes Gap site.

The weather was great with a bonus of running water in the creek.

There were plenty of participants in the gymkhana events after de-rocking the area with a commodore.

The pig on the spit was quickly demolished as was the amber fluid.

A number of UFOs were spotted during the night as were falling tennis balls. Was the Bush Pig Port responsible?

The Burnout was won by a bike this year although the winner broke a couple of bones on the cool ride down afterwards.

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MRA SA NOTES

*The MRA (SA) apologises to the MRA Australia (Vic) for the unauthorised use of the BANNED graphic on page 8 of the September issue of Centrestand. We neglected to attribute the graphic to the Deciding Factor and hope no one was too upset.

*At the September 1991 Annual General Meeting of the Association along with the Officers of the association listed on page 1 of the Centrestand, were elected the General Committee members. They are: Denise Keane, Michael Engel, Paul Morgan, David 'Snayle' Moore, Tom Griffin, Gary Bonnett, Kerry Turnwald and Ole Gardseni.

*The MRA Quiz Night was considered by all to be a success. About 30 people attended and had a great time and raised about \$200 for the MRA. Prize winners took home amongst other things a meat smoker, bottles of Scotch, Brandy and Champagne, a genuine Volvo flag and lots more. Thanks to our sponsors, the organising committee and our Quiz master David Green. We can look forward to another one early next year.

*Don't forget Christmas drinks at the North Adelaide Pub 16th December 1991 at 8:00pm

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Our AGM was on the 3rd October and congratulations must go to the new committee. They are:

Daryl Jonathan	Co-Ordinator
Vanessa Jonathan	Secretary
Rosemary Bonnett	Treasurer
Gary Bonnett	Publicity Officer

Many thanks to Mike Engel for chairing our AGM on the night.

We have noticed that the RAH and QEH (2 of our major hospitals) have fewer motorcyclists that have been admitted than previous years and hope that this is a good sign.

Again we urge you to let us know if you know of anyone admitted to any hospitals and they wish us to visit them. Daryl and I have been unable to do the Modbury because of other commitments. The Flinders has not been able to be regularly visited either (Gary and Snayle do their best between the QEH and Flinders) but they also help out in other ways and have other commitments.

On the 12th December we are having our Annual Christmas Dinner at the Flagstaff Hotel instead of a meeting. This issue of the Centrestand will be out just prior to the MRA Toy Run. On behalf of all the 4Bs we wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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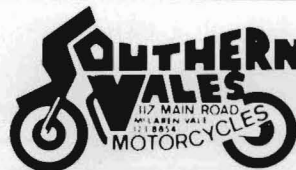
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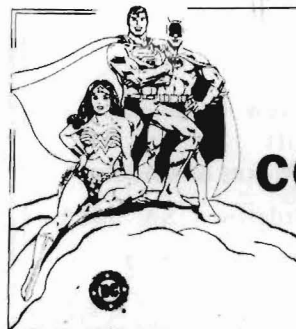
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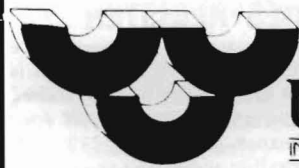


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