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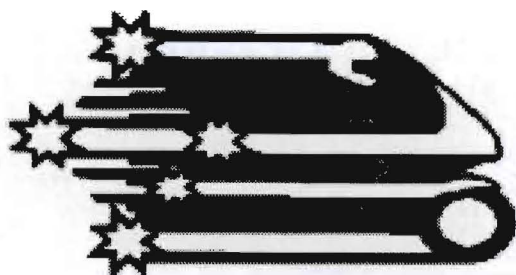
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EDITORIAL

I just love it when the Toy Run finally comes around. All that preparation from April onwards, making sure that everything is remembered and that nothing has been missed out; that all the necessary equipment has been hired and collected and that all the electrics will work on the day; making sure that we have enough people to help out with traffic management, security, setup and pull down etc.

To most folk it's just something that happens on the day, they enjoy it and go home, having had the experience of riding with thousands of their fellow bikers and doing something for a good cause. But it doesn't just happen. There are some dedicated people who make it happen. And what do they get out of it? Well if they're lucky then they might get a few beers and some pizza at around 7.30pm on Sunday when all the gear is finally packed away.

They also get the satisfaction of being part of something that happens in very few places around the world, knowing that this is the biggest Toy Run in Australia and probably one of the biggest in the world. They also know that they are providing the human face of motorcycling to the public, doing their bit to dispel the stereotypes of motorcycling that most people take for granted. As well, they know that they are helping to ensure that the MRA continues as a viable, relevant, representative organisation for all motorcyclists in this state.

Hopefully the Toy Run will remind riders that the MRASA exists to deal with issues of concern for them. Like unfair road rules, discriminatory enforcement practices, effective rider training programs, useful representation through government channels and networking with other like minded organisations throughout the country.

So when you go on the Toy Run, when you give a toy to the Vinnies on the day, when you put some money in the collection tin, when you check out the bike displays and have some lunch, when you buy one of the commemorative Toy Run badges, when you tell your mates what a buzz the day has been and wonder what the 'other' folks are doing, then don't forget to renew your membership if it's due, and if you have a mate who's not a member, then get him or her to become a member, because that's how we keep the MRA alive and that's how we make sure that the Toy Run will be with us for you and the kiddies for a long time to come.

Ride on, read on, and write in **Harald Lindemann**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM and thank you for your continuing support. The revised constitution has been passed and is now in operation. One of the major changes concerns the MRA SA financial year. We now run from January 1st to Dec 31st. and our next AGM will be held on 24th February 2008. That is the last Sunday in February.

Welcome to the new Committee. I am very pleased to announce that Phil Creer has volunteered to be the minute's secretary, yeah!!! A huge thank you to Dr Phil. We might get even more people popping in to a meeting now that job is taken. The full list of names is in this Centrestand and also on our web site.

I would like to encourage members to attend a Committee meeting. They can see how our association is run, listen to reports including the four subcommittees and raise any issues for discussion. The easiest way to know where and when the committees meet is to look on our web site. Jock continues to do an awesome job of keeping everything current, from contact details to meetings and Samrats rides.

It's Toy Run time ☺

It's time to register the bike and to find a present. Write down TOY RUN on December 9th on your calendar. While you are at it, add Dec 8th as volunteers are always needed to help set up at the Hahndorf Oval. If you haven't been to an oval set up day before, don't worry. You will be given tasks like setting up shade tents, bunting and signs. The MRA provides some lunch and cool drinks. To assist in catering, please let us know you are coming. Jock Rogan is collecting the names and can be contacted through the web site or on his mobile 0411 273 184.

I am a member of the MRA SA 4B's and visit the Royal Adelaide Hospital's North Wing on a Friday afternoon. A common question I am asked is, "Do you visit Scooter riders?" Another one is "What about the dirt bike guys?" The simple answer is "Yes". The 4B's is typical of the MRA SA. We view riders and pillions of all types of motorised two and three wheel vehicles, registered or unregistered, on road or off road to be motorcyclists. We speak as their political voice, we lobby and campaign on their behalf, we

organise rallies and rides and we will definitely visit them in the hospitals we call on.

The 4B's is growing in numbers again. Two more people have started this year and another will be attending their first sub-committee meeting in November. We are now looking into adding Modbury Hospital to the Royal Adelaide for visits. The standard hospital visit has the 4B's rep calling into the ward sister's office, identifying themselves and asking if any Motor Bike Accident patients (MBA) would like a visitor. We do not visit unsolicited. This also means that we do not call into the Intensive Care or Burns wards. Most of the riders we see are in the orthopaedics area. The support is sometimes to the families; especially with the serious cases. The numbers and seriousness of accidents appears to be lower than the same time in 2006, and for that we are all thankful.

I had an interesting mobile phone call the other day. A rider pulled up at garage to refuel on a Sunday afternoon. He parked next to a fuel pump and lifted the nozzle and waited, and waited. Cars were filling up around him, paying and leaving and his pump was still not turned on. He moved to another pump and waited some more. Now really pissed off, he went inside and asked what the problem was. The answer stunned him. Motorcyclists were being asked to prepay to stop drive offs. Cars were not. This is totally unacceptable. If the rider concerned, or anybody else, will supply the details of the time and location, we would like to pursue this. Issues like this can and will be addressed by the MRASA. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Toy Run or at the MRASA picnic on the 16th Dec.

Best wishes for the Christmas season,
Stay Upright,
Phil McClelland
President MRA SA

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDLY AWARD

In each issue of Centrestand we will try to award the title of 'Motorcycle Friendly' to an organisation or business in South Australia that has recognised the value of motorcycling and/or scooting as a legitimate and valued form of transport and has taken action to support the same. We will depend on you, our readers, to inform us of such organisations. See page 9 for this issue's award.

MRA SHORTS

SA TRIALS COMPETITION

The Gawler Motorcycle Club held the State Trials Titles on October 13/14 near Mannum. Our President Phil McClelland responded to a call for scrutineers by the organising committee and spent a couple of days running back and forth checking people's feet and found out just how fit he wasn't.

AGM NOTICE

Because we have changed our Constitution to hold our Annual General Meetings in February instead of September we now have to have another AGM in February 2008. This will be held at 1.00pm on Sunday 24th of February at the Tea Tree Gully Hotel

All the positions of the Association listed below will be declared vacant and the 2008 -2009 Committee will be elected.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Editor 'Centrestand'
Publicity Officer
Membership Secretary
Minutes Secretary
Stock Control Officer
Register Liaison Officer
Road Safety Officer
Webmaster
General Committee Representatives (4)

At this meeting the Auditor for the 2008-2009 year will be nominated.

All financial members of the MRA SA Inc. are eligible to stand for election to one or more of the positions. Nominations should be in writing to the Secretary of the Association prior to the beginning of the AGM. All members and friends are invited to attend the meeting.

DONATION

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of Craig Elix who is a past member of the Mid-North Register in Snowtown. Craig was at the AGM in September and donated \$200 to the MRASA at the meeting to help us "...keep up the good work". Thanks a lot Craig. We surely will.

Also Deb Thompson who made a donation of \$250 to the MRA. The money is to be spent on a special project for the MRA, one which is yet to be determined

PHILIP ISLAND RUN

Member Jodi Christie and a number of riders from the MRA went to Philip Island to see Casey Stoner mess it with the rest of the guys. Now Jodi has been over to Philip Island a few times and to date has not failed to get at least one speeding fine for the trip, either coming or going, or both. So this year she was determined to beat the mocca. At the AGM she let everyone know that she wanted to be sponsored for not getting a speeding fine for the trip, the money to go to MRA 4Bs.

If she failed the test then not only would she pay the fine(s) but she would donate an amount equal to the sponsorship money raised to MRA 4Bs . This could become pretty expensive for her so you can see that there was a pretty good incentive to not speed, or at least not get caught speeding. Although the former is a generally a pretty effective activity to manage the latter.

The news is that she arrived safely home again with no speeding fine and received pledges for \$1,000 for the MRA 4Bs. Congratulations to Jodi for beating the odds and for fund raising in such a safe and creative way.

RETIREMENT TIME

Rosemary Bonnett has been an active member of the MRA 4Bs since the year dot. She has visited bikers in hospital, done fund raising and served as Secretary of the Committee. She has decided to call it quits and move on to other interests so we would like to thank Rosemary for her service and dedication to the MRA and the 4Bs and wish her well for the future. A letter of thanks to Rosemary was sent to her from the MRA Committee.

SCOOTER CLUB

Anthony Chan was returned as the Principal of the SA Scooter Club at its last meeting which was held prior to their last Run in October, which was highly successful.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members applicants were confirmed as members of the MRASA at the Committee meeting on 12th November.

They were: Craig HENDRY, Larry CASPERS, Neville CHEEL, Peter LARVIN, Scott Douglas MAYFIELD, Nick de VRIES, Garry WARDLE, Lester ROWLEY, Patricia MCGRAIL

Welcome to the Association.

RIDDEN ON RIDE 2008 NOTICE



Ridden-On-Ride
Remember fallen riders

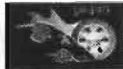
Sunday, February 17, 2008
Leaving Victoria Hotel, O'Halloran Hill
at 10 a.m.

We will ride to the Second Valley Jetty where a short service will be held and an opportunity to toss a flower into the ocean to remember a friend if you so wish. From Second Valley we will ride to Victor Harbor via the Delamere Road where the run will end.

Cost \$10 (includes badge)



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The term ridden-on is used to describe a rider who has died or passed on. Usually while riding his motorcycle. In the past year many of us have been touched by the passing of those special to us.

On February 18, 2007, the MRA held it's inaugural Ridden-On Ride to remember our lost friends, family and loved ones. We were especially blessed by the support of the community to this cause. There was strong support from the media, especially The Sunday Mail, Advertiser and Channel Ten. We thank you for your interest. We also appreciate the support from SAPOL and the Motorcycle officer who helped out on the day. We also acknowledge the well wishers who gathered on the footpaths on the route to wave and support us. And lastly but not least, to all the riders who joined in on the event both motorcyclist and scooter riders, who dug deep and provided funds for the 4B's and the Royal Adelaide Hospital, we thank you!

Due to the unanimous support and encouragement of this event the Ridden-On Ride 2008 will be held on February 17, 2008. Please tell your friends and mark it in your dairies



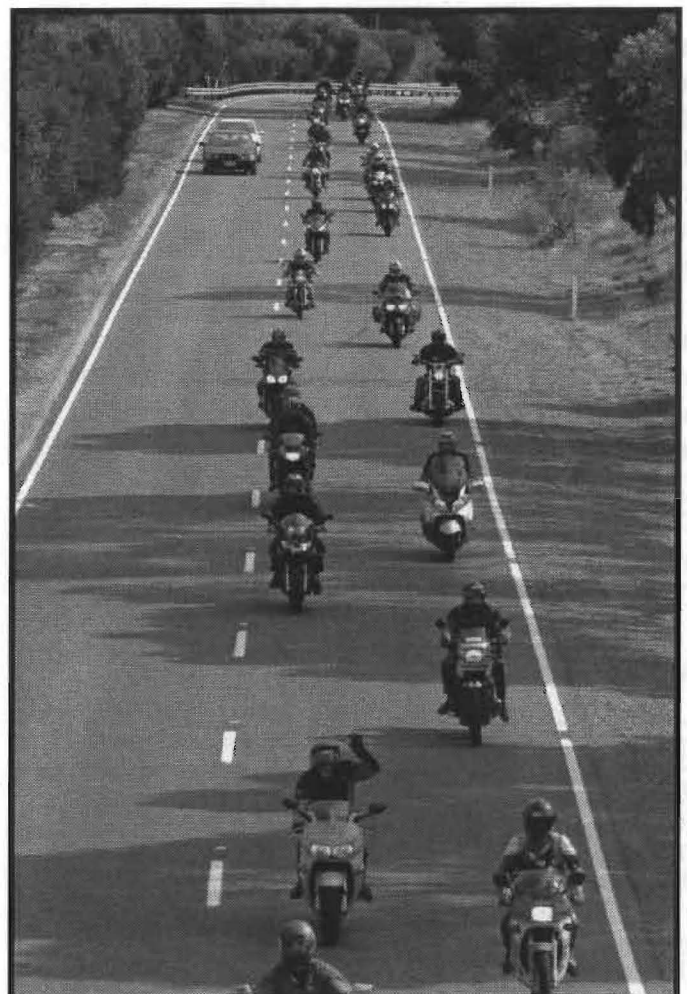
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Congratulations to the MRAWA which was recently awarded a \$40,000 government grant to investigate wire rope barriers. This was the result of a lot of work over the past few years to convince the powers that maybe WRBs are not in all motorists interests.



Greg Janzow receiving his Life Membership award at the 2007 AGM from President Phil McClelland



2007 Ridden On Ride Photo courtesy of the Advertiser

20 YEAR MEMBERSHIP BADGES are now available. If you think that you qualify then contact Jock Rogan, the Membership Secretary and be a Gold Member.

SA SCOOTER CLUB

Here is Anthony's report for the AGM.

In the past 12 months, the SA Scooter Club has come a long way. We went from nothing to now at least 37 paying members and 70 others as associates. We have monthly rides on every 3rd Sunday of the month and as Summer approaches again, we will soon resume our weekly Friday night or Sunday morning rides.

Other than just marketing the SA Scooter Club and gaining memberships, we have been busy behind the scenes too. We are now listed in the Scooter Magazine as an official club they recommend. We have been in the Messenger a number of times promoting the scootering lifestyle and demanding more parking facilities. We have also helped with the launch of the Vectrex electric scooter. Our reputation has gained us a seat as a committee member to the Motorcycle Safety Task Force which reports to the Transport Minister. This reputation put us in the drivers seat for assisting Road Craft to product the first and only scooter training school. However, the biggest success was a victory against the local councils to gain more scooter / motorcycle parking along The Parade and in the city, especially Gouger St.

In the future we aim to gain more recognition and members. We shall continue to push for more parking, training and safety for scooter riders. A recent structural change within the club saw 2 new Club Coordinators being appointed to assist the Club Principal with organising events and various other administration tasks. This will ensure the Club's growth in both membership and reputation.

Anthony Chan Club Principal

INTERESTING WEBSITES

www.crashprevention.com.au

This site has some sensible road safety advice for both motorists and motorcyclists. Some interesting video clips as well.

www.acembike.org

This is the site of the Association des Constructeurs Europeens de Motocycles - ACEM (The Association of the European Motorcycle Industry). Go there for the latest information on what is happening about road rules, research, standards for bikes and gear etc. Download the newsletter for a generally informative read.

UPCOMING RALLIES 2008

March 1-2 **Rivergum Rally** Renmark BTB
Grot 0412 602 272, Peter 0412 021 180

April 4-5 **Redbacks** at Coonalpyn Hotel
Andy 0411 212 076 or 8571 1157

April 19-20 **Booborowie** Aidan 8346 4071

May ?? **Roaming Swagman** BTB
Lefty 8633 1516

May 10-11 **Great Escape Rally** BTB
MRASA Inc.
Harald 8260 4461 or 0421 289 714

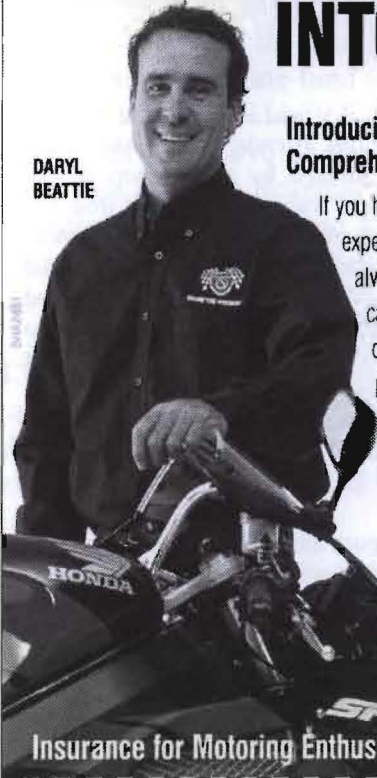
June 7-9 **Wintersun** Mildura
John 0350 237 218

June 28-29 **Radiata** MRA South East
Frank 8765 1030

(Note: BTB – Back To Basics)

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THE THIRD HAND by Harald Lindemann

It was one of those dark stormy nights with the wind whistling through the eaves sounding like the scream of the banshees and the almond trees branches whipped the roof of the garage. The air was damp and there was a muffled thump, thump, thump, sounding like a one legged man walking on floorboards, but I know that it's just the loose downpipe. Or is it?

It was chilly in the garage, as if someone had spilled dry ice at one end and it flowed across the floor to where I was working, swirling around my knees as I knelt on the ground, trying to fit the exhaust pipe back on to the bike.

The bike had been getting progressively noisier and I'd been putting off finding the problem, but coming home from work yesterday I felt a definite lack of power in the low gears, so putting two and two together I decided that it was time to have a closer look at the pipes. I found a rust hole in the left hand pipe the size of a 10c piece. It had rusted out from the inside, getting weaker and weaker and had now had it. No worries, I thought. Out with the wire brush and grinder, clean it up, weld it up and it would be as good as new. But one rule of motorcycle maintenance that always holds true is that where there's one rust spot there are more, especially when the metal is old and thin.

It took a while of careful welding and patching so that even though it didn't really look as good as new, it would do for a while. At least for tomorrow as I was meeting the guys for a blast through the hills and I didn't want to miss it.

The tricky bit was getting the pipe back on. Getting it off was easy. Unbolt the flange at the front, unbolt the bracket at the back, twist, bang with a hammer to loosen the flange, twist again, bang, twist, bang, twist until finally it moves and off it comes. As the manual says; *'To replace exhaust pipe reverse the removal procedure.'* Sure. Now was that bang and twist or twist and bang?

With some perverse twist of logic that hardly ever seems to work. Here's how it really works. Position the pipe so that it can be pushed into the head, holding the flange in the right position so that the bolt collar doesn't fall out of position so that you can actually bolt it up when ready. Bang the end of the pipe to seat it properly. At the same time twist the pipe so that the end bracket lines up with the bolt hole. Simple right?

So, with one hand on the flange end of the pipe I lifted the bracket end with my knee, grabbed the hammer and lightly whacked the end of the pipe. It fell off. Repeat the procedure. The pipe fell off again. Try once more. Once more it fell off. I just couldn't get enough leverage with my knee to hold it in the right position so that the flange end would seat securely and secure the pipe while I tightened everything off.

Being the smart biker that I am and learning nothing from my previous experience, I tried again. The pipe fell off. I took a deep breath. It was time to bring in the big guns. I got everything ready, closed my eyes and said a prayer to the big guy upstairs. The one who built the first bike and

breathed life into it. He's been there before and done that. He understands.

I said my prayer. The wind increased its screaming. The thumping grew louder and more frenzied. The light flickered. It got colder. An icy chill ran up my spine, but I kept myself calm. I held the flange end of the pipe with my left hand and lifted the pipe with my knee to place the bracket near the bolt hole. With my right hand I lifted the hammer and whacked the end of the pipe, while with my other hand I reached over and steadied the pipe giving it a slight twist to seat it into the head. The pipe stayed in place.

I blinked and ran over in my mind what had just happened. I couldn't move. I thought, left hand, hammer hand, twist hand. I blinked again. I could hear the wind dying down. The banging of the downpipe had faded to a light tapping. A warmth spread through the garage. I could see my third hand holding onto the pipe, just like it was supposed to. Sometimes, I thought, we all need a third hand. So I closed my eyes and said thanks. When I opened them again the hand was gone. Did it really happen?

The next day out on the road the bike positively purred. So all I can say is 'Thank Gott'. That's Gottlieb Daimler, the patron saint of motorcyclists, without whom we would have to find something else to put meaning into our lives.

MRASA WEBSITE FORUMS by Paul Kuhn

Welcome to the MRASA Forum! If you haven't already registered, the process is simple and free. Point your web browser to: www.mrasa.asn.au/forum/ and then click on Register, follow the prompts and you're on. If you don't wish to type that in, click on the link on the left of the MRASA web site that says "Forum".

The purpose of the forum is, unlike a web site, to allow two way communication between members, plan rides, ask questions, get help with your bike [or anything else for that matter] from your compatriots on two wheels. To start with you might just prefer to lurk (meaning to watch and not input) and read what others are saying.

The forum is broadly grouped in to several areas of interest, bikes, computing, scooters, safety concerns and issues, technical, buy & sell and a special area devoted to funnies.

One problem some people have found in trying to register is that they are using a Hotmail account. Unfortunately, these types of accounts are in the US and have a dot com [only] domain. (eg, [rider@hotmail.com](mailto: rider@hotmail.com) – with no "dot au" at the end) Due to an exponential increase in spam particularly from the US, we have had no choice but to ban all "dot com" domains which means you won't be able to register successfully without using an Australian domain (eg, [rider@adam.com.au](mailto: rider@adam.com.au) – note the "dot au" on the end!).

If you only have a US domain (as the big Australian, Telstra, does) then you may need to call me or email direct to log you on. I can be reached at paulkuhn@adam.com.au or my home number [day/night] is 08 83268169 and I will set up your account with a username and password [which you can change later]. Enjoy!

SAMRATS RIDE REPORT

11th November 2007

David Povey's 5 Ferries Ride



We were very surprised at the turn out for our inaugural "David Povey's 5 Ferries Ride". There were quite a few other rides on this weekend and riders very offered a smorgasbord of events. This ride was one that was originally developed for the MRA by David Povey who was our ride captain for some twelve years. Over the last couple of years we have tweaked the route slightly but David has been with us during the changes so we still call it his ride.

This year, we struck a badge for the event, designed by Paul Morgan. Once we convinced Paul we didn't have to wait for David to die to name an event after him things progressed very quickly!! Proceeds from the badge sales go to MRA funds to help fight for your passion.

The award for most travelled must go to David Povey who left Moonta at 5 am to join the ride! So as a reward, we let him lead the ride!

Come the appointed hour we decided to have a minutes silence to remember Armistice Day. We felt this would be safer than stopping on the side of the road in a one hundred kilometer zone.



Crossing on the Ferry.

We then headed off to our first ferry at Wellington and then on to Taillem Bend. Here Kaye's bike decided to blow a gasket so after a quick call to the love of her life a speedy rescue was set in motion! Meanwhile, Kaye reclined under the river willows, in the shade and awaited rescue. We moved on to Murray Bridge for a quick drink, fuel or smoko stop and an appreciated leg stretch.

This was a short stop so it was a fast run up the far side of the river to Mannum where we stopped for lunch. Some tackled the pub, others the fish and chip shop while others found a repast at the bakery. Matt, our Toy Run Marshal, joined us at lunch and a discussion was held to inform riders of jobs for the upcoming Toy Run. Thank you Matt for joining us on the day.

It wasn't long and it was time to put on our helmets and ride again. We crossed out last two ferries and it was a long, relatively straight run to the next fuel stop at Birdwood. Some riders ran for home from here, while the rest of us rode to Lobethal for drinks before riding home.

We thank all of you who joined us on the day. It was a great ride day. We thank David for leading our ride and Kelvin and David for riding as Tail End Charlie. We plan to run this event again in November 2008!

See photos of the ride here:

http://www.mrasa.asn.au/gallery/view_album.php?set_albumName=album78

Ride Safe, Jock Rogan, SAMRATS Coordinator, Phone
Mob: 0411 273 184

ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL – PARKING

The ACC has recognised the impact of the growth of scooters as a significant addition to the transport of choice of people moving through the city and have been looking at ways of improving parking for motorcycles and scooters in ways that don't impact on current car parking spaces. A report from the City and Services Committee to Council will recommend increasing the number of parking spaces for motorcycles and scooters By; increasing the size of current M/C parking bays, making space available around "trees, kerb protuberances, other parking spaces, ends of zones etc."

If you've been around long enough, you might think that they have finally agreed to suggestions that the MRA made years ago regarding sensible solutions to parking in the city. You would not be wrong.

There are extra places now in the bike zones in Hutt Street, Pirie Street, Gawler Place and Flinders Street. At this point in time the report says that there are 229 bike parking spaces in the ACC precincts, up by 45% since November last year, with at least 20 more spaces to come in the next few months. The work will continue at a cost to the ACC of about \$17,000 over the next 12 months.

The report to Council also states "Motorcycles are encouraged as an alternative to motorcars as they are much more fuel efficient and environmentally friendly. In addition, up to six motorcycles can be parked in a space usually taken by a car."

Congratulations to the ACC for making the city more motorcycle friendly. Other councils take note.

The Adelaide City Council takes out the Motorcycle Friendly Award for this issue of Centrestand for recognising the value of motorcycle and scooter transport in assisting in curbing traffic congestion and encouraging the use of same.

You can check out the full report at

http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/NetcatApps/agendasminutes/files/Agendas/CCSC/2007/2007_10_15CCSC.pdf
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TOY RUN REPORT by Harald Lindemann

By the time you read this the Toy Run posters will have been up around town for some time and you all will know that the date of the Toy Run is **Sunday the 9th of December**. Got that? So how do we choose which day it's on every year? Simple. The Toy Run is always on the second Sunday in December. Easy to work out and easy to remember.

News this month is good and bad. The bad news is that Paul Morgan our Toy Run Coordinator for the past umpteen years, has been laid up in hospital for the past couple of months with some serious illnesses. He is slowly recovering now but the upshot of it is that we're not even sure at this stage whether he will make it to the Toy Run. He'll be able to read this so "Best wishes Paul for a speedy recovery from all your readers." The good news is that all the guys and gals on the Toy Run Committee are pulling together to make sure that everything is done as usual to our high standards of organisation and that the Run and the day will go as smoothly as planned.

Kathleen Stevens has taken on the coordinating role and giving us all extra jobs to do. What you can do to help is to see if you can spare a few hours in your day on the Saturday before the Toy Run and come on up to the Hahndorf Oval and give us a hand in setting up. There is always something to be done, like spreading bunting, putting up shade tents, running messages, lifting and carrying, putting up banners, scaffolding for the speakers etc. etc.. Many hands make light work, especially if the day is stinking hot. Our working day starts at 8am and finishes around 6pm. We will need helpers at the oval from around noon.

If you are interested in being a marshal and helping out on the Run and during the Toy Run day at the oval then we will have a job or two for you. Call Matt Stevens on 0431 683 130 to let him know that you are interested. There will be a marshals gathering at the Oval on the set up Saturday to let everyone know what is going to happen and what to do.

Don't forget, there's more information on the Toy Run on the MRASA website. Check out our sponsors. Thanks to FLOTEK Engineering for coming on board as a major sponsor this year.

Other sponsors are Aquired Home Loans, ebike and ecar insurance and Mix 102.3 who will be donating all the air time in the lead up to the Run advertising the Toy Run, TOLL for the trucks to make the stage and the Mt Barker District Council and the Holdfast Bay City Council for their support and traffic management.

A TOY RUN CHRISTMAS STORY

The MRA Toy Run Santa had a problem. A big problem. His head was at least two sizes bigger than the helmet fitted with the Santa hat. We are not sure what size it was before we asked him, we only knew it was a tight squeeze now. We are used to asking Santa for that something special at Christmas time, but what is the protocol for Santa asking for something? We had three choices. Find a Santa with the right size head, glue a hat to Santa's own helmet or find a new helmet to ruin for daily use.

Santa was firm. A new helmet was the way to go.

Jock Rogan was looking at the helmets on display at Bridgelands Motorcycles, after looking at all the new bikes, as you do when in a good bike shop, and spotted a suitable item. Jock asked the obvious question, "How much discount does the MRA SA get for this one"? A conversation followed where Bridgelands found out why we were asking and the answer amazed Jock, and me too. The answer, "100%." Santa has been a good boy. His wish was granted. The generosity of the business community together with the time, effort and passion of our volunteers is why we raised \$250,000 worth of toys in 2006.

So who was that again Jock? – BRIDGELANDS MOTORCYCLES at 145 Adelaide Road Murray Bridge. Thanks Jock. And Thank You Guys. Santa will remember.

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SOUTH-EAST REGISTER TOY RUN

The South-East Register of the MRA also holds a Toy Run on the weekend prior to the Adelaide Toy Run. If you can't make it to the Run in Adelaide and you'll be down near Naracoorte on Saturday 1st December then join all the guys and gals for a fun day. You can even get an official MRA Toy Run badge for 2008, so you won't miss out. All the toys will be donated to the local chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
(South East Register)

TOY RUN


Saturday 1st December 2007
Proudly Supporting St. Vincent DePaul

All motorcycle riders are invited to join us for our annual Toy Run which leaves

NARACOORTE Shell Roadhouse at 9a.m.
PENOLA Shell Roadhouse at 10a.m.
MOUNT GAMBIER Penola Road at 11a.m.

Procession will pass through Commercial Street and onto Boandik Lodge and conclude at the Valley Lakes where gifts will be presented to St. Vincent DePaul.
SPECIAL REQUEST FOR GIFTS FOR THE OLDER CHILDREN
BBQ LUNCH, DRINKS AND TOY RUN BADGES ARE FOR SALE

FURTHER INFORMATION
ELLEN 08 8765 1030
ALLAN 08 8733 2792
JANE 08 8724 7759

The South-East covers a lot of territory, so if you live down this way then join us for a ride and be welcomed to a meeting.

Meetings of the South-East Register are held on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month at various venues. Please phone Ellen Koennecke (p.11) for up to date details. Currently meetings are planned to be held:

- January 19 – Millicent
- February 23 – Gellibrand (Vic)
- March 22 – Mount Gambier
- April 19 – Southend
- May 24 – Francis
- June 28 – Southend (during the Radiata Rally)

A MESSAGE FROM ADAM INTERNET

In 2006 Adam Internet raised the bar with its toy donations, joining the Toy Run with 5 cars and a trailer from the Adam fleet all stacked full of toys donated by us and our customers for the kids to enjoy. \$15,000 worth of Christmas presents were delivered and we aim to go even higher this year. Adam Internet will be joining the MRA 2007 Toy Run on Sunday the 9th of December and is looking for your help to donate.


What can you do to help?

Even if you don't have or ride a motorcycle, you can help out by simply buying a toy on-line or dropping your toys off at the Adam office at Level 7/117 King William Street Adelaide before Sun 9th Dec.

Go to the Adam Internet site and click on the Toy Run icon, or alternatively go to the MRA's Toy Run Page and click on the Adam Internet Ute Icon. This will take you to the donations page.

See you there on the day

YOU ARE WANTED



FOR THE ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

TOY RUN 2007






Sunday, December 9, 2007

Leaving Anzac Highway, Glenelg - 11am
Arriving Hahndorf Oval - 12noon

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Please support these shops, as they support our members. Don't forget to show your membership card when requesting discounts.

Note: Discounts are not given on specials or with other discounts at most businesses so check before paying. Other conditions may also apply.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Cut out or photocopy and hand it on)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Meeting	Run	Magazine	Function	Other
Card issued	Stock Issued	Entered		

MEMBERSHIP FEES (circle one):

	<u>Standard</u>		<u>Concession</u>	
	Single	Family	Single	Family
1 Year	\$20	\$30	\$16	\$24
2 Years	-\$38		\$57	
3 Years	-\$56		\$85	

DATE: / / MRA Register: _____

PLEASE TICK APPROPRIATE BOXES:

New Member Renewal _____ M'Ship No.
 Male Female

Name:

Address:

..... Postcode

Telephone: ()

Occupation: D.O.B. / /

I Agree to abide by the Articles, Rules and the Constitution of the MRA SA Inc.. (Constitutions are available from the Secretary)

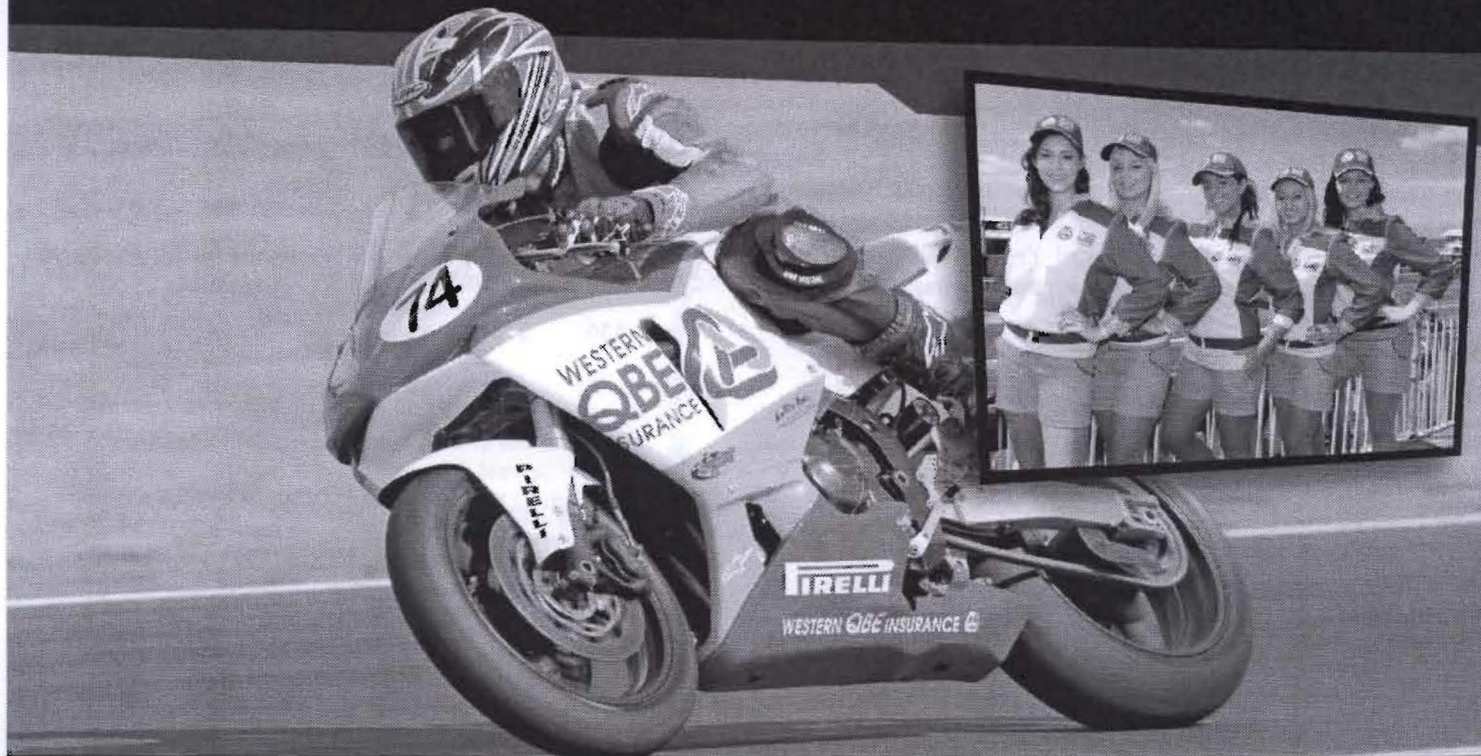
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Comments:

I AM , AM NOT A BLOOD DONOR.

I would like further advice regarding blood donating.
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