

Bush Chatter

December 2022

Hi everyone,

This is the Bush Chatter newsletter you receive when you don't get an official Newsletter. This is going to be a series of articles and information that has been put together from lots of people. This is me realising how much is involved in producing a newsletter and not having a format that can be used.

Thank you to all that have provided me with articles, information, suggestions for future newsletters or have offered to assist in the future. I will need all of that and more probably. I am hoping to have a more details and a proper format ready for a newsletter to be produced early in 2023, and with a plan to be every 3 months after that.

But, here we go:

President's Report:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their support in making this another successful and memorable year.

With trips away, campouts, displays and another successful Meander we are winding up the year with our Christmas dinner at the Irymple Pub this Thursday 15th and a final ride on Sunday 18th.

On behalf of the committee I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ian Kinleyside.

Vice Presidents Information and Advice:

I recently noticed that one of my motorcycles with a club permit had expired, thinking that it was a bit strange as I am usually right up with keeping my motorcycles up to date, I went into Vicroads and fessed up that it was late and could I still pay? Vicroads informed me that the permit had been cancelled and I would have to start from scratch with a new roadworthey etc (nearly \$400).

I went home to have a bit of a think about it and called Vicroads head office and was told the permit had been cancelled because no payment had been made the previous year and no renewal was sent out. I informed Vicroads that I had a receipt from the previous year and they should check their records, which they did and then managed to find that it had been paid. Vicroads then changed the status of my permit from cancelled to expired and

Vice Presidents Information and Advice (cont):

said I could now pay the fee to make it current. I went into the local office to pay and they said it was still cancelled, but a call to their head office fixed it and I paid up.

The moral is to always keep receipts from Vicroads as extra proof and to setup an account on Vicroads website and you can check the status of any of your vehicles with a click of a mouse.

And a plug for a local business and club member, **Sunraysia Bearings:**

While assembling my BSA Firebird recently I needed the usual things like fuel lines, oil and filters etc and a new Lucas type headlight globe. New globes are not available in Mildura, but you can order online and wait. While I was buying oil I asked about Lucas headlight globes and Graeme said "do you want 6 or 12 volt? And how many?" It's worth a look around in Sunraysia Bearings as the range of stock they have and of course a yarn about motorcycles.

Robert Ferguson.

Dates to Remember:

December 2022:

- Thursday 15th, Christmas dinner at the Irymple Hotel, 6.30pm. It is not too late to book, ring Ian Kinleyside to confirm 0427 730 968
- There is no monthly meeting for December due to last Sunday being Christmas day – enjoy this day whatever you do.

January 2023:

- Sunday 8th (second Sunday of the month), mid-month ride, meet at Hudaks with a full tank of fuel for 10.00am departure.
- Sunday 29th Monthly meeting and ride, meet at Hudaks with a full tank of fuel for the ride and then the meeting at the Scout Hall in 12th Street.
- More details of the planned rallies in Swan Hill and the Douglass Rally in March to follow, but Shane Kerr has provided the following:

The BSA Bantam 'muster' being held in Echunga, SA on the 4th & 5th March, 2023 will attempt to break the world record of the most Bantams in the one spot. For details email: info@ozbsabantams.com.au

The November meeting was the last (in person) for Jeff Uchtman who is relocating to Ballarat to be closer to family, All the best and keep in touch.

Wanted to Sell and/or Buy:

There has been a big response to this section being included in the Newsletter, but with a request that if your bike or motor or whatever you are advertising is sold, please let me know, so that this information can be included in the next issue.

Buy or Sell for December:



\$1500.00, see Brian Englefield or Tel: 0448 137 552

Buy and Sell for December (cont):



Bike Details:

09/1998 built Harley Davidson XLH Sportster. First reg. 28/02/1998.

Travelled 56,700kms – mostly touring. Excellent condition, with many extras. Windscreen, Saddle bags and Rear Sissy Bar bag. Front pegs, RWC will be supplied, \$8500.00 Bike is located in Hamilton Vic.

Contact John Sharrock, Tel: 0438 624 696



BSA OWNERS ANNUAL RALLY BERRI October 29th- 30th 2022 :Chris Sibley

Friday 28th 10am most of us met at Merbein South Weigh bridge except Jack and Jeff McCarthy dragging the chain they would catch us at Yamba. Six bikes from the club found their way to Berri for the rally. Members attending were Rob Ferguson 1971 BSA Firebird 650, Ron Brown 1938 BSA Sloper 600, Danny Curran 1951 Triumph Speed Twin 500, Jack McCarthy 1973 TR7 750, Jeff McCarthy Matchless G80S 500, and myself 1962 BSA Gold Flash 650. Being so close to home Leslie Brown and Dot Sibley came along for the weekend. Dot provided the slice for morning tea to go with our cuppas at Yamba. Our convoy then made its way to Berri via Loxton uncertain about the Bridge at Paringi.

Booking in did not take long at Berri Tourist Park and we were set up not long after lunch. We kicked back enjoyed a couple of drinks. Me the BSA purist watched the trailers of bikes rolling in throughout the arvo. Just a fantastic opportunity to observe the extensive breadth of BSA history in one place. The park very quickly established itself as rally central. There was time to catch up with acquaintances and kick a few tyres. The BSA Club took advantage of the parks 2 large pizza ovens that would cook our evening meals. This was while enjoying live entertainment the alfresco dining with the other riders and partners. Barnsey one of our long serving Meander entrants arrived on the A10 and sidecar Helena keeping him company on the ride down from Kirtaweeta SA.

Saturday morning was a buzz with the snarls of Beesas firing up from the very quick 750 Triple Road Rockets 3,s down to a 175 Bantam. Guess what it never missed a beat for all the 190 km's that day. First stop Wakerie Machinery Preservation Society after crossing the river on the ferry for morning tea. Tractors and display etc. well worth a look. Next, we made our way to Loxton Historic Village for lunch it was their "Alive Day" Wow! It was alive lots of people and live displays. After the ride happy hour was provided by the BSA Club at rally central prior to dinner at the Berri Pub. The meal and raffle certainly brought a great day to a close. **To note all 6 Mildura bikes finished the day strongly!!**

Sunday a few less K's approximately 110 allowing people to travel home after lunch as we do with the Meander. Oh no the Bantam started to act up just after leaving Berri. A quick inspection found the choke was still on a few steady k's cleared the problem and it was running sweet as at the first regroup. Morning tea held at Renmark Rovers Football Club. Ron Browns 1938 600 Sloper had developed noticeable clutch drag making gear changes a challenge. Ron decided to head straight back to the park after a push start. Not far down the road we had lunch at Cobdogla in the Riverland Vintage & Classic Car Club rooms. Rally was now pretty much done those of us who were staying had a meal together at the Berri pub nice walking distance.

To sum things up a very well managed event for likeminded people who enjoy the mystique of the BSA !!!!



1948 A7 BSA at the Saturday morning coffee shop.

From Jack McCarthy:

VMCC of Vic EXHAUST NOTES No.609 DEC 2022 – 2-23

Hi Members and Friends

David Horton has placed No. 609 DEC 2022 - JAN 2023 Exhaust Notes on TROVE. For you to read it please click on the following link.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-3128802146/view>

Merry XMAS and a happy new year.

Regards

John Cox on behalf of David Horton (Editor)

Well, this is it for the first try of a newsletter, hopefully I will have the format and everything worked out for the start of 2023, in the meantime, I will send this to Chris for him to forward to the members, all the best for the holiday season whatever it is you do, keep safe,

Bonney on behalf of the Newsletter group