



OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

FRENCH CAR FESTIVAL OCTOBER 28th

ATTENDEES : Frances (5000), Andrew, Charles, Peter (3800's), Don (4600), Neil (650), John (1700), Dee (2CV) and special guest appearances from Joe, John F, Ted, Peter H, Dom (one of our earliest members) and John G

This was a run I was looking forward to. Rob, one of the organisers of the event, had specifically asked if we could have some Solex bikes for display.

We all met at Don and Dee's for some coffee and cake prior to setting off for the half hour ride to the event at Markham Reserve at Ashburton. Don took us along the Scotchmans Creek trail, which is an excellent and scenic run and then along some other trails where we finally arrived at Markham Reserve to be greeted by the splendid sight many fascinating and beautiful French classic vehicles.

All the well known French marques were in strong representation along with now extinct makes such as Simca, Delage and Amilcar. French cars have always fascinated me because, like the humble Solex, they dared to be different. Not only from a styling point of view but also from an engineering point of view. And they managed to do this and then also incorporate a high degree of charisma in their vehicles.

We parked our bikes adjacent to the Citroen 2CV's where we were met by Dee who was quick to make us welcome with a picnic table with cheese and crackers. In many ways, the VeloSolex is a two wheeled equivalent of the 2CV.... Simple, cheap, innovative and designed to give post-war petrol rationed and impoverished Europe mobility.

As a participant and spectator of this event I couldn't wait to view and photograph the cars on display. My father owned some French cars when I was young and often spoke very highly of them and some of the displays took me back in time. The Festival organisers had kindly included judging and a trophy for the best VeloSolex which was awarded to my 1700. I am touched and appreciative and will proudly put my trophy plaque on display.

The day passed quickly and soon it was time for the return journey, once again with Don as leader of the pack.

I am very thankful to Don and Dee for once again being our hosts and on behalf of SolexOz appreciate their efforts.

Another great run.



French Car Festival: Ashburton October 2018



Thank you again Frances for your excellent photographic contribution.

BIKE FOR SALE

Bob still has his Model 2200 for sale and can be contacted at rplachal@gmail.com or 0417110143



PENDING RUNS

NOVEMBER RUN - SATURDAY 24th

There has been little response towards the Great Southern Rail trail weekend run planned for November so it has been decided to move that run forward to February 9th, 10th and 11th 2019. Frances and Andrew have come to the rescue for a substitute run for Saturday 24th. The run will commence from their factory shed at 5 Hilton street Clifton Hill at 9.30am for a 10.00am start and then do a run around the Yarra river, stopping for morning tea/lunch at Fairfield or Studley Boathouse and then back to the factory along the bike tracks along the Yarra and the Boulevard.

Please note that this date is also polling day for state elections.

DECEMBER RUN

CHRISTMAS RUN AT TRENTHAM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

The Trentham crew have offered to run our Christmas event this year to replace the Annual Skipton Run. It will take the form of a "Movable Feast" touring around the country lanes and stopping off at John and Pam's, Alvin and Di's and Geoff and Kerry's country abodes for various gourmet delights and refreshments. Mark this one in your diary and we look forward seeing you.