

# SolexOz

## NEWSLETTER # 24, DECEMBER 2009



### NEWS

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2009, we hope that the old un-shaven guy in the red suit fills your stocking with Solex spare parts, Michelin Tyres and a bottle of synthetic 2-stroke oil. This time of year, we should spare a thought for our Solex friends in the Northern hemisphere suffering floods and snow and probably not being able to enjoy their Solexes during winter. We are very fortunate that we are able use our Solexes all year round in Australia.

Our November run, organized by Don S. reflected perfectly what our SolexOz group is all about. We all enjoyed a run through some of the most beautiful trails in Melbourne. The native flora, the creeks and streams combined with excellent weather and finally a very convivial morning tea at Don and Deidre's, rounded off this great run.

The only downside was Tiby's 1700 deciding to act up during the ride from South Melbourne to the start at Don's in Chadstone. Tiby had to return to base whilst Frank and Geoff continued on to Don's for the start of the Sticky Bun Run.

Participants were Frances and Don D on 5000's, Don S on the 3300, Tiby on the 1700, Andrew, Ern, Frank and Geoff on 3800's. Our sincere thanks to Frances for taking some wonderful photos of this run. (See last page).



Strange happenings on the Sticky Bun Run?

During early November a 3800 appeared in Melbourne for Auction on eBay and Graham was the successful bidder. The description on eBay gave no real clue as to its condition. It was only when Graham picked it up, he discovered, to his surprise, that it was in near new condition. It was purchased by the seller for her daughter in the early 1970's and only ridden once then assigned to the back of the garage until now. The 3800 looks brand new with virtually no evidence of use at all, what a find! Well done Graham. We hope to see this fascinating find on a run soon and get a chance to see how they left the factory when new.

Ted has sold his 3300 to Citroen enthusiast Bob L. of Armadale Vic. we look forward seeing this fast little Solex on future runs with yet another new member. A big welcome to Bob.

In mid November I spent 10 days working in Adelaide SA. This gave me time to catch up with a few of our South Australian members, Nick, Jan D. and John K. Nick and Jan have a wonderful collection of mopeds, which includes a number of rare Solex gems, a 4600, 5000, 6000 and a very rare Micron. John's fleet includes a 1700, 4600 and 5000. We spent a few very pleasurable hours tinkering with Solexes and enjoying an excellent lunch, whilst talking about our passion for bikes. Again, this is what SolexOz is all about. Nick advised me that the Solex Micron is for sale; this is the only one Oz and would be a prize in any Solex collection. Contact Geoff for details.

As mentioned in last months newsletter Joe is getting our Forum site up and running but due to my recent trips away I have not been able to assist him. Joe will send out details to all members how to access and logon to our forum soon, keep up the great work Joe.

I often am asked about my SolexOz key ring that Bryan produced some time ago. Also, summer is a great to be seen in our SolexOz Polo Tops and baseball Caps. Bryan can supply the above items from our regalia shop just call Bryan to order any of the above.

## **SOLEX SERVICING**

On recent runs we have noticed some breakdowns, mostly due to clogged filters or incorrect settings etc. Those of us that have been looking after our own bikes for some time have built up our skills to keep our Solexes in tip top working order. We tend to forget that some members new to Solex ownership have not yet developed some of these skills and may need help to keep their bikes in a reliable state.

Therefore, we would be happy to do a full service and show you how to do it yourself at the same time. Although not difficult, there are a few tricks as well as dangers in having a go yourself without some help and advice.

Our club is based on helping one another to enjoy our Solexes and keeping costs to minimum. So please do not hesitate to call us and make a time to bring your bike over. There is no charge for our time; the only cost is for parts, normally about \$25. Call Geoff or Ern for further advice.

Frank is always happy to assist with Tyre and wheel problems including re-spoking and fitting.

## **COMING EVENTS**

Due to the busy social period leading up to Christmas we had not planned a run in December, but due to many requests we have decided to have a low key run on Saturday December Dec. 12. This will be a couple circuits (Race) around the Albert Park Lake circuit and a convivial coffee at Solex Central South Melbourne, details will be sent 7 days prior, best wishes from;



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VELOSOLEX - STICKY BUN RUN 15 NOVEMBER 2009



Another great photomontage by Frances.