

# SolexOz

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### NEWS

August has been an unusually quiet month for SolexOz members, our inner Circle Rail Run was postponed due to gale force winds and will now take place on Saturday September 18. August is traditionally our windiest month of the year in Victoria with the equinoxal gales blowing all the way up from Antarctica.

Being a hardy (or some say crazy) bunch, rain and cold has never stopped our Runs, but gusty strong winds can create dangerous riding conditions and the safety of our team is always our highest priority. Even though the run was cancelled a small group of members turned up at Geoff's for an enjoyable coffee and a natter.

Ern is currently away in sunny Queensland enjoying a bit of warmth but tells us he is missing his Solex Runs, he should be back in Melbourne in Mid September for our next run.

### MEMBER'S PROJECTS

Graham has now completed two outstanding Solex 5000 restorations, one in White the other in French Blue. Both 5000's have been completely rebuilt and are a credit to Graham's skills.

Pictured below is the superb, as new, French Blue 5000 just completed.

Graham has decided to put this beautiful Blue 5000 on the market so anyone looking for a "like new" Solex should look seriously at this one, contact Graham on 0419 009300.



Neil now has three 1700's in his fleet, two have been rebuilt and have warm motors and very capable of keeping up with the normally faster 3800's. Neil's second 1700 has been fully restored and is one of the best restorations I have ever seen (see photo below).

The third 1700 should be on the road by the time you read this newsletter. Neil has become a 1700 expert and is getting the best out of these popular models. Neil's brother in law John has joined us on several runs and is keen to have his own 1700 project in the near future.



Joe is currently working on several projects including a very rare Tri-Porter and an F4. Both of these Solexes will be the only ones in Oz. With Joe's attention to detail and his persistence, both will be worth seeing.

The F4 is two thirds scaled down version of a 3300 that was especially built for children. It came with a false plastic motor. Whenever an F4 comes onto the market in Europe, they can fetch very high prices and are very collectable. Joe has fabricated many parts for his F4 resto and is progressing well as the photo below indicates.



***As we have no Run photos this month, we have selected a few from previous Runs.***



**Tall people can ride 5000's.**



**Bryan testing the 5000 belonging to Frances.**



**Markus and Frank ready for a Run.**



**Line up prior to the Portsea Run.**



**Rear, Ern left and Dom, middle L to R, Andrew, Frank and Geoff and down for the count, Don.**



**Frances guarding the fleet outside the Mitre Tavern on a City Tour.**

**We look forward to everybody on our next run Saturday September 18, kind regards, Geoff.**