

Solexoz

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NEWS

RECENT EVENTS

Our "Inner Circle Rail Run", held on Saturday September 18, was a wonderful success. This magic 40 kilometer ride over some of Melbourne best bike paths followed the historic Inner Circle Rail Line that closed in 1981 after nearly 100 years of service. This superb bike path follows part of the original rail line through much of the inner Northern Suburbs of Melbourne. Quite a bit of the original rail infrastructure still exists including; overhead fittings, tunnels and original Victorian style stations.

The Run also followed some of Melbourne's hidden and very scenic waterways including the Moonee Ponds Creek, Merri Creek and the Yarra River including Dights Falls.

Our Morning Tea stop was at the former St. Heliers Convent that includes the Collingwood Children's Animal Farm. The Convent Bakery served up a much needed morning coffee and scrumptious buns and croissants in a beautiful setting in the grounds of the old Convent.

We have received a number of emails from participants, some are listed below:

Bryan.... "one of the best runs ever".

Bob....."G'day Geoff, what a great day, thank you for putting it together"

Andrew and Frances... "It was a great run and we were fortunate it was postponed, so that we could do it"

Ted....."Congratulations"

It was wonderful to get such feedback, so we have penciled in this run on next year's calendar.

Participants were Joe on the Rex, Frances and Graham on 5000's, Neil, John and Tiby on 1700's, Bob and Don on the 3300's, Andrew, Glen, Frank, Geoff, and Bryan on 3800's. With Ted, Ern, Saskia and Peter, joining us for morning tea at the Convent.

Frances has produced yet another wonderful photomontage of this memorable event.



Solex line up at the original Carlton North Railway Station, this lovely old Victorian style building now has a new life as a local community centre.

COMING EVENTS

Our October event will be "Shiny Frank's Swap Day at Brighton" and will include our Technical Day. Please bring along all those parts that you bought on eBay that you really did not need. There will be a few interesting Solexes for sale as well. Our Tech Day will include a

demonstration by Frank on the correct way to mount a tyre, as well as many other useful servicing demos. Frank will also lead a short run around some of Brighton's more interesting sights. This event will take place on Saturday October 9. (Details will be posted 7 days prior).

BIKES AND PEOPLE

You may have noticed recently on eBay, a Pli-Solex for auction from Blacktown NSW. This very rare and collectable Solex (only 2500 built), was purchased by Zoran in Melbourne whom we welcome to SolexOz as a new member. The Pli is in very good condition and goes well and we hope to see it on a run very soon. A warm welcome to Zoran from all at SolexOz.

Graham heads off to France at the end of September and intends catching up with a few of our SolexOz friends and maybe the odd Solex Swap meet. (Bring home some goodies Graham).

During the same period, Ern will be touring parts of North America and will try to catch up with Member Brian (VeloSolex) whilst in New York.

John (Neil's brother in-law) from Geelong, has purchased a 1700 from Bryan in Bendigo, this very original Solex is missing its motor but is otherwise complete. Anyone with a spare 1700 motor please contact Neil on 03 52487640. John has at last succumbed to the addictiveness of the Solex, also known as "Solexitis" (A long term and often very misunderstood ailment).

VELOSOLEX REGISTER

The latest SolexOz register, "Solexes in Australia" has been up-dated. Any member who would like a printout, please email Geoff on geoff.scott@optusnet.com.au.

We do not publish this list on our website due to privacy concerns and is only available to registered SolexOz members.

Our list now shows 106 Solexes in OZ, not bad considering that less than 4 years ago we could only account for approximately 12. The two most numerous models are 1700's of which we have 28 and the 3800 with 29 on our register.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

We are still looking for Newsletter contributions, please write us a story or just a few lines about your Solex experiences or projects, maybe your favorite bike. Please send Articles to Geoff via the above email address as an attachment.

BUY AND SELL

If you have a Solex to sell or are looking to buy one, please contact Geoff on 0403 359876 and we will advertise your needs or put you in touch with a Buyer / Seller.

Remember the old Chinese proverb, "It is far better to have too many Solexes than not have one at all?????????"



Au Revoir, see you on our next SOLEXOZ RUN.

Inner Circle Railway Line Outing

