



FEBRUARY / MARCH NEWSLETTER

NEWS

Our February newsletter is somewhat late as it is already the first week in March... This came about as our February event (see details below) did not take place until the last weekend in the month so we have got a little behind, for this reason the February and March newsletters have been combined just for this month.

Also with only 6 weeks between our last event in February and the Queenscliff Run on April 6, it has been decided not have a run in March, finding a spare date in March also compounded our problem with a full calendar of events during this month including the Avalon Airshow, the Labour Day Long weekend, the Australian Grand Prix and the Easter Break all happening in just one month this year.

With two big runs coming up, the Geelong to Queenscliff run on April 6 and Don's Anderson to Wonthaggi Coastal Run in May it will give us a breather and time to prepare our Solexes for these two great events.

This does not stop someone putting their hand up during March and having an impromptu coffee at their house or a short ride around their own turf? Just ring around or ask Geoff to send out a notice, the ball's in your court.

March is our anniversary month for SolexOz. It is now six years since we started our group and it just keeps on getting better every year, we are now off on our seventh year of the SolexOz journey, Cheers.

RECENT EVENTS

Our most recent event took place on Saturday February 23 and was held at your scribes' new abode in the Macedon Ranges town of Trentham. This was a combined social day and a short run. The weather was just perfect with light winds and 24 degrees. The throng turned up mid morning and had a look around the new Solex Central then it was off on a ride around this beautiful town including Trentham Falls and East Trentham before heading back for a sumptuous BBQ lunch of Roast Pork in Rolls with all the trimmings. Neil and John M competed to see who could supply the best sweets, Neil's Chocolate mousse and John's stewed apples were both superb and went down really well. After a guided tour of the old farm the afternoon was spent under the shady trees relaxing and chatting, just perfect.

Participants were: Frank and Denise, Joe and Pam, Andrew and Frances, Ern and June, Geoff and Kerry, Ted, Neil, John M, Brian C and Peter S. As always Frances captured this event in her usual wonderful style, the results can be viewed on our photo page. Thanks to all those who attended and helped make this a great day. Apologies came from Don and Deidre, John and Cath, Brian L, Patrick, Peter and Hazel, Peter and Stella and John G.

FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL RUN

Our next SolexOz Run for the Melbourne group is the, not to be missed, annual Geelong to Queenscliff Bash. This will be the fourth running of this popular and well attended Run organised each year by our Geelong team of Neil, John M and Bruce.

The run will be held on Saturday April 6 so mark this in the diary now! This year we will be starting down the track a bit at John's in Drysdale which will make it a slightly shorter and more manageable event.

Final details will sent out at the end of March

MAY RUN

Our May event will be the second running of Don's Anderson to Wonthaggi Run. There will also be the option of staying overnight at Don and Deidre's coastal retreat in Venus Bay. More details of this event will listed in the April Newsletter.

BIKES AND PEOPLE

As mentioned in last months newsletter, Andrew W. bought two Solex 3800's in from France recently, one of these has been purchased by new member Peter E. from South Melbourne. This restores the balance of Solex owners in South Melbourne after Geoff's departure to the bush, joining Tiby, John, Cath and Libby. A big welcome to Peter, we look forward to seeing you on a run soon.

Member Shayne H. in Darwin has decided to sell his collection of Solexes. This came about after he had two rare Solexes stolen whilst in transit. Shayne's passion has been dented and with a growing family Shayne has reluctantly decided on selling off his Solex collection. Shayne can be contacted on 0418 944359 or at shayne@pioneertracks.com
Best wishes Shayne from all at SolexOz.

Ern has purchased a yellow 4600 V3 from Bruce in Broadford, Bruce brought this gem in from Tulsa AZ recently and Ern has already started on a full resto. This brings the number of 4600's to six on our register with only three being the V3 models with the American spec including an Electric Horn, Brake light and a large High and Low Beam Headlight. The others being Frank's Blue 4600 and Don's Yellow 4600, well done Ern.



A 4600 similar to the one Ern is restoring.

TRENTHAM VELOSOLEX RUN



That's all for this month see you all on a run soon, au revoir SolexOz