



## MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

### NEWS

#### RECENT EVENTS

With the onset of cooler weather and members hibernating to warmer climes, numbers were down on our May Run. This did not detract from a great run organized by Don S, this was a repeat of last year's South Gippsland Challenge starting at Anderson and travelling along the Coastal Rail Trail to Wonthaggi. The Lunch stop was at the Kilcunda Pub overlooking Bass Straight where hearty country fare was consumed together with a few ciders to fortify the crew for the challenges ahead.

As things have been a bit quiet with our South Australians friends of late, Dan B decided to drive over for the weekend to join our Run. He stayed with John P at Somerville. John is a member of the Citroen Car Club and came along on the run on a Solex bought over from SA by Dan. It was great to see Dan again who rode with us on last years Queenscliff Run. It was also great to see John enjoy his first Solex ride.

Also meeting us at Anderson for the start of the Run was new member Frank L who resides on the Mornington Peninsula at Blairgowrie. Frank has four Solexes all needing a bit of work including a 1700, an Impex 3800 (Hungarian model) a French 3800 and a 4600. Frank is recovering from a recent illness and hopes to be riding his Solexes very soon. On my next stay at my Daughters in Mount Martha on the Peninsula I will visit Frank and help him get one or two of the Solexes up and running. It was a pleasure to meet Frank.

Five members participated in the South Gippsland Challenge including Dan on his 5000, John P on Dan's 1700, Don on the spectacular yellow 4600 and Geoff on the blue 3800 Luxe together with Frank L joining us for the start.

Apologies came from, Frank S who is recovering from a recent Op, John M, John G and Jurgen who were both working, Andrew and Frances who were attending the National Alvis Vintage Car Rally in Gippsland and Neil who was off on a week's ride to Qld on his Motorcycle.

A few photos taken by Dan and Don appear on the last page of the newsletter. Our thanks to Don and Deidre for organising this wonderful run.

#### OTHER NEWS

Ern reports that member John G recently visited him for a bit of tuning on his 2200, with a few small problems sorted. The 2200 is now running well and John hopes to be on a run in the near future.

Ern also has advised that he has sold his house in Mont Albert North and is embarking on the big Seachange to Torquay. This beautiful seaside town is on the South West Coast near the beginning of the Great Ocean Road. Ern will be close to our Geelong Team of Neil, John M, Bruce and Alex. Best of luck to Ern and June on this new venture.

Ern has also just completed his restoration of the yellow V3 4600, this will be a sister to Don's yellow V3 4600. Following is a photo of Ern's immaculate resto.



### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Our next run will take place on Saturday June 15. This event will start at Tiby's in South Melbourne just around the corner from Geoff's old house. The run will include a few laps of the Albert Park Grand Prix circuit and finish at the Gasworks Farmers Market for coffee and a get together.

We last ran this successful event in January 2012 (see photos below). Further details will be posted out a week prior.



**A pit stop on Grand Prix straight**



**Coffee at the Gasworks Farmers Market**

Well that's it for this issue, a reminder that we are always looking for interesting stories for inclusion in our SolexOz Newsletter, any experiences relating to Solexes would make interesting reading for our members, see you all soon, SolexOz

# PHOTOS FROM DON'S SOUTH GIPPSLAND CHALLENGE MAY 2013



Don Geoff and John, Kilcunda Pub



Don, 4600 and new Solex Transporter??



Don's 4600 complete with lunchbox



Ready for action Don, Geoff, John and Dan



Kilcunda Pub



Don, Geoff and John "On the Beach"