



## RECENT EVENTS

On Saturday February 15, SolexOz held its annual Buy, Swap and Sell Day, better known as "Shiny Frank's Flogathon". This popular fun day is always well attended but this year we saw the largest turn up of members ever at any SolexOz event.

27 members rolled up to buy and sell many hard to find parts and accessories. A large amount of new and pre-loved items changed hands and as a result we should see a number of restorations completed and on the road.

Frank and Denise kindly hosted this top day that included a great morning tea of the obligatory Hot Dogs, Cakes and Coffee. A huge thank you to Frank and Denise for organising this wonderful day for a fourth time.

Not only did we see a record number of members on the day but also record number of new members attending their first event.

These included Andrew and Robbie travelling down from Bendigo to chase down parts to finish off their 1700 restorations. Andrew's 1700 is now complete and running and is looking forward to attending his first run. Robbie's 1700 should not be too far off seeing the light of day either. Bendigo now boasts 4 SolexOz members.

Peter S's son James and friend Tom also attended and found many parts for completion of James's immaculate 3800 resto.

Geoff L from North Fitzroy joined us for his first event and found a number of parts for his 1700 project.

Charles A attended and bought his immaculate metallic blue 3800 MBK on his first event.

A very warm welcome to Andrew, Robbie, James, Tom, Geoff and Charles, it was a pleasure to catch up and hope you enjoy being part of SolexOz.

Other attendees included: Frances and Andrew, Jenifer and Peter, June and Ern, Denise and Frank, Jurgen, Tiby, John F, John G, John M, Neil, Peter H, Peter S, Bob L, Matt, Don B, Joe and Geoff.

Frances's Magnificent Montage of this great day can be found on the last page.

## BIKES AND PEOPLE

Charles A was born in France and lived in the Southern area of Albi. In 1987 Charles purchased a new 3800 MBK from a dealer in Paris and bought to Australia. Only ridden a few times and then stored for over 25 years it is in like new condition. Charles came across our group at the All French Car Festival at Williamstown last October and this fired his enthusiasm to get his Solex up and running and join in our events, the last time he rode the 3800 it was not going at all well.

Charles contacted me recently and booked the 3800 in for a full service and tune. A visit to Trentham and 2 hours' work and the Solex is now going like a rocket. Charles and I then went for a very pleasant Solex ride around Trentham and a coffee.

Tom N. from Northam W.A. contacted me a few weeks back to advise me of his fleet. Tom has owned a number of Solexes over the years including a 1010, 3800 and a PliSolex as well an ultra-rare Mertens Test Bench (Dyno), this is one of only 2 in Australia. The other belongs to Ern M. in Torquay Vic.

Also Tom has a 660, 3800 and 5000 in France. Some of his collection has come from SolexOz member Shayne Harris. He also has a Lehmann 18cc, a Cyclemaster and a BSA Ariel 3 wheeler. Tom is keen to establish a Solex group in Western Australia so any one in W.A. wishing to join Tom can contact him on - [newsome@amnet.net.au](mailto:newsome@amnet.net.au)

## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH 29 - 30

Don and Dee's Venus Bay Weekend, this is a great chance to get away and spend two days riding through the beautiful South Gippsland Region, see D & D's invite below:

### APRIL 12

The Big One, the 5th Annual Queenscliff Run, the Geelong Team of Neil, John and Bruce will again host this premier run across the old rail trail on the Bellarine Peninsula for lunch on the Jetty at Queenscliff. Details next month. This is a not to be missed event so mark it down in the diary.

### SOLEX WEEKEND AT VENUS BAY

Dear Solexes,

Dee and I would like to invite you and your family to a weekend at Venus Bay near Inverloch in South Gippsland.

We have plenty of room for tents and vans and limited room in the house.

One family has already said yes to camping.

Accommodation is also available at the Venus Bay caravan park. Approx. \$90-100 per night.

This weekend is of course dependent on the weather being good.

The date is Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. We will be there on the Friday for those who wish to come earlier.

Solex riders and those that don't, hereafter known as "others", will meet at Mirboo North outside the brewery at 10.30am on the Saturday. The Solexes will set off on a pretty rail trail to Boolarra where they will meet up with the "others" for coffee, returning to the boutique brewery for lunch.

After lunch back to Venus Bay and settling in, then for the Solexes a 50 kilometre round trip to see what your bikes will really do, the "others" may wish to drive on to Walkerville or Cape Liptrap. Beautiful coastal scenery.

Then back to Venus Bay for quality time and a BBQ tea.

On Sunday morning off to Koonwarra for a country breakfast after which the Solexes will ride to Foster on the rail trail and meet up there with the "others" for lunch. The "others" may have visited Agnes Falls, the highest in Victoria. After lunch in Foster one and all back to Venus Bay.

Some may wish to have a simple BBQ before leaving for home.

Bring food for a BBQ and something to drink.

If you do wish to join us let us know and we will send you a map, either snail mail or e-mail.

For details ring Deirdrie on 9807 8999 or 0450644570

If the weather looks like being "iffy" we will make a decision on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please consider coming as a family as there are lots of things to do.

I remain yours in 2-stroke fumes,  
Don Scutt

**"SHINY FRANK'S FLOGATHON" Photos courtesy of Frances**

