

Solexoz

AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

OUR DON HAS DONE IT

Don Scutt has become the first Solex Rider to ride across the Australian continent from Saltwater to Saltwater, a distance of 2800kms. Starting from Port Augusta on Monday August 4 and arriving in Darwin on last Friday August 22. Don Averaged 200kms per day and averaged 70 kms of fuel per litre. Such was Don's preparation that the only maintenance required was a decoke and a replacement HT lead. Deirdre drove the back up vehicle (Citroen C3) with a spare Solex 5000 but the 3800 performed excellently.

Don was cheered on by Hans W in Alice Springs and Frances and Andrew who were on a Veteran Car rally through Central Australia.

Although we are not at liberty to disclose Don's age (He claims to be "Still a Boy"). We can advise that he is older than Shiny Frank and Scottie but not as old as Ern??

Riding a Solex every day for 18 days in some of Australia most formidable areas as well as dodging Road Trains was a fantastic feat and deserves our hardest congratulations.



Deirdre, Don and the 3800 celebrating in Darwin

We hope Don will write an article for our next newsletter detailing the trials involved in such a challenge, again well done Don!!!!



RECENT EVENTS

Our annual "La Night at the Boatshed" took place on Friday evening August 15 at the Wesley Boatsheds on the Yarra River. Neil and John surpassed themselves with a great night of fun, food and the odd tipple. We all had so much fun that we forgot to take any photos.

Participants were Neil, John M. Peter H, Peter S, Ted C, Miguel, Tiby, Joe, John G, Geoff and Katsuya who rode his 1700 to the event.

Apologies from Don and Deirdre (otherwise occupied), Frances and Andrew (Veteran Car Rally), Frank (Touring Europe) and Hans W (cheering on the Don in the Alice).

SEPTEMBER RUN

Our next SolexOz event will be Don's "Descent into Darkness" ride on Friday September 26. This will be the third time Don and Deirdre have hosted this wonderful event starting with a dusk ride to Don's followed by a BBQ and a talk about Don's recent marathon ride through central Australia, this will be a night not to be missed. A ride back to the start in darkness will round off this great evening. Further details will be sent out mid September.



Sartorial Solex Splendour



A quick de-coke



Sleeping with the mistress



The long awaited Moët