



## **JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER**

### **NEWS/TECH TIPS**

It has been extremely cold lately and on more than one weekend, I found that it was too wet to go for a ride on a Solex. On one particular weekend, Neil and I had some Solex parts we wanted to paint in two pack. I thought it was quite amazing how long the paint took to “cure” once sprayed on and how we had to be extra careful, when spraying, not to have the paint run. As Geoff S would say, now is a good time to pay a bit of attention to our bikes – readying them for Spring and Summer riding. Things like adjusting brakes, lubricating pivot points and cables, tightening bolts and nuts, cleaning the air filter and spark plug. It’s also good practice to monitor wear wear and tear.

Sometimes, when we have a club run, some of the riders enjoy giving their bikes a bit of welly and “going for it”. It’s quite hard to to get into too much trouble “speeding” on a Solex. I remember once splattering a bug ion my headlight lens during a hard run down hill- with the wind. I didn’t clean it off for weeks. I wore that poor bug with pride ! I always like my bikes to be able to go very well and, in order to do so, I pay special attention to two items before a club run . One is to run the tyres at a around 45 psi- this also gives firm and direct handling, and the other is to ensure nothing on the bike is binding such as brakes and tyres.

### **LA NIGHT AT THE BOATSHED**

It was cold, it was dark, it was wet. Certainly didn’t deter 14 people from attending this great social event. Attendees were Frank, Tibby, Don S, Geoff, Ern, Alex, Russell, Katsuya,

Michelle, Brendan, Libby, Charles, Neil and John M. Apologies from Ted C and Andrew and Frances in Oslo.

This was an entirely social event with no bikes or riding. This is what makes it special. Many thanks to Neil for arranging it and Wesley College for allowing us to use the venue. Especially after the disastrous fire brigade session a couple of years ago.

The night started out with a few drinks and much conversation. We then fired up the barbeque and started some serious cooking. Side salads, cakes and savouries were brought along and we all enjoyed some really good food. Soon after this we all gathered around the seating area and watched some "Solex" videos. These consisted of the Dutch 1951 Schiphol Airport rallye, footage of the Impex factory and the sometimes hilarious home made film of a German chap who rode his Solex from his home town all the way to Majorca in Spain on an extremely tight budget. Perhaps Bronwyn Bishop could learn a lot about thriftiness from this bloke.

What amazed me about the 1951 Schiphol rallye was that this was done at a time when Solex was still in its infancy and yet an amazing amount of people attended- in their thousands.

## **FUTURE EVENT**

### **SATURDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> MARIBYRNONG RIVER BOAT HOUSE.**

This will be our fourth run along the Maribyrnong River Trail to the Boathouse Cafe. This beautiful trail meanders along some of Melbourne's most interesting reclaimed riverside parkland.

Melbourne's second river passes through new spectacular apartment development, Flemington Racecourse as well as scenic parklands. Our morning tea stop will again be at "The Boathouse" overlooking the river.

Departure will be at 9.30am from the car park under Shepherd Bridge (Footscray Road) at the corner of Maribyrnong St and Parker St, Footscray. Melway Map 2S-J12

For any further details please call John M on 0404970075 or Geoff on 0403359876.



