



## OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

### Technical Tips

Last month I reported that during the September run to Jells Park, my bike felt sluggish. Solexes are already playing with a short deck. It's quite frustrating to be down from .8 of a horsepower to half of an elderly Shetland pony. When I got home, I checked the timing. It was slightly retarded, so I readjusted it to be spot on to the marks as described in the last newsletter. A subsequent road test revealed only a slight increase in power – still left a lot to be desired. I consulted a copy of a Model 3800 owners manual that I have and mention was made that a blocked or partially blocked muffler could be the cause. As my bike still had an original Model 1700 muffler on it I thought that this could well be the problem. I had at my disposal, a nearly new Impex muffler so this was duly swapped over. Well, the result was restoration of original power and possibly some more. Hello .8 of a thoroughbred !

### DON'S DESCENT INTO DARKNESS RUN.

**ATTENDEES;** Kirk (4600), Charles, Peter and Jenny (3800's), Neil (5000), Don (3300), Dee (catering for the masses) and John (1700).

Don and Dee did an absolutely splendid job as hosts of this annual event. After our rather cold winter, it comes as a bit of a shock to suddenly have a warm, sunny day of 31 degrees. We all set off on our journey whilst it was still light. By the time we got to Dons' daughters place, it was getting dark and we then had to put on our lights. There is something special about riding in the dark on a warm and balmy night. It always brings a smile on my face, a feeling of being at one with the world (and bugs in my teeth).

All the bikes ran very well with no real mishaps. All too soon we were back at Don's place where Dee had prepared some lovely salads (yes, you did marry well Don). We then fired up

the BBQ. The food and drink encouraged the conversation and everyone seemed happy and chatty. What is good about this event is the social aspect it encourages.

Many thanks to Don and Dee for the planning, work and commitment for putting on this great event. Well done !

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Our next event is on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> . We will meet up with three South Australian Solexists for a ride from Curlewis to Queenscliff. Departure at 9.30 am will be from my place at 145 Hermsley Road Curlewis. This event will also encompass a detour to Point Lonsdale which will include a very picturesque ride along a bayside path.

