



AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

SPRING IS IN THE AIR.

Well, as I write this, Spring is in the air. The daylight hours are getting longer, many trees are already in blossom and the temperatures are getting warmer. I took one of my bikes for a ride this week and , about 1.5 klms from home, was swooped by a particularly nasty and persistent Magpie. Time to put my pipe cleaners on my helmet(see photo). I'm not sure if anyone uses these things but they do seem to keep the magpie from making harmful contact. My co-workers at work think I look very amusing wearing this colourful plumage on my head and I don't know whether it attracts attention from the fairer sex but, hey, I'm willing to take these risks in order to not get a hole pecked into my scalp.

If you haven't ridden your Solex this Winter and are thinking of going for a ride soon, now is the time to ensure you give your bike a good checkover. Ensure your tyres are in good condition and have the correct pressure, put some fresh fuel in the tank , lubricate all cables and pivot points and make sure all bolts and nuts are nice and tight. Time to take it for a run.

One of life's great experiences is going for a ride on a Solex. Especially on a nice and warm Spring day.

LA NIGHT AT THE BOATSHED.

Attendees : Don S, Dee, Neil, John M, Frank, Peter, John G, Brian and Brian C. Probably a good thing that we didn't include a ride for this gathering as it poured with rain on occasions and the evening temperature was quite cold.

The evening started with a lot of social chatting before Neil fired up the BBQ. Strategic positioning of the BBQ was required so that we wouldn't be responsible for another practice run for the Fire Brigade. Happily, all went well and it wasn't long before we were enjoying our meals in the upstairs dining/conference room.

A highlight of the evening was to be a talk and the viewing of many photo's of Don and Dee's epic Solex adventure from Port Augusta to Darwin with Don riding the Solex and Dee driving shotgun and backup in their car. A monitor was set up for the viewing of the photo's and Don and Dee entertained and enthralled us with the details of their journey. This was to be a transcontinental ride from the Indian Ocean on the south coast to the Arafura Sea on the north coast of Australia. A distance of 2,820 klms. The ride began on August 4th 2014 and concluded on August 22nd .

There were 16 riding days in total with the aim of doing around 200 klms each day. The Solex Don rode was a Dutch model 3800. The photo's of the journey were terrific and Don and Dee were asked many questions. Very interesting and truly inspirational. A big thank you to Don and Dee for sharing their experiences and helping to make the evening a great success.

NEXT RUN.

Our next run will be **Saturday September 24th**. We will attempt to do the July run which was cancelled due to bad weather . This will be the Lara to Geelong waterfront run . Details to follow.



