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Welcome everyone! Welcome to 1996!! May all your hopes and aspirations be fulfilled in this new year, be they professional, personal or cycling.

Looking back over 1995, I feel that the year was very worthwhile and successful for the club. From all the events I participated in, from the Bunbury Long weekend to the South Australian Tour, Easter at Donnelly River, Christmas in July, the Blinkbonny weekend, the On Your Bike Beach to Bush Tour and many other day and night rides, I felt an atmosphere of warmth and fun. And in that spirit, I'd like to thank last year's committee for an excellent job, and all those club members who contributed.

Looking forward to 1996, I'd like to welcome the new committee members. They are all stalwarts of the club, and even though it is early in the year, I am already impressed by their conviction and enthusiasm. I am confident that the year ahead will be an exciting one! On the 2nd February, I will be leaving for Tasmania with 11 other souls for the Tasmanian Tour. The touring committee have done an excellent job, as evidenced in the pre-tour meeting. But if you feel despondent about missing Tasmania, don't worry: currently on the planning board are the South West in 1997 and Ireland in 1998.

If you do happen to feel the need to escape, and weren't fortunate enough to be able to go to Tasmania, then the March Long Weekend on 2nd to 4th March at Hamelin Bay promises to be a relaxing get-a-way. The beautiful bay boasts wonderful swimming, and just up the hill are the towering Karri forests. Augusta is also close by, so for more details see the article in this newsletter.

Easter sees the club going down to Albany, to enjoy the sights and attractions it has to offer. From the old whaling station to natural wonders such as the Blowhole and Nature's Bridge, Albany promises to be an interesting and relaxing very long weekend away. For more details, see article on page 6.

Other weekends away and events for the year are detailed in the Main Events Calendar inside the newsletter. With this, you can plan your social activities so as not to miss any club events. It also includes the Audax calendar, which is of use for those wishing to complete the Super Achiever or Cycle Challenge Awards this year. Please read the article inside regarding the new requirements for these awards.

On the topic of club insurance, we have received a good but slow response to the survey. As yet, not all the forms have been processed, but if your quick, you can still get your form in and have your say. The closing date is the 14th of February. After this the committee will assess the responses, and a decision will be made; so stay tuned! If you have concerns, then please contact me.

One topic I touched on at the Annual General Meeting was the fact that a club is only as good as its members. Club events are not organised by magic, they require people to donate their time and effort. Any assistance you can offer will be gratefully accepted, regardless of the amount. Writing an article for the newsletter, helping to organise a weekend away, offering an idea for a social evening, all of these will enrich the club, and benefit all members.

Well, that's about all I have time for - I have to get ready for Tasmania! I hope that 1996 holds many hours of safe and happy cycling. Take care, and I'll hopefully see you on your bike!

Simon Koek

NEW SEASON CLUB CLOTHING

In order to provide members with cheap, good quality and stylish cycling gear, the club has organised the purchase of Netti cycle clothing from Atom Imports. Below is the price list: Short sleeved jersey $50 Matching patterned knicks (6 panel) $42 Black knicks (8 panel) $30 (women's cut also available) Examples of the clothing can already be seen on some club members. To order, please contact Neil Stooke. Payment must accompany the order. Orders are placed with the supplier approximately every 2 months, depending on the quantity of orders. The closing date for the next order will be Monday, 4th of March. The order should be delivered in about a week. (Don't be seen in last years black knicks, buy this season's black.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor and Members,
Just a quick note to let you know about Critical Mass Rides in Perth. The first was held on 24th November 1995 and was a great success.

The numbers were down with 15 riders taking part, but those that were there had fun taking to the streets of Perth, determined not to be intimidated by aggressive motorists. Far from intimidated, the only response we got from drivers were friendly toots of encouragement, and encouraged we were.

Out there the group was scrupulously well behaved and I hope it stays that way into the future.

So what is the purpose and intent of Critical Mass (CM)? It means different things to different people, but for me it is about raising the profile of cyclists, making us more visible, and hopefully gaining the RESPECT and CO-OPERATION of motorists, while letting them know that we're here and here to stay.

So how do you participate? They're held on the LAST Friday of each month at 5:30pm with everyone meeting in Forrest Place in the city. There are no leaders as such. Much like CTA informal rides, the route is decided by those there, but with the intention of taking to the traffic laden streets to make our presence felt. The next one is on 26th January and then 23rd February and 29th March after that. So be there or don't care!

Graham Blackwell.

CYCLE TOURIST OF THE YEAR

Dear Editor,
I was taken by surprise at the recent AGM on being voted Cycle Tourist of the year and so did not voice my thanks to the membership. I feel very honoured by the award and thank the members for it. There are others in the club who have freely given their time and effort to ensure that the CTA remains strong with an active rides and touring program. For some this has been a thankless task but very essential for the club.
People such as Jenny Knight, who was the main organiser for the SA tour; the secretary Mark Elliott; the rides coordinator Dave Uren - a difficult job; the editor Steve Blackbourn - a vital and time consuming role; the On Your Bike committee who run our showpiece tour; and many others both on the committee and not. I especially wish to thank Steve Blackbourn who was a great source of support and assistance during my two years on the committee. I know that the new committee will have a challenge to meet the loss of his knowledge and efforts. Steve will be relieved to know that I have now removed his number from the speed dial button on my phone. Once again, I thank the members for the award.

Peter Lundy

RIDING TIPS

Here are a few simple tips that may help you with your riding.

1) Organise for each ride: eliminate delays and maximise cycling time by adjusting your bike (inflating tires and setting out your riding attire), the evening before. Also fill and chill water bottles, mix a sport drink and pack your riding food.

2) Don't forget your computer when you lock up your bike, that way you won't lose all those hard earned miles if your bike is stolen.

3) Do you patch tubes? To save time, accumulate 3-5 punctured tubes and repair them together rather than individually.

4) If you have a wrist watch with a timer, set it to beep every 15 minutes on your next ride. That way you will remember to drink regularly and reduce the chance of becoming dehydrated.

5) When your chain derails in front of a pack, don't panic and immediately dismount. You can often shift it back on by adjusting the lever while soft pedaling. This saves o time - especially when riding with a group.

Nathaniel Offer.

EDITORS CHIT

Welcome to the New Year and with it a new editor.

This will be a learning experience for me so this news letter will look different to previous newsletters. Hopefully, by the end of my time, it will be up to the very high standard that our last editor, Steve Blackbourn has set.

As a novice editor, I need everyone's help and support. So if you are leading a weekend away, please write an article or better still ask someone early on in the weekend to write it for you. Also send in photos, cartoons - anything you think may be of interest.

If you have access to a computer the best formatt for me is Word for Windows 2.0. If you use a Macintosh® then you will need to formatt the disk for IBM® and the save as Works 3.0 for Macintosh WP.

There are a lot of excellent rides coming up, catering f everyone's taste's and fitness levels. The night rides are very popular, and I encourage those members who haven't been on a night ride to give it a go. You need white front and red back lights, a lock, and preferably but not essentially a reflective vest.

It's great to belong to a club with lots of different rides and ideas, but we're always open to new ideas, places to go and new ride leaders. These things ensure a healthy growth in the club. If you would like to lead a ride, but have no experience, please come along on Friday April 12th to the ride leaders training night we should all be able to learn something.

What direction will the club take in the coming years? Would the members like more harder, longer rides, mountain bike, camping and touring rides? Would you like the club to be more vocal politically, to increase numbers and to have more assets in the club?

I know all the tourers are enjoying themselves cycling through Tasmania. I, and probably everyone else reading this, wish that we could have joined them. Don't ride too hard guys - we're all thinking of you with green thoughts.

Happy cycling in 1996. **Noel Eddington**

JANET'S JOLLY JAUNT TO JARRAHDALE

The chain-gang to Gooralong consisted of the bikes of Graham, Ann, Noel, Phil, Devo, John, Kleber, Terry, Garry, Stephen , myself (Janet) and our hearty leader Simon. We met at the crazy time of 8am at the Causeway Carpark, although it wasn't as crazy as the 8pm suggested time in the rides calender. I wanted to stop for morning tea at the Skiers Cafe at Deep Water Point so that I could brag about the idiocy of having needlessly ridden from Ardross to the Causeway and back again! I didn't get the chance to because we rode on the Freeway side of the river so that we could meet up with Stephen, who I think was having his first ride with the CTA (Good on ya, Stephen!). Pedal, Pedal, Pedal, dodging the odd jogger. (Yes, jogging is very odd. Why do they do that?)

We followed the Freeway cycle path to Thomas road. Nothing eventful happened unless you classify me overbalancing my fully-panniered bike on top of myself as something worth remembering? I'm a bit inexperienced when it comes to falling off my bike because I didn't get to drag my skin across several meters of bitumen which Simon recommends as a most effective method of truly stuffing up one's day and one's bike. My pathetic little bloody elbow did, however, enough effect on Simon that he ribbed me about remembering to uncleat before stopping. (No wonder Simon is our President, he's such a wealth of knowledge!)

We had morning tea at a very un-cafe like place with a hot verandah and lots of flies, which is not a good advertisement for either the CTA or the Nursery that we stopped at. The folks that owned the place were kind enough though to fill up our water bottles. People had only bought cans of cool drink for $1.00. I think that if Kleber and John had bought a stone pot plant holder each, they would have made the Nursery owners happy and we slower riders happy as well. (It's not that I was unhappy, I just think that for John and Kleber to have carried the odd brick in their panniers couldn't have done them any harm. I'm only kidding fellas.).

Riding along Thomas Road was a delight. Stephen tried to provide a change of scenery from the whizzing-past vehicular traffic by making a magnificent recovery back onto the road after his wheels slipped off the edge of the bitumen into the gravel. I had been riding behind Stephen and I thought that he was going to stack it right in front of me and that my bike and I would land on top of him. Simon was considerate enough to take us on a scenic tour (just in case we had plans on buying a block of land "down there".)

After a few hours of riding we had left a lot of the cars in the city and suburbs and noticed we were in the country. Accordingly we rode all over the road. No-one had been wearing their CTA gear, (I hope!). Simon, Graham and I sang a few obscure *(obsceneEd)* songs to pass the time. The road and countryside was flat so I didn't have to gasp while trying to sing and ride uphill.

Our Byford lunch stop turned into rather a long break. I for one had certainly been in no hurry to get anywhere, so we tested out the CTA pillows (each other's stomachs - well only Noel's, Ann's, Graham's and mine).

We pedalled uphill and for some of us it had been with our blessed grannies. We saw the usual nice bush that one just rides past. All I can remember from that bit of the ride until we came out at Jarrahdale was a fire, a few whizzes downhill, a kangaroo hopping across the road in front of us and Simon being nowhere in sight. The cause of which we attributed to bike problems. One usually rides in the CTA for companionship, but not Simon. His "friends" deserted him after waiting at the turn off because they wanted to cool down at the "Tearooms"(If you can call it that?).

I got dog shit on my shoe and Simon made it (to the tearooms not the dog shit!). Simon had suffered the curse of Paul's bike, that is the tyre blowing off it's rim, again!

Time was getting on and I just wanted to get to the camp site after a long day's ride and set up my tent. I sure as hell was looking forward to crawling into it and crashing later on in the night. There was a bit of gravel on our ride down to the campsite. I'm a bit of a chicken when it comes to riding downhill on gravel, especially with a heavily ladened road bike. I had to get off and walk a few bits. By now I was on my own because the boys were off doing boy things like riding like maniacs on gravel. My first encounter with our friends "The Hoons" was as a yellow car full of them sped around the corner towards me. I was a bit worried in that the process of trying to get my bike right over to the side that I'd fall on the gravel and hurt my pride. Then I got to ride through clouds of dust.

I like the feeling of coming to the end of a ride, especially if it's been a long one and knowing that I'm soon going to be getting off my bike. The campsite was pretty, a vast bed of green grass lay under the pine trees and the late sun shone low between their trunks. People went about their business around their caravans and tents. There were few signs of the modern worlds we live in. No traffic lights; No electricity. There was the possibility of things being very peaceful. The atmosphere seemed almost medieval and village - like in a very remote sense. (I have a good imagination!)

Our first choice of neighbours in the campsite were particularly medieval. They were the Hoons with the loud cars and loud music. Graham must have been a boy scout coz he found us a much better spot. I had initially just wanted to stop where we were but it didn't take long to dislike the idea of having to tolerate their loud music and yobbishness going on all night.

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With everyone's tents set up (and yes there was one tent per person), the boys and Ann went swimming. (I didn't fancy skinny dipping and I wanted to smell so that I'd have a true camping feeling. I snuck up on a skinny little bottom in the river on my way back from the toilets and surprised Noel by saying something as simple as "Hello". Noel hadn't been the only one to get his gear off. I saw a photo of Devo taken that Saturday, while he was in the water without his helmet or shirt on, but could one possibly go as far as to rumour that he was actually naked? (That is, Devo had no clothes on whatsoever. Sorry Devo - no offence meant.)

Our evening meal was a rather educational experience for some. Stephen was curious about the types of cooking equipment available and John and Kleber were curious about what sorts of dehydrated food they could cook up and get their snouts into during their Tassie Tour. There were quite a few culinary delights that night and yes, we could see them thanks to Graham's go-anywhere maga-lighting. Pasta was the popular choice that night and came in various forms such as spag' bol', with pesto and with cream sauce. Dessert was a self saucing butterscotch pudding, a self saucing chocolate pudding and a plum pudding. I slaved over a hot trangia and made perfect camp custard with no lumps (coz I had to have something to do). Marshmallows were going to be the fourth course. We'd managed to slip in corn chips and cheese and biscuits for horsie doovers!

Having fully entertained our stomachs, we turned to singing a few ditties, the likes of which I've never heard before and couldn't repeat here. Needless to say, they made me laugh. We realised that we might have actually been annoying the other campers as we sang so heartily and it was relatively late for people camping (10pm).

The husband and wife said their good-nights to us and I realised that I was pretty tired as well. I didn't want to look tired, though. (What would my friends say?) It had been a warm night and I'd managed to stay the whole night in my knickers and short-sleeved top. When it got cold I decided that it was bedtime. Goodnight! (Go to bed on an ultrashort Thermarest in an ultra-tourniquet sleeping sheet inside a just-right sleeping bag for nine hours. Oh, and don't forget to sleep in until everyone has got up so that you don't have to make anyone else a cup of tea (especially Simon), or take it to them in their tent in the morning.)

Read on for more camping hints: not only should you be the last to get up, you can then continue eating breakfast while others offer to make a cup of tea for you (because they've already set their cooking gear up), and others start cleaning up around the campfire. Best of all you can keep everybody else waiting while you pack up your tent. PS I think this only works for girls. PPS Don't try this if there is a 5am SHARP start time on your ride.

We did in fact have a leisurely start to the day and if there had been any pressure put on me to hurry up, I had effectively managed not to notice it. After a compulsory visit to the civilised toilets we pedalled up the gravel, which I felt was a lot easier than going down it. Also I wasn't as tired as I'd been yesterday afternoon. (Funny that). One mellow driver impressed us with his courteous speed on the gravel. He had managed to drive without creating a dustbowl, so we hadn't actually minded pulling over to the side for him.

We took in the sights of Jarrahdale along it's main street. What sort of impression does a town with three pubs, three deli's, no police station and burn out marks on the road give? You'll have to get along to Gooralong yourself next time to find out. We pedalled on past a turn off and the wood mill and realised that we were riding in the opposite direction of last year's 100km achievement ride, (and the year before's and I wasn't in the CTA in 1993). Some of the time I rode with Graham or Mark or Noel or Ann and sometimes I rode by myself which on that part of the ride, at that time of the day, I actually preferred to be riding with company. (Yes guys, the truth hurts. In actual fact, they probably didn't want to ride with me) I was in my own little world, the secrets of which I'm not going to divulge, even if I could remember them. The sun was shining; there wasn't much wind; the temperature was perfect. There were pretty trees and flowers growing by the side of the road and we were surrounded by bush. "This is what bike touring is all about", I thought. There had been a couple of big hills to ride up, but they were particularly deceptive from a distance. I rode through patches of shade from the trees or were my sunglasses just dirty? I was enjoying the ride but I didn't know how much further it was to the Albany Highway turn off, where we had agreed to meet.

I thought that I'd better keep my energy levels up and thought that was an adequate excuse for morning tea. Having decided to eat, that was fine. having not had my touring bike for very long, I like to try things out...(*basically she retrieved a muesli bar from her handlebar bag Ed*). Just at the same time I got to munch on it, I reached the Albany Highway Turn off, which was sooner than I thought I would.

We sat on logs in a little clearing like elves in a forest. Out came the various bits and pieces that people had stashed away, including the prized Toblerone from I-bet-you'll-never-guess-who's pannier. Devo came running out of the woodwork at a speed I'd never seen before, for the chocolate handout. Aren't CTA members kind to help lighten the load of their fellow tourers' panniers?

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Riding along Albany Highway wasn't so bad. (Maybe it was for some?) There was a shoulder the whole way except it's usefulness was somewhat diminished in sections where the bitumen had been pushed up, which made riding on it a bit hazardous. The traffic wasn't too heavy and the hills were all easily manageable. (I can say that a month after having actually done the ride.) I had a good feeling as I approached the end of the morning's ride, knowing that I'd ridden 'X' killer metres, (*sinc.*) yet it was also sad to be getting back to civilisation so quickly. I looked forward to the last downhill before lunch. I couldn't get up quite the expected speed going down hill, so what should have been a "Wwwhhheeeee", turned out to be a "wee" bit tame. Ann being the light little feather that she is managed to get the wind up her and she came whizzing past me, down to Kleber's lovely smiling face as he indicated for us to turn off to the Waterwheel Tearooms.

I can't recommend the place (except if you like "Fawlty Towers"), because in my penny-pinching ways I sat in their restaurant but didn't eat their food. What I saw my friends having certainly looked good, and if you want to know which dessert is best, ask Simon, because he tried them all!

Stevo and Devo left us to make their own way homes and the rest of us went down a most excellent hill that Kleber secretly knew of on the back roads. With our ride more or less over and with people dropping off to go home, I'll finish up my account of the Jarrahdale camping weekend of the 18th and 19th of November.

Thanks Simon for being a wonderful ride leader and tailender and Stan (Mr tour coordinator) for whatever work you did, (even though you didn't turn up - ya slacker!)

See ya. Janet Deverill.

POLICE BICYCLE REPORTS

The Police Bicycle section would like to hear your reports of harrassment, abuse of other serious incidents involving motor vehices

In order for the Police to investigate an incident, you must be able to provide the registration number of the motor vehicle involved and the time and place of the incident. A description of the motor vehicle and the age and sex of the driver are also useful. You should always carry a pen and paper on your bike to record important details should you become involved in an incident. If the offence is serious, you should try to obtain the names of other witnesses who can verify your account. You can contact Sergeant Leewangh at the Police Bicycle Section on 222 1923 during working hours.

SMOKY CAR SPOTTER

Ever notice how difficult it is to breath when smoky exhaust fumes are choking up the atmosphere? Well here's your chance to strike back! Report smoky vehicles by giving the registration number, make and colour, to the Department of Environmental Protection

324 2835.

PEN PAL

The CTA recently received a letter from an American in Ohio who is interested in having an Australian for a "pen pal". He has also expressed interest in visiting this part of the world sometime. He says about himself: SWM, 28, 188cm, 85kg, br/br seeks "Aussie "or "Kiwi" for international contact/pen pal. I'm college-educated, energetic, focused, confident, worldly, non-smoker, conscientious and creative. My interests include writing, the outdoors, sports, volunteer work, and adventure. Please respond to the address below if interested.

Brad Davis 1112 Hoverview Drive Westerville, Ohio 43082 USA

PERTH BICYCLE NETWORK

Bikewest, in conjunction with Main Roads W.A., is making good progress with planning of the Perth Bicycle Network. Recently, the network planning team (thanks Noel!), compiled a funding package of typical projects which Bikewest will soon present to the Government. The intent is to get a 'jump start' on funding major elements of the network. Priorities include funding for high standard paths along rail lines (Veloways), paths along the coast and foreshore areas (Greenways) and improvements to on-road bicycle streets using quiet local streets (Bicycle Boulevards). Bikewest will be holding another meeting in February or March 1996 to allow public comment the Perth Bicycle Network.

(*Article courtesy of BTA-Ed*)

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the folling new members to our club and look forward to your company on rides and our monthly Socal evenings.

Greg Williams

Hannah Huxley

Nevin Eastman

Linda Harris

Robyn Korshid

Joanne Labruyene

Dominique Pomeroy

Stephen Saat

Shayne Boyle

ACHIEVEMENT / CHALLENGE RIDES

Achievement/Challenge Series This year, Audax has kindly consented to run the 200km Achievement/Challenge ride and the 300km Achievement ride as Audax rides. If you wish to qualify for the Cycle Challenge badge or the Super Achiever badge, you must complete an Audax 200 ride for the Cycle Challenge, and both a 200km and a 300km Audax ride for the Super Achiever.These must be done prior to the end of the Audax year (at the end of November). On these rides, you are considered as a normal Audax rider: so you must register for the ride one week beforehand with the Audax organiser, pay a fee to take part in the ride, and you must conform to all the Audax regulations for the duration of that ride. On completion, to gain the credit for that ride, you must present the brevet (check point card) to our Ride Coordinator, Liz Green. Thus, the rides required for each series are:

The Cycle Challenge:

50km Achievement / Challenge ride

100km Achievement / Challenge ride

Century Challenge (160km) ride

A 200km Audax ride

The 10 000 in 8 ride

If you miss a ride other than the 10 000 in 8, you may complete it on the "One You Missed" ride.

The Super Achiever:

50km Achievement / Challenge ride

100km Achievement / Challenge ride

A 200km Audax ride

A 300km Audax ride

The 10 000 in 8 ride

If you have any queries, please contact:

Liz Green. 454 6102(H)

EASTER AT ALBANY

We will be staying at the King River Palms caravan park which is located on the banks of the King River about 10km from the town centre. The park offers canoe hire for leisurely trips on the river and a shop and tavern are nearby. Activities for the weekend include a ride to 'Terenga' farm for a BBQ lunch, rides to various tourist attractions, the sacrifice of numerous chocolate animals and maybe even an appearance of the Easter ~~Dummy~~ Bunny which was last seen running into the forest near Donnelly River. Accommodation has been booked for 4 nights from Thursday 4th April to Monday 8th April and the approximate cost for the weekend will be $40 per person. Numbers are strictly limited so book early. To book your place or for further information contact:

Terry or Desama on 459 2397.

HAMELIN BAY

WEEKEND MARCH 1-4 The CTA has reserved 15 camp sites, from the Friday night until the Monday morning, at the Hamelin Bay Caravan Park. We will be driving to Hamelin Bay on Friday night and returning home on Monday. There will be a ride on both Saturday and Sunday. The cost of the weekend is $19.00, for each camp site. Bookings are essential. Please telephone

Neil Stooke on 364 3899(H) or 222 4844(W), by Febuary 14th 1996.

INFORMAL RIDES

For those of you who dont wish to join the organised ride of the day but would like still some company, a time and a place will sometimes be given for informal rides. This is generally the Causeway car park (number 2, near the bike shed). It is up to those who turn up on the day to decide where and for how long to ride. This may mean that separate groups may decide on a short, easy or long, hard ride etc. try it out if none of the rostered rides appeal to you - you may like it!

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CTA RIDES CALANDAR FEBRUARY / MARCH 1996

Sunday February 4 **Beach Bums & Babes**

40km Medium Terrain / Moderate Pace

9.00am Starting at the Raffles car park The ride will head northwards to Cottesloe Beach For a swim and a bite to eate at a beachside cafe. Bring bathers and a bike lock.

Leader: Steve Blackbourn **Ph: 313 2814(H)**

Wednesday February 7 **The Dome and the Mountain**

25km Flat Terrain / Easy Pace

Meet at the Causeway car park at 6.30 for a ride along the river to the Mount Henry Bridge. A mid-flight refuelling stop at the Applecross Dome follows prior to returning . Lights essential. Reflective vest recommended.

Leader: Neil Stooke **Ph: 364 3899 (H)**

Friday February 9 **Social Night**

At Ernest Johnson Scout Hall, off Pilgrim Street in South Perth. Doors open 7:00pm, meeting starts 7:3.00pm. Following greetings, news and a rundown of upcoming rides, the main part of the meeting starts; The 1996 POT LUCK DINNER!!! Please bring along something yummy and we'll see what kind of feast results. There'll also be lucky door prizes of beaut ;Little bike bits donated by the friendly local bike shops. (P.S. did you get yet another pair of cycling gloves for Christmas from those rellies with no imagination? I know I did. Well bring them, or anything else you don't want, and we'll find a new home for them). As well, at no expense to you, there'll also be FREE coffee, tea, yummy cakes and so much more.

Oganiser: Graham Blackwell **Ph: 444 5160(H)**

Sunday February 11 **Riding in the Hills**

40kms Hilly Terrain / Moderate Pace.

Meet at 8.30am at Kelmscott Train Station for a ride around the hills. Not to be confused with the ex-royal couple, Ann and Mark will take you on a mystery tour to enjoy spectacular scenery and the delights of devonshire tea.

ders: Ann Wilson **Ph: 444 5160(H)**
Mark Elliott **Ph: 382 1960 (H)**

Thursday February 15 **Once a Knight is Enough**

20 kms Medium Terrain / Easy Pace

Here Ye! Here Ye! Meet at 6.30pm near the cycle path on the Western side of Barrack Street Jetty for a ride through King's Park (once a King, always a King) to end at a noshery for various items of substance, and maybe a ginger-ale or two. Lights essential. Reflective vest recommended.

Leader: Steve Blackbourn **Ph: 313 2814 (H)**

Sunday February 1 **Southern Snack & Swim**

40 km Medium Pace / Flat Terrain

Meet 8.30 am at Marian's place, 322 Johnson Road Wellard for a medium paced ride on mostly quiet roads. Return to Marian's for a snack and a swim , followed by a barbecue. Food provided. No need to advise numbers. Directions : Follow freeway to South End. Turn right into Thomas Road, Left into Johnson Road. Continue for 3 kms. House is on the left with large pine trees at front.

Leader: Marian Mayes **Ph: 419 5473 (H)**

Thursday February 22 **Noel's Night ride**

30 km Easy Pace / Flat Terrain

Meet 6.30 pm at the Causeway Car Park for a ride through the southern suburbs returning to the South Perth foreshore for a bring your own everything Barbcue Note Night ride Lights essential, Reflective vests recommended.

Leader: Noel Eddington **Ph: 470 6797(H/W)**

Sunday February 25 **Port to Junction Getaway**

40 km Easy Pace / Flat Terrain

Meet 8.30 am Fremantle Railway Station for an interesting ride to Midland to sample the caffeine delights of this Junction Town, returning to Fremantle by train. Remember to bring money for the return journey train ticket for yourself and your bike ($1.50-valid all day)

Leader: Neil Stooke **Ph: 364 3899 (H) 222 4844 (W)**

Wednesday February 28 **Mosman Park Barbcue**

15km Easy Pace Flat Terrain

Meet 6.30pm at Fremantle Railway Station For a scenic ride to Mimin Cove Park in Mosman Park. BYO everything except the Barbcue and the view of Point Walter Blackwall Reach. Lights essential, Reflective vests recommended.

Organiser : Graham Blackwell **Phone: 444 5160(H)**

Sunday March 3 **City Beach Ride**

30 km Easy Pace / Moderate terrain

Meet 9.00 am at the Log in Kings Park for a ride to City Beach and beyond. Bring bathers lock sun screen & money

Leader: Noel Eddington **Ph: 470 6797(H/W)**

Wednesday March 6 **Maria's Twilight Trip**

25 km's Easy Pace / Flat terrain

Meet 6 pm at Hyde Park (Fitzgerald St side) for a leisurely northern suburbs sojourn culminating in coffee and/or cakes at a secret eatery known only to the most discerning cafe aficionado. Note Night ride Lights essential, Reflective vests recommended

Leader: Maria Antonas **Ph: 444 3951 (H)**

Friday March 8 **Social Night**

At Ernest Johnson Scout Hall, off Pilgrim Street in South Perth. Doors open 7:oopm, meeting starts 7:30pm. Following friendly greetings, good news and an action packed rundown of upcoming rides, the main part of the meeting starts; an exciting audio visual presentation on riding through the deserts of Western and Central Australia. Is it possible? Yes, Mark Elliot has blown the sand out of his ears and has returned to tell tall tales. There'll also be lucky door prizes of beaut little bits donated by friendly local bike shops. FREE coffee, tea, yummy cakes, bikes and so much more.

Organiser: Graham Blackwell **Ph: 444-5160(H)**

Sunday March 10 **Jarrahdale Jaunt**

70 km Moderate Pace, Hilly Terrain

Meet 8.30 am at Armadale Railway Station for a ride to Jarrahdale via Glen Eagle and picturesque Jarrahdale Road. Returning along Nettleton Road through Byford.

Leader: Kleber Claux **Ph: 458 7519 (H)**

March 17 **A Leprechaun's Leisurely Loiter**

50 km Easy Pace / Flat terrain

Meet at 8.30 am at Nelson Ave cycle path (near Trinity College / Gloucester Park) for a significantly green ride to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Meandering through Nedlands then across to the coast to arrive in Fremantle for some Blarney good fun. Green attire is a must !

Leader: Peter Fallon **Ph: 360 2232 (W)**

Wednesday March 20 **A Kings Ride to Bunbury**

25 km Easy Pace / Flat Terrain

Meet at 6 pm at the Kings Park log for a rivery ramble round the bridges (Bunbury & Narrows) **Note:** this ride is part of Bike Week and a Barbcue sponsored by Bikewest is planned in Kings Park with vegatarians well catered for.Bring a friend! Note Lights essential, Reflective vests recommended.

Leader: Mark Elliott **Ph: 382 1961 (H)**

Sunday March 24 **Araluen to Waterwheel Wander**

55 km Moderate Pace / Hilly Terrain

Meet 8.00 am at Kelmscott Railway Station for a wander up to Araluen, wander around the hills a little then onto the Waterwheel tearooms via Canning Dam for some refreshments.

Leader: John Meakin **Ph: 332 5550 (H)**

Sunday March 31 **Informal Ride**

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Sunday March 31 **An afternoon with the Stars**

70 km Easy Pace/ Hilly terrain

Meet at 12.00 noon at the Midland Town Hall for a pleasant ride to the Observatory in Bickley for a Guided tour (at 3 pm) of some really Cosmic stuff. Tour length is two hours including a film at a cost of $4.00 per person. Note : this will become a night ride (tour ends at 5 pm) so lights are essential and reflective vests are recommended. Bike locks are also recommended. Please advise ride leader of numbers by 23/3/96

Leader: Tony Humphreys **Ph: 447 9014 (H)**

Wednesday April 3 **Yes Simon, there is an Easter Bunny!**

30 km Easy Pace / Flattish Terrain

Meet at 6 pm at The Leeuwin Chewin in North Fremantle to assist in scientific research into the existence of the Easter Bunny and his legendary cache of chocolatey treats. Participants will be required to make spot checks for Easter Eggs at various locations centering on low lying areas (known Bunny haunts !) Only the most dedicated Egg Specialists should attend !!!! Note Night ride Lights essential, Reflective vests recommended

Leader: Liz Green **Ph: 454 6102 (H)**

April 4 & 8 **Albany Weekend**

See artical page 6

Organiser: Terry Bailey **Ph: 459 2397(H)**

Sunday April 7 **Informal Ride**

See artical page 6

Friday April 12 **Social Night**

At Ernest Johnson Scout Hall, off Pilgrim Street in South Perth. Doors open 7:00pm, meeting starts 7:30pm sharp! Following warm greetings from the Social Secretary, Simon the Prez and anyone else silly enough to get up, we'll hear the latest news and gossip and a rundown of upcoming rides, then it's onto the main part of the meeting; First we'll have a QUICK ride report from the club heroes recently returned from the wilds of Tassie. That'll be followed by an INTERESTING ride leading workshop. Does ride leading sound difficult? Well it's not really. We'll give you all the good oil on how to do it with confidence! This is guaranteed to be a waffle free night, so come along and acquire new knowledge or share some of your experience (without drivelling on). There'll also be lucky door prizes of beaut little bike bits donated by friendly local bike shops. FREE coffee, tea, yummy cakes and so much more.

Organiser: Graham Blackwell **Ph: 444 5160(H)**

Sunday April 14 **50 km Achievement Ride**

Meet at Tennis Courts car park Bullsbrook (Chittering Valley Road just off Great Eastern Highway) at 8.00am. for an 8.30am start.

Organiser: Neil Stooke **Ph: 222 8134(W)**

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