

THE CHAIN LETTER

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Easter in Quinninup

Waking up early Friday morning, I rushed to pack everything I could think of. Not doing any 'series' rides to prepare me for this tour, I wondered if I could still hack it for this short holiday.

Co-host Rosie picked me up and we drove to meet Mike H and Lucia for a light, hot brekkie.

All vehicles were exiting Perth and we arrived in Quinninup (approximately 350km south of Perth) in good time. Our host, Tony H greeted us and we set up camp; more CTA tourers arriving shortly afterwards, comprising a good turn out.

Saturday with the sun shining and all the riders excitedly pedalled off, splintering into a few groups. I made the mistake of following Colin, going to Pemberton via Northcliffe. I only managed to keep his pace for a coupla km's as he exclaims: "I love these roads!". Oh, jolly good for you, I wanted to say as I was gasping for air and sweating all over the place; I ate humble pie as Colin 'bolted' off into the distance.

While riding at my own pace near Middleton Road, not far from Northcliffe, I thought, "Ullo what's going on 'ere? My front tyre has gone all pear-shaped - I'd better get this sorted.". After the puncture was fixed, a small bunch of cyclists arrived and offered to help. Tigga was okay by then, so we had lunch at

Northcliffe. On the way back to camp on the same road we arrived, some riders were experiencing difficulties on these long up and down country roads (who said, "I love these roads!"?). Anyway, I think we rode 56km's and that was good enough for us. I heard stories that another group riding to Pemberton had gone on Grays Road, a notorious corrugated unsealed road which claimed a coupla victims



Scenery around Pemberton

During the nights, there were short periods of rain, but that didn't stop the troops and the usual CTA ritual: Song, Massage, Alcohol, and Chocolate (SMAC). When we woke Sunday morning, the tents and cabins were full of sleeping mozzies. In our room, we 'Daleks' tried to exterminate the little marauding blighters unmercifully, for biting us all last night.

Sunday comes along and some riders preferred to rest this day, but I was still keen to visit Pemberton and buy a 'highly recom-

mended Pemberton Pie' - according to Colin. Karen wanted to ride to the aforementioned town the most direct way and hopefully we would meet her there at a later stage. Lance and Patricia saw an opportunity to take a snapshot of some of us CTA cyclists on our bikes, while I rode with the main group again to Northcliffe for lunch. I kept company with Deidre (a new member) and I didn't huff'n'puff; that would come later. Some had a quick look at the museum before we were on the road again. Colin took Mark E, Ann W and young Kate went back to camp via Middleton Road. "I'm not 'bolting' with Colin again, I'm going with the touring cyclists", I thought. Lucia was going great guns on her new bike despite a little niggle in the knee.

Arriving finally in Pemberton, we discovered that the bakery was closed and other shops were closing early. The Lunds greeted us over a quick cuppa, where Teresa had decided that she'd had enough for the day. The remaining few rode on the dirt roads, avoiding Grays Road as Lucia found it to be too corrugated (she had to hang on for dear life!). Best to go via Burma, Bannister and Tray Roads, and

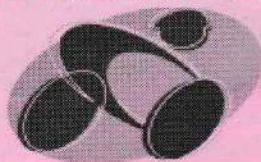
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Tours and Weekends

Touring News

Easter at Quinninup was a great success, with 25 people coming away for the weekend. The Warren River Wander was also very successful, with 10 people all having a great time [*although I understand there were a few hills!* - Ed]. Details and stories to follow in subsequent editions of The Chain Letter.

Coming events include the Foundations Day Long Weekend at York (May 31- June 2), and Christmas in July at Yanchep (July 19-20).

The accommodation at York for the Foundation Day Long Weekend (May 31- June 2) has been confirmed. It is a shared weekend with C4P, so best to get in early to get a spot! Also, Lance and Patricia have promised a great Christmas in July, so keep July 19 - 20 free.

'Avon a Good Time

May 31 - June 2

Once again the CTA has procured a beautiful York holiday home, complete with gourmet kitchen and spa. The Avon Valley offers many attractions and destinations, some being Beverly, Northam, Toodyay, Spencer's Brook and of course York. The activities can be as varied as a 140km round trip to Toodyay or just lazing in the spa, watching the rain drops. Joining us on this weekend is Cycling For Pleasure, so it's a good time to make new friends or renew old friendships.

Costs are \$10 per night for accommodation in the house, \$8 per night for tents. The activities for the weekend are flexible, depending on the weather and the mood of the participants.

Food can be purchased in York, and the house boasts a kitchen, microwave and barbecue. Since York is a 5km ride, dinner in York would probably require a car.

Given good weather and interest, an option could be to cycle up there on the Saturday, returning on the Monday (and it has been known that cyclists to York have caught lifts back from York!).

Beds are limited, but thermo-rests and camping are other options. Booking and a deposit will be required, but last minute bookings may be accepted. For more details and bookings, contact:

Organiser: Simon ☎ 9271 2959 (H)

Queensland Tour

Update

There will be NO Queensland Tour this year.

The decision has come about due to a number of issues: lack of interest, insufficient planning (interstate tours need a good year of planning prior to advertising) and I have overcommitted myself in a number of areas. Truth be known I've had enough of climbing hills with full panniers for the time being!

Christmas in July

July 19 - 20

HO HO HO it's off to Rockingham we go!

We camp at the lovely Rockingham Holiday Village Caravan Park at 147 Dixon Road. (approximately 6km out off Rockingham). It has a camp kitchen, BBQ, and a patio area.

Itinerary:

Meet at the Raffles Hotel at 9:30am Saturday morning. First stop at Shell Roadhouse on Thomas Road for morning tea. Set up tents on arrival - then cycle around Rockingham at your own leisure. Back to camp in time for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles - bring and share. Don't forget Santa will be visiting, so you will need to bring a small gift of no more than \$10. Cycle into town for 3 course Christmas Dinner arranged at local cafe - approximately \$25 per head Sunday morning, breakfast then decide further activities. Cooked breakfast at Caravan Park is available for around \$6 for the works or bring your own. Head back to Perth around 10:30am or 11:00am (after another cappuccino?).

What to bring:

Bike and appropriate clothing (it might be raining, so don't forget the rain jacket!), tent, sleeping bag and pillow etc, towel and toiletries, evening clothes, and a gift. There will be night cycling so *lights essential and reflective vests recommended*.

Costs:

A tent site is \$10.00 per person, cabins (with ensuite) are \$93.50 for 4 people (1 booked so far), and cabins without ensuite are \$75.00 for 4 people.

A number of options are available for those who can't cycle down. These include: drive down and join us for dinner, stay over or drive back home, or just cycle with us on the Sunday.

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WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined since the last newsletter.

Deirdre Martin

Tony Bennett

Bronwyn Byrnes

William & Ruby Johnson

Here's hoping to see you "on ya bike" on a ride soon!



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Christmas in July

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If you can cycle down then you might like your non cycling partner to join us - and that's OK too.

If rain is a problem at night, we will look at taxis or depending on 'other' cars available we might be able to utilise them.

Bookings and a deposit of \$20.00 is required to the organisers no later than July 11. Numbers are important as we have negotiated dinner prices on at least 12-15 people.

Organisers: Lance ☎ 04 0990 5995 (M) and Patricia ☎ 9249 1970 (H)

Easter in Quinniup

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Mark C deflated Lucia's and his tyres a bit for more traction and comfort.

Riding a custom-built Columbus steel racing bike with 100psi narrow tyres on gravelly roads is menacing!! Scary downhill, long uphill and flying insects in our eyes, always watch where you're going! Don't try pedalling out of the saddle going uphill as your back wheel may spin under you, look five metres in front of you to avoid coming a croppa and hope for the best. Deidre rode her MTB and did very well. By this time, the sun was setting down and twilight upon us. We had to get back to camp fast. Turning on the red rear lights to the end, we arrived at Quinniup, where everybody else were washed and dressed. "What took you so long? We've been back for hours and we're going to the pub." Oh well, I should have ridden with Colin and Co.- I heard he only went at 'touring pace' today. Colin, why didn't you 'bolt'? I want to be like (the legendary icon) Kleber.

We didn't meet up with Karen; as we arrived too late. Unfortunately, she got hit by something a passenger threw from the car. My view is: they, (people in motors) envy us; we (cyclists) are fit - they are not. [*Perhaps in body AND mind - Ed*].

A great meal was had at the tav and Monday we [*some - Ed*] go home. I needed to know if there was still some semblance of CTA in me but wasn't prepared to do the full tour - maybe next time. I hope they had a good time. As we farewell everyone, someone asks, "Devo, how would you like to lead a ride?". Umm...err...I'm not fit anymore.

Thank you to Melanie B for the long luxurious drive home.

My backside is rawhide.

Devo.

Terry's Tales

As we say goodbye to the warm sunny days, I find myself riding home in the dark as the days grow steadily shorter. I reflect back on the last two months and realise a lot of cycling has gone on during Perth's predictably perfect autumn weather; clear skies and no wind (and just the occasional bit of rain). Another very successful Bikeweek came and went in March with the ever popular Bike to Work Breakfast, followed by the CTA's Wednesday night BBQ ride and culminating in the leisurely saunter up to Lake Leschenaultia for a sausage sizzle. Both events put on by the CTA had excellent attendances, with more than 50 people at each. As always, a lot of preparation goes into organising and running these events and I would like to thank the various ride leaders and especially Desana, Marion, Kate and Debbie who did a fantastic job ensuring that the hordes were well fed.

In April we had our second social night of the year with a large contingent turning up to be entertained by Tim's presentation of last year's European tour. In mid April I had to rummage through my shed to get the CTA trailer out in order to take the lucky 20 or so people on a trek down to Quinniup for Easter. By all accounts, the weekend was a runaway success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Easter was immediately followed by Warren River Wander pannier tour with about half of the Easter weekenders staying on for another week of scenic cycling. Congratulations to Tony for organising two very successful events.

With the return of the Easter tourists came the CTA trailer, which meant I could no longer put off the long overdue clean up of my shed and rearranging the growing piles of CTA gear that accumulates there. That now done, I'm glad to say it's now possible to move the trailer in and out without having to move half the contents of the shed.

The last two months also saw several Achievement Rides held with a number of people now qualified for the Merit Award. This award is clearly meant to be easier to attain given the perfect weather conditions for the 5000 in 4, but wet and very windy conditions the previous day for the Century Challenge. Congratulations to the three very brave people that completed the ride despite the poor weather. For those that "chickened out" (you know who you are...) there is always the Take 2 ride later in the year.

While the weather may be turning a little grey, there are still a lot of great cycling events coming up including the June long weekend in York and Christmas in July in Yanchep. Check page 2 for further details and book early to avoid disappointment.

Also coming up later in the year is the ever popular On Your Bike Tour with the new brochures due to hit the street any day now. And don't forget to book your holidays and start training for the social, I mean cycling event (or do I?) of the decade. That's right, it's the 30th Anniversary Albany to Perth Pannier Tour which promises to be one of the best pannier tours the club has put on for about 10 years, in fact since the 20th Anniversary tour! So keep your eye on the newsletter for further updates on this tour.


In the mean time, while the wet weather is increasing, there are still plenty of sunny days to get out and enjoy your cycling. So as I say farewell and hitch on the link-bike, I can hear a little parrot saying "Go for a ride on the BIG bike! Go for a ride on the BIG bike!"

Happy cycling.

Terry




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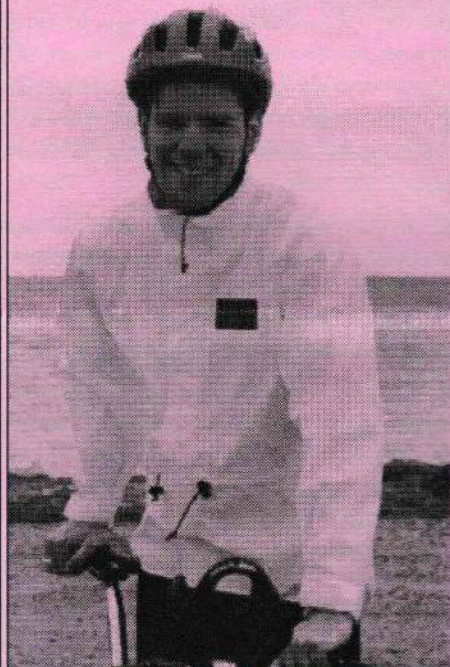
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Rain Jackets



With winter almost here, the club wants to know how many jackets to order. A number of members own these jackets, and all reports back have indicated very good performance and price.

These popular rain jackets made by Maresa, available to CTA members at the low price of about \$155 (price to be confirmed). The jacket is made from 'Breathalon' and is breathable, waterproof and wind-proof. It is well made and highly visible.

Contact Mark B on 9351 9260 for further details.

Congratulations!



(from left) Louis, Bridget & Alice welcome Isaac

Congratulations to Graham and Bridget Blackwell on the arrival of their 3rd child, Isaac Alan, on April 10, 2003. He now joins his siblings Louis and Alice, and we wish the family all the best for the future.

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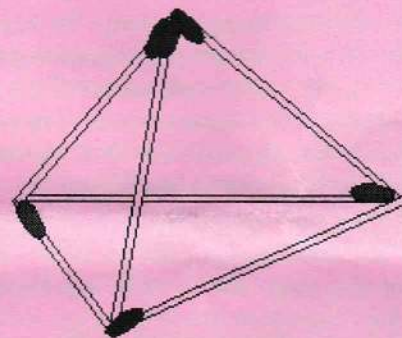
Brain Teaser

A WEIGHTY PROBLEM

When manufacturing chain links, links are made in batches of 100 from 1 ingot of alloy. Unfortunately, after 12 batches had been made, it was discovered that 1 of the alloy ingots used was impure, and the links made from it would be faulty. The links all look identical, but the impure ingot was 1.23% heavier than a pure ingot, so weighing a link from each batch will determine the faulty batch. However, for reasons not obvious, the process of weighing is VERY expensive, so it needs to be done with the minimum number of weighings. What is the minimum number required?

ISSUE 169 ANSWER A TRY-ANGULAR PROBLEM

To find this solution, you have to think beyond the table-top, and move into 3 dimensions! The solution is a tetrahedron, which is a triangular pyramid, with each side being an equilateral triangle. To construct one, first create a triangle from 3 matches on the table-top. Then with the remaining 3 matches, hold them together to make a tripod (all meeting at the top where you're holding them), then 'match' each corner to a corner of the triangle.



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The CTA Achievement Ride Series

The CTA conducts a series of Achievement Rides each year that will allow you to qualify for an award. A cloth badge is also available for each of the individual rides at a cost of \$5 each.

The three series available are: the Super Achiever, the Challenge Series and the Merit Series. Each ride of the series must be completed within the set time limit, but is otherwise noncompetitive in nature. A member can only nominate for one award per year. The three series are:

Super Achiever Series

To become a Super Achiever you must complete the following five rides in the specified time limits:

50km	3 hrs
100km	6 hrs
200km	13½ hrs
300km	20 hrs
10,000 in 8 (10,000 feet of hills in)	8 hrs

Challenge Series

To receive the Challenge Award you must complete the following five rides in the specified time limits:

50km	3 hrs
100km	6 hrs
Century (100miles)	10 hrs
200km	13½ hrs
10,000 in 8 (10,000 feet of hills in)	8 hrs

Merit Series

To receive the Merit Award you must complete the following three rides in the specified time limits:

50km	3 hrs
100km	6 hrs
5,000 in 4 (5,000 feet of hills in)	4 hrs

Using Brevets and Audax Rides

Each Achievement Ride will be held twice during the year to provide the maximum opportunity for members to complete one of the series. However, if you are unable to attend one of the official CTA rides, then a CTA brevet card can be used to complete the ride. To obtain your brevet card and route description, contact the Achievement Rides Administrator (i.e. Vice President Hooky). After completing the brevet, it must be returned to the Achievement Rides Administrator to record the ride and ensure that it is officially notarised by the CTA Committee.

In addition to brevet cards, official Audax rides can also be used to complete the 200km and 300km rides (refer below for additional information on using Audax rides).

To qualify for an award, all brevets for that series must be completed and notarised by the CTA Committee **two weeks before the AGM**.

If you require further details please contact Hooky ☎ 9375 5246 (H).

AUDAX FOR CTA RIDE SERIES

From now on if you want to take part in an Audax ride you **MUST** complete an entry form and get it to the ride organiser at least one week **BEFORE** the ride.

Forms are available from Audax (contact ride organiser). There is an extra \$10 fee for non-Audax members. Then:

1. Fill in the Ride details with the distance and date of the ride.
2. Determine the ride fee as follows:
all unsupported rides - \$6
all supported: contact organiser
3. Sign the form and send the form and correct money to the ride organiser (make cheques payable to Audax Australia) at least one week before the ride.
4. Maps and route notes can be collected from the ride organiser 2 weeks before the ride. If you want it mailed to you, send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your entry form. Otherwise you will get a map and route notes with your brevet at the start.

If you have any queries, please contact Hooky ☎ 9375 5246 (H).

The Winner's Circle

Congratulations to the following members who were successful in completing the following Achievement Rides:

100km

Bruce Beecham	Rosie Brittain
Kleber Claux	Mark Elliott
Colin Farmer	James Flynn
Grant Gregory	John Meakin
Colin Prior	Tim Reid
Ann Wilson	

Century

Mark Boulton	Tony Gillespie
Michael Hook	

5 000 in 4

Rosalie Brittain	Lucia Britto
Andrew Candy	Mark Corbett
Mike Holland	Teresa Liddiard
Mike Norman	Ann Wilson

200km


Mark Corbert	Mark Elliott
Colin Farmer	James Flynn
Colin Prior	Ann Wilson

Audax Australia

Audax is an international long distance cycling club. The first club originated in France in 1904. The name is a loose translation from the latin and means "courage". All rides are non-competitive and conducted over specified routes and distances within set time periods.

At the successful completion of each event, the rider is eligible for a certificate and a patch or medallion. Rides range from 50km to 1500km in length and are open to all CTA members, though membership of Audax Australia Club is encouraged if you envisage participating regularly. Very generous personal injury and income protection cover are afforded from such membership.

PLEASE NOTE - Notification of participation is required at least one week prior to the event and there is a cost to enter dependent on the distance to be travelled. Further information on Audax is available by contacting Colin Farmer ☎ 9330 4441 (H)



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Rides Calendar – May to June 2003

For any cyclist coming on a ride for the first time, it would be wise to start with an 'Easy' ride. If you are unsure of your suitability for a particular ride, please telephone the Ride Leader. You will need to wear a helmet and bring a spare tube, puncture repair kit, tyre levers, pump and a spanner (to fit the axle nuts if your bike is not fitted with quick release hubs). Most importantly, bring water!

RIDE GRADINGS

Easy - anyone

Moderate - fit with geared bikes

Moderately Hard - fit and experienced. Distances < 100km

Hard - fit, experienced and strong. Distances > 100km over hard terrain

If you are interested in doing a particular ride, but you feel it may be too long for you, don't be put off. Contact the ride leader to see if you can do part of the route.

Saturday May 17

300km Achievement Ride

300km Hard. This is the CTA's hardest ride, having to complete 300km in 20 hours (average 15km/h) and is required to complete the Super Achiever Series. Participants MUST BOOK at least 1 week prior to the ride to arrange details and there is a \$10 fee for non-members (and subject to approval).

Organiser: Hooky ☎ 9375 5246 (H)

Sunday May 18

A May Meander

About 30km Easy, 9:30am sharp start. Meet at Charles Varyard Reserve in North Perth (car park off Campsi St) for a leisurely return ride to Swanbourne. The ride route will follow the shared path alongside the railway line to the beach for a brief stopover. The return route will follow the shared path along the coast before heading inland to Leederville for a refreshment stop at the end of the ride.

Leader: Karen ☎ 9228 3838 (H)

Sunday May 25

South and Around

80km Moderately Hard, 9:00am start. Meet next to the Floral Clock in Kings Park (off Frazer Avenue) for a fast touring paced ride to the coast and on to some of our more southerly areas.

Leader: Mark E ☎ 9382 1961 (H)

May 31 – June 2

'Avon a Good Time

Spend up to 3 days in the Avon Valley enjoying the scenery and homely hospitality in a beautiful York holiday home, complete with gourmet kitchen and spa. Numbers are limited and bookings with a \$10 deposit are required. For further information see page 2 or contact the organiser.

Organiser: Simon ☎ 9271 2959 (H)

Saturday June 7

10 000 in 8 Achievement Ride

110km Hard, 8:00am for an 8:30am sharp start. Meet at the Kelmscott railway station for the club's hilliest ride, requiring you to climb up and down 10,000 feet of hills in under 8 hours. Required for both the Super Achiever and Challenge Series. Note there is a \$10 fee for non-members.

Sunday June 8

Hill Top Vantage Ride

15km Moderate, 8:30am start. Meet behind Pharmacy 777 corner Canning Hwy and Riseley St, Ardross. Short undulating course taken slowly to take in the scenic vantages over the river from Mt Pleasant and Ardross. Just perfect to get the legs started on Sunday morning. Followed by breakfast or coffee at the Dome coffee shop Ardross at 10:00am.

Leader: Helen ☎ 9313 6523 (H) or 04 1432 2102 (M)

Saturday June 14

Bump up Your Mileage

40-50km Easy, 9:30am start. Meet at the Fremantle Train station (the North end of the platform), for a loop South to South Park, East to Bibra Lake, South to Thomson's Lake, West to Lake Coogee and then North back to the train Station. Coffee/lunch in Freo afterwards, so bring a snack if you might need one along the way. This ride is tailored for those who would like to try longer distances, but don't want to ride with the faster groups. I will lead a stick together group (no-one dropped!), but can provide maps for faster riders who want to start with us, but ride off the front on their own.

Leader: Deb ☎ 9418 1571(H) or 04 2169 7453 (M)

Sunday June 15

Riding North

85km Moderate to Hard, 9:00am start. Meet at Armadale train station. Riding North (not going to Jarradale, not going Albany Hwy). I hope you like Canning Rd (not Canning Hwy).

Leader: Colin ☎ 9418 1571 (H)

Sunday June 22

Around the Lakes Ride

40 km Moderate, 9:00am. Meet at the Loftus Street Community Centre (where we have our social nights), and join me for a medium paced ride around some well known and some not so well known picturesque inner suburban lakes. We will be stopping frequently at these posi's to admire the local bird life (feathered variety). Depending on time, we may also be stopping at a local cuisine, looking over one these lakes (I haven't decided) for morning tea or an early lunch.

Leader: Stan ☎ 9444 4207 (H)

Sunday June 29

50km Achievement Ride Take 2

50km Moderate, 9:00am for a 9:30am sharp start. Meet at the corner of Soldiers Road and Mead Street in Byford for your second chance at achieving the 50km. The time limit of 3 hours (average 17km/h) should ensure that everyone has a chance of completing the distance. Participants MUST BOOK at least one week prior to the ride and there is a \$10 fee for non-members.

Organiser: Hooky ☎ 9375 5246 (H)

Sunday July 6

A Peddle Around Pickering Brook

50km Moderate Hilly, 9:00am Start. Meet at Kelmscott Railway Station. Enjoy a ride in the hills and for those that are contemplating doing the 5 000 in 4 next Sunday this will be a good training ride. There will be a refreshment stop en route.

Leader: Ann ☎ 9444 5160 (H)

Wednesday July 9

Meet at 7:30pm at the Loftus Community Centre in Leederville (refer to map on page 7). The presentation of the Perth Bicycle Network by Kerrin Sharpe to the February 2002 Social Night sparked considerable interest and a lively discussion of the aims and priorities of the planners and the club members. Tonight is a reprise of the topic, so we can celebrate the successes, console the failures and bravely look into the future of cycling in Perth! Tea, coffee and Milo will be available along with a light supper.

Organiser: Tim ☎ 9475 2073 (H)

Sunday July 13 5 000 in 4 Achievement Ride Take 2

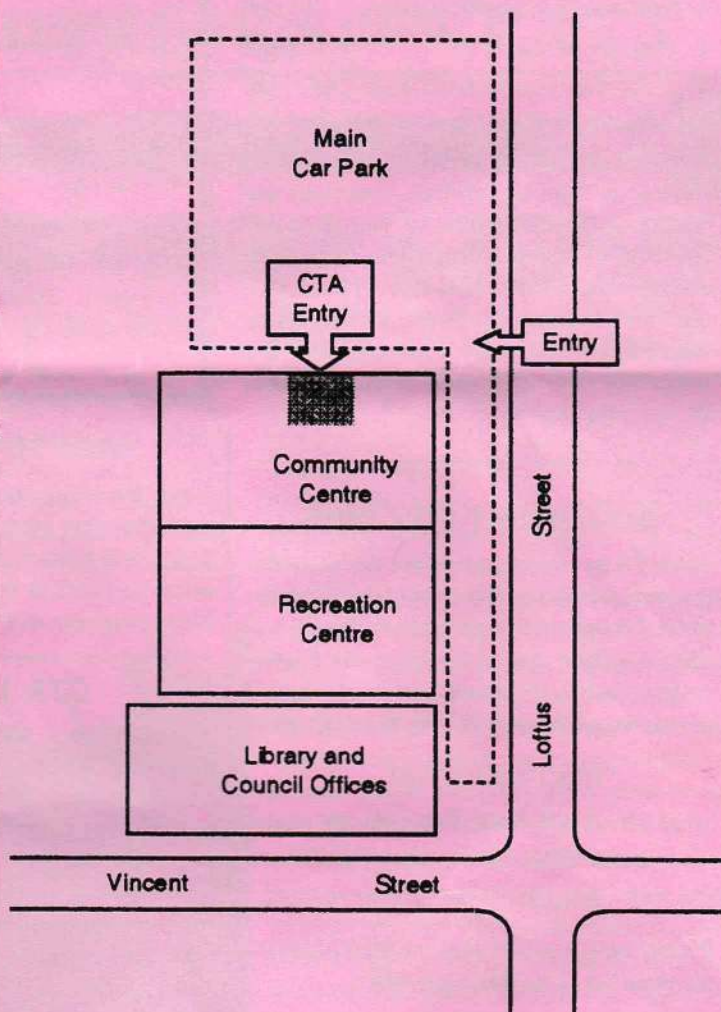
55km Moderately Hard, 8:45am for a 9:00am sharp start. Meet behind the BP Service Station at the corner of Albany Highway and Gilwell Avenue, Kelmscott (near Kelmscott railway station). This course promises 5,000 feet of uphill and downhill around Armadale and Roleystone. The time limit is 4 hours (average 14km/h). Note there is a \$10 fee for non-members.

Organiser: Hooky ☎ 9375 5246 (H)

Social Night

CTA Social Nights

The social nights are usually (but not always -- it's a key issue!) held at the Loftus Community Centre on the corner of Loftus Street and Vincent Street, Leederville. Enter from the main carpark on the north side of the complex (see map below). For further details, contact Tim ☎ 9457 2073



Coming Events

July 19-20

Christmas in July

September 13 - 14

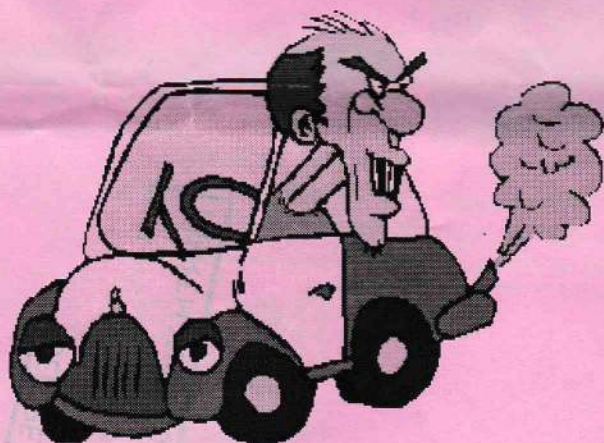
Toodyay Weekend

April 17 - May 2, 2004

30th Anniversary Tour

If you are interested in leading a ride, or you have a suggestion for a ride that you would like to do, please contact the Rides Co-ordinator by June 29 on 9443 4687 or email: rosieposie@bigpond.com

Smokey Car Spotter



Ever notice how difficult it is to breathe when smokey exhaust fumes are choking up the atmosphere? Well here's your chance to strike back! Report smokey vehicles by giving the registration number, make and colour of a smokey car, together with the time and place that you spotted it, to the Department of Environmental Protection ☎ 9324 2835.

Reporting Cycling Hazards

All riders are encouraged to make a note of hazards observed during rides on roads and paths, especially newly installed ones, and to submit a hazard report to Bikewest. Nearly all ride routes are likely to include hazards, even if minor ones, like centre-mounted grab rails on paths, lips on kerb ramps and drive entrances from roads, or drainage grates with gaps to trap skinny tyres. The aim is to get these fixed, and more importantly, to stop new hazards being installed.

About 80% of hospitalised cyclist crashes did not involve a motor vehicle. Most were "loss-of-control" crashes, and an unknown proportion of these were due to hazards on paths and roads.

The hazard reports should be submitted to Bikewest, either using the freepost cards provided by Bikewest or by e-mail. Sending an e-mail is an easy way of submitting a hazard report with HAZARD REPORT in the subject and a good description of the location and the hazard. The address is bikewest@transport.wa.gov.au with a copy to the BTA bta_wa@hotmail.com please.

2003 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The CTA Membership is from January 1 to December 31 each year. Membership fees for 2003 have been set as indicated below:

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| 1. Adult membership | \$40.00 |
| 2. New members | \$35.00 |
| 3. Full-time Students/Pensioners | \$23.00 |
| 4. Dependants under 18 | no charge |

Note that part year memberships apply after June 30 and the above fees should be halved.

The CTA is a non-Government organisation relying on membership fees, donations and volunteer labour to achieve our aims and objectives. These monies help to provide each member with six Newsletters per year, a number of social evenings with suppers, weekend trips and tours at cost, a library, and indemnity to cover property to name a few of the material benefits.

EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

The CTA has some equipment (as listed below) which is available for members to hire for \$5 for 2 weeks or \$10 per month plus a bond. This is a great way to try out cycle touring without having to layout a large amount of money to equip yourself with the right gear.

- Rear Panniers (pair)
- Small Rack Bag (sits on top of pannier rack)
- Trangia

Please contact a committee member if you are interested in using this equipment.

CTA CLOTHING

The CTA has its own clothing that is highly visible being yellow with red stripes (some tops and knicks in turquoise and green are still available).

The design is available in short sleeved Coolmax tops and black lycra knicks with a coloured side panel.

Some stocks are available in a range of sizes from S, M, L, XL and XXL and costs \$70 for knicks and \$75 for tops.

Please contact Mark or Melanie on 9351 9260 if you require any further information.

Cheques should be made payable to "CTA Clothing".



WHERE ARE YOU?

If you are lucky enough to move to a bright sparkling new place of abode, please share your good news with us. All members are asked to confirm their current address and phone numbers with Committee members.

CTA LIBRARY

The CTA has a small library of books and magazines relating to all facets of cycling and cycle touring. These are available for all members to borrow or just read at each of the social evenings. The books may only be borrowed for 4 weeks by contacting a committee member on the night. Contributions to the library would be greatly appreciated, so do not dispose of any cycling literature which you feel may be relevant.

POLICE BICYCLE REPORTS

The Police Bicycle Section would like to hear your reports of harassment, abuse or other serious incidents involving motor vehicles.

In order for the police to investigate an incident, you must be able to provide the registration number of the 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 offense is serious, you should try to obtain the names of other witnesses who can verify your account. You can contact the Officer in Charge of Cycling at the Cottesloe Police Station ☎ 9284 5058 during working hours.

If undelivered please return to
PO Box 174 Wembley 6913
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