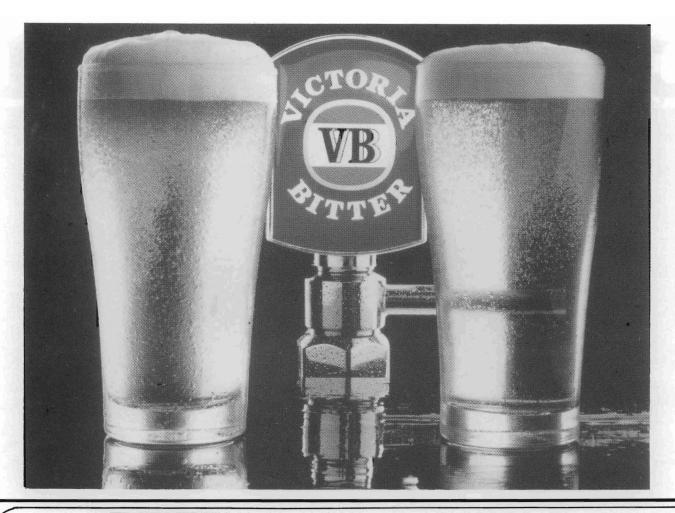
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- EDITORIAL -

What keeps us alive on the roads? Care and common sense. We expect it of other road users and we each do our best to promote the same. We also expect that people and organisations who are responsible for legislation affecting road use and who are responsible for ensuring the roads are kept in good condition are exhibiting that same care and common sense.

The non slip paint story in South Australia is a story of care and common sense. The MRA cared enough to promote a good idea and the Department of Road Transport had the common sense to recognise it and do the development necessary to provide one small item which will now contribute to the safety of all motorcyclists.

My concern is that this good idea will stay in South Australia because the bureaucrats in other states didn't think of it first. It would be a pity to be safe at home and then hurt yourself when on holiday because of public servant short sightedness.

> Ride Safe Harald



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As stated in the last issue of the Centrestand, we have officially closed the office in Sturt Street, Adelaide. On Saturday, 27th June, 6 of us met at the office and removed MRA's stock. Thanks to Tom Griffin, Gary Bonnett, Les Dicker, Sue O'Donnell and Daryl Jonathan in helping move. I thank everyone who has helped in trying to make the office a success. The idea of an office is great but as we know not practical without manpower, access and finance.

In the last issue of the Centrestand you would have received an insert regarding our Adelaide Motorcycle Show. Together with the Port Adelaide Football Club, we have had to change the name to the SA Motorcycle Expo to avoid confusion with the Rolling Thunder Promotions motorcycle show. This and future years show will be known as the SA Motorcycle Expo. We hope to involve the trade and other clubs more so people will see that we are just normal (well some of us are) people who enjoy motorcycling.

I wish to thank everyone who has helped make the past year run very smoothly for the MRA.

At the AGM on 7th September, I do not know what will eventuate and who will be on the committee, but I wish them every success and hope they will support and work together for the betterment of the MRA and motorcyclists.

Vanessa Jonathan

MRA SA NOTES

*ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Don't forget -this will be held at the St Johns Hall, Tynte Street, North Adelaide at 8pm on Monday the 7th of September. We will be electing the office bearers for the 1992/93 year and a representative of the South Australian Police Force will be our guest and will be presenting a lecture cum discussion on Road Safety Laws. If you are interested in getting involved, being elected is a great way to start. See you there.

*Member Barry Chandler has written to us warning of the dangers involved in running over garbage bin lids. A friend of his broke both her arm and bike because of the carelessness of the local garbos. So watch out on those days when they're in your street. Don't be their next victim,

*QUIZ NIGHT

This will be held at 7.30pm on Saturday the 24th of October in the Community & Family Services Hall, Enfield. Lots of prizes to be had so mark it in your diary. It's the same night as the October Blood Run.

*BOWLING NIGHT

This was held at the Norwood Bowls on Saturday the 29th of August. The MRA team played the Ulyssians (Is there a difference? Ed) and the BMW Club. Because of the publishing deadlines a full report will have to wait for the December issue.

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The Regulations say that the ticket must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle on the kerb side, presumably to make it easier for the inspectors. Where does that leave the motorcycle rider? Do we stick the tickets under a cable, in some obscure crevice near the instruments or perhaps in the seat strap? What about the wind or the rain which has the potential to embarrass an honest motorcyclist, or thieves taking advantage of the lack of locked windows?

I can tell you now that no allowance was made for motorcycles when the ticket machines were put in. THIS IS IN SPITE OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE MRA TO THE ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL AND IN SPITE OF THE CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT ASSURANCES THAT THE NEEDS OF MOTORCYCLISTS WOULD BE CON-SIDERED.

The City Messenger of May 6 presented an article about the ACC plans for a big bicycle parking station for the city. Apparently there is a need.

If, as a motorcyclist, you feel fobbed off or ignored then I suggest that you write to the City Engineer asking him (a) about plans which the ACC has to make parking for Motorcycles as easy as it is for cars, (b) how motorcycle riders are expected to deal with the problems set up by the ACC's bylaws and (c) what policies does the ACC have to cope within the event of motorcyclists having their parking tickets lost/ stolen etc.

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SKID RESISTANT PAINT TRIAL

The motorcycle riders' Association of South Australia is claiming a substantial victory following the SA Department of Road transport's successful development of an additive to paint which will assist in the improvement of skid resistance on painted road surfaces.

Development of the new surface paint, in progress for the past 6 years and begun as an initiative of the MRA in 1978, is the outcome of combined discussions between the MRA (SA) and the SA Department of Road transport for the evolution of a road paint which does not lose friction in the wet.

As you are all aware, when road surfaces are wet, all painted areas lose the little friction they do have. They become extremely slippery and hazardous and are often the cause of dangerous situations, especially in built-up areas with heavy traffic flows and numerous intersection markings.

The new paint, which has at least the same co-efficient of friction as the road surface itself was trialled By the SA Department of Road Transport and the MRA (SA) on test strips on July 12 at the Road Safety Centre at Oaklands Park,

The trial was deemed extremely successful, with MRA members giving both thumbs up to the new surface. Two test strips had been prepared, one painted with the 'old' paint and the other with the 'new' non-skid paint. A number of MRA members tested both strips, which were continually water soaked for the duration of the test.

The difference was marked. Front wheel lockup was easily achieved on the standard paint and none occurring on the non-skid surface. Even to the touch, the 'new' paint with the non-skid quartz additive reflected decidedly more friction and provided more traction, even in the wet conditions.

Major benefits from the additive enhanced paint will be a 100% increase in the life of markings and an increase in skid resistance. Most importantly, the vast improvement in road safety for motorcyclists and indeed, for all road users, cannot be underestimated.

Good vision was provided for TV Channel 7 and 10 during the testing of the strips and both stations covered the trial in that Sunday evening's new coverage and additionally a journalist from Australian Motor Cycle news attended to cover the event

The Department has been extremely active in the research and development of this paint and strongly supportive of the MRA's continual efforts to effect its introduction and should be congratulated on the positive steps it has taken to date.

The MRA (SA) congratulates the technical staff from the SA Department of Road Transport, because, as a result of years of positive discussions between both organisations, the new paint is now to be used extensively throughout the state.

It is hoped that the introduction of this paint surface will be adopted by other government bodies throughout Australia, but in this respect, South Australia has been the pace setter.



MRA Road Safety Officer Steve "Camel" Fry with road marking display



Dept, of Road Transport Supervising Technical Officer Dennis Richards (centre) and friends inspecting the camera



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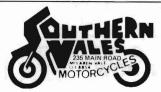
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The Toy Run will feature the usual attractions, Santa, the Run, beer tent, BBQ tent. Comedian Glynn Nicholas (The Big Gig etc) is our special guest this year and a number of trade displays will be set up. We are even trying to see if we can get helicopter rides for the day.

The poster will be a special one and we will be looking at raffling a limited number of laminated and autographed copies of the 1991 and 1992 posters.

All toys collected this year (and they are already starting to come in) will be donated to the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Members of the Society will be at the Woodside Oval on the day to talk to people. This organisation has done a lot to help the people of South Australia in the past and were unable to provide for a lot of needy families last year. We intend to help rectify this situation.

In view of South Australias' depressed state, we can pretty well look forward to a lot of people having a very thrifty Christmas this year so we are asking that if you can, bring along some non-perishable food as well. This will help a lot. Also, in the past there has generally been a surfeit of fluffy toys to be had. Now these are great gifts, but if you con-

sider some of the older kids who will be facing a bleak Christmas, a fluffy toy won't do much for them. So think of something for the mature child as an alternative contribution on the day. Clothes can also be a good gift.

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In the June issue of Centrestand, we told you we helped move some Spastic children to their new Magill accommodation. We have had a barbecque donated from one of our members and went out and bought gas bottle and fittings to convert it. In the near future we will finish setting it up.

Two of our members, Glenn White and Fredrique (Fred) White, are helping with the Flinders Medical Centre. The 3 main hospitals which receive motorcycle accidents are the RAH. QEH and Flinders, and luckily the number of patients have not been very many. Is this because car drivers are becoming more aware of us, motorcyclists are more careful of Volvo drivers, or the non-skid paint the councils are using? Is it a combination of all factors? Who cares, as long as it works. So whenever you are out on the road (either on the bike or in the car) please drive carefully.

To satisfy Rally goers (and non rally goers) we have purchased more 4Bs Port with a pull out cork. The price is still \$6.00 a bottle and if you would like to purchase some get in touch with either Gary or Daryl,

We meet at the Flagstaff Hotel, Franklin Street, City every Thursday fortnight and anyone is welcome.

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We had to stop every hour or so for cups of coffee to warm up. At Keith we met up with a young English law student who was bicycling it around the world. We thought we were mad but he was crazy. He was making his way to Melbourne and hoped to get a lift with a truckie. We told him try and make it to Bordertown where he would have better luck. He was hoping to get back to London by March next year to start a job.

We wished him well and continued on our wet way. In all it rained non-stop (except for about 20 minutes we reckoned on).

We arrived late on Saturday afternoon at Rennick in Victoria. A little out of Rennick we saw the turn off to the Rally site. Going in was very slippery but pretty.

We registered and said hello to everyone. Tried to find a dry (in that place, impossible) campsite and put the tents up. Of course as we started putting them up someone up there said "They are starting to get dry, let's change that" and sure enough it started to rain again. Trying to start a fire was just as much fun with all the wood soaked through. After trying to start a fire many times with not much success fellow campers let us have a burning log from their camp fire. We got a nice roaring fire going, which lasted well into the night.

After a lot of steady and serious drinking went and bought some souveniers from the main tent. Caught up with some of the Committee members from the Register and other rally goers. During the night it rained but no-one seemed to notice as we were all getting wet on the inside as well as the outside.

Went back to our campside, sat, drank and talked some more. Wasn't too much longer we decided to retire for the night and get some sleep. Worked too.

Next morning, the rain had stopped. We started to pack up when we got a yell from 'Crazy' that they were handing out the trophies. Well Daryl got the Longest Rider and I got the Longest Distance Pillion. We didn't know where we would put them but found room in the panniers. They sit with pride on our shelf in the lounge room at home.

Left shortly afterwards as we had long way to go home. About 5ks out of Tailem Bend Gary ran out of petrol (he had forgotten to turn his reserve switch off) so we went into Tailem Bend and got a can, filled our bike up and went back to Gary.

Arrived home without further mishap and would you believe it, it did not rain once going home.

All in all, congratulations must go to all the organisers of the Rally for a top spot, great company and wet weather. Hope to see you again next year.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at 8pm on Monday the 7th of September at the St Johns Hall, Tynte Street, North Adelaide. At this meeting all Committee positions will be declared vacant and the Committee for the 1992-93 year will be elected. Positions up for election will be:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Editor "Centrestand"
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Membership Secretary
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Stock Control Officer
Sub-Committee Representatives
Register Liaison Officer
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Up to 8 General Committee Representatives

All financial members of the MRA SA inc are eligible to stand for election to one or more of the above positions. Nominations for elections should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will also consider changes to the Constitution of the Association, copies of which may be obtained on request to the Secretary of the Association.

Harald Lindemann Secretary

BLOOD RUN

We are meeting at K-Mart Kurralta Park to ride to Red Cross House, Pirie Street to donate Blood.

Why not come along and join us all donations gratefully received.

DATE: Saturday October 24 1992 TIME: Meet at 8.30 am





COMPETITION

Below is a photo of the MRA Committee clearing out the office at No 1 Sturt Street. Our mate Les' Uncle Pervie' Dicker has found some treasure which he is enjoying very much. What has he found and what is he thinking? A Toy Run patch will be awarded for the most amusing but not necessarily correct answer. Send your entry to 'Uncle Pervies Innermost Thoughts' PO Box 1895 GPO Adelaide 5001.



GOANNA

*Is Milo making noises about buying another bike? He keeps mumbling about a Kwaka ZZR 1100 - A big difference from the last bike, a Yami 500 single or the Norton Trials outfit!

*Has Chris Fenech bought another bike yet after writing off the GPX of some six months ago?

*Speaking of new bikes! What will Santa ride in this years Toy Run (Dec 13th)? I hear that a 1200 Trumpy is the go!

*And still on new bikes - Gary (of 4Bs fame) keep on looking at the new JF 1200 Yami!

*And still more! Will Harald ever trade in the CX Honda (Classic)? (Give it to a museum is more like it Ed)

*Speaking of Hondas! Pete still has the '76 Goldwing. Must be time he updated! (I still want to know why he turned up at the MRA BBQ with a tree stump as pillion Ed)

*Daryl still wants another Kwaka GTR 1000 but She Who Will Be Obeyed still says no.

*Now for Camel! Has he still got an 'Abba' t-shirt? Does he still wear it with pride? I hope he wears it indoors and only at night.

*Tom is now an instructor of 'Rider Safe'. On his first solo stint as an instructor the last rider on the last exercise of the day tried to run over him, grabbed a big handful of front brake, locking up the front wheel, rider and bike parted company and said bike missed Tom by millimetres. Did the Learner rider pass? Some say he should not have as the whole lot missed!! Perhaps next time.

*While on Tom - Why was the BMW PD (Trail Bike) parked in his shed for over 4 weeks, then it appeared at the Bike doctors shed where the gearbox was diagnosed as sick?

*Who misbehaved at the "Elvis Rally' held at Parilla? What will the theme for next year be?

*Who got the highest score at the 10 Pin Bowling interclub Challenge? Which club won? Don't Know? Then come along to the next one.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 24th September Annual General Meeting 7.30pm at the Tantanoola Tiger Hotel

Saturday 5th December
Toy Run 1992
Leaving from Penola Service Station 10.00am, Slate & Fireside
Shop Mt Gambier 11.00am. BBQ lunch at the lakes. BYO
Drinks. Entry fee - a toy.

MRA QUIZ NIGHT

OCTOBER 24 1992

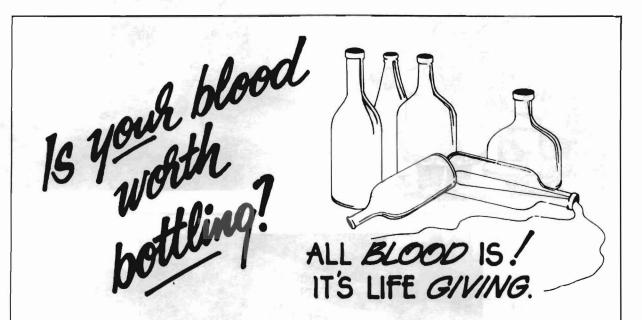
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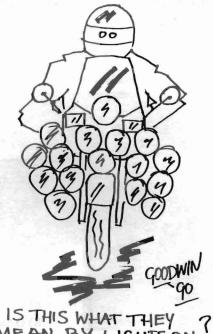
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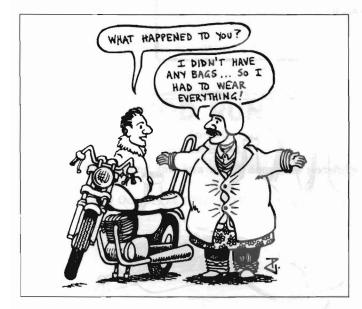
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A couple of alternative views of 'Lights On' offered by member Andrew Goodwin.



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