

White Horse Whispers

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We don't possess a billiard room,
No radio and telly,
Table Tennis we don't have,
Nor indoor bowling alley.

A tourist service we haven't got,
Our "dos" are once-a-week,
So come along and join us,
If friendship you should seek.

A service shop and record room,
We cannot boast to show,
Nor theatre and ball-room,
Like some-one else we know.

Camberwell Bowl just isn't ours
In which we do our eating,
But then again we aren't "kicked out",
On every Sunday evening.

One thing we have for certain,
Is a record of success,
Thirteen years as leading club,
Has been a rigid test.

So if you won a two-wheel'er
(A "305" or Less),
Then come along and meet us,
You're welcome, that's for sure.

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Just a baby.

An 84-year old motor scooterist was stopped by a policeman in the United States recently for a minor breach of road rules. When asked to produce his licence, the victim informed the policeman that he did not have one. He explained that he had been told that he had to submit his birth certificate as evidence that he was over 17 years of age, and had not been able to locate it at home, so he decided not to apply for a licence!

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EASTER CAMP. April 12th.-15th.

Report by President.

27 members attended the Easter Camp, which was enjoyed by all. The main convoy arrived on Good Friday morning at 11am. On the way down, Bronwyn, on her YAMAHA 100 created a

“My wife has a funny way of getting even with the telephone company,” one man confided to the other. “She uses my car to knock down its poles.”

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The lion went up to the Zebra and asked: “Who is the King of the jungle?”

“You are, O Lion,” came the answer.

The lion went up to the Hippopotamus and asked: “Who is the King of the jungle?”

The Hippo said. “You are, O Lion.”

The lion went up to the Elephant and asked: “Who is the King of the jungle?”

For an answer the elephant seized the lion with his trunk, threw him high in the air, caught him and slammed him hard against a tree. The lion arose, half dazed, shook himself and said weakly: “Just because you don’t know the right answer, you don’t have to get sore.”

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Once upon a time there were three storks, Mama Stork, Pap Stork, and Baby Stork. One day Papa said to Mama: “Did you deliver any babies today?”

Mama said that she had and then she asked him if he had delivered any babies that day. Papa said that he had. Just then Baby Stork came in and his parents turned to him and said;

“Did you deliver any babies today?”

“No,” said Baby Stork with a disgusted grin. Then his face brightened. “But I sure scared the hell out of a couple of high school kids!”

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Doctor to patient: “Please stretch your hands out.”

The man did and they trembled violently.

“Good heaven’s how much do you drink?” asked the Doctor.

Patient said “Very little, I spill most of it.”

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Professor: “Forgot my umbrella this morning, dear.”

WIFE: “How did you remember that you’d forgotten it?”

Professor: “Well, I missed it when I raised my hand to close it when the rain stopped.”

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Quick Quiz

1. Question: Which of your brakes should be applied first for safety's sake?
 A. Front brake B. Rear brake C. Both at the same time.
2. Question: If you intend covering any long distances at high speeds, what is the correct tyre procedure?
 A. Lower pressure B. Increase pressure C. Leave as they are
3. Question: Perspex windscreens soon become dirty. How should they be cleaned?
 A. With a dry duster B. With steel wool C. Lots of soap
4. Question: To carry out a decoke on any cylinder you need a scraper to remove carbon. What is the best thing to use?
 A. Stick of solder B. A screwdriver C. A cold chisel
5. Question: Low acid levels can ruin batteries. How often should they be checked?
 A. Stick of solder B. When you stop at a garage C. Once a week.
6. Question: If you find a gudgeon pin is hard to remove what can you do to make it easier?
 A. Use a heavy hammer B. Warm piston C. Oil bearings.
7. Question: If you diagnose a blockage in any of your carburettor jets, how should they be cleaned?
 A. By hard blowing B. With a piece of wire C. With a matchstick
8. Question: If you wish to reline your brake shoes, where should you begin to rivet on the linings?
 A. At the centre B. Leading edge C. At the back.

ANSWERS:

1—a; 2—a; 3—c; 4—a; 5—c; 6—b; 7—a; 8—a;

SCORE—

8 out of 8. You are a genius. Come over and work on the Maico's. Perhaps you can get it going properly.

4 out of 8. About average.

2 out of 8. Maybe you'll get home one day without pushing your scooter home.

None right. Back to push bikes for you, my lad.

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John: "Judy, would you like a drink?"
 Judy: "Yes please, John, I'm thirsty."
 John: "What would you like to drink?"
 Judy: "What is there?"
 John: "Coke, Fanta, Tarax, Schweppes or Fresha."
 Judy: "Well, get a little Fresha."

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HEPBURN SPRINGS SUNDAY APRIL 28.

Eleven bikes and 4 cars left Alexandra Avenue at 9.30. The weather was not bad. Our 1st stop was at Bacchus Marsh where we had some refreshments, and then proceeded onto Daylesford.

After much tearing around and looking at other bikes we decided to have lunch. Then it was onto Hepburn Springs where all the bikes got in for nothing, but the cars had to pay. There was a very steep hill in the Park and nearly everyone had a shot at trying to get up it, including Bruce Talbot on Peter's Maico (it made it). Tony James brought along his N.S.U and charged madly up and down it all day long. Until his chain broke, much to the pleasure of all the picnickers around.

While he was doing this Sue, Howard and Greg decided to try some of the mineral water "YUCK" tasted like bilge water. After trying all the fountains we were joined by Cheryl. We then decided to go exploring down a drainage tunnel which led to more springs. Cheryl could hardly get through the opening. After coming through we raced back to the other end only to find "PEGLEG" Barker who was also going through. You should have heard the noises he was making, he sounded like a sick HONDA.

At the far side of the park there was a track and a sign saying "Swimming Pool ¼ mile Reservoir 2 miles." So we proceeded on up the track till we came to the pool. It was very dirty. At this stage we were joined by Graham W and Robert (a new member), we then continued on towards the reserve which was supposed to be another 1 ¾ miles further on, but to our surprise it was just around the next corner.

Graham and Cheryl then turned back and the remainder of us proceeded up a track through the middle of some gold mines only to find about ¼ hour later that we were lost. Fancy being lost with Johnny B. We finally arrived back at the opposite end of the park from which we came out. Had another drink of mineral water and then towards the kiosk and had a drink and then we walked out the front entrance and came in the side and then went back to the bikes. By this time everyone was ready to leave. We decided to go back another way and to stop again in Bacchus Marsh. We set off and ended up stopping at Woodend (we missed the turn off) After half an hour delay we set off home in a steady drizzly rain which continued until we got to the city (about 40 miles). Arrived back at Alex. Ave. about 6.00 after a very cold but enjoyable day.

WELCOME TO; ROBERT who rides a Honda 90.

CRYPTIC COMMENTS.

"What happened to your gear peddle RON?"

"Where's your bike PEGLEG?"

"How's your springs, WARREN?"

"Where's BARNEY, DIRTY DAWG?"

ANON

Just a few petrol-saving items;

Here are a few hints which may save you money on fuel consumption. They are only a small number of a large variety of gas-eaters.

CLUCHES which slip will not work properly if out of adjustment. Check for play.

CHOKER LEVERS and cables will not work properly if out of adjustment. Check for play.

CABLES and levers must be well lubricated so that they work smoothly without snatch.

FUEL TAPS leaking can cause a large decrease in m.p.g. Also turn off when stopped.

PISTON RINGS don't last forever. When they wear, poor compression causes low m.p.g.

PLUGS and caps must be of the correct type. Clean and reset the gap regularly.

FILTERS are there to catch dirt but also to let the petrol through. Clean them often.

CHAINS flapping about will increase friction in the whole final drive check adjustment.

THROTTLE SLIDES must return to the stop and not be held partly open by the cable.

SPECIAL OILS and additives will help to reduce friction and improve power and performance.

DECAKE regularly. Carbon will block ports and silencers and cause excessive back pressure.

JOINTS between carburettor and barrel must be tight. These frequently give trouble.

SILENCERS which are full of carbon and unburnt oil will not allow the engine to develop full power.

TYRES will create a lot of "drag" if they are not fully inflated to correct pressures.

BRAKES must be correctly adjusted. Ensure that your foot doesn't rest on brake pedal.

TIMING must be exact. Retarding loses power; advancing causes pinking which is damaging.

JET NEEDLES which are bent or badly worn will not give correct petrol/air mixture.

CONTACT BREAKER POINTS must be set to the correct gap or misfiring and power losses decrease m.p.g.

HIGH TENSION leads and plug caps must be clean and in good condition in order to give a good spark.

AIR CLEANERS also prevent damage to the engine but waste fuel if they are blocked.

BARREL joints can vibrate loose if they are not kept tight by spanner or wire.

Thanks to Ralph for the use of his camping equipment at Easter. Special thanks to our President Peter P., Robert Jellet and Steven Jones for taking down the equipment etc.

Also like to thank Sue, Peter and Graham for their articles in the magazine.