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From El Prez (Pete Heal)

In the last issue of HUFF back in March, I promised the next newsletter would be out by June. Sorry about that but enthusiasm has been low and an overseas trip took my attention.

At the moment much of the OzHPV “work” falls back on Tim M and myself as we have seen personal issues take our HUFF editor and Web master out of the scene. We are doing our best and some members have been assisting as they can in between other personal commitments.

The whole HPV scene in Australia and Worldwide seems to be changing and with the continued development of the World Wide Web, huge amounts of information and discussion forums relating to Human Powered Vehicles are available. What the HUFF newsletter has provided every quarter to OzHPV members for the last 15 years or so is now available to everyone in a matter of mouse clicks. Enthusiasts would rather instantly share information and participate in international forums than with the members of OzHPV.

In the last HUFF newsletter I provided some thoughts I had about non members riding on the back of the financial members of OzHPV and the few responses indicated that they didn't appreciate me bringing this subject up so often and I should desist. Personally I get quite annoyed looking through the membership list and seeing the number of well known people who just haven't renewed their OzHPV membership, some for quite a few years. Yet these same people continue to post to our forums, win the annual Challenges and generally make use of all the things OzHPV does and provides. In the last HUFF I asked for comments and suggestions about events and growing OzHPV but got none that were constructive or that offered to do some of the work.

In 2006, the OzHPV committee had reached a similar low point of frustration with the declining membership, lack of member enthusiasm to organise events and mounting costs and they were keen to just pass OzHPV as a whole to another association. Having been involved with OzHPV since the inception, I didn't want to see that happen and stepped up to offer to help with running OzHPV in its autonomous role as the Human Powered Vehicle enthusiasts association in Australia. I'm quite pleased I did because the other association has since struggled to continue or do anything as its committee members resigned or moved away.

Anyway, it is time for a change of leadership in OzHPV and perhaps a new direction to align with what the members really want. The OzHPV Constitution (bless its little heart) dictates that the main committee members can only hold their positions for 2 terms, so that means at the next Annual General Meeting, myself (President) and Tim (Treasurer) will stand aside. The position of Secretary will also be vacant. OzHPV still has a place as the National Association for HPVs. It can continue to provide the organisation status so that events such as the Challenge, local races, social rides and get togethers can be run with some protection of organising members.

Annual General Meeting 2008

The 2008 Annual General meeting of OzHPV Inc. will be conducted at **7:00pm Saturday 6th December**. The format will be different than in previous years where the AGM has been conducted in conjunction with a major OzHPV gathering such as the Challenge, or a Rally weekend. This year through the wonders of the “internert”, it is intended to conduct the meeting via video conferencing linking two centres located in Melbourne and Canberra. This will reduce the amount of travel involved for members to attend and allow members from the main centres of OzHPV to participate and contribute. Full agenda and specific locations will be distributed to members in the next few weeks, but the agenda will include a election of a completely new committee and filling the various essential positions such as the Webmaster and the HUFFmaster.

Sydney Bent Ride – 25 May 2008

In an effort to get some recumbent rides happening on a regular basis, El Prez and other Canberra Mob riders took a drive up the highway to Sydney early one Sunday in May for a social ride along the Cooks River Cycle path.

Various NSW OzHPV members, ex-members, non-members and lurkers were invited along to the start which was at the Sydney Olympic Park. Unfortunately “Homebush Station” could have two meanings and related to different locations some distance apart and a couple of riders couldn’t be contacted when the error was realised. Anyway, a group of about 10 of us navigated the cycle path with its many main road crossings and other not very cycle friendly features through the suburbs to Marrickville where a pleasant brunch was had at a local café. Riders then made their way back to Olympic Park on the same path or peeled off to go their own ways. Riding around the various paths of the Olympic Park complex afterwards was much more pleasant than trying to herd a group of “free spirit” recumbent riders down a convoluted suburban bike path system. Did I ever mention that Canberra has a great system of bike paths? It was an enjoyable day out and riders present suggested they would like to do it again (if someone else organised it).

There is potential for regular OzHPV social rides and races to take place in the Sydney region, but once again it does need a local organiser or two to get things happening. **Photos Pete Heal*



At the start – “Bike sniffing”



A Kustom Kotzur



A home built carbon SWB



With an interesting handlebar arrangement

Canberra Mob 2008 Winter Race Series

Canberra has a great criterium race track at the Stromlo Forest Park complex and during the winter months a monthly series of races was organised for the Canberra Mob members. Chris Curtis did the track bookings, registrations and timing for all events and braved hypothermia a couple of times sitting there on the finish line officiating. Thanks Chris!

The five race days a month apart attracted 18 riders split between an A and B grade.

Riders took part in a one lap standing start time trial, a handicap race and a 20 minute multi-lap race. Ian and Peter shared fastest times and race wins in the A grade but there were excellent, consistent performances from Matt Heal, Alex, Daniel and Andrew.

In B grade Graham Teagle dominated most of the races but was kept honest by a late participant, Tom Layton on his high racer.

Everyone enjoyed the couple of hours racing each month and obviously we will be trying to organise similar events in the near future.

Other regions could take note of just how easy it is to get a regular race series happening if a track can be obtained, even for only a couple of hours.

The OzHPV committee will assist and support any such ideas for events. **Photos by Atholl*



Matt Elliston – caning the Baron



M@ Heal – ready for a lap



Andrew Stewart – bottom corner



Ian Humphries on his M5



Pete Heal on the BatMoBent



A happy Mob

2008 Canberra Mob Winter Race Series Point Score

Pl.	Rider	Grade	10/5	14/6	12/7	9/8	13/9	Total
1	Ian Humphries	A	36	36	36	16	36	160
2	Pete Heal	A	36	36	0	40	36	148
3	Matt Heal	A	20	31	0	19	23	93
4	Andrew Stewart	A	*18	23	26	19	0	86
5	Daniel Oakman	A	0	*20	36	23	0	79
6	Alex McNee	A	16	0	0	16	33	65
7	Matt Elliston	A	0	16	0	24	0	40
8	David McCook	A	26	0	0	0	0	26
1	Graham Teagle	B	36	29	40	0	26	131
2	Tom Layton	B	0	0	29	40	29	98
3	Peter Button	B	16	16	23	0	23	78
4	Jessie Neil	B	12	10	18	23	0	63
5	Athol Reid	B	20	0	0	29	0	49
6	Helen Curtis	B	26	0	0	16	0	42
7	Leon Verhage	B	0	29	0	0	0	29
8	Bec Gibb	B	20	0	0	0	0	20
9	Brendon Moran	B	0	0	16	0	0	16
10	John Samuel	B	0	6	0	0	0	6

* Note 50% of points from B grade from previous round transferred to A grade

Points awarded to A & B grade in the Time Trail and Half hour race.

Points for each race as follows: 1st -20, 2nd -16, 3rd -13, 4th -10, 5th -8, 6th -6, 7th -4, 8th -3, 9th -2, 10th -1

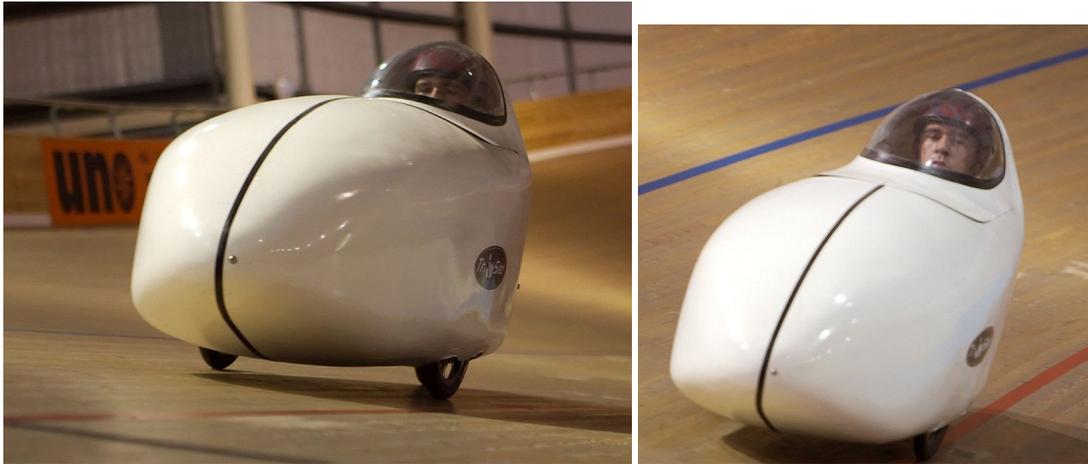
HPV Records

Whilst the North Americans have been busy with their usual "World Human Powered Speed Challenge" at Battle Mountain, Nevada during September, some Aussie HPV enthusiasts have been setting distance records on the velodrome.

May 2008 – Jeff Nielsen in a Tri-Sled Sorcerer "Overzealous" racing trike completed 1,961 laps of the DISC velodrome in Melbourne in 12 hours to complete a distance of 490kms

September 2008 – the Tri-Sled factory Pedal-Prix 8 person race team completed 1181km in a 24 hour trial on the same velodrome in a Sorcerer bodied trike.

* Photos of Jeff courtesy of Moz www.moz.net.nz



Jeff Nielsen on his 12 hour record ride at the DISC Velodrome.

Long Rides – Audax Australia

Even though some of our National Cycling Bodies and organisations still seek to exclude recumbents from participating in high profile rides such as Around the Bay, there is an organisation (besides OzHPV) which runs many long distance achievement rides around the country and welcomes riders of all forms of Human Powered Vehicles.

Audax Australia is a non profit national cycling organisation specialising in on road rides from 50 - 1200km and off road rides from 35 - 200km. These rides are not a race but a maximum time limit for completion applies to be awarded the Brevet for the distance.

Many OzHPV riders take part in Audax rides and generally recumbents are very well accepted.

Riding long distances on your recumbent can be a challenge and become very addictive. El Prez – Pete has completed over 60 Audax rides and is about to embark on his fourth 1,200km Audax on a recumbent at the end of October.

Details of Audax Australia and the events they conduct are best viewed at their extensive website.

<http://www.audax.org.au/public/>

Coming Events

OzHPV Victoria Racing

Tim Marquardt is busy trying book a suitable race track for some Victorian based OzHPV race meets in the early part of 2009.

2009 OzHPV Speed Trials

The quest for that wind free, crash free run to surpass the 1985, 78kmh record run over 200metres by Steele Bishop in the Holden streamliner continues.

OzHPV are looking at various options to run a speed trials event over 4 days around Easter 2009 so some serious records can be set.

We are looking at venues such as the GMH Lang Lang Test Track and closed country roads at various locations.

If any member knows of a suitable flat road or track or would like to get involved in organising this event please contact the Committee.

Potential participants and record breakers should start building their vehicles now.

2008 RACV Energy Breakthrough – Maryborough November 20-23 2008.

Schools class HPV circuit racing.

<http://www.racvenergybreakthrough.net/>



Energy Breakthrough Vehicles

Classifieds

Recumbents for Sale

The OzHPV website <http://www.ozhpv.org.au/forsale/forsale.html> is regularly updated with details of various recumbents and associated equipment that comes up for sale.

Free to advertise here for OzHPV Members for personal sales.

The WHOOPS 160 Moulds

Tim Marquardt has a space problem at the moment and would like to loan his Whoops speed bike moulds to an OzHPV member who is interested in building their own speed bike fairing and storing the moulds in a suitable and safe location. Conditions apply. Contact Tim by email themarqs@netspace.net.au



Newsletter Contributions

Don't forget to let the OzHPV membership know what is happening on the local scene.

If you have an article you would like to write about a trip or ride you have done or some other relevant news, please share it with your fellow members.

Send your news or articles to the newsletter editor huff@ozhpv.org.au

