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From The Editor – Pete Heal (by Default)

El'Presidente Steve Nurse is in Thailand for work and has asked me to put together this edition of HUFF.

Steve has sent some words and photos from Thailand of various bikes and human powered vehicles he has encountered.

The annual OzHPV Challenge took place in May at the Albury-Wodonga Kart Track and there are some photos and results from that event.

See the upcoming events section for some events happening soon (next weekend) in Canberra and Sydney.

It's a bit of HUFF Lite this time and no pictures of cats.

As always, the editors would be pleased to receive your contributions.

huff@ozhpv.org.au will get to them.



OzHPV Challenge – Wodonga – 5th and 6th May 2012

The annual HPV Challenge took place at Wodonga once again.

Despite some serious effort to encourage OzHPV members and the local community to participate, numbers were down on previous years.

In any case the riders who came from all over got into the spirit of things and had some fun riding the tight and twisty track.



John Reynolds offers this quick summary

“Many thanks to Steve Nurse and the OzHPV committee for getting the event sorted this year.

Unfortunately it wasn't particularly well attended... we had only 14-16 competitors, and only Steve as organiser, with assistance from competitors and family with event timing etc.... It didn't take long to get through the events.

The most exciting event was the (new, and on the spot organised) 1 lap time trial which was done 2 riders at a time and seeded based on the results of the go-to-whoa. This led to some very close and spectacular finishes.

The timing gear for the flying 200 broke down despite William's valiant efforts to resurrect it just before the last 4 competitors runs. Unfortunately this included Jamie Friday, who was locked in a battle with Malcolm for first place. (We were proposing to go on the honesty system based on the riders own readings of their speed though the traps, but I have no idea who won, as Ruth and I headed off as soon as this event concluded.)”



Results included with this newsletter.

Overall Challenge Champions for 2012 were:

Adult Men - Jamie Friday

Women - Kate Butler

Junior - Guy Butler



OzHPV Canberra – Stromlo Winter Races

After a bit of a break last year, the Winter Races are back at the fabulous Canberra Stromlo Forest Park Criterium Track.

Event dates are all Saturday afternoons:

June 2nd,

July 14th,

August 4th,

August 25th

The normal program is to arrive at track by about 12:30 for a 1:00pm start to racing.

Events include:

- 1 lap time trial
- 30 minute road race

- Short track twist criterium race
- Handicapped start race 3 laps
- Roll out coast

The Canberra Mob have also put the word out to local cycling clubs that anyone is welcome to come along and find out more about recumbents and OzHPV.

Interstate visitors would be welcome and we can make a weekend of it if you are really keen for some riding with THE MOB.



Recumbent Get Together Sydney – Sunday 3rd June 2012

We tried to organise a regular OzHPV group ride in Sydney a few years ago but it never took off. Local Sydneysiders have arranged another gathering for a social ride on Sunday 3rd June 2012.

The ride will start from Meadowbank Wharf at 8:00am, and roll past Lilies in the Park cafe, Olympic Park at 8:45am.

Reaching Tempe somewhere between 10 and 10:30am.

Ride will pause for refreshments at Brighton-Le-Sands.

The actual route is up for speculation but appears to be along the Cooks River Cycle path.

Hope it goes OK.



Bikes and Samlors in Thailand – Steve Nurse

All sorts of Human Powered Vehicles interest me. The unusual ones interest me more than the common ones and at the moment I own folding and recumbent bikes as well as a rickshaw.

A recent work trip gave me the opportunity to look at some bikes in Thailand. Before leaving I found out from the 'net that the Thai load carrying pedal trikes were called Samlor (meaning 3 wheels, not surprisingly) and I thought I'd have a go at finding some of them. Some of the websites didn't sound encouraging, "Samlor stands for both the motorised and non motorised form of trike and Human powered trikes were banned from central Bangkok in 1965" and since I was going to Bangkok I didn't think I'd see any.

But it turns out I was in luck, I was staying in Nonthaburi near my company's factory in the same province and this is like staying in Dandenong on a trip to Melbourne. It's in the city but not in the middle of it.

Looking out across the busy expressway out the front of the hotel from my 16th story room, I saw an area that looked interesting so on my next free day set off to explore it. The roads were difficult to navigate and often closed cul de sacs. After a while I found my way up to a street that seemed to have every sort of traffic except big trucks: delta cycle rickshaws of an ancient vintage, tadpole cycle load carriers and food vans, hand carts, motor cycles, cars, tuk tuks, pedestrians, you name it, it was there. As well there were shops, restaurants, markets and lots of life lived out on the street.

Shade and rain shelter are very important in Thailand and seeing umbrellas and canopies on human powered vehicles is quite common. Its very relaxing to ride in a cool, shady, squeaky breezy rickshaw on a hot day. Fortunately for the rickshaw captain it's mostly flat!



Sidesaddle riding for passengers was common on both bikes and motor scooters. Bikes are made with passenger seats and for sale in a supermarket I even saw some tiny cute kid's bikes with a passenger seat mimicking the adult bikes.



Some of the larger roads don't have traffic lights and the cyclists (who can't haul large cycles over the expressway footbridges with stairs) is sometimes trapped in an area bounded by roads. This didn't seem to stop cycling traffic in small, local streets.

If you are in Thailand, it's well worth wandering off the beaten track to find a pedal samlor or two!



Take Away Thai Style



Intricate Metal work on a well-kept Samlor



Corn Seller Feller



Mobile Trinkets



Rod & Kustom – Thai Style



Other Coming Events

Steve Nurse has booked the Geelong Criterium Track for an OzHPV fun racing event to be held on Sunday 28th October 2012, so keep this date free.



Next Newsletter

The next HUFF will be produced August 2012.
Please send your contributions to huff@ozhpv.org.au



2012 OzHPV Challenge

1 Simon	Watt	Adult	m
2 Malcolm	Butler	Adult	m
3 Rochelle	Butler	Adult	w
4 Kate	Butler	Junior	j
5 Guy	Butler	Junior	j
6 John	Reynoldson	Adult	m
7 Peter	Moeller	Adult	m
8 Jamie	Friday	Adult	m
9 Ken	Houghton	Adult	m
10 Graham	Signiorini	Adult	w
11 Ray	Lelkes	Adult	m
12 Peter Button	Button	Adult	m
13 Stephen	Nurse	Adult	m
14 William	Reid	Adult	m
15 Neil	Triggar	Adult	m
16 Lloyd	Charter	Adult	m

Go to Whoa		Twin Slalom		1 Lap Time Trial		Road Race		Shopping Race	1 k time trial		200 sprint	Overall Place
s	pl	s	pl	s	pl	laps	pl	pl	s	pl	pl	
38.12	6	20.15	7	76.06	6	27	4	13	103.62	4	1	7
33.15	2	15.79	2	67	2	30	1	2	87.6	1	1	2
47.66	11	25.8	12	104	10		10	13			1	15
48.28	12	24.34	11	130	13	9	9	11	221	10	1	14
53.09	13	20.3	9	122	12	15	8	12	227	11	1	13
37.38	5	35.03	13	75.75	5	27	4	6	91.31	3	1	6
								13			1	16
30.57	1	15.72	1	65.88	1	30	2	1	89.31	2	1	1
41.28	8	20.22	8	86.75	9	17	7	4	149.34	8	1	8
38.69	7	19.34	6	77	7	28	3	7	103.75	5	1	4
45.88	9	20.6	10	85.01	8	28	3.5	13	1200	12	1	10
36.56	4	17.59	4	75.25	4	20	6	10	129.62	7	1	4
35.19	3	17.5	3	74.66	3	23	5	3	106.12	6	1	3
47.28	10	19.06	5	105.75	11		10	8	168.56	9	1	9
								5			1	11
								9			1	12

Notes

Flying 200metre results not available to timing equipment fault

Overall Results

Adult men	Jamie Friday
Women	Kate Butler
Junior	Guy Butler