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Hi! Everyone

In this issue **FRED GARLAND** is our Member of the Month – read all about him! I need someone for next month. Come on, don't be shy! Send me a short bio of yourself together with a photo of you and your bike. Or maybe someone can do it for you!

2007 AGM AT TAREE – if you have any questions about the AGM, please contact Bill Rice on (02) 6553 2772 or email on williamjrice@hotmail.com

The ride **CALENDAR** from October to December 2006 is in this newsletter, together with a list of various club **ITEMS FOR SALE** which Anthony will look after.

Also in this issue is Anthony's article about his **HOLIDAY IN INDO – PART 1 - Pilgrimage to RE Shop in Jakarta**. I'll be looking forward to reading about Anthony's other recent overseas trip in next month's issue.

As there is a lot of bike knowledge amongst the members – why not take advantage of it? Do you have a problem with the way your bike is running? Let me know and I can publish it in the newsletter and we'll see if the members can help you.

As this is **your** newsletter, let me know if there is something special you would like to read in it. All contributions gladly received.

Newsletter articles can be sent to me at shippingoffice@bigpond.com or 74 Macquarie Street, Merewether, NSW 2291.

REgards, Margaret

MEMBER OF THE MONTH – FRED GARLAND



Fred Garland has been riding, repairing and restoring motorcycles since he was 15 years old. For much of that time motorcycles, solos and outfits, were the preferred form of transport for Fred and his family. At 15 he had the opportunity to ride a 500cc J2 upswept exhaust Royal Enfield. That ride was to have a lasting impression on Fred and endeared him to Royal Enfields to the extent that, nearly 60 years later he still owns and regularly rides Royal Enfields.

That's not to say that over his lifetime Fred has only had Royal Enfields. At some stage or other he has owned, ridden or worked on every known make from models made in Western Europe, look up your atlas, Asia to the USA. Fred can tell you the good points and bad about all of them and tell you how to get them to run better along the way. In spite of this exposure to other makes Fred still preferred Royal Enfields for their reliability, economy, comfort and ease of maintenance. At some stage or other Fred has owned singles and twins of all capacities but if you asked him his preferred bike he would choose a 350 cc over all the others.

Following the 500cc J2 Fred bought a 500cc Royal Enfield twin in 1951 but very soon after found himself a 350 single. His love affair with the 350cc models has gone on for 55 years. Over that period Fred has gone on many a long trip throughout New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia. His last big tour followed the route taken by the Redex trials and covered a distance of 2,500 miles in 10 days. Fred has been a member of Taree Vintage Motorcycle Club for over 20 years and never misses the weekly club ride or the chance to represent his club at Rallies throughout Eastern Australia on his beloved 1953

350cc Royal Enfield. Currently Fred also rides a 1999 model 500cc Royal Enfield and has almost finished restoration of a 700cc Royal Enfield twin.

Few, other than his charming wife Nita, would realise how much Fred has achieved in his life and how much he loves motorbikes, particularly Royal Enfields. Fred enjoys every minute of his day in his workshop working on his latest project. He is truly a Royal Enfield legend. Members attending the AGM will enjoy Fred's company and love of his motorcycles.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER –DECEMBER 2006

OCT 1st British 2 stroke club meets at Baxter Tavern, cnr Baxter & Tooradin Rds. MELWAY 107 B4. 9am for 9.30 departure.

OCT 3RD 8PM MEETING OF WA BRANCH CARLISLE HOTEL CARLISLE

OCT 4th 8PM BSA Club meets at the Oakleigh Bowls Club, Drummond St, Oakleigh. MELWAY 69, F6. Guests welcome.

OCT 6TH 7TH & 8TH MELBOURNE MOTORCYCLE EXPO

OCT 15th 10am Carlisle Hotel WA Branch meets for monthly run.

OCT 24TH MEETING OF VIC BRANCH 8PM RACECOURSE HOTEL CAULFIELD

NOV 1st 8PM BSA Club meets at the Oakleigh Bowls Club, Drummond St, Oakleigh. MELWAY 69, F6. Guests welcome.

NOV 2nd to NOV 7th Diwali 2006 Ride.

NOV 5th British 2 stroke club meets at Baxter Tavern, cnr Baxter & Tooradin Rds. MELWAY 107 B4. 9am for 9.30 departure.

NOV 7TH 8PM MEETING OF WA BRANCH CARLISLE HOTEL CARLISLE

NOV 11th & 12th BATHURST, NSW Panorama MC Vintage & Veteran Group's Annual Geoff Martin Memorial Rally.

NOV 19th 10am Carlisle Hotel WA Branch meets for monthly run.

NOV 28TH CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP OF VIC BRANCH 8PM RACECOURSE HOTEL CAULFIELD

DEC 3rd British 2 stroke club meets at Baxter Tavern, cnr Baxter & Tooradin Rds. MELWAY 107 B4. 9am for 9.30 departure.

DEC 5TH 8PM MEETING OF WA BRANCH CARLISLE HOTEL CARLISLE

DEC 6th 8PM BSA Club meets at the Oakleigh Bowls Club, Drummond St, Oakleigh. MELWAY 69, F6. Guests welcome.

DEC 17th JUL 20th 10am Carlisle Hotel WA Branch meets for monthly run.

DEC 22nd 6 PM CHRISTMAS DRINKS at ROYAL OAK HOTEL PARAMMATTA

HOLIDAY IN INDO – PART 1 - Pilgrimage to RE Shop in Jakarta by Anthony Wright

On June 30th I departed Australia on an important diplomatic mission – to open up a dialogue with the Royal Enfield shop in Jakarta, as well as collect \$25 membership fee from expat Mick Power who is residing in JKT with his family.

Saturday, July 1, had been organized for the pilgrimage. Bryce Gibbs, (proprietor of Royal Enfield Motors PT. Carberry Indonesia), was expecting the visitation, and Mick Power came along on his scooter.



Bryce Gibbs, RE JKT, Anthony Wright, RECOA VIC, Mick Power, RECOA JKT.

I presented Bryce with a new copy of “Old Bike”, a Union Jack for his workshop, a Royal Enfield cap (thanks Graham), some RECOA patches for him and his staff, as well as one for the VP of RE India who was visiting Jakarta the following week. I presented Mick with a Club patch, and we had a jolly afternoon of beer and pizza, before Mick had to rush off home to collect his family, and head for the airport for their Bali holiday.



Mick heads off into the traffic after a few Bintangs. Check the air horn on his Honda!

Bryce and I had another Bintang, and the beer then ran out. No problem said Bryce, and he rang for more. Very soon the delivery man turned up on a scooter with cold beer ☺

Soon we got tired of this, and so it was time to hit the town.

I insisted that we use the Bajaj (the Vespa 3-wheeler mini-taxi which seats two comfortably, and 3 with a squeeze, and 4 with an hilarious squeeze). Therefore, including the driver, the poor bajaj was carting five people to the next place!

The Vespa motor with three speed box was really straining, but that just made it more fun ☺

Eventually I headed off at around 8pm rather tired having had a great day!

Bryce presented me with some fantastic artwork which they had won a prize for at an advertising function in JKT. One of the pieces featured bombers dropping Flying Fleas. I managed to cart this artwork across Java, and keep it safe for 2.5 weeks in Bali, and I left it on the plane upon arriving back in MELB ☹ I am very disappointed at this, and it looks like the artwork is gone forever because QANTAS had no trace of it.



Bryce, Dewi , and Bajaj driver.

The pilgrimage was just a one day affair, as Bryce was heading off to Singers the next day (Enfields are being sold there now). Although Jakarta is not high on the list of tourist destinations, if you are ever going there, I can certainly recommend taking the time to visit the RE shop, and meeting Bryce and staff, as you will be shown great hospitality, and have an enjoyable time.

Add to this the warm climate up there, and you can end up having quite a few Bintang and a good laugh!

Bryce wants to develop JKT to Bali tours, something that I would certainly love to do, as the back roads are so interesting in Java, and just made for Enfields. Jakarta is one of the world's biggest cities, and a bit of a culture shock after Aussie, but you soon get used to it.

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I spent two more days in JKT, going to ANCOL (like Dreamworld), and Mini-Indo (a shabby tourist thing), and then left on Tues morning 4th July for Surabaya on the train – a most enjoyable and interesting journey.

Phoenix pushbikes form China cost 700,000 new in JKT (\$100). I want to get one next time & bring it back.

Part 2 of Holiday in INDO will be about riding through the mountains and some coastal regions of Bali on a scooter. REgards Anthony



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