

M. R. A. GENERAL MEETING - OCTOBER 7 1980

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE - Approx 130

START - 8.20 p.m.

ABSENT COMMITTEE:

C. SWALWELL
T. TRUDEAU
M. CADD
R. WATRIN
R. FARRELL

INSURANCE:

Visitors from Combined Insurance Company explained their policy is personal accident only at \$15 per six months permium covering \$50 per week at home, \$120 per week hospital coverage.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - ANGIE KILLEEN

135 Members signed for September thanks to Frank's week long attendance in City. Approx a further 50 applications in process.

FINANCE REPORT - LEWIS BORDON

Currently M.R.A. costs \$3,300 per month to run by funding functions, charities, etc. with average income of \$3,600 per month.
Current state of M.R.A. account is \$1,400.

Proposals to increase income included increased membership fees, Christmas cards and 1981 calender - all to be considered by Committee.

RALLIES

Report on successful Tequila Rally and request for hessian sacking for November 1 Halloween Rally.

PROTEST MARCH

October 25 march aims restated.
Trailer with damaged bike organised and Tony Scicluna arranging Marshalls, needs volunteers.

Minutes - continued.

Organizations supporting the march includes, Nurse Training pressure group and "Parents Against Road Trauma".

Need for safety education material, similar to W.A. Road Safety Council publications, will be stressed.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Damien report on attendance at Liberal Party meeting at Moorabbin City Hall to promote M.R.A. aims.

Jim Swindon, Australian Democrats Party, spoke of the need for training, education, experience for motorcyclists and machine safety (disc brakes in wet).

He admitted that the Democrats do not have a policy on motorcycling in their platform, but somewhat covered by policies on road safety, e.g. more money / action for research.

Jim Swindon committed to convey M.R.A. interests to Senator D. Chipp and the party Victorian Executive.

COMING FUNCTIONS

Toy Run: fun bus organized and support coming from 3MP Radio and Rotary.

Clayton Community Festival: Six (good looking) bikes needed for street parade and only have two. Offers to Penny Sharples.

Round Australia Record Attempt: The Ararat side car attempting needs six bikes as escorts (only for the first and last few km!) Leaving Melbourne Town Hall 6 a.m. October 28th. Offers to Steve Bond.

RESEARCH

Blythe Osborne arranged for discussion of test programme being conducted by Melbourne University, funded by the Federal Department of Transport Office of Road Safety.

SPEAKERS:

Ross Juniper - Braking Stability of Motorcycles
Hans Prem - Rider Skill Assessment.

M.R.A. members are participating in these test programmes.

Minutes - Continued.

Assistance offers to B. Osborne.

GENERAL

Family of R. Fisk thanked M.R.A. for condolences.

M.R.A. letter to alert of road safety hazards released. Copies from Tony Scicluna.

Raffle of one dozen beer held and won.

Vote of thanks by Damien to the three visitors at meeting.

MEETING CLOSED: 11.40 p.m.