

The Monthly Journal of the  
**Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.**

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 (see page 12)



**October  
 2019**

# Classic Torque

## ***Our Club:-***

The objectives of the NRCMC are to encourage the restoration, preservation, and riding of older motorcycles. Through its various activities, the club promotes classic motorcycling and the links to a bygone era with several organised monthly rides as well as our involvement in displaying our bikes at charity functions etc.

The club holds its annual Classic Rally in September each year. The club Show and Shine is held in March. Club members also attend rallies organised by other clubs throughout the year.

The club endeavors to cater for families and all members partners and children are most welcome to attend any meetings or outings. Membership of the club is for those who have an interest in restoring and riding classic motorcycles

### ***Monthly Meetings***

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Clunes Memorial Hall, Walker Street in Clunes. They start at 7.30 pm. Membership \$40 per annum, fees due - now changed to end of March.

### ***Organised Runs***

A breakfast run is held on the Sunday immediately following the club's monthly meeting. A classics only run is held on the first Sunday of the month. Both runs start at the Blue Kitchen Café, Windmill Grove, 105 Wilson Street, South Lismore at 9.00 am. Every Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organizer. Club events are also listed on the club website. There are also 2 Mid-week runs departing Lismore railway station on 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9.00 am. .

## **From the Presidents Chair**

The Rally went off without a hitch with many members who gave 150% to make the Rally what it is. Many of our working members didn't ride their motorcycles on the weekend but drove a car while others cooked BBQ, prepared Meet & Greet or setup morning tea while others have been visiting our sponsor businesses to collect the donations these businesses give for our raffle prizes. Others were lucky to be able to ride their machines while directing our visitors around our area, to all who assisted in the Rally, I thank you. To all who displayed their machines in the main street of Evans Head, thank you, it generated a lot of local interest with many talking about the machines they own.

It was great to see friends from afar and meet new people who will, I hope, return next year for our annual Rally. Main days for 2020 are Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and for those who can attend for the week, the dates are Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.September. Hope to see you in 2020.

Two upcoming events in November - Registration Day on 17<sup>th</sup> November and the NEW format for our Christmas Party on 24th November. Registration Day will be at Shed Boss Shed South Lismore and the Christmas Party will be at Goonellabah Soccer Club. Please see more details in the advertisement in this magazine and emailed out to members. For this year's Christmas Party you must book your place with your payment of \$20 per person - no late bookings possible due to the event being catered.

The weather is warming so before it gets too hot to ride get out on your lovely machines and explore the country side.

Keep upright Mary Walker



## UPDATES FROM THE COMMITTEE



### NRCMCC Inc Christmas Party

11.30am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Goonellabah Soccer Club, 5 Reserve St Goonellabah

Fully catered 2 course Lunch

**Booking with payment essential**

**(No on the day inclusions)**

**\$20 per person**

Payment by cash at October/November club meeting or by

Bank Transfer to - BSB 637000 Acc 716800695

**MOST IMPORTANT:** - Your name as Reference

Money to secure your seat(s) MUST be in by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November



## **NRCMCC- Registration Day**



### **Shed Boss Lismore Shed**

45 Three Chain Rd South Lismore

**9am – 2pm 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**



Tea-Coffee - Sausage & Onion Sandwich available \$2.50ea

If anyone wishes to bring slice - cakes - biscuits for morning tea it would be appreciated.

Thanks to  
John Mazzer  
for the venue



Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc <http://nrcmcc.org/index.php>

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:** 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 start: 7.30pm

Abbreviations used in Minutes MW Mary Walker,

**WELCOME** to all by Peter Harvey as President is away at Evans Head with Club Rally duties

Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by 26 members , 0 visitors & 8 apologies as per the attendance sheet

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes of August 2019 Club meeting published in Sept 2019 newsletter be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Lake Motion carried

#### **CORRESPONDENCE IN**

**Newsletters-** QLD Historic Motorcycle, Inverell, Leading Link, Coffs Harbor, Kempsey Rally Date 1-3 Nov at Hat Head, CHMC Good oil + next meeting agenda, Club trailer Rego ..

#### **CORRESPONDENCE out**

The Clubs Sept Newsletter was published or posted to club members & other MC clubs

**TREASURERS REPORT** presented + moved by Marc Jennison as Treasurer is away 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Lake motion carried.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

< **Secretary** updated members on Rally meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> August at Pioneer Tavern Wollongbar, the main points being {from President notes} 1.the Rally route is finalized, 2.There are no more seats available on bus, 3. Lunch at Wyrallah school, 4. Police Paper work lodged

< **Rally update** . Marc Jennison advised Rally entry forms available, to be filled out & paid for tonight , as Late entries after tonight.. Cannot be assured of receiving Sat lunch or dinner. There had been a cancellation from a Qld member due to bush fires in his area, Tony Kempnick noted that a planned rally for this weekend on the gold Coast had been cancelled , Tony had telephoned the Qld. Historic MCC to advise that these riders could still attend our Rally as late entries.

<**17<sup>th</sup> Nov. Rego day**, it was pointed out that it's the same day as the 17<sup>th</sup> Nov Sunday Tiddlers + Sidecar club run to Frank Widdows , General discussion , but in the end members would like the Rego day moved to another date, the 24<sup>th</sup> was mentioned but that's Xmas Party , The Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> could be possible , If John Mazzer would agree to that , or even Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, still 2 months to work out. Secretary to send out email advising once the date is finalised.

< **This years Xmas party** was discussed and to be held at Goonellabah Soccer club, {it being the only suggestion} Marc noted \$15 per head for all , to be confirmed, with social club members getting a part refund , you'll need to book and pay in advance . How to pay and book wasn't worked out, The Secretary to send email before next meeting , and it can be mentioned in Oct Newsletter.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

< **Members draw** Greg Janson from Rocky Creek Design donated prizes, won by Chris Wakley, Tony Paxton.

<**The Secretary** advised members the Clubs AGM will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December , and to start thinking about nominating for the various Executive, Committee & other Official positions , the Secretary noted

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The Secretary was asked if a Returning officer could be appointed by the committee before the Oct club meeting, More in next Newsletter

< **Peter Harvey** expressed his disappointment with the Rally entries from our club members, General discussion followed , speakers noting that some newer members were only using the club to get cheap registration for their Motor cycles and were not interested in attending club functions. Tonk K said the club trailer could be used on Sunday rides , To be further discussed

<**Peter Lake** advised that there will be a club ride to Casino Drag Racing on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept leave B Kitchen Cafe

<**Dan Townsend** commented he was the only rider who turned up for the August Sunday Club run , Peter Lake noted that the members were helping to marshall on the Triples Rally and rode directly to Evans head. Peter said that it could have been better publicised or clarified.

#### **<No Raffle, REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT –or EARLY DAYS – RIDE REPORTS**

Last Wed in Aug , Ride to Kyogle, some riders going by Cawongla instead of going direct with Peter.

Previous Wed ride , a short 400 KM ride Queen Marys falls.

**MEETING CLOSED at 8.10 PM**

# 2019 NRCMCC RALLY - refer also to Presidents Report



Saturday run- Morning tea at Casino



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All photos by Dieter—unless noted otherwise



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**MORE RALLY SHOTS ON PAGE 5 & 7**



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Members helping out with words of advice ....

SOME OF THE MANY PEOPLE WHO MADE IT



ALL PHOTOS  
BY DIETER



## CLUB RIDES

**NOEL WRITES** -- The first ride of the month turned out very well supported with approx 14 riders marshalling at Lismore. The main objective was to go to Queen Mary Falls in Queensland but as many of our riders were not able to go that distance we split up into small groups who then decided where they preferred to go. Some went to Casino, Wiangaree, Rathdowney with the main group heading all the way to the falls. It was very hot and DRY. I believe and hope everyone enjoyed their ride and all their bikes performed well. Approx 400 kms were covered in the longest journey. Cheers Noel



## Mike sends a Snap shot of motorcycling in Spain.

I have been over here in Galicia, Spain for the last six months. Food, tapas, wine and entertainment have been fantastic, even the weather has been fairly good. Of course whilst here I have been keeping an eye on the motorcycle scene. A lot has changed since I was last here approximately four years ago.

Firstly, being on a bike here is not really common. The cities are densely packed, public transport is generally good and people have remembered how to walk from place to place.

Secondly, they are not many of the older type bikes on the road. A few Harleys, the odd older BMW even one CX500 (!) But, the big change from four years ago is that there are a lot of the bigger modern bikes eg BMW especially 1200 GS, Guzzi,s, a Triumph (and scooters, if you can call them bikes).

The other day there was a vintage motorcycle club show day. Not much there by Australian standards. Below are a few photos of some of the bikes on display. Some of the bikes I have never seen in Australia.



## Some more of Mikes photos from Spain.



### More on the Rally

#### The 2019 Rally Trophy winners

**Up to 1939** John Marr 1926 Indian Inverell Club

**1940-1949** Clement Rhoden BSA ZM21 Clarence Valley

**1950-1959** Neil Parker BSA BSA Club of NSW

**1960-1969** Neville Crittenden Yamaha XS1 Vintage Japanese Club

**1970-1979** Dan Calvert Ducati Desmo 450 Armidale Club

**1980-1985** Paul Kahler Ducati Darmah 900 Inverell Classic

**People's Choice** John Kossen BMW Coffs Harbour Classic

**Presidents Choice** Garry & Doreen Smith Motoguzzi LeMans 850 HMCCQ

**NRCMCC Club Bike 000 Trophy** Barry McDonald & Jan Robinson Motoguzzi LM1000



Barry McDonald & Jan Robinson



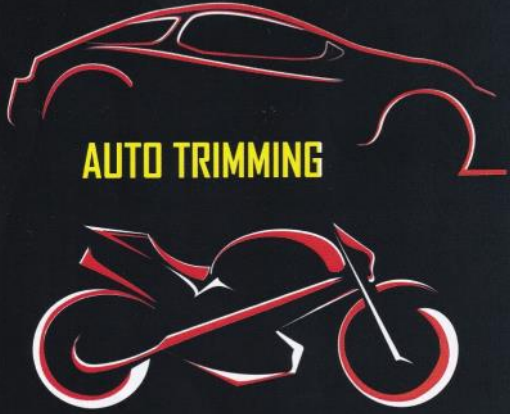
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## NRCMC Club Events

\*Club run each month on the Sunday after the meeting.

\*Classic (pre 1987) run first Sunday of the month . Ride Organizer is needed

Until one is found, riders on day to organize their own destination & route to nearest Coffee Shop

\*Mid-week runs start at Lismore Railway Station on the 1st and 4th Wednesday—9.00 am start time

NOTE: WEDNESDAY rides to continue to start from Lismore railway station, but all other club events to start from the Blue Kitchen Café. (Note: More details on rides are on club website & Page 1)

## NRCMCC club rides & Events—2019

If you see any ride dates or details that are not correct can you let the Editor know {But nicely !}

**13th October** Ride to Rathdowney

**17th November** Rego day , see advert on page 2 { no club ride }

**24th November** , Christmas Party , see the advert on Page 2

**30th November** Fish & Chips run to Evens Head leave Lismore {BK Cafe } 5.30 pm

**15th December** Ride to Moo moo Café Mooball .Via Nimbin Uki ,Stokers Siding & Burringbar Range.

**19th Jan 2020** Ride to Humble Pie Café at Billinudgel

**16th Feb 2020** Ride to Annies Garden Cafe at Wadeville

**15th March 2020** NRCMCC Show & Shine Alstonville { date to be confirmed }

**19th April 2020** Sidecar & Tiddlers Run to Frank Widdows house, Westland Drive Ballina

**17th May 2020** –Yet to be decided

**14th June 2020** Ride to New Italy

**13th June to 31st March 2021** Members of NRCMCC are invited to ride each Thursday, 9am start at Richmond Room Carpark Ballina, next to swimming pool in River St. Contact Peter Lake 0459285872

## Other Club events

Please note That the NRCMCC is not responsible for The events & Rallys as organised by other clubs or groups . And dates {and events} given to us and shown here may change without notice. So if you are attending another club event just check you have their Up to date info. Also check out theNRCMCC web page.

**13th October** Mens Shed Fundraiser at Tullera Hall

**26th October** Saturday .CHMC Half Yearly Meeting

- **1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> November** Hat Head Rally contact Kempsey Natureland CMCC tel Tony 0265617469

**30<sup>th</sup> November** Clarence Valley Historic & EMCC Walcha challenge tel Terry Ryan 0409745011

**3,4,5th April 2020.** Inverell Restorers Club Rally

A REMINDER ... THE ENTRIES FOR THE JACK AHEARN RESTORATION TROPHY FOR 2019. YOUR ENTRY MUST BE COMPLETED, BY THE 31st DECEMBER, , AND RUNNING, REGISTERED ON H PLATE OR FULL ROAD REGISTRATION, , AND BE 30 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR OR OLDER. CONTACT THE FOLLOWING FOR MORE INFORMATIO.

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Nomination forms will be available at Oct club Meeting, and also printed in the next Newsletter.

Nominations can be posted to the Secretary who will hand all nominations , **unopened** to Returning Officer at AGM

**NEXT LUNCH, FRIDAY 15 th NOVEMBER, LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 12 NOON , ALL WELCOME.** Contact Eric (02) 66243 157, or Peter (0459285872)

**NRCMCC Market:** You can advertise here ‘For Sale’, ‘Wanted’, ‘Swap’, ‘Advice needed’, ‘to Give away’, etc - ie, any deal you can imagine to do with motorcycles.

**Please contact the editor** - details on the ‘Club officials’ list somewhere in this newsletter. Unless otherwise arranged, advertisements will be maintained for two issues.



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The Excelsior Super X

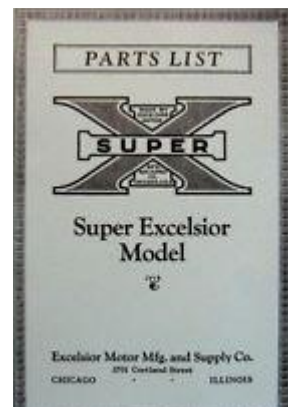
. The first American 750 motor. Excelsior the 3<sup>rd</sup> US manufacturer after Harley and Indian that also made the Henderson 4 but the owner, Schwinn, also made pushbikes and when the depression hit he shut down the motorcycle production thinking more people able to afford the treddlies. Never started with the motorbikes again but still making pushbikes. The most desirable SuperX models are from 29 -31 and when these come up you would have to have about \$80kUS to get a look in. '25 was the first year of SuperX production and about 1500 made. Indian had to follow with the 101, 750 model and a couple of years later Harley buckled and followed suit producing their own 750s. The designer actually worked for Harley but they told him the 750 motor would never catch on so he took his bat, ball and design and went to Schwinn.

The design of the Super X was a considerable departure from its predecessors at Excelsior. Where earlier Excelsiors had an enclosed primary chain transmitting power from the engine to a separate gearbox, the Super X had the engine and transmission together in a single crankcase, using a helical gear to power the transmission directly from the engine. The Super X also marked the return of leading-link forks on Excelsior motorcycles, which had earlier switched to trailing-link forks similar to those used by Indian but with coil springs instead of Indian's quarter-elliptic leaf springs.

<b>Manufacturer</b>	<a href="#">Excelsior Motor Manufacturing &amp; Supply Company</a>
<b>Parent company</b>	<a href="#">Schwinn Bicycle Company</a>
<b>Production</b>	1925-1931
<b>Successor</b>	none
<b>Engine</b>	air cooled IOE 746 cc (45.5 cu in) V-twin
<b>Transmission</b>	3-speed, chain
<b>Weight</b>	450 lb (204 kg) (estimated) ( <a href="#">dry</a> )
<b>Fuel capacity</b>	3 US gal (with a 1.2 gallon reserve)



Many thanks to Terry for his article and to Wikipedia for the extra bits



From the Rally—Sunday Morning




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## ANNUAL AFFILIATIONS

- CHMC has changed the timing for the payment of Clubs Annual Affiliation fees and submission of annual Census.
- Affiliation Fees are now due on 31st December each year.
- Because some Clubs may not have received all of their members renewals by 31st December, Affiliation fees and vehicle numbers will now be calculated from the numbers for the year preceding.
- This means that the 2020 Affiliation Fees will be calculated on the number of members in the 2019 year.
- It also means that vehicle numbers for the 2020 Census will be those for the 2019 Year.
- Clubs may now pay Affiliation Fees either by cheque (as in the past) or Direct Deposit
- When paying by Direct Deposit, please note the Club initials and "2020 Fees" with the transaction.
- If paying by Direct Deposit, the Census Form may be returned to the Secretary either by email or surface mail, but must still be returned.
- The Affiliation and Census Form for 2020 is attached and also available from the CHMC Website under <http://www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au/PUBLICATIONS.php> .
- Forms will also be available at the Mid Term Meeting at Newcastle on October 26th

## REGISTRATION REMINDER STICKERS

 <p>Registration Number</p> <p>_____</p> <p>REGISTRATION EXPIRY DATE</p> <p>____ day _____ month</p>	
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- Clubs should have received, by mail or from the AGM in Griffith, a bundle of Registration Reminder stickers
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- The stickers are for use on **all registered vehicles** owned by members, **including modern vehicles**, not just historic or classic vehicles.
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*Alan Early (CHMC Registrar) phone 02 6762 4744*

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