The Monthly Journal of the

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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February 2020

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.

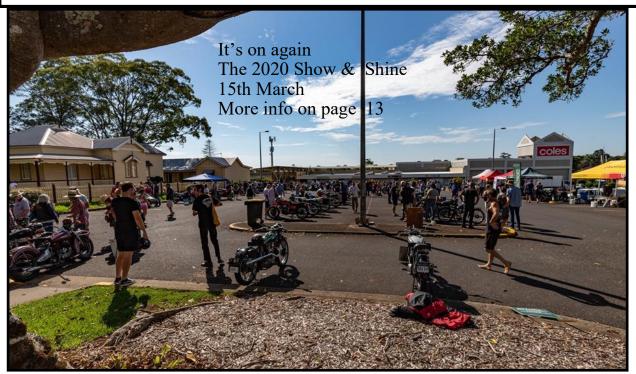
The club endeavors to cater for families and all members partners and children are most welcome to attend any meetings or outings. Membership of the club is for those who have an interest in restoring and riding classic motorcycles

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

Another year is here, waiting for us to fill our week days and weekends with motorcycling. I wish to thank members for re-electing me for another year in the chair. I will endeavour to lead the club forward. We have two new members on the committee which is great, John Mazzer vice – president who is new to the running of the club and Peter Lake committee member who is a life member and past treasurer. I welcome them to the team and hope they enjoy their time steering our club forward. Thank you to our other committee members who were re-elected for another year and for their continued support of the club. To those who stepped down, I thank you for your works I know that you still support the club and its activities. As you know we were unable to elect a secretary at the AGM, so I have stepped into this position, but as you can realise that is too big a job without assistance so I have asked David B-M to step in as assistant secretary for the year, I thank David for filling this crucial roll. He is still our Magazine editor so if you have any articles/pictures for the magazine please forwards these to him.

The show N Shine is set for March 15th so now is the time to start polishing your machines in readiness for this event. We need members to assist on the day- checking in machines, collecting gold coins, BBQ, and other little jobs during the day with every members assistance you should only need to give up ½ hour of your time on the day. I have had another charity/non profit organisation - Local Rural Fire Service

to add to our list for our support through the Show N Shine we already have the Casino Community Medical Transport. If you have any other charity/non profit organisation in mind please bring them up at the next club meeting. We need to vote on this before our S+S.

Your membership is due by the 31st of March the fee was set at \$40 at the AGM with the Members Social Club (if members elect to opt into this) is \$10 single and \$15 Duel. In the past I have reminded members who had not paid, but this year this will not be happening. It is your responsibility to remember to pay either by electronic transfer or cash at the meetings. If you do not renew and hold historic registration your registration is no longer valid as of 1st April. Cheers & Keep upright Mary



NRCMCC OFFICIALS FOR 2020

President & Secretary Mary Walker66291509 Vice President: John Mazzer0417422780 Assistant Secretary: David Bonhote-mead......

..... 66291131 Treasurer: Marc Jennison.....0411895360

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Tony Kempnich...... .6628 1806

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Website: www.nrcmcc.org

Club Patron, The club does not currently have a patron. Our immediate past patron was Jack Ahearn {1924-2017}



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Application for renewal of current membership

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Given Name :		Su	rname :			
Residential Address :						
Postal Address (if different):						
Email:						
_	Mobile:					
Do you require a hard copy of the club's newsletter? YES/NO						
Do you wish to join the Members Social Fund (the MSF)? YES/NO						
Club members electing to join the MSF will have part of their annual membership fee allocated to the MSF and will be entitled to financial subsidies when attending certain social activities eg the Xmas party, the partners dinner etc. Club members not paying into the MSF will not be entitled to any subsidies and will be required to pay the full amount to attend those social activities.						
Provide details of the three NRCMCC events that you have attended over the past year of membership.						
first event						
second event third event	_/_/. _/_/.	;				
Forward this COMPLETED and SIGNED application to: NRCMCC Inc PO Box 7058 Lismore Heights 2480 or email to members@nrcmcc.org or hand to the Membership Officer at the next available club meeting.						
I hereby apply for renewal of membership of the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc. I understand that I am required to attend a minimum of three NRCMCC events per membership year and I agree to be bound by the Constitution and Operating Rules of the club, available at www.nrcmcc.org . I will ensure that I am a properly licenced operator of any vehicle that I use to participate in club activities and that I am responsible for the road worthiness and currency of the registration of that vehicle.						
INDEMNITY STATEMENT: In consideration of joining, I acknowledge that there may be risks associated and I understand that I participate at my own risk. I agree that the committee of the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc and its associated organisation and sponsors shall in no way be held responsible for loss or damage to a participating machine, its parts or accessories and personal effects and that any member joining and thus riding in any event, or passenger taking part shall comply with registration and road rules and I hereby waive the right of action by law against the committee, its associated organisation, its sponsors, agents or representatives.						
Signature				ate		
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Membership Renewal Information for 2020/2021.

1. Membership Renewal form:

A fully completed Application for renewal of current membership form is required for all membership renewals. The Club Operating Rules require that you attend 3 events per year to maintain membership eligibility so please pay particular attention to the "3 events attended" section of the renewal form.

2. Fees for 2020:

Membership type		ng to pay into the Social Fund	Members declining to pay into the Members Social Fund		
	membership fee	Social Fund levy	membership fee		
Single	\$30	\$10	\$40		
Dual	\$45	\$15	\$60		

The club's bank accounts at the Greater Bank are:

Members Social Fund account: BSB 637000 acct number 716800695 Ref: *your last name* Membership fee account: BSB 637000 acct number 781711446 Ref: *your last name* Payment of 2020 fees and return of your membership renewal application can be done by one of the following 3 methods.

Method 1: EFT – the club's preferred option

Email a completed membership renewal form to the club Membership Officer at members@nrcmcc.org. Then direct deposit your fees to the club's accounts as above. You MUST add your last name to all payments. If you don't use online banking you can pay over the counter at any Greater Bank branch in Casino, Lismore, Ballina, Grafton & Tweed Heads.

Method 2: Snail Mail.

Post a completed membership renewal form with cheques/money orders (no cash in the mail), one made out to NRCMCC Membership and one made out to the Members Social Fund.

Method 3: In person at a monthly meeting - the club's least preferred option

Complete a membership renewal form beforehand and hand it to the Membership Officer at the next available club meeting. Then pay the Treasurer your fees - cash, cheques or MOs.

Membership renewal and fee payments for 2020 are due by 31 March 2020.

FIRST LUNCH FOR 2020 The first lunch for 2020 will be on Friday 20th March. at the Workers Club, Lismore From noon onwards. In Clubs Sining Room. Come and join us, good menu for all tastes and pockets and of course lots of tall tales and crashed bikes. bad buys and bargains. Enquiries Peter Lake (02)285872) or just turn up the doorman will guide you. Peter & Eric

Unfortunately, Not sure if Eric Wilson will be there as he's still recovering from a Shoulder operation, Your friends wish you a speedy recovery and hope you can make it to the lunch. Ed

ELTHAM FILM NIGHT— THE GUILTY

Danish thriller . Multi Awards. English subtitles. Rated M. Saturday 29 Feb at Eltham Hall Meal & movie (\$25) 6pm or movie only (\$10) at 7.15pm. Bookings are advised: 6629 1131 or movies@eltham.org.au Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc http://nrcmcc.org/index.php

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 10th Dec 2019 start: 7.30pm

Abbreviations used in Minutes MW Mary Walker,

WELCOME to all by President, Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by 44 members, 4 visitors & 11 apologies as per the attendance sheet

Death of John Holt – MW advised members of his death, he was a photographer on our rallies & more , Col Mc Andrew also added more his background, unfortunately he suffered with depression and took his own life, he is survived by his sister.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes of Nov 2019 Club meeting published in December 2019 newsletter be accepted, 2nd Lyn Stratton Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Newsletters- QLD Historic Motorcycle, Leading Link, Newcastle,

Other club Rallies, Clarence valley rally 28th-30 August

Inverell update on their Rally dates 3,4,5th April.

Motor life news - all 4-wheel stuff,

2020 Festival of Speed, historic racing, Sydney Motorsport Park 20-22 March

CORRESPONDENCE out

CHMC 2020 Affiliation and Census form sent to CHMC

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

TREASURERS REPORT presented + moved by Alan Stratton 2nd by Pat Holt motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- < This year's Xmas party MW updated members that it was a good turnup, with 48 members attending in AC comfort and a fully catered meal, thus no cleaning up to be done by our club ladies, we should consider again for next year, the staff who looked after our party were all volunteers from the Soccer club. refer to Newsletter and Clubs Facebook page for photos, MW thanked Lyn & David for doing the raffles,
- < 2020 Show and Shine MW advised members that we need a Coordinator to organise the S+S with a committee and club member volunteers to help on the day, MW advised she had contacted Richard Campbell from Alstonville L.J. Hooker the Event in the Plaza Carpark, a copy of our certificate of insurance to be sent. MW also asked members to think about which charity we would like to donate monies raised to, she suggested Casino Community Medical Transport,

Club member Chris Wakeley, who is a volunteer member with Casino Community Medical Transport spoke about the organisation, the work they do in helping people unable to drive themselves by picking up and driving them to their Medical appointments as required. They have 4 full time employees + do get some State Gov sponsorship but need \$\$ donations from community to cover all their running costs.

Secretary advised a S+S poster was in Dec Newsletter for S+S

- <Sick list update, Doug Hampton & Ray Martlew are with us tonight having recovered and John Carson is on the mend.</p>
- **<Over the Hill**, Tony Kempnich updated members, the dates are 10th to 15th May, the tour will include a cruise on Bribie Island, contact Tony to book your place for O.T.H.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **<MW** thanked John Mazzer for running the raffle at our club meetings noting the average amount raised was around \$50 -\$60. Which pays for the Hall hire fee.
- < Members draw Greg Janson from Rocky Creek Design donated prizes, won by Alan Stratton
- <NRCMCC 2020 Rally MW reported she had a mistake on the rally date locked in as week 8-13 September</p>
- < Nick Koslyn the Editor from Northern Rider Magazine and a visitor for the evening reported on the
- "Compression against Depression Ride" just recently held, he thanked the club for the use of the Trailer saying it was used, and there were 165 bikes riding on the day.
- <Marc Jennison moved a motion to fix the 2020 Social club fee at \$10 for single membership and \$15.00 for dual Membership for those wishing to participate in the Social Club, these amounts are to be taken form the annual club Membership fee, { to be set at AGM , following this meeting} , Motion was 2^{nd} by Ian Mackie , And passed by majority of members
- < REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT 2 Kawasaki s
- < EARLY DAYS Bryson spoke about how the present fires were affecting some club members

RIDE REPORTS – 30th November ride to Evans Head Fish & Chips was cancelled due to stormy weather There were 2 Wednesday rides – to Evans Head & Federal

UPCOMING 15TH Dec to Moo Moo Café Mooball meet at Blue Kitchen Café, usual starting time First Sunday Ride in 2020 will be on 19^{th} Jan to Humble Pie

First Wednesday Ride in 2020 will be on 22nd January

MEETING CLOSED at 8.10 PM

OFF THE RESERVATION—Terry Paxton

The tale of an old fool's whim to ride a 65 year old Indian Chief across America......

Chapter One was published in the Dec 2019 Issue of "Classic Torque"

For those who came in late....

The old fool had managed to escape LA on his newly acquired, not really restored, 1947 Indian chief -despite an uncooperative, homicidal GPS - only to come to a state of silent immobility in the Mohave Desert on day one of his five week trip. End of the line?

CHAPTER TWO

As I coasted to a halt beside the highway my lightning fast, razor sharp mind sprung into action. After rapid assessment of the environment where I was apparently breaking down, I took the two most logical and obvious courses of action available:

I whimpered like a baby and cursed all young people and fools

I demanded god, any god, rained down a pestilence of pussy boils and weeping sores on the Kiwi! Neither of these proactive courses of action seemed to improve my situation in any perceptible way. The tired old chief just sat there looking at me .. silently. Clearly I had to develop Plan B. There was nothing else for it but to unpack the mountain of gear heaped on the modest little rack perched on the rear guard and test the adequacy of my tool kit and ingenuity.

At the basic level, where I am most comfortable, there are few elements required to make motion in an engine. Fuel and a means of making it go bang and at the right time, of course. Spark at the plugs? Check. Fuel in the tank? Check. Fuel at the filter? Check. Fuel in the Carby. Negative. And there it wasn't! My suddenly very lonely and feeble heart sank as I spotted the hole in the side of the carbie where I knew there should have been a very fine, specialised screw and pin for the float to pivot on.

On the upside, I had located the problem. On the downside, as I scanned the barren, desert landscape, littered with the bleached bones of young people and fools, there was a conspicuous absence of Linkert carburettor dealers. Hell though, I was raised on a farm and should be able to fix anything with a bit of fencing wire. I noticed then even the non-existent Linkert dealership didn't have a fence. Clearly I was in the dangerous Double Negative zone of the Spare Parts Quadrant! I felt at any minute vultures bearing a note from god with my name on it would appear and commence patiently circling my soon to be desiccated carcass. I wondered if there was collusion with the GPS, but kept this theory to myself for now. At least I had gum to keep my mouth moist... and plug up a carbie hole maybe? Suddenly half the problem was sorted, sort of. Things were looking brighter. Now the missing pin. While no wire was to be had, there was a few million acres of sage brush at my disposal. Pocket knife out and with some skilful whittling, and a small spray of arterial blood, I had a sage twig machined down to the perfect tolerances demanded for a high tech piece of machinery like the Indian Chief. Lift the float into place, insert the twig centrally through the gum plug and float pivot and Bob's your Uncle! I could palpably feel the disappointment of the vultures departing, muttering something along the lines of - "Guess it just wasn't his time- fuck it!" Hope crept cautiously back into my life like a cowardly corporal who has recently deserted his post.

Fuel on, full choke, full throttle, timing fully retarded, two priming kicks, greasy fingers crossed and launch my full weight down onto the kick pedal...... bang! The Chief was back from the spirit world and looking for Custer! The bonding had begun but sadly not ended. There were to be many more roadside soliloquies and Kiwi curses as I coaxed and cajoled this magnificent and monstrous example of American auto art across 5,500 miles of desert, snow covered mountains and through hundreds of small rural towns rapidly dissolving to rust stains on the pages of America history.

Fixing your own bike on the side of the road is a high octane confidence boost. Having the mongrel break down in the first 5 hours - not so much. As it turned out, I made it almost to San Francisco with the gum and twig, with minor refinements and incidents along the way, most of which are not worth recounting. The gum got me out of trouble but as the petrol fumes and heat of the engine penetrated the gum the twig had a tendency to migrate to the bottom of the plug hole, cutting off the fuel supply - and any thought of forward motion.

So it was as I approached a roadside parking area near Moro Bay on the Californian coastline that the engine went into silent mode and I casually coasted in, pretending I always travelled like this. This had happened so often I was now experimenting with different brands of gum - R&D, 40's style - and the essential tools had migrated from the saddle bags to the jacket pocket. My gum refit pit stop time would now have satisfied Casey Stoner - in the unlikely event he needed to revert to gum to get back onto the track.

I had by now adjusted to repetitious gas station conversation I was sure was being emailed ahead of me. "Beautiful bike, what year is it? You came from where on that thing? Are you kidding?" This time when the elderly gentleman carrying the fluffy little white dog asked if I was riding the Indian, which should have been obvious from the thick coating of oil and grease to the elbows, I 'fessed up, preparing to apologise for the puddle of territory marking oil Tonto was prone to laying down at each pit stop. He introduced himself as Graham Pierce and casually went on to tell me his father had made the run boards for my bike, back in '47. As the conversation continued the Pierce-Indian connection began to ring bells and another name emerged to complete the trilogy - Monroe. Grahams father - apart from supplying parts to Indian - had been a major supporter of Bert Monroe of the World's Fastest Indian fame. The Pierce name appears on the tail piece of the streamliner that blew into the record books in spectacular fashion years after the factory had closed and almost half a century after the bike had rolled off the Springfield assembly line. Bert used to stay with the family on his trips to America. Graham kept saying "Bert was a dirty old man", which at that particular time, seemed a step up the evolutionary ladder from a "foolish old man". The comment related to personal hygiene rather than any late life flourish of degenerate hormones. As soon as Graham heard about my chewing gum blues he put his mobile phone, attached miraculously directly to his ear, to good use and commenced his personal quest to acquire for me the missing Linkert screw. Chewing gum simply would not do for a machine with a pedigree so entwined in American motorcycling history, even if it was obviously piloted by an old fool from a galaxy far, far away.

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OFF THE RESERVATION

The tale of an old fool's whim to ride a 65 year old Indian Chief across America....... CHAPTER TWO continued from previous page

Graham was the first of many good Samaritans who appeared out of nowhere on cue to take pity on an old fool, on an old bike, in a strange land. They ranged from dignified gentlemen like Graham to the less dignified Harley riding Trash in Wyoming or the downright eccentric, died in the wool Indian purist, like Landshark in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This guy kept a machete on his shed wall with "Harley Chopper" painted on it. He rode a 48 rat chief, with a sidecar constructed from two garbage cans, that was more a scrap book of his life than just a motorcycle.

While I vehemently resented paying the Kiwi for the privilege, the breakdowns were the catalyst for meeting great people as I zig zagged the country roads of America at 55mph. We skinned knuckles and cussed in their shops and I slept on their lounges and shed floors as the shortcomings of a dodgey generator and rotting cloth insulated wiring made their presence felt. They pointed me to roads that I would not have found and provided insights into middle America not to be found at the gas stations, camping grounds or motel rooms.

32 days, 5500 miles and 14 States after that terrified escape from LA, I finally handed Tonto over to the safe care of the contact in St Louis to ship back to Australia. Part of me had quite enough of the daily surprises and mysterious smoke signals from the 40s electrics, but another younger and more foolish part of me just wanted to push on and listen to the rattle of old Indian bones that had somehow, somewhere along the way transformed from a terrifying to comforting soundtrack to the magnificent and diverse American landscape and culture.

The late 40s Indian Chief was truly the pinnacle of style and side valve technology. I cannot help but wonder what Indian would be producing today if a combination of average management and predatory business practises by the opposition had not lead to the death of the true Indian in 1953.

I had to concede that a little old age foolishness and breaking your own rules might not always be a bad thing. Just do it.

Terrys original article appeared in Two wheels a few years back—Ed



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!}

16th Feb 2020 Ride to Annies Garden Cafe at Wadeville

15th March 2020 NRCMCC Show & Shine Alstonville See page 13

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

10th to 15th May Over the Hill contact Tony on 0428285776

17th May, not confirmed as yet.. but maybe a ride to Cardiff alpaca farm Nicholson rd Harwood. **14th June 2020** Ride to New Italy

Other Club events

Our club has invitations to the following

<u>Please note</u> 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.

5 –8th March Taree & District CMCC Annual Rally enquires to 0409903957 or 0419278518 **20-22nd March 2020 Festival of Speed**, Post classic Racing over 3 days at Sydney Motorsport park Facebook page #pcrafestivalofspeed enquires fos@pcra.com.au

3,4,5th April 2020. Inverell Restorers Club Rally enquires to 0431190964 or 0427208114

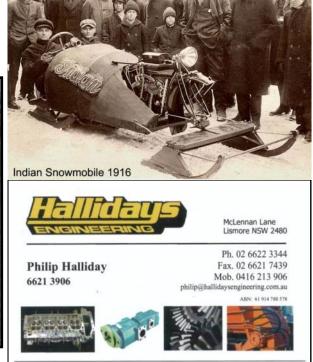
NRCMCC Market: You can advertise here 'For Sale', 'Wanted', 'Swap', 'Advice needed', 'to Give away', etc - ie, any deal you can imagine to do with motorcycles.

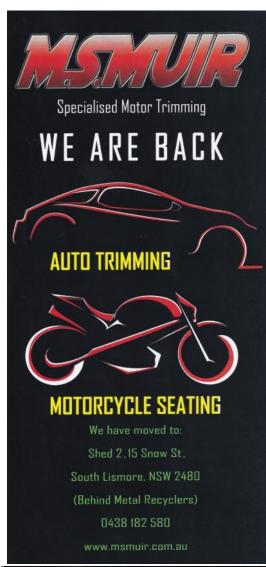
Please contact the editor - details on the 'Club officials' list somewhere in this newsletter. Unless otherwise arranged, advertisements will be maintained for two issues.

one Club Member ... out and about



The annual Evans Head Fly In - Car & Bike Show. 12 Jan 2020. Col McAndrew





















Some Photos from the **NRMA s January Issue of the Open Roa**d which is celebrating, 100 years of Roadside Assistance, Some of the great bikes they used to help stranded 4 wheelers





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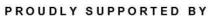


2019 Show & Shine - was a great day out





Alstonville





SHARE THE PASSION



Sunday 15th March 2020 - 9am to 1pm

ALSTONVILLE PLAZZA CARPARK

Set up from 8am & all proceeds to Charity

All enquires for NRCMCC show and Shine To president@nrcmcc.org OR secretary@nrcmcc.org

A gold coin donation will enable you to see the LARGEST assembly of Classic Motorcycles on the North Coast.- Sausage Sizzle and Cool Drinks available.

If undelivered return to, N.R.C.M.C.C. P.O. Box 7058 Lismore Heights 2480











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SUPPOUNDING APEAS

The Final Word by Editor, Many thanks to the usual Members who contribute every month to this Newsletter, Terry P. Terry S. Col McA and Mary, if you have a story or joke or something, send it in, it's you who make this Mag interesting, someone from the Sunday or Wednesday club rides must have a camera on their mobile phone??? Cheers... Editor





