

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

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**March  
 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. .



Your 2020  
 Club Membership  
 fees are now due.

Please can you  
 Pay up before  
 31st March  
 Lucky this lot  
 {photo at left}  
 Aren't on the  
 Committee or  
 They'd be lining  
 The Non payers  
 Up against  
 The wall. 😊 😊

## **From the presidents chair**

It that time again to pay your membership fees, don't forget you can nominate to be included in the members social fund (MSF) by splitting your membership payment \$30 into working A/C and \$10 into the MSF A/C. It is also important to fill in the renewal of membership form (a requirement in our club rules) to keep our records up to date.

**Active Membership-** Our club rules state that members must be an active member, attending meetings and rides to continue to get your HISTORIC registration forms signed by our club's registration officers. Do not leave it to them to inform you that you are not an active member (As per our membership register) and that they cannot stamp and sign your Historic vehicle declaration form.

2019 saw a slow trickle of new members into the club with several being younger members which is great to see them enjoying looking after and enjoying riding the older machines rather than the new go-fast machines.

### **Application for Renewal of CURRENT Membership forms & New Membership Application form.**

The club has two membership forms one for existing members which is a renewal of CURRENT membership while the other is a New membership application form which is ONLY available from the president, assistant secretary, or treasurer –it is important that New Membership Application form are used and NOT the renewal forms, as the committee will be unable to make a decision due to the lack of relevant information from the potential member. Members, it is important that you DO NOT give out Application for Renewal of Current Membership forms to your friends applying for New Membership. We have had several of these forms and have had to ask the potential member to re submit the correct form and the application supporting letter.

**Show n Shine** -Thank you Jim Butler for coordinating this year's event.

Jim will be contacting members in the coming weeks who have offered their assistance in the past. Please members assist on the day; your ½ -1 hour on the BBQ or Bucket Rattling and conversing with the general public will assist in the smooth running of the day and to stop fellow members being on these jobs for long periods of the day. Remember this is your club and you need to assist it in its activities. Please remember to sign on at the BBQ tent as this is one of our major events which go towards your active membership requirements.

**Members will need to bring a chair with them and if possible one to share.**

**Don't forge your hat.**

Cheers Mary Walker

### **NRCMCC OFFICIALS FOR 2020**

*President & Secretary Mary Walker .....66291509*

*Vice President: John Mazzer ....0417422780*

*Assistant Secretary: David Bonhote-mead.....  
..... 66291131*

*Treasurer: Marc Jennison.....0411895360*

*Committee: above plus,*

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*Peter Lake..... 0459 285 872*

*Tony Kempnich..... .6628 1806*

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*Librarian: Eric Wilson 66243157 &*

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*Raffles: Lyn Stratton.....6682 2688*

*Ride Co-Ordinator Peter Lake .....0459 285 872*

*Event list support, Frank Widdows..... 66860771*

*Webmaster Dieter Opfer webmaster@nrcmcc.org*

**Website: [www.nrcmcc.org](http://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

Type of membership: Single:  Dual:  (a second application is required for dual membership)

Given Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Surname : \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 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](mailto: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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Form submitted on:	Payment date:	Payment type:
date:	amount \$	cash    cheque    EFT

## 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	Members electing to pay into the Members 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](mailto: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 ( 0459 285 872 ) or just turn up the doorman will guide you. Peter & Eric



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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:** 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 start: 7.30pm

Abbreviations used in Minutes MW Mary Walker,

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

Meeting attended by 38 members, 5 visitors & 16 apologies as per the attendance sheet .

MW presented Life membership and trophy to Peter Harvey , Peter responded and thanked the club. Recounting his long history with the club.

MW announced and presented new club membership to Jack McIntosh Junior .

MW updated Members that she is now also club secretary and previous Secretary is now Assistant Secretary and a committee member. She advised that John Mazzer is now VP of club and Peter Lake is now on committee

MW also thanked the other Committee members on their return , Also Lyn Stratton is now Raffle organiser

Other positions for 2020 – refer to Club newsletter

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - Not read to members. The Assistant Secretary moved that minutes of Dec 2019 Club meeting as published in Feb 2020 newsletter be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Lake Motion carried

### **CORRESPONDENCE IN**

Greater bank term investment Renewal statements – given to Treasurer

**Newsletters-** QLD Historic Motorcycle, Leading Link, Newcastle, Clarence valley Inverell.

Inverell Rally dates 3,4,5<sup>th</sup> April. AS has forms Motor life news – all 4-wheeler

From CHMC Dinkum Oil 5 + Rally info for kurri Kurri, Temora + info on Fire damaged Machinery

Letter from Ulysses Club re National rally in Lismore 4-10 May

Letter from Richmond Valley Volunteer Health Transport

VJMC Rally 2020 info . Toowoomba 1-3<sup>rd</sup> May : BMW M/c club of Qld -invite for CaneToad rally 24-26 April

Also an article from 2 club members – The Decline of the Motorcycle club.

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

VMX Magazine Classic Dirt 16 at Grevilla /Kyogle 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June

### **CORRESPONDENCE out**

Letter sent to Richard Campbell at LJ Hookers in Alstonville with details of our Indemnity Insurance for the club to use the Plaza Carpark. Get well card sent to Eric Wilson, more in Business arising

Invoice / Letter to Shannons re their donation for S+S

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

**TREASURERS REPORT** presented + moved by Marc Jennison 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lyn Stratton motion carried.

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

< **2020 Show and Shine** . MW updated members –Many thanks to Jim Butler who's volunteered to coordinate this years S+S . but club members will be needed to help on the day . contact Jim or MW if you can assist .

Which charity would we like to donate monies raised to was discussed, suggestions were, Casino Community Medical Transport, and RFS Association .. MW read letter from Casino CCMT. After General Discussion, members decided the Casino CCMT was better local Option . Peter Flemming suggested Animal Rescue but there was no interest as decision had already been made , Chris Wakeley will provide signs for the collection buckets . MW also suggested member to have a sign on your bike with your bikes history.

MW also advised that club member Abe Mazzer will have a stall at S+S , and a swap meet area will be allocated.

<**Sick list update**, John Carson is back with us tonight after last years Knee operation which became infected .Eric Wilson is recovering from a shoulder operation, all members wish him well and all the best wishes for his upcoming 87<sup>th</sup> birthday

<**Over the Hill**, MW Updated members that there are now 35 on the tour , and still room for a few more,

Bryson Walker updated members of the itinerary , A working Bulldozers museum being one of the great places where they'll be going. As well as a Mac nut farm and Vintage M/C collection. "Adventure before Dementia"

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

<**2020 club Membership fees** are now due see Marc Jennison

< **Members draw** Greg Janson from Rocky Creek Design donated prizes, won by Dave Duke

<MW read an Article on "the decline of the Motorcycle Club' it will be edited for a future Newsletter

<MW read letter from Ulysses Club where they've invited our club to display our bikes over the week , General discussion. Members generally felt maybe one day would be sufficient and to be able to leave at 5pm , Jack McIntosh said he would stay and supervise the members bikes .

< **REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT** – No new bikes

<**EARLY DAYS** – Bryson Walker read articles from the Clubs Newsletter of Aug 1986, Firstly the club attendance at Lismore National Heart Show with 18 bikes which brought credit and reflected well on the club.

And the clubs first Show and Shine event.

John Mazzer related on a bike trip after last Boxing Day to Tenterfield and then South , All 4 riders on Harley Davidsons which had a few problems and Breakdowns , comments were they should have gone on BMWs

**RIDE REPORTS** – 15<sup>TH</sup> Dec to Moo Moo Café Mooball 9 riders

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan Ride to Humble Pie at Mullumbimby which unfortunately was to close one week later

22<sup>nd</sup> January First Wednesday Ride in 2020 8 rider to Cawongla for coffee

1<sup>st</sup> Wed ride in Feb was almost a washout but 8 riders still turned up and rode to Windarra

**UPCOMING** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb , club ride to Annies Café via Kyogle usual start at Blue Kitchen Cafe

**MEETING CLOSED at 9.15 PM**

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2019 Show & Shine - was a great day out



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## Sunday 15th March 2020 - 9am to 1pm

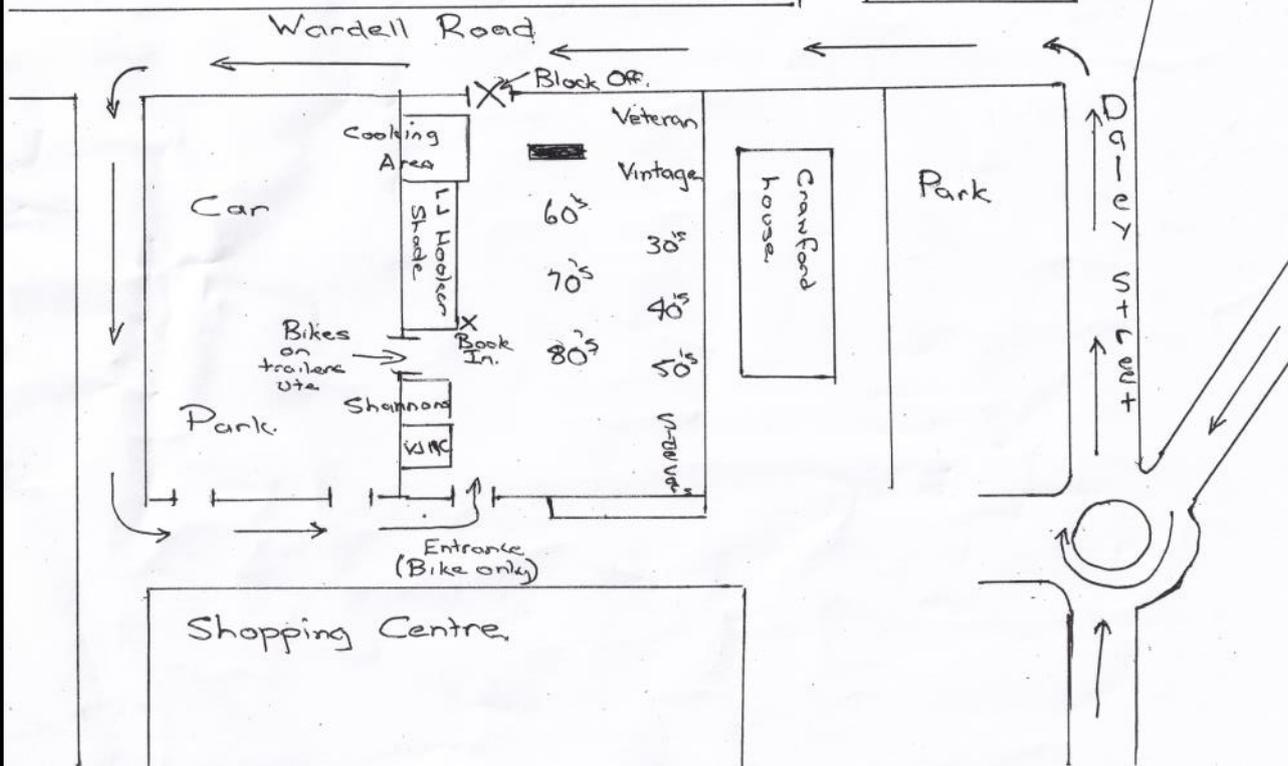
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**Wednesday ride to Tenterfield Noel writes** The last Wed ride of February was to Tenterfield for lunch. Ten riders left Lismore railway going via Caniaba to Casino picking up a couple more and then travelling on to the Bonalbo turnoff where Mick was patiently waiting. On then to Drake, led by Mick on his very fast Norton and where a good coffee is now available at the pub. We had lost a couple of riders along the way to earlier coffee stops. The main group then departed for Tenterfield with myself and Brian deciding to return to Lismore even though it was a perfect day.



**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.

# Club Ride to Annies Garden 16th Feb

Luke Garrard sent photos and report



About 15 or so bikes went, With no break downs that I was aware of.

although Reds bike tried to turn left for the Wadeville bottle shop accidentally. Think he was on auto pilot.

The cafe was beautiful. Food was good. Worth taking the family for a Saturday or Sunday breakfast. The rooster was clucky with the BMW guys, think he thought they would make great partners, easy to start something. Plenty of Geese there and geese too.

Over all the ride was great. Through Kyogle and over the mountain the road was fine.

On the way back through Larnook and Rock valley the road was fine as well.

The vellocette must have scored some rocket fuel at Annie's Garden cause it rounded up everyone on the way back. Luke

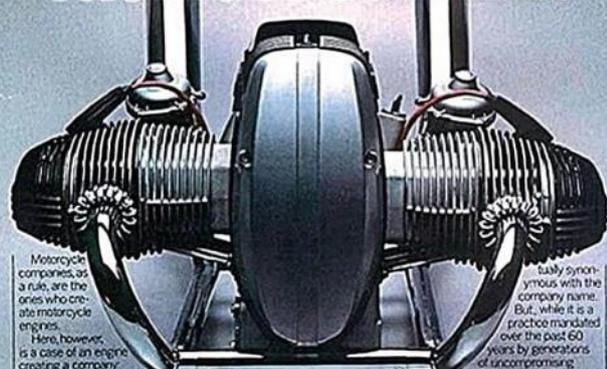


I didn't touch the BM That was some other Goose , I prefer Hondas





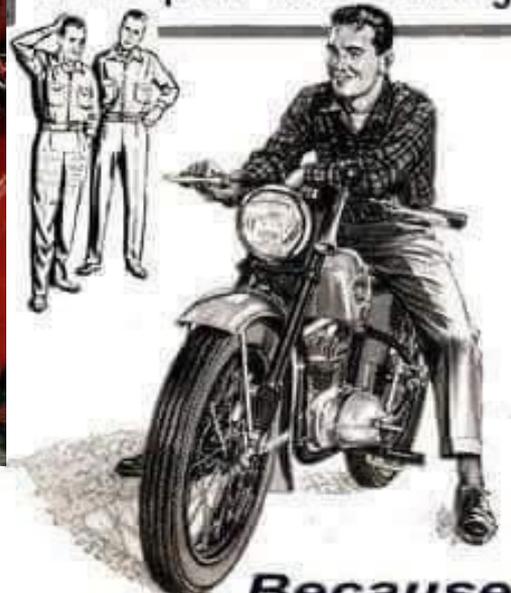
**THE ENGINE THAT POWERED AN ENTIRE MOTORCYCLE COMPANY FROM 0 TO 60 YEARS.**



Motorcycle companies, as a rule, are the ones who create motorcycle engines. Here, however, is a case of an engine creating a company.

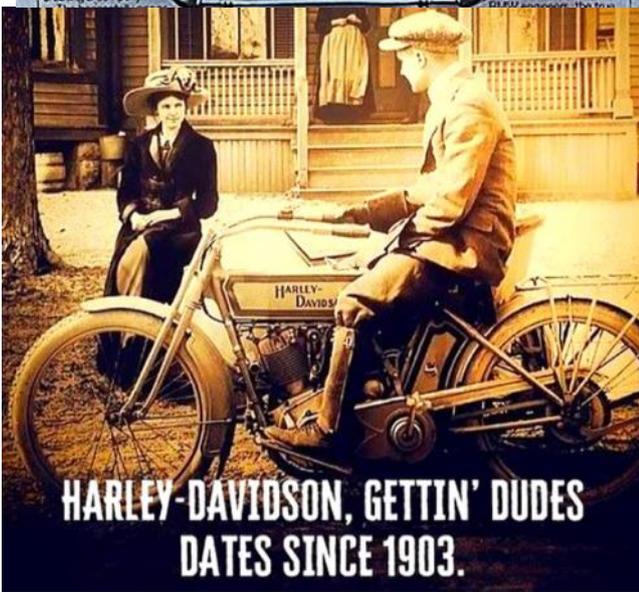
usually synonymous with the company name. But, while it is a practice mandated over the past 60 years by generations of uncompromising

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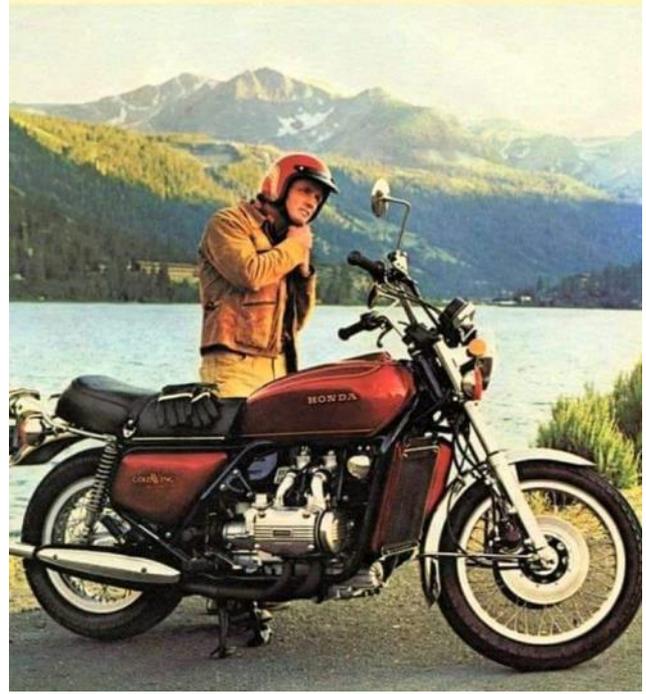
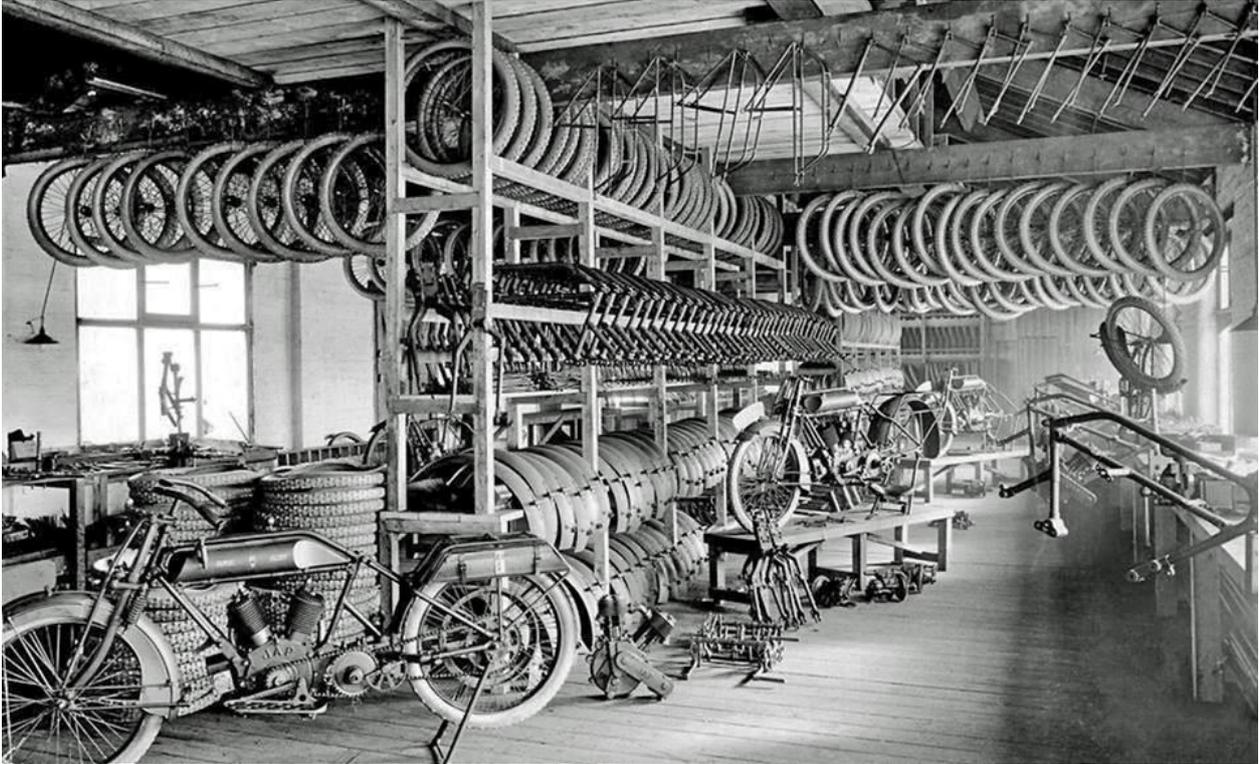


photo from the an earlier day



### GYNECOLOGIST WHO BECAME A MECHANIC

A gynecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and HMO paperwork, and was burned out. Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial, he decided to become a mechanic.

He went to the local technical college, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently, and learned all he could. When the time of the practical exam approached, the gynecologist prepared carefully for weeks, and completed the exam with tremendous skill. When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%.

Fearing an error, he called the Instructor, saying, "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade?" "The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark."

After a pause, the instructor added, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through the muffler, which I've never seen done in my entire career".



The Decline Of The Motorcycle Club? Part 1 of an article written by David Peterson {more in April newsletter}

Are motorcycle clubs dying? Almost every club has seen a decline in membership. A few clubs have folded due to lack of interest, dwindling funds, increased costs, aging members, and other factors that eventually bring the club to its knees. The club's engine seized and it was tearfully abandoned by the side of the road.

"While I've belonged to a couple of brand/model associations in the past, I've only been a member of a formal MC for about 5 years. It's an enduro/race-oriented club, established in 1971 and hosting several race and poker run events annually. We celebrate our 50th anniversary next year. In truth, we may already be dead but no one wants to admit it." - Brian Englund, Off Road Racer and Club Organizer

Popular rally speaker, author, and humorist Jack Riepe wrote, "Clubs aren't dying. Their members are dying. The average BMW rider is 234 years old. Millennials don't join anything, and club vacancies go unfilled. There is no sense of 'To hell with this... I may be dead by 2pm so anything goes', anymore. The new thought is, 'I paid to attend this event so entertain me.'"

The reasons why clubs are on the decline is hugely complex - I don't claim to have a crystal ball that gives me the answers. Society is changing. Most riders don't join clubs anymore, instead they prefer to do their own thing. "Clubs were formed around a brand of motorcycle, or type of motorcycle, or a geographic region, or a common bond or special interest. Their primary purpose was socialization or sharing information."

- Ian Schmeisser, Community Marketing Expert, BMW Clubs and GS Giants Guru

At a club meeting or at a rally, members could socialize and share information, kick the tires, swap lies over a campfire, share a few beers, and those face-to-face interactions established a bond. Clubs charged a membership fee which opened the door to an exclusive group - you became part of something special. Your investment entitled you to club clothing, pins, patches, and perhaps a small discount on gear thru your local dealer. If you wanted to ride with the group, you joined the club. If you wanted to go to their rally, you joined the club. Clubs competed in riding events, raised money for charities, raised rider awareness, and promoted safe riding practices.

Clubs are feeling the pinch because people just aren't as willing to go to a club event. And why go to an event when you can simply hit your buddies up on Facebook from the couch, meet up at Saturday morning, and then do it again next weekend? We're a bunch of dinosaurs living in a bygone pre-social media era where you had to actually find people if you wanted to talk to them. You had to go hang out with someone or go to a shop to learn about our bikes, maintenance, events, or anything else important to a rider. Seems to me that no one is doing that nowadays." - Brian Englund

The "old way" a club gathered members and kept them engaged doesn't seem to be working. Today people rely on Facebook or Twitter or social media to give us connections to our sport. We develop "internet friendships", we organize rides via email or text message, we substitute the face-to-face interactions we get at a club meeting, with something found on a desktop or a cell phone. This "new way" seems great on the surface, but those social media connections don't lend themselves to keeping a motorcycle club afloat.

Another reason why clubs are choking on a chicken bone: **POLITICS.**

This includes the politics of society and the politics of the club. It goes without saying that discussing societal politics within the club is a sure-fire way to cause division. Politics are a minefield that everyone must avoid. A motorcycle club should be a "safe zone" away from the politics of the day. We're in a club because of our love of motorcycles. Allowing politics to creep in is like filling your bike's gas tank with diesel - the gauge says the tank is full, but the bike won't run.

Then there's the club's internal politics. When you get more than two people in a room, you'll have a list of rules and bylaws. Add a newsletter or an on-line forum, and it's quickly followed by the need for a moderator, an editor, or a bouncer. Too often they must jump into the ring and break up a cat fight. Someone said something and someone else took offense. Feathers were ruffled and members dropped out. Whenever you make a comment or post a message, keep in mind that others might not (probably don't) hold the same viewpoint. When you disagree about oil or tires or riding gear, keep things civil. It may surprise you to learn the other person isn't "the stupidest person on the face of the planet", they just have a different opinion. Allow them to have one.

A few people rise to a position of leadership (club officers). Some are natural-born leaders who make great contributions. Others are dismal leaders who drive away members because of their personality. When a club elects leaders, they don't want to choose from that second group. If an officer goes off in the wrong direction, members need to speak up. Silence allows the problem to grow. Good leaders can take constructive criticism. Poor leaders get offended and defensive. You want good leaders.

Officers get re-elected because they did a good job. Some officers get re-elected because nobody wants to take over their vacant office. Rather than leave the slot empty, that officer reluctantly agrees to continue. A reluctant club officer is almost certain to become ineffective over time. When this happens it's a sign that a club is on lifesupport. By contrast, a healthy club will have a number of people willing to serve on the board.

There's a disease called "Club Burnout" (CB). An officer or key member who gets things done often finds they're the only one doing the work. Eventually they get a bad case of CB. They preside over too many club meetings, run too many rallies, organize too many social functions, do too much hard work, put together too many rides, etc. After a few years they become weary and they eventually fade away, leaving a void in the fabric of the club. Mending that empty hole isn't easy. When an officer or key member leaves due to CB they often take the heart and soul of the club with them.

Look around you and see who's doing all the heavy lifting. Is that person happy or are they starting to show signs of CB? If that's the case other members need to come alongside and pick up their load before it's too late. Club Burnout, left untreated, is fatal.

It's painfully clear that most club members aren't willing to step up to the plate. They're not willing to put any work into their club - the kind of work needed to keep it running, to keep it alive, to keep it vibrant, to keep it relevant. The average member sits back and lets others carry the load. They don't want to do any of the work but they want all the club benefits.

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

## 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

**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

**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.

**5 –8th March** Taree & District CMCC Annual Rally enquires to 0409903957 or 0419278518

**9-20th March** All British Bikes Tassie Tour

**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

**24-26th April** BMW M/C club Qld Cane Toad Rally

**4-10th May** Ulysses Club National Rally in Lismore

**1-3rd May** VJMC 2020 Rally Toowoomba

**5-7th June** VMX Magazine Classic Dirt 16 at Grevilla / Kyogle

## GREAT ANSWER

A senior citizen drove his brand new BMW Z4 convertible out of the car salesroom.

Taking off down the motorway, He floored it to 160kmh, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

"Amazing!" he thought as he flew down the M1, enjoying pushing the pedal to the metal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring.

"I can get away from him - no problem!" thought the elderly nutcase as he floored it to 180kmh, then 220 then 240kmh.

Suddenly, he thought, "What on earth am I doing? I'm too old for this nonsense!"

So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

Pulling in behind him, the police officer walked up the driver's side of the BMW, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go.."

The old man, looked very seriously at the policeman, and replied, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, Sir", said the policeman ....



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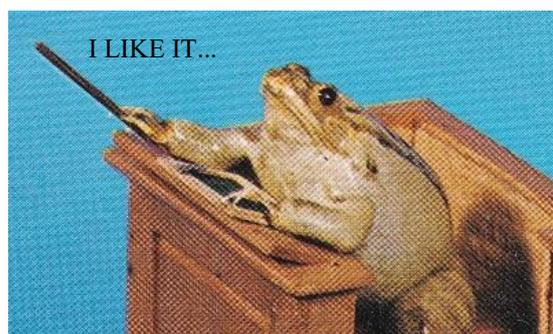
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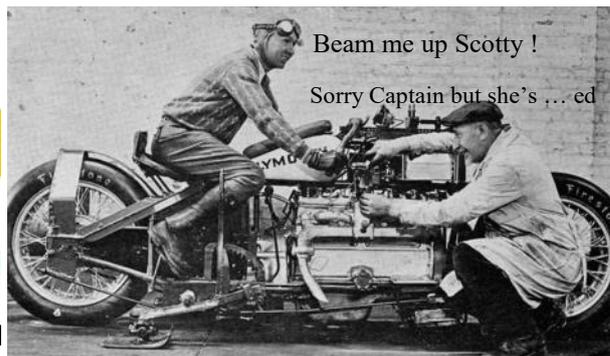
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PS " beam me up Scotty " is a line from Star Trek As if you didn't know ... can you come up with a better line Send it in and will publish in April edition .... What did Scotty say back ??