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**MAY**  
**2012**

# Classic Torque

## *Sunday club run to Toonumbar Dam*

Last month's club run included stopping at Kyogle Tourist Park for a great coffee and cakes provided by Dave and his wife and assisted by Ray who is still recuperating from chest injuries he received from his misadventure on his trusty Jawa. Most of the club members then continued on to

Toonumbar Dam. The run from Lismore began well, with a good variety of older and mixed classic bikes and even though the sky still looked a little daunting from the last few

days of wet and fog most members were confident of a dry morning's run.

Cruising along the Kyogle Road was very enjoyable with most of the riders going at a steady clip, admittedly some more so, until just short of Kyogle just as yours truly was overtaking a motor vehicle the engine on the trusty RD spluttered and then ran only one cylinder. A quick look and diagnosis from Peter and Richard we all agreed that one piston had melted out the exhaust. It was pure white which indicated it must have been running excessively lean. A kindly farmer offered shelter for the "stuffed Yammy" in his garage until I could fetch it home by trailer. I have to thank Richard for the pillion into Kyogle on his trusty 'BMW'. *Noel Edwards*

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*A few of the mixed classics arriving at  
Lismore for the start of the run*

# Meeting Minutes – NRCMCC 10 April 2012

**Welcome** Open at 7.45 – Chaired by Eric Wilson- attendance – 30 as per attendance sheet

**Visitors -** Tim Earley; Paul Allcock; Owen Fudge; Andrew Waddell

**Apologies** – Chris Jeffrey; Michael Smith; Tony Harvey; Andrew Evans; Pat Holt; Frank Widdow; Dave Bourke;

**Minutes of previous meeting** – accepted/2nd

**Business Arising from minutes** – Richard explained about the library system now available on the website.

**Treasurers Report** – Bank balance and current account good.

**Correspondence IN** –On file - 6 newsletters; 1 Flyer for Kempsey Swap meet; 4 invitations to rallies – Jampot rally, November; Jacaranda Rally November; Illawarra Airshow, May; Coffs harbor rally, June (all approved as club runs): Letters in – Account for Old School Hire; Confirmation of constitution by Dept of Fair trading.

**Correspondence OUT** – Summerland Sports and Classic Car Club accepting invitation and asking for site for club presentation.

Eric Wilson thanked Katrina for her help in finalizing the constitution

**GENERAL BUSINESS** –Eric W announced that Frank Widdows was absent because his father had died and that the club had sent a floral tribute as well as represented the club at the funeral.

- Col Mc Andrew announced the preparation for the Triumph Triples rally to be held on Aug 17 – 19. Peter Lake is run coordinator, and they asked for NRCMCC members to act as marshals, esp for Aug 18. The usual Sunday run for Aug19 will be combined with the triples run.

It was moved and passed that the NRCMCC supported the triples rally.

-Discussion re running of club rally this year, Col Mc A suggested it was advertised already as ‘new and different’, now we need to achieve that.

-Tom Tabart announced he had a Matchless competition motor install in a registerable frame and wanted to swap it for a 90s or later road bike.

-Owen Fudge announced a breakfast followed by a run from his M’cycle shop in Alstonville Sun 22 April, all welcome – official club ride

-Alistair announced that he wanted to ride to Murwillumbah on Tues 17 April and wanted others to join him – declared an official club ride to explore route conditions.

**Members Reports -** Rob Andrews reported on the wed runs, 10 and 6 riders

Peter Lake reported on the Sunday run to Clunes and the constitution meeting. Well attended with over 20 bikes. Tony K as leader had to drop out because his 48 year old tyres on his AJS finally picked up a nail!

-Noel Edwards reported that many wanted a printed copy of the newsletter but were prepared to pay extra for it. Only 40 newsletters were printed and distributed this last issue, a saving of nearly \$100 for the month. It was decided to leave further discussion on the newsletter alternatives for a few months to see how it settles.

*Minutes continued on page3*



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# Club run to Toonumbar Dam

cont. By Richard

About a dozen bikes headed off on the Road to Toonumbar dam which included about 7km of "treacherous gravel road" -



Not sure why people are worried about these roads - yes, you have to ride more cautiously, maybe even quite a bit slower, but the rest of the road was sealed and ideal, smooth and twisty - hardly had the bike vertical at all, just lean to left then over to the right ad infinitum!! Lovely! The gravel avoiders missed out on that. And the dam site is beautiful AND it didn't rain at all - a lovely morning ride. (A lesson I have learnt is that, if it looks dubious at home in the morning, still go on the run, It's usually worth it!)

Some of us came back via Ettrick -It involved an extra kilometre or two of gravel - but it was easy and led to a beautiful twisty ride on a sealed road and back into Kyogle.

From Kyogle, four of us, plus one sidecar passenger, decided to lunch at The Sphinx Rock Cafe on the Murwillumbah - Kyogle Road - excellent affordable food! - so we headed off - a heavy fog (rather than rain) wet us a bit briefly, but we soon dried out - then, nearly at Mt Burrell, it poured and we arrived shaking water out of our gloves!! But, an advantage of sub tropics is that it is warm when it rains and we enjoyed lunch nevertheless.

All in all a good days ride - and I got to know a few more club members!!

*Cheers Richard*



## **April Minutes continued** from page 2

### Upcoming runs

Peter Lake explained that Sunday runs up to Dec are now established-

**April 15** – Toonumbar Dam with coffee break at Kyogle behind the tourist info building

**May 12-13** – o'night to Nymboida (or one day on May 13 to Lawrence to meet Nymboida group)

**June 17** – Slow bike run to Evans head

**July 15** – Brunswick Heads

**Aug 19** – Triples Rally

**Sept 16** – Annual NRCMCC rally

**Oct 14** – to Gerard Roche's place – Eureka

**Nov 18** – Slow bike run to Rocky Creek dam

**Dec 16** – brunch at Frank Widdows place

**Close 8.45 pm**





*Just a few of the beautiful “Classic Motorcycles” ridden on the April Club run to Toonumbar dam.*



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# **NRCMC Club Events 2012**

*Club runs each month on the 1st Sunday after the meeting.*

Bangalow: runs start from top restaurant car park / from Lismore Railway Station.

Wednesday Mid-week runs all start at Lismore Railway at 9 am on the 1st and 4th Wednesday every month



- May 13:** Sunday Club Run, leaves Bangalow 9 am, Lismore 9.30 for Lawrence Pub for lunch and to meet up with the overnights on the Nymboida Weekend Run.
- June 17:** Sunday Slow Bike Run, leaves Bangalow 9 am, Lismore 9.30 to Evans Head Riverside Cafe for coffee. Love to see more old bikes attend these runs.
- July 15<sup>th</sup>** Sunday run to hot rods at Brunswick heads. Leaves Lismore 9 am, Bangalow 9.30
- Aug 5<sup>th</sup>** Sunday Annual Static Bike & Car Display, 9.30 am Clyde Campbell car Park. More details later.
- Aug 19<sup>th</sup>** Triples rally weekend: Sunday combined run with Col and his Triumph triples. Leaves Ballina Lakeside Caravan Park, Fenwick Drive 9.30 am (Not Shaws Bay) return approx 1200 for a barbeque. Barbeque provided by Triumph riders in appreciation for NRCMCC providing marshals on the previous day. Note: Marshalls will be required for Sat 18/8/12, please contact Col 02 6683 4429

## **NRCMCC Annual Rally**

**Proposed dates and yet to be confirmed . . . Sept. 28, 29 and 30th.**

- Sep 28<sup>th</sup>** Fri. Old Bike Run for pre 1960 bikes, more details later
- Sep 29<sup>th</sup>** Sat. 8.30 am. Sign on at Commemoration Park, Ballina, and rally to start 9.30 am. Stop for lunch and judging at mid-day. Organised ride back to Ballina
- Sep 30<sup>th</sup>** Sun. 9.30 am Rally ending with a B.B.Q. lunch at Park
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** Sunday club run to Gerard Roche's house in Eureka. Leaves Lismore 9 am Bangalow 9.30 am
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** Sunday "Compression against Depression" run. Please contact Nick Kostyn for further details.
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** Sunday slow bike ride to Rocky Creek Dam Leaves Bangalow 8.30 am, Lismore 9am
- Dec 16** Sunday Run to Frank Widdows house, 64 Westland drive Ballina. Leaves Lismore 8.30 am Bangalow 9 am.

## **2012 events hosted by HMCQ**

**May 17** RAY OWENS classic Bike Show (Tamborine Mountain area)  
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**June 30 to July 1** TEAMS TRIALS KALBAR (hosted by Brisbane area) IAN: 07 3369 1058

**August 15** "STINKWHEEL RALLY" (Pine Rivers area) JOHN: 07 3269 7643

*See me for further info, Editor*

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## The President's Report

Today as I write this letter it's Anzac Day, a day to remember the sacrifice that the men and women of this great nation endured. It's also a day to celebrate what Australia stands for: to never give in, to fight to the last man and most of all to stand by your mate. That mateship, I think, stands us as a nation above all. What has all of that got to do with a bike club? Some would say not much but I say it has a lot to do with how we act and perform as a club. Members, we really do have a wonderful club, built around motorcycle restoration, riding, fellowship and best of all mateship. I highly recommend that all of us support the upcoming events that the club has organised, in the main our annual rally held again this year in Ballina. When you read this report the "over the hill" ride will have been completed and again well supported. The new constitution has been passed and now the rules of the club, thanks to all, will soon follow. Just a thought to finish: never let fear stand in the way of your dreams.

*Regards, President Pat*

## Mid-week run to Kyogle

The first Mid Week Run for April attracted five Club stalwarts in excellent visibility and warmer riding conditions, albeit with a bit more traffic than usual on the back-roads and also quite a few autumn bugs that needed cleaning off our visors on the safe return home. After the supposed clean-up of NORPA's dramatic play at the Station, much debris and litter still remained uncleared. This included a fair bit of broken glass, sharp and shiny nails and many sharp plastic shards. They all still remained on the tarmac of the car-park after the event - quite ideal for "punctures waiting to happen" for unwary bike-owners. The route for this Run was chosen to be around 100Km to the 'Box n' Dice' Cafe in Kyogle, near

the Post Office as the chosen terminus. It was good to see Ray Martlew back on his feet and there in person at the Old Railway Station to wish us all farewell. The route chosen this time was via Tuncester, with turn-off to Rock Valley (road works) - then right turn at Cawongla Store and onto the Murwillumbah to Kyogle Road, being now in fairly poor/treacherous repair in many places. After a convivial discussion on many aspects on bikes and imbibing some good tea and coffee, with added tasty local slices/cakes at this spacious cafe, we returned via Bentley to Lismore and via the relatively new diversion road through Tunstall Gap.

One of our members had fuel issues on the hills due to a loose carb vacuum-pipe and possibly poor grade fuel (why we ever needed these Japanese "super-safety" diaphragm-activated petcocks - or for that matter even prop-stand cut-outs - I will never know!) and that factor cut top-speed significantly. Perhaps this was just as well, as just as Alistaire was leading on his re-vamped SR 500 four-stroke single with the 250 RZ two-stroke twin rapidly making up ground behind him, our Highway Patrol friends appeared coming towards us near the old Leycester Creek railway crossing. But thankfully we were all (ahem!) on or under the Easter Holiday (read "double-demerits") speed limit of 100 kph. See you next time and thanks everyone for another excellent run and all the very useful advice.

*Rob Andrews*

*The problem with your bike Rob is you are probably only using "Crap" petrol, is this true, Ian asks.*



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## The "Bevel and Bullshit Run" to Tenterfield



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Tony, Lena and Helen relaxing at their motel



Chris chatting up the women at Tenterfield. 6 members of the NRCMCC joined the Brisbane club for the ride with approx 30 Ducatis participating.



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# *Accessing the NRCMCC Library Catalogue:*

*by Richard Swinton*

Now that the NRCMCC has dragged itself kicking and screaming into the 21 century with an on-line presence and a web address ( [www.nrcmcc.org](http://www.nrcmcc.org) ), those of us who can access the internet can now look up the club's library books on the web.

Go to the website (address above) this will bring you to the 'home' page. Click on 'Library'; You are now on the 'Library' page with a search option – Author, Make or whole collection. If you know the author of a book, you can 'Search by author' which will offer you a list of all the authors listed in the site, select one and up will come all the books by that Author – Roy Bacon is a great one to try , he's written heaps about classic bikes or Phil Irving, or Mick Walker.

If you are only interested in a particular make, search under 'search by motorcycle make'. This will bring up all the books and manuals that relate to that make. I've put all the workshop manuals, owners/riders manuals and spares lists under the grouping, 'MANUAL'

There are also a lot of books on general motorcycling, history, racing, etc. Some of these you can search under 'make' as 'various' which means the books cover a lot of makes, or you can look at the whole list (Bottom of the search box) and trawl through the whole collection – worth doing since there are some fascinating older books and manuals which you might otherwise miss.

Contact Eric Wilson if you want to borrow a book from the club selection.

I have also added in many of my books which club members can borrow by contacting me. I hope other club members will offer some of their books for access by other club members. If you are willing, send me an email ([richard.swinton@gmail.com](mailto:richard.swinton@gmail.com)) with author's name, publisher, year of publication, your name and contact number or email, and a brief description of what the book or manual is about. I'll enter it in the library site. You will be responsible for ensuring you get your book back, so keep a note of who borrowed it.

Something for those wet days – Read a book.

## *Last mid-week run for April (Anzac Day)*

On ANZAC day 25/4/12 seven (7) "mid-weekers" assembled at the old Lismore Railway Station on the second Wednesday at 9AM. The route chosen by the leader was changed by democratic vote. This vote expressly precluded a planned short dirt-road route along the Old Bagotville Road on hated "dirt-roads" and it also banned a planned visit to Cabbage Tree Island aboriginal reservation along the scenic Richmond River on 4 Km of nice sealed road as well. So in result, the run was now reduced to a total of 135Km on some very pot-holed but nominally sealed roads. After having experienced the Club's excellent Toonenbar Dam exploits on the last Club Ride (also including a short section of gravel road) I can truthfully say I was a trifle disappointed at this decision. But I know there is a huge insurmountable difference in comfort and safety between the suspension of a basic 1960-designed machine and a modern [so-called] "adventure bike" such as the Suzuki V-Strom. So I took this decision "on the chin". But as I remember it, we all rode on many far poorer dirt roads in the 1960s - but then again we were all also far younger then! [We are and will remain a Classic Club, of course.] The modified route was then restricted to be via the Wollonbar Research Station, turn-off Lindendale Road, onto Boundary Road and turn-off at "Cow Crap Corner" then onto Dalwood Road with a turn-off to Rous Mill and down the steep and windy hill to Marom Creek Road and onto Meerschaum Vale. From thence to the Bagotville Barrage and onto Kilgin Road to Woodburn. At Woodburn (as expected) the Pacific Highway was closed-off due to the local ANZAC parade/service and all businesses were closed in memory and respect. So it was mutually decided to ride onto Evans head for a bite to eat and coffee. On arrival at Evans Head a suitable place was easily found and some bacon/egg burgers and superb coffee was slowly consumed with mouth-watering gusto and much conversation. At 11AM we viewed the local ANZAC parade and the RAAF's Hornet very flash and noisy fly-past of this resort village. Great fun for all - not excepting the pilot! Remembering this was a prime WW2 training base for air-crews in the early 1940s, who were sent all over the world for military service I felt this gesture was most appropriate. The route back to Lismore and to our various homes was independent and somewhat faster than the bumpy ride to Bagotville. Annoyingly there was a bit more tin-top traffic to get past now. Home for your scribe was reached by 12.30PM. A scrumptious ham/salad sandwich lunch awaited, along with a cold glass of beverage. Well - what could be better! With only a few cars on the road and no trucks, except on the Highway, all partially due to the ANZAC Public Holiday. Thus it was almost motor-cycle heaven! Ah - the secret pleasures of mid-week riding. See you on the next one! *Rob Andrews*



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## From the Editor's desk . . .

All the arrangements are now in full swing for the proposed running of our Annual Rally to see if it could be held this year on the long weekend of September commencing on the Friday, 28th. This should be confirmed by the next months newsletter. An exciting new addition to the rally will be made this year as for the first time in the history of our Club, our new rally co-ordinator, Col McAndrew is organising a "Special Classic Old Bike Run" for bikes up to 1959. There will be a short run on the Friday afternoon. Full details will be made available later when all the details are finalised. A return to our original Saturday night dinner and trophy presentation will be held at the Richmond Hall near the Ballina Marine Museum. The Saturday and Sunday runs will be the same format as previous years except the run from the Saturday lunch and bike judging will be better organised and with marshals used as necessary.

One further announcement I have to make on behalf of the NRCMCC is we to offer our sincere condolences to Richard Swinton and his family on the sad loss of his father.

Also must mention that our luck with the weather has marginally improved over the last few outings and we can only hope it will stay that way.

Noel Edwards



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# Inaccuracy

CYCLE Torque was handed this little gem of information regarding vehicle speedometer accuracy. We thought it may enlighten a few of our readers.

Vehicle speedometer accuracy is covered by Australian Design Rule 18. Until July 2006 this rule specified an acceptable accuracy measurement of +/- 10 per cent of the vehicle's true speed when the vehicle was travelling above 40km/h.

At a true vehicle speed of 100km/h the speedometer would be deemed 'within tolerance' if it indicated between 90km/h and 110km/h.

An odometer accuracy of +/- four per cent was also a requirement.

From 1 July 2006 newly introduced models of a vehicle available on the market must comply with ADR 18/03. Also, from 1 July 2007 any newly manufactured vehicle (excluding mopeds) must comply with this rule.

This new rule requires that the speedometer must not indicate a speed less than the vehicle's true speed or a speed greater than the vehicle's true speed by an amount more than 10 percent plus 4 km/h. Significantly, this change means that speedos must always read 'safe', meaning that the vehicle's true speed must not be higher than the speed indicated by the speedo.

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# ***Wake up and Laugh a little***

## **Church Ladies With typewriters are at it again!**

*They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:*

- \* The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- \* The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- \* Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- \* Remember in prayer the many that are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- \* Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- \* Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- \* For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- \* Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- \* Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- \* A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow..
- \* At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- \* Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- \* Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- \* Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..
- \* The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- \* Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- \* The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- \* This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- \* Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM . All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. Is done.
- \* The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- \* Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- \* The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- \* Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- \* The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours'.

## **Mayday, Mayday!**

A blonde is on board a small two-seater airplane when suddenly the pilot dies.

Not knowing how to fly a plane she grabs the radio.

"Mayday, mayday! My pilot just died!"

Ground control received her call for help and answers back: "Don't worry, madam.

I'll talk you down, just do as I say. First I need you to give me your height and position."

"I'm 5'2" and sitting in the right front seat."

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### ***Our Club's objectives :-***

The objectives of the NRCMC are *primarily* to encourage the restoration, preservation, and riding of older motorcycles. Through its various activities, the club promotes 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 and entry is open for everybody to attend regardless of the type or age of their machinery. 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 is open to anybody with an interest in motorcycling and there is No prerequisite to currently own a new or old motorcycle.

#### ***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 in December.

#### ***Organised Runs***

A breakfast run is held on the Sunday immediately following the club's monthly meeting. We meet in the car park, next to the top roundabout in Bangalow 8.30 am or Lismore Railway 9 am. Every other Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organiser. There are also 2 Mid-week runs departing Lismore Railway on 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9 am. Contact Rob Andrews on 6621 4083.