

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

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**July**  
**2023**

# 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 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 .

### ***Some special dates , coming up soon.***

**Next club meeting \* —Tuesday 11th July 7.30 start at Clunes Hall.**

**Rally meeting start at 7pm at hall before monthly meeting.**

**Next Club Ride 16th July—Ride to Brunswick Head**

### **Additional Wednesday 19th July Club Ride { 3rd Wednesday of the month }**

**Twoies and small bike run, Starting at Clunes Hall at 9.00 am**

**\*Morning Tea—Summerland farm**

**\*Lunch at Evans Head fish Co-op**

**\*On road with 80kph speed limit**

**\*Open to all riders no matter what bike you ride**

**NRCMCC Rally Friday 8th – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** Reflections Holiday Park phone 66824212  
 ask for Sarah and quote the important group booking number 847302.

**Note :** if you receive this Newsletter by post, check/confirm that any activities listed here are STILL on..  
 Emails will be sent out advising the status of events prior to the date advertised, check your inbox..

## **From the Presidents Chair**

**Rally-** The entry forms are now out, members are asked to fill one in and return it to the club. Remember to keep a copy to prove you are participant in our rally or travelling to or from also to have your certificate of approved operation. For NRCMCC members only the \$25 entry fee is waived if you are assisting with rally jobs, but if you enter and don't assist you will be asked to pay your way.

**Frostbite Rally** – this year it looks like the HMCQ Warwick frost bit rally may live up to its name with temperatures dropping over the east coast. Members who are attending will need to be prepared. Warwick is a great place to ride around and the members from Warwick are very friendly and I know the fire drums which are always present will be very well used.

**Tony Harvey** resigned as Vice President at last month's meeting. We thank him for his work over the years.

**Club Trailers** – Both club trailers are in need of major maintenances –welding, struts and other issues and some equipment replacement. These will be undertaken over the next few months.

Keep upright

Mary Walker President NRCMCC Inc

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:** 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023, start: 7.30pm at Clunes Memorial Hall  
Abbreviations used in Minutes MW - Mary Walker, DBM - David Bonhote-mead PL Peter Lake

**WELCOME** to all by President MW, MW thanked PL for chairing the May meeting in her absence.

Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by 26 members, 10 apologies as per the attendance sheet with 3 visitors Geoff Lindsey, Mick Kennedy, David Codd

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes of MAY 2023 Club meeting as published in June 2023 newsletter be accepted 2<sup>ND</sup> Peter Lake Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE IN Newsletters-** Greater Bank renewal of 3 Term deposits. Clarence Valley, Newcastle, Tamworth MC clubs plus BSA Banter. CHMC Dinkum Oil.

Invitation from the Veteran Motorcycle club hosted by HMCQ Bundaberg Branch inviting members to attend their rally around 25 August -

**CORRESPONDENCE out** email to Shannons Insurance for Rally Sponsorship, Club Newsletter - posted or emailed to members + other clubs

**TREASURERS REPORT:-** The Treasurer presented & moved the May Financial report be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Lake motion carried

**MEMBERSHIP OFFICER** The M'ship Officer said Membership Cards were available tonight, and club M'ship numbers were around 97 or 98. Membership cards are at club meetings for pick up

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

MW gave report on information session held with RMS, at Ballina May 2<sup>nd</sup> As the session was given at short notice, and limited to 2 persons, Mary & Bryson attended. Matthew Café and some of the Regulatory Operations team were in attendance to answer questions and to clarify Historic registration rules, MW noted Motorcycles with Historic Rego if modifieds & over 30yo, would now have a Classic Registration plate. MW also noted when using log book always fill it in., carry Registration papers and Cert of Approved Operations (Purple paper as issued by Transport for NSW). If going on another clubs Rally carry with you a copy of your Rally entry form -filled in.

**GENERAL BUSINESS,**

>MW gave Update on preparations for clubs upcoming Rally and Rally meeting just held.

Noting \* No Rally fee for members who marshal or workers, Marshals to carry with them a filled in Rally form.

Marshals still to pay for lunch and badges, Sunday Club ride starts from Bowling club 9 am, No breakfast any days, Wed & Thursday rides self marshalled, Friday at 2.15 pm, we still need someone to liaison with our Sponsors re: raffle prizes and for delivering Newsletters { no one has volunteered to do this yet} next meeting 11th July

> John Mazzer asked if next years J Ahearn trophy day could be held NOT on Mothers Day, MW noted that

For this year it was the only date possible to suit J A trophy winner, but next year would be held earlier in year & not on Mothers Day

< There was a question about Clubs possible Show & Shine Event for 2023, There was general Discussion and Still a date and location to be considered, as there was no agreement.

< Vice President Tony Harvey advised members that he was resigning from this position, Tony was thanked by MW for the work he has done for the club, and given a round of applause by members. Tony said he had not been included in any recent committee decisions.

<Peter Lake updated members on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month club ride. Noting It's a ride to encourage all members to ride their classic Bikes, but modern bikes can also come along, understanding that the older classic bikes will lead and set the pace. The web page is to be updated.

< Marc Jamerson informed meeting that there is someone again highlighting road pot holes by painting around them. He asked if the club would be willing to offer this person paint to continue his work, All members were in agreement Marc will speak to this painter for further details, offering to supply paint to a value of \$200 to be bought by club. {suggested Bunnings}

<There is a new Dealer at Nerang, Brit cycles supply – specializing in post English motorcycles guys name is Luke

<John Mazzer said his son has a Ducati for sale, contact him for details

<MW spoke re repairs to both club trailers and some of our equipment needs replacing. Cost of repairs etc to come out of club funds. All members were in agreement with repairs.

**New Bike Registrations – non given**

**Early Days** – Bryson spoke on Isle of White Racing on Kings Birthday weekend, lots of statistics given for the OTH rally just held,

**Ride Reports**

<Club ride 14<sup>th</sup> May Memorial ride to Clunes Hall for J A day + lunch>

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Classic Ride 4<sup>th</sup> June, 5 riders, Headed towards coast, but after encountering wet weather went back for coffee in Alstonville

> **Other club rallies** > Ray Owens report, not as big this year with only 67 bikes

**Next club ride** 18<sup>th</sup> June to New Italy \_\_\_\_\_ **MEETING CLOSED at 8. pm**

# Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

## Classic Bike Rally - Evans Head

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September-2023

Riders of Classic Motorcycles are invited to join us for our Annual Classic Bike Rally.

The event will be based at Evans Head. (45kms South of Ballina) We encourage riders to bring their wives, partners and family members to enjoy all that Evans Head has to offer.

To make our Rally a *better social event* we encourage entrants to stay at:

- Reflections Holiday Park Evans Head ...remember to say you are with NRCMCC Rally (02) 66824212  
<https://reflectionsolidayparks.com.au/park/evans-head/> **please use group booking No 847302**

- Evans Bowling Club Cabins ..... (02) 66824343  
<http://www.evansheadbowls.com.au>

- Hotel Illawong ..... (02) 66824222  
<http://www.hotelillawong.com.au/>

Holiday Rentals from:-

- LJ Hooker Real Estate ..... (02) 6682 6000  
<http://evanshead.ljhooker.com.au>

- First National Real Estate ..... (02) 6682 6226  
<http://www.evansheadfn.com.au>

#### The Rally Route

- The Rally will meander through the beautiful Northern Rivers countryside taking in some of the neighbouring townships in the area. As many of you will know we was devastated by two large floods in February 2022 and our area is still struggling to get back on its feet.
- The Rally Itinerary and meal vouchers will be provided at a "Meet & Greet" Friday evening or before the main ride Saturday morning
- Route Marshalls be provided by the NRCMCC. Marshal briefing prior to each ride.
- Visitors' cars that are driven on the ride are asked to remain behind the last rider for rider's safety. Please let Mary know of you are driving your car so we give you a yellow card to let the marshals know.

Transport to lunch there will be seats available in a vehicle, but you must book on your entry form

#### Backup vehicles

- Friday and Saturday rides the backup vehicle will follow the ride.  
Riders have 5 minutes from arrival of breakdown vehicle before the bike must be placed on the trailer. This will ensure the smooth running of the rally and we appreciate your cooperation in this. It is the owners' responsibility to ensure their bike is secure on the trailer.

#### Breakfasts

- There will be NO cooked breakfast on Saturday morning

*All rides on all days depart from Evans Head Bowling Club CarPark*

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Wednesday to Friday MORNING rides-Riders are to gather in the Evans Head Bowling Club Car Park for self guided rides leaving at 9:30am club member/s will be in attendance

**Event Headquarters** - Mary & Bryson - Caravan Site no. 57 (behind cabins on the town end of the park)

FRIDAY afternoon RIDE: (Approximately 60km)

- This ride will leave at 2.30pm (to allow for people who are still travelling & check into cabins)  
*(Don't forget to fuel up your bike beforehand)*
- We plan to arrive back in Evans Head by 4pm

NB. Older bikes used on the Friday run can be trailed to Saturday's judging point and will be eligible for trophies

FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHER:

- You are invited to come to an informal Meet & Greet at the Holiday Park outdoor Camp Kitchen 5pm - 7pm B-B-Q dinner with tea & coffee provided. PLEASE BYO drinks as none will be available a bottle shop is opposite park.
- SATURDAY RIDE: (Approximately 200kms)
- 8am –on Registration
- Rally starts at 9.00am.  
*(Don't forget to fuel up your bike beforehand)*
- Morning Tea & Lunch will be provided (pre paid with entry) Bike judging will take place at lunch.
- If there is enough interest, transportation will be available to take partners/family to join us at the lunch stop. Please let us know on entry form you MUST PRE- BOOKED your seat. Make yourself known to Mary and she will inform you of the arrangements.
- **FUEL- MOST of you will need to FILL UP WITH FUEL in CASINO**

SATURDAY NIGHT PRESENTATION DINNER:

- 6.30pm for 7pm meal-The Saturday night Presentation Dinner is at Evans Head Bowling Club. *(pre paid with entry)*  
 (Easy walk – It's next door to the Evans Head Van Park)

SUNDAY MORNING:

- There will be a short Sunday morning ride if interested. 9am start
- Please indicate this at Saturday night dinner

***The NRCMCC would like to thank the North Coast Holiday Park Evans Head for their donations of food for the Bar-B-Q and ongoing support of this event. Please mention that you are booking in for the NRCMCC Rally if booking your accommodation with them***

For further information contact

NRCMCC President - Mary: [president@nrcmcc.org](mailto:president@nrcmcc.org) 0429 662 915

OR

NRCMCC Secretary - David: [secretary@nrcmcc.org](mailto:secretary@nrcmcc.org)

## NRCMCC Inc Rally - Evans Head 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Wed 6, Thur7, Fri 8 self marshal morning rides

**The NRCMCC Rally is for Classic bikes over 30 years old only**

Given Name: _____	Surname: _____
Address: _____	
Email: _____	Phone _____
Bike make: _____	Model/Capacity _____ Year: _____
Club (if applicable): _____	Rego Number: _____
Solo / pillion _____	Sidecar: _____
Pillion name: _____	

**NO ENTRY FEES FOR ADDITIONAL BIKES (WE JUST NEED A SIGNED ENTRY FORM FOR the ADDITIONAL BIKE PLEASE)**

		Entry Fee	\$ 25
* Saturday Lunch	\$17	number required ( )	\$ _____
Optional Transport to Saturday Lunch (MUST be pre-booked on this entry form)	\$15	number required ( )	\$ _____
* Saturday Evening Presentation Dinner	\$33	number required ( )	\$ _____
Raffle Tickets'	\$1 ea	Number Required ( )	\$ _____
Extra rally badges (if available)	\$8.50 if available	number required ( )	\$ _____
TOTAL			\$ _____

\*DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?.....

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**Meals & Badges cannot be guaranteed for late entries.**

Please return you're completed and signed entry forms and fees to: -

NRCMCC RALLY – PO Box 47 Woodburn NSW 2472 OR by email to [secretary@nrcmcc.org](mailto:secretary@nrcmcc.org)

Payment by Bank Transfer to: - BSB 637 000 Acc 781711446 (IMPORTANT: Your name as reference)

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OR

NRCMCC Secretary - David: [secretary@nrcmcc.org](mailto:secretary@nrcmcc.org)

**INDEMNITY STATEMENT:** In consideration of this entry, I acknowledge that there may be risks associated with this event and I understand that I enter and participate in the rally at my own risk. I agree that the rally 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 an entered machine, its parts or accessories and personal effects, and that any entrant by riding or entering in this event, or passenger taking part, shall comply with registration and road rules and hereby waive the right of action by law against the committee, its organisation, its sponsors, agents or representatives. The club retains the right to refuse an entry.

**Entrant's signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Receipts, meal tickets & badges etc. will be available at the evening "Meet & Greet" Friday or on Saturday morning.

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Date	Cash/Chq/MO/Bank Transfer	Bank	Receipt No.	Rally No.
Balance due				

## 2023 committee and office holders

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**Raffles:** Ian & Lois Gibbs

**Jack Ahearn Restoration Trophy**—Judges John Cafe P: 0427252081

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**Our Club Rides:-** Some information on coming NRCMCC club rides.

### **Sunday & Wednesday Rides - All going ahead**

Please note that all attendees will need to sign on and BYO mask {optional }

Sunday runs are starting from the Norco Car Park—leave 9.00am

Wednesday rides starting from Lismore Railway Station—leave 9.00 am

For further information go to the clubs web site , advisable to read before going on any rides,

**Provisional Schedule of Sunday Club Rides for 2023** as supplied by Peter Lake

**16th July**—Ride to Brunswick Head for Hot Rod display, then onto Mooball for Coffee.

**19th July** Extra Wednesday Ride for 2 stroke & smaller bikes , more info to come

**13th August**—Small Bike Run around Lismore { not the circle again please }

**8th-10th September**—Club Rally at Evans Head .

**15th October**—Ride to Tumbulgum via Cabarita, Pottsville, Mooball

19th November & 17th Dec —yet to be decided

In addition to the primary club ride after the monthly meeting, we also have a CLASSICS ride on the 1st Sunday of every month. . Members with older bikes { H, G and J plated motorcycles } are encouraged to attend this ride. {Open to all riders no matter what bike you ride}

**Additional Wednesday 19th July Club Ride** { 3rd Wednesday of the month }

**Twoies and small bike run, Starting at Clunes Hall at 9.00 am**

\*Morning Tea—Summerland farm

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\*On road with 80kph speed limit

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## Motorcycle Events and Rallies organized by other Motorcycle Clubs or Groups

**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.

### **Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club** will be holding its

Annual Bike Rally on 21-23 July 2023.

Rally Headquarters will be Paradise Tourist Park.

It is suggested to book your accommodation early as there are other events on that weekend in Tamworth.

Paradise Tourist Park Ph.0267663120

Rally Co-ordinators: Allen Carlson ph 0418805221 Barry Thomas ph 0401435892

TDAMC <tamworth.damc@gmail.com>

**Frostbite Rally** The Warwick area would like to invite all HMCCQ members and visitors to attend the annual Frostbite Rally. 8 th & 9 th July 2023 Allora Showgrounds Check in from 10:00am Saturday. Entry fee - \$45.00 includes Saturday night dinner, Sunday breakfast and morning tea. Pillions - \$40.00 . A nightly camping fee of \$25 powered/\$15 unpowered site paid directly to the caretaker also applies. Saturday's mystery ride will depart at 1:30pm sharp. Sunday's rally will see the first bike out at 9:00am. Long and short routes available, suitable for all club eligible motorcycles. 'Ye Olde Handle Bar' will again be operating with our usual friendly bar staff serving drinks at very reasonable prices, allowing members the opportunity to socialise while keeping warm around the fire pits and enjoying some tasty treats. Camp Oven Boogie by Sharon on Saturday night. For catering purposes please RSVP by 1 st July 2023 Entry forms can be obtained from (and returned to) hmccqwcksec@gmail.com Enquiries Mick 07 46666125 or Ellen 0409349546



**22nd & 23rd July Heritage weekend**—Casino Showgrounds—Vintage Tractors Trucks Cars Small engines, static displays and lots lots more activities - more info office@casinoshowsociety.com

**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.



### **My beloved SUZUKI SV 650,**

Only done 19500 klms, good Michelin tyres, lots of extras: cruise control, screen,

Venturi pack system etc.

Fully registered till mid September, just replaced battery, always garaged and never ridden in the rain

Plus very comfortable seat. \$5500 ono

**Contact me Ph 0409 908 485**

**or email:**

**noel\_mavis@hotmail.com**



### **For Sale 2001 1200 Triumph 4 Cylinder**

Last started 4 years ago

\$600 ONO

Bill Roberts

0438278458



### **For Sale**

Dry Rider Jacket Aspen 3XL \$50

Also brand new Aldi

Jacket Large \$30

Draggin Jeans Worn. Size 42 Inside

Leg 70cm

Contact Chris 0427911716

## Wednesday Club Rides

### Club Mid-Week Ride to Drake on 24/05/23

The ride to Drake on 24/5/23 went ahead in sunny but crisp morning conditions for around 10 riders planning to meet-up with 'Bonolbo Mick' at the combined tourist/coffee/computer/gallery shop there.

One rider unfortunately had to drop out due to ignition problems before Casino. Reports say his Kwaka-4 was OK & rideable home.

Overall, the Bruxner H'/way was in reasonable condition, but with a few bad areas especially near Mallangane and Piora. Traffic was generally light, but road-works near the Old Bonalbo turn-off at Sandilands meant a boring 10+ minutes wait, this type of long stoppage [as usual] leading to the annoying "bunching" of vehicles.

Fuel is not available at Drake + the servo at Tabulam is closed, so the only option for smaller capacity tanks is the '91' on offer from their friendly rural store there. A point to remember in future. But fuel is also available at Koreela and Bonalbo. Riding onto Tenterfield for fuel is also an option - as many did, but I returned via Casino then to Lismore after my welcome top-up at Tabulam.

A mobile road-side speed-camera was spotted at Ramsay's Rd near Drake and on return to Lismore the very same hero was observed lying in wait on the ever-popular McKees Hill straight. [I wish the RMS would target more dangerous road areas, rather than opt for surreptitious revenue-collection on well-maintained/safer 100Kmph roads.]

But these events did not spoil this trip, as the long fast straights into and out of Drake around Yellow Creek, framed by lovely avenues of tall gum-trees with very little traffic was most memorable and worthwhile.

A longer [210Km] Run than normal, returned to Lismore by 1.45 pm.

R. A.



### Club Mid-Week Ride to Evans Head Kiosk on 7/6/23.

Five riders braved the drizzle and rode via Rous Road, Meerschaum Vale and Broadwater, passing through the national park on the rather bumpy road much frequented by the summer-sun migrant RV crowd. It was good to see The Mill in full operation again, around one year from their disasterous 2022 flood.

It was good to see some prudent early hazard-reduction burns on the way there by the very pro-active Broadwater bush fire brigade.

I was late for coffee at the Kiosk, after stopping to adjust the Ryker brake-pedal, plus a supplementary fill-up at Evans to try and understand its fuel gauge's apparently idiosyncratic behaviour. Full capacity was (at last) calculated at 22L – with this filling proceeding way past the 'full' on the bar-gauge. Lesson learned.

Return to Lismore was via Woodburn on far better & faster roads across the cane-flats and much brighter riding conditions. A minor red-light hold-up at Wyrallah village for major road-works, a nasty pot-hole near the outskirts to be avoided. Overall an enjoyable ride with low traffic density.

The Mid Week Run on the first Wednesday of each month is specifically designed as a shorter/local club ride, being suitable for all machines of all types. While the second Wednesday is for longer distance enthusiasts - but always including the option for short-range riders to turn back home at any time, just as long as this is notified beforehand to ride-leader.

So I hope to see more smaller capacity and classic machines taking part in this organised club ride in future months.

Warm clothing advised, but don't over-do it as I did this time!

I returned to a sunny Lismore at 11.45am with a fairly typical 96Km mileage for this ride.

R. A.

## The Sprint of Tassie

We joined the Vic Guzzi Club for an 11 day Tour of Tasmania starting 24<sup>th</sup> February with 11 bikes and 12 bodies, Jan and I being the only 2 up, and with only 1 other non male on the trip.

Bikes consisted of a Ducati Hypermotard, Suzuki SV 1000 and a Triumph Tiger which were the only non Guzzi's, Mk 111 LeMans, SP 1000, T3, Brevia Sport 1200, Griso, 1100 Sport, an immaculate black Mk V Lemans and our Red Mk V.

The schedule was firstly the ferry trip to Davenport, then to Stanley followed by 2 days in Queenstown, then 2 days in St Helens, 1 day in Poatina, 2 days in Hobart and finally back to Devonport for ferry back to Vic.



Day 1 - Sat. From Devonport, south to Barrington, Promised Land, Moina and Wilmot. Then take the hinterland through Upper Castra, Gunn Plains, South Riana, Hampshire to Waratah. Then head north up the A10 and Hellyer Gorge to Somerset for lunch at Seabrook Hotel. Then out along the A2 to Stanley.

Great day and soon learned that with all the riders except us having Melbourne City area backgrounds and being very experienced finding small gaps in traffic, lane splitting and filtering to the head of traffic ques etc, (not one of my strong points) which resulted in us being left behind at traffic lights in Devonport but we found our own way to catch up at Waratah easily enough. As the trip progressed we enjoyed more familiar types of country with plenty of tighter corners and some dirt, as well as the famous Tassie scenery in good company.

Stanley is a lovely small seaside town and a great first night in th Stanley Hotel was enjoyed by all.



Day 2 - Sun. Back along the A2 to Wynyard, south via Hellyer Gorge to Waratah, Tullah, Rosebery, Queenstown. Again another great ride before our first night in Queenstown, where the scars of heavy mining are clearly still present despite much regeneration, whilst still retaining its rustic "wild west" appearance.

Day 3 – Awesome ride from Queenstown to Strachan, then Henty Road to Zeehan, Reece Dam, Tullah and back onto the Henty Highway back for our final night in Queenstown, after a ride up the very winding road to the Queenstown lookout. Unfortunately planned geared steam train ride up steep track didn't eventuate as with heavy tourism was booked out for over a month.



Day 4. Tues. Queenstown to beautiful historic Deloraine, via great ride through Cradle Mt Hwy, then Launceston, Scottsdale to St Helens for 2 nights.

Day 5, Wed. Beautiful eastern coastal ride South to Bicheno, Lake Leake, Campbell Town, Fingal, St Marys back to St Helens



Day 6. Thurs. Another great ride from St Helens to Scottsdale, Longford, famous for holding many motorcycle and car GP's featuring many past greats including Aussie great Jack Ahern, with the Country Club Htl on the corner of the actual track displaying many walls with pictures and detailed history, then through Cressy to the unusual hydro construction town of Poatina for the night.

Day 7. Friday. Another great ride after a great night at Poatina on great roads through the picturesque and historic villages and towns of Bothwell, Ellendale, New Norfolk, Molesworth to the Black Buffalo Hotel in North Hobart for 2 nights.

Poatina was a very interesting stay having been purpose built as construction base for part of the Tassie Hydro scheme in the late 50's through the 60's, and unusually has retained much of its period details and charm reflected in unchanged buildings and the furniture in the "chalet" where we stayed, which also had a comprehensive and detailed history of the towns construction and use through to the present.



Day 8. Saturday. Rest day, and visit the Dicksons incredible bike collection at Sandfly. Following are pics of some of the Dicksons incredible collection which includes Italian, English, German, American and Japanese, specials as well as very impressive collection of WW2 military sidecars etc, what a great day.



And yes, several LAVERDA's

Awesome 1925 Guzzi with leading technology for its time, naturally.



Day 9, Sunday. Alas our final day, and one of the longest, returning to catch ferry, from Hobart via Sorell, Runnymede, Woodsdale, Oatlands, Bothwell, Miena, Deloraine, Mole Creek, Sheffield, Railton, finishing in Devonport. At Molly Malone's Irish Pub, before once more lining up for the ferry. **Barry & Jan McD**

And no trip would be complete without some tales of mechanical woe to test our mettle, but only 4 worth mentioning -



Mk V LeMans in Bicheno with foot brake lever spring broken-fixed with thin ocky strap for rest of trip  
1100 Sport in background later developed drinking problem when fuel injection issue running very rich



The 1200 S in St Helens with leaking sump after Gutter crossing

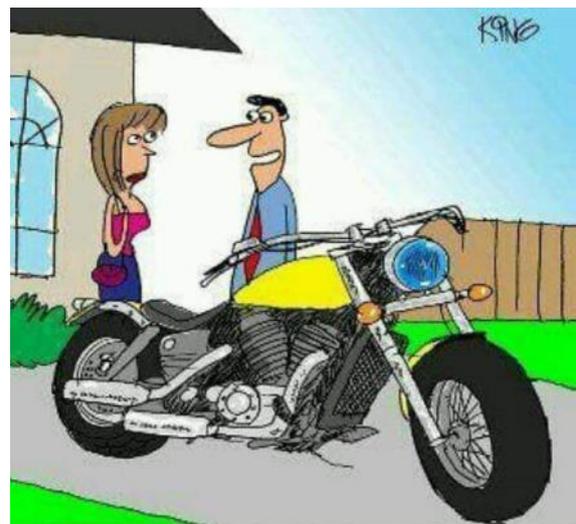


And the LMV on day 7 on way to Hobart noticed diff and right side of rear wheel coated in oil, so replacing the swing arm boot in Black Buffalo car park, Hobart.



We HAVE to ride this fast, Officer!

Otherwise, by the time we get there, we've forgotten why we went



*"How rude of me. Our first date and I've talked about my bike all night. I haven't given you a chance to talk about my bike."*

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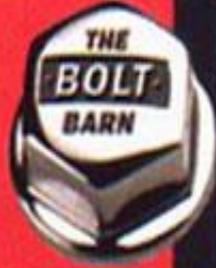


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Cheers David BM

### "IF YOU ARE UNHAPPY:

Once upon a time there was a nonconforming sparrow who decided not to fly South for the Winter. However, soon, the weather turned so cold that he reluctantly started to fly South after all. In a short time, ice began to form on his wings and he fell to earth in a barnyard, almost frozen. A cow passed by and crapped on the little sparrow. The sparrow thought it was surely the end. But the manure warmed him and defrosted his wings. Warm and happy again, able to breathe, he started to sing. Just then a large cat came by and, hearing the chirping, went to investigate the sounds. The cat cleared away the manure, found the chirping bird and promptly ate him.

The moral of the story"

- 1 Everyone who shits on you is not necessarily your enemy.
2. Everyone who gets you out of the shit is not necessarily your friend.
3. And, if you're warm and happy, but you're in the shit, keep your mouth shut."

