# Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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August 2012

# Classic Torque



### Meeting Minutes – NRCMCC 10 July 2012

**Welcome** Open at 7.35 – Chaired by Eric Wilson - attendance – 31 as per attendance sheet

<u>Visitors -</u> Abe Mazzer, John Mazzer, Stuart Cohen

Apologies – Pat Holt, Andie Erskine, Peter Harvey, Ray Fisher, Wendy Hagan, Terry Savins

<u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> – accepted/2nd

<u>Business Arising from minutes</u> \_There is an inconsistency around dates for the rally on the website. It is the minutes that are incorrect, the events date is OK.

<u>Treasurers Report</u> – bank balance current account report accepted;

T-shirts to be listed as assets (Stock in hand)

<u>Correspondence IN</u> –On file - 8newsletters; 1 invitation to the rusty iron rally, Macksville 1-2 Sep tember (Display only) - Letters in – From Narrandera Council inviting club to 'drop in'; - from Council of Heritage Motorclubs re outstanding membership payment (Eric to respond and ar range payment)

#### <u>Correspondence OUT</u> - none

<u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u> – Col McAndrew reported on rally process – everything on track, again pointed out need for marshals. Rally starts at 10.am Friday for a slow bike run. Also requested marshals for the triples rally 18 – 19 August.

Bernie Shailer (Applicant for membership has offered his place as a destination for a Sunday run. He has around 20 historic BMWs. Frank Widdows to contact.

Michael Smith reported to the meeting on his discussion with police re 'service runs' – they would not accept 'to recharge batteries' as a justification. We need to be careful not to abuse the system else it might make it difficult for heritage clubs in general.

Paul Reynolds offered to arrange a CSG info speaker, Club rejected - 'Not a political club!'

<u>Members Reports -</u> Rob Andrews reported on the wed runs, 28 June 'rained out', 6 people rode to top of Mt Nardi 4 July .

Peter Lake reported 35 bikes left Lismore on Slow run to Evans Head; very successful. To P3













### July minutes continued

**Upcoming runs** for further details see page 5

July 15 – Sunday run to Brunswick Heads – hot rod show

July 20 -22 - Tamworth and District run

July 28 -29 – Frostbite Rally, Warwick

Aug 5 - Classic Car Club show in Browns creek carpark - NRCMCC has stand - starts at 8.00am

**Aug 19** – Triples Rally (club members to help marshal the run)

**Aug 24–26** – Grafton Vintage and Classic rally

Oct 14 – to Gerard Roche's place – Eureka

Oct 28-30 - NRCMCC rally, Ballina

Nov 16 – slow bike run to Rocky Creek dam

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

#### Discussion of proposed 'Club Rules'

Eric Wilson led a discussion of the club rules.

All rules accepted bar B) Membership – cl V. Everyone agreed membership has always been for a family. Moved that the rule be rewritten and presented at a later meeting.

Written suggestions for a rewrite of this rule will be accepted at the August meeting for discussion by the rules committee. Rule C, Records, cl IV, assets register was modified to include 'hire fee set by the committee' but this was not a clear result.

All other rules OK – note the club now considers 'within a radius of 15km from home' as an acceptable definition of 'short distance' in RMS rules. Any longer service runs need to be put in day book.

General meeting Closed 9.00pm

# Book of the month

It might seem that I'm infatuated with Burt Munro - and I do think he's an interesting character Ray Martlew kindly leant me one of his books - 'The world's fastest Indian' by Roger Donaldson and subtitled 'Burt Munro - a scrapbook of his life'.

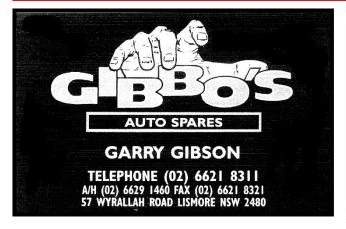
It's a large book with a fascinating collection of photos from Burt's own albums showing Burt and many of the friends he made in Australia and the USA. The author, Roger Donaldson made the film "worlds fastest Indian', but formed a strong bond with Burt and there are photos from the set of the film.

Burt's two loves were his bikes and ladies and he was a very personable guy which won him the friendship and support of most people he came in contact with. According to Donaldson, Burt's favourite T-Shirt had 'dirty Old men need love too' emblazoned on the front!

The book comes with a DVD with 2 hours of behind the scenes on the film, deleted scenes from the film, interviews and other material

Ray has agreed to let other club members borrow the book, so contact him on 6624 8830.

\*\*Richard Swinton\*\*



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### July club run to Brunswick Hot Rod show

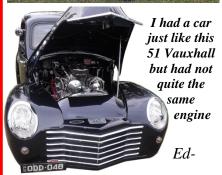


About a two dozen members departed from the Bangalow Park for the Show and Shine display for Hotrods held last month at Brunswick Heads. As the arrival of members was somewhat chaotic and the parking anywhere near to either the coffee shops or the display area was so tight everyone just wandered about in small groups. Certainly plenty of unusual motor vehicles were on display and the use of cameras was the main

activity. I only took a few of what I thought were either very funny or most unusual. The day thankfully was nice, fine and cool and good fun.

I think all these pictures are self explanatory; Noel









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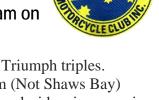


# NRCMC Club Events 2012

### Club run each month on the 1st Sunday after the meeting.

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

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



- 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
- **Sept 16th** Sunday club run to house with no steps. Leaves Lismore 9am, Bangalow 9.30. Coincides with "Farmers Fair Day" at the HWNS

### NRCMCC Annual Rally: 28th/29th/30th September

COMMEMORATION PARK, BALLINA — 2012

- **Sep 28th** Fri. 10 am. Old Bike Run for pre 1960 bikes, this being a new addition to our rally and we hope to get as many members involved as possible. Entry in this rally enables you to then trailer your bikes to the Saturday judging if you prefer not to ride.
- Sep 29th Sat. 8.00 am breakfast and sign on at Commemoration Park, Ballina, rally start 10 am. Stop for lunch at Wardell and the judging. 2pm organised ride back to Ballina
- **Sep 30th** Sun. 8 am breakfast. 10am Rally, ending with a B.B.Q. lunch at Commemoration 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 21 Sunday run to see Bernie's BMW collection in Terranora. Coffee and 2 hour BMW talk provided by Bernie, BYO Tim Tams. Leaves Lismore 8.30 am & Bangalow 9 am
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday "Compression against Depression" run. Static Display at Rous Hotel, 8 to 10 am. 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 16th** Sunday Run to Frank Widdows house, 64 Westland Drive, Ballina. Leaves Lismore 8.30 am Bangalow 9 am.

#### Other Clubs 2012 events

August 15, 2012 "STINKWHEEL RALLY"

JOHN: 07 3269 7643 See me for further info, Ed

#### "Frostbite Rally" Invitation

We wish to invite the members of the "Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc" to our upcoming annual 'Frostbite Rally' being held at the Allora Showground's at Allora Qld over the weekend of

28th - 29th July 2012.

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### Grafton Vintage & Classic Rally 2012

Fri 24 / Sat 25 / Sunday 26th August, 2012
Fri ride starts 2pm, Grafton showground
Entries to CVH&EMCC PO Box 25
Coutts Crossing, NSW 2460— entries close 18/8/12
Contact: Terry Ryan 0266 493382

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### What's On??

Saturday 25th August, 7 PM at Eltham Masonic Hall

Dream Films screening the Winner Norway Film Prize 2011

### **'KING OF DEVIL'S ISLAND'**

starring Stellan Skarsgard, Benjamin Helstad, Trond Nilssen and Kristoffer Joner Everyone welcome

\$9 adults - \$7 concession

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Light meal & refreshments available from 6.00pm (BYO beer/wine, & knee blanket)

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# "Why? Because it's there!!"

If ever that line was appropriate it was for the Wednesday run on July 4.

6 hardy souls met at Lismore station with the usual motley collection of bikes from tiddlers up to 1000cc. Where to go? Our leader Rob Andrews suggested going up Mt Nardi, but there was general consensus that it was probably too wet and slippery. So (bar Ray on the littlest tiddler who decided to go straight to Nimbin) off we headed to Nimbin via the Nimbin road and thence across to Rock Valley road to Cawongla and then along the Murwillumbah - Kyogle road and down into Nimbin.

It was a beautiful day with excellent views of the Border Ranges and Mt Warning, but the general opinion was that the cold was only just a short second to rain for discouraging motorcycle riding! I had even tried to buy a balaclava before we left, but they'd all sold out! The Murwillumbah Road is a challenge with dodgy repairs and unexpected gravel patches, especially the 300mm drop in the road where a slip has occurred. I

wonder if putting in more fill only increases the weight

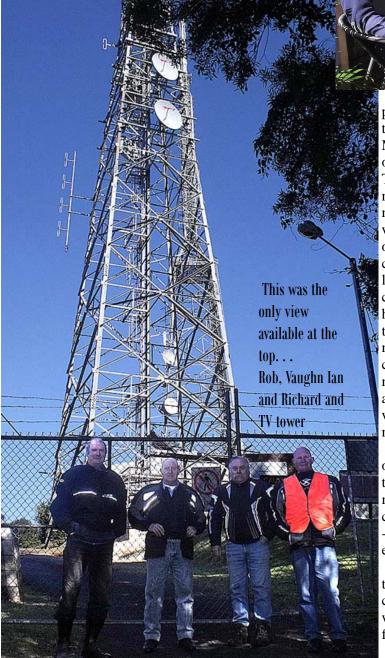
and causes more slip?!

Our expected coffee shop was shut, but we had excellent coffee across the road at the emporium instead. And the young lady barista gave excellent and very friendly service. Discussion waffled all over the

> place as usual, but in the middle a local motorcycle rider joined in and suggested that the Mt Nardi road wasn't too bad, so (again without the tiddler) we set of up the mountain. This is where that opening line comes in - a narrow and winding track, sealed, but very narrow with steep falls off the edge. And when we reached the top we had a great view of the towers, but nothing else!! All you could see from this local peak was trees and lantana!! Even our tallest member, Rob, could just glimpse what he thought might have been sea, but Ian and I? nothing!! But in the true tradition of club rides - it's the journey, not the destination, that matters. Of course, we could have headed off on foot on a number of very attractive walking tracks, but as the old joke says "If God had meant me to walk, he'd have given me wheels"; and there's no way the BMW was going walking!

So down we went again, and I headed off via the Channon - except I took the wrong turnoff and ended up at Tuntable Falls Community - interesting, that was the first place I came to on the north coast all those years ago - a homing instinct perhaps? But, as I said earlier - it's the journey etc, etc.

A good if slightly chilly day. Oh, and the road from Nimbin to The Channon is excellent - narrow and winding, but generally well surfaced. Possibly a good inclusion in a future run? Richard Swinton



### From the Editor's desk . . .

Are we all getting excited, anxious at the prospect of our biggest and most important event for the year being better than ever? I do think our presso Pat is a little optimistic (ref front page) but for the rest of us just to make sure our classics are in the best working order for the runs on September, 28, 29, and 30th. We are hoping the new event, pre 1960 Classics only run on the Friday 28th, is successful as there has been considerable time and effort put in to organise it.

It has been a very busy month so far with the Annual Summerland Classic Car and Bike Show last Sunday which was very successful, the Queensland Stink Wheel Rally which I will report on next month and in the coming weeks we have the "Triumph Triples Rally", Aug 19 which we are organised to help marshal. Note the next club run is to the House with no steps.

Noel Edwards

### Second Mid week ride for July

Another enjoyable ride by 6 of the regular participants was had ending in one of our more popular coffee stops at the Wardell Pie shop. Rob chose a different route going via Coraki to Woodburn the back door way, somewhere adjacent to the Swan Bay to New Italy area and then (albeit a small hiccup) nearly went on a dirt road much to Brian's horror as his Triumph would have to be about the most immaculate in the territory. We all came to a sudden halt when the road ahead turned to a very muddy looking and full of potholes dirt track. An about turn was soon made and Rob found the non dirt road through to Woodburn and all went well to Wardell where as usual we found that the pies were still terrific and the coffee also pretty good.

Ray Martlew was back on his 350 twin Jawa after it spent 3 months being fixed from his mishap and was quite happy with the end result as it now handled a lot better with new forks (with oil in them) and new tyres than it did previously. Our "legend" member, Peter Lake is reportedly suffering from withdrawal symptoms from not being able to ride his BMW which has also been out of commission with problems (????) Hope he is back with us soon.

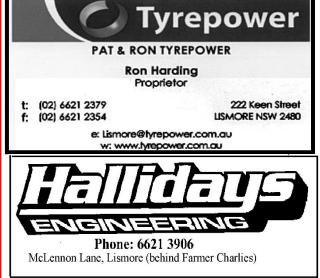
### First Mid week ride for August Who is missing out on all this mid-week fun?

A cloudless day, just a tad nippy but 8 members arrived to take part for the first mid week run. As it turned out, Rob our legend run organiser could not make it so we organised a run to one of my favourite runs, Wadesville Woolies. Am sure the Nimbin road is now better condition than ever it was, can't say the same for the Stoney Chute road though as dodging all the potholes was Home made milk coffee was the order of the day on arrival as their cappuccino machine was on the blink.

Returning via the Cawongla, Rock Valley Road was better than usual as an extensive amount of work has been done and with a bit of astute riding one can miss most of the bumps. Everything was going well until the Lismore outskirts when my little RD decided to have a spell. Must thank MZ Eric and Ray for their help and pillion me home to pick up trailer. Upon diagnosis at Matt's, the 2-stroke man shop he found the cause was due to a loose battery connection.

Noel Edwards





# President's report . . .

Hi members.

Thanks to all who helped at the last club meeting and thanks to Eric for chairing the meeting in my absence. The club rules are almost complete and I am informed there are some points that need to be rectified. My trip away was very interesting and a complete surprise. Normally when I travel to Griffith to see my daughter, Brenda and I pass through a lot of small towns, most of which seem to be struggling, but on this trip we visited the small town of Temora. Temora was the site of a now closed RAAF training base. It was used to train fighter pilots for the 2nd world war. It is now a "flying museum". All the planes housed there are all able to be used. The museum houses some of the great planes flown by the RAAF, including Vampire, Sabre, Canberra Boomerang and Spitfire as well as other war birds, such as the British Comet, the USA air force XK72? twin seater fighter. There were more but I can't remember them all. The day I visited the museum it was cold but clear blue skies and it was just fabulous to witness the four planes that flew that day, the Boomerang, which was the only Australian made fighter plane, the Comet which was the first generation British jet made after the 2nd world war that saw service in the Korean war, the USA fighter plane and last to fly the fabulous Spitfire. I cannot tell you how I felt seeing these old planes fly. Each plane that flew, the announcer gave a brief history of the plane's development and war history. The bigey for me was watching and listening to the Spitfire. The sound of the Rolls Royce V12 Merlin motor was the most beautiful thing you have ever heard. Better than a Norton!!! The planes flew for about 15 mins, or so and passed just over head. You could easily see the pilot. If only I could put into words how the whole day affected me I would but its suffice to say it was a great day and I don't think I will ever forget it.

Remember don't let fear stand in the way of your dreams.

President Pat

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# We Won It!

Yes, for the Best Club Display at the Summerland Classic Car Club.

"Trophies for excellence" won at the show and shine, last Sunday which were judged by the Car Club officials were: Tony Kempnich, Tony Pembroke, Geoffrey Outerridge and Byron Bruce (non member).

Thanks must go to all the willing workers who helped make this day a huge success by setting up the tents, banners and all the work associated with organising this display for our club. The NRCMCC had up to thirty bikes from early Classics

to modern machines all in extremely pristine condition.

Good to see our club patron, Jack Ahearn out and about enjoying the very welcome sunshine, we can only hope it will stay around for awhile especially for the last weekend of September when we all get out again all our "Classic" bikes for the big rally. Don't forget to get your entry in soon.

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Pictured below is just part of our winning "Classic Bikes Display". On behalf of our club would like to thank the Summerland Classic Car Club for inviting our club to participate in this their annual "Show and Shine" display.

Noel Edwards



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# Wake-up and laugh a little . . .

### Why Tiger Woods drives a Mercedes

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"Top of the mornin' toyer, sir" says the attendant. Tiger nods a quick "hello" and bends forward to pick up the nozzle. As he does so, two tees fall out of his shirt pocket onto the ground.

"What are those?, asks the attendant. "They're called tees" replies Tiger. "Well, what on the god's earth are dey for?" inquires the Irishman.

"They're for resting my balls on when I'm driving", says Tiger.

"Fookin Jaysus", says the Irishman, "Mercedes thinks of everything!".

### Taxi story....

An Arab enters a taxi in Sydney...... Once he is seated he asks the cab driver to turn off the radio because he must not hear music as decreed by his religion and, in the time of the prophet, there was no music, especially Western music which is music of the infidel's and certainly no radio ....... So the cab driver politely switches off the radio, stops the cab and opens the back door. The Arab asks him: "What are you doing man?" The cabby answers: "In the time of the prophet there were no taxis. So get out and wait for a camel."

#### The ESCAPEE...

A man escapes from prison where he has been for 15 years. He breaks into a house to look for money and guns and finds a young couple in bed. He orders the guy out of bed and ties him to a chair. While tying the girl to the bed, he gets on top of her, kisses her neck, then gets up and goes into the bathroom.

While he's in there, the husband whispers to his wife, "Listen this guy's an escaped convict - look at his clothes! He probably spent lots of time in jail and hasn't seen a woman in years. I saw how he kissed your neck. If he wants sex, don't resist, don't complain, do whatever he tells you. Satisfy him no matter how much he nauseates you. This guy is probably very dangerous. If he gets angry, he'll kill us. Be strong, honey. I love you."

To which the wife responds, "He wasn't kissing my neck. He was whispering in my ear. He told me he was gay, thinks you're cute, and asked if we had any Vaseline. I told him it was in the bathroom.

Be strong, honey. I love you, too."

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#### Meet and Greet Friday 28th

An unofficial get together at The Aus

Rally Route from our start point at The rally will explore our beautiful of far north coast of NSW. An enjoyabl machinery. Route Marshals will be p Backup vehicles will be provided on route. Riders have 5 minutes from an This will ensure the smooth running of

#### Breakfast

As usual we will be offering entrants reasonable price of \$5.00. Please join form. Tea & Coffee will be supplied.

#### **Trophies**

Trophies will be awarded at the prese categories:- pre 1939, 1940-1949, 19.

Presentation Dinner (Back at our of After Saturday's ride join us for a Pre over for map and directions. The pre few drinks, get together with old frier motorcycles.



#### **FRIDAY**

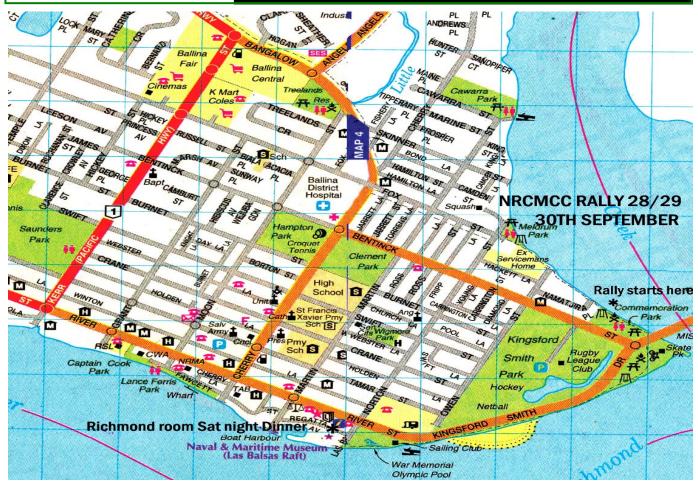
100 km ride for pre 1960 bikes leave Ballina 10am (fuelled up) Arrive back in Ballina 3 pm

Meet & Greet at Aussie Pub at 6.30pm

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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.