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**October
2012**

Classic Torque

2012 Rally a huge success!

This year's rally, which we have to admit that some months ago during its planning stage as mentioned at a meeting as to whether it actually would go ahead owing to several financial factors and the downfall in numbers competing in these types of rallies in other similar clubs. What a great turnaround. 133 bike entries on the Saturday, 24 entrees in the pre 1960 only class new event on the opening day, Peter Small, Col and Nancy McAndrews, we congratulate you on the success of the weekend. As usual

the much needed help from Peter Lake, all the marshals and of course all the helpers who made this weekend one of the best so far and fine weather all made a difference.

Seen in the photo dining at the Eltham Hotel stop for lunch on the Friday pre 1960 bike run is from bottom left: Doug, Julia, Mike, Ray, Peter, Judy, Brenda, Pat, Lina and Tony, Norm and Mary (top right).

Noel Edwards.



Meeting Minutes – NRCMCC 11 September 2012

Welcome Open at 7.35 – Chaired by Pat Holt - attendance – 32 as per attendance sheet

Visitors - Tim Earley, Paul Floyd, Shaine Nichols, Dave Jupe, Robert Evans)

Apologies –Peter Fleming, Will McMillan, Chris Wakely, Alex Marsh, J Café, G Britnall, Chris Jeffery, Wayne Gardner

Minutes of previous meeting – accepted/2nd

Business Arising from minutes - Correction: 'Compression for Depression' run starts at 7.30 am for breakfast followed by run at 9.00

Treasurers Report – bank balance current account, Investment account; Plus interest now payable. Investment account needs rolling over. Report accepted;

Correspondence IN –On file - 8newsletters; - Invitations to Rallies – Gatton Swap Meet – 26 – 27 Oct; Griffith Classic M'cycle rally 13 – 14 Oct at Wagga wagga. Declared as club runs.

Letters in – Receipt from Council of heritage Motor clubs for affiliation fees paid– (To Treasurer); Club Insurance renewal documents – To treasurer; Rego papers for large trailer – to treasurer (Pat Holt will register); Notification from Greater building Society that investment account is due to roll over; Cheque from Bernie Shailer re membership fees.

Correspondence OUT - Thanks to Shannons for Rally Donation;

GENERAL BUSINESS – Col Mc Andrew reported on rally process – 15 older bikes registered for the Friday run, 25 visitors and only 15 members booked for dinner – (Pat H asked more to attend since we are hosts) Again pointed out need for marshals. (A sheet was passed around collecting names for marshalling) Rally starts at 10.am Friday for a slow bike run
Reminder for Committee meeting on 23 October at Workers club.

Members Reports - Doug Foskey spoke on the 'Ragged Fringe' Moto Guzzi rally; Rob Andrews talked of the 9 & 10 attendees at wed runs to Eltham Pantry and Wiangaree store – good runs. Peter Lake talked of the Triples Rally and thanked all those who marshaled. Congratulated Col McAndrew for organizing. Mary Walker spoke of a Spyder run and visiting the Auto Giro (Italian bike) rally in Glasshouse mountains.

Ian Wilkes has sold his property and is moving south in next few weeks so announced his retirement from the club. He was thanked for his enthusiastic role as catering manager. A new one is needed.

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NRCMCC minutes *continued* . . .

Upcoming runs

The Sunday Sept 16 run to 'House with no steps' has changed its destination (still unknown) leaves as before

Sept 16 – Sunday 'Unknown destination' run

Sept 26 – Wed run

Sept 28–30 - NRCMCC rally, Ballina

Oct 3 – Wed run

Oct 13 – 14 Griffith Rally

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

Oct 21- Run to Bernie Shailers (New member) Shed, Terranora (Historic BMW collection)

Oct 24 – Wed run

Oct 26/27 – Gatton Swap Meet

Oct 28 – 'Compression against Depression' run

Nov 7 – wed run

Nov 18 – slow bike run to Rocky Creek dam

Nov 28 – Wed run

Dec 16 – brunch at Frank Widdows place

Discussion of need to plan next years early runs – Frank Widdows wants suggestions. ROS to contact tweed social club re Cram Farm run date.

General meeting Close - 8.30pm



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MWR 5/9/12 To the Wiangaree Store .

Nine club riders set off from the Lismore railway station at 9.10 AM for a slightly longer ride to the Wiangaree Store for coffee/refreshments. Due to the recent landslides/roadworks on the Summerland Way just north of the village and the consequent lack of truck-traffic/load restrictions by the DMR etc., we were given a "super silver-service" reception at the store by the owners, who were obviously glad for our custom due to these restrictions on road traffic as this was affecting their income - through no fault of their own.

The Run Route chosen was via Cawongla/Rock Valley Road, north from Lismore and from there to Kyogle and then onto the Summerland Way to Wiangaree (or Wiangaree - if you are historically correct as regards the old maps.) The ride was un-eventful, but towards the end it was



Found; another good coffee stop!

pretty windy especially for un-fared machines. Some riders with sports suspensions complained of muscle-stress over these bumpy rural road surfaces, but I fear these minor road conditions can only get worse with the present budgetary constraints on all rural shire councils. But most thankfully we escaped one of the worst bike-predations ever devised - [specifically done to save on road-repair costs.] Yes - it was the dreaded KSC "jet-patcher" machine! We were partially saved due our arrival mid-way through the operator's morning tea-break just above Cawongla village, breaking his morning patching run. This thankfully saved us 50% of the usual 'skiddy' metal-dust/asphalt sprayed-on patches with us now riding in front of this infernal machine. Of course there is always the potential for motorcycle accidents with this method of "el cheapo road-repairs", so we were all most thankful that at least this half of our journey to Kyogle was "metal-dust and tar-free" - but even so, some riders had minor problems on the corners particularly.

At the village shop our two tea-drinkers were impressed and flattered by the sumptuous silver-service tea-pot used, along with a 'collectors item' 3-Sisters Blue Mountains' strainer. Some felt this establishment needed a proper modern 'espresso' coffee machine. Hopefully before our next visit they will achieve this acme for all bike-riders, so our coffee connoisseurs can then give them a 'fully satisfied - 5-star' report-card in the future.

The route back was via MacDonalds Bridge, via the turn-off from the Summerland Way, then onto Stratheden, Dyraaba Central and through the suburban enclave of Sextonville. Then straight through Casino to Canaiba Road and back to Lismore by the usual well-worn route. This was a slightly longer run than normal at 155Km, but be assured, even the oldest of classics and smaller capacity machines will always be accommodated with a nominated "tail end-charlie" (or two) and a leader to ensure that no-one is left behind in the wake of some of our faster riders on more modern and larger capacity machines. Overall it was great dry weather run and we had some excellent clear views of the mountains, sometimes right into Queensland too. Remember, all bikes of any type/age are very welcome on the MWR. So see you at the next Club's Mid-Week Ride!

Rob. A.



Only silver service is good enough for the riders at the Wiangaree Store.

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

Oct 14th 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 24 Wednesday Mid-week run

Oct 26/27 Gatton Swap Meet

Oct 28th Sunday "Compression against Depression" run. Static Display at Rous Hotel, 8 to 10 am. Please contact Nick Kostyn for further details.

Nov 18th Sunday slow bike ride to Rocky Creek Dam. Leaves Bangalow 8.30 am, Lismore 9am

Dec 16th Sunday Run to Frank Widdow's house, 64 Westland Drive, Ballina. Leaves Lismore 8.30 am Bangalow 9 am.

OTHER EVENTS

Oct 19/20/21 Thunder Rally at Sheba Dam Recreation Area, Nundle, 40klm Sth of Tamworth, for more info contact: 0404 002 427

Nov 10/11 WEEK-END RUN TO LONG FLAT . . . *Courtesy of Graeme Sommers*

I have arranged small overnight trip to Long Flat (at the bottom of the OXLEY HIGHWAY)
The Long Flat Pub has a focus on great service and good old fashioned country hospitality. It is one of Australia's original country pubs and is nestled on the banks of the beautiful Hastings River on the Oxley Highway in the picturesque village of Long Flat just 50km from Port Macquarie and 30km from Wauchope. The pub is along the route of the best motorcycle ride in Australia 10/11/12. Leaving 7am Lismore Railway Station. (Arriving Long Flat 3-4pm)
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Bookings through me via email before 31 October

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Club run to the new Alstonville Garden House

Sunday the 16th saw twenty four riders head out from Bangalow to this new destination (changed at the last minute from the Summerland House with No Steps owing to it being booked out). We travelled via the coast roads through Suffolk Park, speed kept to a minimum with so much traffic, no doubt brought about by the

beautiful sunny day, along Ross Lane to Alstonville and along Wardell Road to the coffee stop.

This very new Nursery (Alstonville Garden House) which has only been open a little over six months is a beauty with resplendent flowers in bloom and a huge variety of ornamental garden plants. We were welcomed by the owner Andrew Leslie who ensured we were all seated. Have to thank his staff for the great coffee and service and from what I heard we would like to come back again sometime.

N Edwards



Peter, our run co-ordinator for the day, issuing the new instructions for the run to the new location for coffee.



Above and below: members enjoying the good coffee in the picturesque setting of Alstonville Garden House nursery.



Last September mid-week ride with a difference!

A group of nine riders assembled at the appointed rendezvous straddled upon two Yamas, a Jawa, two Moto Guzzis, a Ducati, a BMW, a Suzuki and a Triumph. This group subsequently departed Lismore Railway Station just after 9am heading out of town through Woodlawn, Numulgi, Corndale, Rosebank and Eureka with the intention of having a drink and a snack at the newly renovated Club Fed Cafe at Federal. Apart from a "road hog" truck in the bends on the skinny road just before the Numulgi Hall, and two miniscule drops of rain from a dark cloud which dogged us part of the way, the ride went to according to plan and upon our arrival we were pleased to see that the Cafe appeared to be open for business. Having disrobed ourselves of helmets and other extraneous clobber and applying to the proprietor for drink and meate, we were advised that the rain-water tank servicing the cafe was empty and that no coffee, tea or anything hot and drinkable was available.

We then regrouped and headed off to Clunes where a plentiful town water supply satisfied our needs for liquids and we were satiated with caffeinated beverages and the odd dainty. After a decent yarn the group split up as members peeled off to their respective personal destinations singularly and in pairs. A distance of 93 kilometres was achieved with the group in formation on dry roads with only mild breezes.

Robert Evans



*The coffee shop with "NO COFFEE"
found at Federal. Maybe next time*



A Coffee shop with coffee in Clunes



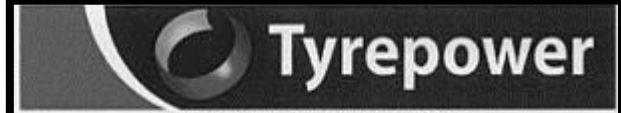
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From the editor's desk

This month I have firstly a little hate session over the "Lights on full time with CARS" issue. There is absolutely NO problem when the weather is bad, i.e.; foggy, dismal, wet etc. All vehicles need to be seen in these sort of conditions for safety sake but why in hell is there any need on a bright sunny day for any car, regardless of their colour to have on bright glaring headlights which to me, being a reasonable safety conscious motorcyclist and as it is with all motorcycles manufactured in the last 20 odd years, the head light is wired into the ignition and therefore is permanently on when the bike is being ridden. Anything that may contribute to a little extra safety to riding a motorcycle is a bonus for us and the selfish attitude and I must say it seems more a case of an ego trip when a driver of any large (particularly light or white coloured vehicle) have on their headlights saying "just look at me". They cannot help but be seen, BUT what about the motorcyclist who has only a single light which now in a line of traffic, his chances of being seen, pales into insignificance and he has no hope to stand out amongst the blazing unnecessary lights of oncoming cars.

Our largest and main event for the year has now been done and dusted but with the huge satisfaction of knowing it has been one of our best events for years. Congratulations must go to all the organisers and helpers who made this happen and on behalf of all the members and a lot of the visitors I talked with can only say "thanks a million".

Noel Edwards

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Preliminary info for the Eleventh Over The Hill Tour.

This years Over The Hill Tour is heading north to Qld with a two night stay in the Resort village of Montville. The dates are Sunday 12th May returning home on Thursday the 16th May. The later time is to avoid Qld May Day Public Holiday on the 6th May.

Day 1 Lismore to Toowoomba via Mt Lindsay Hwy, Rosewood, Gatton.

Day 2 Toowoomba to Montville via Esk, Kilcoy, Maleny.

Day 3 Lay day for those wanting to spend time in Montville & a ride taking in some great local roads & a Visit to the Kenilworth cheese factory . Tour Dinner will be on the second night in Montville next door to the Motel.

Day 4 Montville to Beaudesert via Mt Mee, Dayboro, Mt Glorious, past Amberley Air Base and on to Beaudesert.

Day 5 Beaudesert to Lismore via Canungra, Numinbah Valley etc.

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NRCMCC Rally report for pre 1960 model bikes

The first time this event has been held by our club and I think it was far more successful than any of us imagined as I believe there were 22 entrants in this category. Congratulations to Peter Small who had the foresight to go ahead with organising this stage of the rally with the help of Col and Nancy McAndrew. The course took in the coast road to Lennox then along Ross Lane, Teven Road to Tintenbar towards Ballina, then up the winding Uralba road to Wardell Road and along down the big Meershaum Vale hill to Bagotville road for the first comfort stop at Dungarubba Park.

The final leg was to the Eltham pub for lunch travelling via Wyrallah, Tregeagle, Cowlong Road and on to the pub. It was very sociable get together at the pub and most of us surely needed some refreshments and relaxing of the posterior area of our bodies as some of these older bikes just don't have the greatest suspension system. There is a lot to be said in favour of the swinging-arm system. The pub provided whatever type of meal that you fancied which was a good system and after few drinks or ales most members either just went home or back to Ballina at their leisure. I hope we can run this event again in the near future and yes even my '54 DKW went well and thanks to Pat our leader, who set a friendly pace for the older bikes of around 70kph tops. He did tell me when I enquired why he nearly fell off his bike at one point, it was because a couple of good looking girls gave us just a bit more than just a friendly wave as we went over a bridge.

Noel Edwards



Friday morning preparation for the start of the first pre 1960 bike run.



Found hiding in the trees at Eltham after the run. Is it a 1930 something Trumpy?



Good, needed a bit shade after a hot ride

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One of the highlights of the night was a talk by John Simpson of the BSA OC club of Queensland on the history of his BSA outfit which he purchased in South Africa. He won a trophy for the combined age of rider and machine (yes 160 years), seen here in photo proudly accepting it from Presso Pat. His 1933 outfit, in glorious professionally restored condition was also noted as being one of the slowest bike ever competing in one of our rallies. Heard that our tail-end Charlie had to slip his clutch in 1st gear going up one hill so he could stay behind him at 2kph.



John Simpson's from Queensland trophy winning 1933 BSA 500 outfit

Michael Smith also gave us a interesting rundown on the history of his 1952 Ariel 500 outfit which started its life in New Zealand.

The Sunday ride

The weather had a feel of rain about it but fortunately it didn't happen so another great turnout of riders was on the scene at the park eagerly awaiting the start. Peter had organised a shorter run this time to Clunes hall for a comfort stop and return via the coast roads through Lennox Head and back home.



Who said our run organiser Peter was inhuman? He did allow a comfort stop here in Clunes on the Sunday, just ask Katrina.

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Jim Butler (above) busy looking after a customer on the rally.

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Mary holding the picture trophy of her 250 BMW presented by members of the Gulgong Club for riding it all 3 days on a machine not ideally suited for long, fast runs.



Yours truly, Noel obviously very surprised with the "Best Club Bike" trophy won by his 1954 DKW 250. This trophy was made and presented by Doug Hampson.

NRCMCC 2012 RALLY TROPHY WINNERS

VISITORS

CLUB MEMBERS

YEAR	NAME	Bike model	YEAR	NAME	Bike model
Pre 1939	Tom Stevenson	39 Rudge	Pre 39	Gordon Congdon	39 Ariel 500
1940/49	Clinton Jack	48 BSA Bantam	1940/49		
1950/59	Geoff Wiseman	54 BSA 500	1950/59	Doug Hampson	52 Velo 350
1960/69	Stephen Orange	69 Moto Guz	1960/69	Gregg Pimm	Norton 750 Dom
1970/79	Jim Cossins	Norton Com	1970/79	David Charlton	Ducati Shotgun
1980/82	Mark Rodda	Kawaka 1000	1980/82	Warren Walmsley	Moto Guzzi 850
Side-car	John Simpson	33 BSA 500	Side-car	Michael Smith	Ariel 500
People's choice	Arthur Gentz	Triumph	People's choice	Greg Pimm	Norton 750 Dom
	John Simpson	BSA outfit			

President's Rally report 2012 . . .

Hi members at the start of the year I ask whether we as a club still had the interest and desire to run a rally this year, the answer was a resounding YES, I am so glad with that YES, that maybe just maybe this was the best rally that we have run. It is always hard to judge properly because the last is the one that fresh in ones mind. The Friday run for bikes up to 1960 "a first for the club" was a great success thanks to PETER AND JUDY SMALL for their organization. The run started at Ballina and stop at Bagotville for morning tea then on to Eltham for lunch it was very well received. Saturday morning started with plenty of fresh tea/coffee followed by breakfast of bacon and egg rolls Thanks to the LIONS CLUB OF BALLINA. A long and short run awaited the riders ending at Wardell sports club for lunch. The ladies provided a mouth watering treats

THANK YOU WARDELL CLUB. The voting was next to do, everybody looked at the bikes with great interest. The run home was a riders choice some strait back to Ballina as short as possible other the choice of two runs, one by Alstonville the other by the river. Saturday night presentation dinner again was very well received everybody had a good time great food some nice drinks followed by delicious sweets ,a few good stories followed one by John Simpson about his BSA outfit the other by Michael and Julia Smith about their Ariel outfit. Sunday morning again started with tea/coffee, bacon and egg rolls that first cup of coffee was good. The Sunday ride was very well received "I could tell by the smiles on every bodies face on return" The lunch on Sunday was a "sausage on a bread roll" again went down well with lots of customer lining up for seconds. The visitors and members all parted with a hand shakes and hugs promising to meet next year. Some interesting statistics: registration of bikes 64 visitors 51 members, over 120 bikes on Saturday run, 130 for Saturday lunch, 100 for Saturday night dinner, over 200 cups of coffee/tea, 10 large bottles of milk used, 130 or so for breakfast over two days, 130 sausage and 120 bread rolls for Sunday lunch, 3 bottle of sauce and one of butter. MEMBER help over the three days would be over 80 members that just fantastic, those that did not get there for one reason or other missed a great event may be next time!! THANKS TO ALL. A special thanks to all life members who attended, Col and Nancy McAndrew, Peter and Judy Small, Brenda my wife, Peter Lake, Peter Harvey, Eric Wilson, Gerard and Jan Roche, Richard Swinton, Katrina and Cris, all the marshals, the backup drivers, Ballina lions club, Greg Pimm, Mark Hunt and all that I have not singled out but went beyond the call of duty.

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

Book(s) of the month

After many years of dedication by Eric as our librarian, I am now responsible for the librarian duties which at the moment exist of a collection of eight boxes at my home - see the picture. Also pictured in more detail are just a few of the 170 plus books and manuals covering everything from AJS to Yamaha (no Zundapp - sorry). There are stories and biographies

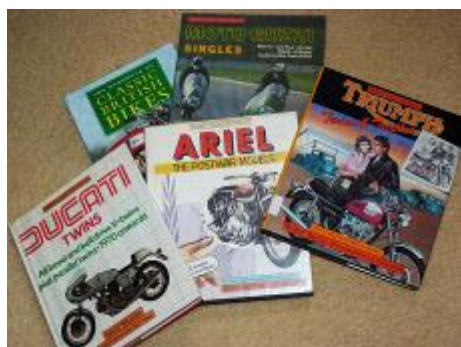
of well known riders and motorcycle engineers, books on history of marques, on restoration and tuning techniques and details such as correct colours for different marques, engine and frame numbers for identification of models, general encyclopaedias of motorcycles, safe riding techniques, how to go motorcycle racing, historic books (earliest is 1926!) - and the list goes on.

If you want to see if we have a manual to suit your model, look up "MANUAL" in the author line on the library list in the website, There's a pretty good selection. If you want to look up books for a particular marque, search under "MAKE", or check out books by specific 'AUTHOR' (Roy Bacon

has written heaps!). For general motorcycle books and encyclopaedias look up under 'Various' in Makes or Author - or why not try the whole list - you'll find some real gems in there. The books are numbered, so tell me the number so I can find it easily, or, for a manual, tell me the make and I can sort that more easily.

The library is a club asset, so give me a ring (02 6629 1069) or an email and leave a message if you want a book.

Cheers all, Richard Swinton



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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.