

The Monthly Journal of the
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**November
2012**

Classic Torque

So nice to live in the country!



The view from Gerard Roach's house in Eureka where he hosted our club for morning tea (breakfast) at last month's Sunday run. Many thanks Gerard and Jan for a wonderful, yes meal, much appreciated



Member's bikes enhance the garden area of this lovely property.

Upon reaching our host's residence after negotiating many of our area's famous winding and sometimes very potholed roads, the aroma of b-b-q snags and rissoles greeted us along with a selection of hot pastries and cakes.

The route was chosen and led by Frank and the 2nd man doing marshalling duties was very successful as everyone managed to arrive safely. Pics p4 Noel Edwards

Meeting Minutes – NRCMCC 9 October 2012

Welcome Open at 7.45 – Chaired by Doug Hampson - attendance – members as per attendance sheet

Visitors - Dave Jupe, Robert Evans, Mark Rodda, Iain Reynolds, Trog Herbert)

Apologies – Alec Marsh, Wayne Gardner, Pat Holt, Gerard Roche, Peter Harvey, Ian Christopher, Kevin Maloney, Ian Mackie, Andy Genders

Minutes of previous meeting – accepted/2nd with minor correction of date of exec meeting 18 Oct, not 23 Oct.

Business Arising from minutes - None

Treasurers Report – Not presented this meeting

Correspondence IN – On file – 7 newsletters; - Invitations to Rallies – Natureland Classic motorcycle club, Kempsey, Rally 2 – 4 November; Taree and District Vintage and Classic Motorcycle club – 10th Walcha Challenge, 16 – 18 November

Letters in – Notice from Shannons re a competition to win an 8day trip to Texas USA.

Correspondence OUT - Membership application to Iain Reynolds;

GENERAL BUSINESS – A long discussion about the use of historic registered bikes took place. The run to Phillip Island GP is sanctioned as a club run following receipt of a written invitation.

-Mike Kostyn pointed out that the club owed the Northern rider \$100 for advert for 'Compression for Depression' run. Referred to treasurer.

-The club may provide a trailer for the 'Compression for Depression' run. The run will finish at the Eltham Friendly inn.

-Film 'World's fastest Indian' will be shown on Oct 24 at Star Court cinema 6.00pm

- SUNDAY RUNS will from next month start at the Rous Hotel at 8.00am/Bangalow 8.30am (or vice versa as planned) to allow for daylight saving time.

- The Club bike registration day will be on 9th December, 10 am at the Clunes hall. Lunch will be a BYO pot luck BBQ

Members Reports - Eric Wilson reported that Jack Ahearn was not well, and he had arranged a birthday card for signing by club members to be sent to Jack.

Also that rego labels will be abandoned from 1/1/13 EXCEPT for historic registered vehicles! (This appears to indicate that the authorities recognize the limits to historic vehicle usage)

The chairman thanked Col and Nancy Mc Andrew for the work they did organizing the club rally and dinner. He also presented Noel Edwards with the trophy for best club bike.

Rob Andrews reported on 2 wed runs – 9 attendees to Federal coffee shop (with no coffee!) and 8

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attendees to Poinsetta Café in Mullumbimby.

Doug Foskey wants a companion on a run to the Guzzi rally in Wangaratta.

Tony Kempnich reported that the OTHM run was arranged – details in last newsletter; Sunday 12 May to Thursday 16 May, Toowoomba 1st night. 2 nights at Montville, last night in Beaudesert. Attendees to book own rooms.

Upcoming runs: See page 5 for more and the latest details

Oct 14 – Sunday run to Gerard Roches property. 9.00am start

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 10/11 – run to Long Flat – Graeme Sommers (0402577425) to arrange

Nov 18 – Slow bike run to Rocky Creek dam

Nov 28 – Wed run

Dec 9 - Registration day at Clunes Hall 10 am. Note BYO food and drinks

Dec 16 – brunch at Frank Widdows place

General meeting Closed - 8.45pm



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Sunday run pics continued from page 1



Gerard and Jan taking "five" on the entertainment deck after preparing all the fine food.



Upon arrival at Eureka, Richard is seen to be calling out "come and get it"?





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NRCMC Club Events

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

Bangalow: runs start from top restaurant car park

Lismore: from the Rous Hotel, cnr. Keen and Zadoc Street.

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

Note: earlier starting times and NOW from the Rous Hotel in Lismore

- Nov 18th** Sunday slow bike ride to Rocky Creek Dam. Leaves Bangalow 8.00 am, Lismore Rous Hotel 8.30am. Please bring out your oldest and slowest "Classic". Back-up trailer will be provided.
- Dec 9th** Christmas and bike registration day at Clunes Hall at 10 am. BYO food and drinks
- Dec 16th** Sunday Run to Frank Widdow's house, 64 Westland Drive, Ballina. Leaves Lismore Rous Hotel at 8.00 am Bangalow 8.30 am.
- Jan 19/20 2013** Tenterfield overnight run, leave Lismore Rail 1.30 pm, Charcoal Inn, Casino 2pm for major stop at Drake and then on to Tenterfield Royal Hotel Motel. Ph 02 6736 1833 to book your accommodation. For more info contact Noel Edwards 6624 2506

Book of the month

For the Guzzi enthusiast, or just anyone into classic bikes, especially if you are looking to acquire one - the 'Illustrated MOTO GUZZI Buyers guide' by the prolific classic bike author, Mick Walker, is well worth a look.

The book focuses not on Guzzi history but on which models are best to collect and what their characteristics and foibles are. The models are rated on a star system with one star indicating not very popular with collectors, up to 5 stars for the 'real classic, a model which is worth buying if the price is affordable because it will only increase in value.

As the title indicates, the book is full of photos, many from catalogues, but others from the road. Well written with lots of information.

This book is only one of a number in the library written to help prospective buyers of many marques of classic bikes make informed decisions.

It is book number 167.

Cheers, Librarian Richard Swinton; Ph 02 6629 1069



NOVEMBER SCREENING at Eltham Community Foundation

'The Sapphires'

The Sapphires is an inspirational tale set in the heady days of the late '60s about a quartet of young, talented singers from a remote Aboriginal mission, discovered and guided by a kind-hearted, soul-loving manager. Plucked from obscurity, the four spirited women with powerhouse voices - called The Sapphires - are given the opportunity to entertain American troops in Vietnam. Catapulted onto the world stage as Australia's answer to the Supremes, their journey of discovery offers them not only the chance to show off their musical skills, but find love and togetherness, experience loss and grow as women.

7.30pm Saturday 24 November at Eltham Masonic Hall.

Everyone welcome **\$9 adults - \$20 Movie-Meal Deal**

(Funds raised on this evening will be used to secure & restore the Eltham Railway Cottage)

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

Club run to Bernie Shailer's BMW collection

This run has to be rated among those of huge interest to many of our classic motorcycle club members particularly those who are in the BMW chapter of our club. It was a good day, being some two dozen members for a ride up over Burringbar range through Murwillumbah, a catch up at Tumbulgum and then on to Bernie's museum at Terranora.

On arrival a greeting from Bernie and we were then ushered into respective parking posi-

tions?? Yes all those with BMWs had to park under cover in his workshop area whilst all others were left outside in the hot sun. Of course this made a lot of sense to us non BMW owners as we were less



likely to either need any repairs or tune-ups after such a short run (not sure if this is what Bernie had in mind). Anyway Bernie having shown us where the coffee was he then proceeded to give us an intensive run down and history of each of his beloved BMWs. Notice that they were all of the Boxer or twin cylinder model and ranged from the late 50s to early 80s all in better than new condition.

After approx hour and half of a very informative and friendly session we departed mostly back the way we came but somehow a few of us got a little delayed in the Tumbulgum pub??.

Finally would like to thank Bernie on behalf of the club for the invitation and am sure everyone enjoyed the day.

Noel Edwards. More pictures page 7

More pics from Bernie Shailer's museum



*Above: Bernie giving the history of this very rare R BMW 100S.
Below: Blue 750 Turbo, white ex Police bike and all black classic boxers.*





From the editor's desk

The year is rapidly drawing to a close and firstly there has been NO entries in the Jack Ahern Restoration Trophy, see page 9 for details, and secondly, our esteemed member, Peter Harvey who has been battling with his new knee, Crutches, physio etc is going to make a strong comeback to fitness and all our club members wish him the best. Rumour has it though he may be looking for a Norton with an electric start in the near future.

At the last meeting we hope that everyone has taken note, starting times for all club events (except the Wednesday midweek runs which stay at 9 am from the Lismore railway) are now earlier and commence from the Lismore Rous Hotel, (see adverts page 5 for full details).

Everyone should now be aware that the new rule on signalling at roundabouts is NOW compulsory. I can understand the obvious need to indicate your intentions when changing directions BUT here in Lismore and most rural towns, the roundabouts are only a couple of metres bigger than the old "Silent Cops" so surely why not have a provision in the rules for negotiating these ridiculously small roundabouts as it is impossible to indicate in time to be of any help to the other traffic. I hope all of us that have "Classic bikes" (No indicators) don't fall off waving our arms about as we try our best. Old proverb: Let common sense prevail.

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.

Motels As Follows:

Sunday 12th May Toowoomba

Jeffery's Motel Ph 0746355999

Monday 13th May Montville

Montville Mountain Inn Resort 1800671269

Tuesday 14th May Montville

As Above

Wednesday 15th May Beaudesert

Kerry Court Motel 0755411593 (9 Rooms only)

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For any further info please Ph Tony Kempnich 0266281806. Please let me know if you book so I can keep track of numbers. Ph 66281806 or email tonyk@lis.net.au entry forms will be ready soon.



ATTENTION!

Jack Hearn

Restoration Trophy



Not one entry in this year's "Restoration Trophy" to date!

Last 2 years there have been 3 entries in each judging, so what have you got ready?

A brief reminder of the rules:

- A. Bike must be at least 30 years old (pre 1982)
- B. Bike must be as close as possible to the factory production model (No specials)
- C. Bike must run and be registered (full road or Historic plate) by December 31st.
- D. You must have done work on it yourself (some professional work is allowed eg (painting, panel work, engine).
- E. You cannot enter a machine you purchased already restored (that's someone else's work).

Contact Eric Wilson Ph: 6624 3157 or John Cafe 6624 4280 for further info and entry notice by December 31st.

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ATTENTION

**Note new starting
Times and Venue
for all Sunday Club
Events
Mid-week runs have
NOT changed**

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club

The Annual General meeting of the NRCMCC will be held in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, 11th December, at the Clunes hall.

AGM business will cover –

- Reports on the activities of the club during the preceding year
- Presentation of the financial statement for the preceding year
- Election of Office bearers for the club (nominations can be made at the meeting, or can be forwarded to the committee before the meeting)
- Special resolutions: (which have to be notified to all members 21 days prior to the AGM)

Notice of motion is given that fees for the next year will be set at the AGM



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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 or Lismore Rous Hotel. Start times vary so please check the latest newsletter or the club website. 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.