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December 2012

Classic Torque

Slow bike run to Rocky Creek Dam

It was with much trepidation that we set off from our new departure point, the Rous Hotel, Lismore on our last monthly run to Rocky Creek Dam as the skies were heavy with dark clouds and thun-

der sounding in the distance. Having studied the weather site on the computer earlier which showed it was reasonable clear northwards I thought we would have a reasonable chance without too much rain to spoil our much loved "Slow Bike Run".

Peter, our fearless run leader showed the way via Woodlawn College to Dunoon and then on to the Dam, on all Dry roads. Fif-



teen "Classic Bikes" made the run, some with keen pillions so considering the likely wet conditions it was good result. Of course the smell of freshly brewed coffee and the sumptuous cakes, (which both Norm and Dave both laid claim to making) but let's be honest, thanks must go to their wives as we certainly appreciated them.

Have to mention that while we were partaking of these goodies for morning tea, the rain came down in buckets for about 30 mins, but fortunately Norm had his all purpose mobile phone with internet connection to the weather and after some deliberation ascertained that if we left now it would be reasonably fine all the way to Lismore in which proved was the case and we arrived home only slightly damp from the fog and very wet roads. Ok, any small or slow bike run always seems to be successful regardless of the weather. Seen below at Rocky Creek car park before the rain struck.



Meeting Minutes – NRCMCC 13 November 2012

<u>Welcome</u> Open at 7.45 – Chaired by Pat Holt - attendance – 34 members as per attendance sheet **Visitors -** Dave Jupe, Larry Herne, Iain Reynolds, Steve (Trog) Herbert)

<u>Apologies</u> – Alec Marsh, Wayne Gardner, Nancy Mc Andrews, Doug Hampson, John Café. Greg Britnall, Robert Reid.

Minutes of previous meeting – accepted/2nd

Business Arising from minutes - None

<u>Treasurers Report</u> – Rally broke even except for trophies and rally badges (\$1530 deficit; General account \$4897.17 (some cheques o/s) Investment a/c \$13,341.82

<u>Correspondence IN</u> –On file – 5 newsletters; - Invitations to Rallies – Vintage Motorcycle Club Australia, 2013 annual rally is 24 march – 1st April at Bathurst.

Letters in –. Apply for membership from Mark Rodda, Receipt for club Insurance, letter from Arthur Gentz thanking for rally and trophy; Cheque for \$30 from Ian Wilkes for use of trailer; Info from Paul Brown about sponsorship for a charity rally from Brisbane, around central Australia, then to Vladiovostock and on to Manchester.

Correspondence OUT - none

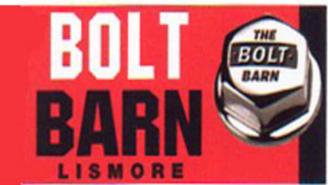
GENERAL BUSINESS -

Special report from Eric Wilson; Betty Ahearn has had a stroke and is in hospital. Eric has sent a card on behalf of the club and asked people not to visit without speaking with Jack or the hospital. She needs rest. Pat Holt thanked Eric on behalf of the club.

- The Club bike registration day will be on 9th December, 10 am at the Clunes hall. Lunch will be a BYO pot luck BBO
- Norm Balzar reported that the club catering trailer needs covering and recarpeting with o'door carpet it leaks through the rear door. He was asked to provide a cost estimate for constructing a simple shed.
- -Nick Kostyn reported through the secretary that he thanked the members who supported the 3rd annual 'Compression versus Depression' run. 170 bikes took part. Will McMillan won best presented bike with his 450 Ducati .
- Bryson highlighted the Motorcycle Swap day on 3 Feb 2013 at National Motorcycle museum, Qld. club rules relating to general membership and use of club assets was finalized and the rules agreed upon as a whole. They will be uploaded top the club website and a hardcopy sent to all non internet members









November NRCMCC minutes continued

Members Reports -

- -Doug Fosky reported that the Moto Guzzi rally at Wangaratta, Victoria, was successful and enjoyable;
- -Mary Walker reported that the Velocette Rally at Bundanoon/Mossvale was fun, but cold with snow on one day (that days run cancelled)
- -Rob Andrews reported on 2 wed runs 9 attendees to Eric Wislons place with excellent food provided thank you Eric; 8 attendees to a coffee shop in Lismore via Meershaumvale!!
- -Tony Kempnich reported on his and Lena's jaunt to Phillip Island via Adelaide and the Great Ocean road. 6000km in 2 weeks and roads in much better condition out of NSW. Returned via the Snowy Mtns.
- Sunday run to Bernie Shailer's shed at Terranora well attended, great collection of BMWs
- Graeme Sommers reported on the run to Long Flat which miraculously avoided the rain.
- John Mazzer reported on the Comp vs Depression run good event, one man injured when he fell over the railway bridge on the Naughtons Gap road.

Upcoming runs

Nov 18 – slow bike run to Rocky Creek dam

Nov 28 – Wed run

Dec 9 – BYO Xmas party and Rego day at the Clunes hall – 10.00am – 3.00pm

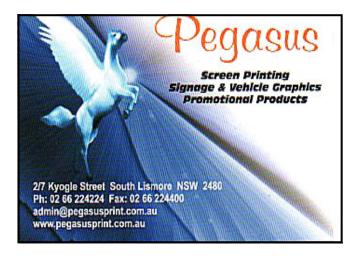
Dec 11 – general meeting and AGM

Dec 16 – brunch at Frank Widdows place

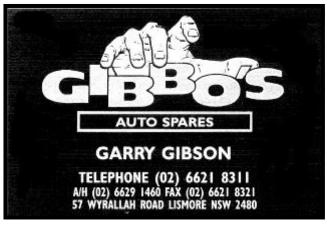
Dec 25 – wed run

January 27(?) run to Cramm's Farm (Near Uki) to combine with Tweed clubs for picnic - \$5/head for excellent food.

General meeting Closed - 9.00pm







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Who said it rained?

Rocky Creek Dam . . . continued from page 1

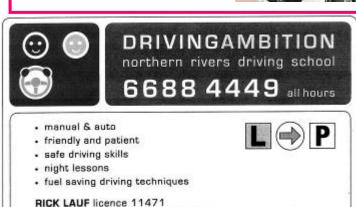


Morning tea at Rocky Creek Dam was superb with delicious cakes provided by Dave and Norm (their wives obviously) and the home brewed coffee was also a hit.

Nobody was really perturbed by the heavy rain shower which cleared shortly after leaving us a reasonable ride home the short way to Lismore.

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NRCMC Club Events 2012/2013



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

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.

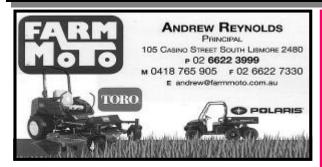
Jan 20th Sunday ride to Uki pub to meet up with Tweed Heads club and then on to Cramms Farm. Food is supplied \$5 p/head. Leaves Bangalow 8.30 am, Rous Hotel 9am to arrive Uki 11am and Cramms Farm 12 mid-day.

Jan 19/20 2013 Tenterfield overnight run, leave Lismore Rail 1.30 pm, Sat. 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 Noel Edwards 6624 2506

Feb 17th Sunday run to Katrina and Chris' house leaves Bangalow 8am, Rous Hotel Lismore 8.30 Mar 17th Sunday ride to Mary /Bryson's house leaves Bangalow 8 am, Rous Hotel Lismore 8.30 *Designated Slow Bike Run*.

April 14 Sunday ride to Tony/Lina house leaves Rous Hotel 9am, Bangalow 9.30 (daylight saving has now finished)

Overnighter at Nymboida canoe centre. Clarence Valley Historic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club are running the event. Our group to leave from Lismore early Saturday and ride to the start point in Grafton. Leaving Grafton Sat morning - times to be advised, for a ride up to Dorrigo for l unch and then back to Nymboida for BBQ and campfire with bike DVD's in a big shed. After brekky Sunday, a morning ride. Bring your cold weather gear. Cheap accommodation available, cabins or camping. For more info contact Col, 6683 4429 or Frank, 6686 0771.



ATTENTION

Note new starting
Times and Venue
ROUS HOTEL, Lismore
for all Sunday Club Events
Mid-week runs have NOT changed:
Lismore Railway

9 am (same as always)

Mid-week ride to Minyon Falls

The last November run culminated in having a very nice coffee in the Wrens



Nest situated on the Minyon Falls road just a few klms from the falls itself on the northern side. Mine host, Brett turned out to be a very friendly motorcycle enthusiast as many years ago he was involved with the Honda group locally.

It was a rather intriguing ride to the coffee shop as we lost our fearless leader somewhere along the way after he had given us in-depth route instructions at the starting point at Lismore railway. It turned out all ok as we arrived at the destination via an extended run around the rural areas and yes, we will certainly return.

Operating Rules for The Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club (NRCMCC)

To be read in conjunction with the Constitution adopted 18th March 2012

(Note that anything not in the club rules defers to the constitution, and anything not in the constitution defers to NSW Fair Trades' Model Constitution under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009)

(FINAL vsn; accepted 13 November 2012)

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a) PREFACE

The adoption of the new constitution on March 18th 2012 necessitated a review of the Club operating rules; this is because, while the constitution covers the legal requirements of NSW Fair Trading for incorporated not- for-profit organizations, it does not cover the rules specific to the operation and character of the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle club. The Club rules must be consistent with the constitution, but can be altered to suit changed conditions by agreement of club members through a process delineated in the constitution.

The rules must be read in conjunction with the Constitution.

b) <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>

Conditions of membership

As per the constitution, plus:

- I. Where an application for membership has been refused by the committee, the applicant can enlist the support of any financial member to assist in an appeal.
- II. Individuals who have previously resigned or let their membership lapse and are seeking new membership must complete an application form and forward it to the club secretary. The committee will have the discretion to waive the requirement for attendance at club functions, and will have regard for the reasons the applicant resigned or let their membership lapse.
- III. New members joining between January 1st and June 30th will pay full membership fees; new members joining between July 1st and December 31st will pay only half the fees for that year.
- IV. A member resigning should notify the club secretary in writing. Membership fees are not refundable.

• Classes of membership:

- **I. Patron**; The club can invite a person to be patron of the club. Only one patron can exist at any time. If required, the patron can be nominated by any member for consideration by the committee and final approval by the club at an Annual General Meeting. The patron has no requirement to pay fees.
- **II. Life Member:** Life membership may be granted to a member in recognition of outstanding service to the club over a period of time. The total number of life members at any time should not exceed 10% of the total membership numbers. The procedure for election of a life member is:
 - o After obtaining the proposed member's approval, a written nomination with seconding must be forwarded to the committee at least 3 months before the AGM.
 - o If the committee approves the nomination, it will notify the nominator and place the recommendation on the agenda for the AGM.
 - o If the nomination is not accepted by the committee, the nominator has the right to appeal and appear before the committee to support the nomination.
 - o A life member has no requirement to pay fees.

III. General Member:

- a) Single membership, male or female, pays a full annual subscription and has all rights and benefits of club membership; ie, discount card, historic club registration card, can propose motions, vote and be a club official.
- **b) Dual membership**, which also gives the spouse or partner of the single member all the rights and benefits, as above.
- O Potential dual members who have motorcycle licenses in their own names could apply for separate single membership
- o Membership fees are determined at the annual general meeting each year.
- **IV. Honorary Member:** This membership can be conferred on a person, not a member, to whom the club wishes to show special respect for their contribution to classic motorcycling. This membership class confers no privileges except respect. Any financial member can nominate such a person for decision by the committee.

New operating rules for the NRCMCC . . . Continued from page 6

c) Miscellaneous:

- a) Certificate of Thanks: can be offered by the club to a person or body not a member of the club for services rendered to the club. Any financial member can nominate a person or body for approval by the committee.
- **b)** The Annual General Meeting will be held immediately following the normal monthly meeting in December of each year.

c) Records:

- I. The Club secretary must keep an up to date membership list with date of joining and resignation (if applicable), membership status, and contact details. This information will only be used for club purposes.
- II. The club **Secretary** must keep a **'day book'** as per Department of Roads and Maritime Services in which to record members travel to functions which are not recorded in the minutes. This should be entered before the proposed travel is undertaken.
- III. The Club **treasurer** must keep a set of **financial records** recording club transactions, financial and physical assets. The treasurer must also assist the Club Public Officer to prepare and present an annual financial statement as required by the Department of Fair Trading.
- IV. The club **treasurer** must keep a **physical assets register** which records the current value of the assets and an up to date location of the assets.
- V. Any financial member of the Club can request an **inspection of the club records**. These must be made available within 2 weeks of a reasonable request.
- VI. Members can **borrow the club assets.** The borrower must check the condition of the asset before taking it and will be responsible for any subsequent repairs/replacements incurred during the private use. Note that club activities will always take precedence over private use.

d) Club Registration of Historic Motorcycles:

All motorcycles registered as 'historic' through the NRCMCC must meet the Department Of Roads and Maritime Services and NRCMCC rules.

- a) Should a member wish to have their motorcycle authenticated as historic by the Clubs appointed Registration officer for the purposes of obtaining Historic registration from NSW Road and Maritime Services, they must be a financial member of the NRCMCC.
- b) It shall be the duty of the applicant to present the motorcycle for examination in a roadworthy condition to the Club appointed Registration Officer at a time and place agreeable to them both.
- c) It is the members responsibility to arrange suitable insurance cover for themselves and their motorcycle, and it is a condition of membership of the Club that the member agrees to absolve the NRCMCC of any liability or claim whatsoever that may arise from any personal injury or loss of property.
- d) Any motorcycle involved in any NRCMCC activities on a road or road related area must be either fully road registered or registered on Historic Plates, and must be maintained in a roadworthy condition during the activity.
- e) The rider of any motorcycle involved in any NRCMCC activities must be the holder of a current motorcycle rider's license and must abide by the road rules applicable to the State in which the activity is located.
- f) Any non member of NRCMCC or of any other authorized club who rides a historic registered motorcycle must notify the organizer of the event before participating.

(The rules below are imposed by NSW Maritime and Road Services)

- g) An historic vehicle or motorcycle must be 30 years of age or older based on a calculation from the first day of the year of manufacture of the vehicle.
- h) Motorcycles must be as close to original condition as possible.
- i) Historic registered motorcycles can only be used in events organized by their club, another club or recognized community organizations provided an official invitation has been received and documented by the club in the official minutes, or in the official day book.
- j) Motorcycles can also be used on a road or road related area for;
 - o servicing within a short distance from their usual place of garaging (A 'short distance' for this club is a 15 km radius from the owners place of residence)
 - o The inspection of the vehicle
- k) If a longer journey is necessary, the member must notify the club secretary so they can enter the details in the club's official 'Day book' or in minutes of the meeting prior to the journey.
- 1) The registered operator (owner) must be a member of an authorized motoring club. Cessation of membership means the historic registration is no longer valid, and the bike is unregistered.

From the editor's desk

The year 2012 has been a very full and active for all members of this special motorcycle club of ours and as it caters for most of our popular runs, events we have to applaud all those who have helped in many ways to make this happen.

Special mention has to be made to Col and Nancy McAndrew as this year's annual rally was equal to any and also to Tony and Lina Kempnich who

always make it such a successful week away with the "Over the Hill" run which has become so popular with many of our members. Our new monthly run organizer, Frank Widdows and Mid-week run organizer, Rob Andrews also deserve a mention as they always seem to come up with something new. Have to mention also that if you have any good ideas on runs let them be know at the meetings, eg; Graeme Sommers has organized some beaut runs in the past to Nymboida and a weekend run to Long Flat and we thank him very much for that.

This being the last newsletter for the year and I take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a truly wonderful MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR and hope that next year will be even better for our club than this year has. I also thank the members for their help in getting the monthly newsletter to the members.

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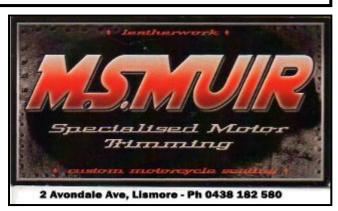
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Preliminary info for the Eleventh Over The Hill Tour.

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 Mountain Inn Resort 1800671269

Tuesday 14th May Montville As Above

Wednesday 15th May Beaudesert Kerry Court Motel 0755411593 (9 Rooms only)

When this is full Annalee Motel 0755412766 The Annalee

Motel is only a short walk to Kerry Court for Happy Hour etc.

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 for entry forms

Lismore VJMC group static display 3/11/12 at Lismore Motorcycles, South Lismore

Well - we started 'well behind the 8-ball'mainly due to illness in the VJMC district organiser's family. But we really "came good" due to the
great support of our few loyal local members and of
course the support of Lismore Motorcycles at Three
Chain Road, South Lismore. As they are Suzuki and
"Platinum" Yamaha dealers our older bikes fitted in
quite well with their present franchises. The management of LMC also allowed us ample space for
our static display and also an information table for
sign-ups and dissemination of all VJMC infor-



mation including the new contact cards. A privately owned collection of historic dealer-brochures displayed by Peter Lake, an old-time VJMC supporter, was probably one of the highlights - along with the 3 bikes. Peter even had some TY 250B 1972 original dealer brochures in his folders, as well as many other historic originals! The LMC management also put on a sausage-sizzle for all patrons and anyone else who came along to see us on this particular cloudy Saturday. All good tucker!

The local VJMC and NRCMCC members displayed the following machines:- 1966 Suzuki A100 98cc rotary disc-valve (and much faster than you realise at 100Kph+) 1976 Yamaha RD 250 1977 (ditto but 140Kph plus) and my Yamaha RZ 250R 1989 Yamaha - all lovely, responsive and zestful 2-strokes! Due to illness considerations my trials Yamaha TY175 1975 was unable to be displayed, but even so the public were most intrigued to see how the Japanese industry has sea-changed over the last 25-40 years and perhaps this in itself was worthwhile education. This was a great effort by all present and I can tell you was much appreciated personally. "Thanks everyone". But special thanks to Ian, Lyn, Miro, Noel and Peter for the display assistance and the ensuing good VJMC public relations for the Club.

It is perhaps a pity that most of the other local VJMC members that I e-mailed did not bother to turn up. Maybe next time... they actually missed a good event, some nicer free eats and some excellent and interesting conversations too!

Rob Andrews, local FNC Organiser for VJMC.

Only an Aussie... Wake up and Laugh.

Two Aussies, Davo and Johnno, were adrift in a lifeboat. While rummaging through the boat's provisions, Davo stumbled across an old lamp. He rubbed the lamp vigorously and a genie came forth.

This genie, however, stated that he could only deliver one wish, not the standard three.

Without giving much thought to the matter, Davo blurted out, "Turn the entire ocean into beer. Make that XXXX Gold

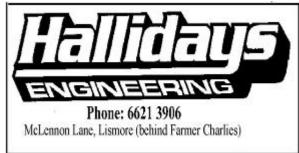
The genie clapped his hands with a deafening crash, and immediately the sea turned into the hard-earned thirst quencher. The genie vanished.

Only the gentle lapping of beer on the hull broke the stillness as the two men considered their circumstances. Johnno looked disgustedly at Davo whose wish had been granted.

After a long, tension-filled moment Johnno said, "Nice going Davo! Now we're going to have to piss in the boat."









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Last President's Report for 2012

Hi members, my presidential year has almost ended. As I write this there is only two events left on the club's calendar. The first will have been completed before most of the members read this. The two events of course are the rego. day and the AGM.

The rego. day was originally the Christmas party and rego. day. Sad to see the Christmas celebrations slip away!! The 2012 year has of course seen the completion of almost two years of work by Eric Wilson and his constitutional and club rules sub-committee. Let me thank all who helped very much. I would also like to thank all of the committee, especially the two new committee members, Richard (Secretary) and Gerard (Treasurer). Thanks also to Peter Lake, Noel, Peter Harvey, Rob Andrews, Katrina, Peter and Judy Small, Lena and Tony, Col and Nancy McAndrew . my wife Brenda, and all the life members. The successes of this year were many. Meetings were very well attended and so was both mid week and Sunday runs, trips away like Over the Hill. The main event, our rally,was very well supported. All up, the club had a very good year. Thanks to all members. I complete this report by wishing all a very Happy and safe Christmas and remember, don't let fear stand in the way of your dreams.

President Pat Holt



I wonder if Valantino Rossi would still find it boring if he was winning?

Rossi says MotoGP 'boring'

Disgruntled with Ducati, Rossi has again branded his sport as boring, but says he loves Phillip Island

A couple of days before the Australian round of the MotoGP begins in earnest, Valentino Rossi has branded the sport 'boring'.

Talking to the BBC, the nine-time world champion said there needs to be a "lot more changes" to make it more interesting, referring to the fact that only a handful of riders ever win, such as Lorenzo, Pedrosa and Stoner. Ros-

si told the BBC's Matt Roberts that "... races are quite bad and it is very difficult to stay awake," while praising Moto2 and Moto3 racing as "fantastic".

It's not the first time Rossi has branded MotoGP racing boring, calling it "tedious" after watching the memorable World Superbike race at Donington earlier in 2012.

In his most recent interview, Rossi also said he thought MotoGP was currently experiencing its "worst period since 2000". The Italian champion talked briefly about how he was disgruntled with his tenure at Ducati, yet was philosophical about his switch back to Yamaha.

"I am at a certain age and I don't know how many years I will continue in MotoGP, so I have to race with the best bike that I can."

Despite regularly complaining about how underperforming his Ducati race bike is, Valentino Rossi was confident he could finish strongly at Phillip Island in 2012, which is one of his all-time favourite circuits. "Phillip Island is always a fantastic track, as it's special and unique. It's very fast and is near the ocean, which opens up in front of you after the main straightaway, and there are corners that are different from each other, with varying speeds and steepness. It's a track that a rider has to love," Rossi said.



and a Happy New year to all members and friends of the NRCMCC

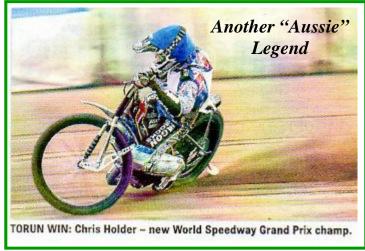
RAIN in Spain ensured there was no fairytale swansong for Australian MotoGP rider Casey Stoner.



Two-time world champion Stoner on Sunday marked the end of his stellar career with a third-placed finish, his 69th career podium, at an incident-packed Valencia MotoGP. Dani Pedrosa, who started from pole, won the season-closing race in Spain that eight riders failed to complete. Stoner said persistent rain at the 4km Comunitat Valenciana track had been a source of frustration over the weekend. "I took the easy way out today by starting on wet tyres and to be honest, I was scared of crashing in these conditions," Stoner said. "There were a lot of crashes today and it was difficult."I put on slick tyres but my eyes were dinner plates as I didn't want to take my bike off the dry patch. "I didn't want to take any risks out there ... it's hard for me to ride like that, I'm usually very free and open."

However, on the whole Stoner was happy with the final chapter of a career that has netted an extraordinary six successive Australian MotoGP wins, and 38 race wins since joining the circuit full -time in 2006. "It's fantastic to end (my career) this way. A big thanks to everyone, to my supporters all these years, there are a lot worse ways to go out," he said. Stoner's Honda team marked the end of their rider's career with a sign hanging over the track wall saying: "Going fishing". Stoner is retiring at the age of 27 after winning the MotoGP title with Ducati in 2007 and triumphing in 2011 with Honda. Earlier in the week, Stoner said he "lost respect for the championship" and that he doesn't like the way it's headed. "The problem is not my passion, it's the passion which is missing on the circuit, the one I found as a kid and which made me commit to the sport all these years," Stoner told www.panorama.it earlier in the week. "There are many reasons why I'm quitting - one day I will explain everything." Although only 27, Stoner says he is happy to spend more time with his wife and daughter Alessandra Maria. Spanish Honda rider Pedrosa was followed across the line in Valencia by Yamaha's Katsuyuki Nakasuga and Stoner. Pedrosa managed to avoid any mishaps to clinch his seventh win of the season to end up with 332 points in the rider's standings, in second behind Jorge Lorenzo on 350, with Stoner bowing out in third place on 254 points. Lorenzo, who clinched the world title last time out in Australia, crashed out with 17 laps of the race remaining. Pedrosa had won pole position in Saturday's qualifying, but opted to take the pit-lane start penalty for a lastminute change of tyres due to a rain shower that slicked the track. The Spaniard made quick work of the field to steer his Honda into second place before moving into first when Lorenzo went off his Yamaha trying to avoid a lapped rider and hitting a wet patch with 17 laps to go.





More antique and extremely rare motorcyles found in the Swiss Museum in Basel

Photos taken by Walter Klossner whilst on holidays last year



Moser v2 1932 (Swiss) 750 cc 20hp, 120 kph



Praga BD 1929 (Czechoslovakia) 500cc, 105 kph



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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.