

The Monthly Journal of the
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**April
2013**

Classic Torque

Sunday Club run to Lennox Head for breakfast

The Sunday Club run last month as per the usual start at the Rous Hotel was very well attended but this time we also were treated to an unexpected highlight of being photographed from above. An Essential Energy cherry picker was conveniently parked opposite the pub and a very obliging worker took Dieter's camera up and photographed these scenes from high.

The run down to Lennox Head, lead by Peter to Pat's temporary Luxury pad was very pleasant with absolute ideal riding conditions and no mishaps. A little confusion maybe when one of our members wives who was going to follow the group to Lennox ended up in Clunes instead? As can be seen from the photos we had a large selection of "Classic bikes" represented and some came from quite some distance away to compete. Great to see Mick on his Norton ES from Bonalbo, Bernie and Dieter from Tweed Heads on their immaculate BMW's.

On arrival we were met with the aroma of bacon and eggs cooking with Mary and Bryson, Pat looking particularly busy with spanners helping fix a members 'Norton'. Also good to see more of our life members, Marc Jennison who has been persevering with a dodgy knee and not been able to ride his BSA and his wife Karen who came along in their immaculately restored Mini Cooper S. On inspection of the property Pat is baby sitting we found it has one of the best ocean views available in Lennox Head and the house, though needing renovations is on the market for over \$5 million. Members started heading home approx 11.30 am. Hope our esteemed treasurer and his wife made it home ok as not being behind the back-up trailer when his "Classic Triumph" refused to go, is definitely Not Good. As always everyone really enjoyed the morning breakfast ride and thank Pat and his helpers for all their effort. **More photos are on pages 4-7-9.**



N. Edwards

MINUTES OF MEETING held on:		12/03/2013	START:	7.50 pm
WELCOME: MEMBERS 44 as per attendance sheet.				
VISITORS PRESENT:		4 as per attendance sheet Paul Whiting, Gary Herne, Sam Cook		
APOLOGIES:		9 as per attendance sheet		
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ				
ACCEPTED:		Pat Holt	SECOND:	MARY WALKER
BUSINESS ARISING				
1. Missing BSA reported at last meeting – Roscoe chased this up and found the owner				
TREASURERS REPORT				
ACCEPTED:		Peter Lake	SECOND:	Doug Foskey
CORRESPONDANCE				
IN:	1. Newsletters – Restore and Ride, QLD historic motorcycle club, Throttle lever, Inverell Motorcycle Restorers club, Grafton Grille, The Lin, Classic Lines, Tweed Heads Motorcycle Enthusiasts 2. Inverell Motorcycle restorers club rally 19 -21 April 3. Summerland Sports and Classic Car Club 4 August Annual Show Lismore 4. Museum of Fire Inc – Classic and Truck Show Sydney June 16 5. Black Dog Ride March 24 Helensvale 6. Tweed Heads Motorcycle Club letter of thanks to our club for assistance 7. Club trailer insurance 8. Post Box rental notice 9. Membership fees from 3 members 10. Receipt from Clunes Hall Trust 11. OTH Mob entry 12. One reply to letter to non-renewing members			
OUT:	23 letters out to non-renewing members Discussion held on legal implications of not renewing and owning historic bikes			
ACCEPTED:		Nancy McAndrew	SECOND:	Doug Hampton
GENERAL BUSINESS:				
1. Annual Summerland Sports and Classic Car Club show – Eric has told them we would like to participate again and we will send letter. This is noted as a club run. 2. Noel had a phone call from the local pot hole painter requesting a donation for paint. All agree that the raffle and any extra donations tonight will go to this cause. 3. Norm has applied to Bunnings to do a BBQ. Norm moves we again support the Prostate and Breast Cancer support groups. Peter Lake seconds. All in favour. 4. Frank received a phone call from an advertising company in Norway who wish to film a fashion ad in Byron and want 2 vintage motorcycles in the shoot. 2 members are willing to do this and were offered \$1000 US, half of this is going to the club and half to the bike owners. 5. Pat Holt received an email from an American gentleman who has just moved to Australia and can't get his bike out of customs and needs a valuation to assist. Pat is able to supply this to assist. 6. Doug Hampson reports on some Velocet news on amazing speed tests done. 7. Frank is happy to email notify members of new and changes to events as showing on the website, let him know if you would like this. 8. Col reports feedback he has received from members of other clubs that our magazine is the best there is for a club. Thanks to Noel. 9. Black Dog Ride March 24 noted as a club run. 10. Tony and Lena visited John Andrews, who came home from rehab during the month. He is coming along well and improving. 11. Betty Ahearn however is not doing so well. 12. Eric and Peter attending a Fair Trading seminar in Ballina to keep up to date.				
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MEMBERS RUN REPORTS – 29 entries received so far, and still could be around 35.

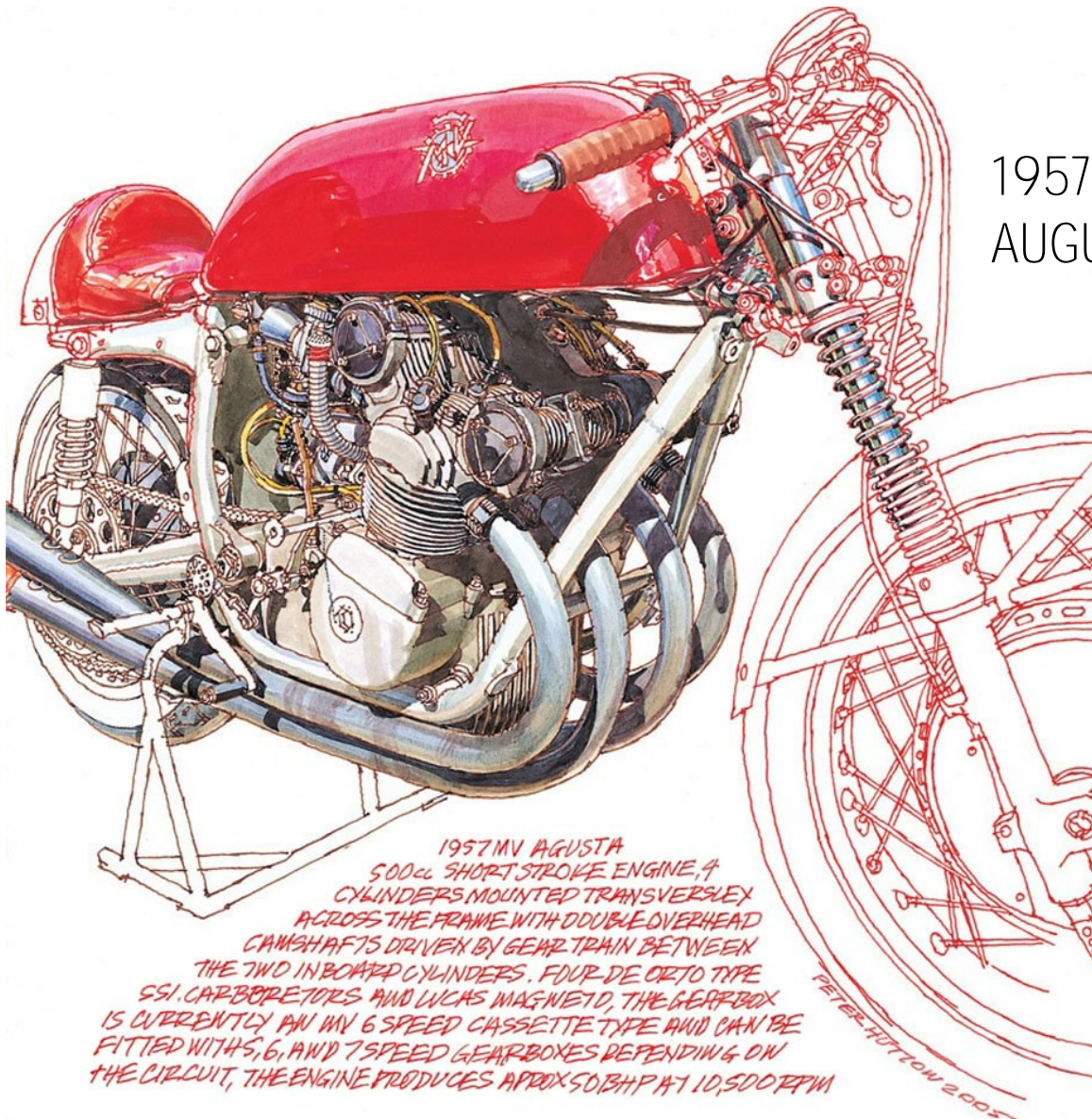
Upcoming events - Teams trials at Boonah, June 22, 23. Frostbite rally 27, 28 July

Col reports on Taree rally – had to take a detour because of flooding. 200mm rain on the Friday and the rally was cancelled the next day.

Superbikes at Phillip Island was very hot, event was poorly run with large gaps between events, however some great events to watch.

One Wednesday run managed to get going due to weather with 7 riders attending.

NEXT RUN:	Ending at Pat Holts in Lennox Head, leaving Bangalow 8am, Rous Hotel 8.30 am	MEETING CLOSED:	8.32 pm
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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

- April 14** Sunday ride to Katrina and Chris's house, Tuckurimba, leaves Bangalow 8 am, Rous Hotel Lismore 8.30 am.
- May 12** to May 16: OVTH RUN.
- May 19** Sunday ride to Donna and Mick Cranes house near Bonalbo, leaves Bangalow 8.30, Lismore 9 am. We meet at Bonalbo pub approx 10.30 and then go on to Mick's house
- 25-May** 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 lunch 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.
- June 16** Sunday ride to Cindy and Richard Swinton's house in Clunes. Parking space in laneway next to house. Leaves Bangalow 9 am, Lismore 9.30. Slow Bike run (trailer) Rous hotel
- July 14** Sunday ride to Brunswick Heads Hot Rod Show. Leaves Lismore 9 am, Bangalow 9.30
- Aug. 4** Lismore Classic Car & Bike show. Clyde Campbell car park next to Police station. 9 am
- August 17** Aussie Triples Rally. Marshalls required with lunch provided. Meet 8.45 at entrance to Lakeside caravan Park, Fenwick Drive, East Ballina.
- August 18** Club Run and Aussie Triples rally combined with NRCMCC providing marshals. Lunch will be a BBQ at the Park. 8.45 am start at entrance to Caravan Park.
- Sept. 15** Sunday Run. Coffee ride to Alstonville area. Venue not decided yet. Starts Rous Hotel 9 am. Bangalow 9.30 am
- Sept 27/30** NRCMCC Annual Rally. Details to come
- Oct. 12/13** Possible overnighter to Rathdowney Pub if we get enough interest.
- Oct. 13** Sunday Club run to Rathdowney Pub for lunch. Daylight saving now on. Leave Bangalow 8.30 am. Rous Hotel 9 am
- Oct 27** Sunday "Compression against Depression" ride organised by Nick Kostyn — details to come
- Nov. 17** Sunday Club run, 2 rides in 1. Slow run to Casino for morning tea (backup) or continue to Yamba for lunch via Bluff Point ferry. Leaves Bangalow 8 am, Rous Hotel 8.30 am
- Dec. 8** Christmas party this year 9.30 am (food & drinks) volunteers required and rego day.
- Dec. 15** Sunday run to Frank Widdow's house (64 Westland Drive, Ballina) Leaves Lismore 8am Bangalow 8.30 am.

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

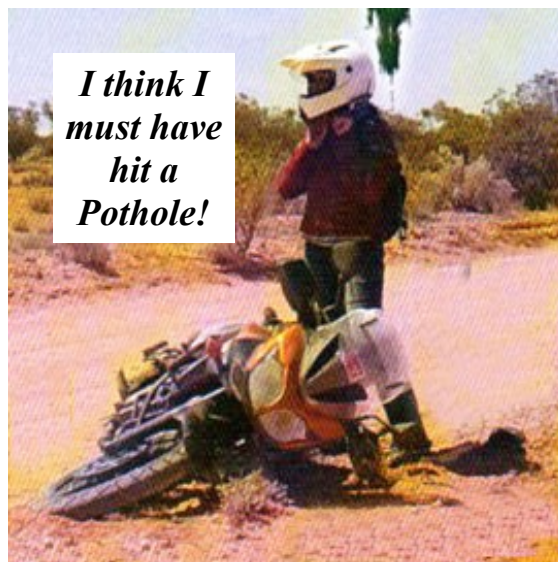
- 19-20-21st April,** Inverell Rally. contact 0427208114
- 25-26th May,** Clarence Valley Club overnighter. Nymboida contact 66834429
- 26th May,** Ray Owen Show a & Swap. Nth Tambourine contact 0438916608
- 8-9-10th June,** Coffs Harbour Club Rally
- 22-23rd June,** Teams Trial, Boonah. contact 0422979379
- 27-28th July,** Frostbite Rally, Warwick. contact 07 46648198
- 28th July,** Nabiac Museum Swap. contact 6554133

From the Editor's desk . . .

With Easter being over it seems that the year is just racing away. Funny the way time seems to fly as you get older. Is it because riding motorcycles is so enjoyable that when you are doing it and with the camaraderie associated with this recipe, time does fly? Have to admit though this last Easter break did not lend itself much to getting our bikes out, more like getting them cleaned and tuned for the forthcoming rallies etc. Let's hope the Gods will show some mercy on us and give us more ideal weather conditions in which to ride. See page 5 of this edition or go to the web site for further information for all our NRCMCC club events and associated with other club's events.

Many thanks to all the members for their generous donations last meeting to further the cause to enable our local and district "Pothole Painter" to keep up his great work. Judging by the state of all our local and rural roads after so much rain, his work is indeed appreciated.

Noel Edwards



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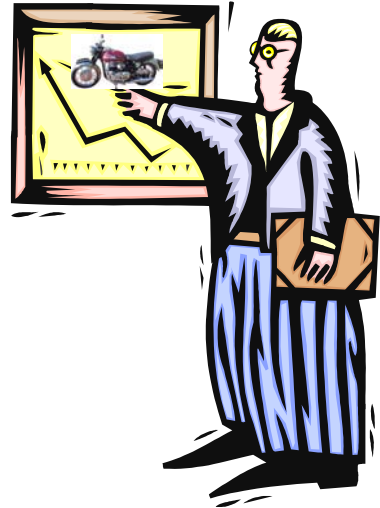
Presidents Report — April 2013

April here already and we have all missed out on some riding due to the crap weather recently.

Even with that in mind we are spoilt in this area with some of the best motorcycling roads in the country right at our door. The event's organisers have been doing a great job, which is evident with the large numbers of participants attending the organised runs on Wednesdays and the Sundays. The coming two months offer some great events which are listed on the web site and later in this mag.

One to pencil in is the overnigher at Nymboida Canoe Centre, run by the Clarence Valley Historic & Enthusiast Motorcycle Club. 24-25-26th May. I attended this one last year and although it was cold we all had a great time. The organisers are suggesting a stay on the Friday night as well as the Saturday night. Details will be available soon. Please give me a call if you would like to know more.

The last monthly meeting had a collection for "the MAN who paints potholes". It was good to see so many members contribute to the cost of paint for him to continue this service to the community. I am sure he has saved many road users costly suspension and tyre repairs. We belong to a special club. Thanks to you all for making it so.



Col

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Last Mid-week run for March

As our usual mid-week run co-ordinator could not attend owing to family problems we made an on the spot decision to go for our usual coffee break to Wardell. This is obviously one of our most popular places as the pie shop bakery has an enormous selection of goodies for morning tea to choose from plus the opportunity to explore some new ways of getting there. Our 7 members all agreed to going to the Wardell Pie

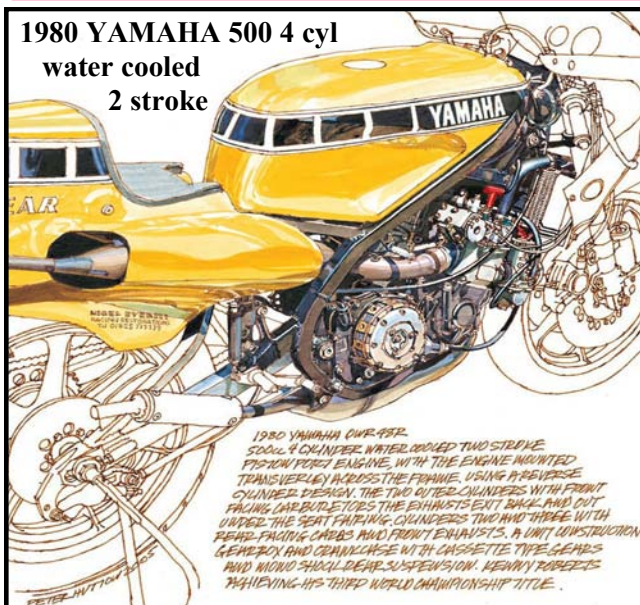


Shop. The route chosen was via the River Road, Whyralla Rd, Tuckurimba Rd, turning off before Coraki into Oaklands Rd and then back onto Woodburn Rd and past the Tuckean Swamp and then onto Wardell. On arrival we waited and waited for Ray on his little CZ who finally appeared around the corner pushing his bike. Yes, he had a minor accident a fell off just coming around the corner under the bridge. Just lost grip on the wet road he said and fortunately had no injury and very little damage to his beloved CZ.

Some heavy rain fell during our coffee break but fortunately it cleared up and we had a uneventful run back to Lismore by way of Meerschaum Vale hill, managing to blow out a few cobwebs from the exhausts on the way up.

Just like to remind our club members that these mid-week runs certainly cater for our smaller engine bikes and are held on the 1st and 4th Wednesday every month and everyone is welcomed. Why miss out?

Noel E.



New Word: Exhaustipated

Here is a new word to add to your vocabulary.
It will be especially useful to us senior folks!

Exhaustipated: meaning "too tired to give a shit."

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Ride Report - Helensvale Black Dog Ride Day: 24th March 2013

What a day. Got up at 6 am and half an hour later it's bucketing down. I'm very tempted to just crawl back into bed and fall asleep to the sound of the rain. Instead I checked the BOM site and saw that the rain was confined to a very small area around home. Then ten minutes later it was over. The clouds broke and the sun did its thing. A quick coffee and a shower and it's onto the bike.



Yep! 450+ bikes of every variety turn up for the annual Helensvale Black Dog ride.

Met up with two friends at Sexton Hill shops and we headed for Yatala where we would meet up with the Kobber Cruisers and then on to Helensvale for the starting point of the Black Dog Ride. Already done 90kms before the ride day starts. By the time we get to Helensvale there are bikes and people everywhere. The organisers were hoping for a good turn out and are blown away by the 450+ bikes that turn up. By the time we leave I estimate there are over 500 bikes. I do notice though even with so many bikes, the number of older classics is very small. The majority are cruisers and sport bikes. Of note there is a Norton Commando, an R90s (smoke black) an R100cs and my R100s. Everything else looks to be fairly modern.

The organisers have enlisted the help of the Queensland Police and a couple of police bikes and 2 or 3 cars block off critical roundabouts and intersections to let our procession get off to a smooth start. By the time we get onto the road to Canungra I'm just one small part of a 2km long snake of steel, chrome, rubber and leather. Considering there are so many bikes it is a comfortable ride. We get along at a decent pace and it feels quite safe. Our first stop is Beaudesert for morning tea and a good leg stretch. This stop gives us a chance to have a chat and get a closer look at the bikes. Now one of our trio has to get home before 4pm so we decide not to wait the 30 minutes for the whole group. Instead we head for Boonah and get our food and drink before the main crowd gets there. The café we pick is biker friendly. It even has free oil, chain lube and helmet visor cleaner. It's good to be sitting in the biker friendly café eating and drinking as we watch a large portion of the group ride into town.

Fed and watered we decide to head back the way we came. We have a nice ride back to Canungra for a fuel stop. There is a police car sitting opposite the servo when we pull up. He sits there for a while and then heads off in the direction that we will be going in after we finish filling up with fuel. We take it very slowly through town and see the police car has pulled over a guy with a trailer. The rest of the ride home is very uneventful. I wanted to come home over Numinbah Valley but the recent rain has caused slippage and the road is closed just south of Natural Bridge. Oh well, some other time. We end up cutting across to Gilston and then get back on the freeway at Mudgeerabah. I'm home by 3.30 and have done 330kms round trip.

What great day. Ya shoulda been there.

Dieter O



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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.