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JULY 2013

Classic Torque

Sunday club run to Richard and Cindy's place

The promise of a fine day encouraged 30 members to get out their "Classics" for a slow bike run to Clunes. Quite a short journey from the Rous hotel Lismore going via Woodlawn College and James Gibson road (did we wake up Mary and Bryson?) and on into Clunes.

Richard and Cindy's place is a wonderland of shrubs, tall trees and beautiful plants somewhat akin to a tropical rainforest resort with views of the distant mountains.

The parking of the bikes in Richard's lane worked out quite satisfactory except for a certain

members Honda wanting to lay down for a spell just as he was about to depart.

Richard and Cindy certainly put on a good spread with the usual b-bq of bacon, eggs and sausages with freshly baked scones, coffee and drinks.

On behalf of our club many thanks to our hosts and can truly say everyone thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

Noel Edwards

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MEMBERS REPO									
CLUB RUN	Hog poker run was a shambles with people getting lost but fun. Last Wednesday, started raining and ended up only getting to coffee shop at cinemas.								
MENT DADA	Richard and Will met for one Sunday 'ride' Clarence Valley annual weekend full report in newsletter. Last month run to Mick's was brilliant with an incredible display or Nortons. Richard reports on Ray Owen Concourse, Mt Tambourine, great range of bikes.								
NEXT RUN:	Ride ends at Richard Swinton – solid gravel drive, but parking is best on road or on side of driveway to let others out.						Meeting Closed 8.30 pm		

More from Richard and Cindy. . .



These replica motorcycles, featured on Richard's b-b-q table are fine examples of authentic motor cycles made accurately to scale from a combination of plastic and die-cast metal and yes they would probably cost you the same as a set of new tyres for your real bike.



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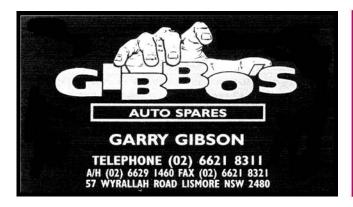
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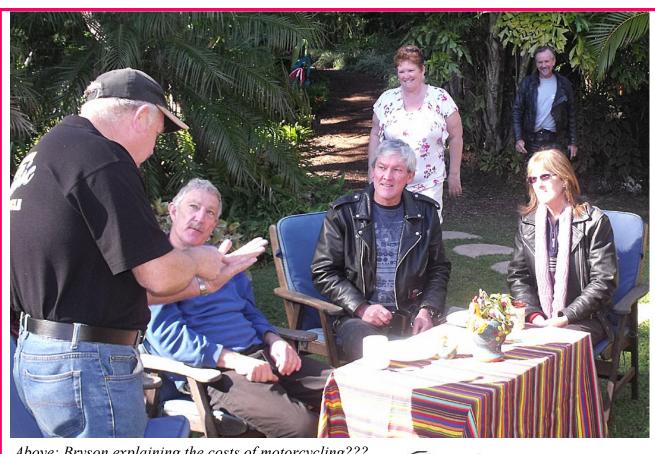


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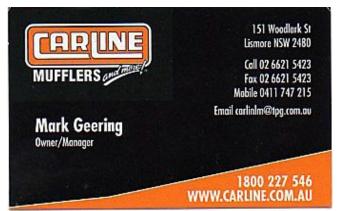
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NRCMC Club Events 2013

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

All runs now start only from Lismore Rous Hotel cnr. Keen and Zadoc Street at 8.30 am sharp

NOTE: Every Sunday can be a Club Run by notifying our Secretary and leaving full details etc

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

- **July 14** Sunday ride to Brunswick Heads Hot Rod Show. Leaves Lismore 8.30 am
- **July 28** Poker Run start 10am Liberty, Tyagarah. See on p.9 advert for further details.
- Date to be advised: Classic Bikes with drum brakes only ride to the Club Hotel Emmaville for two nights. http://www.clubhotelemmaville.com/ Leave Lismore Friday for a casual ride to Tenterfield then on to Emmaville to meet up with members of the Clarence Valley His toric & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club. This is an event specifically for the early classic bikes and a back-up car & trailer will be along to carry your gear. The proposal is to spend Saturday ex ploring some of the great bike roads in the area and then back to Emmaville for Sat. night. We can get great group rates on Dinner, B & B Contact Col for more info 66 834429 (ah) or col aqua@yahoo.com.au
- 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 8.30 am.
- Sept. 27, 28, 29 Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Annual Rally, starts Ballina, Commemoration Park, 8 am. and all fellow enthusiasts are invited to participate.

 All machines must be roadworthy and with either "Historic" or full registration plates af fixed. Friday ride for pre 1969 bikes only with 2 rides with separate routes on Sat.
- 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 Lismore 8.30 am. Rous Hotel.
- 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, 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) Leave Lismore 8.30

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

19/20/21 July Tamworth Rally, contact 67 65 6085

21st July 25th Anniversary Laverda Concourse, Cleveland Show Ground. Ph: 040 773 8179

27-28th July, Frostbite Rally, Warwick. contact 07 46648198

28th July, Nabiac Museum Swap. contact 6554133

26-27th Oct, GATTON SWAP: Now at Laidley, 8 klm south of Warrego Hwy and 16 klm east

of Gatton. Gates open 6 am Sat, No campers before this, and 6am Sunday.

Enquiries Brian, 04592 11365

From the Editor's desk...

Our recent charity fund raising event at Bunnings of Lismore (a full day sausage sizzle) was once again a raging success thanks to Norm Balzer who did all the organizing and the ordering of the essential sausages etc.

All the profits which were raised, (Norm estimated approximately \$1200) will be split between the Prostate and Breast Cancer groups in Lismore. We sold over 1200 sausages using 38 loaves of bread and a full bag of onions. Norm thanks all the very willing helpers who made the event a pleasure to run and even without us displaying our traditional club banner most people were aware it was the NRCMCC running the b-b-q.

The club committee is still working hard at fine tuning the details of our biggest event for the year (our annual rally from Ballina on the last weekend of September) and are hoping for the club members to enter their nominations before August 13th. There is a form on p 11 of this newsletter and also on our website.

Our unpredictable weather is again playing its part on our club events. We have had a reasonable run lately with our last run to Richard and Cindy's and earlier to Bonalbo Mick's but our Wednesday runs have suffered somewhat. Lets hope it becomes a lot kinder in the future.

Noel Edwards

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Presidents Report . . . For July



In the last few weeks I've heard the comment "it's too cold for motorcycling." You only have to see the numbers attending the club ride days to realise that it is not the case. I read the reports in other club magazines and it is interesting to note that most clubs struggle to get 8 or 10 turn up for a ride. We all belong to a very healthy club with new members coming along every meeting.

There are several Rallies and events in the coming months including the Aussie Triples Rally in August. We have received entries from Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, North Queensland and places in between. A few of the entrants are staying in the area for the week to attend the Grafton Rally the following weekend. Without the assistance of the club members we wouldn't be able to run such an event. We will need marshals for Saturday and Sunday morning, and once again we will provide lunch on both days. Members are also most welcome to join in on the ride on the Friday before and Monday after.

Five weeks later we have our own Rally and the pre 1960's ride on Friday will be run again following the favourable response last year.

Thanks for the support. Col.

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NRCMCC members do well at Boonah teams trial



Our club was well represented at the HMC of Q teams trials at Boonah on the 22nd and 23rd of June with two teams of three members entered. Tony, Lena, Christopher, Marc and Wil were one team and Bruce King (HMCQ), Bryson, Michael and Julia made up the second team. About half of the members camped at the showground where it was a bit "fresh", but most were well rugged up and stayed warm, especially the Smiths who camped in lavish style in their caravan.

The Saturday afternoon ride was a short run around the area which started off warm but soon turned cold when the cool air started to blow through your jacket. A fine line up of mainly old British bikes started off on the Sunday ride and Dave Dittmar hadorganised a fantastic 100 mile course of both bituman and gravel roads (the gravel was optional but worth 2 bonus points) which was done by rally notes (not marshalled) and punctuated by check points. These check points checked your time as teams left at one minute intervals and asked questions to gain bonus points. Our team did quite well with correctly guessing (or knowing) the front tyre pressure, stopping a metre away from a

stick and assembling a chain onto two sprockets in a very respectable time of 23 seconds. In fact, our team, BWS (Bruce, Walker and Smith) came third and only beaten by one point by an all girls team who got 2 bonus points each for being female riders, 2 bonus points each for having solid rear ends and another 2 points each for having girder forks. We also took away a few raffle prizes, so all up a great weekend was had by all.

Story and photos by Mike Smith of some of the competitors machines.







Mid Week Run 20/5:- 'The Small Circuit' via Casino - due to bad weather.

Only three (3) stalwarts turned up for the month of May's second Mid-Week Run from the Lismore Railway Station at 9AM. These were:- one modern Triumph T100 Bonnie, a newish BMW 1,200 GS and a classic-plated but ratty 1983 Yamaha RZ 250. This was well down from previous numbers. It was easily apparent why the numbers were so disappointedly low-all due to the recent cold weather and forecasts of 15mm rain in the afternoon, we all strongly suspected. Undertaking these severe climactic conditions, our three heroes thus planned an abbreviated run of around 70km.

Bravely, we pressed onward from South Lismore onto the Kyogle Road, via Naughtons Gap to North Casino and then through Springrove to Canaiba and then back into Lismore to rendezvous at the coffee house near the BCC cinema known as "La Baccarat" -where we have been made very welcome many times before. The weather was dry and generally overcast, but with some very welcome wintry sunshine appearing at times, peeping through the hazy high-clouds.

The slowest rider was chosen as Leader (yes - it was your scribe, on the smallest capacity bike - as per usual). After a nice coffee and chat on diverse subjects, including the Internet and the amazingly low Chinese-product prices it was noted that the weather at 11.15 AM (as predicted) was turning bad. But on our way home we were only greeted with a few spots of light drizzle. But going back to East Lismore it was just enough moisture on the road to make the tin-top rubber-dust/oil on some round-a-bouts and popular "P"-plater tyre-torturing "wheelie" spots very slippery indeed. Care needed! (Such is life on a bike....)

Rob A









The following story was published in "The Motorcycle Clubman" 27th January 1968

A Tribute to Herb Jefferson — Dirt Track Legend

"He was the greatest..." He retired too soon...

William Trevor (Herb) Jefferson was born at New Lambton on 27th June 1942. He was a Technician's Assistant with the PMG, and was 2 months with the Lake Macquarie Club before joining Lyons, with whom he remained until his retirement.... Which so many say was premature. Since he took up motorcycling at 14 and entered competition at 19, Herb has been a great rider, a great sportsman and we thank him for the pleasure he has given so many dirt track enthusiasts.

Herb's imposing list of title wins runs like this:

1962.. NSW Junior A at Goulburn

1963.. NSW Junior A Heddon Greta, Aust. Junior A in Tasmania, Victorian Lightweight at Campbellfield.

1964.. NSW Junior, Senior and Unlimited A at Amaroo Park, Aust. Junior A in West Aust. And Queensland Junior A at Ipswich.

1965.. NSW Junior, Senior and Unlimited A at Heddon Greta, Queensland Junior, Senior and Unlimited A at Maryborough, Aust. Junior and Unlimited A at the Gold Coast.

1966.. NSW Junior, Senior and Unlimited A at Salty Creek, Aust. Junior, Senior and Unlimited at Taree, Queensland Junior, Senior and Unlimited A at Ipswich.

In his first race Herb found himself leading by a mile on the first lap, felt real excited and fell off. In the next five years he won 26 National and State Titles, goodness knows how many other events in the most amazing career in Short Circuit History. And he entered racing as a joke on a 350cc BSW loaned by his new brother in law.

William Trevor had been a bit of a "wild boy" in his road motorcycling earlier- with 2 licence suspensions in as many years, but his first race experience was enough for him to become wrapped up I the sport. For a few months he averaged a couple of falls per meeting, but also began his habit of getting across the line first. After 5 months he was upped to B grade. He changed C and B entries at Goulburn to B and A and ran minor placings in the B events, coping with the change from clutch starts to push starts. His parents arrived after the A grade heats, with Herb having one race to go. He won it, with the aid of a good push start by Jack Pearce- and suddenly realised he was now the Australian 350cc champion. A month later he was an A grader, 6 weeks after his start in the game.

The competition was naturally tougher. Herb won most of the Junior races but little else for a time, though in 1963 he retained his 350cc national title and collected the Victorian 250 title on the way home from the Aust. Championships in Tasmania. By 1964, he had a 500cc BSA Gold Star and began to collect the Senior and Unlimited Titles on offer. At this time, Wallsend's DVE (Sputnik) O'Brien had won the Aust. Senior title twice and took it the third time after Herb had led him for 3 laps- Herb's only failure of the year. Certainly no discredit, for Dave was a mighty rider.

1965 saw the introduction of the lightweight English Hagon racing frame to NSW.. the first change in short circuit machinery since the sport's inception. Herb had a feeling it was a joke when he unpacked the frame and a good many of his fellow competitors had the same idea. "Too fragile" "It'll fall apart".. Herb kept his misgivings to himself and gave it a go and knocked 6 seconds off the course record at Taree, previously held by a 500cc machine, using his 350cc motor in the new frame.

A lot of riders still thought the machine couldn't hang together and it seems there was a bit of Aussie conning in Jeffo's own doubts. There was talk of riding a broomstick, bending and so forth, but the fact remains that Herb had six months of absolute supremacy before more Hagon frames began to appear, followed by locally made copies. Around the middle of 1966, Bill Simpson of Kurri Kurri put together a Hagon frame and an ESO motor-Chechoslovakian counter part of the long supreme English JAP dirt bike motor- offered the ride to Herb, who won 6 of his 9 titles that year on this always immaculate flawlessly prepared machine. Bill never failed to be there and have the bike fuelled and ready when Herb reached the track. When he ribbed Herb about the "scruffy" 350 he was invited to polish it too. One day he visited the Jefferson home and carefully polished exactly half of the machine- half each wheel, half the fuel tank, half the motor and left it so. We are told that Herb had ample good intentions but turned up at the next meeting with the 350 still in a 50% polished state.

The first time Trevor Jefferson went to see his son race, Herb had just returned from hospital when he arrived. A footrest had pierced his knee in a fall, an accident whuch did weaken the knee of his slide control leg, it did not slow Herb down. Each fall, however, rendered the knee increasingly susceptible to injury and he was warned early in 1967 that another fall could leave him with a permanently stiff leg.

An honourable reason for retirement, an opportune time. Herb was tiring of being always on top, saying he had more fun as a C grader. A Jefferson win was becoming accepted as "just the usual result" whilst a defeat called for explanations.

Three walls covered in pennants, a forth stacked high with trophies. A limpy left leg..

Permanent mementoes of a great career.

From all enthusiasts- many thanks for the pleasure, Herb, and a happy future to you...

Herb lives locally and still rides.(a Harley not a Hagon) He also still enjoys his other passion, surfing.

While he was racing he often had current surfing champions in the pits with him. (wearing the colourful bell bottoms of the 60's, attracting the attention of the oil covered bike team members.)

Herb has 2 mates coming from Newcastle to attend our club Rally and we are trying hard to have Herb enter as well.

Col. McAndrew

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc. Annual Rally:- Ballina. 27th, 28th & 29th September 2013 The Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc. invites fellow enthusiasts to participate in the 2013 Rally. All machines entered must be roadworthy and registered with either historic or full registration plates affixed.

Friday ride for pre 1960's bikes & 2 separate routes on Saturday

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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 at the Lismore Rous Hotel at 8.30 am. Start times sometimes 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.