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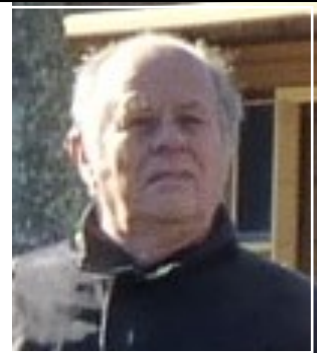


**October 2013
to
March 2014**

Classic Torque

Well, as you have probably heard, our hardworking newsletter editor, Noel Edwards, had an unfortunate accident and is not able, at present, to continue preparing the club newsletter. So this first attempt by myself, the assistant editor, is something of an experiment—and it covers the period, October, 2013 up to March 2014. Wow, even the year has changed!

Best wishes to Noel for his continued recuperation and many thanks for an editing job very well done.



I'm relatively new to the club, and I know there are many other recent members, so I'm going to do a bit of a historic excavation of the club—When,? Why? And Who? All important questions, and together they help form the club history and culture.

I've been told that the club formed as a result of a group of local enthusiasts attending rallies put on by other clubs, but mainly by the Gold Coast Motorcycle Enthusiasts club. Back then, the GCMEC was very strong with wealthy members owning bikes such as Vincents, Brough Superiors and BSA Gold Stars.

The NRCMCC was officially formed around 1985, and the first rally was organized in 1992. Judging of bikes was held at the Red Devils ground at Byron Bay. The rally dinner was held at the Coorabell hall with at least 75 people attending—transport to the dinner by chartered coach.



This led to the formation of our club and the running of our own rallies. **Above**, Judging at the First club rally in 1992 at the Red Devils Ground in Byron Bay. Back then accommodation in Byron was convenient.

The hairy but handsome gent to the **left** was Ian 'Foos' James, club president, at the first rally with his 1927 James motorcycleHe even made it into the local papers.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 11/02/20134

START: 7.44 pm

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WELCOME: MEMBERS 42 VISITORS 6, APOLOGIES 9 as per attendance sheet.

Welcome by president and introduction from visitors

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ ACCEPTED: Pat Holt SECOND: Peter Harvey

BUSINESS ARISING - nil

TREASURERS REPORT ACCEPTED: Pat Holt SECOND: Richard Swinton

NOTE: membership must be paid by March meeting or membership (and historic registration) lapses

CORRESPONDENCE

1. IN: 11 newsletters
2. Letter from Council of Heritage Motor Clubs - more clubs needed to participate if cheaper insurance proposal is to work
3. 1 membership cheque
4. Invites - Inverell rally 4-6 April, Alpine Tour Cooma 15-18 March, Ray Owen Show and Swap 25 May, Pine Rivers Swap Samford 28-29 June

ACCEPTED: Doug Hampson SECOND: Mary Walker

Registrations report - 2 regos during the month reported by Bryson

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Bunnings BBQ - Mary and Bryson will be away need a member to organise club trailer.
2. Pat Holt reported on indemnity cover for our registration assessors. ACTION - Katrina to check with our insurance broker on the details of our Management Liability insurance, as there could be legal claims if a mistake is made. Pat feels that the inspection should be done on a separate day than the xmas party day. Discussed briefly charging a small inspection fee to cover if we have to pay a new fee.
3. Peter Harvey has plenty of hats, caps etc for sale. Looking into new name badges and showed sample. Peter suggested club logos could be purchased that members can sew on any garment. The club is not paying out for garments, storing or transporting them. Further investigation by committee, samples and prices to next meeting.
4. Noel apologised for lack of newsletter, Richard is helping to produce a February one and should be back to full production by March.
5. Richard talked about contributing to the newsletter, and a great donation to the club library. Richard will write letter of thanks. New book 'Circus Life' is now in the library, 3 boxes of magazines that Jack Ahearn donated. We now need a second library cupboard as we have 210 books plus manuals & magazines.
6. Mary and Bryson, Tony and Lina are organising a ride sleeping over - Darlington. \$25 must be paid by next meeting to cover food and camping. 29/30 March.
7. Marc Jennison reported on \$137,000 US was paid for Honda Four prototype 1968 sold on ebay.
8. Col proposes another working bee at Katrina and Chris place. Frank is happy to coordinate efforts for dates that would suit. Details will be updated on web site.
9. David Bonhote-Mead will no longer be able to run the raffle after this meeting. Robert Evans volunteers to fill the position.
10. OTHR entry form is on the web site. Bank account has been set up, back up vehicle is organised. 35 entries so far.
11. Club Show and Shine venue - area of Alstonville plaza near coffee shop. If weather is wet we are allowed to use plaza area under cover. Shannons offered \$300 for trophies. Guest judges coming. Fund raiser for North Coast Cancer Institute. March 16.
12. Restoration entrant bikes will be on display and Jack Ahearn will present trophy to the winner on the day.

13. Annual rally date this year is set for 19-21 September.

14. Indian rally Murwillumbah Showgrounds over Easter, 18-21 April

MEMBERS REPORTS

Joined Tweed Heads club in a run to Crams Farm, was an excellent day.

CLUB RUNS: NEXT RUN: To Wadeville Woollies, encourage all pre-60's bikes to come along. leaving Rous Hotel 8.30. Backup trailer will be coming. Meeting closed 8.52pm

MEETING CLOSED: 8.52 pm

September Club run to Belongil

Terry and Gerri Savins hosted our last monthly run with a fine array of delicious food comprising barbequed bacon, eggs, sausages and with a choice of salads, fruit and everything you could wish to tempt your taste-buds. Bernie Shailer did a great job of being head chef.

The run as always started from the Rous Hotel in Lismore, led by Peter we cruised the back roads to Du-noon on to Mullumbimby and over the highway to Byron Bay. It may be appropriate after experiencing a rather large hic-up from this event to refresh all the members (especially as we do have some new ones) on how the marshalling system works when following a set leader.

On behalf of the NRCMCC I have to thank Terri and Gerri for all the work they did and for their great hospitality they provided for somewhere in excess of 30 club members.

Noel Edwards

See p4 for more pictures

Our fearless leader, Peter, giving us out route instructions



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from left to right:
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Cindy,
Renni

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Not a lot of parking space left at the front of Terry's house with 2 dozen classic bikes occupying most of the space

Below: Terry's back yard, a closer inspection reveals a somewhat American connection with both a Harley Davidson, a classic Jeep and a Australian Hills hoist, all icons in their own right. There is also a Japanese influence with the bikes on the right.



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2013 Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Rally

Once again Ballina was the starting point for our annual rally. The weather was great for the 3 days, which started with a pre 1960's bike ride on Friday. 30 bikes joined in on a slow ride along some scenic country roads with a lunch stop at Alstonville. The car park of the Federal Hotel attracted many envious spectators as the bikes were lined up.

Many entrants attended the "meet and greet" held on the Friday night.

Saturday's ride had 104 bikes head out to Bentley Hall, on the Lismore to Kyogle Rd, for our lunch stop and bike judging. It was great to see such a large variety of different marques and models including 3 Vincents. There is nothing better than the quantity and quality of food provided by a country School P & C. Thanks to Manifold Public School.

The presentation night and dinner was also well attended with many a tall tale told.

On Sunday morning we conducted a short ride followed by a farewell BBQ back on the river bank at Ballina. The event will be on again the 19-21 September 2014.

Trophy winners

- Best Bike of Rally - Geoff Wiseman - Vincent
- Best 1940's - Trevor Cason - Velocette Mac
- Best 1950's - Geoff Wiseman - Vincent
- Best 1960's - Robert Lovell - Norton Dominator
- Best 1970's - Rodney Piggott - Honda CB 750
- Best 1980's - Craig Piggott - Honda CB1100
- Best Outfit - Jeff Boughton - Suzuki GS 1100
- Most Interesting on pre 60's ride
- Geoff McKenzie - Velocette Venom

Longest Distance Ridden to Rally :

- Terry Freeman - from Newcastle

Oldest Bike/Rider Combo;

- Ron Hewitt - Vincent

Hard Luck Award ;

- Noel Edwards - DKW 350



Pics by Holty





More pics from the 2013 rally—lunch stop at Bentley Hall. Photos by John Holt (Holty). There are more on 'photobucket'
There was good mix of bikes on the run.



NRCMC Club Events

2014



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

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

Note: Every Sunday is now an authorised club ride.

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

Also check our [Facebook](#) page for events, pictures and updates

Mar 16—Club Show and Shine, 8.30am —1.00pm at the Alstonville Plaza—weather proof. Please bring as many bikes as you can. Gold coin donation to charity, Sausage sizzle also

Mar 29-30—Darlington camp ride— camp overnight at the lovely Darlington Campsite (SE of Beaudeseert) \$25/head for meals and camping fee—pay in advance BSB082409 a/c 842724398 and put your name as reference. Or pay to Tony Kempnich by March meeting. Meet at Lismore railway station 8.30am, leave at 9.00. May arrange a late start time also if required. Back up vehicle can carry camping gear. BYO tent, bed, chair. Contact Tony on 02 6628 1806.

April 13—pre 70's ride to Toonumbah Dam, Everyone welcome, but please bring a pre 60s bike if you have one. Backup trailer provided.

April 21 (Easter Monday)— Club Charity BBQ at Bunnings, Lismore. Please bring bike for display

May 11—16 - 12th Over the hill run. Contact Tony Kempnich 02 6628 1806

June 15—Slow bike run to Evans Head F111 museum and coffee at riverside
CHECK WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO ON UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

Mar 23—Black Dog Ride day. Pre registration preferred on <http://mailbuild.millstream.com.au/t/r-l-pjddjut-jihhuuulh-s/>>

April 4—6 Inverell Rally

April 13—21—Bathurst Rally for easter

April 18—21 All Indian rally at Murwillumbah showground

May 18—The Cirlee take 2, start at Rous hotel

May 24—25 Ray Owen concourse At Mt Tambourine, Qld

May 30—April 1— Clarence Valley Nymboida Canoe Centre overnighter

July 18—20—Tamworth MCC rally



From the Editor's desk . . .

The December Annual General Meeting has come and gone, and club positions remain as for last year—see details below. Now that I'm editor for the moment, I would really appreciate any contributions to the newsletter. Any articles, comments, jokes or pictures can be emailed to me (see address below)

There is a strong move at foot to return to some of the social activities that the club used to get involved in. A cricket match has been proposed—and the trophy last used in 1996 against the Gold Coast club, has been unearthed and polished up ready for a match at Darlington Campground on March 29/30.



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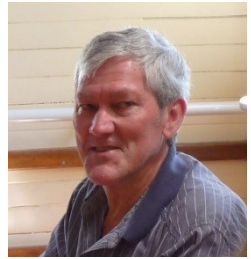
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President's report for March

2014 is looking like a great year for the club with some new events. Our members' show is on soon and the events team has put together a very interesting calendar. On behalf of the members, I would like to thank Noel for his efforts with the club magazine and look forward to having him back on deck when he can. In the meantime Richard has taken on the job (thank you). A little help with members' contributions would be appreciated. See you all at our Show.
Col



Who said Harleys were a drag??
Maybe he had a flat front tyre??
Or—a temporary arrangement while the forks
are being lengthened



Library Report—

The club library now has over 200 books and a large collection of manuals and other technical info for classic bikes. Nevertheless, members are always looking for info to restore their latest find. If you have any classic manuals—ANY—please consider letting me know so that I can add them to the library catalogue. The manuals remain with you, but other members can contact you if they wish to borrow them. I'd suggest that the borrower arrange to scan or photocopy the bits they need and return the manual to you.

Many of the books listed in the library catalogue are really detailed restoration manuals with details of each year model, colour schemes, engine and frame numbers, model changes, etc. Excellent references

To find what's in the catalogue; look up the club website, go to 'Library' and either search by make (triumph, etc) or Author (if you know one who is an expert in your bike). Or you can even look up the lot as a list. Just contact me and I can get the book out for you. Even arrange delivery if you get stuck in hospital or at home.



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Doug Hampson—66293340; has 14 boxes of **125cc and 197cc Villiers engine and gearbox** bits for sale—\$400 the lot—and there's some excellent stuff in there.

Wadesville Run Sunday 16 Feb Around 25 bikes set off via the road to Nimbin and thence through Stony Chute road to Wadesville Woolies for coffee stop. It was a slow bike run and we had Doug's Velo, Bonalbo Mick's Norton 18, Terry's ubiquitous WLA and a delightful Indian amongst the pack. A good run with no problems (apart from the Velo and the Norton being a bit temperamental at the start!) A good route, but a proper expresso machine and barista would be appreciated.



Pics by R Swinton



We meet the Tweed Harley club



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The 2013 Club Xmas party and rego day was held on Dec 8th at the Clunes hall following a convoluted ride from distant Lismore! Our chefs did an excellent job of gratifying a continuous demand for bangers, bacon, eggs and the rest. And the ladies of the club served up an excellent table of fruit and other tasty tidbits. Many thanks to those souls who constantly volunteer for the club!! It's a bit late to wish you all a Merry Christmas, but it's never too late to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy New Year!!





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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.