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**September
2014**

Classic Torque



5th Aussie Triples Rally, Ballina NSW

This Rally is for British Triples, Tridents, BSA Rocket 3's and specials using the three cylinder 750 motor built from 1968 – 1975.

44 entrants arrived at Ballina for 3 days of riding. One rode a T160 from Albany WA, 4400kms each way. We had entrants from Perth, Adelaide, Geelong, ACT, Central QLD and many places in between.

It was nice to see a BSA Rocket 3 that has done over 300,000 miles and has had three rebuilds. They just keep going! Also in attendance was a Legend, one of 62 built in 1976 and a very rare bike in this part of the world.

The Ballina area had 118mm of rain on Saturday, our main ride day, but that didn't deter the keen riders. As we travelled away from the coast the rain eased a little, however the lunch stop at Evans Head meant riding into a large black rain cloud again. The bikes were lined up for judging here and the fact that all had just covered 200kms on wet muddy roads meant that the show bikes and the well used bikes were all on an equal footing.

Once again excellent marshalling was provided by waterlogged members of the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club.

The presentation dinner at Ballina Lakeside Holiday Park was a great night with the unique trophies, supplied by Jeff at Re-engineered Concentrics being awarded. Following this was our Charity Auction with our exclusive Auctioneer Scotty from Singleton selling off merchandise donated by the Trident & Rocket 3 Owners Club based in England. Apart from the rain a good weekend was had and encouragement for Aussie Triples Rally No 6 was overwhelming. CA





Triples rally pics, most by Holty—

Google 'Holty's photos' and you'll find his photobucket site. Lots of bike pics from all rallies way back.



Minutes of the meeting of the NRCMCC, 12 August 2014

Chair; Col Mc Andrew; **Secretary,** Richard Swinton **Meeting** opened at 7:40pm

Attendance: 38Members; 5 Visitors and 8 apologies as listed in attendance sheets

Minutes of the July meeting read and confirmed; Doug Hampson and John Mazza

Matters arising: John Mazza mentioned a website that dealt with the issue of noisy exhausts on motorcycles

Treasurers Report; Read in detail. Accepted by Pat Holt and Richard Nutt

Correspondence In: 6 other club magazines; Bank statement; Trailer registration papers; letter from Council of motor clubs providing information on a proposal to create a 'M' plate for modified historic vehicles; and a returned newsletter (address unknown)

Correspondence Out: Newsletters to postal addresses.

General Business:

Pat Holt explained that the 'M' plate proposal comes, apparently, from some classic car clubs which feel there is a need to have a category for historic vehicles which have been modified. The current historic plate category doesn't allow any significant modifications, esp performance mods. The Council of heritage motor clubs is 'monitoring' the situation.

General response from club members was that it was better to let sleeping dogs lie rather than provide bureaucrats with another opportunity to create paperwork and regulations!

Neil Williams (new comer) asked exactly what entries for our rally meant. Col explained the arrangements

Doug Hampson presented a copy of a newspaper article (Byron Shire News, 3 April 2014) about the Australian 100cc land speed record attempt— 94.8 mph in the partial streamlined class and 93.5 in the non streamlined class (makes you wonder if streamlining is all it's cracked up to be?RS) They hope to hit 100 mph on Bonneville salt flats next year..

Tim Thearle highlighted the upcoming Douglas Rally at Kelsoe on 5—8 Nov.

Bryson Walker told the club that Frank Hack had passed away. He was an early supporter of our club who often came down from Qld to participate in activities and events. He was very well known and liked by all in the historic motorcycle movement.

Members reports:

Peter Lake reported briefly on the Wed and Sun runs which had been detailed in the club newsletter

He pointed out that the upcoming Sunday run would be as marshals for the triples rally. Marshalls were required on both Saturday and Sunday. Saturdays run would include lunch at Evans Head. Starting point was Ballina Holiday park at 9.00 am. The Triples rally Friday run was open to all club members.

He also reported on the Summerland Car club show in Lismore. 8 Club bikes showed up despite the less than ideal weather. David Jupe and Ian McCormack won awards for their bikes (BSA and Kawasaki) and 2 visitors, a Laverda and a Harley, also won awards.

The Lismore Show and Shine, organized by Lismore Motorcycles is on Sat 6th Sept from 9—12 with a ride to The Channon for lunch. Open to all 30+yr old bikes

Tim Thearle told the club that 4 club bikes were displayed at the Carroona fete. These were 2 Velocettes he owned, Mark Rodda's impressive Kawasaki, and Richard Swinton's BMW R100S. The Carroona maintenance supervisor also displayed his recently purchased Honda tourer. It brought back memories to a few of the residents who told stories of their motorcycling days.

Allan Stratton is now on his way to Darwin from Adelaide; Bernie Shailer has returned home from his trip to Kalgoorlie.

Richard Nutt reported on a run he did on his own (just to get out of the house) which involved Charleville and return!

Annual Club Rally—call for volunteers for breakfast, coffee, marshalling; will need commitments at next meeting. Next Rally Committee meeting 26 August

Lina Kempnich displayed a quilt which she and other ladies had made as a raffle prize. It was made from men's shirts and featured prints of classic bikes. Tickets for the raffle are available through her - 02 6628 1806. Proceeds to cancer charities..

Finally Col McAndrew read a draft of a letter to all councils pointing out the danger that the 'jet patcher' type of pothole repairer represented to motorcycle riders. It asked that loose gravel be removed when patching was finished. The letter was approved. Meeting Closed 8.40pm

Presidents Report:

First of all, I would like to thank the members who assisted with the running of the 5th Aus-sie Triples Rally. The conditions for the Saturday ride were probably the worst I've ridden in. We covered 220kms with 118mm of rain during the day. It was great to see so many members turn up to help out in this weather.

Our Club Rally is just about to happen and it's great to see the entries rolling in. Both from members and visitors. The committee has selected a new location for the lunch & judging stop and the trial run with the Triples Rally proved it was a good choice. Many members have put their hand up and your help will make the Rally an enjoyable event for our visitors.



Col

Club Runs: Wednesday 6 August, A big turn-up was experienced for the first August MWR on 6/8/14 at 9.00AM. This time we went to the New Italy Museum's coffee-shop. Nine riders (but eleven participants in total, plus one catch-up) went via Wyrallah, Tucki, Robson Road, past Cedar Island and then via Meerschaum/Bagotville to Woodburn, then 11Km south down the Pacific Highway to New Italy. At Meerschaum Vale the Highway Patrol was seen booking some poor unfortunate's car, so while this officer was otherwise gainfully employed the ride proceeded without hindrance. There was always a chance of light rain, but overall it was good riding conditions with dry roads and warming sunny periods. Arriving at New Italy we were made very welcome, albeit amid the chaos of their usual tourist throng. But a good chat was had with excellent coffee, but in fairly noisy conditions and well out of the sun. These MWR conversations cover many interesting things - as per usual! It's certainly always a very good opportunity to get other members' opinions on bike-related subjects/overhaul queries and even general matters. The advice is always unstinting/freely given - yet another reason to belong to a Club like ours! We arrived there at 10AM and my small group left at 11.20 - going back straight to Lismore via Woodburn and Tuckurimba. It was great to see our chirpy ex-editor Noel along with CZ-Ray getting there and having a convivial coffee, the pair having come down from Goonellabah in the former's immaculate "DKW" Proton 'ute. However, as a general comment on the Ride - we still appear not to be able to achieve the proper "catch-up stops" and get them right. A stop is a stop - NOT a rolling-start after a quick glance over the shoulder and then off like a robbers' dog with the exhaust(s) barking! I suppose we riders are all individualists and therefore we are the bane of any attempt at organisation? Without the pre-agreed stops being observed, it made matters rather difficult when one member was seen to lose 'an item' off his bike near Lismore. It was the devil's own job to get some of the "gaggle" to eventually stop just before the Woodburn Bridge and inform the said owner of his loss. I gave up before that, it was simply not worth riding outside my level of expertise on narrow and bumpy rural roads for such a thankless task. But what ever was lost, it was obviously not a part that was essential for peak engine performance - as the owner's bike was going like the wind and always a full 300M ahead! [The lost item turned out to be only a blown-away helmet-bag - so the loss was minimal and all was well]. On the way back there was some spirited/friendly 2-stroke competition for the bike that gave the most 2-stroke smoke on acceleration between a Yamaha RZ350 and an award-winning Kawasaki 250 KR1S. (Yes, you guessed it - the Kwaka won hands down!) Going home was past Katrina's with a long and dusty delay before the Big Hill, due to extensive LCC roadworks around 1Km south from the back-road to Coraki. After that it was a scenic but rather boring ride back to Lismore, mainly due to the relatively new "blanket" 80Kph speed-restriction so beloved by the RMS currently. (Photo p5) RA



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Left: The Wednesday Ride boys in deep discussion at the Little Italy coffee shop.

Below: A Carroona resident recalls his youth and tells stories of his biking days



Left: Some bikes from the Club were shown at the Carroona Annual Fete. The Honda Tourer belongs to the Uniting aged care centre maintenance chief..

Many of the residents chatted to us and told stories of their days on two wheels.
Of course, back then, two wheels were an affordable transport option—maybe three if a sidecar was used to haul the family. RS



Here's a couple of pictures of a club activity that might bring back memories for some of the members—the time we provided the bikes for a photo shoot.

It's not all coffee and chat!



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Saturday, Sunday October 25, 26, 2014



For more details:

<http://www.historicmotorcycle.org.au/>

This motorcycle will be drawn as an entry prize on the Sunday at 10am.

The ideal raffle prize for your son—or any guy really—or perhaps even a gal.



Left: The whole quilt:



Left below: Detail from the quilt—lots of bike memorabilia, and all classics!

The quilt pictured was made by Brenda Holt, Karen Jennison and Lina Kempnich. This quilt is being raffled and proceeds will go to Cancer departments at Lismore Base Hospital. Our THANKS to Anita Kempnich for printing the bike patches, also

Nancy and Col McAndrew and Marina Opfer for supplying materials towards quilt construction.

Tickets are \$2.00 each OR \$5.00 for 3 tickets

Raffle tickets will be on sale till the evening of Presentation Dinner of NRCMCC Rally on 20th September at which it will be drawn.

Thank you to those who generously donate to this raffle and “Good Luck”

For tickets, ring Lina Kempnich PH - 66281806

While we're talking of raffles, Our raffle wiz, Robert Evans, would like suggestions for raffle prizes (*Ooh, the cunning devil! I see his modus operandi—if we suggest the prizes, we'll make a greater effort & 'buy more tickets'*)

So please contact him (6689 7505) or at the meetings with any ideas you may have.

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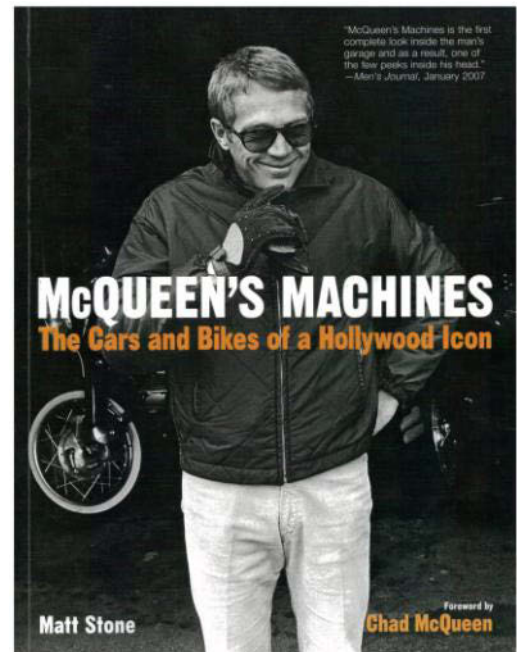


“You can stop pushing—the pushrods are still in the box!”

(Why are there always bits left over when you do a rebuild? 3rd law of thermodynamics?)

Book for the month:

We think of Steve McQueen as a 'hands on' actor, especially 'his' jump in "the Great Escape"; but he was also a bike and car racer, and he had a wonderful collection of classic cars & bikes. This book is divided into sections: What's in his garage, his films, his racing, his bikes, and his legacy—the catalogue with pictures of the collection that was eventually sold off. The cars and bikes in the book show his very eclectic tastes with Ferraris, Porsches, Jaguar XKSS cheek by jowl with Minis, Jeeps, A Hudson Wasp, and a Chev truck! Oh, and of course his VW beach buggy. We all remember 'Bullitt', the epitome of a car chase through the streets of San Francisco. Another of my favourites was 'The Reivers' with a reproduction Winton Flyer heavily involved, and a brilliant slow motion horse racing sequence. The bikes include his Triumph Bonneville Six day trial bike, His Husqvarna trials, His Indians and more including his collection of Classic and historic bikes. Lots of pictures—The book is available from me—Richard Swinton 6629 1069



From the Editor:

I've been a bit tied up recently running an energy efficiency workshop series for Lismorians (Or is that 'Lismorons?'). So this edition is a trifle late (again!) Yep, she was definitely a wet Triples rally—I only managed to marshal on Sunday morning and avoided the bulk of the wet; but I have to admit, I nearly took the car just in case.

I'd like to thank those members who contribute to the content of the newsletter. Other members would love to hear about the things you get up to—(about bikes! We can leave the rest to our imaginations!!) So please drop me an email, preferably with a photo or two.

The next newsletter may also be delayed due to other commitments, but I'll do the best I can. Stay upright! RS



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## Summerland Car and Bike Show

And the rain came tumbling down!

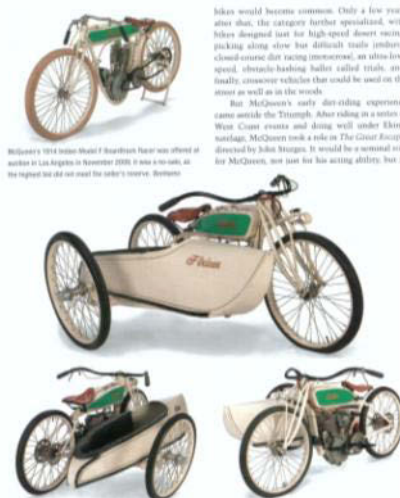
Attendance at the Summerland car and bike show was down—but was it caused by the \$5 entry fee for all participants or was it the rain? A quandary for the organisers to mull over.

Once again, the team including Eric Wilson and Peter Lake set up the marquee and table and banner, and the bikes that attended were parked alongside.

Dave Jupe's lovely BSA Road Rocket got pride of place out the front and was a winner of an award for the day along with Ian McCormack's Kawasaki.

A couple of non club members also won awards for a Laverda and a Harley which were displayed next to our group.

The cars and hot rods on display were well worth a look, and the Ford GT40 replica made me feel very old—the thought of even crawling down into it was only exceeded by the horror of trying to get out! RS



More pictures from "McQueen's Machines" - book of the month.



'When he said '2 wheeler', I thought he meant one at the front and one behind!'

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# **NRCMC Club Events**



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

**Sunday runs now start only from Lismore**

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***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

Sept 14—Sunday run in preparation for Club rally, Brunch at Richard and Cindy's place

SEPT 19/21 NRCMCC RALLY— club members to marshal, etc

**ENTRY FORMS** for Visitors and Members are available on the club website, [www.nrcmcc.org](http://www.nrcmcc.org).

**NOTE:** Please register formally rather than just turn up on the day. It is difficult to cater for an unknown number of late entries. Dinner will not be available without an entry.

October 17—19—Drum brake only ride—details to be decided

October 19—pre 1984 ride to Tenterfield to meet drum brake riders for lunch. Not a slow bike ride. A shorter ride around Lismore for others.

November 16—Pre-war and pre 50's bike run. (anyone else can go, but please bring out your older bikes) Ride top Rocky Creek Dam with catering and backup trailers.

December 14— Ride to Frank Widdows house, Ballina

## **Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs**

Sept 13—15—Qld, All British Rally Yarakool, contact Fred 0418381934, [www.bsaqlld.com](http://www.bsaqlld.com)

Oct 25—26—Qld, Laidley Swap meet (used to be Gatton) see ad in this newsletter.

Nov 1—2 Hat Head Rally

November 5—8— National Douglas Rally, Bathurst., Entries close Sept 1, contact Geoff 02 6332 1699

November 15— Walcha Challenge, contact Neil 0404 041 627

January 18—Ride to Clarrie Hall dam for lunch with other clubs (to be confirmed)

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### **For Sale (or give away) and Wanted to buy (or find):**

If you have something you want, or want to sell or trade or even give away, please let me know, preferably with a picture or some history. ———

Repeat of last issue: ———Let me know if the transaction is over; Otherwise ads are in for 2 issues.

An unusual one this time: Robert Evans has a pair of 'classic' motorcycling boots for sale —

I have a pair of "vintage" Alpine Star Italian leather motorcycle boots for sale, size 10. \$100. Circa 1980, cost' over \$300 back then.

My phone number is 66895750. My email: [evanmore2@gmail.com](mailto:evanmore2@gmail.com).



Last month, a world-wide telephone survey was conducted by the UN.

The only question asked was:- "Would you please give your honest opinion about possible solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"

The survey was a complete failure because:

In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant.

In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.

In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant.

In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.

In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.

In South America they didn't know what "please" meant.

In the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

And in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Britain everyone hung up as soon as they heard the Indian accent.



Last Month, I included a picture of our patron, Jack Ahearn, getting a trifle sideways on the track. I asked for anyone to identify the time and place. Well, I got all that info from Eric Wilson; date, place, race, etc—off pat! - It was at Amaroo, 1974, in a Castrol 6 hour race in the corner before the main straight.

But better than that; Jack was at the Summerland show and shine (see left) and he explained what happened. He was old enough to be everyone else's father but he entered to help a mate form a team. He said he was going pretty well, and suddenly he lost his concentration, and next minute he was out of it sideways. And, No, he didn't rejoin the race.

The lesson for us—keep your mind on the road ahead!



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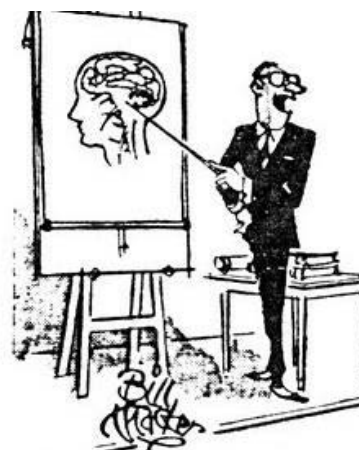
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"This portion of the brain, the subconscious, convinces a man that he is, for instance, the best rider on the road..."





### "BORN TO BE MILD" Not!

Not to bore you with the my out-back preparation save to say I am anal in my undertakings...one does not head out west without the ultimate, "What Ifs" being covered by 100%

I have 10 sound (Well to me they are) reasons why I ride Kaiser (1982 R100RS Vintage Registered) to whoop-whoop and back each year.

1. It gives me time to reflect on my relationship with Lady Catherine for she is the energy that runs my life...like the 1<sup>st</sup> star out at night. She absolutely fills my world with gentle beauty.
2. To run away from my every day responsibilities and worries...although the bloody things do follow me.
3. To build a airhead motorcycle up to its maximum potential

tential and test its endurance by taking it out in the coldest time and places of Australia's coo-ee outback. You would know that Beemers run at their very best when the climate matches their German origin. It was minus 6 degrees at Yunta this year...sheesh that's frigging cold. It was warmer to stay on Kaiser than to stop.

4. To test my capabilities both mentally and physically on some of the most dangerous roads we have in Oz.
5. To ride with and enjoy the comradeship / communication of alike minded rider mates like Kym Caines, Peter Newsome, Phil Chick (And his mates Trevor, Bill and Barry), Brian Kowalik, Ray Peake, (and his mate Dunny) and in general all outback folk.
6. Getting over the worry (And its a biggy) that Lady Catherine will in fact honour her pledge of returning the TV Remote control back undamaged into my hands on my return.
7. I simply just love this shit!!!!!! The adventure of traveling somewhere new, meeting different interesting people and not judging or hurting them is absolutely wonderful. Giving the respect to

all including the wildlife I find most-fulfilling.

8. For me the whole object of travel is not to set foot on foreign land; it is at last to set foot on one's own country as if it a foreign land." I have no need to travel outside Australia when I can easily spend a lifetime looking at what we have got.

9. Several years ago riding back from Darwin with Kym (1986 R100RT BMW) and Michael (1982 R100CS BMW) I spotted a warning sign that had a left hand facing Kangaroo on it. I thought it a, "bit of a big thing" in that I had never seen one nor had I since. Riding these long distances looking for another one of these "bad-boy" signs adds to the rides many and varied objectives. If you would, imagine I was chuffed when I spotted one outside Conabarabran on my way to WA (2013) with Peter. This years trip took me to Kalgoorlie, / Boulder then Coolgardie and back the other way without seeing another.

10. Did I mention I just simply love this shit!!!!!! Of course I did and will do so for the rest of my life.

11. I can enjoy remembering the journey for the rest of my life.

Thanks for this Bernie Shailer

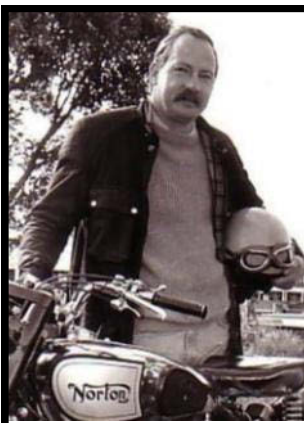
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### VALE

It is with sad news that we inform you Tweed Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Member Neville "Nifty" Albury passed away on Sunday 17th August 2014.

Nifty was a Life Member of the Tweed Heads Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club and has been a member for over 25 years. He served many positions in the Club including Secretary, back-up vehicle driver, committee member and writer/teller. Nifty was currently the Magazine Editor at his time of passing.

Nifty was always willing to lend a hand, give advice and be a listening ear when needed.  
 You'll be sadly missed Nifty.



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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. 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 Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organizer. 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.