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(see page 11)



**February
2015**

Classic Torque

Welcome to a safe and happy 2015!!

I've been reading up on New Years resolutions for motorcyclists; and there is a common them that runs through almost all of them—have fun safely!

- **Go ATGATT**—'All The Gear, All The Time'; This one featured in most resolution lists. While I was walking recently, I was passed by a young guy on school holidays proudly and rapidly riding his recently repaired off road bike along the cul de sac in which I live. Noisy, (no muffler), but judging by the grin on his face, lots of fun. However, he was wearing a pair of shorts and thongs—nothing else! It made me cringe to think how close he was to a major skin grafting session
- **Clean your bike regularly**—best way to find problems before they let you down, and helps keep the bike in good nick. Protects the paint, the shiny bits and the rubber. Your bike lasts longer and will be safer (I didn't realise that bolt was loose!)
- **Go to a big motorcycle event**—the TT for example. (See Andy Genders offer on page 10) If you like bikes, there's nothing like immersing yourself in a major bike event, surrounded by other enthusiasts. The Dakar would be fun.
- **Attend a riding course**—we can all learn more and better. None of us are natural born experts—we learn by experience and by training. Experiential learning can be painful and ultimately more expensive than a course. There is no question that the stats show that those who have done courses feature less in accident statistics
- **Ride more**— If you're on club rego, attend more rides and club events and go to other club rallies; If you're on full rego, use your bike instead of the car. And don't let the threat of rain turn you off. (my personal weakness)
- So enjoy the year and enjoy your bike(s) See you at the next meeting or event!!



Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 9 December 2014 START: 7.40 pm

WELCOME: 31 MEMBERS 0 VISITORS, 4 APOLOGIES as per attendance sheet.

Welcome by president

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were not available, so it was moved that we move on to treasurers report accepted; Pat Holt/Nancy McAndrew (correct minutes available from editor if desired)

TREASURERS REPORT accepted: Rob Andrews/Robert Evans

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. 7 newsletters from various club
2. Letters about potholes from Richmond Valley and Lismore councils – moved that we take pics of road repairs before responding
3. AGM minutes from Council of Heritage Motor clubs - received
4. Letter from prostate cancer Council requesting donations – no action
5. Invoice from Black Dog publishing for subscription to “Northern Rider” magazine - to be paid

OUT - nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Query re subs to ‘Northern Rider’ – we do get the mag and put it in library.

MEMBERS REPORTS -

Wednesday rides - 1. 4 bikes. 2. Wardell Pies 10 bikes.

Hat Head rally – well attended, food was tricky since local shop had burnt down, Very hot.

Tony K told of his visit to excellent bike shops in Melbourne

UP COMING RIDES – 14 Dec; Rous hotel, 8.30 – to Clunes Hall for xmas lunch (Had to notify for catering by this meeting) Rego day, Please bring contribution to hamper.

THANKS: Pat Holt proposed a toast of thanks to Col McAndrew for his work as president. He was especially congratulated for his innovative ideas, eg, the Club Show and Shine at Alstonville.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:00 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: held 9 December 2014, Start 8:10

President reported on the year and thanked committee for their assistance. Thanks to all members also for their support of the club, participation and good to see club growth.

MINUTES of previous AGM read and accepted; Pat Holt/Doug Hampson

No submissions for matters to be raised.

TREASURERS report for financial year 2013/14 distributed to members

Col declared all positions vacant and vacated the chair which was taken by Pat Holt

No written nominations for any committee positions were received.

Results of election:

PRESIDENT – Robert Evans; nominated by Eric Wilson/Gerard Roche; Declared

SECRETARY – Neil Williams; Col McAndrew/Nancy McAndrew; declared

TREASURER – Peter Lake; Gerard Roche/Eric Wilson; declared

VICE PRESIDENT – Jophn Mazza – declined; Tony Kempnich – declined; Eric Wilson nominated by Peter Lake /Rob Andrews; Andrew Genders nominated by Col McAndrew/Doug Hampson – vote held – Andrew Genders declared.

Chair handed back to Robert Evans as incoming president

Other positions were filled as per the following page (with contact details supplied)

Meeting closed: 8.37 pm

Welcome to the new NRCMCC Committee, 2015.

President: Robert Evans P: 02 6689 5750 E: president@nrcmcc.org

Vice President: Andy Genders P: 02 6628 2115 M: 0422 358 998 E: vicepresident@nrcmcc.org

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Eric's Xmas hamper, and a few more of the bikes at the xmas party (More pics on the website and facebook)

Membership of the club: and overdue Fees.

As of this newsletter, the club membership totals 149; but this includes 51 members who have not yet paid their annual fees. The membership fees are due by the December annual general meeting, but there is a 3 month grace period which finishes on the date of the March meeting.

The club is then expected to inform the RMS of any members who have historic plates who become unfinancial, and they will contact you and demand the return of the historic plates (unless of course, you have joined another historic vehicle club) so, if you're one of these 51, I suggest you contact our treasurer—Peter Lake, 02 6628 5872, 0459 285 872, or 19 Stanley Park Rd, Wollongbar and send him a cheque. Or come along to the next meetings and pay him.

You will have to fill out the renewal of membership form and complete details such as your residential address (if you have a post office box address) Also if you have historic registration.

Presidents report:

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year. I look forward to some enjoyable activities throughout the year including our regular club rides, fund raising activities, special event rides, the "Show and Shine" in March and the Club Rally in September but most of all, the opportunity to get together, ride, restore and appreciate our classic motorcycles.

My motorcycling background?

The first time I ever got on a motorcycle was in 1969. I was riding pillion. A few minutes later I was riding the bike with my instructor as pillion telling me what to do. A week later I paid \$50 and was the proud owner of this powerful 4.5 bhp BSA Bantam. Next bike was a T200 Suzuki and then a Honda 360. It's about now I was old enough to and finally got around to getting a licence. My first really nice bike was a brand spanking new R65 monoshock, a great distance bike - 30 odd bhp, smooth and efficient. The appeal of riding long distances is enduring. The open road, freedom, the feeling of independence, rider and machine..Like most of us in the club, I love the look of a classic bike, the sound of a purring motor and the feeling that you can just hop on and take off to wherever the road goes.....

Robert Evans



LEFT: our new secretary—Neil Williams



RIGHT: Our vice President—Andy Genders



BELOW: the new committee at work



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The Club Christmas party and registration day—December 14th



Top left: Our president with his little Honda.



Top centre: Club stalwarts



Top right: Winners of one xmas hamper

Centre: The registration of-ficers doing their thing



Center right: What else would you use for a 'bucket' for the raffle?



Below right: Some of the club ladies

Below: A few of the bikes in attendance



The Christmas mob



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Mid week Run January 7, 2015

Eleven riders, including three smaller capacity 2-strokes, set off to "blow the X'mas and New Year celebration cobwebs away" with a short 100Km run via Casino. The route was through Tunstall Gap, Bentley, Manifold Road, Backmede, Fairy Hill and then via MacDonalds Bridge to Sextonville. Some great marshalling was done by the front-runners. This was much appreciated by those who did not know the district - or were just too busy talking to listen to the itinerary at Lismore Railway Station's car-park! After finding one venue closed, we proceeded past quite a few police-cars to the Oxford Hotel in Casino, being just outside the CBD, for a snack and coffee. Ride back was via Springrove, Caniaba and Road-Runner to Lismore, with some finding their own way home independently. A great ride, nice green scenery, but belying the severe lack of water experienced by most properties to the west of Lismore presently. A good start to 2015. RA



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Its not just short legs—stiffness, old injuries, just plain old age can be summed up in the above cartoon.. Maybe we need something like the old time knights used to mount their chargers (actually they were what we would call draft horses today!) A gantry arrangement with half a dozen peasants to hoist Sir Knight on board—and you were well and truly stuffed if you came off in battle..

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Book for the month:

The club library now has a copy of Jim Scaysbrook's latest publication. It's a fascinating history of motorcycle racing here in Australia and overseas as Jim and his family participated in it. He covers 65 years of motorbikes—from his father and uncles bikes right through to his participation at the 2012 Broadford Bonanza.. It is full of stories of other bikers both local and overseas as seen from his perspective. It has lots of pictures, both black and white and colour, enough info and pictures to keep you interested for weeks. I know, because that's what it did for me. It's available through the club library.

Along for the ride



People, places, motorbike races.

JIM SCAYSBROOK

Remember, the club library has lots of motorcycle books, including many classic manuals. You can check out the catalogues on the club website and search either by Author or Marque, or the lot.

From the Editor (and exec committee member):

Well, here we are in yet another year—Don't they go quickly?? As I accumulate years, the time taken to accumulate another one seems to get shorter and shorter. Only just finished settling after last Xmas and here it is again!! Well we're starting 2015 with a new president, a new vice president and a new secretary—how's that for shifting gears?! Col did a great job introducing some new ideas and carrying them to fruition—so lets all build on that and create 2015 as another memorable year for the club.




One thing we really want to do is encourage members to bring out their older classics. If you have any ideas on what you would require to get you to bring out your 1934 frogwart special, please let the committee know.

We have a lot of modern bikes in the club and even classics which perform like modern bikes, so we need to develop ways that give everyone a fair go. Maybe more runs which specify a type of bike? Or perhaps split runs with fast and slow bikes on different routes, but meeting up together?

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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 if you start at the Rous Hotel*

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

February 15—Ride to Wadesville Woolies

March 15—NRCMCC Show and Shine, Alstonville

April 19—Ride to Bonalbo Micks house. (and see the great overhead railway!!) Older bikes if you can, backup trailer and catering trailer.

April 26—May 1—Over the Hill Run—Contact Tony K (6628 1806) or Bryson W (0428 291 509)

May 17—Ride to Mary and Brysons place

June 17—Slow bike run to Evans Head and the F111 museum

July 19—Ride to MooMoo café (and Brunswick hot rods if same date)

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

February 7—8—Haigslea museum swap and closing sale(?!) This may be your last chance to see it.

February 26—Mar 1—Taree rally

Mar 29—April 6—Bathurst Rally

May 1—3 - Singleton Rally



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If you are interested, ring Andy on 6628 2115 or 0422 358 998. and I don't think the place will be available for long, so get to it.



January 18 Run to Crams Farm (at the upstream end of Clarrie Hall Dam)

Around 10 Classic bike club members joined a crowd down from Tweed Motorcycle enthusiasts club on Sunday 18th January— I found my own way there since I had arranged to visit friends along the way.

It's hard to estimate, but I reckon well over 100 bikes and. Of course, lots more riders and pilions.

The food was plentiful and excellent as in the past with cold meats of all sorts, multiple salads, fruit salad followed by an aperitif of prawns!!

Next year the Tweed club would like us to ride up to their start point and join the ride down with them—ride some roads we don't usually get on to . RS

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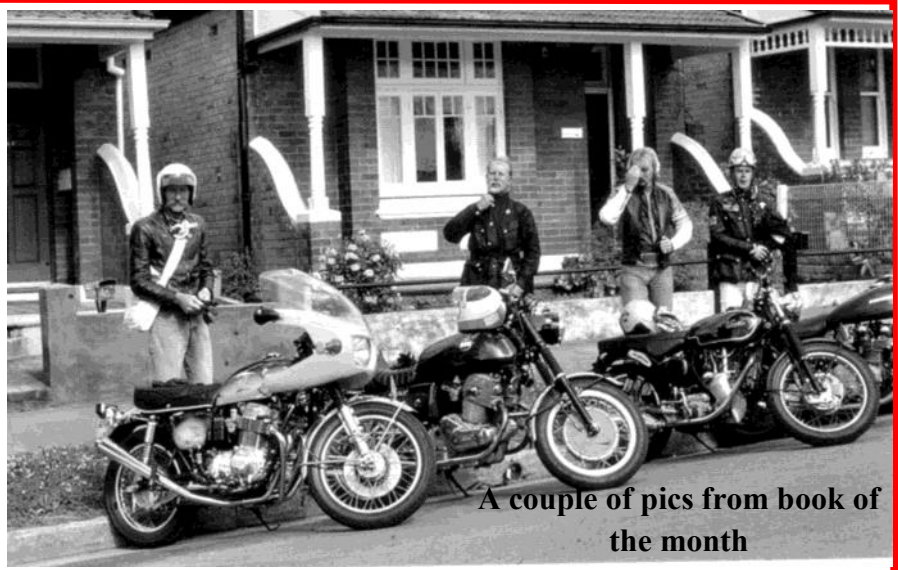


Something a bit lighter!

A rather stressed motorcyclist is visiting a psychiatrist. "To help sort out your problem, I want you to look at these shapes and tell me the first thing you think of that comes into your head." "OK" says the patient. The psychiatrist opens the first inkblot picture—"Why", says the biker, "that's a picture of a couple making love on a bike!" Another blot is opened. "Oh, that's two bikie chick making love!", A third blot is exposed "Hmm, that's obviously a rampant elephant on a bike" "well" says the psychiatrist, "Its' fairly clear that you have a sex obsession" "What!, Me?" says the patient "You're the one showing the dirty pictures!!



Another Brockbank: At least we bikers have more than just a sheet of aluminium under our backsides!



A couple of pics from book of the month

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Whittling wood used to be a way to pass the time, and that's basically what this out of work Russian carpenter did. An incredible task! Even wooden spokes, and the chain is made of individual links! So forget the oil, just check the white ant protection regularly!!





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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.