# Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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DECEMBER 2011

# Classic Torque



# Sunday Cub run to the Summerland House with No Steps, November 2011

This is without doubt the most popular venue for a morning coffee stop our club visits. With approximately thirty members present and allowing that there was another group of similar size (just normal car tourists) sitting in the "Terrace" of the restaurant it amounted to quite a formidable task for the staff. The wait was worth it though, the coffee good and the food was excellent.

Twenty four motorcycles departed from Bangalow, along Coolamon Scenic Drive to Federal, Clunes, Eltham Road, Teven and along to Alstonville arriving at the Summerland House with no steps about 10.30 am having completed approx 70 klms. Believe it or not everyone arrived safely and as there were no marshals, "No stuff ups".

Noel Edwards



#### NRCMCC November Minutes MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 08/11/2011 START: 7.52 pm WELCOME: MEMBERS 32 as per attendance sheet. **VISITORS PRESENT:** 5 as per attendance sheet **APOLOGIES:** 5 as per attendance sheet MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ ACCEPTED: Doug Mouncey SECOND: Rob Andrews **BUSINESS ARISING** 1. Report by Peter Lake on costs of running the club with our current membership that he has reviewed since last meeting. Discussion held on budget figures. Richard Swinton moves that membership fee be raised to \$50, seconded by Doug Foskey. Eric Wilson moves an amendment to the motion that we leave fees as they are and let the new incoming committee investigate thoroughly and propose a solution. Seconded by Tony Kempnich. Amendment carried unanimously. 2. Dieter Opfer has registered a domain and put up a web site with capability of making electronic newsletters available. The domain is www.nrcmcc.org Marc Jennison moves that we accept this generous offer, seconded by Richard Swinton. Doug Hampson moves an amendment that we accept the offer and the incoming committee will work with Dieter next year to establish protocols for this electronic medium. Seconded by Doug Foskey. Carried unanimously. All members are requested to look at the site so far and give feedback. TREASURERS REPORT **OPENING BALANCE: CLOSING BAL:** ACCEPTED: Doug Foskey SECOND: Doug Townsend **CORRESPONDANCE** IN: 1. The Link Newsletter 2. Ride Report From Tweed Heads Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club 3. Restore And Ride From Coffs Harbour 4. Old Historic Motorcycle Magazine 5. Inverell Motorcycle Restorers Club 6. Throttle Lever Newsletter From Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club 7. Letter From Northern Rivers Prostate Cancer Support Group 8. Letter from Lismore and District Breast Cancer Support Group

OUT:

10. Letter from Clunes Coronation Hall Inc regarding booking of hall for March 18 2012

OUT:

1. Email from Katrina to workers club regarding booking

ACCEPTED:

Richard Swinton

SECOND:

Eric Wilson

9. Letter of confirmation from Workers Club for room booking for committee meeting on



Nov. 15

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#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 1. Clunes hall is not available on the date we wanted for extraordinary meeting about the constitution, but the old school hall should be available ACTION Mary to organise this.
- 2. Mary informs that Terry Savins father passed away.
- 3. Richard recommends the Honda museum in Japan to anyone holidaying there.
- 4. Report by Nick on Close to the Edge movie and thanks to members who came, and ride the following Sunday which attracted around 200 riders, and talked about possibilities for next year. Nearly \$5000 was raised for Lifeline Northern Rivers.
- 5. Nick took photos during the rally, which can be purchased printed, framed, and your own caption added for \$165 and calendars also. Nick has order forms.
- 6. Nick is also happy to discuss assisting with the newsletter.
- 7. Richard warns of a scam currently happening in the area for car or bike sellers.
- 8. Roscoe gives feedback on sponsors who advertise in the magazine.
- 9. Members need to remember to bring items for the XMas party hamper on the day.
- 10. Report OTH by Tony some entries have already been received.
- 11. Doug Foskey has a California for sale contact him for details.
- 12. Marc Jennison reports an RS Sprint for sale, contact him for details.
- 13. Sub committee meeting at Lismore Workers Club, 5.30 November 15, to look at constitution.

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MEMBERS REPORTS				
CLUB RUN	Peter reports on October run to Casino.			
	Rob reports on mid week runs, one cancelled and one going ahead with a few			
	funny issues on the way.			
	Doug Foskey reports on his time at the spaghetti rally.			
	Tony reports on Hat Head rally last weekend.			
	Mary reports on Velocet rally she attended with Bryson in Toowoomba.			
NEXT RUN:	Sunday – house with no steps	MEETING CLOSED:	9.18 pm	
	leaving Lismore 9, Bangalow			
	9.30.			
	Dec 4 is toy run, leaving Seagulls			
	football club.			
	Xmas party on Dec 11 here at			
	Clunes hall.			

# LAST REMINDER!!!!!! RESORATION TROPHY ENTRY

You know the rules and conditions so indicate your nomination to John Cafe or Eric Wilson by the last day in December to enter the Jack Ahearn restoration trophy. They, (and Jack,) will arrange an inspection at a date and place and time suitable to all concerned in January 2012





## RESULTS OF THE OLD PHOTO COMPETITION

Congratulations go to Mr Joe Schlechte who correctly identified eight of the riders and the type of machine they were on. This was a magnificent feat as in the last couple of years he has not been able to get to our main club events as his wife has been very ill. Although he resides in Tamborine Mountain Village he and his wife Ingrid have been strong supporters of our club over many years and have also helped many members overcome their technical problems and help them in the restoration of their "Classic" European motorcycles. We hope Joe will wear the winning NRCMCC cap with pride.

The correct names and types of machines are as follows:

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Photo 1.	Noel Edwards	DKW	
Photo 2.	Rob Andrews	Velocette	
Photo 3.	Peter Lake	BMW	
Photo 4.	Andrew Gentz	BSA	
Photo 5.	Kevin Watts	Yamaha	
Photo 6.	Frank Widdows	BSA	
Photo 7.	John Sinclair	Suzuki	
Photo 8.	Rick Lauf	Zundapp	
Photo 9.	Richard Swinton	Triumph	
Photo 10.	Jack McIntosh	Kawasaki	
Photo 11.	Joe Schlechte	NSU Max	
Photo 12.	Michael Smith	Ducati	
Photo 13.	Peter Lake	Yamaha RD	



Joe competing in Germany in the mid 50's on his NSU Max

I was disappointed with the number of entries but hope those who did enter had a bit of fun. I know it was hard as some of the photos were taken up to 50 years ago.

Ariel

Noel Edwards



Photo 14. Andrew Pilgrim

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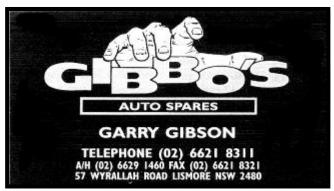
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# NRCMC Club Events 2011

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

Bangalow: runs start from top restaurant car park / from Lismore Railway Station. Wednesday Mid-week runs all start at Lismore Railway at 9 am on the 1st and 4th Wednesday every month

**December 11th** NRCMCC Christmas Party and Rego Day at Clunes Hall, 9.30 am. PLEASE bring along some grocery items for the raffle baskets.

**December 18th** Club run to Frank Widdows in Ballina. Leave Bangalow 8.30 am: Lismore 9 am January 15th Drake Pub Run for lunch, leave Lismore 9.30 am. Anyone interested in a week

end stop-over at Tenterfield the same week-end? Contact Peter Lake or Noel Edwards. If we get enough interest we will be staying overnight at the Royal Hotel/Motel Sat night, 14th (will need to book your own accommodation Phone 02 6736 1833 Email: mananger@royalhotelmoteltenterfield.com.au) and on Sunday morning we are possibly going to Bald Rock before returning to Drake for lunch with the day riders. Should be back in Lismore before 3 pm.

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## A Merry Phristmas and Happy New Year

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHECK LEVEL WHILE RIDING



# Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November Mid-week run

For this particular run I had the privilege to ride the latest offering from Honda, in the guise of a dual purpose x-country and superb long distance touring bike called a X-Runner. I didn't ride it on the dirt but there is no reason it would not be competent in doing this very well. Powered by an 800cc V4 engine it was very smooth and of course had plenty of get up and go. Cruising along in 6<sup>th</sup> gear at 100 kph the engine was ticking over at 4,000rpm and checking the red line on the tacho, it was set at 12,000rpm this meant the motor was spinning at only 1/3 of its capability. With its 21.5 litre tank, long distances can be covered between fuel stops which I think is a great idea when most of the manufacturers nowadays insist on only having much smaller capacity fuel tanks. We covered 100 klms on our run and the fuel gauge only dropped 1 spot.

Rob Andrews, our mid-week run organizer set this run to a new coffee venue Peter had found along Sextonville Road, Casino and it was a definite

thumbs by everyone. As luck would have it, Ray's "Not so trusty Norton" let him down just short of the coffee stop and as it was impossible for him to get it going again, he rang his much more dependable wife Tracey who dually arrived with his ute plus all the carrying bits. Her first words on

arrival were "where is the old shitheap now?".

Honda X Runner 800 V4

After discussing all aspects of motorcycling racing, classic bikes and long hair and enjoying the good coffee we rode back to Lismore (except one Norton) via Coraki Road and Tatham. I enjoyed riding the new Honda X-Runner and thank Dale and Rob from Ongmac Honda Centre for making this possible. *Noel Edwards* 

Ongmac Motorcycle Centre

Left: the mid-week group preparing to leave Lismore rail.







## Mid-Week Run to Lennox Head on 23/11/11.

The weather forecast was full of dire predictions. But the Met Office's Japanese satellite pictures gave us a window of opportunity for a nice Mid-Week Run to Lennox Head. Seven (7) club members presented themselves at 8.45AM for another adventure under the slightly flawed leadership of your humble scribe. I admire this really, as organizational and other mistakes are made galore - but (well - most) of them still come back for another go! I can only deduce that they feel I will perhaps get it right sometime in the future - sort of, in the spirit of the famed but perhaps now dated Ozzie "fair go"? I can think one word to describe this amazing trait; I think it perhaps may begin with an 'M' and end with -'TIC'. Anyhow, due to the immanent weather maelstrom apparently descending upon us on the FNC, a short 100KM ride was strongly indicated. I hadn't been to the relatively new coffee shop in the arcade at the northern end Lennox Head since the very cold LMC 'Dawn Ride' in 2009, so it was mutually decided to give it another try. Route out taken was:- Woodlawn, Numulgi, Bexhill, Eltham, Teven, Tintenbar, Ross Lane and then onto the very busy Coast Road to Lennox Hd. I can hardly say our arrival at the Summersalt (get it?) Cafe was greeted with alacrity and great enthusiasm, but despite that hiccup and the only 7/10 given to the tea and coffee served to our discerning riders, this refreshment stop was enjoyed overall. My "long black + extra shot" was really excellent and their settee-style cafe seating was far more comfy than my aging 1983 Yamaha RZ 250's vinyl seat. So I was happy -but it's hard to please everyone isn't it?

The route back home was decided at a rather late-ish 11.00PM, due to the flow of conversation and many interesting anecdotes. The route was eventually fixed to be via the landslide diversion on the Coast Road, to East Ballina/Ballina, west via Teven Road, then on to Humpty-Back Road, with our riders peeling off to their homes as their destinations and their short-cuts came up. The sea at East Ballina was rough and grey, but some superb vistas opened up as we progressed southwards. Unfortunately, due to a bad mistake on my part, two riders became separated from the pack back at Lennox Hd. In future I must make sure all



riders have actually started their engines before setting of into heavy traffic, as it becomes very difficult indeed to wait for "the tail" when you have keen/fast riders behind you and no means of communication to effect a stop for the others to catch up. If we can all park together, as was not the case this time, it would certainly help. So, with my full apologies to the two riders concerned, we were then down to just four (4) riders until the Teven turn-off near the golf club, where we lost two more, who thus did not experience the hellish delights(?) of Humpty Back Road with a baulking tin-top driver in front.

My ride back to home from Wollonbar in high humidity and a head-on, dusty westerly wind was uneventful, except for a nervous and slow green-P-plater, a static RTA camera-car well-camouflaged in the convenient dip just past the Wollongbar speed camera and right on the overtaking lane [my grateful thanks for no "ticket" to the nice taxi-truck driver coming from Lismore] and a dozy family car driver near the Public School at Goonellabah, who tried to be a bit too friendly and strayed into my lane - with me in it. Ah well, more chaos next month I suppose.....

R. A.





# Rego stickers "scrapped"

Rego stickers should be made a thing of the past for 6 million vehicles across NSW to reduce red tape, simplify registration and save time and money for taxpayers, the RTA claims.

Business groups are backing a review that is pushing for the labels to be abolished, with a view to saving millions in administration costs. "The NSW government has approved this review to examine whether there is a continuing need to require registration labels in NSW and provide recommendations for reform, consistent with the government commitment to cut red tape", the review paper says.

The NSW Business Chamber has backed the proposal by the Better Regulation Office and the RTA, dated September 2011, saying registration stickers have become "antiquated and unnecessary". "Police have the ability now to find out at the press of a button the registration details of a vehicle without the need to check a sticker", NSW Business Chamber director, policy and advocacy, Paul Orton wrote in a submission.

Police now use a range of technologies for identifying unregistered vehicles based on number plates, compared to when registration labels were first introduced, the paper said.

Rego stickers were abolished last year in Western Australia.

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# From the Editor's desk . . .

Seasons Greetings to all members and friends of the NRCMCC and many thanks to all the members who contributed to the smooth running of our monthly newsletter during the past seven years I have been editor. A special thanks to our own Dr Doug who has contributed the monthly tips on health, first aid and even how to go about removing ticks. Also appreciate the help from Richard Swinton, Rob Andrews, Uncle Eric and Michael Smith all who have made the production of the monthly newsletter a lot easier. Michael has handled all the addressing of the newsletter and looking after all the sponsors who support our club by donating prizes for our annual rally. I have to admit also that the Southern Cross University has been very helpful and have done a good job in getting it printed well and importantly on time.

Next year will bring major changes to the format and distribution of our monthly newsletter as we are about to take advantage of the new electronic technology available in bringing the newsletter online in full colour to all members who obviously have to have access to the internet. All members will be duly consulted before this occurs sometime early in the new year. This will save some money on printing costs and postage which is a major consideration.

Throughout the last twelve months we have enjoyed many exceptional good events, even though numbers were down in our annual Ballina rally from previously everything went smoothly and according to plan. Wednesday mid-week runs are slowly gaining popularity and I often wonder why a lot more members do not take advantage of them as we have found many more great coffee stops, good rural roads (some even dirt) and the camaraderie is always present. Rob Andrew has been organising these runs and the small group of regulars really enjoy them and thank him for the effort .Take note that the last Sunday club Run for 2011 is to Frank Widdows house in Ballina so lets hope it is a fine day.

So till next year, all the best and good cheer from Noel Edwards.









## Fast thinking old man!

An elderly man in Louisiana had owned a large farm for several years.

He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.' Holding the bucket up he said,

'I'm here to feed the alligator...'

Some old men can still think fast.

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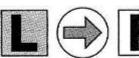


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# The Husband Store — Wake up and laugh

A store that sells new husbands has opened in Brisbane, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:

You may visit this store ONLY ONCE! There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building!

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

- **Floor 1** These men Have Jobs. She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads:
- **Floor 2** These men Have Jobs and Love Kids. 'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more.' So she continues upward. The third floor sign reads:
- Floor 3 These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good Looking.

'Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going. She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads:

**Floor 4** - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help With Housework... 'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!' Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads:

**Floor 5** - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and Have a Strong Romantic Streak.

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opened a New Wives store just across the street with the same rules.

The first floor has wives that love sex.

The second floor has wives that love sex and like beer.

The third floor has wives that love sex, beer and have money.

The fourth, fifth and sixth floors have never been visited.!!

#### WHEN I SAY I'M BROKE - I'M BROKE!

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

'Good morning,' said the young man. 'If I could take a couple minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners...

"Go away!" said the old lady. "I'm broke and haven't got any money!" and she proceeded to close the door.

Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open... "Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet.

Now if this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

The old lady stepped back and said, "well let me get you a fork, 'cause they cut off my electricity this morning."

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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 8.30 am or Lismore Railway 9 am. 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.