The Monthly Journal of the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.



Our Club:-

The objectives of the NRCMC are to encourage the restoration, preservation, and riding of older motorcycles. Through its various activities, the club promotes classic 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. The club Show and Shine is held in March. 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 of the club is for those who have an interest in restoring and riding classic motor-cycles

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. A classics only run is held on the first Sunday of the month. Both runs start at the Blue Kitchen Café, Windmill Grove, 105 Wilson Street, South Lismore at 8.30 am. Every Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organizer. Club events are also listed on the club website. There are also 2 Mid-week runs departing Lismore railway station on 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9 am.



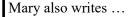
If you have a few extra \$\$\$ in your pocket this beautiful 1953 Vincent Series C Black Shadow 1000cc motorcycle Will be auctioned at the 2019 Shannons Sydney Autumn Classic Auction . Along with some Triumphs & Nortons ... Going price between \$120,000 to \$150,000 ,, there's more about this bikes history on page 3 Shannons will be also Sponsoring Trophies at our clubs Show and Shine see Flyer on page 6

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From the presidents chair

As most know we are in Tasmania to attend the international Veteran Rally at Ulverstone.

As we waited to join the line of vehicles at the port we met up with Bradley Clements, Doug Flick & Jeff Martin all on bikes heading to tour around Tassie it was great catching up with them there were around 20 - 30 motorcycle on the boat. The weather is very different here to home with cold sometimes damp nights with stiff breeze and days around the 21-24 degrees sometime with stiff breeze. As many will know our orange trailer is both bike trailer and sleeping caravan ie the beds are above the bikes as we are here for awhile we were wanting to drop off the bikes somewhere. The rally organiser gave us a number to ring, this done before we left home, we arrived off the boat (it wasn't a smooth trip) and travelled to Penguin and rang Jim & Louise. Jim met us in town and took us to his home. They assisted in unloading the bikes bike gear and stuff we didn't need. We had morning tea and chatted about places they said we needed to visit. This lovely couple couldn't do enough for us even inviting us to camp at their home if the weather changed or if we just wanted to use it as a base to explore from. This couple are just many of us with bikes in the shed some restored some as is and a few as works in progress. Through motorcycling we have found some new friends. So people get out there on your bike enjoy what our country offers, down here they have a short riding year as the winters are not a pleasant time to ride. Keep up right Mary



Bike Racing in Tassie

Bryson & I heard about bike racing at a small town called Evandale. We worked our itinerary so we would be close enough to day visit this town. We set out around nine arriving as the first race was being called; securing a park was our next challenge as it appeared everyone from a 50km radius plus all the tourists had already arrived. We made our way to the track and found it was a street track of 1 mile with metal barriers. The two wheel riders flashed past but were soon around again. There were five of these heats and then a break before the semi finals. Now it wasn't speed they were looking for but how slow they could ride winding down the road through eight witches hats, with the slow heats and finals completed and gold medal awarded. It was time to find the Australian Na-

tional Champion for the quickest rider from a standing start and boy they were quick. We both were amazed at the speed they achieved and their cornering line as they flashed past us luckily they had to complete 4 circuits to cover the 1mile distance so we saw them again. We both enjoyed the morning watching the races, but decided that there were places to go and other things to see.

How do you get a Penny Farthing these days; well one is to participate in your own construction with master builder at the Brisbane TAFE for around two weeks. The other is to purchase one, but there is more to this than meets the eye, what do you want the machine for: display, high speed, long distance, hill climbing, traffic, parades or a balance of these, once this decision is made the next step is to be correctly fitted, the wheel size and geometry, including crank length are selected for the measurements of the individual rider, taking into consideration the intended use.

Each component of every machine is individually handmade, so no two bicycles end up the same. Even each wheel hub and spoke is handmade, ensuring the highest quality and exact wheel geometry for strength, safety and durability. So if you have the passion to ride a Penny Farthing and a spare \$3000 plus for the additional options and variations. Did I also mention your time is needed to learn how to mount and dismount correctly, which means without falling from great heights and hurting oneself and to actually getting the machine to proceed in a forward direction and then there is cornering, if this all seems too much for you don't worry there is already a large following which is increasing each and every year with this year's National Penny Farthing Championships drawing around fourth seven entrants well up from last year. Riders participated in slow, slalom, novice, biathlon, obstacle, relay, sprint, ladies sprint, charity relay, men's & ladies National championship heats & finals, veterans over 50 championship, veterans over 60 championship, veterans over 70 championship, miss 'n' out A grade, miss 'n' out B grade, consolation race. A whole days event with 20 mile road race set for the following day Cheers for Mary & Bryson in Tasmania



THE BLACK SHADOW

Launched as the Series A in 1937, Vincent's flagship Rapide was recognised as being the world's fastest production motorcycle, utilising an air-cooled V-twin designed by talented Australian engineer Phil Irving housed in a frame with cantilever rear suspension, a stainless steel tank and a foot-change four-speed Burman gearbox. Developing 45 horsepower, the earliest V-twins suffered from gearbox and clutch problems, something Vincent addressed with the Series B of 1945 by switching to unit construction, with the engine (now using a



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50-degree cylinder angle) becoming integral with the frame. In the late 1940s Irving joined forces with racers George and Cliff Brown to build a prototype Rapide racer that would ultimately form the prototype Black Shadow, a bike christened 'Gunga Din'. Unveiled to the public in 1948, the Black Shadow – finished in sinister black enamel on the engine, gearbox, primary chain case and magento cowl - saw the twin's compression ratio upped to 7.3:1, larger carburetors with polished ports fitted and each engine was hand-assembled to achieve an output of 55 horsepower, enough for genuine 125 mph performance - a big step up from the Rapide's top speed of 110 mph. The Black Shadow re-wrote the rule book when it came to high performance motorcycles and the press were suitably rapturous in their reviews, while it also proved a winner in competition, particularly in Australia and the salt flats at Bonneville. Produced over three series (B, C and D), Black Shadow continued until 1955 and official figures put the total at 1,774 units, of which 1,507 fell into the Series C range. Technologically advanced, the Vincent Black Shadow was certainly one of the finest high performance motorcycles on the market but quality never came cheaply and the steep price put bike well beyond the reach of most enthusiasts when new. Today the Black Shadow has attained cult status amongst motorcycle fans and survivors are sought after by collectors the world over, fetching six figure sums on the rare occasions they come on the open market.

The Bike to be Auctioned . The photo on page 1. First registered in Aberdeen, Scotland to a Colonel A D McKechnie with the registration mark FRG-845, this remarkably well-documented Vincent Black Shadow has every change of ownership recorded until the bike was purchased by the most recent Late Owner back in 1972 and is now on the market for the first time in almost fifty years. The original buff log book survives with the bike, recording every change of ownership from 1953 until 1963 (seven in all)in the UK before it passed to Michael Bailey, an Australian who bought the Black Shadow from Conway Motors in London on 3 December 1965 (reciept supplied). The bike was then shipped by LEP Transport from London to Sydney in December 1965, all documented in the history file accompanying the bike. The most recent Sydney-based owner, who retired as the Chief Production Engineer with Boeing Australia after 52 years, a foundation member of both the BMW and Ulysses motorcycle clubs and a long time member of the VOC club purchased the Vincent in February 1972 from Michael Bailey and cherished it for almost fifty years until his passing and the motorcycle is now offered directly from his Estate. The exceptional history file includes numerous receipts dating back to Bailey's ownership in the 1960s, old Australian registration papers along with a number of period photos. Sold unregistered, the Vincent also comes with a quantity of transfers, badges and some technical information relating to the Black Shadow. Rarely do bikes of this quality with such exceptional provenance come on the open market and this Black Shadow presents as a wonderful opportunity for the British bike collector or enthusiast to acquire the ultimate road bike of the era. The Vincent was subject to a restoration early in its current ownership and has clearly been regularly used up until being put in storage approximately two years ago; with not only corresponding frame numbers, the left and right crank cases also bear corresponding stampings B97V. Shannons have had the bike running since consignment and it has proven to be an easy and reliable starter.

These two Articles and photos on this page and page 1 have been taken from the Shannons Web page for their upcoming Auction on 4th March. NRCMCC Editor.

Another Vincent story ... Terry Paxton sent his email correspondence with a friend in South America ..

This is the story of finding it....I wouldn't mind spending a night sleeping with pigs to acquire this bike. Great little yarn...

-----Original Message-----From: Lyngchang [XXXXXXXX} Sent: Tuesday, ..January 2019 1:17 AM To: Terry Paxton Subject: Re: Vincent in Cuba

Terry I'm happy reading you! Thanks for coming back with ur comments on my Vicent project.

You'll not believe that I was invited to Argentina for Christmas ...then I travelled with my wife and son.My friend Allan(amazing biker and brother) invited us.I knew he has 2 HDR then proudly came with some pic-



tures of his bikes...once in Cuba I had a welcomed party last week, then I showed some pictures of my tour ... I was talked about HRDs and my dreamed of bringing one to Cuba one day(on pieces&parts) so one of my friends here sent me an sms early in the morning telling there was in a pig cage a bike like that I showed him last night...said come on fuck off bro! Then he came here late at night(he is a face off police) he picked me up on his pick up truck and I travelled 2 hours from here then on the way to that farm he told he was told on FB about that...(another bikers lives close to the bike) then I presumed there were more people interested on that info that was a secret for many years...when arrived to the ranch with 2 more bikers who lives close to that old man owning the bike and the confessed they knew about it for some years but they were trying to find the money and the man didn't want to sell the Vicent...so I knocked at the door he opened ...couldn't see his face on the dark and I just turned a led light to say hello.he said there were 2 guys offering the money he asked, and they were coming back in the morning...so I asked:you got a a deal? The 85 years old man said, No my deal is with the one bringing then money;so I said it's mine...but you haven't see the bike...I said:it's mine...I called my wife and came at 3am with the money while I slept close to the beautiful pigs and bike the man thought I was crazy but he liked my aptitude and determination...before my wife came he said:don't care anyone else...turn on the light and bring that bike out!

It's yours. I took lot of HD videos to complete my story. The old man told he bought the bike 40 years ago and the moved to this farm 15 years ago...here never rode it on opened roads just there...it's a funny story...and I'm coming back to his place just to spend some time talking about it with him.

The bikes is missing some important parts ...but but friend in Argentina has some exclusive parts and offered me anything needed.lot of projects but this is amazing...you know I was tracking this for years...but I never thought there was a Vincent in this remote island.

Send u pictures.

Thanks terry we have to keep talking thanks again. Amazing story about your comet same day

Wednesday 27th Feb CLUB RIDE to Currumbin .. Even thought the weather was a little suspect it was nice and cool for 12 of us riding over the Burringbar range to Murwillumbah and on to Currumbin. For those not familiar with the Iron Resin cafe (as was the case for all of us) it not only provides good coffee and eats but also sells a huge range of motor cycle clothing and bike bits. Am sure we will be making another journey to it in the not too distant future as it is marvellous ride to and from with good roads and challenging curves most of the way. For the return trip most went by way of Uki / Nimbin or Wadesville with only approx 240klms round trip. Big plus IT DID NOT RAIN. Cheers Noel



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Abbreviations used in Minutes MW Mary Walker ,

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 12th Feb 2019 start: 7.40 pm

WELCOME to all by President, Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by 50 *members, 3 visitor* & 16 apologies as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes of Dec 2018 club meeting as published in clubs Feb 2019 newsletter be accepted. 2nd by Peter Lake .. motion carried.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE IN</u> Newsletters- Queensland, Clarence Valley, Inverell MC Clubs. 2019 CHMC Affiliation Receipt+ address change PO Box 229 Goulburn. +Digital Driver Licence Trial, Ride for Red invite, Nation Transport Museum – Electric Vehicle Expo 4-5 May Inverell . Rally invites from BMW QLD Nindigully 5+6 Oct. Rally Inverell 12-14 April

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: NON

<u>TREASURERS REPORT</u>: – presented + moved Alan Stratton 2nd Doug Hampton Motion Carried <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>:

< The new M'ship renewal form was presented & shown to members by M'ship officer, after general discussion Peter lake moved a motion it be excepted, Eric Wilson 2^{ND} . Motion carried

< Over the Hill Update. Back up driver for bike trailer needed.

< Show & Shine update, next years S+S date to be changed to later in year, contact Ian Mackie for enquires, Tony Kempnich is organising BBQ, volunteers needed for BBQ + donation buckets + parking marshals . All monies raised to Cancer Compassionate Fund to buy new or repair equipment batteries ,Tony to speak to Peter Small & Dave Dettmar re Judging + John Café to Dean Marsh re Trophy. .

< Next Rego day - 28th April . Location yet to determined.

< **2019 Club Rally at Evans head,** dates confirmed , 10-12 Sept rides not marshalled, 13,14 Sept rides Marshalled . BBQ breakfast { done by local sports or Charity club} only for Sat morning . Saturday Night dinner, Sunday 15th S+S in main St. support local Cafes for breakfast. A new Rally Ride Organizer and Rally day leader will be needed as Peter Lake unable to do this year. Rally Route must be finalized by July so as to submit Rally details to Police. Secretary said he's sent updated Rally details to Old Bike Magazine.

GENERAL BUSINESS

-< 2019 Triples Rally . Col McAndrews updated members . Rally dates 15,16,17 August , Pat Holt moved motion that the club help out with Marshalling .. 2nd by Kevin Everett .. motion carried.

< Catering Officer position still not filled, as no-one volunteered, Glenn Flint will continue until position filled. < Pat Holt addressed members about how the elected committee executive is President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the only club persons who can represent the club when dealing with club business is with Government & Non Government Bodies, banking etc.. Only The President can delegate / instruct members to carry out or represent the club. There was general discussion, No motion was put. The President mentioned that if any members had concerns with the club or other matters to contact her or the executive to discuss.

< John Mazzer said he had read the Clubs Constitution on the clubs web page and advised others to do so.. <MW advised Members that while the Clubs Treasurer will be away, Marc Jennison will act in this position.

REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT – not at meeting but a 1932 BSA was registered **EARLY DAYS** non

REPORTS ON CLUB BIKE RUNS & EVENTS

Sunday 16th Dec 2018 - the ride was rained out

Sunday 13th January ride to Humble Pie .. 6 riders

Peter Lake reported on 2 Wednesday rides 13th Jan to Evans Head and 23rd Jan to Nimbin

NEXT CLUB RUNS

Sunday 17th Feb Ride to Anne's Garden Café Wadesville leave Blue Kitchen Café 8.30

Wed 27th Feb - longer run to Iron & Resin Garage . Currumbin Gold Coast

17th March is Shown and Shine-. Alstonville Plaza

14th April - Doug Foskey has invited members to ride to Rainforest Café at Mt Warning Road for his Birthday Celebrations . to be further updated.

21ST April Ride to Indian Rally – to be confirmed , next meeting

MEETING CLOSED at 8.15 PM

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club proudly presents 2019 Classic Bike Show and Shine

Open to all Classic Motorcycle Clubs, All bike categories,



Sunday 17th March 2019 - 9am to 1pm



Setup from 8 am and ALL proceeds to CHARITY..

All enquires for NRCMCC show and Shine - Ph Ian 0418499844 Or email to secretary@nrcmcc.org

A gold coin donation will enable you to see the LARGEST assembly of Classic Motorcycles on the North Coast.- Sausage Sizzle and Cool Drinks available.



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NRCMC Club Events

*Club run each month on the Sunday after the meeting.

*Classic (pre 1987) run first Sunday of the month . Ride Organizer is needed

Until one is found, riders on day to organize their own destination & route to nearest Coffee Shop

*Mid-week runs start at Lismore Railway Station on the 1st and 4th Wednesday—**8.30 am start time**

<u>NOTE:</u> WEDNESDAY rides to continue to start from Lismore railway station, but all other club events to start from the Blue Kitchen Café. (Note: More details on rides are on club website)

NRCMCC club rides & Events-2019

17th March Club Show & Shine Alstonville see flyer on page 3

14th April Club Ride now to Rainforest Café, Mt Warning Road for Doug Foskeys Birthday Party

18th May. { Please note this is a Saturday Ride } Club Ride to Vintage Japanese Rally at Movie World on the Gold Coast { Helensvale }. Ride leaving Lismore Railway Station at 9.30 am for a ride up to and

through Numinbah Valley to Nerang.

05th to 10th May 'Over the Hill Tour' ... see note below

16th June Club ride to New Italy via Woodburn

10th to 15th September NRCMCC Rally* - Evans Head

*Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th Sept—Rides are **not** marshalled ..organised on day Friday 13th , Saturday 14 th Sept. , Organised rides **are** marshalled .. Saturday night 14th —Dinner

Sunday 15th Sept— Morning Bike display in main street.. More Rally details to be advised

Other Club events

<u>Please note</u> That the NRCMCC is not responsible for The events & Rallys as organised by other clubs or groups. And dates {and events} given to us and shown here may change without notice. So if you are attending another club event just check you have their Up to date info. Also check out the NRCMCC web page.

12th to 14th April Inverell MCC Rally . There is also a golf event you can also attend. 4th May National Transport Museum—Electric Vehicle Expo , 11 Rifle Range Rd. Inverell 19th May Sunday Ray Owen Bike Show, Tamborine Area

4th & 5th May RIDE FOR RED—See add in Feb Newsletter ... contact Neil Williams **17-19th May 2019** Vintage Japanese Motorcycle rally will be held Gold coast , also in 2020 **15th to 17th August** Triples Rally . NRCMCC will help marshal rides

2019 Over The Hill Tour details and entry form are now on club website for anyone interested and not receiving notification from being on email list from past participants. Any queries please phone Tony Kempnich 0428285776.

Reminder to members that next LUNCH is on FRIDAY 22 nd MARCH (Friday after Show and Shine) at WORKERS CLUB, KEEN ST. LISMORE from 12.00 noon. Usual arrangements, up to dining room, table reserved. if not a member of Workers see Doorman to sign in . Good lunch, wjde choices menu, good conversation, bikes all about bikes we once owned and trashed and how good we were "back when:" Bring a mate and widen the circle. See you there . Peter and Eric. Any quieries call 66243 157



Club members Ride reports

Sunday Run to Annies Garden Cafe-2 reports

Noel writesApproximately 20 members turned out on a beautiful sunny day for the run to Annies Garden Cafe situated 10 klms north of Wadesville. Travelling via Kyogle

(the road is now in excellent condition) to Cawongla and on to Wadesville we made good time and the staff at the cafe were waiting for us. For those who have not been to Annies

Garden Cafe it is a pleasure to sit in the cool garden surrounds surrounded by a huge flowery nursery and many assorted birds (see photos of chooks and a large Peacock). The bikes

ridden by the members and friends comprised a large variety of BMW's with sidecars and pasengers, many great examples of classics with of course a decent sprinkling of Japanese

machinery. Thanks go to our master ride organiser Peter for such a great event and it only covered a little over 100 klms round trip.



James Moon writesAfter the heads-up, 15 or so bikes (only 2 newbies) leave Blu Café and Peter's pack instantly breaks up near the scrap yard. 4 of us go thru Kyogle for the regroup at the high school, as planned but the rest have already morphed into stealthy short-cutters thru Nimbin or Rocky Valley Rd. Eventually we meet again at Annie's Café (even Raymondo's postie Chonda beat the bigger displacements to the venue) for a scrummy brekky while being watched by various breeds of chook, a peacock and a couple of Alpaccas. Perfect weather, a nice 28 degrees. Random routes for the ride home and no reported breakdowns...



REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE BY 31 MARCH Membership fees for 2019 are due by 31 March. If you have not paid by the due date you will become unfinancial and all your Historic bike registrations will lapse. You will be riding an unregistered motorcycle if you ride after becoming unfinancial. How to renew your membership for 2019

Renewal of membership requires [A] payment of the appropriate fee(s) and [B] return of a completed membership renewal form.

Determine the fee(s) you need to pay from the table below and then pay online by direct deposit (EFT) or pay cash/cheque(s) over the counter at the Greater Bank or pay the Treasurer at the March meeting. The club's bank accounts at the Greater Bank are:

Members Social Fund account: BSB 637000 acct number 716800695 Ref: *your last name* Membership fee account: BSB 637000 acct number 781711446 Ref: *your last name*

Membership type	Members electing to pay into the Members Social Fund (MSF)		Members declining to pay into the Members Social Fund
	membership fee	Social Fund levy	membership fee
Single	\$30	\$10	\$40
Dual	\$45	\$15	\$60

[NOTE: Club members electing to pay into the MSF will have part of their annual membership fee allocated to the MSF and will be entitled to financial subsidies when attending certain social activities eg the Xmas party, the partners dinner etc. Club members not paying into the MSF will not be entitled to any subsidies and will be required to pay the full amount to attend those social activities.]

Complete a membership renewal form and hand it to the Treasurer at the March meeting or return a scanned copy by email to <u>members@nrcmcc.org</u>. Renewal forms will be available at the meeting or use the one issued with the December 2018 newsletter.

You can also post your renewal form and cheques/money orders (no cash) to the club's address - PO Box 7058 Lismore Heights 2480. They must be received before 31 March to maintain your financial membership.





Club Patron: The club does not currently have a patron. Our immediate past patron was <u>Jack Ahearn</u> (1924 - 2017).

NRCMCC OFFICIALS CONTACT NUMBERS

President: Mary Walker66291509

 Librarian: Eric Wilson & Peter Lake.....0459 285 872 or 66243157

Website: www.nrcmcc.org



Did you hear about the young, slim, good looking Hardly rider? That was a joke { thanks Peter M}

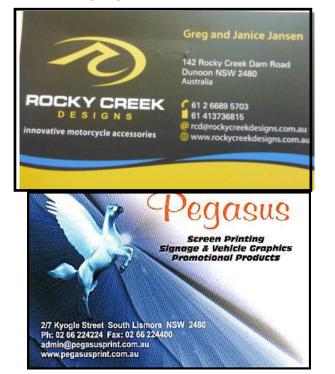
NRCMCC Market: You can advertise here 'For Sale', 'Wanted', 'Swap', 'Advice needed', 'to Give away', etc - ie, any deal you can imagine to do with motorcycles. Please contact the editor - details on the 'Club officials' list somewhere in this newsletter. Unless otherwise arranged, advertisements will be maintained for two issues.

Advertise your business if you're an NRCMCC member to other club members

For members who own a local business ,,,be listed on this info page .. The idea being to encourage other members to shop with you. It is getting harder each day with the competition from Large Chain Stores.

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Honda Shadow ...Perfect condition 58000 km, full rego till 20/10/19. \$4000 for club members or \$4900 for anybody else. Frank 040 888 9265.



Aqua Solutions Pool & Spa Sales & Care. 4/1 Hogan St, Ballina - 66869889 Col Mc Andrew

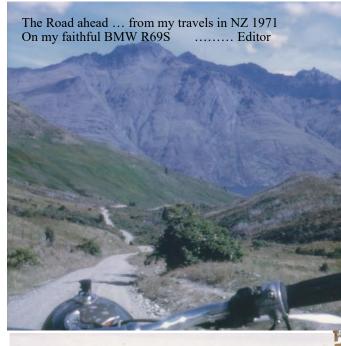


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Travel photos from membersand some family snapshots





Update from Mary in Tasmania ... honey flavoured ice cream. From Honey shop Mole River Tasmania.





Marc Finding the holy grail in Japan "the only BSA I saw in Japan - a painting on the shutter of a closed steak house, it was a Sunday morning about 8.30am. "

Next generation classic club member in training. Me with my 15 month old grandson on his first motorcycle ride. Serious business riding BSA bantams. John Mazzer





If undelivered return to, N.R.C.M.C.C. P.O. Box 7058 Lismore Heights 2480





The Final Word by Editor —As always Many thanks to all those members for all their stories, Photos and Jokes .. John M, Dave C., Terry , Jim , Noel {who gets double points for 2 reports}, Harry for his link to Shannons Auction , and Peter, Marc & Mary, It's always easier to put this newsletter when members Help out ...so start sending in for March...

PS if you've send articles, and they don't appear, they're not forgotten, I just ran out of space ..

