The Monthly Journal of the

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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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 motorcycles

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 - now changed to end of March.

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 **9.00** 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 **9.00** am.

From the presidents chair

The recent Show n Shine showed how well the committee and active members of our club work together for the common good of our club. Due to the forecast of heavy rain the show N Shine was postponed to the following weekend. This decision fell to one person, the vice president Ian, as I was away in Tasmania for the National Veteran Motorcycle Rally and holiday. The decision made to postpone was the correct one and the active members set about gearing up for the following weekend. This change of date also changed those who could attend some members couldn't attend as other planes were made, while now members who couldn't attend the first date could now attend. The outcome of this year's Show n Shine was a great success with gold coin donations out stripping previous years. Thank you to Ian for his leadership of the day and to all who contributed to a successful 2019 Show N Shine.

Our next big event is our rally based at Evans Head to be held from Tuesday 10th to Sunday 15th September. The set up of this is as following Tuesday 10th to Friday 12th small mornings rides self marshalled rides, Friday 12 afternoon ride, Saturday our big ride morning tea and lunch, Sunday no ride But a street display while you are up the street eating breakfast.

There will be a meeting called to start the organisation of this event and we want you to be involved and to be able to add your ideas to this great event, so one and all the club committee invite you to be part of the committee to run the rally, so please attend the first rally meeting.

Now the hot weather and the rain has abated it's time to get on your bike and enjoy our autumn weather. Keep upright Mary

Below is the first edition of a new bulletin called "The Good Oil".

{As sent to NRCMCC and reprinted by NRCMCC Editor }

The Council of Heritage motor Clubs intends distributing similar bulletins in the future when issues arise that are considered important to our membership.

For those members who may wish to explore more information about issues highlighted in "The Good Oil", it will be underpinned by postings on Council's website, and the Council Committee member most appropriate to contact will be identified on the bulletin.

CHMC welcomes any feedback on "The Good Oil", and trust that it will result in a better informed membership of Heritage Motoring Clubs. Regards

Barry Garment - Assistant Secretary - Council of Heritage Motor Clubs



THE GOOD OIL

A drop from the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs to keep you going

- . The Trial of 60 day Log Books for HVS and CVS will conclude in September
- From then, RMS will decide whether Log Books should become a permanent arrangement, and if so, whether any changes need be made.
- Prior to this, RMS will be conducting an online survey relating to the Log Book Trial.
- The Survey will be conducted in the last weeks of May,
- · CHMC has provided RMS with Affiliated Club's digital contacts for this purpose.
- . It is understood that both Clubs and individual members may take part in the survey.
- CHMC will be hosting an open forum at the Griffith AGM to gauge members input to its response to the Survey and to elaborate if needed in a separate and formal Council response to the RMS.
- Clubs delegates to the AGM should be aware of, and be prepared to provide, all aspects of their Club's views to the Griffith forum.
- We encourage Clubs and members to take part in, and make carefully considered responses to the RMS Survey.

Peter Wright (RMS Liaison) phone 0417 250 798

More information about this, and other items of interest, can be found on Council's website: www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au





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What do you do when your veteran bike won't drink its oil?

As most of you know Bryson & I attended the Veteran Motorcycle Rally in Tassie in March. As most of you know and do you check over your machine and do a few of those little repairs and tinker to make sure your machine is running sweet. The BSA has been running well on all of its previous outings but it needed its leather buckets changed in the oil plunger so buckets were ordered and received only to find that the BSA has different size buckets a phone call was made and new buckets ordered and received, this need to reorder limited the time to change the buckets and make sure the machine ran well. Buckets arrived just days before we needed to leave, so a quick replacement of the buckets was made bike checked and all appeared to be working well. Now was time to remove the petrol and oil from the tank and set the bikes up for the trip to Tassie.

The bikes were put in to storage for 3 weeks while we toured Tassie. Rally time arrive bike collected oil and petrol replaced, bikes started and all was ready for the first ride of the 5 day rally. All appeared to be going well but the BSA was slow to drink its oil (on a veteran that is what they do- total loss system). The one way valve non return flapper was thought to be the problem, but no this was fine, the spring no, and so it went on with everyone offering their input, further investigations into this found that the new oil appeared to have bit of jelly type oil that wouldn't run through the value, so the oil tank was cleaned out and new bottle of oil purchased and used –problem fixed with only one days ride lost or so we thought, the next day off I went and all appeared ok cold morning thick oil it will be ok but NO the sight glass filled with oil once again and wouldn't go down into the motor unless the motor stopped so after the third stop I decided to call it a day and put the bike on the dreaded break down trailer and no it didn't sit there by its self it had a few with it as happens on Veteran rides.

Bike back at camp and now to try and work out what is going on once again the plunger and now the sight glass were checked and Bryson decided to remove the sight glass housing and found that the previous owner had made the sight glass too short and had used rubber washers to take up the space. Now that would have been ok if he had used washers which were not affected by oil but no he had used garden hose tap washers and the top washer was now not flat but concave and not sealing the glass -the glass sight glass needs to be sealed -pressurised to force the oil into the motor. What could we do late at night with no washers, I did think of checking the parks garden hoses for a temporary fix, but no Bryson just turn the concave washer over and see if it would seal the sight glass and yes it did I was on the road again for the final days ride.

Laurie the elderly man who we bought the buckets from was on the rally and in his 60 + years of riding and fixing veteran bike had never come upon this problem before it had stumped many. It just goes to show you don't know what has been done to your bike by previous owners and just a little thing like a rubber washer which is not oil resistant to can stop your bike from working. We have all bought bikes and checked them over replacing and fixing things, but little things that you would not think of can happen. We think that Bryson must have disturbed the washer when he replaced the buckets and broke the seal allowing the washer to move.

This job was the first on the list for repairs to the BSA when we start the post Rally bike check and bolt tightening. I lost two and a half days riding but didn't inflict damage to the motor and bike, by stopping, I allowed the oil to go into the motor and lubricate all moving parts so no permanent damage was done to my Beautiful BSA thank goodness.

What do you do when your veteran bike won't drink its oil?
Stop it of course so you don't seize the motor and work on the problem until you fix it.
Mary Walker





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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 9th April 2019 start: 7. 30 pm

Abbreviations used in Minutes MW Mary Walker,

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

MW thanked Pat Holt for chairing the last March meeting.

Meeting attended by 37 members, 6 visitor & 13 apologies as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes of March 2019 Club meeting as published in club's April 2019 newsletter be accepted. 2nd by Kevin Everett. motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Newsletters- Queensland, Clarence Valley, Inverell. MC Clubs

Letter from Non member Steve Munn, has a 1955 Norton 19S, looking for a mechanic.

Invite to AHMF Festival 28th March at Albury

CHMC notice of their AGM and agenda

Rally Inverell 12-14 April + Coffs Harbour, Secretary has entry forms

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Clubs April Newsletter was posted or emailed to members and other MC clubs .

<u>TREASURERS REPORT:</u> – presented + moved by Marc Jenison (as Treasurer is away) 2nd Peter Lake .Motion carried <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:</u>

- < MW announced that the new Public Officer is Greg Britnall, MW also thanked Marc Jenison for organising within the Committee the filling of this position in her Absence.
- < No update on Kevin Watts property loss.
- < Over the Hill Update. Buck Horton volunteered to be Back up driver for bike trailer .
- < Catering Officer position still not filled, Glenn is happy to continue as C. O.
- <Next Rego day -28th April at Shed Boss premises. 9.00 am to 12 noon , Tea + coffee to be provided .. NO BBQ GENERAL BUSINESS
- < Show + Shine Wrap up . MW thanked Ian Mackie for organising , and Thanked Tony + Lina Kempnich for organising the BBQ, Marc Jennison updated members with final figures form the day, over \$1000 raised from the bucket collection, but net profit from BBQ after costs + deductions for Trophies , was only around \$16 , not including the Shannons donation of \$300 ..The date for 2020 S+S is yet to be decided.

MW thanked Jim Butler from Shannons Insurance for organising to have the 'Shannons Truck' with display to be there.

- Librarian Peter Lake show latest addition to Library . Twist of the Wrist donated by Kevin Everett
- <Marc Jennison will be issuing 2019 M'ship Cards to members during the evening .</p>
- < Life Care Nursing Home at Ballina has invited the club to come for a Wednesday Ride / visit , Peter Lake to confirm.
- Chris Wakely donated another collection of Bike magazines for members to choose and take.
- < Wednesday + Sunday club Ride starting times were discussed and decided that start time to return to 9.00 am.
- <Marc Jenison informed members that in the Classic car club he is a member of, that recently a member there Was stopped on an official club run by a police patrol and told to enter the ride in his car logbook. General discussion.
- **<Terry Paxton** asked if there could be dual Sunday club rides, maybe starting in different locations. General discussion ,MW advised that's OK but the ride details should be provided at the club meeting so it can be also an official club ride and listed in meeting minutes .

REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT one lapsed Velocette

EARLY DAYS, Bryson Walker spoke on 2 items, both with an Anzac theme,

- 1, On his recent trip in Tasmania to Legerwood, where statues have been calved in trees of 9 soldiers killed in WW1
- 2. Bryson also read a letter from WW1, of a soldier writing to the mother of his friend who'd been killed in war.

REPORTS ON CLUB BIKE RUNS & EVENTs

Wednesday 3rd & 27th March – rained out

MW spoke on her recent trip to Tasmania, the highlight being the Veterans Rally and places visited during the week, the Chris Kelly collection, Steam fest and various cake shops.

NEXT CLUB RUNS

14th April - ride to Rainforest Café at Mt Warning Road , riders can stay on for Doug Foskey Birthday Celebrations . 21ST April Ride to Indian Rally – meet at usual Sunday starting place if any one is interested.

MEETING CLOSED at 8.15 PM

This Aprils first Sunday ride,

8 bikes 9 members for a beautiful sunny day ride on back roads to Clunes cafe,



Mick writes—I never have a clue where I'm going on Lismore's back roads so can't say what the route was, but it was actually mostly smoothish. and smooth is a good thing on rigids with girder forks.



Mick also wrote about Not going up Johnson Road { after query from Editor } ok no, deffy didn't go past Eltham pub, I do know where that is, once went past there on sidecar ride and at roundabout near pub the top flew off my 38 girder on a massive pothole I didn't see, so didn't go that way, I requested smoothish roads n they mostly were, only went to crap near Bryson's house. Lot of vintage bikes do not like vintage potholes, at all. yeah I'm pretty pleased with that bike, [it goes like stink] built from scrounged parts, took 1 year exactly. cheers mick

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—9.00 am start time NOTE: 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 & Page 1)

NRCMCC club rides & Events—2019

If you see any ride dates or details that are not correct can you let the Editor know {But nicely!}

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' contact Tony Kempnich 0428 285776, But be quick...

16th June Club ride to New Italy via Woodburn

14th July Brunswick Heads—Hot Rods {Not sure if this is the Club Ride, will confirm before date} 10th to 15th September NRCMCC Rally* - Evans Head

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

Saturday night 14th — Dinner

Sunday 15th Sept—Morning Bike display in main street...

13th October Ride to Rathdowney

17th November Sidecar + Tiddlers Ride to Frank Widdows, 64 Westland Dr., Ballina 0408889265 15th Dec Ride to Red Rattlers Café Billinudgel.

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.

4th May National Transport Museum—Electric Vehicle Expo, 11 Rifle Range Rd. Inverell 19th May Sunday Ray Owen Bike Show, Tamborine Area

24,25,26th May. Coffs Harbour & District MC Restorers Club, 35th Ride Rally

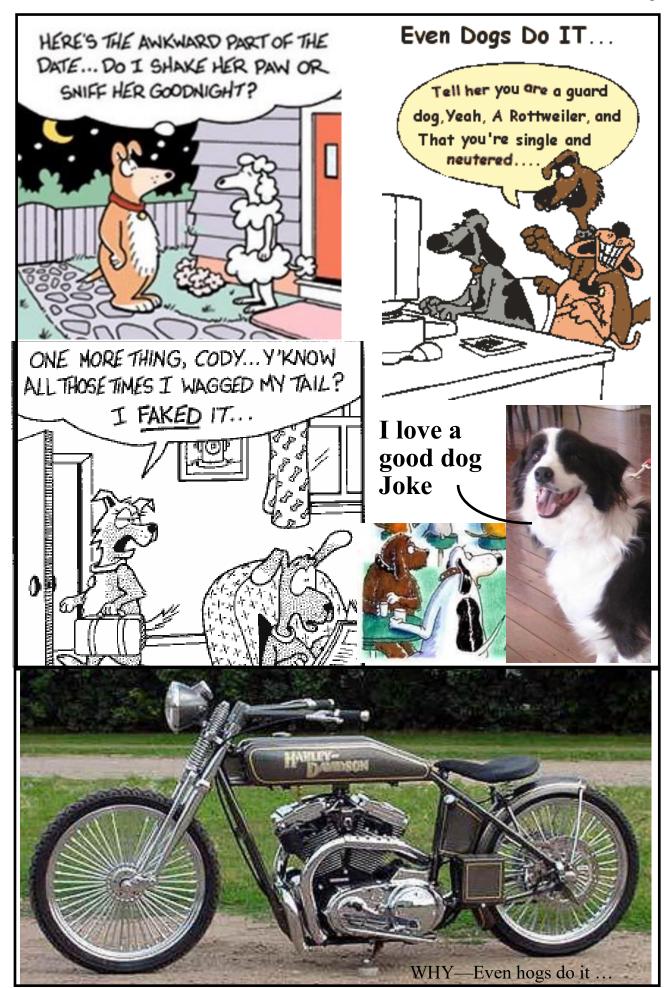
4th & 5th May RIDE FOR RED—See add in Feb Newsletter ... contact Neil Williams 17-19th May 2019 Vintage Japanese Motorcycle rally will be held Gold coast, also in 2020 16th to 18th August Triples Rally . NRCMCC will help marshal rides on Saturday contact Col 0428 869 889

NEXT CLUB LUNCH A reminder to all members that the next lunch is on FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2019, usual place, WORKERS CLUB, KEEN STREET, LISMORE, start time from noon, DINING ROOM. GOOD MEALS, GOOD COMPANY, BRING A GUEST, TALK BIKES, AND HAVE A RELAXING EASY TIME WITH YOUR MATES. ENQUIRIES CALL PETER 66285872 OR ERIC 66243 157.









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.

for sale;

1 x 750/850 Norton Commando service/repair manual on a CD, make an offer, Harry 0401 234 176

I have been told there is a T140 Bonneville for sale at Tyagarah

"Perfect" condition 12 months rego \$12000

Further info contact Noel Williamson 66886136 Regards Peter Maher

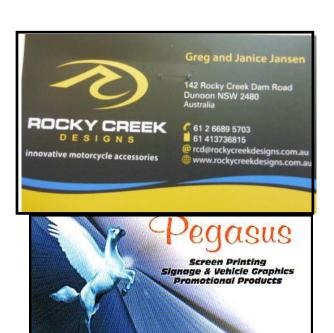
Jim Moon is looking to buy a pre-1990 trail bike, such as a Honda XL or similar Yamaha etc, 350 to 500cc. Must have lights so that it can be registered. Not running is OK but no basket cases or 'rods hanging out of engine blocks please. Budget around \$400...

A friend of mine has an electrical issue with his Guzzi lights

He asked me if it would be possible to seek advice from Guzzi owners who may be able to help Many thanks Gerard Roche

I have a niggling problem with my 2012 Moto Guzzi Bellagio. Head lights (1+2) have stopped working, when I switch to high beam still no lights, if I hit the flasher all 3 light up on high beam. I've screwed around with this for hours and got a fairly unsatisfactory result by changing the bulb (the first time). Its doing it again, can anyone help me fix this or recommend an auto electrician around Lismore? Am happy to exchange expert horticultural/landscape knowledge for fix. Andy Erskine 0417201891 email coastdude@outlook.com

For sale 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.



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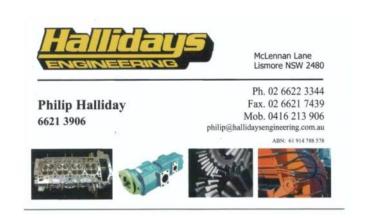
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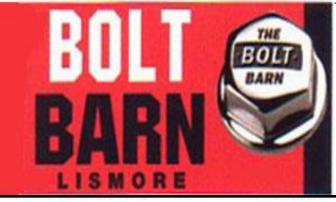
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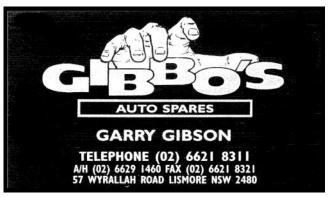
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The Final Word by Editor —As always Many thanks to all those members for their stories, Photos and Jokes ..special thanks to Mary and Mick for ride reports, Dieter for his many photos, check out the clubs Facebook page for more.. Also thanks to Tims Lovely Border Collie .. For posing again, such a happy dog... hope she likes Cats for next time. Be back in May .. DBM



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