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Classic Torque



*Dave receiving the
Trophy from Pat
Holt, our president*

Dave Charlton wins Jack Ahearn award

“Being presented with the Best Restored Bike for the year 2011 Award was very pleasing for me as being recognised by fellow restorers. The announcement was a surprise considering the photos of the other entrants bikes and the obvious efforts involved”, Dave said. It was unfortunate that owing to health issues Jack Ahearn was unavailable to be present so his 2 expert judges, Eric Wilson and John Cafe officiated with our president Pat Holt in presenting the award to Dave. As the 4 bikes were presented to the judges in such magnificently restored condition there was only a few points difference in deciding the winner. Eric and John both said how difficult it was to judge, it was so close.

Dave gave me a brief rundown on the history of his 1971 Silver Shot Gun 450 Ducati. He bought it in poor condition in 1985 and

joined the NRCMCC in 1988. In 2005 he commenced restoration procedures and made every effort to identify the bike and its authenticity. Major accident damage resulted in the motor cycle being rebuilt using late model components, by the previous owner. These anomalies were recognised by Phil Hitchcock (of Road and Race) and the Ducati museum in Italy. Dave was helped by his brother John in the electroplating and assisted in the production of the silver paint with the flake presenting quite a problem but the end result was superb. Well done Dave.

Noel Edwards.

Pictured at right is Dave's winning Ducati.



Minutes from February meet 14/2/2012

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:	14/02/2012	START:	7.50 pm
WELCOME: MEMBERS 36 as per attendance sheet.			
VISITORS PRESENT:	3 as per attendance sheet		
APOLOGIES:	7 as per attendance sheet		
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ			
ACCEPTED:	Peter Lake	SECOND:	Tony Kempnich
BUSINESS ARISING			
1. Report on Tenterfield run is in newsletter			
TREASURERS REPORT			
OPENING BALANCE:	\$	CLOSING BAL:	\$
ACCEPTED:	Michael Smith	SECOND:	Noel Edwards
CORRESPONDANCE			
IN:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newsletter Natureland Classic Motorcycle club 2. Grafton Grille 3. Restore and Ride Coffs Harbour 4. Inverell Restorers Club 5. Taree and District Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club Jan and Feb 6. The Link – Gold Coast 7. Letter from Taree and District Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club re reciprocal ride arrangements and calendar 8. Rally entry form – Griffith Classic Motor cycle club Anzac rally April 21-22 9. Inverell Motorcycle restorers club rally April 21,22 10. Flyer – Riders rest at Tabulam 11. SWAP meet Kempsey May 20 12. Shannons Manago competition 13. Maleny SWAP meet March 18 14. Prostate Cancer Foundation news 		
Out:	<p>Nil</p> <p>Discussion on benefits obvious in letter from Taree requesting our activities calendar and sending theirs so that we can note all runs for both clubs as well as notify members of runs they may be interested in. Col moves that we accept this invitation, seconded by Eric Wilson – all in favour.</p>		
ACCEPTED:	Col McAndrew	SECOND:	Doug Foskey

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Pat thanks Eric and the sub committee involved in preparing the new club constitution which all members will receive tonight. The Sunday following the next general meeting will be a meeting to formalise the new constitution. March 18 which is also our club run and will end at Clunes old school for the meeting.
2. Peter Lake asks for an update on emailing out of newsletter. March newsletter is the last one that is intended to be in printed format only, and will have a tear off section for people to opt out of electronic newsletter, otherwise members are presumed to have opted in. Moved by Peter Lake, seconded Michael Smith
3. Steve Dernley who founded Ulysses club passed away recently.
4. Rob McAndrew mentions a road service plan by Motorcycling Australia – membership for the person, not a single motorbike.
5. Tony reports the price of green slips going down for bikes. Discussion held on pricing currently.
6. Sub committee are requested to stay on to move from constitution to club rules.
7. Copies of Northern Rider at front counter for anyone interested with chance to win pass to Bluesfest.
8. Positions not filled at AGM – ride organiser, rally coordinator and catering
9. Caterer - Katrina Jeffery nominates Ian Wilkes, seconded Pat Holt, accepted
10. Some runs coming up for the year are being organised and are noted in the newsletter. Graeme Sommers will coordinate these 2 runs. The Nymboida run is noted as a club run.
11. April 21, 22 April Bevel and Bullshit Ducati run is noted as a club run. Moved Tony Kempnich, seconded Michael Smith.
12. Triumph motorcycle register of Australia at Bundanoon March 8 -12 noted as a club run.
13. Late correspondence received during the meeting – resignation of Marc Jennison effective immediately as treasurer. Gerard Roche nominates himself for the position, seconded by Katrina Jeffery accepted unanimously.
14. Presentation of the Jack Ahearn restorers trophy – 4 high quality entries this year, with only 7 points difference between the highest and lowest scoring bikes. Entrants – Dave Charlton, Peter Harvey, Ian Wilkes and Peter Fleming. Pat Holt presents the trophy to winner Dave Charlton.
15. QLD historic teams trial June 30 – July 1, members who would like to join in please contact Tony
16. OTHM will have a backup driver this year, entries still open but very close to full.

MEMBERS REPORTS

CLUB RUN	There has only been one Wednesday run since December, heading to Nimbin with 6 attending.		
NEXT RUN:	Going to Murwillumbah, leaving Lis- more at 9am, details in newsletter.	MEETING CLOSED:	8.50 pm

New speed zones proposed

UK politicians are proposing an increase in English speed limits and reckon millions of dollars will be saved rather than lost by fine revenue.

A full public consultation will be launched in 2012 with a view to implementing the speed changes in 2013. It won't be across the board though, only the 110km/h highway speed limit is targeted for the change up to 130km/h. The secretary from the UK department of Transport stated, "I want to make sure that our motorway speed limit reflects the reality of modern vehicles and driving conditions, NOT those of 50 years ago. "While we must ensure that our roads remain the safest in the world, we must also consider the huge economic benefits that can be created by shortening journey times," he continued.

The Department of Transport's press release went further: Vehicles have changed dramatically since the current national speed limit was set in 1965. Technological advances mean that cars are significantly safer than they were – contributing to a fall of more than 75 per cent in the number of people killed on British roads since 1965. That is why the government feels it is now time to look again at whether the speed limit set in 1965 is still appropriate.

"Safety cannot be the only consideration when setting speed limits. Previous analysis shows that raising the motorway speed limit would generate significant economic benefits; worth hundreds of millions of pounds per year from savings of travel time . . . initial work by the department suggests that setting the motorway speed limit to 80 mph is likely to represent the best balance of costs and benefits and is similar to the motorway speed limits in other EU countries." *Cont. page 4*

Barry Sheene Festival of Speed

The 7th annual QBE Barry Sheene festival of Speed will be held at Eastern Creek on March 23/25.

This event is one of the biggest meetings on the Australian Road Racing calendar. It is billed

as a festival and it's exactly that. Besides the racing there's displays from numerous clubs, a huge show'n'shine, trade displays and spectators can get right up close with the racers and their bikes.

In 2011 spectator numbers were fantastic, and they have grown each year since the event's inception. Former world champion and Isle Of Man TT winner Graeme Crosby will fly across from New Zealand as the team captain for his country. There is expected to be a big showing from the Kiwis, both with solos and sidecars.

UK classic racing champion Bill Swallow has been confirmed for the event, racing a Manx Norton, as has 'Mr. Superbike' Robbie Phillis and multiple Aussie superbike champion Shawn Giles (see photo) both on period 5 Suzuki Katanas.

Malcolm Campbell will be riding a Honda RC 30 in the period class, and there could even be a Honda Moto3 GP bike doing demo laps. And there is more with two all girl sidecar teams bringing a bit of glamour to the festival.

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New Speed Zones

While this may seem something that's happening on the other side of the world, Australia has historically take many cues from its colonial master, and hopefully this is one idea which may gain momentum Down Under.

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NRCMC Club Events 2012

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



March 18: Sunday Club Run, leaves Bangalow 8.30 am, Lismore Rail at 9 am for a short run

arriving back at the Clunes hall for a coffee and very important meeting

April 15: Sunday Club Run, leaves Bangalow 8.30, Lismore 9 am for run to Toonumbar Dam with a coffee stop at Kyogle on the return from dam.

May 13: Sunday Club Run, leaves Bangalow 9 am, Lismore 9.30 for Lawrence Pub for lunch and to meet up with the overnighters on the Nymboida Weekend Run.

June 17: Sunday Slow Bike Run, leaves Bangalow 9 am, Lismore 9.30 to Evans Head Riverside Cafe for coffee.

Proposed overnight Nymboida Run 2012

· Coaching station Inn - Nymboida - 6649 4126

- We have arranged a ride on **12.05.2012**
- leaving 9.30am - Lismore railway station
- Afternoon ride to Dorrigo from Nymboida
- Everyone make there own way home Sunday
- Lunch at Lawrence Pub 12pm Sunday (if any-one wants to ride up on the day)



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April 15 HAIGSLEY SWAP MEET

PETE: 0407 195177

May 17 RAY OWENS classic Bike Show (Tamborine Mountain area) GARY: 07 5533 7544

June 30 to July 1 TEAMS TRIALS KALBAR (hosted by Brisbane area) IAN: 07 3369 1058

August 15 "STINKWHEEL RALLY" (Pine Rivers area) JOHN: 07 3269 7643

Please let me know if there are other important club events from other clubs to be listed, Editor

Sunday Club Run, February 18th

A dozen members turned up at the Lismore Railway for the start of the posted run to Luffley's for a coffee in Murwillumbah. Under cool grey skies we cruised along to Bangalow to meet up with a further eight members. After some discussion it was decided that being over 20 of us it would be too crowded at Luffley's coffee shop it being very popular of a Sunday morning for the biking fraternity so the change was made to go instead to the "Spinx Rock Cafe" located on the Uki Road at Mount Burrell.



*Above: Looking for a park in front of cafe
Below: from left Kerry, Ian, Terry and Gerri dined at the cafe.*



The journey over the Burringbar range was as usual very exhilarating but knowing from previous experiences that caution was essential as it could become an expensive exercise to go too quick. We didn't see any other speed cameras other than the permanent one. The road through Stokers Siding to Uki was fraught with hazards as Essential

Energy was busy replacing all the main electrical house connections along the way. One prominent member of our club who I happened to be following spent a lot of time giving the workers the finger. They obviously new him and responded as well. (I wonder who he was???)

A very busy place is Uki on a Sunday as they regularly have markets, people everywhere. Then on to the winding road to Kyogle, but bloody only 80 kph limit and held up with traffic only doing 60, probably not the best run for a bike on a Sunday, just too many obstacles.

We seemed to be down quite a few numbers upon reaching the Mt Burrell Spinx Cafe, when Tony and Lena eventually arrived they explained that they had gone along with a few others via Murwillumbah to check if anyone else went there. During the course of that trip, Roscoe's usually reliable Ducati spat out a plug, I believe he was lucky, could have been much worse and he managed to get it back home ok. The coffee and food at the Spinx Rock cafe was indeed excellent (will go there again).

Members leaving returned home in many different directions, a few choosing to go via Cawongla and stopping at Wadeville Woolies for lunch and cold refreshment. A surprise latecomer arrived, (having missed the correct start time again) but was good to see him on his very recently restored R900 BMW. It was a great morning out and I am sure everyone enjoyed the ride. Let's hope for more fine weather for our club rides.

Noel Edwards

AMAZING, SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES:

- 1.. AVOID CUTTING YOURSELF WHEN SLICING BREAD OR VEGETABLES BY GETTING SOMEONE ELSE TO HOLD THEM WHILE YOU CHOP. (NB: Bryson)
- 2.. AVOID ARGUMENTS WITH THE FEMALES ABOUT LIFTING THE TOILET SEAT BY USING THE SINK.
- 3.. FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SUFFERERS ~ SIMPLY CUT YOURSELF AND BLEED FOR A FEW MINUTES, THUS REDUCING THE PRESSURE ON YOUR VEINS. REMEMBER TO USE A TIMER.
- 4.. A MOUSE TRAP PLACED ON TOP OF YOUR ALARM CLOCK WILL PREVENT YOU FROM ROLLING OVER AND GOING BACK TO SLEEP AFTER YOU HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.
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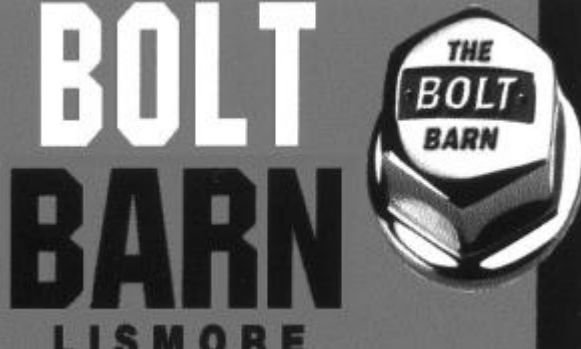
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Mid-week run February 23rd

Yes, they must be getting more popular; eleven members arrived at the 9am start time with the usual diverse assortment of motorcycles. Rob announcing that hot pies will be available with the coffee at his planned destination this morning at the Wardell Pie Shop opposite the pub. Having visited it last year we already knew how good it is, so we were all keen to go.

As a new route was chosen and there being a few more riders than usual Tony Kempnich suggested we reinforce the use of the team marshalling scheme which everyone should now be conversant with, (the 2nd rider behind the leader to stop at each deviation of direction until tail-end Charlie comes past) IT NEARLY WORKED. Fortunately we did get it sorted and everyone arrived at Wardell having criss-crossed the Richmond area via Whyralla, Tuckurimba, following the Richmond River along Oaklands Road, Coraki to Woodburn, then along Bagotville Road to Wardell.

The pies were delicious as expected and the coffee not bad either and the return trip home was made via the short way up the big hill at Meerschaumvale, along Dalwood Road and back to Lismore. A very pleasant ride under nice dry and cool conditions, and about time too. *Noel Edwards*



A super “Hotrod Postie Bike”

On our tour around the district photographing the contenders in the “best Restored Bikes for 2011” we came across this little beauty. Built by Peter Harvey’s grandson, Ché as a school project.

It started life as a normal postie bike but is now great little bike that has been greatly modified for everyday use and has a new “look alike Chinese engine which has greatly improved its performance. Unfortunately we do not have a category for it as a contender in the “Best bike competi-



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Thankfully the weather has been a lot kinder to us motorcycle enthusiasts which has resulted in a much greater participation in recent club events and let's hope this can continue. Some big events are getting closer eg, "Over the Hill" Run with Tony leading the group for the usual fantastic 5 days tour leaving Lismore April 29th, on May 12, Graeme Sommers has organised an overnight run to Nymboida (hope you have booked your accommodation) and of course we now have a new events co-ordinator, Frank Widdows and he has organised with the help of Peter Lake more Club runs, as I also must remind you that our usual Club run this coming Sunday is very special as there is an important meeting to follow at the old school, opposite the Clunes Hall at approx 10.30 am so even if you are unable ride, or it is wet, please still attend at Clunes where morning tea will be available before the meeting.

Noel Edwards

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Lismore Motor Cycles Dart Run

LMC staged a successful run last month with prizes won by throwing a dart at the nominated stops. Over 40 motorbikes, some with pillion riders departed Lismore Motorcycles car park on the Saturday morning.

The circular run toured through Casino, Bonalbo with a lunch stop at Woodenbong and back to Lismore via Kyogle. Lynn from Lismore said the run was terrific, even though the road from Bonalbo to Woodenbong was a trifle rough (she still has a sore bum) but thoroughly enjoyed the ride and would do it all again.

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SLEEPING WITH MICK



The guys were on a motorbike tour. No one wanted to room with Mick, because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first guy slept with Mick and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot.

They said, "Man, what happened to you? He said, "Mick snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing, hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot.

They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful! He said, 'Man, that Mick shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night.'"

The third night was Bill's turn. He was a tanned, older biker, a man's man.. The next morning he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

"Good morning!" he said. They couldn't believe it. They said, "Man, what happened?" He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Mick into bed, patted him on the arse, and kissed him good night on the lips. Mick sat up and watched me all night."

SWAMP



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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.