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JUNE
2012

Classic Torque

The 2nd Nymboida Inn overnight run.

This was a most memorable second trip to the Nymboida Coaching Inn on the weekend 12/ 13 May, 2012 organised by Graeme and Leonie. We started from the Lismore Railway Station and rode through South Lismore to the alternate route of Parrots Nest/East Gundurimba/ Wyrallah Bridge was selected to get to Casino members who went there direct. Then we were off in convoy past New Italy on the busy Pacific Highway south for a coffee in the Maclean High Street, at a Cafe with much scribbled graffiti on the wall - but with some very difficult parking. My wife Reme was on my 'V-Strom' pillion and going down to Nymboida again she felt much more confident regarding cornering etc., than last time - but still was nervous when overtaking. The riding conditions were quite ideal if a little hot for jacket-liners if the speed slipped below 60Kph.

We went from Maclean coffee stop then off past Ilarwill and over the Lawrence Ferry and from thence to Grafton, via the scenic Southgate Road route, for a top-up of fuel. [Figures of 20/Km per litre were common due to this economical nature of this leg.] As we entered the Grafton Servo near the Shopping Centre, there was a very sad scene displayed before us. A brand-new \$35,000 BMW was being loaded onto a low-loader. Apparently [from info from the servo-assistant/teller] it had it's tank filled right up to the brim and then it obstinately refused to start. A sad story but true. Riding on to Nymboida via South Grafton and over the Grafton Bridge and a coloured and full big/Clarence River and then experiencing light traffic only after we were past the Abbatoir and the Coffs back-road. The Grafton-Armidale Road was in fairly good repair and was no problem for our heavily laden and softly-sprung bike. It was noted near Blaxland's Flat that a local was busy stuffing a big Eastern Grey 'roo "road-kill" in to his boot as we passed by! 'Waste not want not' - eh!

On arrival at the Coaching Inn nothing much seemingly had changed in 5 years since our last visit, except perhaps the gravel was less treacherous and the prices had certainly increased! Most of the girls and some other riders, including myself, decided to stay there in sated luxury in the afternoon and "chill-out" - while most of the keen riders did the fast and exciting Dorrigo/Bostobrick Triangle in the afternoon. I alone went fishing instead on a very dangerous, beautifully clear and very fast Nymboida River - but with a no catch.

On Sunday Reme and I set off last in the NRCMCC Group at 9.30 am from the Nymboida Coach Inn and passed the Markets - where some others on the Run we could see were attending. But I was told "we didn't have any extra room for any purchases" by Reme. After that event was passed, The Run broke up spontaneously, mainly due to Mothers Day festivities and Monday work commitments. So with everyone making their way home independently and seeing friends and family on the way - that was it. It felt it was unfortunate that the planned social meeting for lunch with the Club's Sunday Ride group of 10 machines was not possible at the planned Lawrence or Brushgrove Pubs, but after all - it was a very special Mothers Day week-end. We must do it again, or even another to the Rathdowney Pub for an overnighter. Any takers?

Rob Andrews



The group enjoying dinner on Saturday night

NRCMCC Meeting Minutes – 8 May 2012

Welcome Open at 7.50 – Chaired by Pat Holt - attendance – 34 as per attendance sheet

Visitors - Tim Earley; Paul Allcock; Abe Mazzer, John Mazzer

Apologies – Chris Jeffrey; Michael Smith; Peter Harvey; Doug Muncie, Ian Christopher, Wayne Gardiner, Peter Fleming

Minutes of previous meeting – accepted/2nd

Business Arising from minutes _ None.

Treasurers Report – bank balance current account \$6412.13, Investment account \$12, 286.23; Accounts are still outstanding from the OTHM run. Report accepted

Correspondence IN –On file - 3 newsletters; 1 Flyer for Ray Owen Show 27 May, Mt Tambourine; 2 invitations to rallies; 2013 Easter Rally – Merimbula; Bush Council Heritage car club: Newcastle Vintage M’cycle Club Rally 17 – 19 August @ Raymond terrace.

Letters in – Accounts for Shirleys flowers and Old School hall hire;

Correspondence OUT - Thank you to Summerland credit union for donated printer

GENERAL BUSINESS – Eric W passed on club condolences re Richard Swinton’s fathers death.

Draft rules to be on club website, to be discussed next meeting

Pat Holt apologised for his distraction and consequent absence.

Gerard Roche has prepared membership cards

Members Reports - Rob Andrews reported on the wed runs, 10 and 6 riders – requested that in the event of possible inclement weather, anyone still wanting to ride should ring him, else he can stay warm and dry at home!

The Wed May 9 run will be to Evans Head to display at a model aircraft rally.

The VJMC run to Mark Gearing's place was successful – he has 12 bikes stored in his garage.

Mary Walker reported on a run to a rally at Inverell where she and Bryson won a trophy.

6 club members attended the “bevel and bullshit’ rally at Tenterfield

Mary and Bryson again won the visitors trophy at the Gold Coast Patrons run.

The OTHM Run was very successful with 16 odd bikes and 30 attendees. Good weather (remarkably!), good runs, good fun , good food and great company.

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NRCMCC Minutes for May *continued from page 2*

Upcoming runs

Peter Lake explained that Sunday runs up to Dec are now established-

May 9 – Sunday run to meet the returning Nymboida run at Lawrence (Brushgrove?) Pub

June 17 – Slow bike run to Evans head

July 15 – Brunswick Heads

Aug 19 – Triples Rally (club members to help marshal the run)

Sept 16 – Annual NRCMCC rally

Oct 14 – to Gerard Roche's place – Eureka

Nov 16 – slow bike run to Rocky Creek dam

Dec 16 – brunch at Frank Widdows place

May 20 – Doug Fosky told of a rally in Coffs harbor – club approved run

June 30 – July1 – Team Trials to be held at Boona this year – no dirt by request – see Tony Kemp nich for details – teams of 3 best, but can join a team at Boona.

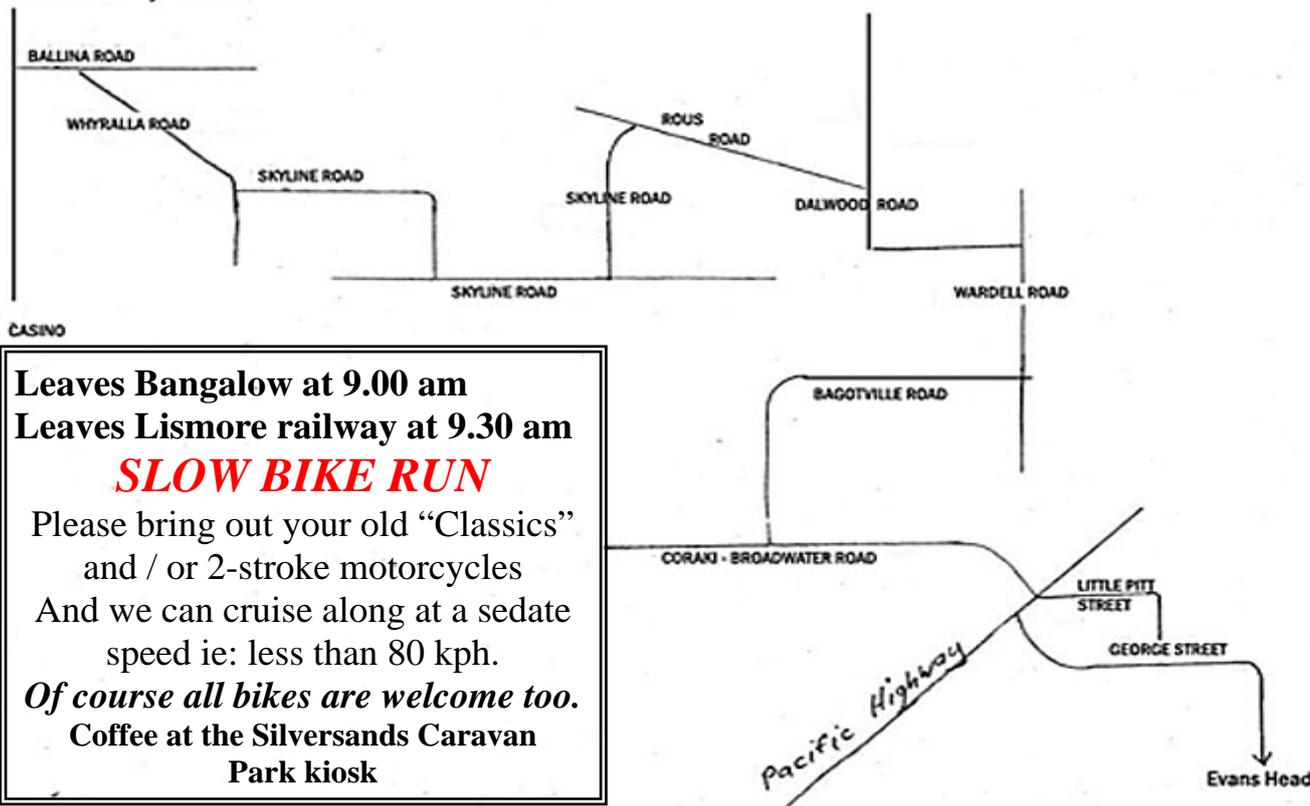
Ross Skene pointed out that the average speed cameras will also catch cars and m'bikes, not just trucks. Some doubt about whether the cameras can catch rear number plates on bikes.

Executive meeting re rules and club rally – 6.00pm Wed 16 May at workers club, Lismore

Close 8.45 pm

START:
Lismore Railway Station

Sunday Club Ride to Evans Head, June 17



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Leaves Lismore railway at 9.30 am
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President's Report for June

Fellow members. There is an old saying "time waits for no-one". How true that is. It's hard to believe that my term of President for this year is more than half way through. Our annual rally is just a few months away, the Kawasaki Z1 900 is now 40 years old, the "Old Bike Australia" magazine is now 31 publications on, and NSW Police is 150 years old. All that said, if you are thinking of starting a new project just do it. There are lots of bargains around at the moment, especially in the Japanese range of bikes. Let's face it, if we had all purchased a Kawasaki 900, say, 20 years ago for next to nothing, you would now reap a good profit. Never let fear stand in the way of your dreams.



President Pat Holt

South Grafton Ex-Services Motorcycle Club Historic Register Autumn Campout & Observation Ride. 26/27th May

This weekend run was based at Nymboida Canoe Course on Armidale Rd. With BYO food, drinks and WARM bedding.

Saturday's run left Grafton at 9am for a 40km ride to the Canoe Centre to check in. Accommodation is camping, onsite Cabins or some towed caravans.

At 11am the riders left for Dorrigo for lunch then a return to Nymboida for drinks and nibbles. The large camp fire was very popular as the temperature dropped rapidly. Following a BBQ we all watched a great selection of Motorcycle movies in the main shed.

Sunday morning saw ice on the seats of the bikes and we all gathered around the fire to defrost as we received the instructions for the observation run ahead.

We were all given a sheet with directions and questions and headed off towards Coutts Crossing. Our well thought out strategy was to follow a local which proved to be a great move as we travelled along many back roads in search of answers.

A van met us for morning tea and we then zig zagged our way back to Nymboida for a BBQ lunch.

This event will become an annual run open to all clubs and as the venue can accommodate hundreds, we highly recommend it as a must for next year. Congratulations to the S.G.E.M.C.C. members for organising this novel event which combines a great ride through very scenic country with an observation run to add a lot of humour.

Col. & Nancy



The New Hearing Aid

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years.

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The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

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Bangalow: runs start from top restaurant car park

Lismore: from the old Railway Station.

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



June 17th: Sunday Slow Bike Run, leaves Bangalow 9 am, Lismore 9.30 to Evans Head Riverside Cafe for coffee. Love to see more old bikes attend these runs. Refer to page 3 for map.

July 15th Sunday run to hot rods at Brunswick heads. Leaves Lismore 9 am, Bangalow 9.30

Aug 5th Sunday Annual Static Bike & Car Display, 9.30 am Clyde Campbell car Park. Members provided a good display last year — lets try do even better this year.

Aug 19th Triples rally weekend: Sunday combined run with Col and his Triumph triples. Leaves Ballina Lakeside Caravan Park, Fenwick Drive 9.30 am (Not Shaws Bay) return approx 1200 for a barbeque. Barbeque provided by Triumph riders in appreciation for NRCMCC providing marshals on the previous day. Note: Marshalls will be required for Sat 18/8/12, please contact Col 02 6683 4429

NRCMCC Annual Rally: 28th/29th/30th September

COMMEMORATION PARK, BALLINA — 2012

Sep 28th Fri. Old Bike Run for pre 1960 bikes, this being a new addition to our rally and we hope to get as many members involved as possible. Entry in this rally enables you to then trailer your bikes to the Saturday judging if you prefer not to ride.

Sep 29th Sat. 8.00 am breakfast and sign on at Commemoration Park, Ballina, rally start 10 am. Stop for lunch at Wardell and the judging. 2pm organised ride back to Ballina

Sep 30th Sun. 8 am breakfast. 10am Rally, ending with a B.B.Q. lunch at Commemoration Park

Oct 14th Sunday club run to Gerard Roche's house in Eureka. Leaves Lismore 9 am Bangalow 9.30 am

Oct 28th Sunday "Compression against Depression" run. Please contact Nick Kostyn for further details.

Nov 18th Sunday slow bike ride to Rocky Creek Dam Leaves Bangalow 8.30 am, Lismore 9am

Dec 16th Sunday Run to Frank Widdows house, 64 Westland drive Ballina. Leaves Lismore 8.30 am Bangalow 9 am.

2012 events hosted by HMCQ

June 30 to July 1 TEAMS TRIALS, held in Boona this year.

(hosted by Brisbane area) IAN: 07 3369 1058

See Tony Kempnich for further details



August 15

"STINKWHEEL RALLY" (Pine Rivers area)

JOHN: 07 3269 7643

See me for further info, Editor

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Tenth Anniversary (Not) Over the Hill Mob Run 2012



Dressed in wet weather gear at the Lismore start for the rain that never came!

Once again the Heavens listened to our OTHM run organizers, and, for the tenth anniversary tour, we left Lismore on Sunday, 29 April on wet roads and wrapped in our best wet weather gear – but, despite the belief and fears of our farewell group – NO rain!!

A mixed bag of bikes participated, Beamers, Guzzis, Trumpies, Beasas, Ducatis, a Yamaha and a Honda – mostly classics.

It was a late start with a reluctant Guzzi refusing to get its timing right despite the ministrations of a crowd of experts! So it started the trip on the backup trailer!

Col and Nancy had a delayed start since their Triumph triple was behaving as a twin! So they went back home and swapped bikes for another triple and rejoined us at Glen Innes. And a microscopically cracked blade fuse brought their second bike to a temporary stop later in the run but, once diagnosed, was soon running again.



The real meaning of the OVTHM run — Errol 82 years old on his Honda CX 500

We had a good run under threatening clouds to Tenterfield, and then on to Glen Innes for the night where we would meet Graham and John from Dorrigo. We all enjoyed the usual wonderful morning tea at Malanganee and lunch in the park at Tenterfield (Thanks to all the catering ladies and Lina for the cakes, biscuits and slices)

The expert crowd gathered again at the Glen Innes Motel and sorted the Guzzi, so it was brought down off the trailer ready to join the run on Monday. Poor Errol got tangled up in the expert crowd and tripped, falling on his mobile phone which badly bruised his hip – so his Honda CX500 replaced the Guzzi on the trailer for a day. We took over a room at the Glen Innes Services Club for Dinner

Day 2 - Monday - Glen Innes to Moree, with a morning stop at Inverell to be greeted by members of the local historic bike club. Amongst other bikes, they had a beautiful BSA 441 Shooting Star in the parking lot. Then we took a diversion to Copeton Dam for morning tea and Lunch at Warialda Apex park. Both BMW R100S's suf-

fered stones through their headlights on this part of the run - coincidence? or do we ride too close?! Very pretty country with incredible views.

We stayed at the Dragon and Phoenix Motel at Moree and almost everyone spent time soaking in the hot mineral spa pool in the motel grounds (well – almost in the grounds – locals were treated to the sight of many betowelled and otherwise naked bathers walking back to our section of the motel along the main street) The usual drinks and nibbles circle formed in the late afternoon in the motel carpark, followed by dinner at the Thai restaurant across the road.

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OVTH run continued . . .

Day 3 – Tuesday - Cindy told me on the phone that it was still raining at home in Clunes, but it was clear and cool in Moree. We morning tea'd at Coolatai in the park and Will's short cut back up onto the road brought his sump and a rock into too close conjunction – the result a split sump which fortunately kept



Copeton Dam — ready to leave after the morning tea stop

him going until the lunch stop at Texas, where, believe it or not, a local irrigation company was able to weld the cast alloy. So he dropped the sump in front of the burger shop (great burgers!) and an hour late was on the road again!



The happy group at Storm King Dam out of Stanthorpe — the last morning tea.

Graham (from Dorrigo) had a very nerve wracking moment on his Guzzi when an apparently blown fork seal sprayed oil onto his exhaust which blew clouds of smoke back at me as I followed him – so he stopped and checked it out, especially as the steering seemed a bit waffely. A more careful examination showed that a fork tube had broken in the lower triple tree!! So the backup trailer had a permanent resident.

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OVTH Run continued . . .

Warwick was today's objective and we stayed at the Jackie Howe Motel where we settled in for usual drinks and nibbles session before heading off to Dinner at the Criterion Hotel in town – very old, very classy, and good food.

In the morning of Day 4, Wednesday, we were greeted by a couple of members of the Historic Motorcycle Club of Queensland, and Gary Smith, A club official, took the boys out to his place in the country to see his collection of old bikes; restored and 'in waiting'.

Bikes lined up outside the pub at Allora, near Warwick. It poured while we had lunch—gutters flooding but had cleared by the time we were ready to leave



More than a lifetimes work there I think – and a challenging winding long and steep gravel drive to get to his house. Thanks to Gary's wife for the tea and scones! This was followed by lunch at the Allora Pub and then a local run along the Cedar road and back to the motel. We had a bit of a scare with a truckie who nearly cleaned up a line of us waiting to turn right from the centre of the road back near Warwick. He passed at high speed on the left with hardly any clearance on the narrow road. I'd love to stick him on a postie bike and play chicken with him while I was driving the truck – that'd teach him respect for other road users!

The pillion passengers spent the day shopping and exploring Warwick, with Julia especially pleased with her red dress from an op shop.

The usual Grand dinner was held at O'Hagans Hotel – a delicious meal and lots of fun.

A near miss next morning for Andy as he started a legal u-turn when the lights changed, but a young P plater ran the lights on the red and nearly cleaned him up – Andy completed the u-turn and caught the driver up and told him through his window in no uncertain terms what he thought!

The clouds were building up and the forecast was for rain on the trip home, so Day 5, Thursday, started by changing the return trip to make sure we were on good roads – so instead of going via Rathdownie, it was decided we should return on the main road via Stanthorpe where we had the last morning tea on the shores of Storm King Dam followed by a quick visit to the stone pyramid (some people have too much spare time!) and then Tenterfield, Casino and finally home. The rain followed us across the mountains, but It couldn't catch us – so a dry run home!

Many thanks to the organising team led so ably by Tony and Lina. And once again, if you haven't been on an OTHM run, you've really missed something worthwhile! *Richard Swinton*

The Pyramid near Stanthorpe, bigger than it looks! Boulders 3' to 4' in diameter.



From the Editor's desk

I was able to bring this month's newsletter which contains the most ride reports and events ever that our members have attended in the last month or so, with the help of many willing scribes in the club and I surely appreciate their help. It is unfortunate that we were unable to bring the "Over the Hill Mob Run" report in last month's newsletter. From the good report that Richard has done for this edition, all those who attended the run had a fabulous time and appreciated the hard work Tony and Lina Kempnich put in organising this great event. See more pictures on our website.

I also have to thank Graeme Sommers for the work he did in organising the Nymboida weekend run last month and from all reports it also was very successful and the weather was marvellous.

This Sunday club run is designated a "Slow Run" and we only hope that more members are willing to bring out their favourite "Classic" and bring it along for a nice slow cruise to Evans Head for a coffee at the Silver Sands Caravan park. We have, as promised a the back-up driver for the morning so there should not be any fear if a problem arises. Make sure you check out the "Mud Map" which Frank has prepared on page 3 so everyone knows the way to go.

Next month's newsletter will contain all the info needed for our Annual Rally which will commence on the last weekend of September (28/29/30). Note the new addition to the event with a strictly pre 1960 age limit for bikes which will be held on the Friday afternoon for a short run.

Noel Edwards

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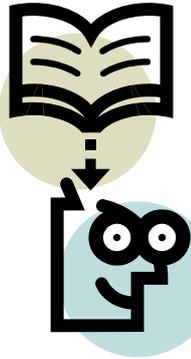
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'Book of the month'

I believe every one of you members of the club will have seen the film, 'the World's Fastest Indian', starring sir Anthony Hopkins as Burt Munro. If you haven't, I have a copy I can lend to you...

But the film is based on the book "One good run - The legend of Burt Munro' by Tim Hanna, and although the film is enjoyable and certainly builds the character of Burt Munro, it is a drastic simplification of the true story. Burt made at least 6 trips to the US to race on Bonneville Salt Flats, and each trip was an adventure in itself. He was a womaniser of the worst (best?) order and was very popular with all the US speedsters ... The stories of his attempts and how he conned the officials into letting him get away with the most amazing things (home cut tires for example!) are totally absorbing.

This book is available through the club website - search under author - Tim Hanna, and give me a ring or send an email. You'll not regret it.

Richard Swinton

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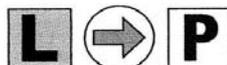


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Mid-Week run reports for May . . .

Last mid-week ride for May

Six of us left Lismore on a beautiful sun drenched Wednesday to return to Wardell for one of their famous pies for morning tea and of course another excellent coffee. Returning from injury, Ray Martlew rode his little 175 CZ, Rob and myself our Yamaha RD250's (mine making a return from a major engine reconstruction ie. new pistons and rings), Brian on his immaculate



Yes! We just missed the South Ballina

Triumph, Glen on his RG BMW 1150 and Peter on his "Classic BMW". You would have to class this run as a fine example of a "Slow Bike Run", never exceeded 85 kph so we all could comfortably keep up with our small 2-strokes. Just for a difference we travelled via Eltham to Ballina , over the ferry to Wardell just kept cruising along and enjoying the waterside view.

An extra Mid-week run held to Evans Head

Last month we had an extra run organised to Evans Head air strip to view the Northern Rivers Model aircraft club trialling and testing their fantastic collection of high powered aircraft. We were invited by Ian Thompson who is a renowned successful competitor in Australia model aircraft competitions.



An F18 ready for take-off

Most of the models were powered by jet engines and some were capable of reaching speeds of 300 kph. Seen getting ready for takeoff in this photo is a model of an F18 jet fighter with so much realism even down to the model pilot's uniform and all exactly built to 1/6 scale.

This run to see the most advanced model aircraft in full flight was an awesome experience for anyone remotely interested in aircraft and how they resemble and perform in the air replicating the real thing is truly amazing.

Noel Edwards

Wake -up and Laugh a little

It was Paddy O'Brien's turn to make a toast...

O'Brien hoisted his beer and said, "Here's to spending the rest of me life, between the legs of me wife!"

That won him the top prize at the pub for the best toast of the night!

He went home and told his wife, Kathleen, "I won the prize for the Best toast of the night."

She said, "Oh, did ye now. And what was your toast?"

O'Brien said, "Here's to spending the rest of me life, sitting in church beside me wife."

"Oh, now that was very nice indeed so it was." Kathleen said.

A few days later, Kathleen met two of O'Brien's drinking buddies on the street corner.

The men chuckled leeringly and said, "O'Brien won the prize the other night at the pub with a toast about you, Kathleen."

She said, "Aye to be sure, he told me, and I was a bit surprised meself. You know, he's only been in there twice in the last four years. Once he fell asleep, and the other time I had to pull him by the ears to make him come."

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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.