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2011

Classic Torque

Jack Ahearn trophy winner



Tony Kempnich finally receives his trophy last meeting for the "Best Restored Bike" for the year 2010 with his 1970 BMW, from Jack Ahearn, our club patron.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

NRCMCC 25TH YEAR

CELEBRATIONS

AT

CLUNES HALL

10 AM

Sunday

May 29

NB: its BYOG

*Hope you have already paid
and booked and remember to
wear your name badge.*

Time to refresh your memory of rules for club rallies!

Rules of the run – how to avoid getting lost; and losing others.

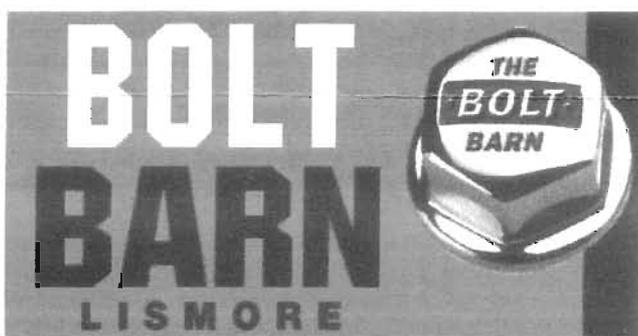
The LEADER of the run stays permanently at the front, and a permanent TAIL END CHARLIE – preferably easily identifiable and on a reliable bike/car – stays at the back of the run. At each change of direction/intersection, the leader signals whoever is in the NUMBER 2 SPOT to stop and direct the following traffic along the right pathway. The number 2 stays there until the tail end Charlie appears. The number 2 can then rejoin the run (passing at least the tail end Charlie).

At the next intersection/change of direction, the same process with whoever is now in the number 2 spot. It is important that whoever is in the number 2 position stops when signaled by the leader.

Cheers and enjoy the run.

Minutes from April Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:	12/04/2011	START:	7.43 pm
WELCOME: MEMBERS 45 as per attendance sheet.			
VISITORS PRESENT:	1 as per attendance sheet – Tim Douglas from Tasmania		
APOLOGIES:	5 as per attendance sheet		
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ			
ACCEPTED:	Richard Swinton	SECOND:	Peter Lake
BUSINESS ARISING			
1. Discussion on Wadeville run by pillion riders on the run who suggested that they liked the slower runs so Richard Swinton suggests we could advertise slow runs as slow run and pillion friendly run.			
TREASURERS REPORT			
OPENING BALANCE:		CLOSING BAL:	
ACCEPTED:	Paul Reynolds	SECOND:	Noel Edwards
CORRESPONDANCE			
IN:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bunnings letter regarding sausage sizzle 2. Grafton Grille 3. Throttle Lever 4. QLD Historic Club newsletter 5. Inverell Restorers Club newsletter 6. Northern Rivers Classic Car Club newsletter 7. Natureland Club Kempsey Events List 8. Kempsey Swap meet notice for May 15th 9. 2011 Bush Council Rally Easter – Forster/Tuncurry 10. Sunbeam in Oz Rally in October – Wangaratta appeal to any Sunbeam owners 11. Receipt from Bush Council for Affiliation fees 12. Bundle of “Travellers Comfort Pack” from Council of Heritage Motor Clubs 13. Donation of voucher for sheep skin seat cover 		
OUT	1. Bunnings letter regarding sausage sizzle		
ACCEPTED:	Doug Foskey	SECOND:	Doug Hampton



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April minutes / GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Chain Gang – sprockets and chains advertising cards left for members to take
2. hoping to have a display at hall centenary celebrations of members bikes.
3. Jeff who is walking from Byron Bay to furthest point in WA will be here Easter Sunday at the hall for a fund raising BBQ, we have been asked to put on a display – Newborn Emergency Transport Services. No members in attendance available.
4. Jack Ahearn presents trophy to Tony Kempnich for his bike restoration.
5. Club is asked if we will support the triples rally again this year, August 20, 21 and request loan of catering trailer. Unanimous agreement from all present.
6. Doug reminds that T Shirts and Hats are still available for sale.
7. Mary presents a beautiful card of congratulations, signed by club members, to Katrina for her upcoming wedding set for May 7. Katrina responds with thanks to club for their years of friendship and lovely gesture of the card.
8. DVD of past rallies from 2008 is presented to the library, collated by Richard Swinton
9. April 29 – May 1 Nundall rally noted as a club run
10. Sydney club 30th anniversary May 14, 15 noted as a club run.
11. Inverell rally 15 – 17th April noted as a club run
12. Budgie rally 14, 15 May noted as a club run
13. Greg comments that 2 meetings ago we had the Northern Rider magazine owner and report on dispersion of the magazine was given and short discussion held. Next issue will have a promotion for our club.
14. Eric updates club on our 25th anniversary meeting for May 29. We are limited by council, to seating for 140, but we are told this is still too crowded so we are limiting the event to 120. There are around 20 official guests attending, so that leaves only around 100 saleable tickets for the event. Discussion held on the upcoming event. Mary has tickets at meeting for sale.
15. Wendy asks how Ted is after coming off at last run – he is reported to be healing.
16. Tony reports there have been a few dropouts for Over the Hill Run if anyone wants to register.
17. July 3, Kalbar Historic Team Trials are on and Tony would like to put a second team together from the club. We need 3 to make a team and we have 1 team so far.
18. Eric talks about old Tasmanian tracks and how Jack still holds records for the Longford Track.
19. Morgan Park 11,12 June (long weekend) QLD Historic Road Racing Championships noted as a club run.
20. Alstonville bypass opening party on May 7, advertised a bike display, no one at club knows who is organising this. Mark will look into this.
21. Raffle prizes are really needed.

MEMBERS REPORTS

CLUB RUN	Peter reports on slow bike run to Wadeville – 35 attended with Ted Page becoming a casualty after leaving the group without notice. Other than this it was a very enjoyable day with great reception from the owner of the venue.		
	Gear box day made some successful repairs.		
	Mid week run went to House with No Steps, with 8 attending. Tony reports on trip to Tassie and particularly a road called Jacob's Ladder – some wonderful photos put on display board. Sheffield Steamfest proved to be a very interesting day. Went to Phillip Island on the way to Tasmania. 7500 km round trip for Tony and Lena.		
NEXT RUN:	27 April and 4 May are next mid week runs. Run to Woodenbong through Casino and Bonalbo and back to Lismore. 9am Bangalow, 9.30 Lismore Railway Station	MEETING CLOSED:	8.37 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!!

NRCMCC 25th YEAR CELEBRATIONS

DETAILS

Where . . . Clunes Coronation Hall, Clunes
Date **SUNDAY 29 MAY**
Plan Celebration ride departs from hall at Clunes at 10.00am, returns to hall at approx. 12.00 noon. The ride is designed for the "Classics" and older slower bikes but all bikes are most welcome. The ride takes in the surrounding villages of Federal, Rosebank, Dunoon, Bexhill, Eltham and returns to Clunes. There will also be a back-up trailer provided.
Note: there will be Tea, Coffee and biscuits available before and after this ride This will be followed by a catered hot lunch at 1.00 pm.
Celebration after lunch, there will be a number of presentations made, including to the original 1984 committee members.

Please Take Note

Costs: There will be a charge of \$20.00 per head for the lunch
As we are limited to 120 seated places for the lunch, it will be a case of booking and paying NOW.
There will be NO bookings available after this May monthly meeting

This Club Event Will Be A B.Y.O

The committee wants every member to take part in the ride even if not going to the lunch and please note: there will be No bar service. You will be aware that there is a well stocked bottle shop in Clunes close to the hall, so your needs can be purchased there or bring from home. ie: BYOG
The committee request that all members wear their Name Badges to assist in social interaction. Wearing of Club shirts remain optional.

Any enquires; contact Eric Wilson, event organiser, phone number on newsletter



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NRCMC Club Events 2011

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

Bangalow: runs start from top restaurant car park / from Lismore Railway Station.

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

- May 15th** Kyogle – Toonumbar Dam run; leaves Bangalow 8.30 am / Lismore 9 am (7 klms of good dirt road to dam) morning tea at Kyogle
- May 29th** Clunes Hall at 10 am bike ride —12 noon return for lunch (25th Anniversary of our club). Back-up trailer is provided.
- June 19th** Evans Head Riverside cafe run; leaves Lismore Railway station 9.30 am
Slow Bike Run
- July 17th** Brunswick Heads Coffee Run; leaves Lismore 9 am / Bangalow 9.30 am.
- August 14th** To be advised
- September 18th** “The Circle” Lismore as base. One and half hour ride to be advised as to time and start point.
- October 16th** Moto GP weekend) Slow Bike Run to Casino (Park beside the river) leaves Bangalow 8.30, Lismore 9 am.
- November 13** Run to “House with No Steps” coffee shop. Leaving Lismore 8.30, Bangalow 9 am
- January 15th** Drake Pub Run for lunch, leave Lismore 9.30 am

Plan ahead for these other club events for 2011

- May 14/15** All Triumph rally, Dayboro Showground.
- May 22** Ray Owens Classic Motorcycle Show and Swap have moved to Tamborine Mountain Showground from Beaudesert .
- June 3/4/5** Australian Super Bike Championship, Queensland Raceway
- June 10/12** Queensland Historic Road Racing Championships, Morgan Park, Warwick
- July 2/3** Kalbar Team Trials (run by Brisbane area) 50% dirt, teams of 3 compete
Contact Tony Kempnich for more details / its our turn to win!
- July 17** Club Laverda Concourse has now been moved to the Cleveland Showground, Long Street, Brisbane
- August 17** Pine Rivers Stinkwheel Rally (see Noel Edwards for details).
- August 19/22** Aussie Triples rally from Ballina / need marshals Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Col 6683 4429
- August 26/28** Jacaranda city rally, Grafton, contact 0407 212 691
- October 29/30** Gatton Swap Meet, run by Toowoomba area.
- November 4/6** Hat Head Rally, Natureland Classic Motorcycle Club 16th Annual Rally
Held near Kempsey

May Club run to Woodenbong pub for lunch

Having suffered many frustrating weeks of wet weather and not getting out for a bike ride for some time this was the first real opportunity we had to do just that. The skies were certainly cloudy but no real sign of rain at least from the Lismore Railway starting point. Surprising enough we had a dozen keen members, albeit anxious about how the weather was going to treat us, we set off at 9.30 for the run to Casino via Caniba and Spring Hill.



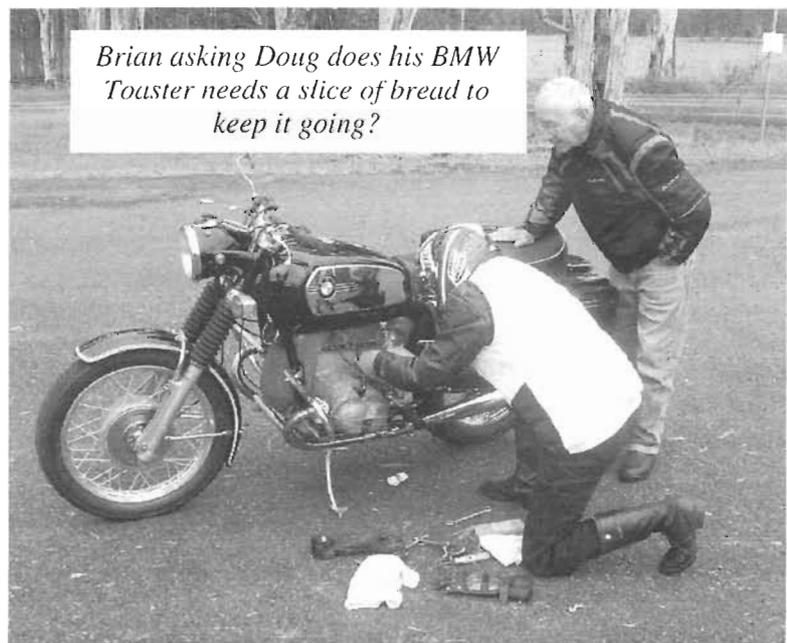
Regroup at the nature stop at the sawmill

The first regroup stop was at the old sawmill intersection to Bonalbo with the twelve bikes again (some managed to get there early via the short cut, (good on ya Norm), pleased to see one brave pillion rider, Kerry aboard the BMW comfort bike.

The road and ride conditions had been really good up to here but from this point on to Woodenbong there was rather a large deterioration in the road as the many potholes and a little bit greasy managed to keep all of us on our toes. Passing through the small villages of Bonalbo, Old Bonalbo and Urbenville it was interesting to reflect on how these towns had coped during the massive wet season we had earlier in the year.

Arriving in Woodenbong, which looked pretty good coming in from our direction but looking across the main road to the old timber mill and garages which had closed down gave a feeling of emptiness to this town which had previously been a thriving community. Anyway the local pub-lican welcomed us in and we proceeded to be looked after with a good country pub selection of tucker and refreshments.

Time marched on and just as we were about to get riding again a couple of customers just arriving at the pub asked where we were off to next and of course Kyogle was mentioned. Better put on your raincoat mate, they said, "it was p...ssing down when we came through there. So taking their advice we did. Didn't really need it till approximately Bentley about 25 klms from home and then it did come down. No motorbike wet weather gear is perfect as I found out again, but thankfully everyone arrived home safely BUT WET. The round trip was approximately 260 klms. Apart from the last wet bit it was a really good run and thanks to Rob who took charge of proceedings since Peter could not make it this time.



More pictures next page

More pics from run to Woodenbong



At the first rest stop at Bonalbo turn off : In foreground is Ray's 1995 Jawa Tramp a 350 twin 2-stroke and we have reason to believe that only two of these machines are in Australia. They certainly perform very well and will cruise easily at 100 + kph



Seated in the pubs outdoors dining area are just some of the members enjoying the food.

NEXT CLUB EVENT THIS SUNDAY, MAY 15TH
TO KYOGLE AND TOONUMBAR DAM — Morning tea at Kyogle
Leave Bangalow 8.30 am — Lismore Railway Station 9 am



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1978 HONDA CX 500



I saw this article in an old English magazine recently and thought it would be interesting to reprint this performance chart (which is now obviously not allowed here). This bike was a proven success at the time, being a good tourer, smooth and with 49 bhp had enough power to satisfy most riders. Fuel consumption at normal cruising speeds was an acceptable 52 mpg (18.4 kpl) but cruising at 80 mph it dropped to 43 mpg. In 1982 Honda added a new V-Twin to its range, code named VT500E Euro Sport.

Honda offered the VT500 range for five years before it was improved in 1988 with the 647cc shaft drive version called the Revere with a bigger fuel tank and more up to date styling. Sporting versions with chain drive also appeared as the Hawk GT and Bros in Japan. Both became cult machines of their day. Trail bike version appeared as the 650 Transalp and an even bigger 750 version both very good V-twins today.

PERFORMANCE DATA HONDA CX500 – VT500E

All figures compiled at Motor Industry Research Association's proving ground, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

MODEL:	Honda CX500	Honda CX500E	Honda VT500E
DATE OF TEST:	5 April 1978	October 1982	25 April 1983
TOP SPEED (MEAN)	110.44mph	105.80mph	111.40mph
BEST ONE-WAY SPEED	117.69mph	110.85mph	113.23mph
TOP SPEED (NORMALLY SEATED)	98.10mph	98.85mph	102.32mph
Standing quarter-mile			
ACCELERATION (MEAN)	14.5 secs/92.50 mph	14.6 secs/89.00 mph	13.9 secs/93.62 mph
SPEEDO ACCURACY, ACTUAL MPH AT INDICATED:			
	30	28.3	28.2
	50	49.5	47.6
	70	69.2	67.8
OVERALL TEST MPG	45.4	48.1	45.6
TEST WEIGHT (4.5 LITRES OF FUEL)	212kg (467lb)	218 kg (480lb)	194kg (427lb)
SPEEDS IN GEARS, MPH			
	@ 9000rpm	@ 9000rpm	@ 9500rpm
	36	35	40
	53	51	56
	69	67	70
	85	82	85
	105	102	101
		117	



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From the Editor's desk . . .



Sorry, I just can't help myself complaining about the weather, even speaking to anybody who likes outdoor activities, let alone motorcycle enthusiasts, same old complaint. We were indeed very lucky last Sunday Club ride to Woodenbong to only get saturated on the home run. Apart from that it was good to get a ride in and everyone arrived home ok.

Hope all members are aware that on the last Sunday of this month is our club's 25th Anniversary Celebrations (see page 4 for full details) and our committee strongly urges everybody to participate by coming along for the ride and enjoy a catered hot meal in the Clunes Hall (you must have paid your \$20 at the May meeting for the meal) otherwise only coffee and biscuits are available. NB: our committee also suggest that we all wear our name badges and the ride starts at 10 am from the Clunes Hall and is designed for all our bikes, i.e. Classics, small and all modern machines. A back-up trailer is being provided as well.

Have to extend to one of our esteemed members, Peter Harvey, get well wishes and a very speedy recovery as he is in St. Vincent's Hospital recovering from a major operation.

Also congratulations go to our esteemed secretary Katrina who married Chris last Saturday at their new home in Tuckurimba.

We went down to the Lismore Railway station last Sunday to wish Tony and Lena's enthusiastic group a "Bon farewell" for the annual "Over the Hill Mob" rally. Only hope they strike better weather than Lismore has been having over the last month or so. Next month's magazine should contain a full report on the trip.

I also have to apologize on behalf of our "Doc's tips" which I think most members receive some benefit from reading, that owing to circumstances beyond his control we were unable to run them in this edition.

Noel Edwards

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Departure of the 9th "OVTHM" tour

left: Sunday, May 1, 8.30 Tony giving a last minute briefing before the start of the annual "Over the hill Mob" rally in WHAT! Yes sunshine.

Below: Dave Dittma studying the instructions.



Above: Will and Richard departing with their lovely wives
Below: Tony and Lena Kempnich with the back-up vehicle



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Wake -up and laugh a little

The Old Timer

An old prospector shuffled into town leading an old tired mule.

The old man headed straight for the only saloon to clear his parched throat.

He walked up and tied his old mule to the hitch rail.

As he stood there, brushing some of the dust from his face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old man and laughed, saying, "Hey old man, have you ever danced?"

The old man looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No, I never did dance... never really wanted to."

A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said, "Well, you old fool, you're gonna dance now," and started shooting at the old man's feet.

The old prospector --not wanting to get a toe blown off-- started hopping around like a flea on a hot skillet. Everybody was laughing, fit to bust.

When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old man turned to his pack mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun, and cocked both hammers.

The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air. The crowd stopped laughing immediately.

The young gunslinger heard the sounds too, and he turned around very slowly.

The silence was almost deafening.

The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old timer and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old man's hands, as he quietly said, "Son, have you ever licked a mule's ass?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "No sir..... But... I've always wanted to."

TEQUILA, it will get you in the finish

A fellow walks into a bar, notices a very large jar on the counter, and sees that it's filled to the brim with \$10 bills. He guesses there must be more than ten thousand dollars in it. He approaches the bartender and asks, 'What's with the money in the jar?'

Well ...you pay \$10 and if you pass three tests, you get all the money and the keys to a brand new Harley.' The man certainly isn't going to pass this up. And so he asks, what are the three tests? You must pay first... Those are the rules,' says the bartender.

So, after thinking it over a while, the man gives the bartender the \$10* *and the bartender stuffs it into the jar. 'Okay,' the bartender says, here's what you need to do: First - You have to drink a whole quart of tequila, in 3 minutes or less, and you can't make a face while doing it. Second - There's a pit bull chained in the back with a bad tooth. You have to remove that tooth with your bare hands.

Third - There's a 90-year old lady upstairs who's never had sex. You have to take care of that problem! The man is stunned. I know I paid my \$10, but I'm not an idiot! I won't do it!

You'd have to be nuts to drink a quart of tequila, and then do all those other things... Your call,' says the bartender.....But, your money stays where it is. As time goes on, and the man has a few more drinks, he finally says, Where's the damn tequila? He grabs the bottle with both hands and drinks it as fast as he can. Tears stream down both cheeks... but he doesn't make a face, and he did it in fifty-eight seconds! Next, he staggers out the back door, where he sees the pit bull chained to a pole. Soon the people inside the bar hear growling, biting, and screaming sounds... then nothing but silence!

Just when they think that the man surely must be dead he staggers back into the bar, with his shirt ripped open and there are scratches and he's bleeding all over his body.

He says, Now where's that old woman with the bad tooth?