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**February
2013**

Classic Torque

Last NRCMCC club run for 2012

Not sure whether it was the chance of rain or it just getting close to Christmas that reduced the rider numbers for the Sunday run to Frank Widow's place in Ballina. We only had approximately a dozen riders to make the run from Bangalow via the Coast road through Suffolk Park, Ross Lane and back into Ballina. A few riders chose to come direct from their home so Frank ended up having about twenty members for morning tea. B-B-Q sausages, curried egg and lettuce sandwiches and the best darn Christmas cake I have ever eaten were there to be had.

On behalf of the club I thank Frank and ??????? for putting on this wonderful spread.



*A few of our member's classics lined up
outside Frank's house in Ballina*

Meeting Minutes – NRCMCC 12 December 2012

General Meeting:

Welcome Open at 7.45 – Chaired by Pat Holt - attendance – 24 members as per attendance sheet

Visitors - None

Apologies – Peter Lake, John Café, Michael Smith

Minutes of previous meeting – accepted/2nd

Business Arising from minutes - Norm Balzar reported that the shed for the trailer had been constructed at Bryson Walkers property. Total cost \$369.

-Eric Wilson reported that Betty Ahearn was now in a home under good care, She will probably be there for some time.

Treasurers Report – Current account balance and Investment a/c were both declared; approx 50% memberships for 2013 are paid to date. Moved and accepted

Correspondence IN –On file – 6 newsletters; Letters in – Prostate cancer Foundation; Notice of Motion re Annual fees; Note from Council of Historic Motor vehicle Clubs re updating info. Letter from David Bonhote-Mead notifying that he would stand as raffle man for 2013

Correspondence OUT - none

GENERAL BUSINESS – Pat Holt passed on the trophy for Best in Class for the rally to David Charlton. There are still 2 uncollected trophies – pre 1939 (suspected no eligible entry) and 1940 – 49.

Members Reports - Rob Andrews reported on wed run to the ‘wrens nest’ at minion Falls, 9 riders; Wed run to ‘Our Daily Bread’ at Broadwater – 8 riders

-Col McAndrew pointed out that the normal coffee shop in Murwillumbah has closed.

Upcoming runs

Dec 16 – brunch at Frank Widdows place

Jan 19 –O’night Run to Tenterfield - Contact Noel Edwards

Jan 19 Run to Cramm’s Farm (Near Uki) to combine with Tweed clubs for picnic - \$5/head for excellent food

OTHM run – Tony K reported that 22 people booked already, important to book motel in Beaudesert ASAP since motel owner isn’t holding room on spec. Info on website.

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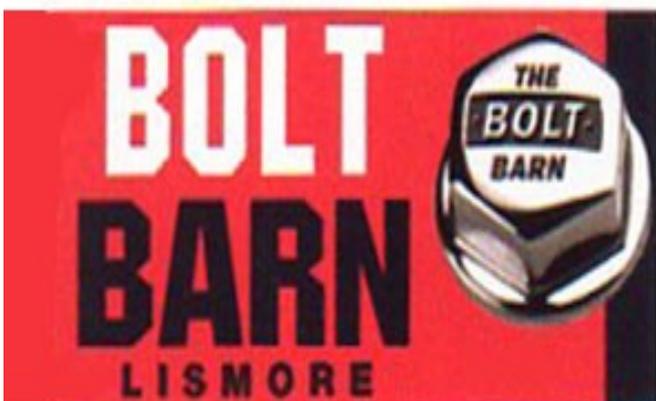
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NRCMCC minutes for December *continued from page 2*

Presidents report - Pat Holt reported on the 2012 year; thanked R Swinton and Gerard Roche for their support, and Eric Wilson, Doug Hampson, Peter Harvey and Katrina for their roles in developing the Constitution and club Rules. The rally was successful with 100 for meals and more as entrants, and excellent club member support. The Friday older bike run was successful. He was disappointed that the Xmas party/regio day was less successful. He thanked Tony and Lina for their dedication to the OTHM run and finally thanked Brenda for putting up with him. Gerard and Richard thanked Eric for his untiring role in supporting them.

General meeting Closed - 8.25pm

2012 Annual General Meeting

Opened at 8.30pm Attendance as for general meeting.

- Minutes for 2011 AGM read and accepted. No business arising.

- Peter Harvey moved that fees for 2013 remain at \$40 and that Dual Membership fee be \$10 for the dual member. Eric Wilson supported, motion accepted.

-Treasurer report stands as in ordinary meeting.

Pat Holt vacated and Peter Harvey took the chair to conduct the election of club officials;

Results: President, Col McAndrew; Secretary, Katrina Jeffries; Vice President, Pat Holt; Treasurer, Gerard Roche; Committee members, Frank Widdows and Peter Harvey; Librarian, Richard Swinton; Registration officers, Brian Reardon, Pat Holt, Bryson Walker, John Café; Catering officer, Frank Widdow; Raffles, David Bonhote-Mead; Events Co ordinator, Frank Widdows, Peter Lake; Mid week organizer, Rob Andrews; Newsletter Editor, Noel Edwards; Assistant editors, Richard Swinton, Nick Kostyn, Rob Andrews; Webmaster, Dieter Opfer:

AGM closed – 9.00pm



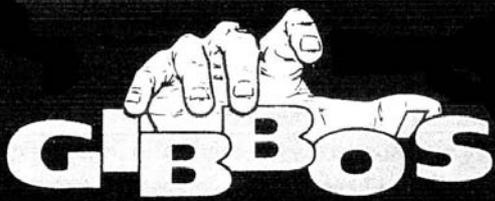
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# Tenterfield, the first club run for the year 2013

This annual event was on again in January, leaving Lismore on a very hot and dry Saturday afternoon. A few of our members chose to leave earlier to avoid some of the heat but still by the time we met up with the rest of the group at Casino we had a dozen riders. Plans to meet up with our Bon-albo members somehow went adrift, no one real sure why but everything turned out ok as we all



made it into Tenterfield after the mandatory refreshment stop at Drake. I have to admit that this was the first occasion I have seen so many club members actually drinking cordial when there was cold beer available. We were just all too hot to drink beer. Much fire and smoke from the still burning forest and the back burning being carried out by the volunteer firemen, not to mention the melting bitumen, made the trip very hot and challenging.

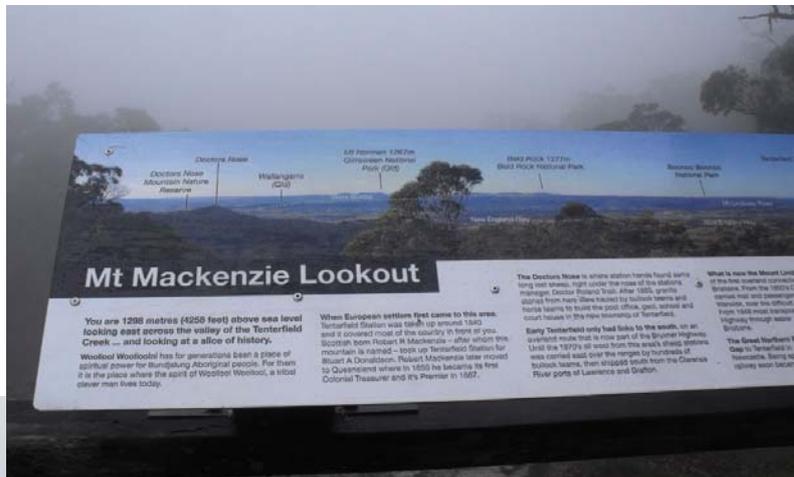
Arriving in Tenterfield the top priority was a mostly a cold shower before heading into the Royal Hotel. As usual the hotel provided an excellent choice of

evening meals for the 15 of us, crumbed lamb cutlets being the favourite.

Sunday morning after the usual continental breakfast half of us decided under the guidance of Peter who we then duly elected as tour guide, rode up to see the magnificent views offered at Mount Mackenzie, approx 15 klms west of Tenterfield. Check the photos (good one Pete), so much smoke and fog we were flat out seeing where to go let alone seeing any views.

We sort made up for it by then stopping at the old Tenterfield railway museum and it was certainly interesting and it is a credit to the Preservation society as all the exhibits were in really good order. After a morning coffee we then made our way down to Drake for lunch. As we finished the sky was getting noticeable darker so as a precaution we all donned our wets. As it turned out we made the right decision as the closer we got to Casino and Lismore the heavier the rain. Actually it was a relief riding in the cool condition compared to the day before and we got home safely after an excellent weekend.

(see page 9 for more pictures)



*The view would be great if you could see through the fog and smoke!*

# **NRCMC Club Events**

## **2012 / 2013**



**Club run each month on the 1st Sunday after the meeting.**

**Bangalow: runs start from top restaurant car park**

**Lismore: from the Rous Hotel, cnr. Keen and Zadoc Street.**

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

*Note: earlier starting times and NOW from the Rous Hotel in Lismore*

- Feb 17th** Sunday run to Katrina and Chris' house leaves Bangalow 8am, Rous Hotel Lismore 8.30
- Mar 17th** Sunday ride to Mary /Bryson's house leaves Bangalow 8 am, Rous Hotel Lismore 8.30  
*Designated Slow Bike Run.*
- April 14** Sunday ride to Tony/Lina house leaves Rous Hotel 9am, Bangalow 9.30 (daylight saving has now finished)
- 25-May** Overnighter at Nymboida canoe centre. Clarence Valley Historic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club are running the event. Our group to leave from Lismore early Saturday and ride to the start point in Grafton. Leaving Grafton Sat morning - times to be advised, for a ride up to Dorrigo for lunch and then back to Nymboida for BBQ and campfire with bike DVD's in a big shed. After brekky Sunday, a morning ride. Bring your cold weather gear. Cheap accommodation available, cabins or camping. For more info contact Col, 6683 4429 or Frank, 6686 0771.

## **Have you paid your NRMCC fees yet?**

According to the model Constitution, clause 4 b, fees must be paid within three (3) months of the AGM. This means that unless you are financial by the March meeting your Historic Bikes are considered UNREGISTERED and cannot be legally ridden even on a club sanctioned event.

If someone who is overdue on paying his fees gets picked up by the RMS or police while riding his historic bike they could face substantial repercussions and this would also reflect badly on club.

***If this applies to you, please pay ASAP.***

### **ATTENTION**

**Note new starting Times and Venue ROUS HOTEL, Lismore for all Sunday Club Events**  
**Mid-week runs have NOT changed: Lismore Railway 9 am (same as always)**



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## Welcome to the Editor's desk for 2013



Starting off the new year we have already been busy with three mid-week runs and a club run to Tenterfield. Rain has already played a part in our participation of club events with the run to Cramm's Farm not supported because of the wet.

Have to say there is quite considerable interest in weekend overnight events as they have always been well supported and offer an increased social aspect. We had 15 members attend the dinner at the Royal Hotel in Tenterfield and the atmosphere and food were great.

There has been quite a few comments this year on the abandonment of vehicle registration labels but members who have Classic Bike registration must still show the rego label otherwise be prepared to cop a fine if caught without it. On the subject of registration! Please Note: membership fees for our NRCMCC must be paid by no later than the next monthly meeting in March or you will be deemed unfinancial and any "Historic bike registration" you have will be deemed **unregistered**.

I am still recovering from the latest cyclone which descended on us late in January as a fifty foot pine tree from the neighbours yard fell on our patio. It is great to have such good friends in our club to rely on. Ray spent an entire day helping me cart the tree to the tip via car trailer. Thanks Ray and I hope everyone in the club survived the cyclone ordeal without mishap. Cheers Noel

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## Preliminary info for the Eleventh Over The Hill Tour.

This years Over The Hill Tour is heading north to Qld with a two night stay in the Resort village of Montville. The dates are Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May returning home on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> May. The later time is to avoid Qld May Day Public Holiday on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Day 1 Lismore to Toowoomba via Mt Lindsay Hwy, Rosewood, Gatton.

Day 2 Toowoomba to Montville via Esk, Kilcoy, Maleny.

Day 3 Lay day for those wanting to spend time in Montville & a ride taking in some great local roads & a Visit to the Kenilworth cheese factory . Tour Dinner will be on the second night in Montville next door to the Motel.

Day 4 Montville to Beaudesert via Mt Mee, Dayboro, Mt Glorious, past Amberley Air Base and on to Beaudesert.

Day 5 Beaudesert to Lismore via Canungra, Numinbah Valley etc.

Motels As Follows:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May Toowoomba

Jeffery's Motel Ph 0746355999

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May Montville

Montville Mountain Inn Resort 1800671269

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May Montville

As Above

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May Beaudesert

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For any further info please Ph Tony Kempnich 0266281806. Please let me know if you book so I can keep track of numbers. Ph 66281806 or email [tonyk@lis.net.au](mailto:tonyk@lis.net.au) for more entry forms.

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# President's Report for February

Firstly I wish to thank the members for their confidence in electing me to this position. In its present state **OUR** club is very healthy and enthusiasm abounds. The old story "it's a hard act to follow" could not be more accurate as the previous committee have done a tremendous job during a period where a lot of work was needed with the change of Constitution and refining the Club Rules. Many long hours were spent achieving this to the benefit of all members.

Thanks must also be given to Noel who has been providing the members with possibly the best motorcycle club magazine I have seen. The club's website also rates among the best with thanks to Dieter. The Club's Library is also a great asset, with Richard being the driving force.

Thanks also to Tony and Lena for their efforts with the annual "Over the Hill Run".

The events committee are planning well ahead and a large variety of rides are on offer for the coming year.

Our annual Rally was a success last year and I'm sure it will be bigger and better this year. The involvement of our members is vital to ensure the Rally's smooth running and all should be proud of their efforts and support.

I look forward to the next year and hope the weather gods give us plenty of opportunities to ride and show off our bikes.



Regards, Col. McAndrew

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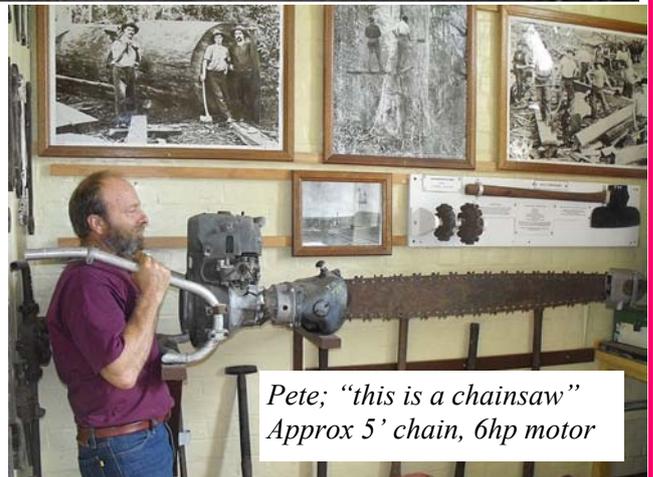
*Photos of Tenterfield Historic Railway Museum (continued from page 4)*



*Pic above: realistic model of the station as it was. The last passenger train departed November 25, 1988  
Below: Mick, no not waiting for a train, looking at painted tracks..*



*Saddle tank Loco  
Built USA  
1912*



*Pete; "this is a chainsaw"  
Approx 5' chain, 6hp motor*

## Wake-Up and laugh

Here's a funny story to start your day with a smile – don't go telling too many stories when you're next at the supermarket

### Banned from Woolworth's

Yesterday I was at my local Woolworth's store buying a large bag of Winalot dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout queue, when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think...? I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Winalot Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 2 stone before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with Winalot nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete, so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in the queue was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the kerb to sniff an Irish Setter's arse and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack, he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned from Woolworth's.

Better watch what you ask retired people.  
They have all the time in the world to think of daft things to say.

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**Wife:** I won't be able to sleep afterwards. **Husband:** I can't sleep without it.

**Wife:** Why do you think of things like this in the middle of the night?

**Husband:** Because I'm hot. **Wife:** You get hot at the darnedest times.

**Husband:** If you love me I wouldn't have to beg you. **Wife:** If you love me you'd be more considerate.

**Husband:** You don't love me anymore. **Wife:** Yes I do but let's forget it for tonight.

**Husband:** Please...go on. **Wife:** All right, I'll do it.

**Husband:** What's the matter? You need a flashlight? **Wife:** I can't find it in the dark.

**Husband:** Oh, for heaven's sake, feel for it! **Wife:** There! Are you satisfied?

**Husband:** Oh, yes. **Wife:** Is it up far enough?

**Husband:** Yeah! That's good. **Wife:** Right! Now go to sleep.

Next time you want the bloody window open, do it yourself.

# Our catering trailer now has new home



Our exotic catering trailer now has its own waterproof home located at Bryson and Mary Walkers home in Clunes. Norm Balzer built the garage with the help of Bryson and Marc and indeed our club must thank them very much as the valuable trailer certainly needed protection from the weather.



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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 or Lismore Rous Hotel. Start times vary so please check the latest newsletter or the club website. 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.