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**JUNE
2013**

Classic Torque

Sunday run to Bonalbo Mick's – 19 May 2013

22 bikes left Rous hotel at 8.30am headed to our distant members – Bonalbo Mick and Donna's place. We headed up the hills through Caniaba – a much better run to Casino than via the Bruxner Highway – and then on out to meet Mick at the Bonalbo pub so he could guide the mob to his house up in the hills.

I waited at Casino for another venturer, but fortunately knew my way and went directly to Mick's house. We were first there, but the mob arrived shortly after, its numbers increasing to 26 bikes, and Donna was beside herself having so many visitors. "Oh, I wish my neighbors could see how many visitors I have!!" And they did us proud with a brunch of sausages, bacon, eggs, and lots of tea and coffee. Mick proudly showed his wonderful collection of restored bikes, specializing in Nortons, but including two Harleys, one a WLA, and a lovely 1923 Douglas. He does an excellent job of finishing the bikes – and, if they don't leak oil, they get to be stored in the house to give him more work space in the shed! In fact he said it was the first time all the bikes were together in the shed!!

Thank you to both Mick and Donna for being our hosts and surprisingly, not a single grizzle was heard about the fact that there were a few km of gravel road to get to their place. Gradually people left to return home whichever way they wanted.

Richard Swinton (more pictures page 3)



Mick's Norton Dominator



and immaculate 1923 Douglas

MINUTES OF MEETING held on:	14/05/2013	START	7.40 pm
<p>WELCOME: MEMBERS 21 as per attendance sheet. Welcome to 2 new members – John Boyle and Buck Horton WELCOME 2 visitors</p>			
APOLOGIES:	5 as per attendance sheet		
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ			
ACCEPTED:	Doug Foskey	SECOND:	Mark Hunt
BUSINESS ARISING			
<p>1. Norm has a Bunnings date for BBQ – June 29. Proceeds will go to Breast Cancer and Prostate Support Groups locally. 2. Extra Sunday rides last month had 3 attending the first and then 8 attending.</p>			
TREASURERS REPORT			
OPENING BALANCE:		CLOSING BAL:	
ACCEPTED:	Peter Harvey	SECOND:	Doug Foskey
CORRESPONDANCE			
IN:	<p>1. Newsletters – Restore and Ride, The Link, Classic Lines, Grafton Grille, Throttle Lever, Inverell Club, QLD Historic Club 2. Rally report with mention of Mary Walkers best bike award, Inverell Club 3. Invites – Bush Council 2014 Easter Rally, Parkes. Natureland Club Swap Meet 19 May 2013. Newcastle Vintage rally 16 – 18 August 2013. 4. Inverell Club letter re newsletter on internet 5. Graham Millar, Byron Bay re Bonneville for sale 6. Receipt for affiliation fees 7. Return of Ipswich newsletter 8. Notice of motion for AGM from Doug Townsend</p>		
OUT:	1.		
ACCEPTED:	Mark Hunt	SECOND:	Eric Wilson
GENERAL BUSINESS:			
<p>1. Overnight ride in November for drum brake model bikes, more details next meeting 2. Doug mentions that our advert in Just Bikes hasn't changed much, though contact details are updated. Pat will have a look and we can discuss this next meeting. 3. Short discussion on that Sunday is now a designated club ride day. 4. Katrina reminds that the best way to get your ride into the daily diary is to send email or text message to Katrina noting: name, bike rego, from and to, and short reason (eg maintenance, fit parts) 5. Ruptured budgie rally, Doug is going on Friday if anyone wants to ride along with him. 6. Suggestion by Doug that we may want to look into an event of some kind at New Italy. Pat asks that he send a letter to the executive for consideration. 7. Hog club poker run on Sunday 26th May, noted as a club run.</p>			
MEMBERS REPORTS			
CLUB RUN	Peter Lake reports that first Wednesday run ended at church café Broadwater with 9 attending. Second run ended at Alstonville Garden Centre.		
NEXT RUN:	Ending at Mick's house at Bonalbo, leaving Lismore 8.30 from Rous Hotel	MEETING CLOSED:	8.06 pm

More pics from Bonalbo Mick's Club run



Pictured are scenes from the Bonalbo "Dog'n Bull" hotel the meeting venue to meet with Mick who then led us on to his place for the fantastic wood fired B-B-Q. The bottom photo shows why Donna was so excited to have so many visitors with over 2 dozen NRCMCC members present.



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# Nymboida Canoe Centre Weekend

The Clarence Valley Clubs event was a great weekend away with 5 members from our club attending.

Friday was a wash out, however the festivities in the shed kept everyone occupied.

Saturday was a perfect day with rides along some scenic local roads and a lunch stop at the Glenreagh Hotel.

This was an observation ride which was won by Eric Kinton and runner up Rob Reid, both from NRCMMC. This has become a successful annual event and will continue to grow. The large bonfire, BBQ and old bike movies showing in the shed add to the enjoyable rides that were organised.

*Col McAndrew*

## **Saving electricity and reducing bills**

If you have a house with lots of those little halogen downlights, you can now buy an LED light bulb that will fit straight into the halogen bulb socket and give of a comparable light.

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A further saving is that the LED bulbs give off very little heat, so you mightn't need to turn on your airconditioner in summer so often because halogen bulbs are very hot.

I got my LED from Bunnings - under \$10 each - quickly recovered in reduced bills.

*Cheers Richard Swinton*

## **A genuine joke from Queensland**

It is well known that humour is regional, but this is the first joke that I can say is truly Queensland:

At a national conference of the Australian Hotels Association, the general managers of Cascade Brewery (Tasmania), Tooheys (New South Wales), XXXX (Queensland), CUB (Victoria) and Coopers (South Australia) found themselves sitting at the same table for lunch.

When the waitress asked what they wanted to drink, the GM of Tooheys said without hesitation, "I'll have a Tooheys New."

The head of Carlton & United smiled and said, "Make mine a VB."

To which the boss of Coopers rejoined, "I'll have a Coopers, the King of Beers."

And the bloke from Cascade asked for "a Cascade, the cleanest draught on the planet."

The General Manager of XXXX paused a moment and then placed his order: "I'll have a Diet Coke." The others looked at him as if he had sprouted a new head.

"Well," he said with a shrug, "if you buggers aren't drinking beer, then neither will I."

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# **NRCMC Club Events**

## **2013**



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

**All runs now start only from Lismore Rous Hotel  
cnr. Keen and Zadoc Street at 8.30 am sharp**

***NOTE: Every Sunday can be a Club Run by notifying our Secretary and leaving full details etc***

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

- June 16** Sunday ride to Cindy and Richard Swinton's house in Clunes. Parking space in laneway next to house. Leave Lismore 8.30. Slow Bike run (trailer) to and from Rous hotel.
- June 29** Bunnings BBQ, Please bring out your bikes and lend a hand — from 8.30 am Saturday.
- July 14** Sunday ride to Brunswick Heads Hot Rod Show. Leaves Lismore 8.30 am
- Date to be advised:** Classic Bikes with drum brakes only ride to the Club Hotel Emmaville for two nights. <http://www.clubhotelemmaville.com/> Leave Lismore Friday for a casual ride to Tenterfield then on to Emmaville to meet up with members of the Clarence Valley Historic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club. This is an event specifically for the early classic bikes and a back-up car & trailer will be along to carry your gear. The proposal is to spend Saturday exploring some of the great bike roads in the area and then back to Emmaville for Sat. night. We can get great group rates on Dinner, B & B Contact Col for more info 66 834429 (ah) or [col\\_aqua@yahoo.com.au](mailto:col_aqua@yahoo.com.au)
- Aug. 4** Lismore Classic Car & Bike show. Clyde Campbell car park next to Police station. 9 am
- August 17** Aussie Triples Rally. Marshalls required with lunch provided. Meet 8.45 at entrance to Lakeside caravan Park, Fenwick Drive, East Ballina.
- August 18** Club Run and Aussie Triples rally combined with NRCMCC providing marshals. Lunch will be a BBQ at the Park. 8.45 am start at entrance to Caravan Park.
- Sept. 15** Sunday Run. Coffee ride to Alstonville area. Venue not decided yet. Starts Rous Hotel 8.30 am.
- Sept 27/30** NRCMCC Annual Rally. Details to come
- Oct. 12/13** Possible overnighter to Rathdowney Pub if we get enough interest.
- Oct. 13** Sunday Club run to Rathdowney Pub for lunch. Daylight saving now on. Leave Lismore 8.30 am. Rous Hotel .
- Oct 27** Sunday "Compression against Depression" ride organised by Nick Kostyn — details to come
- Nov. 17** Sunday Club run, 2 rides in 1. Slow run to Casino for morning tea (backup) or continue to Yamba for lunch via Bluff Point ferry. Leaves, Rous Hotel 8.30 am
- Dec. 8** Christmas party this year 9.30 am (food & drinks) volunteers required and rego day.
- Dec. 15** Sunday run to Frank Widdow's house (64 Westland Drive, Ballina) Leaves Lismore 8.30 am

### **Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs**

- 22-23<sup>rd</sup> June,** Teams Trial, Boonah. contact 0422979379
- 19/20/21 July** Tamworth Rally, contact 67 65 6085
- 21st July** 25th Anniversary Laverda Concourse, Cleveland Show Grd. Ph: 040 773 8179
- 27-28<sup>th</sup> July,** Frostbite Rally, Warwick. contact 07 46648198
- 28<sup>th</sup> July,** Nabic Museum Swap. contact 6554133
- 26-27th Oct,** GATTON SWAP: Now at Laidley, 8 klm south of Warrego Hwy and 16 klm east of Gatton. Gates open 6 am Sat, No campers before this, and 6am Sunday.  
Enquiries Brian, 04592 11365

# From the Editor's desk . . .



Have been talking with some of the recently returned from the annual "Over The hill Run" members and they all spoke glowingly of how good it was and especially thank Tony and Lina for all, the work they put in and very importantly the time they must of spent praying for it not to rain.

The last month's Sunday run to Bonalbo Mick and Donna's place was also deemed an excellent day out with a good roll-up of members many of whom rode their "Classic bikes" and enjoyed the chance to see Mick's restored Norton's and his 1923 Douglas.

We recently received a letter from the "Inverell Motorcycle Restorers Club outlining a suggestion that clubs email their newsletter to IMCRC. This idea has certain merits as it would allow clubs to have greater distribution network at minimum cost. In our clubs situation where we have our own web site anyone from any club can view it just by logging on to: [www.nrcmcc.org](http://www.nrcmcc.org) This idea will be finalised in the not too distant future.

I have been informed also that so far this year there has been no entries in the "Jack Ahearn" best restored classic motorcycle competition. On page 10 in this newsletter there is a photo (taken during the OVTH run) of a possible entry this year by someone very willing with a fair bit of time on their hands!

Noel Edwards

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# Presidents Report

## — June 2013



Winter has come early but that hasn't stopped the keen riders from getting out and attending events. The "Over The Hill" was very well supported and was organised again by Tony & Lina with much help from Bryson & Mary. One noticeable absentee this year was Errol Smith, who recently had a heart bypass operation. The members wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back in the saddle soon.

There was a large club presence at the recent Inverell Rally and several members are making the most of the Sunday rides.

The Rally committee have the planning well underway and we are looking forward to a repeat of last year when we had over 50 members attend and contribute towards the successful weekend. The Friday ride for pre- 1960's bikes is on again and I'm sure will continue to grow as it gives the riders of these older bikes a less stressful day without having to compete for braking room with the more modern bikes.

Info on other upcoming events can be found on our website and later in this magazine. See ya on the road,

Col

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# Over The Hill Run, May 2013

I don't know how she does it!? Lina says it's all about wear and tear on her knees (Praying), but whatever it is, it mostly worked again. I'll know this as the wet road rally – fog, occasional mist, but no rain – again! Of course, I was in the back up vehicle when it was beautiful and sunny.

The 2013 over the hill mob run has been completed with about 30 participants and 16 or so bikes – lots of pillions,



and we all enjoyed ourselves – no accidents and only my bike on the back up trailer.

Sunday saw us leave an overcast Lismore headed to Toowoomba via Kyogle (to pick up a few



extras) and then on up the Mt Lindsay highway to morning tea (thank you to Lina and all who contributed) at Maroon dam. A pity the road was wet, it would have been excellent biking. The ride then went to Rosewood

for lunch (thanks again – lovely chicken, beef, salad, etc, sandwiches and slice and cake with tea and coffee) and then on to Toowoomba and our motel with the daily traditional drinks and nibbles at the motel before we headed off for dinner.



*All hands on deck preparing lunch*

Monday – a VERY foggy morning on the mountains, so a challenging run down the mountain and to Esk and morning tea/lunch held on the shores of Somerset dam, a lovely spot. Through Kilcoy and up the mountains again to the lookout over the Glasshouse Mountains near Maleny and then on to the Montville Mountain Inn Resort for two nights.



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# ***OVTH wet weather rally continued . . .***

Montville is a typical tourist town – lots of gift and art shops and restaurants (but few open in the evening during the week) – no problem, the bar (“Men’s crèche -while you’re shopping – no charge, just leave beer money”!) next to the motel provided excellent if large meals. Peter Fleming showed off his mussels, and Ian’s plate of ribs was enormous.

Tuesday was a freebie; it was a bit wet in the morning, but cleared later – some went on a circular trip around the mountains visiting the cheese factory and other attractions, I went into Maleny, and some just wandered around Montville.



The all in together dinner was in the pub next door and three tables full of bikers and their partners certainly brightened up the place. Once again, enormous servings – I’m surprised some of the bikes coped with the extra weight next day!

Off down the mountain on Wednesday with Morning tea at Dayboro, followed by a glorious run up and down Mt Glorious (me still frustrated in the back up vehicle), lunch at the pie shop at Fernvale (with a last ditch attempt to get my bike running) and onto Beaudesert. The marshalling which had worked so well up to now fell apart with a diaspora of bikes and people, but all ended up at Beaudesert eventually. Marshalling is a challenge when on, or crossing, major highways.



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# 'OVTH' over for 2013, just wait for next year

Thursday saw us zig zag through SE Queensland skirting the west side of mount Tambourine and then back up the road into the Numinbah Valley and over the Natural Bridge road back to

*The group at the Natural Bridge national park and the wreck below, found along the way could make a good project for one of our members for the best restored bike if they hurry for 2013.*



Murwillumbah. The final morning tea was at a rest stop beside the road just before the Natural Bridge national park – just as well, because we were stuck behind a roads inspection van travelling at 50kph with a flashing orange sign – “overtake with caution” – on a road with double lines everywhere!! So morning tea was well timed.

Many thanks to Tony and Lina as always; to Bryson and Mary for helping find the route and to all those who contributed to catering – excellent. Also thanks to all the guys who tried to solve my bike problem – or was that just socialising? And thanks to Andrew for his excellent piloting of the back up vehicle – and for being Cindy’s and my chauffeur!

Lots of requests for Cindy’s Pesto recipe – so here goes...

4 cups Basil, 1 cup olive oil, ½ cup grated parmesan cheese, 1 cup roasted unsalted cashew or macadamia nuts, ½ cup lime or lemon juice, ½ tablespoon salt, 6 large garlic cloves.

Whiz all together in blender or ‘Oscar’ until fine. Add extra olive oil if you want it softer.

Enjoy!

*Richard Swinton*



*found at Esk, needs a little restoration*

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## Inverell Rally – Pioneer Park Motorcycle Paradise

Unlike last year our journey started with us awaking to a crystal clear sunny morning. We thought that after the storms and rain the night before we would be packing in the rain. Yes! We left on Wednesday morning deciding to have a little 5 day holiday would suit us fine.

Car and bikes packed the previous day made for an early quick and smooth start. We had a wonderful trip via Tenterfield as we heard that there were landslides on the Gwyder Highway. We spent Thursday shopping and visiting fellow motorcyclists from Inverell Club and other participants like Gordon and Narelle Condon who had decided to travel to a dryer place.

Friday saw us rise to a cool crisp fine morning. The ride left at 10am with approximately 45 motorcycles travelling to Warialda for lunch. Before we arrived for lunch we visited the Poison Anvil an amazing place of steel sculpture, furniture and knick knacks. The gentleman had his own forge where he uses gas as his main fuel rather than coal as the gas is hotter. The finish on his work is also interesting as he only uses oil on the metal as it is cooling giving the metal a shiny clear finish.

Surprise, Surprise Warialda has a hidden bombshell in the form of a bowling/golf club who fed us all for around \$7-\$8 per person. We were surprised at this facility as we had been in Warialda many times on motorcycle rides. We found out later that we were not the only one who didn't know about the club many of the Inverell locals had no knowledge of the club. The ride out and back from Warialda was on the main road which didn't sound good, but the ride was wonderful with very little traffic, no potholes and what traffic we encountered didn't bother us.

I took the little 250cc BMW out as I thought that the Inverell area to be relative flat with rolling hills, what I didn't realise was that the rolling hills seem to go on and on and on the little BMW had a good work out with many gear changes. All in all Friday was a great ride with 40 -50 motorcyclist. What could be better?

Saturday dawned another perfect Day for the 160 odd motorcyclists register for the ride to Ashford Central School. A lunch of sandwiches, cold drink, cake, tea and coffee was welcomed by all with some electing to picnic on the small oval take in the sunshine and dry green grass. This however was short lived when the pop up watering system turned on. Mark and Sue Rodda were the most moved by this followed by John & Judy Charlton, Carol & David Charlton. Mark was, unbeknown to him, sitting with the sprinkler between his legs as it popped up and started Mark in his surprise moved his leg which directed the spray straight at Sue, hitting her in the face. The shrieks and ensuing laughter did little to interrupt the ANZAC singing of the students. On leaving the school a lap of the sporting grounds were done as the school team was about to start a soccer game against their rivals. Those on slower biker at this time elected to return to Inverell while others elected for the long ride home. Being on the 250 BMW I decided the short ride was for me and Bryson dutifully followed along behind.

Saturday night saw the presentation dinner back at the Inverell Bowling Club with a lovely hot meal of your choice from the bistro. Once again following tradition we were presented with numbered parts from a machine where we need to supply the parts name, manufacturer and year. I know that our table members are very knowledgeable and found parts that they knew come from sub-marines, mig-fighters, rice/cotton harvesters, space shuttles and motorcycles with all this knowledge the organisers gave the prize to others so as not to show us up our expertise. The club once again outdid themselves with the many raffle prizes. Our table received two prizes John won a brake bleeding kit and to add to Mark and Sue's earlier soaking they won a set of bath towels.

Sunday saw the beautiful weather continue (we need to get them to come to our part of the world for a while) the ride to Tingera was uneventful a lovely ride in beautiful weather with the ride returning for an early lunch. We packed the bikes bid our farewells promising to return next year and headed home. If you have not been to this rally you should try, it is a must. This year we had first timers Meg and Peter Fleming who rode up and had a fantastic time, I'm sure they will be back again next year just like us.

*Mary Walker*



*The Park full of bikes*



*Many older BMW's were present*

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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 at the Lismore Rous Hotel at 8.30 am. Start times sometimes 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.