

The Monthly Journal of the
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**August
2013**

Classic Torque



Rous Hotel, start your engines

Sunday run to Brunswick Heads

The July Sunday Club run was to view the "Hot Rod show" at Brunswick and fortunately for us and the show itself it was a fine morning. More than a dozen bikes made the start from Lismore and most members made

a unplanned detour to Gerard Roche's place in Eureka to help him take down from its work bench his restoration project, a 1977 Norton which he says it is approximately 85% complete.

Travelling along some of the worst potholed roads in the district, that is going via Federal to Mullumbimby we finally made it to Brunswick Heads where we all enjoyed a good coffee and then strolled through the park. Admiring most and laughing at many of the varieties of restored (modified) and outlandish motor vehicles in the territory and if you study some of the photos in this newsletter you may get some idea of the extraordinary lengths and no doubt the amount of expense the owners of these vehicles went to.



This I know is a Studebaker



Our esteemed treasurer managed to lure enough members to help him lift down his project Norton.

On the return home our luck ended with the fine day ending just as we approached Bangalow, down came the rain. Fortunately it was not really heavy enough to stop and put on the wets (did pass a "Classic" boxer BMW with its rider and pillion struggling to put the necessary) but as we noticed the sky ahead was clearing we battered on without getting too wet. The day was interesting enough but I did not enjoy the bumps so much. *More pics & story pgs 3 & 4*

NRCMCC minutes from July meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 09/07/2013

START: 7.37 pm

WELCOME: MEMBERS 34 as per attendance sheet.

VISITORS PRESENT: 6 as per attendance sheet

APOLOGIES: 2 as per attendance sheet

Welcome by president and introduction from visitors

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ

ACCEPTED: Doug Hampso

SECOND: Peter Lake

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Purchase of benches and walls for shade house has been done.

TREASURERS REPORT

Term deposit is about to mature, decision will be sorted by executive committee

ACCEPTED: Tony Kempnich

SECOND: Buck Horton

CORRESPONDANCE

1. IN: Newsletters - The Link, Classic Line, Inverell restorers Club, Throttle Lever, Restore and Rde, QLD Historic Club
2. Rally invites - BSA owners Club All Brit Rally, Lake Barramball 6 - 8 September, Rusty Iron Rally Macksville, Aug 31 - Sept 1, Summerlands Sports and Classic Car Club Car and Bike Show Aug 4
3. Statement from Greater Building Society
4. Receipt from Garden Florist

ACCEPTED: Doug Foskey

SECOND: David Bonhote-Mead

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. \$1200 raised from Bunnings BBQ - Norm moves that we round up the donation to \$650 each for Breast Cancer Support and Prostate Support Group. Second Peter Lake. All in favour. thanks to Mary and Bryson for bringing all the gear in and organising most of the food etc. All left over was sold to Dunoon Sports Club. Norm will write to Bunnings to inform where the money has been donated.
2. Norm has been asked already to nominate to run a BBQ next year.
3. Noel notes the last newsletter information about our club runs that are noted for every Sunday, no need to have secretary put any of these rides in the day diary.
4. Grafton Vintage and Classic Rally Aug 24,25 entry forms available here
5. Gold Coast Winter Sunshine rally August 3,4
6. Frostbite rally end of July, theme is Lismore and they will be showing a DVD about motorcycling in Lismore in the 1950's.
7. Guzzi rally in August 20, 21 Newcastle area.

MEMBERS REPORTS

CLUB RUNS: Rob reports on mid week runs. First run needed Ian to swap his bike for one with a clutch cable. Second run to Kyogle was a good run out but Cawongla Rd is not so good.

Swap meet was not so great but bike show was well worth seeing.

Other Sunday run went to Uki for a good day out.

Bryson and Mary went to Inverell Club for XMas in July, was cold but great riding.

NEXT RUN: 2 big events - this Sunday Brunswick Heads Hotrod Reunion, leaving Rous Hotel. Car and Bike Show Aug 4, come for as long as you want to help, but if you bring your bike leave for judging. Thanks to Mary for donating raffle prize, please all members try to donate things to make Dave's job far easier.



MEETING CLOSED: 8.10 pm

More pics from the Brunswick Hot Rod Show



At left: we first thought this may belong to a club member as it was certainly a crowd pleaser.

Above: you would not guess that this was once a Chinese fire engine (maybe not always carried the horse though)

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What was that detour on the way to Brunswick all about ???

Story by Gerard roache

This is the start of the rebuild after the frame came back from being powder coated. I imported the bike from the UK Christmas 2011 and have overhauled the engine, gearbox and pretty much everything else. It's a 1977 Mark 3 Norton Commando. I believe there were no longer manufactured after 1976 but remaining stock was sold up to 1978 (1200 in 1977 and about 50 in 1988).

The bike has 32K on the clock and from the general condition I think this is believable.

It has an SU carburettor fitted and it will be interesting to see how that goes. It was a late modification to the model but apparently Norton was considering this as a standard feature on future models should production of the Marque have continued

I just happened to be up to the stage where the bike needed to be taken off the bench and as luck would have it I was bestowed the responsibility of deciding the route for the July run which just happened to be going near where I live. That being the case and with so much manpower available I could not resist the temptation of diverting the ride past my place. I am very grateful for the help and as a result was able to get the side and centre stands when I got back from Brunswick. If I had planned it I would have made sure refreshments were available but I will be happy to make that up another time. The front wheel and mud-guard were put on the day before and a hole needed to be cut for that (can easily be patched) and if anyone wants the table they are welcome to it. It is a good height for working on.

All you have to do is organise a run past your place when you need to get the bike off and you are in business! (who needs fangled hydraulics?) The hope is to have the bike ready for the rally and I thought it would be a shoe in for the Jack Ahearn trophy this year (being the only entry) until I was reminded there is a little red Honda to contend with. Ah well! I would not be surprised if there weren't a few more restorations hiding in the wings but the quality of the competition can only be a good thing for the preservation of the classics

The day at Brunswick was enjoyable and interesting with plenty of bikes as well as hot rods to admire and a great day was had by all. Cheers



Gerard with his band of willing helpers

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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 is now an authorised club ride.

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

- 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, 28, 29** **Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Annual Rally**, starts Ballina, Commemoration Park, 8 am. and all fellow enthusiasts are invited to participate. All machines must be roadworthy and with either "Historic" or full registration plates affixed. Friday ride for pre 1960 bikes only. Sat; 2 rides with separate routes
- Oct. 12/13** Possible overnigher 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. 18/19/20** 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
- 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) Leave Lismore 8.30

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

- 14th Aug.** Queensland Stinkwheel Fun Ride for 2-stroke motorcycles only, start from Woodford Showground 8 am. Lunch at Kilcoy Golf club. Ph Glynn Letch 0412 401436 or email glynn@glynnleitch.com.au
- 23-24-25 Aug.** Grafton Rally Contact :- Terry 66493382
- 31 August to** 1st September. Rusty Iron Rally. Macksville contact Jim 656444096
- 6-7-8 Sept.** All Brit Rally. Barambah Q. 0418381934
- 26-27 October.** Gatton Swap Meet. Now at Laidly. Phone Brian 0459211365
- 1-2-3 Nov.** Hat Head Rally contact David 0416200023
- 15-16-17 Nov.** Walcha Challenge contact Neil 0404041627

From the Editor's desk . . .

An important reminder that if you are entering our annual rally commencing from Ballina next month, September 28th, 29th, 30th, the CLOSING DATE IS: August 13th and late entries cannot be guaranteed meals or badges. Please put in your entry ASAP.

Let's hope the good weather will remain with us for some time for what a good day was had at the Summerland Classic Car and Bike show and congratulations to all the winners. Jack Ahearn (our club patron) had a good time admiring and reminiscing over the 1942 Triumph 350 which was on display.

Our club members are currently being involved in many other clubs activities and I have to thank them for giving me such good reports. Last month several of our members attended the Queensland "Frostbite Rally and obviously enjoyed a great fun rally (see page 11) .

I hope we get many visitors for our annual rally next month.



Noel Edwards

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Presidents Report for August . . .



It was great to see the large number of bikes on our last club ride to the Brunswick Heads Hot Rod Show.

The Rally committee are progressing nicely with the organisation of our Annual Event. This year we will again have a pre 1960's ride on Friday and a separate Old bike route on the Saturday and we will all meet at the same venue for lunch and judging.

As we will not be having marshals on the Friday ride we would like some members to help out by bringing their old bikes out and riding along with the visitors to keep them on the right track. Thanks to Peter and Judy Small who are organising this day.

I think it is great to see the older bikes and I encourage members to help keep our Rally "classic only." It would also help if members can get their entries in early to reduce the last minute hassles with adjusting catering numbers that we experienced last year.

I have had a lot of interest expressed in the Drum Brake Bikes only overnigher to Emmaville. The proposed dates are 18-19-20 October. This will be confirmed at the August meeting.

Please don't forget the need for marshals for the Aussie Triples Rally Sat. 17th & Sun 18th August. Lunch will be provided.

Thanks, Col

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Mid-Week Ride to Evans Head via Coraki – a longer 145Km Run.

After some prolonged discourse over some hilarious ditties (mostly laughable - if only some were not so serious!) including reported recent events near Lismore Lake and the consequent over-reaction by NSW Police over an (alleged) van-robber - who was ably apprehended with assistance from fellow bike-riders. Thus, this initial first Wednesday MWR got off to a rather late start at 9.20AM from the Lismore Railway Station. But no-one was particularly worried, as several outlying riders needed re-fueling.



This Run was most unfortunately without Ray, who had seriously strange (and up to this time completely un-explained) problems with his rare Jawa prototype 350cc "Tramp". The rear wheel operation, rear tire problems, transmission glitches with a chewed chain enclosure and the failure of the entire rear brake system has yet to be assessed. Pleasingly he made it home on his own, this time. These defects really gave him no choice but to 'retire hurt' and go straight back home - so "one down" before we had even started. The rest of us set off to a pre-arranged "meet" at the old Wyrallah Ferry Park. Our five riders then travelled down Coraki via Wyrallah Bridge, then Katrina's home (now regrettably for sale) and onto the Oakland Road to Woodburn. Along this river-hugging, scenic and bumpy road we unfortunately had a serious delays due to a break-down of a certain blue 1976 Yamaha RD250 with a suspected loose front-axle problem. This defect also stopped the speedo from working properly. On inspection the axle-nut was seen to be just finger-loose, although properly split-pinned via a castellated nut. All these defects combined to make nervous and slow ride for the owner. But after re-assurance and expert examination he bravely proceeded with the rest of us to the Evans Head's Kiosk for an excellent coffee and much associated animated discussion and news.

What a beautiful and scenic place this kiosk is situated in! Immigrant motor-homes from Vic and the freezing south clogged two adjacent van-parks, yet they have not yet been allowed to interrupt the great vistas over the Evans River estuary and across to the historic Paddon Crossing or public viewing of the river traffic [including when we were there the Police Rescue boat on some sort of float-dragging exercise]. All this great atmosphere was combined with excellent coffee and not over-priced eats. A really lovely and favourite place. The route back was via Broadwater National Park; past a white-smoke/belching Broadwater sugar-mill and from thence via the (rather slow) Pacific Highway to the Wardell turn-off and from thence to Meerschaum Vale; then the Big Hill and turn-off via Rous Road to Lismore, but with various riders peeling-off as arranged and required towards their homes and lunch.

The colder months do reduce our numbers participating on Mid Week Runs. But given a clear day, it only takes some minor additions to remedy these colder conditions. Maybe a few extra layers of clothing and perhaps a fleecy bandanna or a full-face helmet is all that is needed for a 60Km run with a hot coffee at the end. This Run was just 145Km return and thus was quite within the realm of smaller capacity machine's capabilities. So bring out your 250/350cc "tiddlers" and reliable 2-strokes for the next MWR ! I am sure they can keep up with the larger bikes, especially given our present ever lower [and lower] legal speed-limits we suffer.

More pictures next page

Rob A.

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Better than a flu shot! Laugh!

Miss Beatrice, The church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married.

She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all.

One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room.

She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea.

As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a cute glass bowl sitting on top of it.

The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated, of all things, a condom!

When she returned with tea and scones,

They began to chat.

The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist.

'Miss Beatrice', he said,

'I wonder if you would tell me about this?' Pointing to the bowl.

'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'Isn't it wonderful?

I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground.

The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter.'



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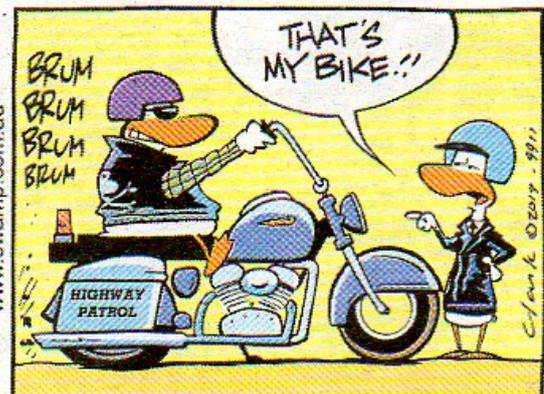
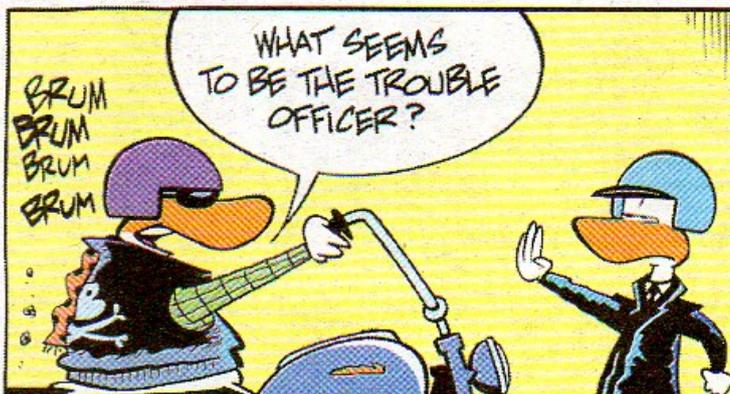
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No: Not seen on a NRCMCC run, must have been in NZ



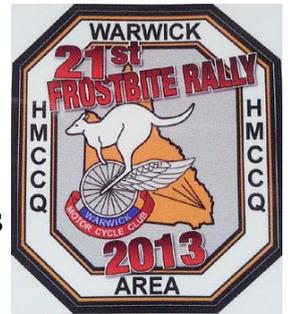
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The HMCC of QLD 2013

Frostbite Rally report . . . *By Michael Smith*

Fortunately, this year's HMCC of QLD 21st Frostbite Rally didn't live up to its name and although it did get down to 3 degrees, there was no frost. Our club was well represented with 11 members traveling up to Allora where we enjoyed the hospitality of the Warwick branch of the HMCC of QLD for this year's Frostbite Rally.



*Above:
NRCMCC group
relaxing at Allora
Below: Birthday
girl Lina and To-
ny with BM's*



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The Saturday ride was a short afternoon marshalled run around the area with a stop off at one of their members house (and shed full of old machinery) and back to the Allora showgrounds where some of us were camping. We all enjoyed the informal atmosphere at the rally dinner that night with nice meal served in one of the showground pavilion with a few drinks at "The old Handle Bar" and entertainment by Sam Reid's French cousin Peppi La Pew.

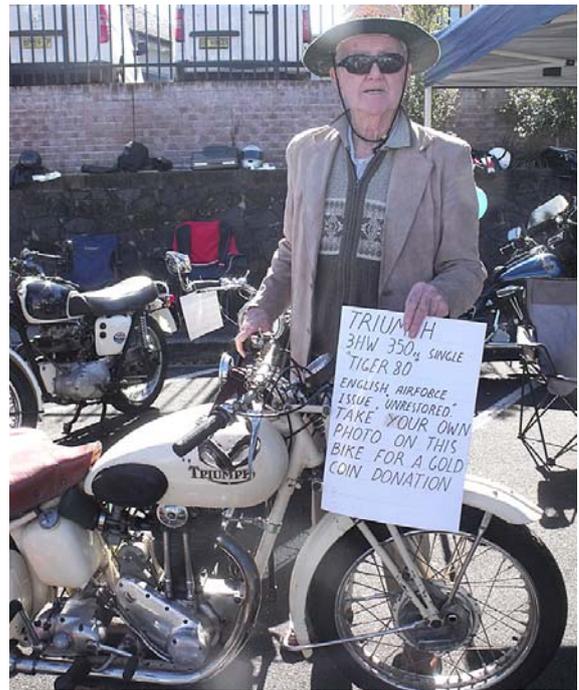
Although it was cool, the outside fires were burning and we watched some footage taken in the 1950's from 8mm film, now being played on the big screen in the open air of some Lismore locals riding around a paddock and even some chap balancing between bikes on the open road. A big thank you too to Helen Hampson who cooked a mud cake that was presented to Lena Kempnich for her birthday during the night. The Sunday ride was a timed and 'rally notes' ride around the area with a stop off at a jazz event in Warwick for morning tea. Although it did (just) rain, we avoided most of the showers that threatened all day to return to the Allora showgrounds for lunch and presentation of the trophies. This was our first Frostbite Rally and we were impressed with how many old bikes were presented, and most in better than new condition and how much fun can be had in the cold. Congratulations to the Warwick club for all the work they put into this event and for making us feel so welcome.



Show and Shine Sunday, August 4th 2013

The Browns Creek car park was filled to capacity with gleaming motorcycles, 250 classic cars and with such a fantastic day what else could you expect. Our NRCMC club had its best representation ever with nearly 50 classic bikes on display. The bike award for "Most desirable bike" was won by David Jupe with his 1969 BSA Rocket 3. Bikes "recognised for excellence" awards were won by Peter Harvey: 66 Norton Atlas/ Tony Harvey: 65 Norton Atlas / John Boyle: 29 Harley Davidson. Good to see our club patron, Jack Ahearn present and he found an old Triumph, 1938 350cc which he could certainly relate to as he raced one in the early 40's with a lot of success (see photo on right).

The most important function for our club was the presentation of a cheque of \$650 each to the local branches of Prostate and Breast Cancer groups of Lismore. Seen in the photo below is our club president Col McAndrew presenting the cheques.



Left to right: Eryn Mitchell, Sayl Soutar and Julie Radford for the Breast cancer group, Rob Andrews, Col McAndrew, NRCMCC president, Peter Harvey, Ray Chilton for the Prostate cancer group and Doug Hanpson. Below: Not much room left in our display area. At right: Velocette 350 rider who must like balloons .



Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

Annual Rally:- Ballina. 27th, 28th & 29th September 2013

The Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc. invites fellow enthusiasts to participate in the 2013 Rally. All machines entered must be roadworthy and registered with either historic or full registration plates affixed.

Friday ride for pre 1960's bikes & 2 separate routes on Saturday

MOTORCYCLE RIDER ENTRY FORM

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|-----------------------|-------|----------------|-------------|
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| Solo or with pillion | _____ | Sidecar : | _____ |
| Passenger's name: | _____ | | |

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| Saturday Lunch * | \$12.00 | number required | () | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Evening Presentation Dinner * | \$29.00 | number required | () | \$ _____ |
| Sunday Breakfast (bacon/egg sandwich) | \$5.00 | number required | () | \$ _____ |
| Sunday Lunch (sausage sizzle) | \$2.00 | number required | () | \$ _____ |
| Extra rally badges (if available) | \$10.00 | number required | () | \$ _____ |
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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES : 13TH OF AUGUST 2013

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For further info contact Rally Directors Col. & Nancy McAndrew 02 66834429(AH)

INDEMNITY STATEMENT: In consideration of this entry, I agree that the rally committee of the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc, and its associated organisation and sponsors, shall in no way be held responsible for loss or damage to an entered machine, its parts or accessories and personal effects, and that any entrant by riding or entering in this event, or passenger taking part, shall hereby waive the right of action by law against the committee, its organisation, its sponsors, agents or representatives. The club retains the right to refuse an entry.

Entrant's signature _____ Date _____

If a receipt is required please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope otherwise, receipts, meal tickets & badges will be available at Registration Friday & Saturday.

NRCMCC members must complete the entry form to order any meals and pay for your badge.

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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.