

The Monthly Journal of the
Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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**September
2013**

Classic Torque

Aussie Triples Rally— Ballina, 16-19th August.

55 entrants attended the fourth year of this event for early pommie Triples. Most variants of the 3 cylinder 750cc engined bikes were represented, including Triumph T150's, T160's, and Legends, BSA Rocket 3's, Hurricanes, a Rob North Rocket 3 and specials.

We had bikes from Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, Broken Hill, Brisbane, Rockhampton and several places between. Rides were conducted with the assistance of the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club who provided excellent marshalling.

At the lunch stop on Saturday the bikes were judged in their

separate categories. This year the judging was made very difficult due to the quality of the bikes present. The weather gods were good to us with one short shower after we all arrived back from the Saturday ride.

The whole weekend was incident and breakdown free, which is a credit to the owner's meticulous preparation. (we may need an extra back-up trailer for the marshals bikes)

Planning is already underway for the 2014 event and entrants expressed their desire to return.

Col. McAndrew (more pictures pages 3 and 4)



Preparing for the start of the rally from the Ballina Caravan Park



The Bentley Hall lunch stop which was also where the vote for the best bike competition took place.

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 13/08/2013

START: 7.42 pm

WELCOME: MEMBERS 24 as per attendance sheet. VISITORS PRESENT: 4 APOLOGIES: 10

Welcome by president and introduction from visitors

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ

ACCEPTED: Peter Harvey

SECOND: Ross Skeene

BUSINESS ARISING - nil

TREASURERS REPORT

OPENING BALANCE: See the treasurer

CLOSING BAL: see the treasurer

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

ACCEPTED: Mary Walker

SECOND: Richard Swinton

CORRESPONDANCE

1. IN: Newsletters - from various clubs
2. Rego for trailer
3. Canberra rally notice Oct. 19, 20
4. CMC information on petition
5. Invoice All badges
6. OUT Invoice to Shannon's for trophies

ACCEPTED: Peter Lake SECOND: Mary walker

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Inverell have changed rally date to 4 - 6 April
2. Peter Harvey thanks club for donation from Bunnings made to Prostate support group and Breast cancer support group. All money donated will be used locally.
3. Col thanks Peter for formally presenting the cheques on behalf of the club.
4. Richard mentions some Sunday runs have no one show up.
5. Show and shine - suggestion being looked at by executive that we hold our own club day maybe in March and use for presentation of Jack Ahearn trophy and have the contesting bikes there. Alstonville markets, Lismore shopping square or other event - make promotion easy.
6. Rotary representative asked if we are interested in the Antiques and Collectables fair 17/18 May 2014 so we can discuss this as the year progresses.
7. Discussion held on difference between committee members and jobs that are filled.
8. Rally - we need someone with an RSA, Mary suggests Greg Britnall.
9. 28 entries have been received to date.
10. Triples rally - 58 entrants, beyond last year's entries. Appeal for marshals.
11. National veterans rally in Parkes 29 Sept - 4 October.
12. All British Rally 6 - 8 Sept Barambah QLD
13. Italian bike rally 4/5 September in Boonah then on to Woodford.
14. Mary thanks organisers for making the Show and Shine so successful.
15. Eric thanks all who helped setup and pull down.
16. Gerard thanks those who helped him get his bike off the bench. Check newsletter for winners from the day.
17. Drum brake only ride Oct 18 - 20, Tenterfield for lunch, Emmaville pub stay the night. 30 beds at the pub there for anyone interested in attending
18. September 15 run Terry Savins offers for club to end at his place for breaky.

MEMBERS REPORTS

CLUB RUNS: Wednesday rides - 10 on first ride of month ended at Evans Head, and next went to Sextonville

Frostbite rally, was not so cold, movie of Lismore showed lots of young men in no shirts doing silly things?

NEXT RUN: Riding with Triples rally.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.40 pm

Fantastic display of glorious Triumphs



As seen at Bentley on the Saturday, voting for the best bike was no easy matter

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Above: Speeding down the highway on a BSA or Triumph brought back memories of more than 40 yrs ago but I doubt that they ever looked as good then as most of these bikes do now who competed in this rally.



This red Trumpy was my favourite.



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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**

- Sept. 15** Sunday Run. Coffee ride to Terry. Savins house at Belongil, Byron Bay. 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

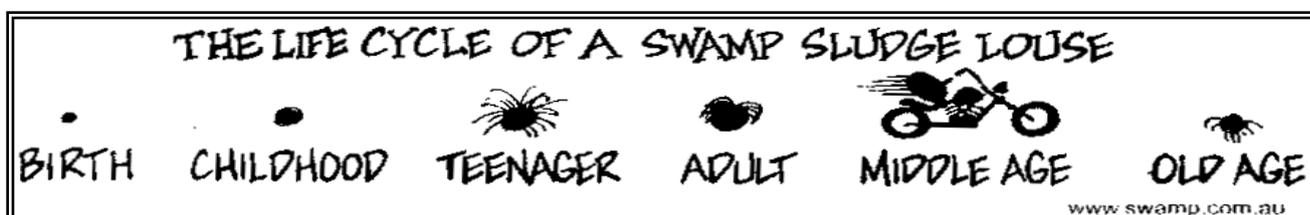
26-27 October. Gatton Swap Meet. Now at Laidly. Phone Brian 0459211365

1-2-3 Nov. Hat Head Rally contact David 0416200023

15-16-17 Nov. Walcha Challenge contact Neil 0404041627

"Come ride the Oxley"

Graeme Sommers is putting together a ride to Longflat on the Saturday, 23rd November, staying overnight and returning the following day. Bookings are essential so \$20 booking fee must be paid by the 8/11/2013. leaving the Lismore Railway Station at 7.00 am sharp, picking up others at the Woodburn SES building at 7.30 am. Contact Graeme on 0402 577425 for further info.



From the Editor's desk . . .

An important reminder that if you are entering our annual rally commencing from Ballina in a little over 2 weeks time, September 28th, 29th, 30th, the CLOSING DATE IS: September 13th and late entries cannot be guaranteed meals or badges. Please put in your entry NOW.

We need the good weather to remain with us for some time at least till our rally is over.

Our club members are currently still 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 Stink wheel rally, the Grafton Rally and of course the Aussie Triples Rally and obviously everyone enjoyed them all immensely. (see pages 8 to 11)

I only hope we get many visitors for our annual rally, see you there.



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President's report for September

I would like to pass on my gratitude to the marshals and other members who did a great job with the Aussie Triples Rally. This is the fourth year of the event and it would not be possible without your help. All the visitors commented on the efficiency of it all.

It was great to see 11 members attending the Grafton Rally. It was a well run event covering some great back roads through the Clarence area.

The Drum Brake Only ride is on next month. We propose to leave Lismore at 9am on Friday 18th Oct to meet up with other riders at Casino. A stop at Drake, then on to Tenterfield for lunch. We will then head to Emmaville via Deepwater. Saturday we will meet up with members of the Inverell Club for a tour of the area then back to Emmaville for the Saturday night. Return on Sunday via Glen Innes and Grafton. Those participating can make bookings for accommodation at the Club Hotel Emmaville on 67347304. (*mention the Bike Run*) We will have a back-up vehicle and trailer to carry all your gear. Please let me know if you are coming on this ride.

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The Stink wheel, Vintage and Veteran classes combined in the one rally?

This year the Pine Rivers branch of the HMCCQ combined all 3 categories together in the one event which did prove to be a very successful event. Fifty two bikes lined up with their enthusiastic owners on nice fine day at the Woodford showground.

Bikes aged from 102 years old up to some modern 2-stroke machines only 32 years old took part in well planned run along some of Queensland's rural, not too hilly roads to a very friendly golf club at Kilcoy.

The only downside of this combined age group of bikes was the decision to start the Vintage and Veteran bikes 15 minutes in front of the "Stink wheel" machines who soon



A regroup on the way to Kilcoy Golf Club for the lunch stop with the two stroke machines and the vintage bikes all mixing it together..



caught up and had to pass the oldies which many were issuing forth clouds of smoke. Their club in their wisdom thought the two strokes would be the smokier but it proved it was the other way about.

Anyway it proved a lot of fun especially watching some of the really old machines being started and of course the challenge of just riding them. The oldest, a 1912 Triumph cruised along at a creditable 40 to 50 kph but with the riders bum bouncing regularly well off the seat. This particular rally was certainly well received and everyone will now look forward to it next year. More pics Page 9 Noel Edwards

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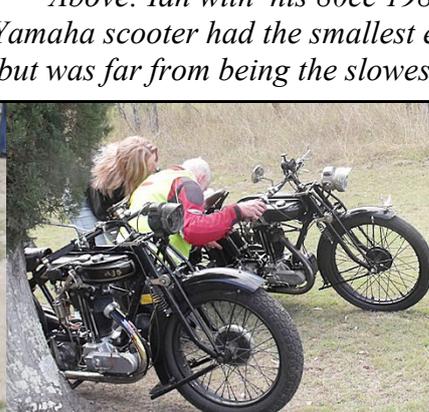
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More Stink wheel pictures . . .



Above: Ian with his 80cc 1980 Yamaha scooter had the smallest engine but was far from being the slowest bike



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CVH & EMCC Grafton Rally *(Report by Michael Smith)*

The weather Gods were certainly smiling on the Clarence Valley Historic and Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club when 12 members of our club attended their second annual rally on the weekend of 23rd, 24th and 25th of August. The wind had dropped, the skies were blue and the days were warm but not too hot, how good was that!

Our congratulations go to this new club for putting on a fantastic rally that saw about 80 great old bikes travel around the Clarence Valley's back roads, along the banks of the mighty Clarence River, past the cane fields and through Brushgrove and Lawrence and up into the forest country around Coaldale. This year's Rally was again based at the Grafton show grounds which are located right in the heart of town and again, most of our club members took advantage and camped on site. The Rally dinner and presentations were held at the Grafton Serviceman's Club



where congratulations must go to our Col and Nancy McAndrew who won a trophy for their Triumph 5T speed twin in the hotly contested class of 1950 to 1960. The most desirable bike of the rally went to Taree's Col Sunderland for his JAP engined BSA, an absolutely outstanding looking bike.

Other than the great rides, here are some 'have to mention' things from this weekend. Julia Smith spotted a Tawny Frogmouth Owl on the side of the road that was just sitting there so we did a U-turn, picked this stunned and very skinny bird up and took it to a nearby farm house where the farmer put it in a box and called WIRES. We also managed to perform the acclaimed 'Aboriginal Snake Dance' accompanied with the authentic and incomprehensible cry and choreographed leg lift while riding when a 1 metre long red belly black snake decided to come out of the cane field and cross the road right in front of us, and I just have to mention the morning tea at the Coaldale hall on the Sunday. Well, I don't think I have ever seen a bigger spread or better homemade sweets than there! "Fill your plate" was the instruction so "fill your plate" we (or I) did. OMG, I was so full and then the word came to go back for seconds and later a plate full of goodies arrived at our table! It was better (or worse) than Christmas without the ham and chicken, just the sweets! I was so full that the ride back to Grafton was a pleasant but nauseating experience. Well done Coaldale Hall committee.

Our congratulations go to the Geoff, Terry and the committee of the CVH&EMCC for putting on a great weekend rally and making everyone feel welcome. See you all again next year.



Grafton Rally 2013

Just some of the many and varied motorcycles which competed at the CVH & EMCC rally last month.

Thanks go to Michael Smith for the story and photos



Reminder!

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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.