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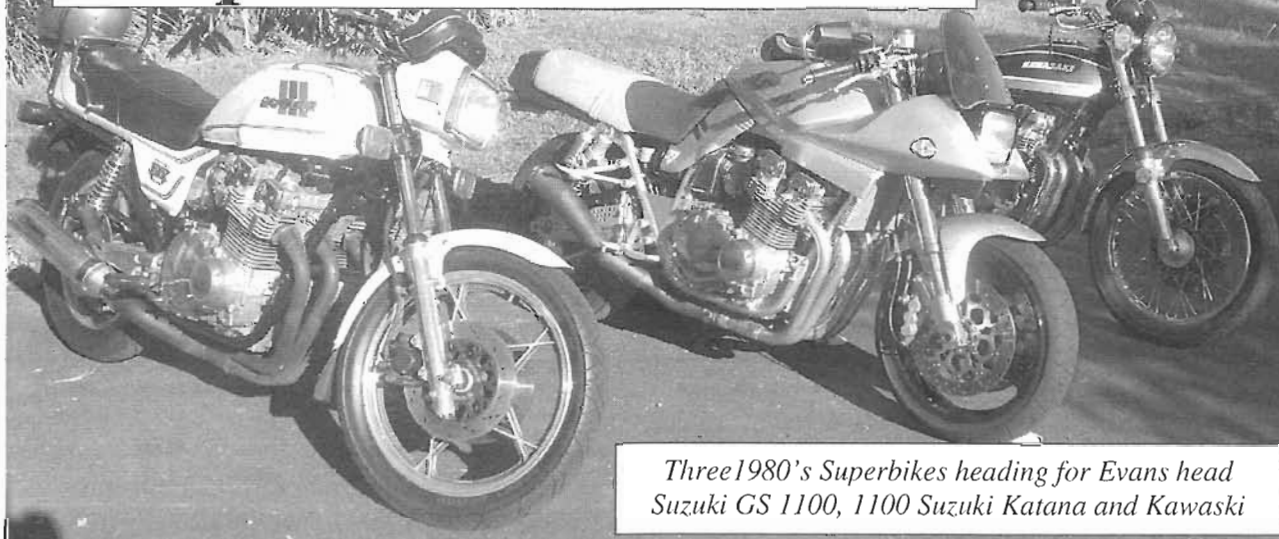
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JULY
2011

Classic Torque

3 Japanese "Classics"



Three 1980's Superbikes heading for Evans head
Suzuki GS 1100, 1100 Suzuki Katana and Kawasaki



Pictured at Lismore railway preparing for the start of the "Slow Bike" run last month some of our 'Classics' with Jack's humungous Harley (which he loves to death) in the foreground. See report pages 7 and 8.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:	14/6/11	START:	7.50 pm
WELCOME: MEMBERS 26 as per attendance sheet.			
VISITORS PRESENT:	0 as per attendance sheet		
APOLOGIES:	6 as per attendance sheet		
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ			
ACCEPTED:	Peter Lake	SECOND:	Doug Mouncey
BUSINESS ARISING			
1. Thanks given to Ian, Matt, Bryson and Mary for bringing bikes to the hall centenary.			
TREASURERS REPORT Not available			
OPENING BALANCE:		CLOSING BAL:	
ACCEPTED:		SECOND:	
CORRESPONDANCE			
IN:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. QLD Historic Motorcycle club newsletter 2. Throttle Lever 3. Summerland Sports Classic Car Club annual show August 7 4. North West Swap meet Gunnedah Sept 10-11 5. HMCCB Kalba Team Trials July 2-3 		
OUT:	1.		
ACCEPTED:	Doug Foskey	SECOND:	Peter Lake
GENERAL BUSINESS:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Treasurer has indicated that her work load is heavy. Executive committee have appointed Peter Lake and Eric Wilson as assistants to the treasurer. 2. QLD Vintage motorcycle club meet August 6-7 flyers available 3. Rob announces some spares for sale 4. Reminder Bunnings BBQ Saturday Sept 3 which is fathers day weekend. Members are encouraged to come and help for any amount of time during the day, you don't have to come for the whole day. 5. Discussion on which charity/s we will support this year and we will make this decision later in the year. 6. July 17 Cleveland Bike Show is noted as a club run. 7. Rally for our club September 24-25 with dinner at RSL club. 8. Tony formally thanks Eric for his work in organising the clubs 25th Anniversary Dinner. 9. Runs for rest of the year are now organised, see newsletter for details. 10. Eric has a book from Michael that is donated to the library from the Bolt Barn listing everything they carry or can get in for motorbikes. 11. Frank has a beer fridge to give away. 			
MEMBERS REPORTS			
CLUB RUN	Peter Lake reports on May run to Kyogle – 25 bikes attended for a great day thanks to the input of members.		
	Rob reports first mid week run was cancelled even though the weather ended up clearing.		
	Doug reports on ruptured budgie rally		
NEXT RUN:	Slow bike run to Evans Head, leave Bangalow 9am, Lismore 9.30	MEETING CLOSED:	8.20 pm

Mid-Week Ride to Lennox Head 22/06/11

Hooray for good weather riding at last! As a bonus with low mid-week traffic density too! After the obligatory first and forth Wednesday's 9.00 am long-ish chat at the old Lismore Railway Station, six mid-weekers set off for a spirited rural ride in sunny conditions for coffee at Lennox Head. With Peter on his BMW 90S leading, the route eventually mutually decided upon was:- Wyrallah Road, Skyline Rd, Koala Hill, Rous Road, Wollongbar, then via Teven to Tintenbar, Lennox Head and then the Coast Road, with the turn-off at Migin Flat, then to Newrybar and over the dangerous Pacific Highway crossing, with return home independently or back via Eltham/Bexhill to Lismore.

Of course it's always a nice feeling inside to assist fellow motor-cyclists. We all have been helped many times in the past. So on the previous evening's trial-run before the above, I went via East Gundurimba/Wyrallah village on my '84 Yamaha RZ after some minor modifications at home. That's always a good plan! And So near home I came across a nice young chap with a Yamaha Virago 250cc v-twin stopped just before Tulk Road on the hill. After getting him "about a litre" from my tank and once the tight rubber pipe was off the tank filter. It started well after a hill "bump-start", the battery being already flattened by the panic over-use of the starter-motor. I then escorted this exceedingly quiet and neat little cruiser into Lismore without further incident. Combined with this "just a litre" loss of U.I.P and combined with the 43Km ridden on the test-ride, this minor loss presented some problems a bit later on - as we shall see. The modification tested was to do with the water-pump housing (a liquid-cooled 2-stroke twin - you see) and soon it was apparent if high revs were used the problem surfaced again. This lead to a very "stop-start" riding style, as return to near tick-over engine speeds remedied the noise problem. Then - off again with two smoking and howling exhausts - loads of fun! However, everyone was pretty tolerant of this problem after it was explained to them.

It was a memorable ride with really excellent coffee and many bike-related discussions while sitting warmly in the sun at this near sea-front cafe, fully "sardine-packed" as it was with customers. Some Blue Liners were fortuitously leaving just as we arrived, so luckily we got their seats. On the way back we dropped-off riders to their homes as we passed by, so there were only four riders remaining as the RZ ran out of fuel right on song and "in the power-band" in the middle of Eltham Straight. Hell! - of course I knew it all in hind-sight - I should have topped the tank up again before the run. Thank goodness for the 2 litres on reserve, that was enough to get me home. Remember your salad days? Yes, me too; two-strokes can be thirsty beasts - can't they!

Rob Andrews

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Doc's tips

Just a short note about older folk and the risk of breaking a bone (sometimes due to minimal trauma). Both females and males are prone to osteoporosis and more so with increasing age. Smoking, poor diet, body type (tall, slim) and genetic predisposition also contribute to the time of onset and severity of the disease.

If you are over 50 regardless of gender, it is a good idea to get a form for an osteoporosis screening scan from your GP. If you have the complaint then a high calcium diet and special medication to combat the progression of the disease is the logical step to take. Remember our chosen recreation puts us at a high risk of a fracture.

Doc



Whores and Hockey Players (*Wake up and Laugh*)

A man in a Florida supermarket tries to buy half a head of lettuce.

The very young produce assistant tells him that they sell only whole heads of lettuce.

The man persists and asks to see the manager. The boy says he'll ask his manager about it.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager, 'Some asshole wants to buy half a head of lettuce.'

As he finished his sentence, he turned to & find the man standing right behind him, so he added, 'And this gentleman has kindly offered to buy the other half.'

The manager approved the deal, and the man went on his way.

Later the manager said to the boy, 'I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier.

We like people who think on their feet here. Where are you from, son?' Canada, sir,' the boy replied.

'Well, why did you leave Canada?' the manager asked.

The boy said, 'Sir, there's nothing but whores and hockey players up there, 'Really?' said the manager. 'My wife is from Canada.'

'No kidding?' replied the boy. 'Who'd she play for?' there.'

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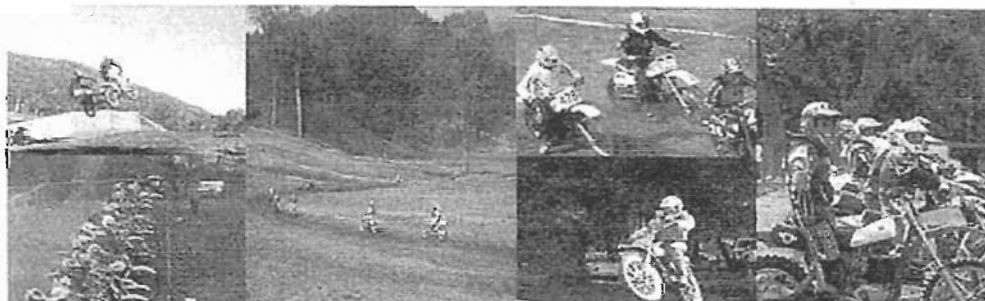
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NRCMC Club Events 2011

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

- July 17th** Brunswick Heads Coffee Run; leaves Lismore 9 am / Bangalow 9.30 am.
- August 7th** Summerland Car Club Show day, Clive Campbell Car Park, 9.30am to 2 pm
- August 14th** Grevillia Store for a coffee, leave Bangalow 8.30 / Lismore 9 am
- September 3** Bunnings B-B-Q Saturday 9 am to 4 pm. Please bring your bikes along.
- September 18th** "The Circle" Lismore as base. Leave 9 am for One and half hour ride.
- September 24/25** NRCMCC Annual Rally based at Ballina. Registration and breakfast at 8.00 am. Leave Ballina 9.30 am. Sat. and Sun. (*refer pages 11, 12, 13 this issue*)
- 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
- December 4th** Toy Run: Ballina Football Oval 10 am
- December 11th** NRCMCC Christmas Party and Rego Day at Clunes Hall, 9.30 am
- December 18th** Club day, Ballina Coffee Run, Bangalow 8.30 am: Lismore 9 am
- January 15th** Drake Pub Run for lunch, leave Lismore 9.30 am

Plan ahead for these other club events for 2011

- August 17** Pine Rivers Stinkwheel Rally, Brisbane (see Noel Edwards for details).
- August 19/22** Aussie Triples Rally from Ballina / needing marshals Sat & Sun, please contact Col 6683 4429 as marshals will be needed Sat. and Sunday.
- August 26/28** Jacaranda City Rally, Grafton, contact 0407 212 691
- October 29/30** Gatton Swap Meet at showground, run by Toowoomba area.
- November 4/6** Hat Head Rally, Natureland Classic Motorcycle Club 16th Annual Rally near Kempsey

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Oh, no! It's raining! Hints and Tips for riding in the rain.



It's 8 am Saturday morning and you peer out your kitchen window. Although the weatherman on TV had announced the night before that clear skies were in today's forecast, dark grey clouds are looming in the distance. While sipping on your morning cup-a-joe, you try to estimate just how soon they'll be hovering over your home and contemplate thoughts to yourself as, "if I leave now, maybe just maybe I'll be able to get a ride in before it rains". After all, that shiny bike of yours, sitting in the garage for days is begging for you to take it out for another spin. You glance back up at the clouds and decide that you will chance it and go for a ride. In case luck is not on your side, here are some tips on how to prepare for riding in the rain and to keep yourself as dry and as safe as possible.

GEAR: In an ideal situation, you'll have invested in some all weather riding gear including waterproof boots. The minimum investment you should have on hand when it comes to rain gear is waterproof gloves that fasten securely around your wrist. Not only do gloves keep your hands dry, but also warm. Another option is to purchase a rain suit to wear over your leathers if you don't have all the weather gear. Waterproof your boots prior to riding in the rain as an extra precaution. To save having to spend extra money on waterproofing spray another low cost option is to wear a couple of plastic shopping bags wrapped around your socks to help with rain proofing. Riding in the rain is not fun, but it's even worse if you get soaked.

TIRES: Tires with a good tread pattern on them are the safest type to use when it's raining. This is because, there's more rubber to grip the slippery road. Still, even with decent tread on the tyres, pushing your bike too hard in the rain be it a drizzle or a downpour is not advised unless you want to hydroplane or worse still, lay your machine down in front of oncoming traffic.



WAIT: Oil and grease on the road tends to loosen up and sit on the surface during the start of the rain, so allow 15 minutes or so for the cars to splash the excess muck off onto the side of the street.

AVOIDANCES: Steer clear of the painted lines on streets and hi-ways as they become extremely slick when wet. Common sense should encourage you to ride in the

path of the tires left by vehicles in front of you since it will be the area on the road with the least amount of water on it. Manhole covers and railway tracks are also very slick when wet so avoid them if possible or ride directly across them keeping a steady throttle.

VISOR CARE: To help eliminate rain from building up on your visor and impairing your vision there are a few products on the market you can apply before riding such as Rain-X. This product encourages the water to roll and bounce right off the visor. Your visor may also indeed become foggy while riding in the rain and although there are products available to help prevent this, just cracking your visor open a smidge every now and then will quickly eliminate this problem.

Though motorcyclists generally avoid riding in the rain at all cost for obvious reasons, there is still that rare occasion that may sneak up on you and leave you in a compromising situation. Be prepared and alert so that you'll still be around to ride on future dry weather days as well.



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June “Slow Bike” run to Evans Head



Above: at Silver Sands Park and below: Just enjoying the river view



Doesn't the weather make a huge difference! Sunday morning at the Lismore railway saw forty Classic motorcycles of a much varying vintage and manufacture gathered with



many of them to carry pillion riders as well.

Peter Lake, our events co-ordinator set a course for Evans Head via Skyline Road, Rous Road, Wardell Road turning off after Meerschaum Vale along Bagotville Road (dodging much of the washed out sections of the road) to Broadwater, (a silver Moto Guzzi heading in the opposite direction at high speed causing some consternation) then across the Pacific Highway and onto the road to Evans Head.

Up until this point we had all been cruising along very serenely at no more than 80 kph. As usual (not sure whether it was because the road is much better and straighter or the thought of getting closer to having a good coffee) quite a few bikes flew past us disappearing into the distance. No worries as everyone enjoyed the get together and coffee at the Silver Sands Caravan Park coffee shop.

Before departing Evans some of us visited the lookout which provided the perfect view of the ocean when there are no clouds about or the constant threat of rain. Just hoping we can strike more weather like this for all our next events.

More pictures page 8

Noel Edwards

Looking east at Evans-Head



Five esteemed members of the NRCMCC on the viewing deck at the lookout at south Evans Head. N.B. NOT a cloud in sight. On left of pic is Tony Evans and I was going to ask him if there was any significance in him having the same name.

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From the Editor's desk

The "Slow Bike" runs are becoming even more popular as last months club run to lovely and sunny Evans Head certainly testified as over forty motorbikes gathered at the Lismore Railway and forthwith conveyed fifty enthusiasts for the journey. Thanks go to "Uncle Eric" for providing the back-up.



Our treasurer, Mary Walker owing to her heavy work load has called on assistant treasurer, Peter Lake who has agreed to take on the main responsibility as treasurer to handle the club's finances.

There have been quite a few members and friends who have been very much on the sick list lately and I would just like to bid them all a speedy recovery and for them be able to get back on their bikes as soon as possible.

In the panel below you will notice that I am looking for photos from members of this club, hoping to add a little more interest in the newsletter by showing some of your old favourites from years gone by. Please contact me at your earliest convenience (bring photo to meeting) or email it to me: noel_mavis@hotmail.com or post it: 12 Ankana Crescent, Goonellabah, 2480. I will return all photos so please supply identification.

Noel Edwards

Wanted photos

I am looking for "OLD" photos from members of their 'Classics', motorbikes, the older the better, but the photo must have you in it or on it.

The reason is I think it would be interesting for other members to see them in the newsletter and the challenge would be to try and recognise you. Please either email them or loan me the photo, I will return them.

Noel Edwards: Editor

President's Report / June-July, 2011

It has been sometime since I have done a report as there has been so much going on, I hope you can forgive me. I would like to thank vice president Eric, treasurer Mary, secretary Katrina and run organiser Peter for all their valuable time and help they put in to our 25th Anniversary. Also thanks to Dave Stirling for the DVD show of past events, Tony and Lena Kempnich and Doug Hampson for the photo and trophy display, our patron Jack Ahearn and his lovely wife Betty, our life members and all the club members who came for the run with plenty of their older bikes. It was good the weather held without rain. I know a lot of you had prior engagements and could not attend the luncheon and to those who attended, I hope had a good time.

President, Mark

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Wake—Up! and laugh



The Snotty receptionist

An older gentleman had an appointment to see the urologist who shared offices with several other doctors. The waiting room was filled with patients . . . As he approached the receptionist's desk he noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler. He gave her his name.

In a very loud voice, the receptionist said, "YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE; YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?"

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at the very embarrassed man. He quickly recovered and in an equally loud voice replied, "No, I've come to enquire about a sex change operation, but I don't want the same doctor that did yours".

The room erupted in applause.

Victory buys Indian

Polaris Industries, parent company of cruiser brand Victory Motorcycles, has purchased the Indian Motorcycles group. According to Victory Australia, the Aussie market will not see any Indian models until 2013.

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