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December
2014
(no January issue)

Classic Torque



Killarney Drum Brake
Ride, November 2014

November Drum Brake Ride Report.

Four keen participants ,two pillions and Frank in the back-up vehicle set off from Lismore Railway Station to meet up with 2 Grafton guys , Ken and Brett, in Kyogle. We proceeded to our morning tea stop at Border Loop where some minor repairs were undertaken (see Photos) then onto Rathdowney for museum visit. Then forwards and on-wards to the bike friendly Mt Alford Hotel for our lunch. From here we continued on via Queen Mary Falls, one of the most spectacular rides in this area, then arriving at 3.20pm at Killarney.(just 10 minutes before the Op shop closed)

Peter joined us at 6pm after deciding not to set up camp somewhere on his adventure journey in the hills towards Killarney.

Early Saturday am, Bonalbo Mick joined us for breakfast. We were then escorted by Warwick HMCCQ members for a guided trip around country roads all leading to the famous Rudd's Pub at Nobby. Returning via Clifton, Allora and stopping at Sandy Creek Hotel for refreshments. During "Happy Hour" on the veranda the fire alarms went off, but as no one could smell smoke the only response was Andy and Frank rescuing the esky just in case. Luckily it was a false alarm.

Come Sunday we ventured to Legume to meet Ralph Aflick who, at 84, still operates his self built one man sawmill- (recently featured on Landline ABC- see Iview). This was the highlight of our trip, a once in a life time opportunity. After such an enjoyable time with Ralph we headed home via Woodenbong all safe and sound. Thanks to all who participated and we're looking forward to 2015. There are more photos on the club website. TK





Above right and left: Bikes on the run
Left: Ralph Aflick's one man, self built and run timber mill that featured on ABC recently. Note the upside down caterpillar track unit which delivers the logs to the saw bench. Everything he built himself from odds and ends, and he can (and does) operate the mill entirely by himself. It's powered by a big diesel engine mounted high in the shed which drives systems to move and saw the logs. Pretty incredible when you realize he built the mill when he was 71!
Below: only one horsepower, but great traction!



Club pre 1984 ride to Tenterfield in October.

It was good to see all members bikes sticking to the pre 1984 guideline for this ride, although one members daughter came on a modern but everyone else was on historic club registration. Excellent weather for the day with lunch at the Tenterfield pub where they kindly put the moto 3 on TV for us. After a good feed of seafood, we headed off back through the twistys to get home easily in time to watch moto1. MC



Editor::
 I think he's trying to say "What happened to the rest of the club?"
 The run was listed on the calendar but no one else showed up.



Presidents Report

Hi

The great riding weather is with us already which has seen an increase in the number of touring bikes travelling through our area and the SMIDSY campaign (*sorry mate I didn't see you*) that is on at the moment, is a reminder that everyone is out there aiming at us.

The December meeting is the AGM and as I will not be standing for election again, I would like to thank the current committee for their great support in the last year.

A few new events have been added to try to bring out the Classic Bikes and I trust the new committee will continue in the same direction. Col



Minutes of AGM December 2013

Opened: 8.16pm

President report on the year and thanks committee for their assistance. Thanks to all members also for their support of the club, participation and good to see club growth.

Pat Holt responds on behalf of committee and members to thank Col for his excellent job as President and his participation in the club.

Minutes of previous AGM read and accepted Peter Lake. Second Pat Holt

No submissions for matters to be raised.

Treasurers report from General meeting submitted.

Col declares all positions vacant and vacates the chair which is taken by Peter Harvey.

No written nominations for any committee positions were received.

Peter suggests we could streamline, Pat Holt moves we do each position singly, seconded Peter Lake, carried.

Pat moves - any position with more than 1 nomination be decided by show of hands vote.

PRESIDENT

Peter Lake moves Col McAndrew, seconded Gerard Roche DECLARED

SECRETARY

Pat Holt nominates Katrina Jeffery seconded Peter Lake DECLARED

TREASURER

Peter Lake nominates Gerard Roche, seconded Pat Holt DECLARED

VICE PRESIDENT

Col McAndrew nominates Pat Holt, seconded Peter Lake DECLARED

Chair handed back to Col McAndrew

COMMITTEE

Col McAndrew nominates Frank Widdows and Peter Harvey, seconded Peter Lake

DECLARED

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Peter Lake and Frank Widdows

MID WEEK RUN ORGANISER

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.Mid week Run 3/11/14 to East Lismore Coffee Shop'.

After a slow start (chatting as usual - everyone guilty) - six riders set off via Canaiba, Springrove and Naughtons Gap onto the Kyogle Road and then via South Lismore to East Gundurimba, Wyrallah Bridge for coffee at East Lismore. The Jacarandas were in full bloom and quite superb. Road conditions were good, a bit windy in places for smaller machines, but good for liquid-cooled 250cc bikes without supplementary cooling-fans and still running-in. We experienced some frustrating heavy-vehicle detour-traffic due to the Glebe Bridge at Coraki still being under repair, but overall riding conditions were good.

There are 3 coffee shops in the small, but obviously thriving, East Lismore shopping complex. You guessed it! Our valiant "leader" chose the wrong one. But no matter - this coffee was the take-away type, so the minority of the group who were served there just walked 20m and joined the others at the intended and far more salubrious coffee house just up the block. My shame over this mix-up was mitigated somewhat, when I was personally and enthusiastically complemented on Brian's immaculate Centennial Bonneville as my own. I was confused - so I just thanked the observer. Obviously he was one of our friends. We certainly need all the PR we can possibly get over responsible motorcycling. (The Reason: I had my old traditional/genuine Triumph belt-buckle showing!) After a good chat, we broke up for an earlier than usual ride back home.

R. A.



Left: The pre ride tension is evident!:>)



Pre-war and pre-50's Sunday 16th November club run to Rocky Creek dam

Fortunately, Sunday morning was not as hot as the previous day which was around 39 to 40degrees! So a gathering of riders convened at the Rous Hotel in the cool of the morning with a good selection of older bikes mixing it with the others. After many mugs of coffee and the usual stories, we mounted up and headed out to Rocky Creek dam via Woodlaw, Numulgi and Dunoon. An easy run, "Just keep turning right until you get to the dam turnoff"!

Peter Lake and Eric Wilson drove the back up vehicle—unnecessarily it turned out, and Gordon made his own way on his Ajay and met us at the dam.

Tony, Lina, Bryson and Mary had brought out the cakes and hot drinks. Many thanks for that. More chat before we made our way home. Still not too hot, and a good gentle ride. Thanks especially to those who brought out their older, slower bikes. RS



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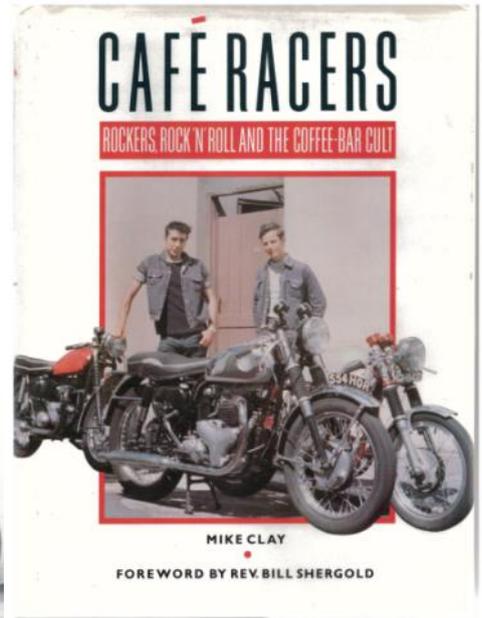
Book for the month:

This book is full of excellent pictures and stories of the development and history of classic café racers. The author was a café racer himself and visited many of the roadside cafes that supported the



boys—even to the extent of providing ‘alibis’ when the police arrived hot and bothered after a high speed chase!

The book belongs to Peter Lake—ask him if you wish to borrow it.



From the Editor: A poem found on the wall of a Hells Angels Clubroom!!

Do you just ‘belong’??

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented that
your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the lot?
Or do you just stay away
And criticize—and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the show along?

Or are you satisfied to be
the kind that just belong?

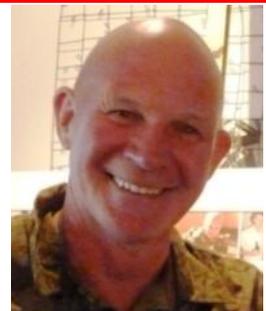
Do you ever go and visit
Or call on a member who is sick?

Or leave the work to just a few
And then call them a clique?

Think this over fellow member

You know the right from wrong

Be an active member
And do not just ‘belong!’



This seems a singularly appropriate poem given that the AGM is coming up and we need new club officials and volunteers for activities throughout the year.

You wouldn't think the Hells Angels had the problem of people not pitching in!

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As long as we don't ruin this event with stupid behavior, this should be an ongoing successful event—but all it would take is one idiot—and the whole thing will be stopped!



**Press Release**  
**Lion's TT**  
**Motorcycle Festival**  
**10/11/2014**



Australian motorsport history has been made with the successful staging of the very first Lion's TT event in October 2014. This event has surpassed all expectations, with a groundswell of support from motorcycle enthusiasts, LTT founding members, participants, attendees, spectators, local community, business and authorities.

The economic development opportunities generated much needed capital for the township of Kyogle, the Lions Road, and region.

The support of the motorcycle enthusiast who joined the Lion's TT Dream made the event what it was and helped establish a movement that will become a pilgrimage to all that enjoy life and camaraderie on two wheels.

We would like to thank the Kyogle Council for their management & support, along with the local community & organisations whom welcomed us by opening the doors of your beautiful historic township.

**The Lion's TT Motorcycle Festival is set for**  
**September 19th & 20th 2015**  
**and**  
**Will be an annual event**

Plans are already underway for a festival of events bigger & better than 2014 including feature rides throughout the region leading to the destination of Kyogle.

**Become part of History each year by supporting "YOUR" Lions TT as**  
**Together we grow and strengthen the community of**  
**Kyogle & surrounding regions**

## Reminder about the Club Restoration Trophy:

It's nearing the years end, and it's time to enter that restoration you have been slaving away over for the last how many years.

Here are the rules:

- The bike must be at least 30 years old as calculated from the beginning of this year.
- It must be completed, running and registered, either as full rego, or with historic plates, by December 31, 2014
- You must be able to show that you have done a significant amount of work yourself—the more you have done, the more points awarded to you
- The bike must be true to original —no specials or one-offs
- You must be a financial member of the NRCMCC

Judging takes place by arrangement between judges and entrants in January, and the winner gets their name engraved on the jack Ahearn donated perpetual trophy and a personal trophy for their mantelpiece.

Please contact John Café or Eric Wilson (02 6624 3157) for more information and for entry details.

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# **NRCMC Club Events**



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

**Sunday 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 if you start at the Rous Hotel*

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

**December 14— REGO DAY and XMAS PARTY** at Clunes Hall—short run from Rous Hotel at 8.30am **IMPORTANT:** Please advise attendance for catering by the 9th December meeting. *(The ride to Frank Widdows house, Ballina—cancelled)*

**January 18—Ride to Clarrie Hall dam** for lunch with other clubs (to be confirmed)

**February 15—Ride to Wadesville Woolies**

**March 15—NRCMCC Show and Shine, Alstonville**

**April 19—Ride to Bonalbo Micks house.** (and see the great overhead railway!!) Older bikes if you can, backup trailer and catering trailer.

**April 26—May 1—Over the Hill Run—**Contact Tony K (6628 1806) or Bryson W (0428 291 509)

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

**December 5 -7 - Murwillumbah Motorfest and Swap, Car and Bike show.** Contact 07 5599 2081

**January 18—Ride to Clarrie Hall dam** for lunch with other clubs—excellent food for \$10. leave from Rous hotel 11am.

**February 7—8—Hagslea museum swap and closing sale.**

**February 26—Mar 1—Taree rally**

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Dave Stirling has a pair of split lens Halcyon classic goggles looking for a good home. Free, good condition, except that the strap needs replacing. He’s given them into my care, so contact me; Richard Swinton. First come, first served!



**Left:** I have a set of sling-over pannier bags free to good home— bit faded, but otherwise serviceable for those longer trips—Free from Richard Swinton  
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**Right:** Also a Dririder rear bag, large and expandable with multiple pockets and water-proof cover. Excellent condition; \$50

**More reading matter -well actually, a really good website** (apologies to those without internet access)

Every now and then, I bump across some really good info on the web—  
A site called ‘**The BOOMER BIKER—what every over 50 rider should know**’ < <http://genjac.com/BoomerBiker/index.htm> > is excellent. It covers accident statistics (American, but still worthwhile), risk management, 2 wheel physics, counter steering, braking, gyroscopic precession—(nature’s power steering), controlling slides and tank slappers, and group riding.  
At last, a really readable explanation of the physics involved in controlling your bike. And some excellent safety advice. The explanations are easy to follow.

Why am I mentioning this site in the newsletter? Well, the stats clearly show—both here and in the States—that the over 50 motorcyclist is overrepresented in the accident statistics. Yeah—I know its not us, but.....RS

**Pothole repair:**

The club has tried to engage local councils about the matter of the dangerous condition the roads are left in after repair of potholes with the JetPatcher. So far as I am aware, there has been no response.  
Interestingly, I was looking up info on the web and I found a booklet called “**Making roads more motorcycle friendly—a guide for road design, construction and maintenance**”, by ‘Transport for NSW’, under the auspices of the RMS. In other words, a Government document.

The booklet points out the hazards that roads can present to motorcycles—a classic one is the recommendation to install a lower guard rail on safety barriers on ‘popular motorcycle roads’. But it also says that roads should not be left in dangerous condition after repair and construction—loose material should be swept clear.  
Perhaps we should send a highlighted copy to the councils?? RS

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### Something a bit lighter!

Bike and car mechanics have a strong and long history of being sexist. This 1964 advertisement for a popular product was obviously not designed to appeal to Mrs Housewife!

It reminds me of an old Wizard of Oz cartoon in which the king is after a new mechanic for the royal coach. He asks the prospective applicants to open their tool boxes, then picks one. Sir Rodney asks him if he chose on the quality of the tools— No, said the king, -On the dirty pictures under the lid!!



There's a fellow who is an avid rider, actually, he's a fanatic. And he has not missed a weekend of motorcycling in years. Every Saturday and Sunday morning he gets up early and meets his mates for a nice long ride.

He gets up early on this morning, dresses quietly and goes out to the garage to prepare to leave. But, when he opens the garage door, he notices that it is not only a torrential downpour with sleet, but it is freezing and blowing a gale as well. He turns on the TV in his workshop and sees on the weather forecast that it going to be like that all day.

So he takes off his gear, reparks the bike and sneaks quietly back into the house.

He undresses and slips back into bed with his wife. He cuddles up to her back and whispers 'The weather out there is terrible' To which she replies 'Can you believe my stupid husband is out riding his bike today?!'



Left: the crowd at Killarney Hotel on the Drumbrake ride—looks like all were enjoying themselves.

Right: our man from the west proudly show off his 1924 Douglas. Even the acetylene lamps work— sometimes!



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**Visit to our man from the west**— Michael Schnerring and I went out to visit Bonalbo Mick and Donna at their hideaway in the bush. We went specifically because Mick had told me he had built a high level train track around his lounge room— something he had seen and coveted ages before while overseas. Sounded interesting to us—so off we went.

We watched the trains perform their death and gravity defying travels and also looked at his wonderful collection of bikes—mostly Nortons. Then lunch at the pub. RS





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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. 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 Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organizer. 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.