

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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**March
2015**

Classic Torque

Wadeville Woolies—Sunday , February 15th

Peter was ride leader to Wadeville last sunday. It was a nice pleasant ride via Nimbin road and onto Stoney Shute rd with no incidents. We spent about one hour at Woolies and I think I heard Neil say that we had 22 attendees. After an hour or so Peter guided some of us home via rock valley and about a dozen of us went to hanging rock falls. The falls are definitely worth a look! FW



Pics by Dieter Opfer and Frank Widdows - more pics on facebook and the club website

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc

Meeting 10th Feb 2015

Welcome meeting started 7.45; Rob Evans Chair; R Swinton temp Secretary

Visitors new member, Michael Schnerring, gave brief background of himself. Was welcomed to club.

Apologies 6 as per attendance sheet

Members 43 as per attendance sheet

Read minutes of previous meeting – accepted by Patholt/David jupe

Business Arising from minutes A question was asked about the letter from cancer council requesting donations – this was moved to general business.

Ditto a query about the money paid to “Northern Rider”

Treasurers Report (covering period Dec – Feb) Was read and accepted

Correspondence IN (as in list)

Discussion re the response from RMS re club responsibilities on rego. Agreed that the exec comm discuss it and bring it back to a future meeting.

Correspondence OUT Nil Correspondence accepted R Swinton/R Nutt

GENERAL BUSINESS

re Cancer council: Peter Harvey explained that the club donated directly to the local branch of the prostate cancer council and that the letter asking for donations tendered at a previous meeting was from the State body and to be ignored. He also explained that our donations were being used to purchase a more sophisticated radiation treatment apparatus for Lismore. Eric asked if group wanted a speaker on prostate cancer – agreed, he will arrange.

Show and Shine – sausage sizzle to be held – Volunteers required (Eric Wilson - more detail next meeting), Bryson W will bring catering trailer, It was suggested we buy a larger marquee, but club has 2 and LJ Hooker has offered 2 more for the day – so decided against at this stage. Club voted support for a ‘Best Unrestored’ award.

Query re payment to ‘Northern Rider’. It was explained that we pay for an advert in the mag, and that Nick had donated the posters for the show&shine. Everyone happy.

Bunnings BBQ – Norm Balzar asked if we wanted to volunteer – positive response, he will organize with Bunnings. P Harvey/Rob Andrews

Rob Evans asked for any comments ideas from floor re annual rally – Pat Holt reiterated that club needs to pull weight and volunteer – not just leave it to small group.

Mary Walker asked for confirmation that xmas party hall hire was paid – OK

Norm asked that the ride to Super bikes be an official club run and put on ride list.– agreed

Members Reports - Runs, etc

Xmas party – Buck Horton reported it was excellent, and he enjoyed the club feeling. Meeting thanked Tony K and Mary W for their efforts preparing party

Run to Cram farm at invite of Tweed club – good food and company and lovely venue – also good weather, but not many classic bikes (Tweed club isn’t a heritage club) Tweed would like us to ride to Kirra for the start and ride with them and ride new roads. Richard S explained that he didn’t like riding in very large groups and suggested club should arrange their own ride to Cram farm.

Wed runs – one to Oxford Hotel with 8 bikes, and one to New Italy – 7 bikes.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

The start of the Sunday Classic bike run, March 1st.

Unfortunately, I couldn't join the Classic bike run, but I turned up at the start for coffee with the early birds and took these photos. 28 bikes showed up - only 2 weren't genuine classic bikes - and about 22 actually headed off on the run to Mallanganee. A perfect day, I hope they all had a great ride. I'm jealous as hell and hoping I'll be back on the road soon. RS



Above—some of the crowd



Above right - XS650 Yamaha

Right - most of the bikes outside the Rous hotel



Left - both ends of the classic spectrum!

Right - The riders briefing



Left - I have to say I have always had a soft spot for BSA Starfire 250s.

Right - 100cc vs 650cc, but both wonderful classics.



Below:
Col's report on the run

28 bikes turned up at the Rous Hotel for the first "Classic Bike Only Ride" This event was brought about following many concerns that safety was becoming an issue with the mix of older classic bikes and faster, better stopping, modern bikes on many of our club rides.

Makes represented were: - Triumph, Norton, BSA, Ariel, Moto Guzzi, BMW, Suzuki, Yamaha, Honda & Kawasaki

Our Club president Rob brought out on his 1973 Honda Benly. I was surprised with the performance of the 100cc bike which comfortably sat on 80kph and climbed hills without losing too much speed.

We rode from Lismore to Casino, via Naughtons Gap Rd, where we regrouped and then rode out to the Moon River Cafe at Mallanganee. We were provided with Tea/Coffee and Scrumptious Scones for \$6.00, which all agreed was good value.

It was great to see some members who had not been attending club rides in recent times. The support and encouragement shown indicates that this should be a regular monthly club event. It is proposed to have this "30 years and older bike ride" on the first Sunday of each month.

Positions vacant :- Back-up Trailer operator for this event. (pls. call Col or Frank)

Presidents report:

This month has definitely snuck up on me. It seems like only a week ago that I was engaged in this creative writing exercise entitled "President's Report."



During the last month the Club has had a very professional looking poster for the Alstonville Show and Shine produced and distributed. Thanks to all involved there especially Nick Kostyn from Northern Rider magazine (<http://www.northernrider.com.au/>) who printed dozens of them for the club at his own expense and thanks also to all those involved in designing and distributing the poster. I hope we get some good weather for the day and a great roll up of classic machines. I would like to make a special mention of the work of Eric Wilson here, who has helped enormously with the planning and trophies for the event. Thanks mate! I am busy getting my recently acquired bike schmicked up for the day. I am pretty confident that it will be looking pretty good in its refurbished livery, accessories and mechanical restorations. I am very much looking forward to wheeling her out of the shed for a spin post restoration works.

On another note I have been getting "notices" coming through to my email from the NRCMC Facebook page. If anyone can help me to work out how to respond to these and how the whole Facebook thing works, I would be very grateful.

Finally, after quite some deliberation within the Committee, the time of year has arrived when formal letters are being sent out to members who have not paid their membership renewal fees. There are about 30 letters going out. A special thank-you to Club Secretary, Neil Williams, for collating our records and preparing the correspondence for this. I take this opportunity to remind anyone who is about to become un-financial (ie anyone who has not renewed membership by our March 2015 meeting), that it is a condition of the use of vehicles on Historic Registration associated with our Club, that the owner be a financial member. There are insurance and legal issues associated with the use of "H Plated" vehicles arising from anyone's failure to meet the conditions of the Historic Registration scheme. So if you are in this boat, please contact the Treasurer, Peter Lake, 66285872, and renew your membership ASAP.

Happy riding everyone and "stay upright!"

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**Important -
Alstonville Show and Shine, March 15th**

Entrance is from Wardell road to the carparks next to Heritage House. Follow the signs.

If you intend to enter your bike, **it must be pre 1985**. You will be given a stick-on number to place on your headlight for voting purposes and a card for details of your machine. You will then park in the space identified for the age of your bike. Please park as directed in line and not too far apart. Leave your bike there until after show presentations at 12.30.

If you are bringing **more than one bike**, trailers can be parked in the adjacent carpark along with spectators cars, and bikes wheeled across to the show area. Cars will not be allowed in the bike show area.

If your bike is post 1985, please park where you are directed in the general area, not the display area. Your post 1985 bike is not eligible for trophies in this show, but will still be on display.

Most of all, **please arrive early from 8.30am** onwards and **before 9.30am**. Voting should be over by 11.30 with presentations at 12.30.

Thanks guys, see you there!

And if you're a visitor, please come and enjoy to display - plenty of parking, and coffee and refreshments available in the shopping centre.

Next Issue: we will have the story and pics of **Alan Stratton's** incredible ride -Adelaide to Darwin on a 1914 Triumph - Here's a sweetener for you - .

Adelaide to Darwin via Ullara and Kakadu, A distance of 4,100 km's, riding a 1914 triumph motorcycle. Pedal start, no clutch, no gearbox, belt drive, virtually no brakes, with a top speed approaching 70 km's an hour, sitting on a seat one step better than a bicycle seat. A man would have to be crazy.



Alan Stratton

Alan Stratton



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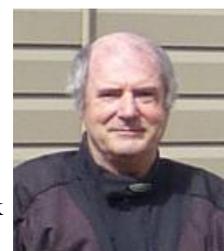
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Mid week run: Wednesday Warriors 25 February to Frank Widdows house, Ballina

Despite TC Marcia's wet weather and consequent overcast/drizzly conditions, 8 members on a pleasing variety of machines including two smaller 2-strokes and a very nice retro V7 Guzzi assembled at the Lismore Railway Station at 9AM.

The organiser was in a quandary concerning requests for dry roads and no rain, as it seemed from the radar that anywhere we went to-day we would get showers. The plan was to meet Frank at his home in Ballina for a cuppa and snack. But the route there was problematic as regards providing the requested dry roads. Luckily Peter stepped up to assist in his lucky (rain-hex) water-proof trousers and quickly designed a route that satisfied everyone - (well perhaps not everyone, just those listening and not talking about bikes that is).



Quick, Ring the police, the bikies are taking over!! FW

So we roared off past the recently opened Masters Store, then via East Gundurimba, Wyrallah, Tregeagle, Alstonville and Teven, using the eastern road that followed the river past the quarry to get under the Highway at Ballina's clover-leaf roundabout. Coming into Ballina of course the rain started. Then despite some excellent marshaling by experienced club-members, we "lost" the leading pack, who went too far into South Ballina before they realised they had missed the turn-off to Frank's and had to return. But we all made it eventually.

After a very happy hour or so chatting over coffee/cake whilst listening to the soothing sound of rain lashing the awning and drumming madly on the pool-cover, all too soon it was time to return home for lunch and get onto some bone-dry roads over the Alstonville Plateau and then try and safely negotiate Lismore's interminable roadworks. Our thanks to Frank Widdows for his hospitality and to Peter Lake for his expert route suggestions. I hope to return to riding with the Club and MW Runs after my (non-motorcycling related) knee-replacement operation at St Vinnies early this month. Safe riding everyone! RA (and all the best for the op, Rob)

Mid week run Wed Feb 4 to New Italy

- Eight riders travelled down to New Italy—for excellent coffee, tea, and cakes (for those not on diets!) Despite the weather forecast—a dry run which went via Tatham rd to Coraki and then over the river, thence Oakland road (very narrow alongside the river), Woodburn and then down the highway to New Italy. A good run. RS



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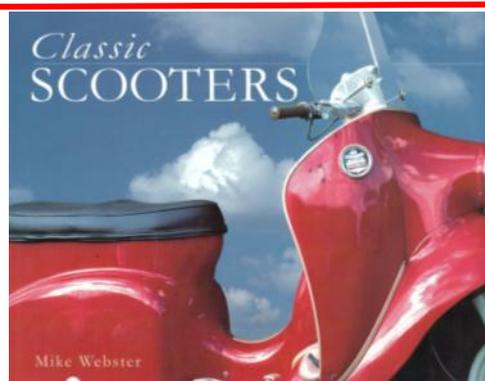
A bit of an indulgence, this one.

When I was about to go to University of Melbourne, My father decided I needed a motorbike since there was no car parking, available, but there was a bike park at Uni. But Mother dear hit the roof—"If a motorbike comes in



here, I'm leaving!!" So we weaseled around that and bought a scooter, a Durkopp Diana—194cc, 9.5hp, 60mph top speed—so my first wheels was a scooter. Next was a '65 Triumph Bonneville—Mum had given up the fight by then.

The book is mine if you want to read it. RS



From the Editor (and exec committee member):

At great personal risk, I'm going to open up a conversation this club is rearing to have—Are we a classic bike club or are we just a bike club that is registered to manage classic bikes for RMS? I get comments regularly that we should only allow membership to people with classic bikes, that runs should be limited to classic bikes only (I notice there are 2 extra Sunday runs for classics only) But when we do organize 'classics only' or 'drum brakes only' rides, I hear complaints from those who have modern bikes—"why can't we go?!" Why the fuss? Some of the older bike owners complain that they are at risk because of the riders of modern bike not allowing for the iffy brakes, etc of the oldies, also their high performance displays aren't appropriate; but the problem now is that a 1920 Trumpy is a classic as is a Suzuki Katana or a Ducati V twin! So that problem exists even within the classic genre.

My view tends to be that anyone can organise a run to suit their bike type if they feel excluded—Don't expect others to always do the work to suit you. And all riders should be aware of the other bikes on a run—just because you can do a stoppie, doesn't mean the guy behind you can!!

What do you think!?! Let me know in writing please editor RS

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# **NRCMC Club Events**



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

Classic (pre 1985) run first Sunday of the month

## **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

March 1—Sunday run Classic bikes only to Mallangane.

March 15—NRCMCC Show and Shine, Alstonville

April 5—Sunday Run, Classic bikes only

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)

May 17—Ride to Mary and Brysons place

June 17—Slow bike run to Evans Head and the F111 museum

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

March 6—8 Taree rally

Mar 29—April 6—Bathurst Rally

May 1—3 - Singleton Rally

May 17—Ray Owen Show, Mt Tambourine

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### **Second:**

In my possession I have a very good condition matching set of **Givi Monokey Panniers and Topbox**. \$120.00 and a packet of Tim Tams for the lot. All are keyed alike.

I have been told Givi Australia sell the mounting gear and it runs in under \$180.00 (Bike Model Dependent)

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 John Glenn...  
 “As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder”

That reminds me of the old classic—’The definition of terror is lying strapped into the space capsule listening to the countdown ..’five, four, three....”, and suddenly seeing the little sign on the instrument panel “Electrics by Lucas!”

It’s a challenging thought— not the Lucas bit - but the fact that our capitalist society does everything as cheaply as possible—so we have to spend lots of effort to ensure safety and quality and ethical behavior. I wonder if it , could it be done differently?? RS



~ David Letterman...  
 America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

A mother is dealing with a fractious child in a supermarket “Why can’t you be good!?”  
 The child responds quickly - “I will if you give me \$2!”.  
 Frustrated mother “Why can’t you be good for nothing, like your father?”



Is this what our president means when he says ‘stay upright?’  
 or does he mean ‘stay less than 45 degrees from vertical?’

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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.