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**June
2015**

Classic Torque

Sunday run to Mary and Bryson, May 17
Below: 4 BMWs as lonely starters at the Rous Hotel start - effect of threatening rain?



Upper right: Ladies of the club

Above: Mein hostess supervises the BBQ and serving; Many thanks Mary and Bryson for breakfast.

Right above: Other bikes that braved the threat of rain and wet roads

Right: Time for some serious chat - the feet tell the story - only one of them rode his bike.



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 12th May 2015 START: 9:10pm (late start because of guest speaker prior to meeting- Subject of talk: Mens health and prostate cancer)

ATTENDANCE: 27 members, 10 apologies, 4 visitors

WELCOME: Welcome by president and introduction from visitors.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ ACCEPTED: Pat Holt SECOND: Mary Walker

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

(see below in General Business)

TREASURERS REPORT – presented to members ACCEPTED: Richard Swinton SECOND: Tony Pembroke

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Letter to RMS providing details of non financial members for 2015 – *not actioned to date. Carried over to next meeting*

Letter to LJ Hooker confirming Alstonville Carpark for next years Show & Shine

Letter to All Badges about Rally badge designs and costings

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

8 x Club Newsletter: Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club, Tweed Heads motorcycle Club, Coffs Harbour motorcycle Club, Inverell Motorcycle Club, Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club, Historical Motorcycle Club of QLD, The Council of Heritage Motor Clubs of NSW, National Motor Racing Museum.

Invitation to The Rusty iron Rally at Macksville & Clarence Valley M/Cycle Club Autumn Campout

Invitation to Trojan Rod and Custom Club annual show 2015 – *Carried over to next meeting*

Invitation to participate in 2015 Lions TT possibly running their Show & Shine. – *Unanimous that NRCMC cannot participate this year*

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Carried over from last meeting

- Final membership numbers – *2015 Club membership details provided to members*
 - Currency of trailer insurance with Shannons Insurance – *Shannons confirmed that previous overdue notice was a computer error. Club trailer is comprehensively insured for 2015.*
 - Feedback from members about the effectiveness of the staged departure strategy on Bonalbo ride. – *Carried over to next meeting*
 - Bunnings Bar B Q dates – *Carried over to next meeting*
 - Printing and postage of the Club's newsletter – *Carried over to next meeting*
 - Appointment of Show & Shine Sub Committee 4th member – *Confirmed that 4th member of S&S Sub Committee is Tony Pembroke.*
- Show and Shine venue is confirmed as the top car park of the Alstonville Shopping Centre
- Invitation to Trojan Rod and Custom Club annual show 2015 – *Carried over to next meeting*

Pat Holt spoke about a Club ride that he is organizing to Glen Innes. The ride leaves Lismore Rail Station at 9:30am on Friday the 29th May 2015. Heading up to Glen Innes and any one who wants then can go on to the Clarence Valley Motorcycle Club rally on the weekend at the Nymboida Canoe Centre to attend their Autumn camp out or come home with the NRCMC guys via Gwydir Highway.

Eric Wilson advised the group that the first NRCMC rally was held in 1992. This rally will be the 23rd rally. 25th Rally will be in 2017 and should be celebrated by the Club.

REGO OFFICER REPORT: NIL

CLUB RUNS: 2015 Over the Hill Run.

Pat Holt spoke about how professional the ride was and how well the entire trip was organized. Great roads, great company. Special thanks to those members who drove the backup vehicles. The ride back was wet in places but everyone made it home safe and well.

This can only be described as a premium ride and all members are encouraged to attend future OTH rides.

WEDNESDAY RIDES: No report

NEXT CLUB RUNS:

This Sunday ride to Mary and Bryson's house.

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MEETING CLOSED: 9:50pm

BERNIE'S FURBALL

Reflecting back to times of long long ago, one of my recalls of experience with motorcycles is that “bikes blew up.” English bikes for sure but then again to be fair so did early Jap bikes. I seem to have spent an inordinate amount of my life, well from double digits in a shed or under a tarp trying to maintain my two wheeled money pits only to don a helmet hop on my bike and breakdown...the trick was not to ride too far from the security of the shed which harboured a bigger tool range than you were carrying on the bike. Its hard to have that, “Pride of ownership” thing going when you’re pushing the bugger home. Pushing bikes was intolerable. Still is.



Mind you it was not only bikes. I remember my dad chocka block loading the boot of our FJ Holden with a big red tool box and already dysfunctional spares before our “Sunday Drive”

The exact juncture in my life when bikes didn’t blow their stack is not clear but I know it was gradual and suspect it was with higher quality European bikes reaching our shores. A rule of thumb in the main was...if you could afford to spend big money up front it would get you out of the shed and on the road riding for longer periods.

Memory flash...In 1970 a couple of mates forged their dad’s signature on guarantor documentation with ESANDA Finance and bought R75/5 Beemer’s. I would have done the same but knew very well my step dad’s credit rating was worse than mine. So I worked like buggery and bought a brand newie Honda 550 K3 for cash before my step dad who I know was coveting my Commonwealth Bank Book balance got to it. My mates got on their bikes and went from here to buggery at any time day or night whilst I stretched out distances slowly.

Over the years we have been spoilt as the blowing up thing became history. You can now go out and purchase a bike that costs little more than a shitty lounge suite at Hardly Normal then absolutely squeeze the tanks contents into the carbies and achieve red line warp one arriving home feeling all warm and gooey. I love that!

Historically you would have to be a game fella, or absolutely braindead , as was the latter case with me, to hitchhike from here to Timbuktu buy a bike and ride it home. Yet its common practice today. Have we turned the corner? Yes Siree and its all go! Hold on a minute, don’t put the loo seat down yet. What if you can afford a newbie complete with all the go go gadget accessories resulting in a safer more secure ride and with less maintenance and is cheaper by far but your passion is not the new but the old? Then my friends your’re just like me, a big fat dickhead...I like that in myself and you? So what lessons should you expect to learn?

I have owned an absolute motza of bikes in my life so my gained experience is extensive. I have maintained them all, fully restored many to show pony status and have purpose built 2. The 1st was a 1982 R100RS BMW with the ability to take me all over Australia via the tar comfortably, fast and strongly reliable. And as for my 2nd...I flew into Adelaide a smidgen before last Christmas bought a bike and rode it back. Talk about being favored...10,020 Kilometers in 28 days over the Christmas period riding a 1992 BMW R100 GS PD (GS is a German abbreviation for Gelderland Sport and PD stands for Paris Dakar). After arriving home I knew exactly what I wanted to do to the bike to turn it into, “ A piece of poetry” Specialized parts arrived from Germany, England (No Vat!!! Yippee), a few parts from the old US of A, some parts I had in the shelves and some parts I was fortunate enough to extract from friends. Over the next month or so Michael Schnerring and I went about combining our spare time and coffee breaks resulting in a multi-purpose bike that is hard to beat. It is the easiest and most enjoyable bike I have ridden. It is an absolute pleasure to ride.

Special thanks go to Michael for sharing his friendship, expertise and shed with me. Special thanks go to Neil (Hairy) for allowing me (in part) to jump the gun on his restoration in Michael’s shed. Every day I would turn up and take Hairy’s bike off the hoist only to return the next to do it all over again. He was persistent I’ll give him that. I am glad we completed my rebuild when we did as I was getting some anonymous threatening hate mail. Special thanks goes to Rob Evans our President for teaching me that when you say to a fella, “bugger off I was here first” that the glazed stupid look you see in his eyes means that it means absolutely nothing to him. You know what I am taking about don’t you? We see it on most Politicians faces. Special thanks to Colleen for feeding me.

I now have a 2nd purpose built high performing old classic bike that will take me anywhere on dirt or tar anytime day or night, rain, hail or shine when required. (Maybe not hail)

ABSOLUTELY WONDERFULL! WHAT A GREAT TIME I AM HAVING IN MY LIFE! Hope you are too

xx

Bernie Shailer

Coffs Harbour Restore & Ride Rally 2015.

The Coffs Harbour & District Motorcycle Restorers Club held their Annual Rally on 22,23 & 24th May.

Only two NRCMCC member's bikes were entered with Col, Nancy and Warren flying our flag. The ride down early Friday morning was enjoyable after spending the previous days watching the gloomy weather forecasts. The Rally is based at the Sawtell Beach Holiday Park and approx. Coffs Harbour 40 bikes headed south for the Friday Ride. We followed the old Highway through Bonville onto the Pacific Highway at Urunga and then turning in to Hungry Head and back to Urunga for a catch up stop. The route then put us along Yellow Rock Rd where we had to dodge potholes, mud and very fresh cow pats on our way to Raleigh. We then followed North Bank Rd to Bellingen for the lunch stop. Coffs Club members provided a BBQ at the Park on Friday evening.

Saturday's ride had approx. 70 riders travelling out through Bellingen and on to Thora for a catch up. Those on the "long ride" ascended the spectacular Waterfall Way up through Dorrigo then north out to join the Grafton to Armidale Rd at Tyringham. The temperature dropped rapidly as we headed towards Armidale to loop back to Dorrigo and down the Mountain to the Thora Hall where the locals put on a great lunch. The bikes were positioned in their decade groups for judging.

The presentation dinner was again held at the Sawtell Bowlo which is adjacent to the Holiday Park. A fine meal was followed by the Trophy Presentation and Raffles.

Sunday morning saw us ride out to Lowanna via Bruxner Park and along Wedding Bells Forest Dr. At Nana Glen we left the ride and returned home via Glenreagh.

This Classic Bike Only Rally is certainly one to put on your calendar for next year. Thanks go to the Coffs Club members for the great marshalling. It was also good to see that the backup trailer was not required. Col.McA



Our 2 club representatives bikes

The Ray Owen Classic Bike Show and Swap Meet.

This year the annual event was held at Canungra Showgrounds again after outgrowing Beaudesert and then Mt Tambourine venues.

This is by far the best Classic Bike Show around and combined with a Motorcycle only Swap Meet has become very popular and well attended by most Classic Clubs. A few NRCMCC Members attended with Fred and David Jupe entering two BSAs for judging.

All bikes in the Show are under cover while the visitor's bikes in the separate parking area provide a show by themselves as many Clubs make it a Club Run.



The organisers, The Mt Tambourine chapter of the HMCC of Qld, always ensure the show is run to a very high standard which encourages further growth. Col.McA



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START: 7:40pm

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Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing

Serves 12 - Recipe by Annabel Langbein

(Made at Caroline & Bill's house for Michael's birthday on 6/4/2015)

Prep time: 20 mins Cook time: 55 - 60 mins

Ingredients:

- 1 cup neutral oil, eg canola or grapeseed
- 2 cups raw or white sugar
- 4 small eggs
- 1 cup wholemeal flour
- 1 cup plain flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 3 cups grated carrot (approx 3 medium carrots)
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 tablespoon orange juice

Variation:

- Add 1 cup raisins and/or ½ cup chopped walnuts.

Cream Cheese Icing:

- 40g butter, softened
- 125g cream cheese, softened (not spreadable kind)
- Juice and zest of 1/2 lemon
- 2 cups icing sugar

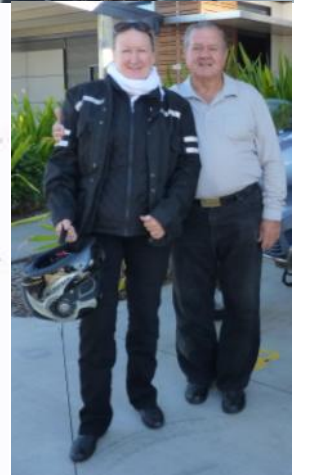
Method:

Preheat oven to 160°C. Grease and line a 25cm round tin with baking paper. Place oil, sugar and eggs in a large bowl; beat with electric hand mixer to combine. Add both flours, salt, cinnamon, mixed spice, ginger and grated carrot (and 1 cup raisins and/or ½ cup chopped walnuts, if using). Mix gently with large spoon just to combine - don't over-mix.

Dissolve baking soda in orange juice and stir into mixture. Spread into prepared tin. Bake 55-60 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Ice when cold with cream cheese icing. Will keep in an airtight container in a cool place for 1 week.

Cream Cheese Icing:

Beat together 40g softened but not melted butter, 125g cream cheese, the juice and zest of 1/2 juicy lemon and 2 cups icing sugar. Blend until smooth then spread over top of cake. Garnish with chopped apricots.



Some more shots from Over the hill - mainly social shots. It's a great experience, and a good way to get to know club members



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Wednesday Warriors - 27 May:

Eleven riders and machines ranging through 250cc to 1,000cc in various cylinder configurations were presented for the second of May's Mid Week Runs, meeting at the old Lismore Railway Station at 9AM, for a brisk 135Km run in crisp but bracing autumnal weather. It was great to see such a good turn-up coinciding with the (nominal) organiser's return to motor-cycling after knee-replacement surgery 10 weeks ago and also the return of Ian from overseas. The route was via the Bruxner to Tatham, then through Coraki to Woodburn, over the high concrete bridge to Kilgin; very bumpy Baggotville Barrage and then down the Wardell Road - past the usual speed-camera car right on the 80/100KPH posted change opposite Col's house (will they ever get him in an un-guarded moment of speed-frenzy some wondered). The pies were as good as usual, as was the coffee. Surprising to some we learned (after a brief chat) that we had a utility truck-driver member working in the district. Home by 12 noon for some hot food and drink. RA (keep up the recovery, Rob! Ed)



As we move on through life, armchairs start to look very inviting! Our leader returns!!

Very Interesting fact about Dead Penguins - I never knew this!

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica ?
Where do they go? Wonder no more !!!

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life. The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:
"Freeze a jolly good fellow." "Freeze a jolly good fellow."



You really didn't believe that I know anything about penguins, did you? It's so easy to fool OLD people.

I am sorry, an urge came over me that made me do it!!! Oh quit whining, I fell for it, too (Thanks to Bernie Shailer - blame him, not me!)



Some of the things you see on Over the Hill:

Far left: He so wanted to join in!

Centre: In a shop front!

Right: saw while lunching - he is a south American parrot.

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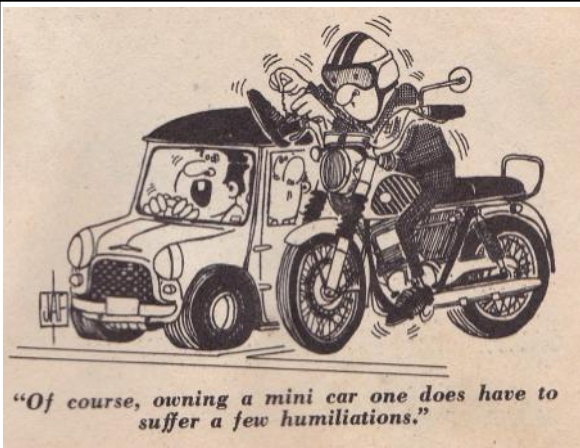
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Nice little shoebox - this kept following us like a lost puppy!



Left: 'SOG' - 18 litres, all hand built!, Centre: Neville, the unsung genius and creator. Right: Straight 8 sports car - legal!

I've seen many remarkable nature photographs over the years, but this photo of a nesting Falcon in an old tree is perhaps the most remarkable nature shot that I've ever seen. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Nature is truly breath-taking. Please send this to most of your older friends, since the younger ones probably have never seen a falcon, and probably wouldn't recognise it. *Thanks Eric, good to see a true greenie in our midst*



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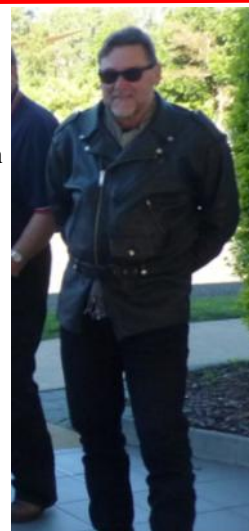
Presidents Report:

Hi All

I hope you have all been managing to get a ride or two in between the rain and the few cold days we have had lately. I went for a very scary wobble on our last Sunday ride on a wet road, hitting a patch of oil or diesel or something very slippery anyway. As I exited the slippery patch the bike righted itself. A few deep breaths later and I was back to normal. It could have been very ugly.

We had a very pleasant social gathering at Bryson and Mary Walker's place despite the patchy rain and slippery patches. It was good to see many of our partners and female members at the gathering.

I read a book called 'Around Australia - The Hard Way' last week about two young blokes who rode an outfit around Australia in 1929. There were virtually no roads up north, the Aborigines were also reputed to be still quite hostile in some areas. They had very little money mainly living off the land, no sponsorship, carried their own spares and fuel was hard to find. A great read. Stay Upright. Rob.



From the Editors desk;

As you could see from Bernie Shailer's story, there is always room for stories about yourselves, or about others you know - stories that would appeal to club members. Just think of something you have done on motorcycles - a trip, an accident, a near miss, a barn find, a bargain - whatever. And jot it down - it doesn't have to be a full page missive (actually a half page is a good maximum size) If you have a photo to accompany it, so much the better, but it's not necessary.

So here goes my story - When I worked up in the Northern Territory in my twenties on a mineral survey camp, I befriended the mechanic - a Dutch qualified helicopter engineer.

When the year was over, I returned to Melbourne, went back to Uni and bought 1965 Triumph Bonneville - a great bike that had seen a lot of hard work. (I still think the Bonneville is the ideal of what a motorcycle should look like!) I contacted my NT mate who had returned to his job as helicopter maintenance at Bankstown airport near Sydney. By this time he had bought a BSA Victor - 441cc single. I rode the Bonny up there (lost aircleaners, a muffler, and blew the headlight because of the vibration) and slept on a mattress on the floor of his bachelor unit. Early each morning we would jump on the bikes, ride into the city to the Cahill expressway tunnel under the harbor bridge - then, slowing right down and holding up the traffic, we entered the tunnel and opened the throttles right up - WHAT a RACKET! Music to our ears!!

We also did parachute jumping - He enjoyed it so much he left his job and joined the SAAS so he could do it for free!! Which was interesting because his parachute didn't open properly on his first jump!!! Cheers RS



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# **NRCMC Club Events**



Club run each month on the 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*

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

June 7 - Classic tiddlers run (under 500cc) - larger classics can take a longer way to finish at Frank Widdows home

June 14—Slow bike run to Evans Head and the F111 museum

July 12—Ride to MooMoo café and on to Brunswick hot rods

July 19 - Ride to Brushgrove pub for coffee/lunch

Aug 8/9 - Club winter run to Dorrigo pub (6657 2016 for accommodation bookings)-Terry Savins 0407927982; Start 10 am Rous Hotel

Aug14 - 16 - Triples rally - NRCMCC marshalls required - based at Evans Head

Sept 6 - Classic Bikes only ride TBA

Sept 11-13 - NRCMCC Annual Rally

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

June 5 - 8 - Rallymans rally - Grevillia village Contact Kog 6633 3104

June 7 - Tweed heads enthusiasts swap meet and bike show - Border Park raceway - 5 am!

July 11-12 - United Tourers rally - Cowra; Contact Shane 0417661372 or Frank 66860771

July 25 -26 - Frostbite rally, Warwick

Sept 19 - 20 - Lions TT, Kyogle (may be renamed)

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Items are left in for 2 months unless sold - please let me know if they are no longer available

**For SALE:-** With much regret my 1985 historic-registered 750SE silver Suzuki 'Katana' project is now ended, due to my recent knee replacement operation and lack of garage storage space. While legal and rideable right now, the alternator windings & pop-up headlight module need replacement (already purchased and included in sale) - both are generic model faults. The 750cc Kat is in good condition overall, with a special factory workshop booklet and a full facsimile GSX Manual. I hope someone else can take over this project. Offered at below cost @ \$3,500. Advertised elsewhere. Anyone interested please give me a ring for an inspection and/or chat [call Rob Andrews on 66214083.]



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A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!' After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up. The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, Larry?'

'No, ma'am, but I didn't like to see you standing there all by yourself!'



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**Book of the Month:**

Given my story, I felt this book was most appropriate. The book opens with a chapter exploring the background of the Bonneville, and subsequent chapters cover all developments. It contains many beautifully photographs of each model from the original in 1959 through to the final products from Meriden in 1983.

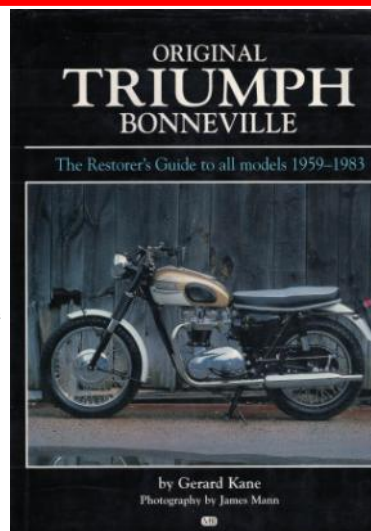
The book would be essential to anyone trying to restore a Bonneville - the detail is incredible - even a picture showing how the valve clearance decal should be applied to the engine plates shroud on the '59model!!



The photo on the left is of a '65 model - the model I owned.

When I finished my job in the NT (see 'From the editors Desk) I nearly bought a '69 Bonnie from a WA government official I helped when he severed his finger out in the bush some months before. But I decided a ride down the centre from Darwin through Alice Springs was a bit too big a trip on an

unknown bike - Pity. If you are interested, The book is available from Editor



**Cows & Politics Explained - Having trouble following political discussion? To be continued...**

**A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT:** You have two cows. You keep one and give one to your neighbor.

**A SOCIALIST:** You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor.

**AN AMERICAN REPUBLICAN:** You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. So what?

**AN AMERICAN DEMOCRAT:** You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. You feel guilty for being successful. You vote people into office who tax your cows, forcing you to sell one to raise money to pay the tax. The people you voted for then take the tax money and buy a cow and give it to your neighbor. You feel righteous.

**A COMMUNIST:** You have two cows. The government seizes both and provides you with milk.

**A FASCIST:** You have two cows. The government seizes both and sells you the milk. You join the underground and start a campaign of sabotage.

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### ***Our Club:-***

The objectives of the NRCMC are to encourage the restoration, preservation, and riding of older motorcycles. Through its various activities, the club promotes classic 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. The club Show and Shine is held in March. 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 of the club is for those who have an interest in restoring and riding classic motorcycles

#### ***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. A classics only run is held on the first Sunday of the month. Both runs start at the Lismore Rous Hotel at 8.30 am. Every Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organiser. Club events are also listed on the club website. 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.