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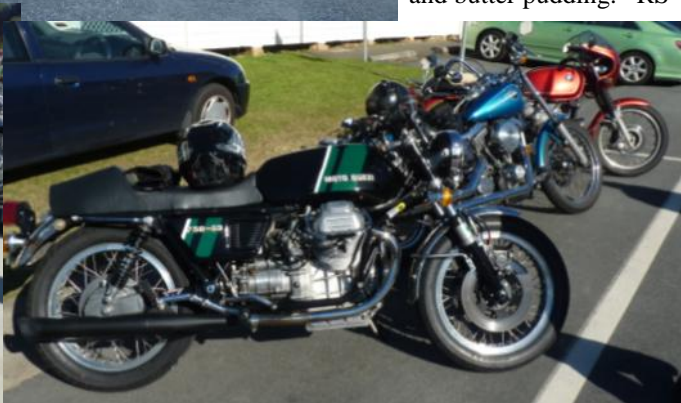


**August
 2015**

Classic Torque



Classic ride, July 5th:
 Around 28 bikes and riders with a large contingent of pillions.
 Destination: Tumbulgum
 For once, more Guzzis than BMWs!
 We enjoyed the delicious fare at House of Gabriel.
 I tried the apple bread and butter pudding. RS



Classic Bikes Only Ride 5th July

28 members arrived at Tumbulgum for our Monthly Classic Bikes Only Ride. Most departed from Lismore, however we met some along the way at Bangalow, then over the Burringbar Range via Tweed Valley Way. It was great to catch up with our Northern Members, Barry, Jan, Dieter & Marina, who joined us for breaky at the House of Gabriel Café overlooking the Tweed River.

Once again, the back-up trailer was not used. This says a lot for the maintenance level & reliability of the members Classic Bikes.

We are fortunate to have such a large choice of roads and destinations within our area, and it is even better to see the increasing numbers of Classic Bikes attending this ride which is restricted for bikes over 30 years old, and held the first Sunday of each Month. Next is 2nd August. Col. McA.



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:

14th July 2015 START: 7:45

WELCOME: Welcome by President – 2 Visitors. Attended by 28 members 9 apologies as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - presented to members

- Amendment to previous minutes: Alan Stratton raised the issue of incorrect motorcycle category signage on the NRCMCC display signs at the last meeting. Matter to be addressed before any future motorcycle displays.
ACCEPTED: Doug Hampson SECOND: Dave Jupe

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: (see below in General Business)

TREASURERS REPORT – presented to members ACCEPTED: Richard Swinton SECOND: Doug Foskey

- Investment and interest is to be rolled over for another fixed period when it comes due next month.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Letter from Club President to Lismore Council raising the issue of safety for motorcyclists when rural property owners throw excess grass clippings onto the road when they mow their lawn.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- 5 x Club Newsletters: *Tweed Heads Motorcycle Club, Inverell Motorcycle Club, Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club, Historic Club of QLD, Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club* (See Club Events Page for invitation details)
- 7 x Rally Entry forms received representing 10 people attending so far.
- Response from Lismore Council re Mowing Letter from Club President (*issue may be mentioned in Council committee publication*)
- Response from RMS from notification of 2015 non members
- CHMC - Handbook Update
- CHMC – Copy of letter written to Minister for Transport re changes to historic registration requirements (*Copy to be emailed to members by NRCMCC Secretary*)
- CHMC - Letter seeking clarification of current membership numbers for insurance premiums (*NRCMCC Treasurer to respond*)
- 2015 – Invitation to attend - Motoring Expo entry forms and flyer. (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)
- 2015 – Invitation to attend - Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club Rally entry forms and flyer. (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)
- 2015 – Invitation to attend - Orange District Antique Motor Club Rally entry forms and flyer. (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)
- 2015 – Invitation to attend - Laidley Swap meet and bike show flyers. (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Printing and postage of the Club's newsletter (*Resolved – No further action required at this stage*)
- Feedback from President about specific rider behaviours during a Club ride (*Pending – Further clarification required*)
- Feedback from RMS in response to Club sending them list of non financial members (*Response received acknowledging letter – No further action required at this stage*)
- Although the NRCMCC is not participating officially in the Lions TT the club has been advised by the TT directors that members will be most welcome to ride their classic bikes to the event and they will be able to park in designated parking areas while at the TT.
- There will be a **motorcyclist specific FIRST AID COURSE** held at the Lismore Workers Club on the 22nd August 2015. Limited to the first 25 people. Cost \$78 PP. Phone 0408 956 535 for further details
- Doug Foskey mentioned that he was going to order some gauge bezels for the Guzzi and asked if any members wanted to join in on the purchase to share postage. (*Details to be emailed to members by NRCMCC Secretary*)
- Bryson spoke about coming ride to Dorrigo on the 8th August. Ride will leave Rous Hotel in Lismore at 10am on the Saturday.
(*Details to be emailed to members by NRCMCC Secretary*)

(Minutes; continued)

- Bryson also asked whether the members present would like him to talk about the early years of the Club at monthly meetings. Agreement by members present that this would be a good idea. Item to be a standing agenda item at monthly meetings.
 - Tony Kempnich also spoke about the upcoming 'Frostbite Rally'. Riders will leave from the Lismore Railway Station at 9:30am on Friday 24th. *(Details to be emailed to members by NRCMCC Secretary)*
 - Eric Wilson spoke about the current Club apparel and put a proposal to the meeting that members contact Pegasus Screen Printing directly rather than the club tying up significant amounts of money in purchasing more clothing merchandise and selling directly from the NRCMCC.
Proposed: Eric Wilson Seconded: Col McAndrew Voted and motion passed.
 - John Mazzer spoke about the current club colours and the implications of members approaching Pegasus for the Club logo on all sorts of clothing and put a proposal that T shirts with the Club logo are to be Blue, Sloppy Joes with the Club logo are to be Black.
Proposed: John Mazzer Seconded: Peter Lake Voted and motion passed.
 - Col McAndrew spoke about some people who have attended all NRCMCC rallies. Col put a proposal that the Club recognize these people formally by refunding their entry fees for 2015 NRCMCC Rally.
Proposed: Col McAndrew Seconded: Rob Evans Voted and motion passed.
 - Richard Swinton spoke about the Club Library and showed the members the latest addition – large quantities of magazines for historic motorcycles that have been donated to the Club. The Club is grateful to the members of the community who donated these magazines as this has had provided a significant boost to quality documentation available to members to validate their specific model when restoring a classic motorcycle.
(Request made for additional folders to store the new magazines and Andrew Genders has offered to provide some. Indexing of these magazines will also be required for better accessing of the information)
- Col McAndrew spoke about how there was a mistake in the President's message in the last newsletter about the Members entry fee at the 2014 Rally. The line "...the arrangement for the last few years that club members rally fees are partially met from the annual membership fee..." was the line in question. Col pointed out that there was no subsidising of the members rally fees from the membership fees in that year. Col advised that it was simply decided that the entry fee for the 2014 NRCMCC rally was to be set at \$10. *(Acknowledged)*
- Col McAndrew spoke about a perception that there was no consultation between the committee and the members about the rally operations this year. The President, Rob Evans, responded to this point and explained the reasons that the committee had gone about its business and planned this year's rally as it currently is.
- Col and Nancy McAndrew spoke about the changes this year to the judging. In previous years judging was for visitors bikes only and members could participate but were not eligible for judging. The reason for this was that the *NRCMCC Rally* was set up for visitors and not for members. There was general discussion about this point, including whether or not a second set of trophies needed to be sourced. However, it was agreed that judging of motorcycles will again be restricted to visiting motorcycles only in 2015
(An email clarifying this point will be sent out to members shortly)
- Col McAndrew spoke about how welcoming and how supportive the Richmond River Council had been in relation to this years' *Triples Rally* to be held on the 14-Aug to 16-Aug-2015 in Evans Head. The 2015 *Triples Rally* is looking like another fantastic event and not to be missed. *(Request made for Club members to act as Marshals. Phone Col on 0428 869889 if you can help)*
- Col McAndrew spoke about the difference between the \$10 entry fee for members to attend the NRCMCC Rally last year and the lack of a member concession this year. The President, Rob Evans, also responded to this point and explained the reasons for the standardization of the rally entry fee. There was general discussion about this point, including whether or not it should be set at \$25 for members or if it was possible to change it or issue a partial refund. Some members felt that the entry fee was already set and therefore it should not be changed at this late stage. The conversation ended prematurely without finalisation and so the committee will consider the current position. *(An email clarifying this point will be sent out to members shortly)*
- A reminder that Lismore Swap meet will be held at the Lismore Showgrounds, Lismore NSW on the 23-Aug-2015.
(Further details contact Peter 02 6663 5239 or Matt 02 6662 1131)
- Rob Evans sought advice from the group about someone who can assist a person with some information about his restoration of a 1929 Indian. The Club knowledge came through again and names were provided to assist with the person with the restoration
- John Mazzer read "*The evolution of the motorcycle*" to the members. Much to the amusement of the members present.
- REGO OFFICER REPORT: Bryson reported that he has carried out one inspection and it was.... Yet another BMW.
- CLUB RUNS: 3 x Club runs this month.
Slow bike run to Evans Head
Ride to MooMoo café and on to Brunswick
Classic bike run to Tumbulgum. (24 bikes – well supported)
- WEDNESDAY RIDES: 2 x Wednesday rides
Ride to Kyogle
Ride to Casino
- NEXT CLUB RUNS: As listed on the NRCMCC website.
- BUSINESS ARISING FOR NEXT MEETING:
Feedback from President about specific rider behaviours during a Club ride
- MEETING CLOSED: 9:15 pm

Presidents Report

I hope you are all well, continuing to enjoy the cool winds finding the gaps in your leathers! At least we have had some nice dry days for a ride or two. Speaking of which, there are quite a few activities on this month including a Winter Run to Dorrigo, the Aussie Triples Rally and the Clarence Valley Club's annual rally. Be sure to check our "Events" page on the Club's website for details of these and other events.

Our own rally will be on soon enough. After some discussion, **fees for the rally for members have once again been reduced to \$10 for our 2015 rally. It will also be the case that only visitor's bike will be judged for trophies.** Club bikes will still be on display. If you have already paid please contact the Treasurer if you are entitled to a partial refund. If you can help with marshalling (anything legal on two wheels, or three, is good) please let us know. I hope we see as many members as possible attending.

As you will read elsewhere, Life member, Kevin Maloney passed away on the 16th July. Our condolences to his family and thanks to those members who provided the motorcycle escort. Stay upright. Rob Evans



VALE

Kevin Maloney 9th October 1934 - 16th July 2015

Kevin was a founding member of the Northern Rivers Motorcycle club and owned a number of bikes through his active life. He was given the honour of Life Membership.

In fact, 2 of his bikes led the motorcycle escort from the Requiem Mass in Ballina to the burial at Goonellabah Lawn Cemetery.

John Café rode the Vincent Black Shadow, and Doug Hampson rode the Velocette. Both these bikes originally belonged to Kevin.

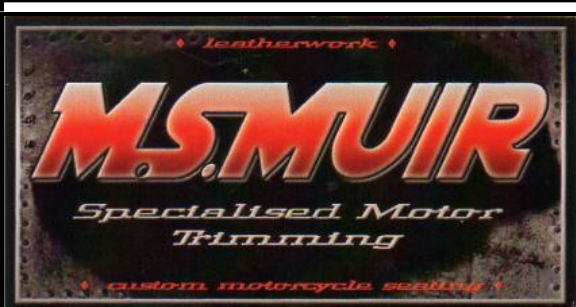


The expression 'Riders in the Sky' comes to mind.

Important up coming events reminders::

AUSSIE TRIPLES RALLY: August 14 - 16; NRCMCC will be supplying marshals, good run and free lunch provided. Start at Evans Head Bowlo club 8.30am. Contact Col MacAndrew 0428 869 889

NRCMCC CLUB RALLY : Sept 11, 12, 13, Ballina; Entry forms available from the secretary, Neil Williams 0418 242 044. members fee \$10, Visitors \$25, We will need members as mar-



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MINUTES OF MEETING IN THE SPECIALISTS SIDE 14th March 2015
START: 7:40pm

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Wednesday Warriors

Seven Mid Week Run stalwarts set off on the 4th Wednesday of July (not the last one this month-there were 5 this month). We set off for Nth Casino via Naughtons Gap and then onto Backmede/Fairy Hill (missing a canny Blue Healer dog trotting by the roadside), Summerland Way, McDonalds Bridge then down to Sextonville, South Casino and from thence taking a nice 100kph cruise to Coraki, with just one cattle-truck needing overtaking. Farings & screens being decidedly useful accessories on such a cold day.

Arriving in Coraki we found the coffee-shop in the main street was 'closed due to illness' (lots of it around this time of year). So after a short stop we completed the planned circuit via Tucki, after leaving two riders in their home-town of Coraki for urgent matters. Then the five remaining riders continued past MZ-Eric's home and then north along Wyrallah Road.

En route we observed some dangerous behaviour by car-drivers. I saw one putting her indicators on/off/on/off near the Tucki/Robson Roads turn-off. Turning left? NO. Right? No. Merely indicating she was swerving to avoid a nasty pothole! Another reported by lead riders slowed to 40Kph (in the 80Kph blanket-zoned road) to observe the view (invisible due to low cloud) of the Nightcap mountains, but right on the blind bend on the top of Monaltrie Hill!

Then almost in Lismore, Rob and Ray (in the rear) managed to miss a large koala running down the road at an angle, near the LCC rubbish-dump (sorry - "The Re-cycling Centre"). No grey fur was found on the left foot-peg of my Triumph, so I reckon it was a clean miss. Ray said he saw it move off the road in his rear-vision mirror. Happily he made it safely to the trees. Onward to our coffee-stop at the East Lismore shopping centre. We really must choose somewhere where we are not so well known next time, as all the "hello/chats" with various friends & acquaintances of members can badly interrupt chats on motor-cycle matters! Home safe 'n' dry by 12 Noon with 118Km traveled. R.A.



6th Aussie Triples Rally 14/15/16 August Marshals Required

This year the Rally is based at Evans Head. The Bowling Club is putting on a BBQ Breakfast for Riders, Marshals and spectators from 8am on Saturday 14th. (Gold coin donation to charity)

Marshals are leaving from here at 9.45am.

Lunch will be provided free to Marshals at the lunch/judging stop at Casino Public School.

The local Chamber of Commerce have asked us to have a display of Triples and Marshal's bikes in the Main St. of Evans Head from 8am to 10am on Sunday. A discount will apply to all riders who visit the local Cafe's and Coffee Shops during that time.

The morning ride will leave at 10am and return to Evans Head Holiday Park at approx 12.30 for a free BBQ to farewell visitors and thank the Marshals. Col. McA.



Iron bum Bernie has headed off on the 'Pudding run' to the Border Village on the WA/SA border.

The Pudding run has been going for 38 years with almost no organisation.

It's based around an iconic tinned plum pudding - now rusty, but preserved.

One guy on the first run, brought the pudding, but it didn't get eaten, so they agreed to meet again next year to eat it; Once again, not eaten, and so on for 38 years. Whoever takes it home has to return it next year. Could be anyone. .



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Sunday run, 12 July, to Moo Moo café at mooball.

6 members on 5 bikes joined the run which left the Rous hotel, headed up through Nimbin, across to Uki, Stokers Siding and then on to Mooball. This was not a regular run but was timed to enable the crew to move on to the Brunswick Heads hotrod show. In the end, I don't think anyone actually went to Brunswick Heads! We met up with a few others at the Moo Moo café and enjoyed the hospitality. A nippy day, but fine and good for a run.



Left: the ex museum bike acts now as a road sign for the Moo Moo café.

Right: coffee and talk, the bonus of a good run



Sunday run - 19 July, intended to go to Brushgrove Hotel near Grafton.

I was otherwise involved for that morning, but I turned up to take some pictures. Unfortunately the chilly (and possibly wet) weather situation discouraged all but the determined. After lots of talk at the Rous Hotel, I think the original four split into 2 groups and I'm not sure where they went. RS



Club member, Mark Geering, has asked me to include an announcement that he is now distributor for Lucas Oil products. Here is his story of the success they have had with the oil

He offers a 20% discount on the products to club members

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Entry Prices: Vendor Site \$5,
Friday night vendor and Sat/Sun entry \$10 per person
(free camping onsite available)
Sunday entry \$5 per person

Armband allows entry Saturday and Sunday (durable in the shower)
Food catered by Laidley Show Society from Friday evening onward.
Brian: 0459 211 365 bholzigal@y7mail.com
Bike Show 8am - 10.45am Sunday. SEE REVERSE
www.historicmotorcycle.org

Once again, the Laidley (ex Gatton) motorcycle swap meet is on very soon. Always a good day with lots on sale and display.

Looking for that last bit to finish your winning - Jack Ahearn, Restoration of the Year - project? You'll probably find it at Laidley



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Above: would that be legal here!? Imagine doing a U-turn?

Right: OMG - it's a glass mirror! And we worry about crashing - imagine what would happen here!



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The Evolution of the Motorcycle

(As mentioned in the minutes)– in which we learn how God created a bike for curve country – so what if it kept breaking down all the time?

On the first day God created the Heavens and the earth and the Wisemans Ferry road. But he wasn't happy. His Kingswood would sway on the corners, crawl up the hills and use heaps of juice.

On the second day, God took a new tack and created the step-through. He enjoyed the wind in His hair (He hadn't created helmets then) It was fun, used bugger-all petrol, but still crawled up hills.

So on the third day, God created the Honda Four and it flew up the hills. With four-into-ones, it sounded better; it never broke down, but the corners remained a problem. Yet He had tasted power and craved for more.

Thus, on the Fourth day he added two more cylinders to his Honda and created adrenalin. His insurance premiums doubled, and it cost a fortune to get the tappets done. He also created fear (his hair turned white), and the cliché 'Enough is enough'.

On the fifth day, God blew a couple of joints, had a rap with Willy G, and created the Harley Davidson. He could cruise up and down hills in top gear and pick up heaps of babes. He would get off on the note. But the Hog was too heavy, broke down a lot and handled like the Kingswood.

Then on the sixth day, He made the Bonneville. He could still pick up babes outside the Wisemans pub, and it sounded good. His bike was light and for the first time corners were fun. It handled! God was stoked. But the vibration was a pain in the arse; His kidneys were history; it was touch gutless, and he ran out of juice every 100 miles He wasn't happy, but, shit, he was close.

So finally, on the seventh day, God produced a motorcycle with the speed of a Honda, the torque of a Harley and the handling of a Triumph. He could afford the petrol, tune it himself, pick up chicks and still blow off Ducatis through the corners. He called his bike Norton, and he was happy. Geoff Seddon

(Addendum: Unfortunately the angels managing Gods Norton factory had a few problems with vision and managing the elves, which might explain why so many BMWs dominate the club runs)



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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

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

Aug 14 - 16 - TRIPLES RALLY - NRCMCC marshalls required - based at Evans Head

Sept 6 - Classic Bikes only ride

Sept 11-13 - NRCMCC Annual Rally

Oct 4 - Classic bikes only ride

Oct 18 - Ride to New Italy

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

Aug 23 - Lismore Swap Meet - showgrounds, contact Peter 6663 5239

Aug 28 - 30 Clarence Valley Annual Rally, contact Terry 040975011

Sept 19 - 20 - Lions TT, Kyogle - members are invited to display their historic bikes on Saturday at Kyogle in a display area, 9am - 4pm (approved club run)

Sept 25 - 27 - 'Lord of the Lake' historic racing at Lakeside; contact: 1800 RACERS

Oct 24 - 25 - Laidley Swap meet all weekend

Oct 25 - Bike show at Laidley Swap meet 8 - 10.45am; contact Brian 0459 211 365

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

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**NEW Adverts:**

**For Sale:** I have a 1974 Yamaha DT250 (DT2A) for sale. In off road condition. Motor recently rebuilt, running on pre-mix. Later model (Honda?) Front end. Aftermarket (home made) expansion chamber. Muffler is missing. Suit VMX, Bush bash or restore. \$500 firm

Alistair. 0427856343.

**To swap or give:** I have a used [but very operable/useable] synthetic-leather, throw-over, motor-cycle "western style" pair of saddle-bags to swap/give away to any club member. Rob Andrews 6621 4083



**Left: FOR SALE:** 1980 CB125 Short circuit race bike, too many mods to list: \$1000.00 or nearest offer: Ph. Tim 031675790

**Wanted: BMW R Series Motorcycle**

Wanted old BMW R Series Motorcycle going or not. Basket case is ok too.

Wanted old R Series Parts also. Good Cash Paid. Will travel anywhere to pickup. Call Bernie 0448566570

**From the Librarian:**

A new book is being added to the club library - 'Sidecar Racer - the sultan of slide, a privateers story' by Mark Mitchell, the son of Bob Mitchell, the subject of the book. Bob was a great friend of our patron, Jack Ahearn, who was best man at Bob's wedding. The book has lots of information including expense account details and race programs as well as lots of photos. Available from the club library

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She obviously doesn't believe in safety gear - Oh, wait! It's only a plastic toy - See? It says 'Airfix' on the tank!!

**Above and Right:**

A couple of shots from the 'Bob Mitchell - Sultan of slide' book. One on a Vincent, the other on a Manx Norton.



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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.