

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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**September
2015**

Classic Torque

6th Aussie Triples Rally, Evans Head NSW

This Rally is for British Triples:- Tridents, BSA Rocket 3's and Specials using the three cylinder 750 motor built from 1968 – 1975.

51 entrants arrived at Evans Head for 3 days of riding. We had entrants from Perth, Adelaide, Geelong, Central QLD and many places in between bringing their pride and joy. Some were trailered but many were ridden to the event.

Also in the field of bikes were 3 Hurricanes and a Legend, one of 62 built in 1976 and a very rare bike in this part of the world.

The weather at Evans Head was perfect on Friday and Saturday, our main ride day. We arrived at Casino where the Public School P&C supplied a great lunch. The bikes were lined up for judging here. Once again excellent marshalling was provided by members of the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club.

The presentation Dinner at Evans Head Bowling Club was a great night with the unique trophies, supplied by Jeff at Re-engineered Concentrics being awarded. Following this was our Charity Auction with our exclusive Auctioneer Scotty from Singleton selling off merchandise donated by the Trident & Rocket 3 Owners Club based in England and Bottles of Hunter Port donated by Jeff.

Sundays ride was on damp roads following some overnight showers but not enough to cause concern. This ride was followed by a BBQ lunch to farewell the entrants and to thank the Marshals.

The support from the local businesses and the scenic rides found in this area are enough encouragement to start planning for Aussie Triples Rally No 7. August. 2016. ColMcA



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: **11th August 2015** START: **7:45pm**

Meeting commenced with a period of silence as a mark of respect following the recent passing of nrcmcc Life Member **Mr. Kevin Maloney** and several members spoke about Kevin as a person as well as his contributions to the nrcmcc over the years and his prize winning Vincent motorcycle.

Recommendation that the Club make a \$100 donation to RSL LifeCare Florence Price Gardens 11 Hackett Lane Ballina 2478 NSW

MOVED: Eric Wilson

SECOND: Neil Williams

VOTED: Unanimous support

WELCOME: Welcome by President – **4** Visitors. Attended by **37** members **16** apologies as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - presented to members

ACCEPTED: Doug Foskey

SECOND: Richard Swinton

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

TREASURERS REPORT – presented to members

ACCEPTED: Doug Hampson

SECOND: Nancy McAndrew

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

6 x Club Newsletters: *Tweed Heads Motorcycle Club, Inverell Motorcycle Club, Historic Club of QLD, Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club, Coffs Harbour Motorcycle Restorers Club, National Motor Racing Museum – Bathurst, Council of Heritage Motor Clubs* (See Club Events Page for invitation details)

4 more Rally Entry forms received.

Letter from Building Society advising that the Club term investment will expire shortly.

Letter from Australia Post requesting the Club's ABN as this was not provided when the PO Box was originally established.

Flyer from "Go Explore the World" advertising world motorcycle tour packages

Letter from NSW Police granting permission to hold 2015 NRCMCC Rally

Reciprocal riding invitation from BSA MCC of NSW (See General business item below for more discussion)

Club trailer registration renewal from RMS. (Rego papers passed on to Bryson for follow up and payment of annual registration)

Badges from "All Badges" arrived for 2015 Club Rally.

Invoice from "Black Dog Publishing" for Club subscription to "Northern Rider Magazine".

New member application – Currently with NRCMCC Committee as per Club Rules

GENERAL BUSINESS:

From previous meeting:

Feedback from President about specific rider behaviours during a Club ride (Resolved. Matter has been discussed with the person. Matter now finalised)

Correction of Club event signage to accurately show categories. (Resolved. Display sign categories have been corrected by Pegasus Screen Printing. Matter now finalised)

Badges from "All Badges" arrived for 2015 Club Rally. (Badges now being held by nrcmcc Public Officer)

Invoice from "Black Dog Publishing" for Club subscription to "Northern Rider Magazine".

Recommendation that the Club pay the annual subscription.

MOVED: Richard Swinton

SECOND: Eric Wilson

VOTED: Unanimous support

Annual "Compression against Depression" social ride to be held 1st November 2015

Recommendation that the Club sponsor this event for \$100 (Payable to Lifeline Northern Rivers)

MOVED: Doug Foskey

SECOND: Ian Mackie

VOTED: Unanimous support

New member application – Currently with NRCMCC Committee as per Club Rules (Approved by the Committee and will be accepted into the Club on receipt of membership fees)

Members are reminded about the \$10 entry fee for members for the 2015 nrcmcc rally. Also that formal judging will only be for visitors bikes. There will be an award for the "Best Club Bike" on the day as judged by nrcmcc Life Member – Doug Hampson.

Reciprocal riding invitations. The Secretary would like to issue reciprocal invitations to similar Classic Clubs on behalf of the NRCMCC. The list can then be 'logged' on the NRCMCC website so that all members are better informed about these arrangements. (General discussion about the reasons for these and why we need them. Matter to be discussed further by the Committee)

The Club Secretary (Neil Williams) spoke about a proposal to change the current meeting practice so that members can email the Secretary up to a week before the next meeting and put an item onto the 'General business' section of the monthly meeting. The secretary will then email out a list of 'General Business' agenda items prior to the Club meeting so all members know what is to be discussed (as far as possible) in 'General Business'. The person who raises the agenda item must be at that meeting to talk to the agenda item though. This simple action encourages greater involvement by the members and greater openness during the meeting. This does should not restrict the 'General Business' items to only the pre listed items but merely serve as a guide and members can still bring other items to the floor as required. (Buck Horton clarified that this would not prevent members raising matters from the floor. Confirmed that it would not change this. Richard Swinton stated that it would not work in this club. General agreement from others in the room matter is now finalised with no further action at this time.)

Invitation by Mr. Lloyd Moss (6683-4446) for the Club to put on a display at the Alstonville Show 30-31st October. (to be decided at next Club meeting)

The Club Librarian (Richard Swinton) spoke about the new book that he has added to the library. *The Sultan of Slide* which is about Mr. Bob Mitchell who was the Club patron's best man and Jack was also his best man at his wedding.

Recommendation that the Club reimburse Richard for the book.

MOVED: Doug Foskey

SECOND: Mary Walker

VOTED: Unanimous support

Minutes - continued

Ian Mackie suggested that if there was a need for the club library to have a new hole punch then it should be bought not scrounged. (Unanimous agreement)

Eric mentioned that our Club patron, Mr. Jack Ahearn, was feeling poorly at the moment.

Doug Foskey mentioned another motorcycle Club in the area, The Northern Rivers Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Inc. (NORMEC). Allan Stratton reminded members that the Grafton Club are holding their annual rally the 28-30th August. Note that this is a listed Club ride and details are on the nrcmcc website.

Col McAndrew reminded members that the annual *Triples Rally* is scheduled to be run 14 - 16 August 2015. Also a request for marshals on the Saturday. Free lunch for marshals at Evans Head.

Col will be away at *The TT* with Frank and Andrew so volunteers are needed to coordinate the Classic only ride on the 06-Sep-2015.

Richard Swinton mentioned that Bernie Shailer had participated in "*the pudding run*" and covered about 8000k in under a week.

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB: By Bryson Walker

Bryson talked about the history of the Club from it's inception in 1984. He read a set of minutes from 1988 to members and explained some of the details of the minutes. A very enjoyable presentation and valuable in reinforcing the foundations of our Club.

REGO OFFICER REPORT:

2 new member bikes were inspected this month. 1 x Triumph and 1 x BSA

CLUB RUNS: 3 x Club runs this month.

Classic Bike Ride: 28 bikes on a scenic ride through Rock Valley – Kyogle and then onto Kibbles Bakery in Casino. Back up trailer not used

Club run to Dorrigo was fantastic with great camaraderie throughout the trip. 3 groups, the Gold Coast Street fighters, the Byron Tourers and the nrcmcc group all wove their ways to Dorrigo and booked out pubs and motels in the small town. A fantastic time was had by all. Everyone looking forward to next year's ride.

Several nrcmcc members rode to the HMCCQ Warwick Area, Frostbite Rally at the Allora Showgrounds on the Sat 25 - Sun 26. Weather was not cold and only a bit cool. Sunday's ride was postponed due to the wet weather and everyone got a great chance to catch up with other riders.

WEDNESDAY RIDES: 2 x Wednesday rides

Heavy fog for first Wednesday and this resulted in partial attendance for that one. Down to Coraki then back to East Lismore shops for coffee(s).

Second ride had better weather but more incidents. Ride went to Mt Burrell-Sphinx rock then home. One BMW "failed to proceed" during the ride and Peter Lake had to perform a "stoppie" and lay his bike down to miss a driver doing a sudden U turn. No real damage and Peter wasn't hurt luckily.

NEXT CLUB RUNS: As listed on the NRCMCC website.

BUSINESS ARISING FOR NEXT MEETING:

Invitation by Mr. Lloyd Moss (6683-4446) for the Club to put on a display at the Alstonville Show 30-31st October. 2015 nrcmcc Rally.

NRCMCC CLUB Rally 2015

All members, the Club needs your support to make this year's rally a success. I urge members to consider participating as Marshalls and coming along to make our visitors welcome. Please complete and return your entry forms asap. Everything has been arranged for the rally. Venues booked, caterers arranged etc etc. All we need now is you to come along and enjoy yourselves. We particularly invite you to participate by assisting in the following activities:

Friday, 11 September, 4 Marshalls required on short ride to lunch at the Suffolk Park Hotel.

Saturday, (daytime) 12 September, trailer volunteer - 17 Marshalls for the long ride, stopping for a cuppa at Coraki and on to lunch and bike judging at the Wardel Sporting Recreation Club.

Saturday Night, Presentation Dinner, fully catered, Bar Service, Monster Raffle, Bring your partner(s), wife(s), girlfriend(s).

Sunday Run, Morning Run - Back to Ballina for wind-up BBQ, some Marshalls needed.

The Club will provide complimentary tea and coffee on Saturday and Sunday morning. The Ballina Lions Club will have breakfast ready both days.

Please get your entries in as soon as possible so that caterers can be advised of numbers. Preferably no later than 31 August.

Thanks and see you there with a full tank of Super!

FOR MEMBERS and VISITORS:

It is not too late to enter the rally - the entry forms are available on the club website at www.nrcmcc.org.au Under 'Events' There is a .pdf next to the rally listing which gives you the rally entry form.

If you haven't got internet, contact the club secretary, Neil, on 0418 242 044

Greetings everyone

It is with some sad feelings that I begin writing this President's Report, as I know that all of you have lost a founding club member, a mate, colleague or friend in Alec Marsh who recently passed away. The celebration of a life prompts reflection on the nature of life itself, its temporariness and how so many things which may seem important in the hum-drum of our daily lives pale into insignificance in this light.



By the time you read this, Neil Williams and I will have been to the Grafton Vintage and Classic Rally held by the Clarence Valley Historic and Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club. I hope to have seen some of you down there. Bryson Walker informs me it is a great little club and from his perspective, which to some extent at least, is focused not only on the quality and variety of the motorcycles to be enjoyed nor only on the friends met and camaraderie but also and very importantly on the quality and variety of local cakes, slices and biscuits to be enjoyed - especially the sponge! High regard was awarded on that score by Bryson.

Well, here's good health to you all, hoping for some fine spring weather and the opportunity to enjoy a ride or three in the upcoming month.

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START: 7:40pm

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Dorrigo Run - 8/9 August

The weather was fine and 32 brave motorcycle riders headed south. The group made up of club members, a mob from the Gold Coast and assorted Byron Bay associates. The road from Nymboida to Ebor has had some repairs and is in the best condition it has ever been in, making for some very pleasurable riding. All at or below the speed limit of course! Saturday night saw the consumption of a few beverages and the telling of a few tales from the days ride. Roscco' tale of the policeman not giving chase was the story of the night. We woke to find ice on our bikes. A bit of morning sun thawed it pretty quick. The ride home on Sunday was a bit steadier due to a strange feeling in my head. Terry Savins



Above: That's frost, not rain!!



How come they're in there in the warm and we're out here in the cold??

Terry's Winter Run. The long way (another look at the Dorrigo run)

After Terry's Dorrigo winter run, Lina & I decided to not come home and go and find some real winter.

Sunday morning we left Dorrigo and headed to Armidale, got quite cool near Ebor with frost on the roadside. Onto Uralla, Walcha then to Nundle via Thunderbolts Way and Port Stevens Cutting. Excellent clean Cabin accommodation at the caravan park. (Highly recommended) Next day to Muswellbrook then onto Kandos via The Bylong Valley for the night. Too many dead Roo's to continue.

Next day we visited Historic Hill End, then to Bathurst for a lap of Mt Panorama and then to Oberon for the night. After arriving with (Caution Snow & Ice on road) signs out, the Tourist Info Ladies informed us snow was forecast for the next day. As we had a birthday engagement on Thursday we continued on to Sydney a day early. It wasn't really any warmer there than in Oberon. We left Sydney Friday, freeway to Newcastle then Buckets Way to Gloucester and Thunderbolts back to Walcha. There was enough snow on the side of the road after Nowendoc to make a quick snowman. Again highly recommend the cabins at Walcha Caravan Park. Saturday was back up the New England with a photo at the now famous Uralla bike parking area, onto Tenterfield and back home. The challenge is now on to get your Uralla Photo Op published. Total distance 2200 klms and definitely Winter in some parts. Tony Kempnich



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Vale Michael Alec Marsh- Alec to all

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Alec, the founding member and Life member of the NRCMCC passed away on 17th August 2015

Michael Alec Marsh – 25th July 1948 – 17th August 2015

The members offer their condolences to Alec's children Nicole, Dean, Shane and families also to his sister Helen brother-in-law Peter his brother Pat sister-in-law Gay and their families

Alec Marsh was born in Brightlingsea, Essex England, son of a merchant seaman. When his father was home from sea, he would sit young Alec on the pillion of a BSA Bantam and would tour around visiting lighthouse keepers along the coast. This is where Alec caught the motorcycle bug.

Looking for a better life for his young family Alec's father emigrated to Tasmania 12 months before sending for the family and they arrived in Devonport in 1958 after a 5week sea voyage. They all hoped for a better life in the land of opportunity.

After finishing school, Alec did a number of jobs including working for the family in a bakery, as a watch maker (lasting 2 days) and in an abattoir. He rode a Triumph (possibly a single 500) which was continually letting him down, early one bitterly cold Devonport morning while riding his Triumph to work, it again broke down and refused to restart, so Alec pushed it into a blackberry hedge and abandoned it. To this day there was never a Triumph in Alec's motorcycle collection.

In Tasmania, he raced sidecars, midgets and beach racing where he won that years speed trial. He even built and raced with his close friend a Vincent sidecar outfit for speedway racing.

At age 17 Alec purchased an R69S BMW and he and his mates set off to ride around Australia, as they had little money they worked their way around with Alec doing a stint working on the WA railways.

Arriving back in Tassie, to a time when jobs were impossible to find he decided to move to the mainland. Sydney was his first stop where he worked as a garage mechanic. His next purchase was a BMW R50 (which is still in his collection)

His big business break was to purchase all the parts from BMC when they abandoned the Leyland P76. When BMC realised they needed the parts he sold them back, making a tidy profit. He set up a garage of his own specializing in repair of BMC gearboxes, and then moved to Bangalow where he took over the garage which stood where the IGA now stands.

While running the garage he was often asked if he sold water pumps and chainsaws. Seeing this as an opportunity to expand his business he began specialized in water pumps and chainsaws. The demand for chainsaws and pumps by local farmers set the business growing. He sold the garage in Bangalow moving the chainsaws and water pump business to Conway St Lismore. Where he set up his business Ongmac (Onga pumps and MacCulloch chainsaws!) where his business has become a household name. If you were a biker, you had a pretty good chance of a job there, especially if you liked classic bikes.

Alec and Bryson Walker would travel to the Gold Coast for meetings of their classic bike club, but the travel and local interest encouraged them to start a local club. While living at Wollongbar, Alec put an ad in the Northern Star for interested people to form a classic motorcycle club in the area with six or seven couples turning up to the first meeting and it was decided to form a Classic Motorcycle club.

Originally, the club set up as a branch of the Classic Enthusiasts MCC of NSW based in Sydney, but after 6 months, they decided to form the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club. Importantly, it was Alec who insisted, despite advice to the contrary and at his own expense, that the club be incorporated – at a time when such practice was unusual. He put the club in a business like footing which has served it well. He was a visionary and could see what the club could achieve and how to best do it.

He had a large collection of bikes including 2 Hesketh's – one of which was the personal bike of Lord Hesketh! He loved Norton's and BMW's. Four of his bikes formed part of the long motorcycle cortege for Alec's last ride, his coffin mounted on a motorcycle sidecar hearse.

Alec and Bryson attended almost every Gatton Swap meet over 30 years and he and Bryson loved attending classic rallies all over Australia traveling as far as WA for the Velocette Good Companions Rally with Carole and Mary. He will be missed by the longer serving club members and thanked by all, for his drive, foresight and enthusiasm which helped form and consolidate our club.

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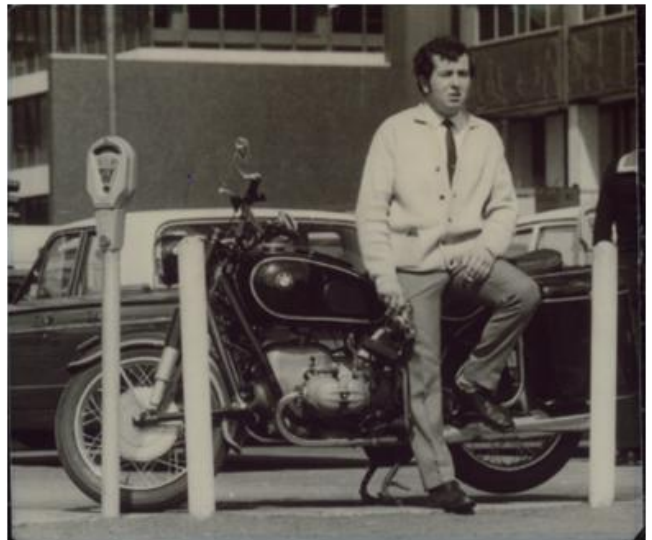
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Armband allows entry Saturday and Sunday (durable in the shower)
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Brian: 0459 211 365 bholzigal@y7mail.com
Bike Show 8am - 10.45am Sunday. SEE REVERSE
www.historicmotorcycle.org

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

It seems fitting to have these two pictures of Alec Marsh with 2 of his beloved bikes next to the advertisement for the Laidley Swap meet - the descendant of Gatton swap meet which Alec frequented.



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Classic run to Casino - 2 August

A crowd (28) met at the Rous hotel on a fine morning, and after the usual coffee and chat (for those early enough to manage it) we set off to Casino - but the long way. Rock Valley road to Cawongla, then to Kyogle, where we collected a few more, and finally down to Casino where we had coffee and cakes at the Kibbles bakery. Excellent ride although the rock valley road has some rough sections- on the other hand, the view as you ride over the saddle half-way along is worth the bumps. RS



Home yesterday arvo (9 August) to the most beautiful girl in the world.

9,400 K through five deserts (Dirt and Tar) and one dessert at Cober Pedy...Zigzagging through eight states (Doubling up on some) Lost one nut and one bolt from the bike and had to replace a spent rear tyre. Sad that my adventure has ended but I am happy to be home. For me solo riding is a spiritual thing (seems it always has been) resulting in me identifying life problems...now I have to go for another big ride so I can work out how to fix them. To those who followed me by phoning or texting me through my journey or who called or emailed Catherine to see how she was or my ride updates...my deepest appreciation to you for your company....thank you. Bernie Shailer

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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

Sept 6 - Classic Bikes only ride (looking for a ride organiser?)

Sept 11-13 - NRCMCC Annual Rally

Oct 4- 9 - Classic bikes only ride - Drum brakes only to Stanthorpe; Motel available (check club website)

Oct 18 - Ride to New Italy

Nov 6 - 8- classics only to HatHead Rally. Backup will carry camping gear Contact Col 0407 927 982

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

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

Oct 30 - Alstonville Show - NRCMCC to display bikes; contact Bryson Walker 0428291 509

Nov 1- Compression vs Depression Charity run, details TBA

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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

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- ◆ Distributor sales & rebuilding
- ◆ Surface grinding
- ◆ Onsite service

Wednesday Warriors; 26 August -Wardell Pie shop - (again!)

Eleven riders set forth from Lismore Railway Station on the last MWR in August 2015 at just past 9AM. We went via Wyrallah village, then took the Tucki Road to Marom Creek (lead-riders missing a zipped-up stray poddy-calf), past Cedar Island, though Meershaum Vale, across the Baggotville Barrage and finally via Broadwater to Wardell on a very quiet Pacific Highway. Some of the roads were much improved in Ballina Shire, but the road near Chinamans Wharf was its usual bumpy hazard. A lovely spring day, with some cold cross-winds when riding out of the sunshine under tree canopies - consequently many were riding with summer gear/gloves on for the first time after the FNC "winter". One rider had a speedo-cable/bezel detach itself (cause unknown) and one took a wrong turn at Broadwater (cause known) - otherwise the outing was thankfully problem-free. Good pies and coffee, plus a good chat at the ever-popular Wardell Pie Shop. Then a nice quick ride home arriving at 11.30AM with 101Km on the trip-meter.

5th August Sphinx Rock Café

Eleven riders (same group?!) set off for another Mid Week Run in sunny but cool conditions, going via North Lismore and Blakebrook for a ride to the Sphinx Rock Cafe. We planned to go via Stony Chute Road and the Kyogle/Mur'bah "drug-runners" Road. But before this, we had a rare breakdown on the Nimbin Road just short of the Koonorigan Fire Station. The problem seemed to be of gear-box origins on a late-model prestige European machine. There was nothing for us to do but wait at the next marshaling-point and moot what we could do to help. There were several volunteers, but the question was resolved by Ian McCormack, who very generously volunteered to pillion the rider back home where he could access his car and bike-trailer. So this ride was unfortunately over for our public-spirited rider before it had really started. But this incident does show the benefit of riding with others in a club-sanctioned ride and also exhibition of our Club's usual rider-loyalty and club-spirit. The rest proceeded to the Sphinx Rock Cafe, passing through some of the best scenery on the Far North Coast, with clear views of Mt Warning and the pinnacles/Crater-Rim due to the cool weather and lack of burning-off at this time of year. At the cafe we found a table lit by a pool of sunlight to warm-up ourselves in, with the help of some excellent hot coffee and the usual news/chat. Service was quick and professional. Return journey was via Blue Knob, Lillian Rock and Nimbin, which was a hive of activity. As usual 'over-confident'(or stoned?) pedestrians had to be avoided! Coming back just before Coffee Camp we saw a sad sight. It was our broken-down machine. It was still there. Cars were passing within inches on this narrow and badly sealed road. I had thoughts of stopping and securing the bike more safely off-road with permission from the nearby dairy-farm owner. But the traffic was too heavy to do anything safely. Home before lunch with 110km on the speedo. [I phoned Ian later and it appears the defective machine was recovered safely and all was well.] RA



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As you can see, the magazines are being stored chronologically in ringback folders. This makes them easier to track and for you to borrow. However, I have a stack of magazines - mostly "Classic Bike" still to be indexed and sorted.

But I need more lever arch or ringback folders.

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Cheers Richard Swinton



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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.