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**April  
2016**

## Classic Torque

### 2016 NRCMCC Show and Shine, Alstonville



**Some of the catering volunteers**

### Show 'n' Shine catering trailer.

It was heart-warming to see the offers of assistance from the members at the catering trailer. From the very beginning members rolled up to assist. There were so many that I lost count. It was great to see the unity of the members who took their turn cooking or selling sausage sandwiches. Members like Barry, Jan and Doug, who arrived wet it was a great opportunity to dry off with the heat of the BBQ (sorry you got

wet on your way home). So to all the wonderful club members and their partners who assisted in the production of the two hundred sausage sandwiches I thank you. It allowed me to get out amongst the public to talk and promote our club and actually look at the bikes (for the first time). The final clean up at the Show 'n' shine venue was performed by some wonderful members who wash and cleaned the equipment used and stowed it away in the trailer I thank you greatly. The final thank you goes to Tony, Lina, Karen and Marc who came to our home braving the torrents of rain and assisted in unpacking all the wet equipment and putting it out to dry in our shed. Due to the weather the inside of the trailer and large equipment was running wet so all needed removing wiping and leaving out in the shed to dry (IF the RAIN stops). This job which usually takes me several hours only took a short time with so many willing workers, once complete a cup of tea a piece or two of cake and a good chat was had Thank You to these lovely people.

SO TO ALL WHO ASSISTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, THANK YOU. MW



Another panorama of the Show and Shine: **Below:** a display of historic Honda Racing Bikes by a local enthusiast



### Presidents report pt 1 - Show and Shine

The Show'n'Shine turned out to be a very successful event in between the showers. We had 80 member's bikes on display as well as many other participants contributing. A reasonable crowd kept the BBQ well supported. I would like to thank L'J Hookers, Alstonville for allowing us to use the Plaza Carpark, Shannons Insurance for the Trophies and Nick at Northern Rider Magazine for his help with printing and promotion. I also thank Dave Detmar & Peter Small for providing their time to judge the bikes.

Thanks to Dieter for taking the photos of the Winning Bikes and who is in the process of upgrading our website.

The Swap Meet had a small number of vendors however I'm sure it will be larger next year. Col



Just a few of the bikes on show; well worth inspection . 2

**Classics only run - March 6th To Evans Head Riverside Café - Leader Peter lake**



A great day for a ride, and we started from the Rous hotel with seven riders on their classics - it was great to see Dougie's Velo and Michael Smith's Ariel. We picked up a few along the way and lost one in Casino. Peter Lake took us out the Kyogle road and over Naughtons gap (I love that bit of road), right through Casino and left at the roundabout where the Bruxner highway turns right. Probably not the best choice in retrospect - the road from Casino to Coraki is long and boring, especially if you're sitting behind a Velo at 80 - 90 kph :-), but then from Coraki to Woodburn along the south bank of the river, and on to Evans Head and the beautifully situated Riverside Cafe. Coffee, Cakes and chat in the sun, with the conversation mainly about past speeding escapades, and cars and bikes we used to own and wish we had never sold - Pain and heartache. RS

**My report on Sunday 28 Feb Ride, if you need it... James Moon**

The sun went out at Alstonville en route, then a pea-souper with light rain. Niiiiiice. Then the weather got bad... .... A small number (ie, Jim Moon on trusty brick) mustered at the Rous on the foggy, wet day that reminded me of my recent Melbourne commutes to work.

A bloke on a postie bike gave me an 'eyes right' (out of respect to BMW) in Keen St, but no more bikes were visible in Lis-Vegas.

So, at 0837, a careful, single-vehicle ride along Boatharbour Road, after an Oil Spill warning sign near the council workshops and off to Ballina via Teven. Felt the back 'go' on one change down, but all up a pleasant ride. The sun came out again at Morgan's Creek. JM



**Presidents report Pt2**

The March meeting was well attended and important issues were discussed which will ensure the continued viability of our Club in the future. The second part of the Moratorium committee recommendation will be discussed at the April meeting.

The Rally Committee have had their first meeting with a lot considered and some new ideas that will be presented to members for discussion at the April Meeting. One huge concern is that we don't seem to have reliable support from members when it comes to the important job of Marshalling for the Rally.



"Let's get the classics out!" Col



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Alan Strattons Ariel

Top left & Center: Mary White and her 1915 BSA Top right : Marion Thearle Above Jack McIntosh's sidecar



Above : Col McAndrew congratulated for his '56 triumph and his '75 trident. Center: Tony Harvey congratulated for his '65 Norton Atlas, Right above: Tony Kempnich receives award for his 1973 Ducati; Left below: Paul



Rigney awarded for his 1983 Kawasaki;

Right; Jack MacIntosh and grandson receive award for best Sidecar

Below: Andy Genders receives an award for his 650 BSA



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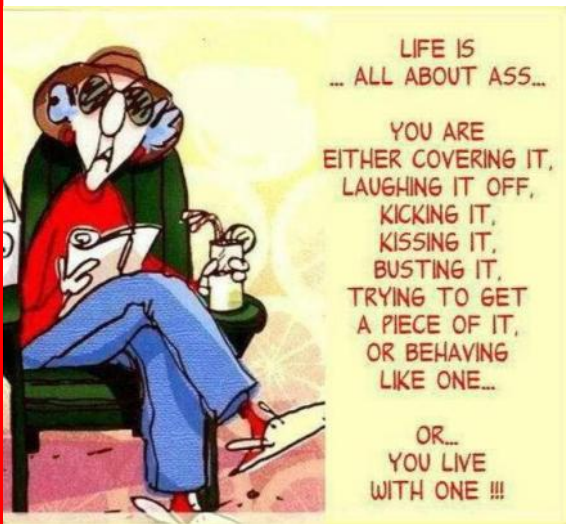
### Rough Rider:

In the 1980s I was working in Bourke, in far western NSW. One day while I was enjoying a beer in the North Bourke hotel a rich looking city slicker came in and asked the barman what the road to Wanaaring was like. (the road was notorious for corrugations - "shake the lid off a swaggie's billy," a local once said) "Well," the barman replied, "A cove travelled down there six kays recently and he had to turn back it was so rough." "Yeah, but look what I'm driving," the man said proudly pointing to his gleaming, top-of-the-line four wheel drive parked outside. "What was he in?" The barman replied "A Cessna, mate"



### The Good Samaritan:

Two hillbillies walk into a restaurant. While having a bite to eat, they talk about their moonshine operation. Suddenly, a woman at a nearby table, who is eating a sandwich, begins to cough. After a minute or so, it becomes apparent that she is in real distress. One of the hillbillies looks at her and says, 'Kin ya swallar?' The woman shakes her head no. Then he asks, 'Kin ya breathe?' The woman begins to turn blue and shakes her head no. The hillbilly walks over to the woman, lifts up her dress, yanks down her drawers and quickly gives her right-but cheek a lick with his tongue. The woman is so shocked that she has a violent spasm and the obstruction flies out of her mouth. As she begins to breathe again, the Hillbilly walks slowly back to his table. His partner says, 'Ya know, I'd heard of that there 'Hind Lick Maneuver' but I ain't niver seed nobody do it!'



Once again, Team Kempnich/Walker has produced  
**the Fourteenth Anniversary "Over The Hill Tour"**

It is from Sunday 8th May 2016, returning on Friday 13th May.

Itinerary: Day 1 - to Stanthorpe visiting the Maroon Dam and Queen Mary falls

Day 2 to Goondiwindi via Texas, and there for day 3 as well

Day 4 to Inverell with visit to Cranky Rock, and stay in Inverell for day

5 including the Transport museum and other visits

Day 6 back to Lismore via Glen Innes and Tenterfield.

This is always a popular run with lots of camaraderie and fun and lots to see and do.

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## Stinkwheel Run - March 20

Following talks with many of our club members who enjoy the challenge and enjoyment of owning and riding smaller 2-stroke motorcycles, it was decided there was a need for a 2-stroke only event. A morning run to Wadesville Woolies for a coffee was arranged which was very well supported with a dozen bikes. There was quite an assortment of classic machines with engine sizes from 98cc to 1200cc (Harley) including Yamahas, Suzukis, Honda, MZ, CZ and a hybrid Yamaha/Kawasaki.

Great to see members competing from a long way out of town ie; Bonalbo and Kyogle. Maybe if we were to invite other clubs we could extend this interest further. A little disappointed that no members with BSA Bantams turned up; we know of a couple of members who have good ones but were unable to attend, but owing to the enthusiasm and success of this run we hope to be able to have more of these runs, possibly even an overnight one.

Thanks go to Uncle Eric who did the all important backup which was very much appreciated.

Cheers Noel



**Above Left:** The stinkwheel riders ready to leave. The Suzuki on the trailer was brought by Jack McI for anyone game to ride it! No-one did.

**Above:** Our man from the west left home at a very early hour to get here - Good onya Mick.



**Left:** A beautifully restored Yamaha recently purchased from Brisbane.

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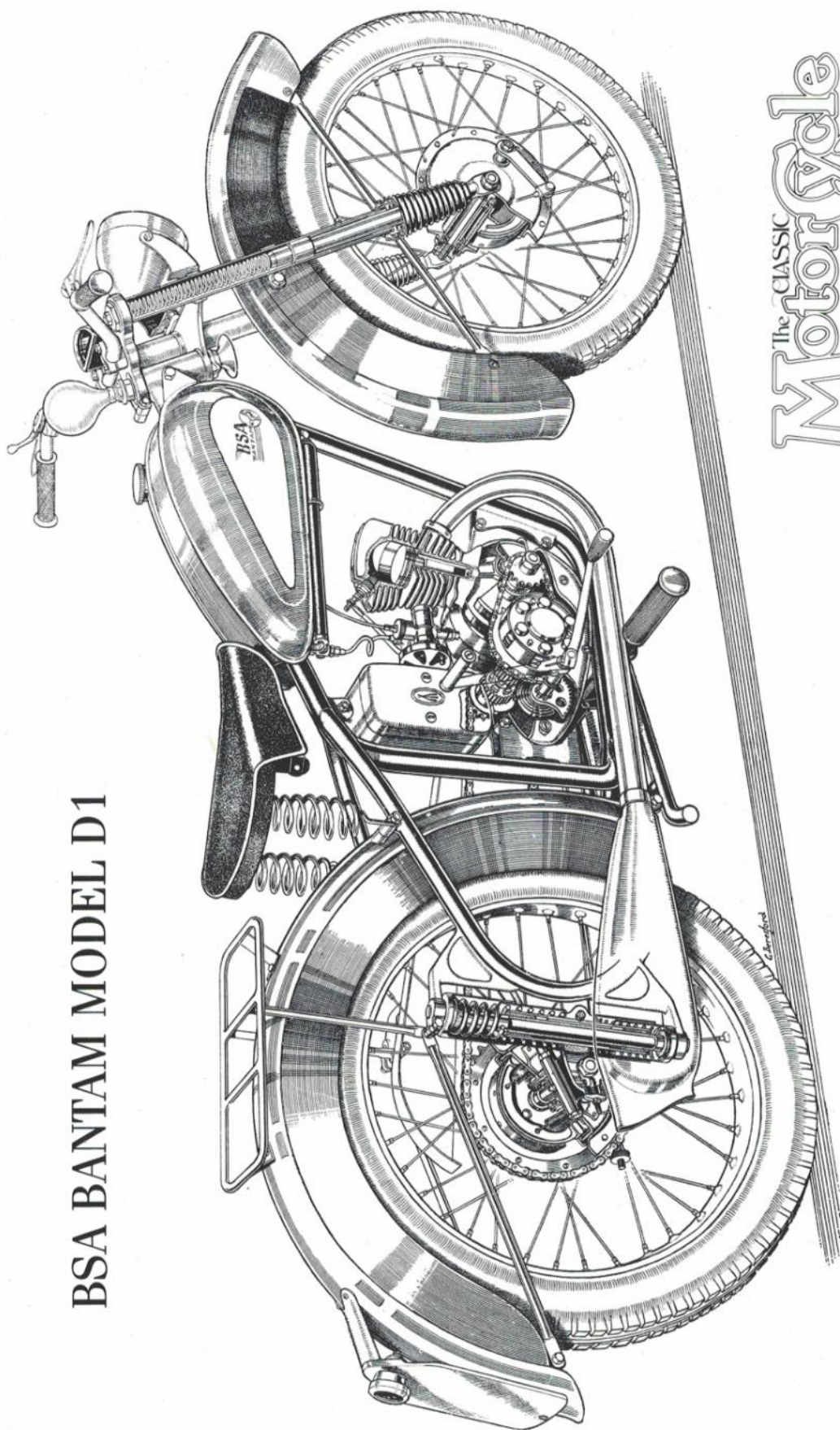


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**ALSO: Bernie is looking for any BMW parts and or bikes - contact as above.**

**Graeme Studdert has a few bikes for sale** some of you might be interested in:

2009 - V7 Racer

1946 Superalce

1982 - V50 Mark 3

1973 Nuovo Falcone

1986 Honda CB1000R Supersports

2009 Kawasaki 250 Ninja (fully restored and then found it a Stat Write Off) big mistake going cheap at \$1800

Enclosed motorcycle trailer - 2 bikes - solar powered - registered.

Phil Field - Club Secretary

**Contact::** MGOA - Moto Guzzi Owners Association of NSW

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**JIM MOON (0412 545 699) is now looking for a BMW R65 or R80 in 'everyday' condition. 1986 or older. Please contact him if you have any leads.**

### Taree Rally by Tony K

A number of NRCMCC members attended the Taree Classic Rally on the first weekend in March. Traditionally a wet rally, this time it stayed dry. Col & Nancy however didn't pack wet gear and got quite wet about ten times on the trip down. Fridays ride visited a Riding for the Disabled group for smoko and Krambach school for lunch. Saturday ended up at New Haven for lunch via a mix of back roads & highway. Sundays ride was missed by our group as it is about 6hrs home. All up a good rally With Lionel winning best overall & his class, Col longest distance ridden and a major raffle prize. Hope to see more members at these events, as we need/expect other clubs members to attend our rally.



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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

April 3 - Classics only ride to Ballina Vehicles Show and shine (daylight saving finishes)

April 17 - Ride to Kyogle Info centre Peter Lake 0459 285 872

May 8 - 13 'Over the Hill tour' (details elsewhere in newsletter)

May 15 - ride to Murwillumbah - 'Red Rattlers' café - contact Peter lake

June 5 - Classics only Run - Col McA

June 12 - Slow bikes run to Evans head Peter Lake 0459 285 872

July 3 - Classics only run

July 10 - Extra Sunday run to Brunswick heads hot rods

July 17 - Winter ride to New Italy Peter Lake 0459 285 872

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

April 9 - 10 AMC Rally, Boonah. Contact Brian Holzgal at [bholzgal@y7mail.com](mailto:bholzgal@y7mail.com)

April 15 - 17 Inverell Motorcycle restorers club rally Peter 0427 286 547

April 30 - May 2 Club Classics only ride to 'Classics only Rally' The woolshed, Jondaryan, Qld Col McA 0428 869 889

May 27 -29 Coffs harbour Annual Rally

*For more info - Check 'events' section on NRCMCC website - [www.nrcmcc.org](http://www.nrcmcc.org)*

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:****8<sup>th</sup> March 2016** START: 7:45 pm

**WELCOME:** Welcome by President. Meeting attended by **46** members, **5** visitors and **9** apologies as per the attendance sheet

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - read to members

ACCEPTED: Peter Lake

SECOND: Marc Jennison

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 1) Decision in regards to perpetual Alec Marsh trophy.  
Col reported that after discussions with the family, it has been decided that the family will make the decision about which bike the award will go to. There will be a perpetual trophy with the winner's name engraved that will continue through the years and a smaller trophy that each winner will be able to keep. (*Matter now finalised*)
- 2) Membership moratorium sub committee feedback (*Item carried over to general business*)
- 3) Feedback from Secretary about the use of historic plated vehicles by family members.  
CHMC RMS liaison officer meeting with RMS this week to clarify this issue. (*Item carried over to next meeting*)

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:** Usual member update emails over the month

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

- 6 x Club Newsletters: HMCCQ Newsletter, Tweed Heads Motorcycle Enthusiast Club, Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club, Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club, Inverell Motorcycle Club (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)
- Invitation from Inverell Motorcycle Club to attend their annual rally on the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April.
- Invitation from Coffs Harbour Motorcycle Club to attend their annual rally on the 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Flyer about a motorcycle only swap meet at Gloucester on the 30<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Annual insurance notice from Shannons for 2016 comprehensive insurance on club catering trailer (*Paid in full by EFT*)
- \$300 from Shannons Insurance for Club Show & Shine

ACCEPTED: Mary Walker

SECOND: Doug Hampson

**TREASURERS REPORT** – presented to members

ACCEPTED: Mary Walker

SECOND: Tim Thearle

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Membership Moratorium Sub Committee Feedback

The recommendations of the subcommittee have been published in the newsletter prior to this meeting

Col thanked the subcommittee for their diligence and providing their recommendations.

The subcommittee is now dissolved.

There was general discussion about the points raised in the recommendation documentation.

Eric advised that he had been in touch with Fair Trading and had some advice to provide in regards to the matter (*Eric has undertaken to forward this information to the committee for consideration*)

The subcommittee's recommendations can be put under two categories.

Membership b) Registration and Inspection

Part a) – Membership was focus for this meeting. Part b) – Registration and Inspection will be addressed at the next meeting

Col read the individual sections in part a to the members and each section was discussed.

The following motions were put to the meeting and voted on.

- 1) That the NRCMCC lift the current moratorium on accepting new members.

PROPOSED: Chris Wakely SECOND: Rob Andrews

Motion voted on by members present: **Motion carried by majority.** The moratorium on the club accepting new members is lifted.

- 2) That the NRCMCC apply a cap of no more than 170 members (including life and dual members).

PROPOSED: Chris Wakely SECOND: Doug Foskey

Motion voted on by members present: **Motion rejected by majority.** A membership cap of 170 is not accepted.

- 3) That the NRCMCC apply a cap of no more than 150 members (including life and dual members) and that this cap is reviewed at the AGM.

PROPOSED: Doug Hampson SECOND: Peter Harvey

Motion voted on by members present: **Motion carried by majority.** The NRCMCC shall have a cap of 150 members (including life and dual members) and this cap will be reviewed at the AGM to see if it needs to be changed.

- 4) That members of the NRCMCC be required to attend a minimum number of NRCMCC organized events per annum.

PROPOSED: John Mazzer SECOND: Barry McDonald

Motion voted on by members present: **Motion carried by majority.** NRCMCC members are required to attend a minimum number of NRCMCC events per annum.

- 5) That minimum number of NRCMCC organized events that members of the NRCMCC be required to attend per annum be set at 3.

PROPOSED: Tony Kempnich SECOND: Barry McDonald

Motion voted on by members present: **Motion carried by majority.** NRCMCC members must attend a minimum of 3 NRCMCC organized events per annum.

**The 2016 NRCMCC Show and Shine**

The show and shine is all set to proceed with a swap meet as well this year.

Members are asked to bring plastic chairs as more seating is required on the day.

Participants are reminded that they are required to have their bikes at the site until 1pm as this is the advertised finish time for the event.

**Minutes Continued:**

Alan Stratton has been invited to, and will attend the annual Ariel rally.

**THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:**

Carried over to next meeting

**REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS:**

Bryson reported that he had inspected a Japanese motorcycle

**REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:**

Last club ride was a success without anyone getting lost.

Eric brought Jack Ahearn and he enjoyed the classic motorcycles.

Doug Hampson spoke about the Classics Only club ride to Evans Head. Another successful outing.

6 members attended the Taree Club's rally. Col being awarded the longest distance and Lionel's bike winning the best in it's class and bike of the rally. A wet trip down.

**REPORT ON WEDNESDAY RIDES:**

Ride to Casino.

Ride to Nimbin where it rained, rained and rained some more.

**NEXT CLUB RUNS:** As listed on the NRCMCC website and below (If applicable)

**BUSINESS ARISING FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Feedback from Secretary about the use of historic plated vehicles by family members. *(Documentation has already been emailed to members)*

**MEETING CLOSED: 9.20pm**



**, Jack Ahearn presents the ward to John Mazzer**

**Winner of the Jack Ahearn trophy for best club restoration during the year - John Mazzer with his Bantam**

The Jack Ahearn trophy is judged within the club and the award is for best restoration completed in the preceding twelve months by a club member.

John's BSA Bantam is an excellent example of a bike that is not over restored. No repainting was done and the original finish maintained and given a coat of lanolin to preserve it.

Many restorers now try to maintain the finish of the bike as it was found - the wear and scratches and even surface rust are preserved - sometimes with a clear coat to protect them. The patina is considered to be apart of the bikes history. In some auctions, vehicles with 'as found' finish have fetched more than full restorations with new chrome and paint.

**The Jack Ahearn trophy winner - BSA Bantam**

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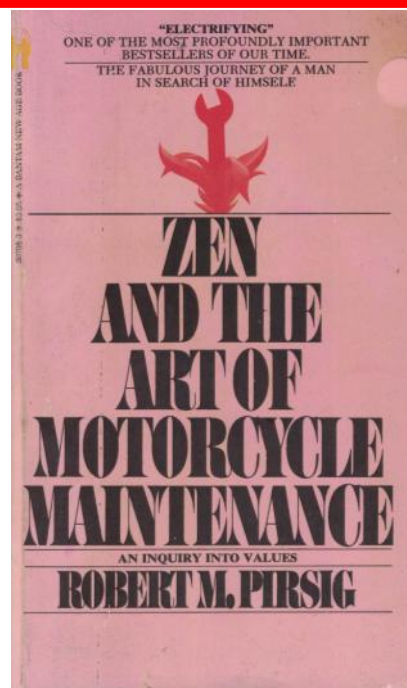
In the book, the Narrator describes the "Romantic" approach to the life of his friend, John Sutherland, who chooses not to learn how to maintain his expensive new motorcycle. John simply hopes for the best with his bike, and when problems do occur he often becomes frustrated and is forced to rely on professional mechanics to repair it. In contrast, the "classical" Narrator has an older motorcycle which he is usually able to diagnose and repair himself through the use of rational problem-solving skills.

In an example of the classical approach, Pirsig explains to the reader that one must pay continual attention: when the Narrator and his friends came into Miles City, Montana<sup>[3]</sup> he notices that the "engine idle is loping a little," a possible indication that the fuel/air mixture is too rich. The next day he is thinking of this as he is going through his ritual to adjust the valves on his cycle's engine. During the adjustment, he notes that both spark plugs are black, confirming a rich mixture. He recognizes that the feel-good-higher-altitude-mountain-air is causing the engine to run rich. New jets are purchased, and installed, and with the valves adjusted, the engine runs well again.

With this, the book details two types of personalities: those who are interested mostly in gestalts (romantic viewpoints, such as Zen, focused on being "In the moment", and not on rational analysis), and those who seek to know the details, understand the inner workings, and master the mechanics (classic viewpoints with application of rational analysis, vis-a-vis motorcycle maintenance) and so on.

So where do you sit? Are you the practical, planning, concrete bike owner - thinking rationally and objectively? Or are you the romantic who sees motorcycles as a wonderful means of transport, ignore the engineering, get the wind in your hair and bugs in your teeth, and your heart rate pumping. A means of impressing the pillion and all who see you on your 'white stallion'?

Myself - I'm think I'm a bit of both; the practical engineer who hopes to fix problems - or even better, avoid them through good maintenance - but I do enjoy leaning into corners and accelerating up steep hills and wishing the girls were more impressed. RS



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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.