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Classic Torque

The 14th Over the Hill Mob Tour - Terry Savins

Sunday morning started cool and crisp. I arrived at the train station on my steed for the week which had an extra wheel, it was Bryson and Mary's Spyder. After all assembled and the morning tea was loaded we headed off. Andrew and Doug in the chuck wagon. Mary, Karen and Helen towing the bike trailer. About 20 bikes met the starters gun, of which ONLY half were BMW's.



First Riders Briefing

The Lion's Road made for some steady riding to morning tea at the Loop, from there to Queen Mary Falls, another very interesting road, for lunch, then to Stanthorpe via a dirt road to stay the night. We had it all on the first day. I have to admit I was pretty buggered and we only covered 270k's. The trailer was to see its first Norton of the trip with Gerrard's bike breaking an ignition wire. Luckily he and Pat diagnosed the problem and said bike was back on the road the next day, but not before everyone had a chance to offer advice and express sympathy, yeah right. Frank found it was a good idea to put his bike in gear when parking it on a downslope so it wouldn't roll forward off the sidestand. No damage done.



Please start your engines!



Regrouping and collecting the rest of the gang at Kyogle

Monday was another beautiful day in paradise which saw us heading for Goondiwindi, with Texas planned for morning tea. The road from Stanthorpe to Texas is a beauty, with a lot of variety. Variety of corners and variety of

road kill. In fact the smell of dead animals is pretty frequent, which had me cruising at a very steady pace. After eating too many cakes and bikkies (well we don't want to take any home) we had a change of plan and decided to head to Lake Coolmunda for lunch. As we cruised past the sign that pointed to the Lake I thought there must have been another road to it, but there wasn't, so we ended up in Inglewood. With everyone a bit puzzled, our fearless leader, who shall remain nameless, but does own a Spyder, concluded that the map didn't quite reflect the actual roads it was supposed to. Oh well, it gives us somewhere new to go next time we're in these parts. It suited me fine as I got to visit my Aunty who lives in Inglewood. At the lunch stop Pat's rear tyre was nice and round most of the way around it, but was a bit flat in the worst spot, at the bottom. This led to the NRU (Norton Recovery Unit) being called into action once again. Due to the unavailability of spare seats in backup vehicles, and seeing as my chariot



had an extra wheel, and seat, Pat got the once in a lifetime experience, only offered to the very few, of riding the rear seat of the Spyder. Something he will take to the grave with him I'm sure. The weather was fine leaving Inglewood so Karen decide to leave the safety of the car and get a lift with some young bloke on a Rocket 3 BSA, who had been seen overtaking everyone in sight. She must have been impressed. I'm sure she was enjoying herself till it started to rain, the only rain the whole trip!

Pat survived the trip to Goondi, and Karen found some dry clothes on arrival. The rear tyre on the Norton received a new tube in what turned out to be very time consuming repair, with, as per usual, plenty of unsolicited advice offered. The other main repair of the day was to Michael's throttle. He had had the brilliant idea of gluing his throttle open to save all that unnecessary twisting,



only to find that when he did have to eventually slow down, it was a bit hard to decelerate. I like your thinking Michael, just needs a bit refinement. On our lay day in Goondi, Tony organised a cotton farm tour which was very educational, what we learnt most of all was not to eat the cotton seed soap. I bet Frank had the cleanest ring in town the next morning. Wednesday morning we are preparing to leave Goondi when I spot something that just wasn't right. I wondered over to John's bike for a closer look, and my greatest fears are confirmed. He has washed his bike! This caused quite a stir among the brotherhood, with calls for him to be banished to the back of the pack. We headed off to Warialda for morning tea.

The road this morning, although open and flat, was very bumpy with the Spyder getting very animated over a few bumps, especially one where I was looking for a soft spot to land. We arrive with John's bike leaking fuel badly. I didn't say anything, but Dieter said the obvious "That's what happens when you wash your bike". Poor Louise was copping most of the fumes. At morning tea Lena was still bringing out cakes and bikkies by the tin full, and we were all doing our best to show the bakers our gratitude for their efforts. After a quick carbie removal to find no obvious reason for leaking fuel, we were on our way. The trip to Inverell via Cranky Rock was nice and easy which I was thankful for after the morning excitement.



That afternoon we had a couple of shed visits which are always good value. That night at the club we solved a few world problems then headed off to bed.

Thursday was my day to leave, so I got packed, waved everyone goodbye and pointed the Spyder in the direction of home. It was 4 degrees when I left, and 28 when I got home.

The 14th OTHM Tour has come and gone with all participants a few kilos heavier. Next year I'm buying a bigger belt. Many thanks to all who put in the big yards, Tony and Lena, Bryson and Mary, Mark and Karen. It's the most fun you can have with your pants on. Thanks to Terry and Michael Smith for the text and pics

Dieter has up loaded many more pictures of the Over the Hill run to the club website.





Just a few of the OTH pictures Dieter has uploaded to the club website - there are lots!



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Please find attached some photos from today's **Ray Owen S&S in Canungra.**

A fantastic day with a good turnout at the swap meet (I got a spare tank for my CB750 so it was a good day for me) Some beautiful bikes on display and a lot more high standard restorations parked around the grounds.

Please note the photo of the triumph with the carby at the front and exhaust at the rear.

Triple trees on this bike strong enough to carry a car!

A very good day out -Neil Williams



Just a few of the pics that Neil Sent me. The reversed head Trumpy looks like a knee burner!

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Shots taken at the Evans Head Reef and Bef Show, May 22. The older bikes really attracted attention, with lots of grandpas showing the bikes to their grandchildren! "When I was young...."



The Inaugural AMC Rally was held at Boonah on the 9th & 10th April. Tony K

Lina & I attended this well run rally as the Boonah area has some of the best roads around for Classic Rallies that you can find. The rally was organised

by Brian Holzgal & Wayne Renz from Hmccq. Saturday was a casual afternoon

ride of about 50 miles, followed by Happy Hours and a baked dinner at the Showground where the rally was based. Sunday we were fed a full cooked breakfast before the main ride which covered 105 miles down as far as Rathdowny for morning tea stop and returning via Beaudesert. There were approx 60 entries consisting mainly AJS, Matchless, Norton, and a handful of

Sunbeams, James & Francis Barnetts. Anyone who has an AMC machine would be encouraged to attend next year. Congratulations to Brian, Wayne and the families for a great weekend.

P.S Harrisville Photo needs to be attributed to Gavin Dall'Osto from HMCCQ.

The rest of his photos (and there are heaps) are at <https://picasaweb.google.com/Gaven.Gonzo/AMCRallyBoonah9th10thApril2016?authkey=Gv1sRgCPGl0b6Vvkq37PQ&feat=email>



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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.

Upcoming Community Events to which we have been invited

18 June:- Lismore Aviation Expo

We have been asked to display Classic Bikes. (Details to follow) Contact:- 0425292391

July 9th - Murwillumbah Car and Motorcycle Swap meet. They've invited us to put on a display of our club bikes. Contact Cynthia Hanger, Sec; 6672 5507 / 0427 725 507 (see poster)

Vespa 125 - story of a beginning m'cycle rider....

This pink and orange machine was swapped off my cousin Ron for a Ferris valve car radio. To get it through rego, I had to solder some torch batteries together to get 6 volts and replace the headlight bulb with a torch globe as the generator windings were obviously past it. It hated hot starts, which was later found to be hard crankcase seals. These were replaced when I needed to weld the crankpin to the crankshaft halves when it became misaligned after a friend borrowed it and revved it so hard that the clutch circlip came of an caused the clutch to fly apart in the casing. This must have also damaged the crank. I fell off it many times and when the muffler finally fell off during some urban scrambling over a Sydney traffic island, I sold it to a fellow sailor at HMAS Penguin Navy base for a dozen stubbies. He fell off it the next day and broke an arm. The 'Fast Pink' has not been heard of since. If anyone has found a welded-up crankshaft in their Vespa 125 project bike, I may be able to help them with a bit more of its history....



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

July 3 - Classics only run - Col McA

July 10 - Extra Sunday run to Brunswick heads hot rods

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

August 7 - Classic Bikes only ride - Col McA

August 14 - Ride to Richard And Cindys house for brunch - Peter Lake 0459 285 872

September 4 - Classics Only Run - Col McA

September 16 - 18 - NRCMCC ANNUAL RALLY, Evans Head, Marshals required

Note: ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE CLUB WEBSITE UNDER 'EVENTS'

October 2 - Classic Bikes only - Col McA

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

July 9 - Murwillumbah Show Motorcycle and car swap meet; contact Cynthia 6672 5507

August 19- 21 - Triples Rally, Evans Head - Marshalls needed on Saturday 20th

August 26 - 28 - Clarence Valley Annual Rally, Grafton

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

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## Presidents Report

After being spoilt with an extension of the warm weather, the mornings are certainly getting cooler and will sort out the men from the boys when it comes to riding our toys.

It was great to join the OTH mob after missing out on the previous two years. Congrats to the organisers who put on an excellent ride again. The Beef Meets Reef Classic Bike Display at Evans Head was well supported with 18 members turning up. Two future Community Events we have been asked to support are the Lismore Aviation Expo on the 18<sup>th</sup> June and the Italian Themed Friendship Festival in Lismore on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. Details are on our website.

Our Club's Annual Rally is shaping up to be a great event with the Rally Committee implementing some changes which should encourage more visitors to come and enjoy the great rides in our area.

Entry forms are available on the club website under 'Events' > annual rally > pdf.

A printed entry form is included in all postal newsletters.

I also thank Richard for producing our excellent Club Newsletter and remind Members that his job will be a little easier if you continue to make some contributions occasionally.



Let's get the Classics out!

Col

**Sunday run, May 15th to the Red Rattlers Café, north of Murwillumbah** (as told by a non rider)

About a dozen or so riders with some pillions gathered as per usual in front of the Rous Hotel - which was closed - no coffee before 9.00am!! Cindy and I attended in the Laser and then found our own way up to the Red Rattlers Café on the road to Dungay, north of Murwillumbah. Excellent coffee and a delicious sticky date pudding. Lots of chat and a wonderful run. RS



**Left:** No coffee! That'll get people on the road quicker.

**Right:** Rik Lauf looking at a book of Café racer BMWs! Yes, they do exist!

**Below:** Table full of chat



**Minutes of NRCMCC meeting, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Meeting started 7.40

**Chair:** Peter Harvey; Minutes recorder: Richard Swinton  
(Club president and other officials were away on the Over the Hill run)

**Attendance:** 24 members, 1 apology plus those members on the OTH run

**Visitors:** Greg Mills, Kevin Everett

**Minutes** of 12<sup>th</sup> April read and accepted – no business arising

**Correspondence In:**

- Request from Lismore Friendship Festival organizers for any members with Italian motorcycles to display them at the festival, 26<sup>th</sup> June at Spinks park Lismore.
- Notification that we have been requested to show our bikes at the Beef and Reef day at Evans Head, Sunday, May 22; and at the Beef Week parade, Saturday, 28 May, Casino, 9am to 1 pm at the Oxford Hotel
- Draft posters advertising the Club annual rally were displayed for comment, very positive, but detail still to be developed.

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

**Club Rally:**

Annual Club Rally entry form was passed around – to be included in next newsletter and on the website  
Peter Harvey explained the plan to keep costs low and to centralize the accommodation at Evans Head to encourage after hours mingling of entrants and club members.

Rally Judging and display will be conducted at the Casino Public School.

**The Rally route:** Saturday – Evans Head > Woodburn > Whyralla > Skyline Drive > Rous Rd > Alstonville > Eltham > Bexhill > Rosebank > Rocky Ck Dam (morning Tea) > Bypass around Lismore > Caniaba > Casino (judging and Lunch) > Woodburn > Evans Head

**We will need marshals**

**Costs:** \$10 entry (inc Badge), \$24 Dinner, Gold coin donation for breakfast provided by Evans Head Bowlo, P&C provided lunch \$12.

**General Business:** only comment was ‘we’re all happy’

**Run reports:**

- 2 attended the Guzzi Rally (date?)
- Club Sunday run, April 17<sup>th</sup>, to Kyogle tourist centre coffee shop; Nimbin road > Stony Chute road > Kyogle – Murwillumbah Rd. Lost 3 commandos along the way (non club members who joined in)
- Wednesday 27 April to Casino for coffee at the Oxford hotel via Naughtons Gap, Fairy Hill and Stratheden – Ray Fisher lost his phone along the return
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Humble Pie shop in Bilinudgel via Clunes, Myocum road and Mullumbimby. Ted Willimas rode his Triumph Thunderbird and mentioned a BSA for sale. It turned out to be a Bantam for \$3500 – “Tell him he’s dreaming!”
- Jack MacIntosh told of the Jondaryan Woolshed Rally; mostly modern bikes but some classics. A few members attended, good time, esp when they showed old Isle of Man TT races on screen.
- Over the Hill run left on time and reconvened in Kyogle to collect a few more attendees. Jack MacIntosh also was on hand and has been christened the Kyogle Motorcycle Mayor

**Upcoming Runs:**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Ride to Red Rattler north of Murwillumbah for coffee and cake (excellent Sticky Date Pudding) Might meet up with VJMC club and another club. 8.30 start at Rous Hotel.

Meeting closed for socializing; 8.20pm



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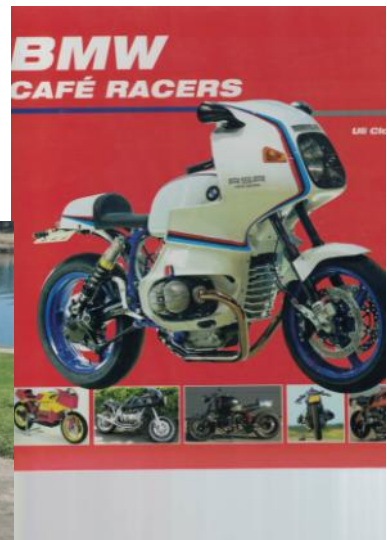


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**Book of the Month:**

This is the book that had Ricks mouth open in the Red Rattlers run - It covers Classic Racers and Sports Bikes; modified singles and parallel twins, Café Air-heads, Café oilheads, Café Urals and even Café Bricks!! Chocablock full of pictures and with some amazing bikes including a suopercharged twin engines dragster made with Ural and BMW parts!

This book belongs to me and is available for anyone wanting to borrow it - contact the editor. RS



100 things to do with a dead BMW - Number one: Coffee table



Seen by me at a Japanese Custom bike show in Tokyo 2013. Literally hundreds of bikes - mainly Harleys.

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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.