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**September  
2016**

## Classic Torque

### 7<sup>th</sup> Aussie Triples Rally



The triples gather at the Bowlo carpark for breakfast, conversation and last minute check ups

This year's Triples Rally ran from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August and was again based at the beautiful seaside town of Evans Head, Northern NSW.

We had 52 entrants bring their Triumph Tridents and BSA Rocket 3's for three days of riding in perfect weather. Entrants came from as far as South Australia, Victoria, the ACT and Queensland. Many rode large distances to the Rally while others trailered their bikes. Fridays short ride was south to Iluka Pub for a meal and a chat, as most riders only come together once a year at this Rally. We were joined on the ride by some members of the NRCMCC and met at Iluka by members of the Clarence Valley Club.

Saturday the local soccer club, the "Woodburn Wolves", provided a great breakfast for us before we headed off for a 220km ride with a fuel and wee stop at Mullumbimby before the journey to Alstonville Public School for lunch and the bike judging. We had a variety of Triples including T150's T160's, Rocket 3's, Hurricanes, a Legend, a Son of Sam replica and a stunning Rob North Rocket 3. After lunch we headed back to Evans Head where some of our visitors crawled over the F1-11 at the Air Museum.

The presentation Dinner was held at the Evans Head Bowlo and included our annual charity auction of anything Triple. The Trident and Rocket 3 Owners Club in England sent Club Merchandise out for the event. Jeff from Re-engineered Concentrics donated several bottles of Hunter Valley Port with our Logo etched into the bottle. We were also supported by the local Chamber of Commerce. All profits go to the local Cancer Care Unit.

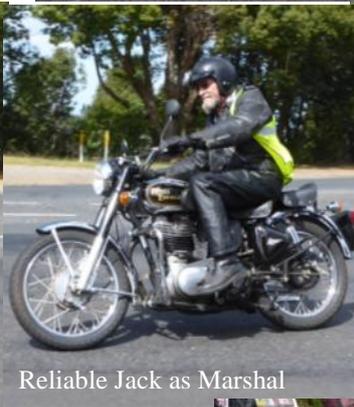


### Triples rally continued:

Sunday saw a few sore heads and excellent weather as we lined the Triples and the Marshalls' bikes up in the Main St of Evans Head for a public display for 2 hours. This created a lot of interest with people travelling a long way to see them. Following this display we had a two hour ride returning to North Coast Holiday Park, Evans Head for a BBQ lunch, supplied by the park management, as a farewell to entrants and a thank you to the Marshalls from Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club who once again did an amazing job of guiding us through our hinterland roads.

The preparation and presentation of these bikes is commendable, with the only breakdown at the Rally being a punctured rear wheel.

Col McA



Reliable Jack as Marshal



Photo by Holty



## Presidents Report; Pat Holt

Hi to all members. First I'd like to thank all the club members for their support and I hope I can repay that support over the next few months. I'd like to congratulate Col and Nancy for all their hard work and great organisational skills in regards to the triple's rally held at Evans Head. The rally was an outstanding success. Thanks to Peter Lake for the fantastic trip around our beautiful North Coast. Thanks to all the member that help in many ways including the Marshaling duties, and thanks to Eric for standing in the middle of the road at Alstonville directing the bikes into the School grounds.



The next BIG outing for the club is our own **Northern River Rally**. The Club over time has changed the location of the rally twice before so this will be the third time. Evans Head was selected this year for one big reason and that is that the accommodation, eating location and rally dinner is all in the same place. I'd like to invite all our members to be involved. The club does not ask much of it's members through the year, but this is the big one. The Rally committee has been working hard on your behalf and it would be great if the members turn up to help in any way they can. The marshaling is the one that most members can HELP. Members have been asked to provide the food for morning and afternoon teas. It will be a fun day, Peter has again set out a GREAT Ride. Morning tea will be supplied to all on the rally and lunch will be a fund raiser for the Casino School.

I look forward to the next few months and wish all members and their family all the BEST

Regards Pat Holt (President)

## Wednesday Runs: Peter Lake

**Pending confirmation at a future meeting, the Wednesday riders have decided to continue to start their runs at the Lismore railway station due to the crowded carpark during the week at the Blue Kitchen Café.**



**July 27 - Run to Kyogle:** 10 riders left Lismore, riding up the Rock Valley Road to Cawongla. We rode on the new section of the Kyogle - Murwillumbah Road west of Cawongla and it was great to see how much it is improved. We arrived at the Kyogle Tourist Info Centre Café for coffee and chat and than the ride home via Bentley.

**August 3 - Run to Casino:** Due to the threat of bad weather, we decided to do a short run to Casino for coffee (what else? Ed) So up the hill past the airport to Caniaba and then Springgrove road to Casino. We went to Zebra's cafe in Barker Street where we had good coffee and more talk. It was very overcast on the ride back to Lismore, but we avoided any rain. A good ride overall.

## August 24 - No run - heavy rain!!

### Damn Lies and Statistics - or is it the other way round?

The frequency of sexual activity of senior males depends on where they were born. Statistics just released from Statistics Canada and The United Nations B.O.H. Team, revealed that:

BMW Motorcyclists who visit my shed and are between 50 and 80 years of age, will on average, have sex two to three times per week, (and a small number a bit more), whereas Asian men, in exactly the same age group, will have sex only once or twice per year if they are lucky. This has come as very upsetting news to most of my buddies at the shed, as none of them had any idea that they were Asian.



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## Stinkwheel Rally - August 10: Ray Fisher

Seven Club members attended the HMCQ Stinkwheel fun run for 2strokes & Tiddlers on Wednesday 10 August. The bikes from our club were Ian Mc's Suzuki A100 & DS6 Yamaha ridden by Peter L. Noel E's RD250 Yamaha. Ray M's Lovey CZ175. Jack Mc RD200, James H2 powered RD Yamasaki & myself on Suzuki GT250.

The ride started from Sanford showground through the very scenic Mount Mee area and back to Dayoro for Lunch.



Around forty 2 strokes and a dozen veterans took part in the ride with about double those numbers on other classics & moderns doing marshalling duties.



The veteran bikes and tiddlers all managed some very steep climbs.

Very enjoyable, well run event with spectacular roads and scenery.



Ric Lauf emailed me with details of an international charity ride planned for 25th September. Its aim is the raise \$5m dollars for Cancer and depression charities. There are rides already registered in Grafton and the Gold Coast. Any members could arrange to attend one of these, or organize one for this area.

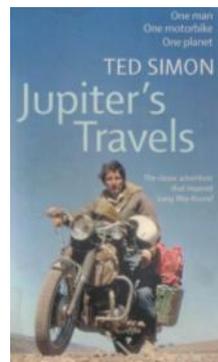
For more information, check out this website which has all the details and registration [www.gentlemansride.com](http://www.gentlemansride.com)

**From the Editor:** I would like to thank all the contributors who responded to my pleas and have sent me material for the newsletter. It has all been kept and will appear in future issues. I took the liberty of running Deans story of his recent trip overseas as part one with part two to follow in next months issue - with wonderful pictures from the museums. But please keep the contributions coming - it's difficult to edit a newsletter when there is little to edit!

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**Book of the month:** a quicky - 'Jupiters Travels' by Ted Simon. Recently donated to the club, this is a fascinating story of a man who travelled 63,000 miles over 4 years covering all continents including Australia. Prison, breakdowns, war, revolutions and a Californian commune were all part of the adventure. He explored his own soul and his ride inspired Charley Boorman and others. Highly recommended.



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John Mazzer sent in these pics after a business trip out west.. The poor guy with the 5 furry front fender hit this 'roo at 120 kph and managed to stay on! The Indian was in orange as an everyday ride, but the junkshop bike needs a bit of work!



# LAIDLEY MOTORCYCLE ONLY SWAP MEET OCTOBER 29th & 30th 2016



**GIVEAWAY DOOR PRIZE**



Drawn at 11am  
Sunday 30th October.

This 1950 350cc Model G Royal Enfield is the giveaway doorprize at the Laidley Swap  
You must be present with a single armband on and registered at the swap to win.

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**Entry Times:** Vendor entry 4pm Friday and 5am Saturday  
Gates open general public 6am Saturday and Sunday.  
**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.

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**Bike Show 8am - 11am Sunday.**

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### NRCMCC Rally request – Calling all cooks

The morning tea on Saturday this year at the club rally will be hosted by Lyn Stratton, Lina Kempnich and Mary Walker.

Lyn will hostess the old bikes short run with morning tea destination to be advised. Lyn will need assistance, so if you can help please give Mary a call on 6629 1509.

The longer normal classic run will be hosted by Lina and Mary at Rocky Creek Dam.

We ask all members to donate home cooked items for both morning teas.

Please bring your cooking to Evans Head and we will collect it from the Caravan Park or, drop it off at Ongmac Trading (Motor bike shop) by 10am on Friday or Mary & Bryson's by Thursday night. Please no cooking that needs refrigerating to be left at Ongmac.

Please supply your lovely treats in a throwaway container or, if you want your container back, please write your name on it.

If possible, could you please phone Mary (6629 1509) and tell her what you are cooking e.g. cake or slice, etc.

We want to know there will be plenty of goodies for our guests to enjoy. Thank you, Mary W

Remember, **The Annual Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club rally** is being held on Friday 16th September, Saturday 17th September and Sunday 18th September. Members need to put in entry forms for the rally and be willing to act as marshals on Saturday and Sunday.

Being a marshal is not a great imposition. You get to ride the full course and you get to do much of that at your own speed rather than stuck in a possible queue. And good marshalling really makes the rally work.

Entry forms are available from our secretary, Neil Williams, if you haven't already got one.

For **BSA M20** owners or restorers or their\friends: our illustrious Secretary has been given an extensive list of parts which he can email to you or to a mate/neighbour/child who has a computer.

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

**Dave at Bikeworx** in Lismore has a collection of rego label holders which they are selling very cheaply since modern bikes don't need them anymore. Some of them are very 'classic' in design and might suit your bike.

**Wanted:** for club library - **Issue number 2 of OLD BIKE** magazine. If we can find a copy of this, we'll have complete collection to date.

I have donated my magazines to date (up to issue 60) - but No. 2 is still missing.

**I won't be renewing my subscription, but if anyone else in the club is prepared to pass on their issues after they have read them, I will continue to add them to the club collection.**

#### **FOR SALE:**

Ian (Pig) Christopher has his 2 Norton fastbacks for sale due to health reasons. The grey bike is a 1967 model the orange bike is a 1970. He also has extensive spare parts for both bikes. Contact number is 0419219888.



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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**

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

**NOTE: To be confirmed by the club - WEDNESDAY rides to continue to start from Lismore railway station, but all other club events to start from the Blue Kitchen Café. This is due to the crowded carpark at Blue Kitchen café on week days.**

September 16 - 18 - NRCMCC ANNUAL RALLY, Evans Head, Marshals required  
Note: ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE CLUB WEBSITE UNDER 'EVENTS'  
ALSO please note the request for food on page 6 of the newsletter

**REMINDER: All events below start at the Blue kitchen**

October 2 - Classic Bikes only - contact Pat Holt 0435 475 784

October 16 - Ride to Brushgrove Pub - Peter Lake 0459 285 872

November 6 - Classic bikes only - Pat Holt 0435 475 784

November 13 - ride to Frank Widdows house for BBQ brunch - Peter Lake 0459 285 872

December 4 - Classic bikes only - Pat Holt 0435 475 784

December 18 - Club Xmas Party at Clunes Hall

**Remember: no Club meeting or newsletter in January**

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

October 29/30 - Laidley Motorcycle Only SWAP MEET (see advert on page 5 of newsletter)

*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: 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 START: 7:30 pm

**WELCOME:** Welcome by President. Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting. Meeting attended by **33** members,

**2** visitors and **12** apologies as per the attendance sheet

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

ACCEPTED: *Richard Swinton*

SECOND: *John Mazzer*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Appointment of new committee.

Letter to Mr Col McAndrew

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

Letter to Col McAndrew

Letter to Jack Ahearn

Letter to Greater Bank re changes in committee

Lismore City Printery engaged to produce new club registration books

Response sent to Dept. Fair trading by Club's Public Officer about proposed changes to the Incorporated Associations Regulations

### CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Club Newsletters: Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club, Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club, HMCCQ Newsletter (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)

Letter from Coraki group requesting the club provide bikes for a display at a fund raiser for *Aussie Helpers*

Registration certificate for NRCMCC trailer

**TREASURERS REPORT:** – presented to members

ACCEPTED: *Dave Jupe*

SECOND: *Jack McIntosh*

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

The new NRCMCC committee is:

|               |                    |               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Pat Holt      | - President        | Peter Harvey  | - Vice President   |
| Neil Williams | - Secretary        | Marc Jennison | - Treasurer        |
| Tony Kempnich | - Committee member | Lyn Stratton  | - Committee member |
| Mary Walker   | - Committee member |               |                    |

Pat congratulated Lyn Stratton on her appointment as NRCMCC Committee Member.

Minutes of the most recent committee meeting read out to the general meeting

The committee minutes outlined the registration days for 2016/17. (*To be advertised in the newsletter*) The discussions then turned to the RMS and the longevity of the pink slip before it expires. Inconsistent information so far depending on who is asked and by whom. Further work will need to be done to confirm the details in writing from the RMS.

The committee minutes also mentioned that the current secretary (AKA me) will not be nominating for the position at the AGM due to the workload involved in the position and my other competing commitments at present. This led to Richard Swinton suggesting that there is a need for a new club position to manage membership – a membership officer. Pat advised that this will be considered and discussed at a committee level.

Col McAndrew spoke about the upcoming triples rally at Evans Head on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August.

All rides leave from the Evans head Bowling Club. All NRCMCC members are welcome to attend on the rides and/or the presentation dinner on Saturday night. There will be \$5 Bacon & Egg rolls Saturday morning for anyone who wants them. Short ride on Sunday morning and a static display in the town centre of Evans Head

### MARSHALLS ARE NEEDED FOR THE TRIPLES RIDES ON THE 3 DAYS PLEASE

There was discussion about the recent passing of club member Andrew McCall. Several members attended his funeral.

Lina Kempnich showed the quilt that will be the raffle prize at this years NRCMCC rally. The effort that has gone into this quilt is nothing short of amazing. A **BIG** thank you to all the ladies who gave up their time to make this such a high quality prize.

**THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:**

Bryson spoke of the passing of Helen BEANHAM, known as Mrs Modak to generations of motorcyclists. Helen worked in the family business Modak Motorcycles, that was established in 1955 and has been in Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, for 40 years. Several members spoke of how well Helen knew parts and old motorcycles off the top of her head.

**REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS:**

Bryson reported that there were 9 new bikes that went through the club initial registration process last weekend.

**REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:**

Last month's club ride was a wet one and members who turned up at the Rous Hotel ended up going across to the new venue (The Blue Kitchen) for a coffee and a feed. Very good venue!!

Last month's Classic ride went through the hills to Rock Valley and into Kyogle to the tourist information centre.

Jack McIntosh went to the Nabic swap meet and reported that there was a lot of motorcycle parts available

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

This Sunday's ride is to Richard and Cindy's place

Tony Kempnich spoke about the HMCCQ Scenic Rim Ride leaving from the Mt Alford Hotel at 10am on the September 7, 2016.

For more information about the event, contact Dave Dettmar on 07 3870 1621

**BUSINESS ARISING FOR NEXT MEETING:**

**MEETING CLOSED: 8.25 pm**

## My recent working trip overseas - by Dean Marsh; part 1 (part 2 in October newsletter)

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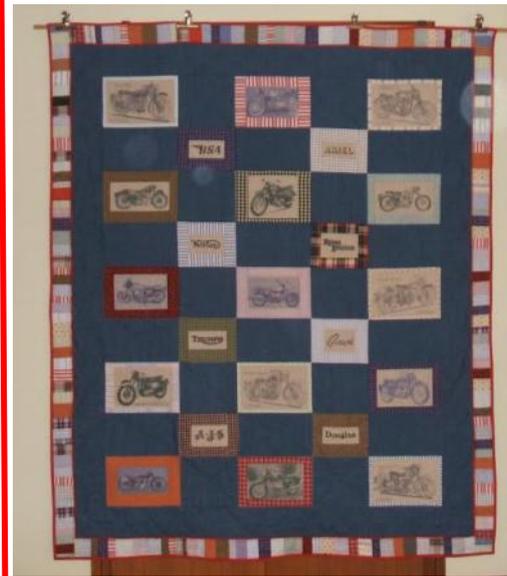
I remember as if it were yesterday Dad (Alec Marsh) sitting up late at night writing articles to go into the NRMCC newsletter. Time to carry on Dad's legacy and contribute to the club that enabled Dad to enjoy his love for classic motorcycles while being in the company of his old bikie mates.

I can never go overseas on a work trip without throwing in some pleasure activities which of course always involves 2 wheels. Whether its on a mountain biking adventure, a race meeting or even just a m/cycle museum the last trip I went on involved all 3. Back in April I attended a "Study Tour", Study Tour being the word used by Tractor salesman to tell our wives about work trips that usually involves drinking a lot of beer with like - minded tractor salesman on the other side of the world. This study tour was to ALO's manufacturing facilities in Ningbo China and Umeo Sweden. Like most successful AG based companies today ALO was started by the need for one man in the early 1900's to make manual farm chores easier, Karl Astrom invented the very first tractor front end loader and today ALO is the largest front-end loader manufacturer in the world making 35,000 loaders per year.

After travelling through regional China where your motorcycle wears the gloves (see pic 1) it was a very nice sight to land in Sweden and be greeted with an array of Nilfisk motorised wheel chairs (See pic 2). In 1918 Nilfisk made the very first Nimbus motorcycle - The Stovepipe. The ALO Head office was in a small town Umeo, a 2 hour flight North from Stockholm. Ironically almost the whole town worked for ALO and in one way or another most of the factory staff we spoke to were related to the founder!! How would you like to pay 75% of your wage in taxes but have free medical, pay no school or university fees, no rates and cheap car rego? I suppose that's why Sweden a county less than half the size of Australia can lay claim to fame for such brands as IKEA, Electrolux, Ericsson, Skype, VOLVO, ALO, ABBA, Absolut Vodka and the most successful speedway rider of his time Tony Rickardsson.

After the work part was done in Umeo it was time for a 2 day Snow Mobiling expedition landing us in our own Ski Resort for the afternoon. As it turns out the tour guide owned the ski mountain, the season was over for the year and he basically said to the group the mountain is yours. With endless mountains that rolled up to the sky and trails that I reckon led back to Aust I had a 800cc Snow mobile underneath me I was like a kid in a candie shop.

Our last day in Sweden was a day trip to the ABBA museum, then an early night as I was leaving the group and heading to England (via Munich construction Expo) on a 4am flight to see my relatives (Dads great Aunt and Cousins some of whom I haven't seen for 15 years).



### Club dinner raffle prize:

Once again Lina's hardworking quilting team have sewn a magnificent motorcycle themed quilt for raffling at the NRCMCC club dinner at Evans Head at the annual club rally.

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- ◆ Spare part sales
- ◆ Carburettor sales & service
- ◆ Distributor sales & rebuilding
- ◆ Surface grinding
- ◆ Onsite service

another from the Triples rally:



**Above:** The Motorcycle Mayor of Kyogle's recently acquired Triumph Trophy at Iluka on the Friday run. Isn't it interesting how the world can sometimes tell us something we didn't know? :-)

Below are some pictures taken by Tony and Lina at 'Jumpers and Jazz' and the Frostbite Rally at Warwick. Lina points out that the draped art piece is actually made out of coloured bottle caps intricately connected together. And you thought a Honda 4



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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. .