

The Monthly Journal of the

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## OCTOBER

## 2011

# Classic Torque

## *Our Annual Rally*



**Full Rally Report  
on pages 7, 8 and 9**

*Michael and Julia Smith with the trophy they received for the "Best Club Bike" for 2011.*

*The bike is an 1947 Ariel which was previously owned by Michael's father who still lives in New Zealand and when he gifted it to Michael as he no longer could ride it he had it shipped it over here to Australia.*

*This award was presented by Doug Hampson who made the trophy and judges this category annually.*

*The full list of trophy winners and all the great sponsors who make it possible for our club to keep our financial situation under control are listed on page 9.*

*Also beginning on page 6 is a full report on the very successful rally run and the Saturday night activities.*

<b>MINUTES OF MEETING held</b>		<b>13/9/2011</b>	<b>START:</b>	7.44 pm
WELCOME: MEMBERS 48 as per attendance sheet.				
VISITORS PRESENT:		2 as per attendance sheet		
APOLOGIES:		2 as per attendance sheet		
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ				
ACCEPTED:		Richard Swinton	SECOND:	Tony Kempnich
BUSINESS ARISING				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eric Reports On Fees That Were Paid To Fair Trading.</li> <li>Nick From Northern Rider Magazine Reports On Event For Motorcycle Awareness Week, on Sunday October 23 all welcome. Club are asked to donate \$100 which will go to Lifeline.</li> <li>Discussion on donation of \$100 – Richard Swinton moves we donate, Eric Wilson seconds, unanimously accepted. Club logo will go on promotional material including posters and T Shirts.</li> <li>Ladies night is reported as an excellent night out, thanks to Tony and Lena for organising.</li> </ol>				
TREASURERS REPORT				
OPENING BALANCE:			CLOSING BAL:	
ACCEPTED:		Richard Swinton	SECOND:	Rob Andrews
CORRESPONDANCE				
IN:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gold Coast Enthusiasts Newsletter</li> <li>Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club – Grafton Grille</li> <li>Inverell Motorcycle Restorers Club Newsletter</li> <li>Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club – Full Throttle</li> <li>Northern Rivers Classic Car Club Newsletter</li> <li>Qld Historic Motorcycle Club Newsletter</li> <li>Coffs Harbour District Motorcycle – Restore And Ride</li> <li>Letter From Council of Heritage Motor Clubs re October half yearly meeting</li> <li>Prostate Cancer “News”</li> <li>Campbell Classic Motorcycles offering Hydra blasting service</li> <li>Flyer for 9<sup>th</sup> Walcha Challenge.</li> <li>Letter regarding Motorcycle awareness week 2011</li> </ol>			
OUT:	1. nil			
ACCEPTED:		Mary Walker	SECOND:	Wendy Hagan
GENERAL BUSINESS:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latest issue of Classic Bike has an article on Jack Ahearn.</li> <li>Bunnings made \$1425.10</li> <li>OfficeWorks have a special card for printing that we will use for photocopying.</li> <li>Norm discusses Bunnings proceeds goes to local charities – one Breast Cancer Prostate Cancer support groups locally. All members in agreement.</li> <li>Paul reminds members about Woodburn Bridge celebration on October 8.</li> <li>Doug has T Shirts available.</li> <li>Mark asks about club rego and crossing the border and log books as per article in newsletter and some discussion held on these rules.</li> <li>Paul thanks members for the card sent whilst he was recovering.</li> <li>Peter Lake passes around marshal registration sheet for the rally. Peter asks all club members to take at least 1 marshalling position during the rally.</li> <li>Peter is still looking for a leader for January 14/15, Tenterfield run.</li> <li>Eric shows donations to the library with thanks.</li> <li>Richard talks about the weeks that Wednesday runs are held each month.</li> </ol>				

## ***NRCMCC Minutes for September. . . Continued from page 2***

### **MEMBERS REPORTS**

CLUB RUN	Triples rally – Col thanks club for their support. Peter reports 42 bikes attended and reviews some highlights.		
	Club run went to Grevillea store reported on by Rob		
	One Wednesday run cancelled due to rain and other one went ahead. Grafton rally reported on by Tony reviewing highlights. Mary reports on Kingaroy rally highlights.		
NEXT RUN:	Lismore railway leaving 9am for a 'Lismore Circle' run, ending with coffee at the Rous Hotel.	MEETING CLOSED:	9.02 pm

### **Preliminary schedule for 2012 Over The Hill**

Day 1: Leave Lismore 29<sup>th</sup> April overnight Glen Innes

Day 2: 30<sup>th</sup> April: Glen Innes to Moree

Day 3: 1<sup>st</sup> May: Moree to Warwick

Day 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Free day in Warwick: or Local ride organized with HMCCQ members help. Tour Dinner Tonight.

Day 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Warwick to Lismore.

Final Details to be arranged. Entry form in November Mag.

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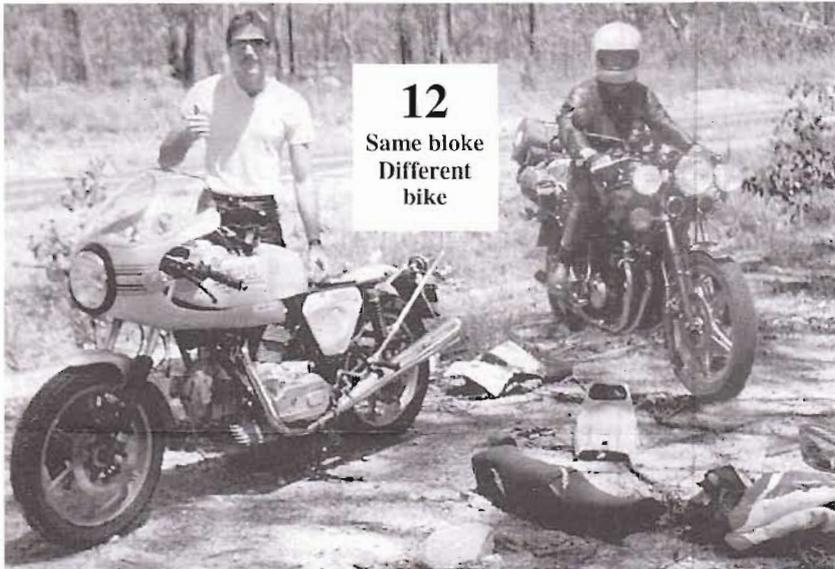


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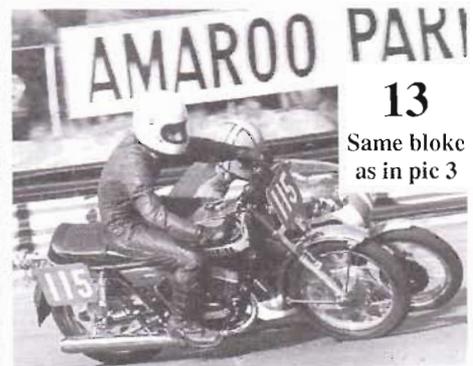
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# The Old Photo Gallery

Who are these members? All current NRCMC members but do not necessarily still have these bikes



**12**  
Same bloke  
Different  
bike



**13**  
Same bloke  
as in pic 3



**14**

No, not a MZ

## Old Photo gallery guess who competition

Simply guess who and what type of bike, maybe the type of bike is a hint.

Everyone in the photo is now a current member, but not necessarily still in possession of the bike in photograph and of course now much more matured. Nearest correct entry will win the special prize. I know this is hard and there will probably not be too many right, but please have a go.

*Please complete and give cut out to me or send entries by Post or email to Noel Edwards, 12 Ankana Cres, Goonellabah. Email noel\_mavis@hotmail.com by November meeting*

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# **NRCMC Club Events 2011**

*Club runs each month on the 1st Sunday after the meeting.*

**Bangalow:** runs start from top restaurant car park / from Lismore Railway Station.

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

- October 16th** Moto GP weekend) Slow Bike Run to Casino (Park beside the river) leaves Bangalow 8.30, Lismore 9 am.
- October 23rd** Motorcycle Awareness Week, Fun Day, breakfast from 8am, Sunday, at Lismore Rail and ride departs 10am finishing at Etham Hotel at 3.30pm. \$10 entry
- November 13** Run to "House with No Steps" coffee shop. Leaving Lismore 8.30, Bangalow 9 am.
- December 4th** Toy Run: Ballina Football Oval 10 am
- December 11th** NRCMCC Christmas Party and Rego Day at Clunes Hall, 9.30 am
- December 18th** Club run to Frank Widdows in Ballina. Leave Bangalow 8.30 am: Lismore 9 am
- January 15th** Drake Pub Run for lunch, leave Lismore 9.30 am. Anyone interested in a week end stop-over at Tenterfield the same week-end? Contact Peter Lake or Noel Edwards. If we get enough interest we will be staying overnight at the Royal Hotel/Motel Sat night, 14th (will need to book your own accommodation) and on Sunday morning we are possibly going to Bald Rock before returning to Drake .

## **Plan ahead for these other club events for 2011**

- October 29/30** Gatton Swap Meet at showground, run by Toowoomba area.
- November 4/6** Hat Head Rally, Natureland Classic Motorcycle Club 16th Annual Rally, Kempsey
- November 19/20** 9th Walcha Challenge, Ph Neil Weir 0404041627 c/- Taree & District Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club, accom. at New England Hotel Ph: 6777 2532

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# *NRCMCC Rally for 2011*

The morning of Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> September began with a pleasant and fine day. At Commemoration Park Ballina, it was the usual bustle of a brilliant array of classic and vintage bikes arriving for the registration for the weekend. Naturally the smell of freshly cooked bacon and eggs that filled the air certainly added to the attraction of the occasion. The Lions Club of Ballina was our main caterers for the weekend and we thank them for doing a very good job. One of our major



*Pictured above is Mick Crane's fully restored 1937 16h Norton which he fully restored himself in his home garage at Bonalbo. He won the trophy in the pre 1939 division.*

sponsors, Shannons Insurance, with Jim Butler our local member and representative in control was busy getting his tent ready.

The rally course for the Saturday was divided into two parts. The first took in a northerly circuit embracing Lennox Head, Tintenbar, Newrybar, and Fernleigh along Pearce's Creek Road to Tiven and through Alstonville to the morning tea stop at the Wardell Golf and Recreation Club which was also designated for the lunch and judging of all the motorbikes entered. After a cuppa and a biscuit (the cakes were quickly demolished) Peter was again organising marshals for the next leg.

This next section of the rally comprised an easy flat run along Bagotville Road to Wyrallah, up through Tregeagle to Meershaum Vale and down the big hill back to Wardell.

Uncle Eric and Peter Harvey had the judging spot well organised and all the entrants parked their bikes in the special age categories and the judging commenced. It was a daunting task to try and select a winner as there were so many exotic machines in pristine condition to pick from. Not sure exactly the number but over ninety. Immediately following the judging the club served up a terrific range of freshly made sandwiches with fruit and drinks of your choice. I would like to think that we could come back again as it was a great venue.

After such a good morning it was time to head back to Ballina and be ready for the big night at the Ballina RSL Club. It was an easy ride back through to Alstonville and down to the coast to finish off for the day. Both the Saturday runs were most enjoyable and the only casualty was our member Wendy who slightly miscued in a power slide around a bend, fortunately not sustaining any serious damage to herself, but her "Classic Yamaha" was not as fortunate. She was last seen having a concerning discussion with Jim from Shannons Insurance Co. *Continued page 7*

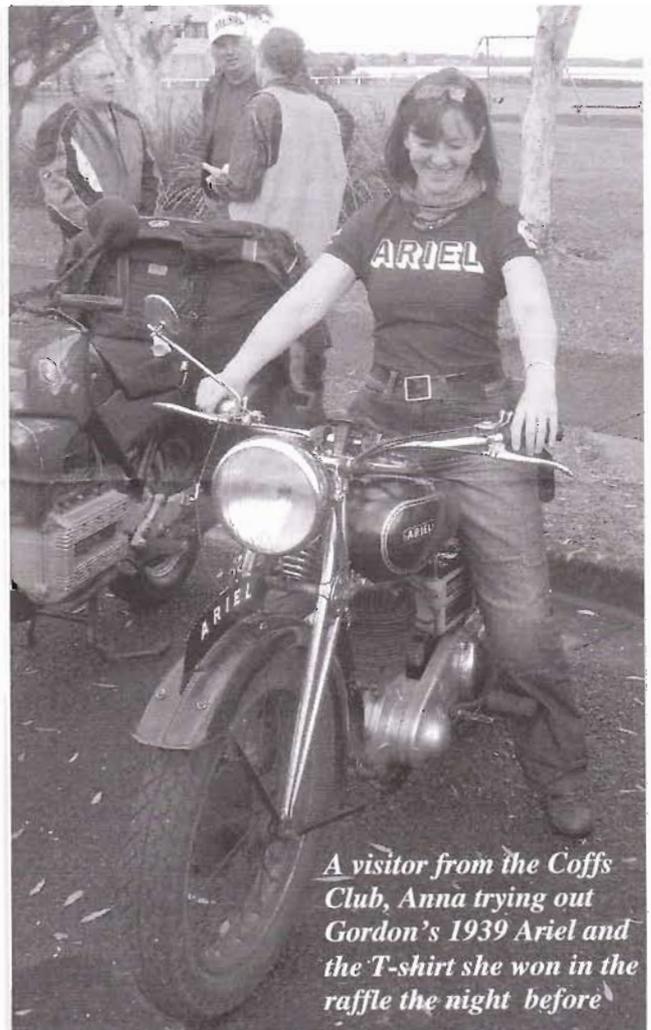
# 2011 NRCMCC Rally



*At the Ballina RSL club for the Presentation dinner*

Saturday night's Presentation Dinner at the Ballina RSL was well attended. Chaired by our president Mark Hunt who was assisted by Jack Ahearn, Peter Harvey and Doug Hampson in presenting the winning trophies. Michael Smith looked after all the raffle winners which had a good selection to choose from.

Sunday morning in Goonellabah loomed very forbidding with thunder claps and heavy rain but I think the rain Gods must have had mercy on us as by 7.30 am all had mostly cleared. Commemoration Park, Ballina was again abuzz with activity, though some enthusiasts were noted holding their heads (no, no not a hangover) said some. After a bacon and egg sandwich and a coffee, the run briefing was soon under way. This time the route took in Teven, Eltham, Clunes, Tintenbar, down Ross Lane to Lennox Head and back along the coast to Ballina where a sausage and onion roll awaited. Overall the entire weekend ran very smoothly and we hope all the members and visitors had an enjoyable time. *Noel Edwards*



*A visitor from the Coffs Club, Anna trying out Gordon's 1939 Ariel and the T-shirt she won in the raffle the night before*



*Jack McIntosh's 1972 Ram Air 3 cyl. Suzuki*

# NRCMCC 2011 RALLY TROPHY WINNERS

VISITORS			CLUB MEMBERS		
YEAR	NAME	BIKE/MODEL	YEAR	NAME	BIKE/MODEL
Pre- 39			Pre- 39	Mick Crane	37 Norton 16H
1940/49	Phil Haythorn	1917 HARLEY	1940/49	Tony Kempnich	1946 AJS
1950/59	Graham Barker	1958 NSU	1950/59	Noel Edwards	1951 DKW
1960/69	Robert Lovell	1960 NORTON	1960/69	Anthony Harvey	65 Norton
1970/79	Lee Greck	71 BSA Rocket 3	1970/79	Peter Harvey	70 Triumph
1980/86	Garry Smith	80 MotoGuzzi	1980/86	Tony Pembroke	81 MotoGuzzi
Peoples Choice	Ross Grimson	1973 DUCATI	Peoples Choice	Anthony Harvey	65 Norton Atlas



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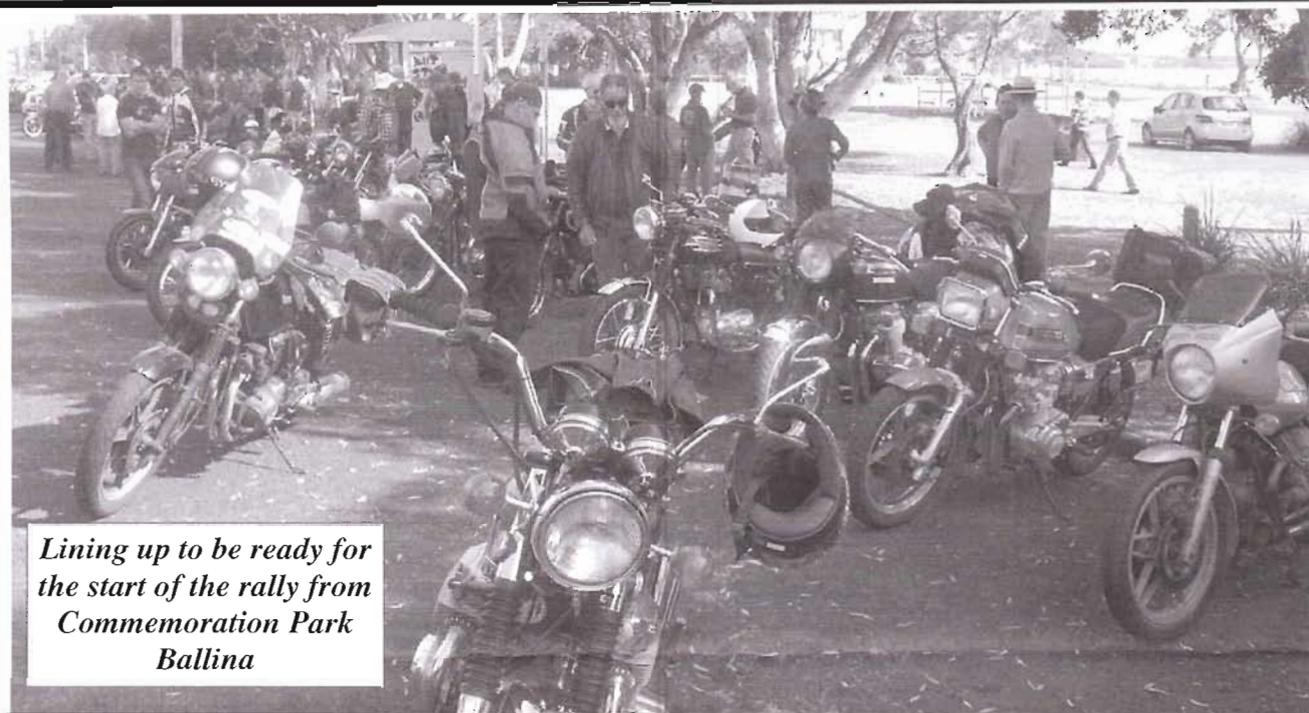
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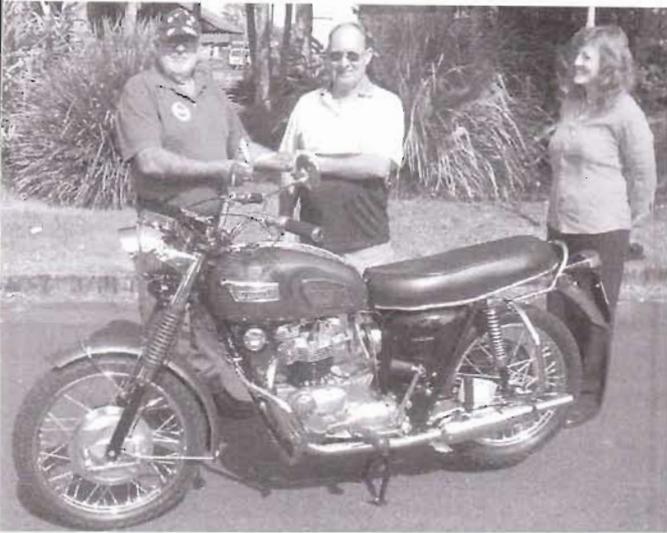
As field marshal in charge of tactical operations at the Saturday rally morning tea and lunch at Wardell, I can't let this opportunity go by without mentioning in dispatches my platoon's handling of the job.

To the men, corporals Doug Hampson, Peter Small, Peter Harvey, thanks a heap. and to the lady captains, Judy Small, Helen Hampson, Nancy MacAndrews, and Cindy Swinton. they did everything from looking after the voting slips, the ballot box, both doors, collecting the lunch vouchers and giving out the drinks vouchers, and anything else that needing doing, including keeping us lads moving.. Lads and ladies, the club appreciates your great efforts.

**Thanks a million.**

*Field Marshal Eric*

# Club' gives \$1400 to cancer organisations



Before the start of September's last mid-week run from the Lismore Rail the NRCMCC presented 2 cheques each of \$700 which had been raised at the last Bunnings sausage sizzle, to the Northern Rivers Evening Prostate Cancer group and to the Lismore and District Breast Cancer Support Group. Pictured above is Peter Harvey handing the cheque to Craig Thurgate of the Prostate Cancer group and Peter Lake presenting the cheque to Julie Radford for the Breast Cancer Support Group.

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## From the Editor's desk . . . .



All over again for another year, our Annual Rally even though down in numbers from previous years, and obviously was not up to our financial expectations, but certainly still quite gratifying as it all ran very smoothly, no serious complaints and as far as I know everyone went home happy. The only minor hic-cup was at Wardell morning tea stop when leaving a few participants did not wait for the rally brief and left before some of the marshals were in place and consequently went the wrong way.

Peter did a great job organizing all the rally routes and thanks go to all the members who helped out marshalling and of course the back-up drivers.

Our usual sponsor co-ordinator, Mike Smith must also be thanked for his efforts in obtaining and then selling all the raffles he had put together for the Saturday night. Let's hope we can support as much as possible all the sponsors who indeed came to the party providing all the raffle prizes.

I would just like to commend the decision to have the lunch stop at the Wardell Golf and Recreation Club as it provided the best opportunity for the display of the bikes and the food was good and plenty of it and also we were able to sit in comfort out of the hot sun to eat.

On Wednesday 28 Sept. we presented the Prostate and Breast Cancer groups of Lismore with the total of \$1400 from the Bunning's sausage sizzle.

Noel Edwards

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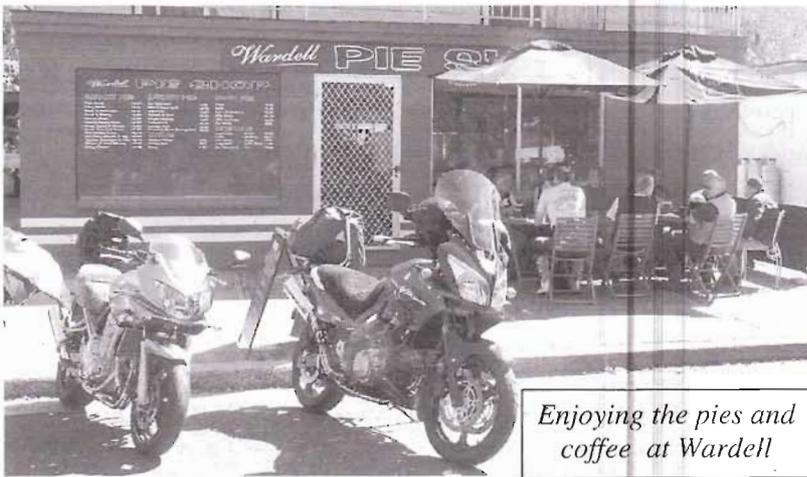
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*Enjoying the pies and coffee at Wardell*

## Mid Week, 1st Wed Sept., Run to Wardell Pie Shop

A lovely day again and nine regulars and a visitor on an immaculate classic Honda "Wing" turned up at 9AM at Lismore Railway Station for a pot-holed and twisty run to Wardell, but then a cruisy and better Highway-style ride back, when returning to Lismore. The route chosen by the Wednesday Group was:- Wyrallah

Road, Wyrallah village, Tregagle Road, Robson Road, Tucki Road, Marom Creek Road; then turn into Meerscham Vale village at the Hall and straight on to Wardell. We especially rode under the Pacific Highway over-pass to view the complicated and expensive RTA re-painting works on the famous opening bridge.

Return was via Pimlico Road, which was parallel to the Highway but far more fun. However, it did have some bad bumps and scattered dried on-road mud from cane-field traffic. Then onto the Bruxner at Duck Creek and a 100 Kph cruise via the superb new By-Pass through Alstonville, Wollongbar. Then a slower 80 kph ride back to Lismore.

I had problems with up-shifting due to wearing some new "adventure" boots, so the Highway part of the ride was good fun, personally. Why do they always make toe-caps on these type of boots so bulky? The V-Strom pedal height-adjustment was unable to be adjusted before the Run due to a single "frozen" bottom lock-nut. Thus heel-changes (upwards) had to be made for the whole trip. A bit like amateur trials-riding really. The Wardell pie shop was expecting us at 10.30AM, but we got there comfortably a full half-hour earlier, due to the very small amount of mid-week traffic and no break-downs or incidents encountered. Anyway we had a good hour-long chat at Wardell Pies (over coffee, slices and home-made pies) about many and varied things - even a few bike-related - all under the thoughtfully provided sun-shades and extra chairs provided. [It always pays to let the coffee shop people know you are coming, doesn't it?]



*Don't fight with this truck! NB Duel control*

Towards the end of our stay, eagle-eyed co-editor Richard espied a council garbage truck with: "Danger - DUEL CONTROL" emblazoned on its front. Quickly he photographed it. But after a quick discussion we decided NOT to take up this strident BSC garbo-challenge to the world - at least not this time! See you all on the 28th for the next MWR, everyone (including smaller capacity machines and older classics) are always most welcome.

*Rob Andrews*

## **REMINDER OF RESTORATION TROPHY FOR 2011**

Members are reminded of the rules for entering a restored machine in this year's Jack Ahearn restoration trophy.

1. Machine can be any make or model bike provided its 30 years old this year
2. It must be a model as it left the manufacturers factory, and not a later conversion to a street bike or special such as a Rickman or a Norvin.
3. It doesn't matter how long you have been working on it, it must be finished and registered on full road plate or a historic plate this year and before 31st December
4. You can notify Eric Wilson or John Cafe of your entry anytime but must have the machine available for inspection in January 2012 by John, Eric, and Jack Ahearn

So come, be famous and get your name on this beaut trophy when the winner is announced at the first club meeting in 2012.

## September Club Rub, "The Circle"?

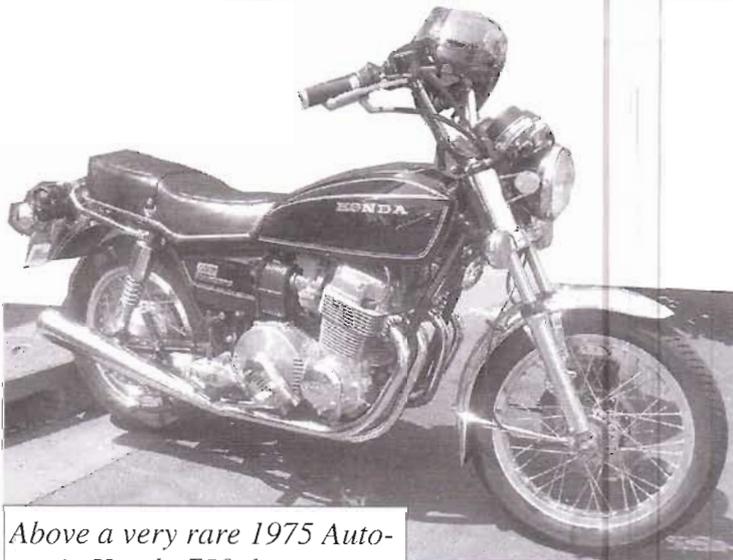
With clear blue sky, 27 degrees encouraged 22 club members to gather at the Lismore Rail for the start of the "Circle Run" as Peter, our run organiser aptly named this run. The plan took a complete circuit around the Lismore and district rural area, Norton's Gap, Spring Grove, Caniaba roads, Brux-



ner Highway, Coraki, Wyrallah, Tregeagle, Richmond Hill to Bexhill, Numulgi, Woodlawn Road culminating in coffee stop back in Lismore.

Everything was going ex-

tremely well with the marshalling being done by the second rider behind the leader stopping to indicate the changes in direction to riders following and then when the nominated back-up rider came past, on this occasion Rick, then rejoin the group. One very important point in this type of marshalling is: If there is no one parked (marshalling) at intersections, roundabouts always proceed straight ahead, ie: Do Not Turn left or right. Sounds simple, but somehow through unforeseen circumstances a couple of riders missed a crucial turn and headed off to Casino dutifully chased by Rick to try and get them back on course. Naturally this led to a



Above a very rare 1975 Automatic Honda 750, known as a "Hondamatic" owned by one of our newer members, Doug

"stuff up" as all the Marshalls ahead were left wondering what had happened.

Anyway apart from this problem I did hear that one member was really stung into action (by a bee) and quickly headed off home as he was allergic to the sting. I for one know what this is like. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the ride, even those of us who had to make a large shortcut but as planned we all eventually ended up at the Mecca in Lismore for a very nice coffee.

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