

# Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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(see page 11)



**October**  
**2016**  
(There will be no November Issue)

## Classic Torque

### Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club's Annual Rally, 2016

Saturday morning and the crowd gathers



The 2016 NRCMCC annual classic bike rally was held on the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September. The 3 day event was held at Evans Head and we were joined by the HMCCQ for their "OLD BANGERS TOUR". We had over 100 years of motorcycling on display and had an awesome weekend of classic motorcycling.

We'd like to thank those members who were able to make it to the event for their help and participation in our club's premier event. It was good to see members just dive in and get it done over the weekend. Cooking, cleaning up, driving support vehicles and marshaling just to name a few of the jobs. The planning, organizing, responding to queries, logging and cross checking entries as well as cooking and catering for such an event is enormous. The team worked very hard to make the event such a success. Thank you to everyone that helped before, during and after the 2016 NRCMCC Annual Rally.



The venue was outstanding. The caravan park donated heaps of sausages and rissoles for the participants to enjoy. Having everyone camped in 'the pits' also helped so much with the atmosphere. It was fascinating to watch how many repairs were conducted with a 'beverage' in one hand and a spanner in the other. These riders are a very skilled group of people ;-)  
The laughter was very contagious.

Friday began with several phone calls from people already in Evans Head and keen to go. The sun was shining and clearly, there were roads to ride! The Friday ride went off without any major glitches. One bike had electrical problems but that was about all. The sounds made by those 'flat tankers' and the other 'old bangers' riding around the roads was unique.



The breakfast on Saturday was excellent and the ride headed out again with a lot of enthusiasm. Breakdown trailers got a little bit more use on this ride but we had it covered with the vehicles and the 'bus' to carry passengers. The morning tea (should that be banquet???) was at Rocky Creek dam then everyone rode on to Casino via Lismore for the bike display and awards. The catering at both stops was second to none. A sunny day with great company amongst spectacular scenery makes for a great ride. We had a few stationary speed cameras along the route and I hope that everyone was OK.



Saturday night's dinner and presentation was attended by almost 130 people and it was another fantastic night of laughter and more socialising. We had some fantastic prizes for the raffles thanks to the generous sponsorship of local businesses and ticket sales were brisk.

Sunday's show and shine was damp and this led to the Sunday ride being called off because of the weather. The planned lunch was called early and became brunch and everyone was fed at the park camp kitchen before departure. Two fine days out of three ain't bad.



I'm looking forward to 2017 already. Neil W



More pictures are available on the club facebook page:

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## Presidents Report:

Hi members; It's probably a good time to report on the Evans Head Rally but I think by now every member has heard how good it was! I will say this - Thanks to Rally organisers - Col And Nancy; Ride Coordinator, Peter Lake; The Morning tea People; the marshals; the slow bike coordinators, Alan and Lyn; and to all of the rally committee, back up drivers, the folk at Evans Head caravan park, bowling club and Casino School, The Ladies for the Quilt and lastly, my wife Brenda. All that attended received the rewards of good fellowship and fun, and for those that did not - you missed out!! Please Forgive me if I have forgotten to thank any one.

One big thing that warmed my heart was to see the fellowship and helpful nature of the people that owned the older bikes. To me it seemed the older the bikes, the closer the friendships, and the more they relied on each other to kept the bikes running. At the end of each day there they were all together working on there bikes to have them ready for the next day. I felt jealous of them, this was how our club was 20 or more years ago. Modern bike are so reliable, that, regretfully, we just don't seem to need each other like that any more. MANY THANKS; PAT HOLT President



## NRCMCC Trophy Winners 2016-09-25

**Best Bike on Friday Ride:-** 1914 AKD, Lionel Simpson

**Best Veteran Bike:-** 1917 AJS, Paul Gillespie

**Best Vintage Bike:-** 1928 Norton ES2, Bill Cochrane

**Best 1940-1949:-** 1949 Ariel, John Hammond

**Best 1950-1959:-** 1952 Vincent, Geoff Wiseman

**Best 1960-1969:-** 1962 BSA, Neville Crittendon

**Best 1970-1979:-** 1973 Ducati 750, Ross Grimson

**Best 1980-1986:-** 1981 Ducati Darmah, Paul Kahler

**Best Bike Ridden by a Lady:-** 1993 BMW R65, Margaret O'Brien

**Longest Distance Ridden to Rally:-** Nick Hiller

**Longest Distance Travelled to Rally:-** Lionel Simpson

**Oldest Bike/Rider Combo:-** Lionel Simpson

**Youngest Rider:-** Ben Vincent

**Hard Luck Award :-** Graham Ward

**Most Unloved Bike:-** Terry Ryan

**Best Dressed Gentleman:-** Joe Schlechte

**NRCMCC Club Award:-** 1973 Norton Com-mando, Dean Marsh



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:** My apologies, but I will be unable to edit a November Newsletter, normally available in late October, since I will be nowhere near a computer until mid November. So the next edition will be the December edition due out in late November. So please keep sending in photos and stories so I have things to include in the December edition. Cheers Richard Swinton

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**Wednesday Ride: Peter Lake.**  
**September 7th - A ride to New Italy.**

9 riders left Lismore via Whyrallah road, Tuckurimba road to Coraki where we picked up Ian ('Pig' - no longer riding - see for sale section) Ray Fisher provided pillion for him and we had good coffee and talk as usual.

We rode home along part of the upcoming annual rally route to check out the road conditions and any roadworks.

(Ed. Peter was worried that his last newsletter picture wasn't flattering, so I took another - I think I'll have to try again! c'mon, Peter, Don't be shy - look at the camera)



# 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.

### SITE BOOKING NOT REQUIRED

- 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.

**Brian: 0459 211 365 bholzagal@y7mail.com**

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

**Classes 1930s - 84, competition & custom**  
[www.historicmotorcycle.org](http://www.historicmotorcycle.org)

A useful piece of info that was sent to me by a member:

From 'Exhaust Notes', April-May 2016, No.569 -

After students rusted nuts and bolts in salt and sulphuric acid, they trialed various penetrating oils; WD-40 was the commercial, but they found that a mixture of vegetable oil and 10% acetone, or a mixture of auto transmission fluid and from 5 - 30% acetone performed better than WD-40.

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## MY RECENT WORKING TRIP OVERSEAS - by Dean Marsh; part 2

(part 1 - following his European adventures, Dean now heads to England >>

It was the highlight of my trip going back to Dads birthplace again in Brightlingsea Essex catching up with Relo's and reminiscing. A trip to England could not be had though without some alone time in motorcycle museums enjoying the fine art of classic motorcycles something that bought so much pleasure to Dad. The first museum I visited was the National Motorcycle Museum in Bickenhill. This museum holds over 1000 British only motorcycles with a name from every letter of the Alphabet spanning over 60 years of motorcycle manufacturing in England. A great reminder of the nations great history of engineering



proWess.

My first reminder of Dad was upon entry seeing the first motorcycle in the foyer, a 1938 Ivory Calthorpe – half completed restoration project, one of Dads unfinished restoration projects also!! Some very interesting bikes inside some of which changed the whole direction of the motorcycle industry in their day. Including a Rudge 350cc TT Special made completely from Silver. In 1924 six of these were built by Anglo American oil Company (Later Esso) and given to each winning rider of the TT to commemorate Rudge's TT success with the Rudge 4 –

the first 4 valve, 4 speed bike of its time having more power than 500cc machines. Rudge sales motto "Rudge it, don't Trudge it". The Barry Sheen #7, Walmsley Manx and Excelsior/JAP was my Favourites! Oh and the 10 or so AJS 7r's + the Vincent Grey Flash not to mention the finely restored Dunelts and Calthorpe's the list goes on!!!

After a full day in this museum (I could have easily slept in there overnight!!) I had to get going to a Wolverhampton Wolves speedway meeting. From Bickenhill to Wolverhampton



takes you through Birmingham, the birth place of a lot of these motorcycles. The history of Classic motorcycles in this place alone is worth staying in Birmingham for a few days. On a previous trip I managed to get down into what is known as the Gun quarter, the birth place of BSA.

It was really great to see speedway still going strong 15 years after my dabble in the sport in the UK in 1997/1998 where a Monday night league meeting the spectators were overflowing Ladbroke's Stadium/dog track. With over 35 Aussies competing in the Elite and Premier Leagues in the UK currently, some as young as 16 no doubt we will see another Aussie world speedway champion soon.

Museum number 2 was of course Dads favourite Sammy Miller's. For those of you that have been there you will understand the mission it is to get to this place especially from the Southampton side when you decide to drive out there the night before and try and find somewhere to stay at 10pm!! Of course the only place open was an old English Pub with a wood fire and Warm beer, did the job for the night!! If you are into Norton's and classic road racing bikes as I am, then this place is for you. I was greeted by an AJS, Porcupine that Sammy Miller was recently offered 1mil pounds for and turned it down (rumour has it Agostini tried to buy it also). There is one hall just dedicated to the history of Norton's, with the works Norton Kneeler breaking 33 world speed records in its day. Knowing the history of the Dunelt on display and Dads discussion with Sammy Miller himself on his last visit about this bike and the fact Sammy didn't believe dad that he owned a Dunelt, it was my favourite for sure.

Words cannot describe the unbelievable collection of Classic motorcycles in the these two museums. Makes me often wonder whether today's modern motorcycles will ever be appreciated and respected like these classic masterpieces of yester year. Anyone that truly appreciates Classic bikes a trip to England and a visit to these two bike museums must be on your bucket list.



**NRCMCC Market:** You can advertise here 'For Sale', 'Wanted', 'Swap', 'Advice needed', 'to Give away', etc - ie, any deal you can imagine to do with motorcycles.

**Please contact the editor** - details on the 'Club officials' list on the last page of the newsletter. Unless otherwise arranged, advertisements will be maintained for two issues.

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

**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: WEDNESDAY rides to continue to start from Lismore railway station, but all other club events to start from the Blue Kitchen Café.**

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 (64 Westland Drive, Ballina) for BBQ brunch - 2 sections - Tiddlers and Twoies; Bigger bikes on longer route. 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 22 - SATURDAY run to Beaudesert Showground for BSA National Rally; Leaving Blue Kitchen 10am, Lunch at Beaudesert Peter Lake 0459 285 872

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

November 6 - Compression vs Depression social ride; start at green Garage, Byron Bay; 7;30 breakfast, 9am start

November 4/6 - Natureland Rally, Hat Head. Contact 0417 894 775

November 18 - 20 - Walcha Challenge (see page 11 - contacts for entry details, etc)

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

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## RACING CLASSICS - MARK GEERINGS STORY

Martin Hodgson and I have been good friends for a long time, dating back to our teenage years when motorbikes were the only thing we were interested in. Having both ridden and raced bikes in our younger years, before both going down the family & business paths, we have kept in touch through motorbike trips etc.

It was one of these trips (international island classic) in 2014, where discussions started that led us to have a go at the classic racing scene.

So I built a period 5 race bike (1980 Suzuki GSX1100), which, after spending the 2nd half of the Queensland season racing & sorting it at Morgan Park, Warwick; we took our newly formed team (Orangutan Racing) to the International Island Classic where Martin put our bike on the top step of the podium, taking out the Period 5 Minors trophy.

Over the 2 years of racing we have done, Martin has achieved many podium finishes, including the Greg Hansford Memorial @ the Masters of Morgan Park. We are currently leading the point score in the SDRRS for Formula 6 bikes (up to 2000cc), with the final round to be held at Morgan Park on November 12 & 13.

The two bikes which we run are based around the 1980 GSX1100. We currently have one motor @ 155 RWHP & the other @ 130RWHP. I am in the process of building 2 new engines with the hope of trying to achieve around 165 RWHP whilst trying to maintain reliability, a tough challenge.

Both machines run 600 Suzuki Bandit front ends, re-valved & re-sprung. Yamaha XJR swing arms & Gazi rear shocks, 17in wheels & braced standard frames.

On the engine management front, we use dyna digital ignitions, Keihin 35mm round bore smoothies & have just recently introduced an AEM electronics logger, with 12 function inputs. This feature has been undertaken by our newest staff member at

Carline --Jacob Annemaat, a motor mechanic who is currently undertaking studies in the electronic diagnostics field. It has already, after just one use, provided us with very valuable information in the area of air/fuel ratios & throttle position activity.

Orangutan's goals for next season include competing in the international island Classic at Phillip Island; the Barry Sheene festival of speed at Eastern Creek; all the rounds of the southern downs series at Morgan Park as well as the Australian titles (venue not yet confirmed)

We extend an invitation to any and all NRCMCC members to come along to the last round of the SDRRS at Morgan park in November. We'd like to see you there.

And as is normal these days, anyone interested in helping with any form of sponsorship is welcome -- contact Mark Geering @ Carline Lismore on 0266215423 or mobile 0411747215 Mark Geering



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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 START: 7:30 pm**

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**WELCOME:** Welcome by President, Mr. Pat HOLT. Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting. Meeting attended by **43** members,

**4** visitors and **11** apologies as per the attendance sheet

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

ACCEPTED: *Richard Swinton*

SECOND: *Dave Jupe*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** NIL

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

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

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

Letter from National racing museum at Bathurst informing the club that they are going fully electronic with their newsletters and no more mail outs. I responded and provided the Club email address for them to send to us as normal. These will be emailed to the members of our club who are on the club email list and not printed by our club.

Registration certificate for NRCMCC trailer No 2 – given to Bryson by myself

Invitation from Woodburn Australia Day Committee for the club to participate in 2017 Australia Day Celebrations at Woodburn.

Call for EOI from our club to join in a coach trip to the Gosford Car Museum in Feb 2017

New Registration Books have been received from the printers

Letter from the Greater Bank informing us that our investment was due.

Club's third party insurance renewal documentation

Invitation from the Hunter Valley Norton Owners Club to attend gathering at Lake Macquarie 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Invoice for subscription renewal to Northern Rider magazine

Invitation to attend internal men's day event at Ballina Bunnings on the 19<sup>th</sup> November

Invitation to attend a Historic Racing event at Wakefield Park, Goulburn, 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September

M20 BSA parts list from Bill Green. Email has been sent to members and electronic copy has been sent to anyone who asked for it.

The Council of Heritage Motor Clubs Newsletter. As always, this is a very informative newsletter and well worth a read. (I've emailed it out too)

**TREASURERS REPORT:** – presented to members

ACCEPTED: *Mary Walker*

SECOND: *Doug Foskey*

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Pat spoke about the difficulty in getting clear and consistent advice from the RMS about how long a historic registration certificate is valid for. Consensus of 28 days

New Registration Books have been received from the printers. 2 books been issued so far, one each to Bryson and Pat. Pat has also taken custody of the books for Brian and John.

Col spoke about the 7<sup>th</sup> Aussie Triples Rally and how successful it was. Standard of marshaling was excellent. Looks like the event raised about \$900 to be donated to the local cancer council.

Dave Jupe thanked Col for all his work with this event and with the NRCMCC rally

Tony Kempnich spoke about the fine print in NRMA insurance for classic bikes that limits usage. Something to remember with the recent RMS logbook trial. You may not be covered so take the time to read the fine print in your policy.

Eric Wilson informed the members that the club patron, Mr. Jack Ahearn, was in hospital and not doing well. A card was passed around and will also be passed around at the annual rally. The card will be then delivered to Jack.

Our rally was then discussed:

Mary walker asked that members wear their name badges please.

any cakes and slices can be delivered to Mary and Lina prior. (Details emailed out)

Peter Harvey expressed his disappointment at the small numbers of NRCMCC membership that had put in a rally form.

Pat reminded everyone that NRCMCC marshals were still needed. Pat also echoed Peter's comments about the small number of members attending the rally (email sent out to members to encourage marshals)

The cut off for meals has passed and meals cannot be guaranteed for late entries

Peter Lake explained the rally routes and highlighted some challenging parts of the routes where more marshals will be required

**THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:** Bryson spoke about how in 1993 club members rode with Angry Anderson and Vietnam Veterans into Ballina. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Long Tan battle and Mary and Bryson attended the Lismore ceremony

**REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS:**

Registration books are currently being issued to all club registration officers

One new bike – a Harley

**REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:**

Went to Mt Alford hotel to join the HMCCQ and rode through to Queen Mary Falls

Went to QLD for the Stinkwheel rally

Classic ride to Mooball and Mullumbimby with 20 bikes

Regular club ride to Richard and Cindy's place. Thanks to Richard and Cindy for their hospitality

Trojan S&S where the Mazzer family came away with prizes for their bikes

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

NRCMCC Rally at Evan Head 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September

**BUSINESS ARISING FOR NEXT MEETING:** NIL

**MEETING CLOSED 8.30pm**



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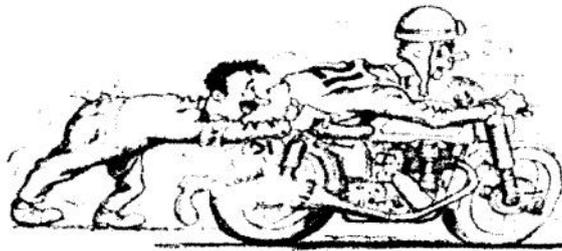
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18<sup>th</sup>, Sat19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016



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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. .