

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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 (see page 11)



**March
2017**

Classic Torque

NEWS FLASH!!!

Club membership due to fall by nearly 30%!!

Looking at membership subscription payments (due at the AGM 2016) to date, it is apparent that nearly 1/3 of the club members are not planning to continue their membership of the club.

If fees are not paid by the 31 March, your membership automatically ceases, which, for those with historic bikes, also means your registration is null and void and the club is required to so notify RMS. You will also have to reapply for membership and join the queue (with your bike still unregistered)

(See page 11 for options)

Classics Ride, Sunday, February 5

The day dawned as another scorcher with wall to wall blue skies and rising temperatures. The group gathered at the Blue Kitchen Café in South Lismore for the first Classic ride of the year. Unfortunately, the café was closed for this ride (they're hoping to reopen on Sundays from March). A number of members and visitors took advantage of the opportunity to sign on for the ride and to add to their annual event attendances.

The winner of the \$20 Bunnings voucher was Alan Stratton with a combined bike and rider age of 146 years. Congratulations Alan. Another voucher up for grabs next time!

After a riders briefing, the ride headed off in two groups from Lismore with the members on older and smaller bikes heading off some ten minutes before the rest. The groups rode up to Goonellabah then down to the Wardell pie shop for breakfast and a cup of coffee/tea. We could feel the temperature rising as we wound down Meerschaum Vale cutting and the shade at the pie shop was very welcome.

After a good feed and drink and lots of stories the riders headed home. A group went South and another group wound back through Teven to the Federal hotel at Alstonville for a refreshing lemon squash and more socialising before finally leaving for home.

A good morning's ride with good company and I was back home before 12. The next Classic Bike Ride will be held on the Sunday 5th March.

Regards

Neil Williams





Presidents report:

Hi all,

I hope you've been able to escape the heat and keep hydrated. (They tell me the last bit is really important)

It's membership renewal time again. The renewal form and instructions are on the web site if you have a computer. Hard copies are usually available at the monthly meeting too. Don't forget that historic registration and the use of that vehicle is linked by law to your current membership of an approved club. Please don't get caught out by not renewing your NRCMCC membership in time.

Speaking of membership... There is always a rush in February as people renew their membership for the coming year. The membership renewal process is not made any easier by the Christmas break. The committee is looking at options to make the renewal process work better for members. We've got a bit more work to do before the

options can be brought to a meeting for consideration though but we are working on making it work better.

As you know, the committee reviews all applications to join the club. At times it is very difficult for us to assess the applicant based on the skeletal information that is provided on the form. It's easy to go for a ride or 3 and apply to join after that. However, unless an applicant comes to monthly meetings and gets to know about the clubs philosophy and meets other members before they apply there is no way that they can be sure that this club is right for them and the committee has no idea who they are because they have only engaged in a small element of the club so far. Please, if you are thinking about joining the NRCMCC come along to our monthly meetings and get to know us and so we can get to know you. Unlike some clubs, this is a social, family club with a minimum level of attendances per year spelt out in the club rules so ongoing commitment from members is required. Our club might not be suitable for everyone. Providing your application is accepted you will be a member of a strong, family oriented Classic Motorcycle Club and welcome to fully engage with all club events and activities.

Oh, and don't forget to stay hydrated

Regards

Neil Williams

Wednesday ride, February 23, to Tenterfield

The 2nd mid-week ride for February was suggested by one of our most enthusiastic members, Jack who rode from Kyogle to Lismore to ensure we had enough starters etc. Fortunately the weather was very kind to us, being cooler and no rain even though it did look threatening at times during the ride.

Twenty bikes turned up for the start at Lismore railway, and another couple joined us at Casino. There were a few members who decided they did not want to travel all the way to Tenterfield

so stopped at various points along the way which was fine. The first major stop was at the Bonalbo-Woodenbong turn off to pick up Bonalbo Mick. I have to mention overhearing Mick talking later how well his Norton was going, something about exceeding 5,000 revs in top gear?? No more Red-backed spiders living in the exhaust pipes?

A comfort stop at Drake (where a few riders wanting only a short ride left to go home via 'Windara' at Kyogle) and after a good cup of coffee (yes it was very good) we were on the road up the mountains into some cooler air which was very pleasant. Duly arriving Tenterfield we did experience a couple of hic-cups. Firstly I told everyone to stop at the first BP service station not knowing it had changed hands and was now a Puma petrol outlet so some member went right through town to another BP instead. Next the Royal Hotel which our club has used on previous trips did not serve any food for lunches so the next alternative was the hotel just over the road. This was ok as long as you ordered a burger, but

they were all only FISH burgers, not cheap either. Don't think we will go there again for lunch.

After the necessary refreshments, bike and road conversations etc we made the return trip, most of us stopping at Drake again. The Hotel to me is not the same without the bikes and all the memorabilia etc that used to be in the main bar.

In conclusion, thanks to all the members who came for the ride and hope you enjoyed it as much as I. Total round trip was a measly 325 klms for me.

Noel

Here's a gratuitous picture of one of the Webmaster's bikes, just because.



It appears the longer rides are proving popular as these pics show they have even brought out an old (ex member) we thought had retired ??? Has a new bike too

Lunch stop Tenterfield



Eric Wilson

After a couple of small operations, our illustrious member, Eric Wilson, is recovering well.

For many of the newer members, they will only have seen Eric as a hardworking older club member limited to day-light driving of his old ute.

Eric has been a mainstay in club activities and is the Public Officer with responsibilities to keep the Government happy with our incorporated Club.

So here's a somewhat scruffy Photo of him on his bike which might change your image of Eric.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery from the op, Eric.



Other Club Rides:

(Pics from 19 Feb)

January 15 Sunday ride to Billinudgel. Only 7 riders on this run, but they enjoyed the pies at the end of a relatively short run.

February 19 Sunday ride to Kyogle Information centre for coffee and cakes. 22 Riders left Lismore for a 1.5 hour run which included some wet roads, but avoided the rain.



January 25 - Wednesday run to Windara Conference Centre just out of Casino. 9 riders took the classic Naughtons Gap rd, McDonalds Bridge road and on to Sextonville road.

February 1, Wednesday ride to Coraki Café (which has reopened!) An extremely hot day with 7

riders. The café is air conditioned so it was definitely an 'inside job' for coffee. The bikes outside were very hot for mounting up with the chrome tank of a Guzzi a real challenge for the rider ('Great balls of.... goes the song!')



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Next time your son (or grandson?) wants to borrow your favourite classic - bear this in mind⁴

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Very proud, Had to wait two years for it.
Daughter borrows the car to try it out - and hits a power pole at 200mph!!
Car is destroyed; daughter has 2 minor cuts and seat belt bruising, but is likely to be grounded more or less permanently!
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A Letter of Invitation to the QBE Festival of Speed.

Good afternoon.

I'm getting in touch with you today to inform yourself and your members that the 2017 QBE Insurance International Festival of Speed is just around the corner on March 23-26.

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- Gianfranco Bonera (500cc GP Rider)
- Pierfrancesco Chili (Superbike, 250cc & 500cc GP Rider)
- Jeremy McWilliams (250cc GP Winner & MotoGP Rider)
- Maria Costello MBE (Isle of Man TT Racer)
- Steve Parrish (500GP Rider & Factory Team Manager)
- Graeme Crosby (500cc GP Rider and TT Formula One Winner)
- Troy Bayliss (3 Time Superbike World Champion and MotoGP Rider)
- Kevin Magee (500cc GP Rider)
- Chris Vermeulen (2003 World Supersport Champion & MotoGP Rider)

For tickets and further information visit www.internationalfestivalofspeed.com, please note that entry to the show & shine and spectator parade laps close Friday 17th March, and include a 20% discount for tickets purchased online only via a redemption code once registered.

Check out the 2017 sizzle reel at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOm4KNvT_gI , we also have a Facebook page that contains all of the latest information in the lead up to the event <https://www.facebook.com/internationalfestivalofspeed/>

The QBE Insurance International Festival of Speed is promoted by the PCRA (Post Classic Racing Association) of NSW.

Have a great day and see you there!

Kind regards Stephen Broholm

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Club Library:

The club has just had a donation of a collection of nearly 1000 'Two Wheels' Magazines. I've still to collect these, but can only assume they go back a long, long way.

I won't be putting them in folders since we have limited space, but they will be available for members to read. I'll check if 'Two Wheels' put out an index each year of contents (Cross your fingers) because if they do, we can use those as an indexing system.

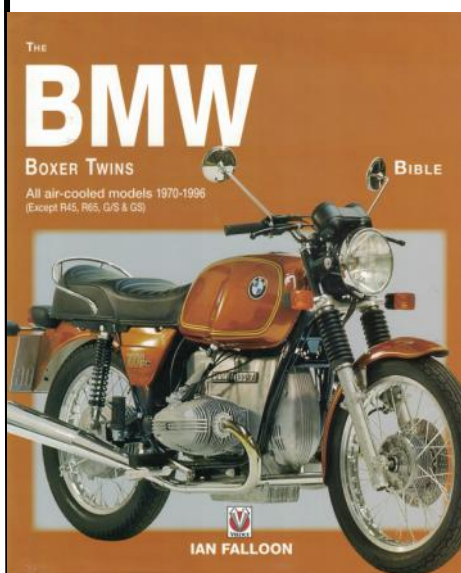
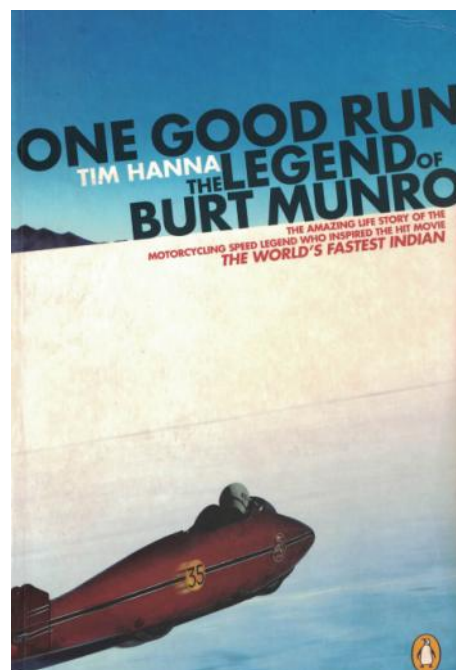
Thank you to the donor.

We are still looking for members to grant other members access to their workshop manuals especially, but any motorcycle books in general.

You don't have to hand them over - just allow me to add them to the catalogue with your contact details. It's then up to you if a club member rings and asks if he/she can access the manual.

My suggestion would be that you allow them to copy the bits they need and promise not to use the manual in the garage where it might suffer (as mine have) from the dreaded 'greasy fingers'.

Who knows, someone in the club just might be looking for that manual you have sitting in your shelf at home - and it would make his job of restoration or maintenance much easier.



Remember, all of you with internet access can look up the catalogue on line for books: Just look up '**library**' on the opening page of the club site (www.nrcmcc.org), and then decide whether it is an "**author**" you want to find (someone may have told you that Ian Falloon, for example has written books on BMW twins, so you could look him up and see all of his books in the library) or you could search under "**Make**" giving you access to all books on Triumphs for example.

General books and encyclopedia are listed under 'make' as '**Various**'.

Magazines are listed under '**magazines**' and workshop manuals under '**manuals**'.



There are some excellent books in the collection, useful for restorers and riders (even books on riding skills and safety) and if you're stuck in hospital or ill at home and want some reading material, give me a ring and we'll get something to you.

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.

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Still 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.

WANTED - Project motorcycle - Anything from 350 to 500 cc either Twin or Single Cylinder Japanese 4 Stroke. Condition not important but prefer motor running. Don't require complete Bike but prefer to at least have Wheels, Frame and Tank. Required to Make cheap Dirt Drag Bike. Please contact Barry McDonald - 0427244358 or E Mail "sales@brmns.com.au"

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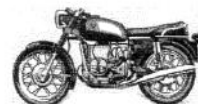
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NRCMC Club Events



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Classic (pre 1987) 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.

February 5- Classic bike ride; Blue Kitchen café > Neil Williams 0418 242 044 - \$20 voucher for oldest bike and rider combo for each classic run

March 5 - Classic ride; Neil Williams 0418 242 044 Please bring any sidecars you, or your mates, may have.

March 14 - Club meeting

March 19 - NRCMCC Show and Shine @Alstonville plaza 0800 - 1300

April 2 - Classic Ride - Neil Williams 0418 242 044

April 11 - Club meeting

April 16 (Easter Sunday) - Ride to Mooball Café

April 30 - May 5 - Over the Hill Run, Contact Tony Kempnich 6628 1806 Application forms on the club website.

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

March 19 - Black Dog Ride from Treehouse, 25 Childe St Byron bay - check in and Breakfast. Contact Bill Rodgers contact byronbay@blackdogride.com.au

March 19 - 30 - (probably a bit short notice for us) British Motorcycle club of Tasmania, Rally around Tassie (check secretary for details)

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25th, 26th and 27th August 2017.

At the meet we will be featuring significant and interesting motorcycles. Amongst others we have an early Harley Davidson 8 valve, an early Indian 8 valve, a 1917 1,000 cc V-Twin Excelsior and a 1957 Manx Norton currently coming along.

Do you have something special that you would like to share? Let us know so we can add it to the motorcycles featured on the Sunday.

Contact Tony Blain on 0419 229 605.

Please circulate this email and the attached entry form to your members and any other enthusiasts interested in motorcycles 35 years old and older.

Website : www.amcaaustralia.org

(You'll have to chase up an entry form on the website - The newsletter won't accept .pdf files)



Oh, Will the bickering and sniping never stop?
Nyaah, Too much fun!



Four more club officials: Left above: Marc Jennison - Treasurer, Right above; Mary Walker - Vice President.



Left: Senior Registration Officer - Bryson Walker



Right: Alan Stratton - membership Officer

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 4th February

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START: 7.45 pm

WELCOME: Welcome by President. Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by **59** members **5** visitors and **10** apologies as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - read to members ACCEPTED: Mary Walker SECOND: John Mazzer

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

President advised Flowers had been sent to Lina Kempnich

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Other clubs Rally information. Taree, Tweed Heads, AMCA, Inverell, Festival of Speed

Other club Newsletters. Inverell, Tweed Heads, Newcastle, Historic MC, Council of Heritage MC

Rick Lauf re Xcelplus

Motor Cycle Management Courses info.

TREASURERS REPORT: – presented- ACCEPTED: Peter Lake

SECOND: Doug Hampson

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Pat Holt.. Outgoing 2016 President informed members that the previously unfilled position of Secretary was now filled by David Bonhote-Mead

Show & Shine ...As Jack Ahearn will not be able to present his Trophy, at the upcoming Show and Shine event, unfortunately due to failing health two senior members were nominated to do this presentation...

Peter Small moved Pat Holt.. Seconded Col McAndrew

Eric Wilson moved Richard Swinton Seconded Jack McIntosh

Eric Wilson won by a small majority. And will be asked to present this award.

The club 2017 rally ..A new committee is to be formed to organize this event.. nominations were called for. .members Peter Lake, Dean Marsh, Peter Harvey, Tim Thearle, Ian McCormack, volunteered .. Member Col Mc Andrew, Mary Walker, Pat Holt advised they will help and advise the new committee. A date for the first meeting is to be arranged & members advised.

Positions not filled at previous AGM

Raffles - John Mazzer Catering David Jupe, Frank Widows

Alan Stratton is now Club Membership Officer and can be contacted through the Web site

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:

No report

COMING EVENTS + RIDES

Terry Savins advised

Tamworth 3rd to 5 March

Dorrigo 3rd to 5th August

Side Car Run – normal club run 7th May

Col Mc Andrew

Triples Rally 18,19,20 August - will be asking for club support with marshalling

Pat Holt

19th to 29th March All British Rally in Tasmania

Tony Kempnich

The Over the Hill Run details now on Web site

REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS:

No report

REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:

5th February 2017 Classic bike ride to Wardel.. Older bikes left first .. and couldn't be caught..

Wardel Pie Shop was a popular stop for all.

Col McAndrew reported on Troy Baylis Event and regarding S+S has asked for club members to help with the setting and packing up .

NEXT CLUB RUNS:

19th Feb to Kyogle Peter Lake advised leaving Blue Kitchen Café at 8.30

MEETING CLOSED: 8.30 pm



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Club membership renewals for 2017.



Fees for 2017 are: single person membership \$40, dual membership \$60

There is now a **Membership officer** in the club with responsibilities for keeping track of membership and activities attended. Alan Stratton has taken on this position;

Application for membership renewal forms have already been widely distributed and also available in the February Club Newsletter by hard copy distribution for those without digital access, or on the club website (www.nrcmcc.org) under the 'membership info' heading.

Alternatively you can collect a form at the February or March 2017 club meetings. As per the Club rules, a fully completed form is required for a membership renewal to be valid. If in doubt please ask.

Please remember that members have only until March 31, 2017 before your membership lapses and you are no longer a club member and this will mean your historic bikes will be unregistered.

Members can pay membership fees by one of the 3 methods below:

Method 1. At a meeting

Give the Membership Secretary your completed application for membership renewal form and the Treasurer your fee (cash, cheque or money order) at the February or March meetings.

Method 2. Snail Mail

Post a completed application for membership renewal along with a cheque/money order (NOT cash) to the club's PO box address – NRCMCC Inc, PO Box 7058, Lismore Heights NSW 2480.

Method 3. On line.

Complete an application for membership renewal, scan the completed form on your printer/scanner to create a pdf or jpg file, then email the file to the club Membership Secretary, Alan Stratton, at: members@nrcmcc.org
Then direct deposit your membership fee to the club's account at the Greater Bank: **Don't forget your reference!**
BSB: 637 000 Account number: 781711446 Reference: your Surname and First name.

Editors Comment:

Come on guys! Don't leave things to the last minute, it makes the voluntary club officers work much harder. The official due date is the AGM and The amount of interest you save by leaving it until March is minute. From the Treasurers and Membership Officers point of view, the On line and Snail mail processes are best - then they don't have to battle with the rush at a meeting. RS

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Bryson Walker.....6629 1509

Tony Kempnich.....6628 1806

Registration: Officer:

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400g tin Pie Apple

200g sour Cream or plain Yoghurt

Dusting of Cinnamon

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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 Blue Kitchen Café, Windmill Grove, 105 Wilson Street, South Lismore 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 station on 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9 am. .