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**December
2017**

Classic Torque



Well Guys and Gals,

This is the last newsletter for the year; and also my last contribution as Editor. It's been fun, but very difficult when you are no longer an active rider and participant in club activities.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have contributed to the newsletter with personal stories, club run details and pics, printing and distribution of the printed version. and especially to our club website designer and manager and his help while I was learning the process.

The Club Christmas lunch was attended by over 50 members, and those who couldn't make it missed out on a massive BBQ and lots of fresh fruit.

The raffle Hampers were loaded and the winners grinned as they carted them away.

We hope to see you at the December (and last for the year) club meeting volunteering to take on some of the tasks and positions that make an active, viable, and enjoyable club.



Remember, a club is only as good as what you contribute.

Here's a few pics of the party. Ed



Presidents Report - December 2017



Hi all,
welcome to the final piece from me as NRCMCC President. I will be having at least the next 12 months off from any club positions and hopefully get to enjoy more of the company of members on rides and just generally hang out with like minded motorcyclists. After all, as I have said many times, even though it is the committee that influences the direction of the club (for many reasons I might add) the members make the club a family and provide the supporting spine of the club. I am hoping to get to lots of rides and to spend time with as many members as possible during 2018 and beyond. Over the years on the NRCMCC committee I have learnt a lot and received enormous amounts of support from many, many people and I am truly appreciative of all your help.

I won't go on further except to say "thank you" and I hope Santa is kind and 2018 brings you good health and positive wellbeing.

Catchya in 2018 folks Regards Neil Williams



LEFT: A good BBQ chef needs a lot of supervision—Uhhh, that IS what they are doing standing and sitting watching, isn't it??



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My own Fabulous Adventure—Richard Swinton

Way back when I was a fit and callow youth of twenty years around 1968, I sold my lovely MG TD (originally rescued from a dodgy car yard in Melbourne) and bought an ‘old racing car’ - an Austin Healey 100S. A classic English sports racing car, 55 of them were built to race to bolster the image of the standard Austin Healey 100. All alloy body, disc brakes all round, special Weslake head, etc.

I was an impecunious University student, and in retrospect, I can’t imagine a sillier car for me to own at the time—no fan, no wind-screen or weather protection, and no garage at home! It had a streamlined front after an earlier owner had a hill climb accident. Still, I loved it and enjoyed taking girls for 120mph trips down the Geelong freeway (quite legal back then). I bought it for \$2000 (half borrowed from my mother) and sold it at the end of the year for the same so I could repay my mother when I went to work in the NT for a year. And I’m listed as an owner in John Blandens book—‘Historic racing Cars in Australia’



After abandoning an academic training and marrying a farm girl, I went farming for 25 years—eventually kicked out of the industry by Keatings “the recession we had to have”.

But while farming, a mate and I visited the 1983 Winton Historic Races and, lo and behold, there was my Austin Healey 100S now owned by a Sydney guy. We chatted and I got a photo of my self sitting in it. He offered to let me drive it around the pits paddock, but I refused the offer—too demeaning after the Geelong freeway trips! Still it was exciting to see the old girl again 15 year after I sold it.

Then time went by, I abandoned farming, joined the Department of Agriculture as an irrigation Officer and then came to the north Coast as a Water Policy Officer and eventually joined the NRCMCC as a proud owner of a BMW R100S.

My children are still in Victoria—my daughter living in Gisbourne, about 60 km north of Melbourne, and my son buying and improving a 500 acre cattle farm on the edge of the Stony Rises an hour or so west of Geelong near Camperdown. (Yes, this is part of the story, not just filler)

On one trip some years ago I went down to see them and visited the Autoclassica, a display of classic cars in the Melbourne Exhibition building. And there, to my surprise was another AH 100S, fully restored and owned by a guy in SA. I contacted him and he told me that my car was now in Switzerland and recently sold for 600,000 euros!



A couple of weeks ago, I flew down to Melbourne to visit my kids again, but mainly to help my son design a set of cattle yards incorporating the old dairy yards on the property. My daughter collected me from the airport and the next day my son collected me and we drove down the his property. A hard weeks work and then back to my daughters place.

Now Gisbourne, where my daughter lives, is only 20 minutes from Bachus Marsh through which we drove and I had only recently learnt from a magazine that the guy who restored my old AH 100S before it went to its new owner in Switzerland, had his workshop in Bachus Marsh. So I rang him and he invited me down to talk about my car and look at his setup and have a coffee.



When I got there he had another Healey—a 100M, the club racing version of the Healey, but this one modified so it was more powerful than even my old girl. And he handed me the keys, jumped in and said lets go for a run!! So nearly 50 years after I bought and sold the Healey 100S, I was able the relive the experience. We even found a stretch of road to top the mythical 100 mph! A wonderful experience!! It cost \$240,000 to restore my old girl—still well out of my reach, but lots of memories. RS

The Jack Ahearn Trophy for the best restoration finished this year .

That time of the year has come around again and all you mad keen restorers who have finally completed their latest restoration should consider entering it for the Jack Ahearn trophy.

Winner will get to look after the impressive trophy donated by Jack Ahearn for the year. It's most impressive and a major talking point for the winner to brag to his friends.

Some rules:

- The bike has to be a genuine classic—manufactured 30 years ago at least, 1987 or earlier.
- It must be restored as close as possible to the original model as produced by the manufacturer—no specials.
- The restoration must have been completed this year, registered (full or historic), running and rideable.
- Notification of intention to enter must be made to the trophy judges (listed below) by December 31, 2017

Judging will be conducted by the judges at the home of the entrant at a date to be negotiated.

For entry or more information, contact Eric Wilson, 66 243 , 157, Peter Small 66 877 321, John Cafe



Dear LTT Founding Members, Guests, & Affiliates.

We are proud to announce that your LTT is back & will be brought to you in 2018.



Meetings with Kyogle Council early this year has seen the successful formulation of strategies where your LTT Directors & Team will be guided by the Council & Local Authorities to deliver your LTT safely in 2018.

Bridge works along the Lions Road this year have pushed your LTT into next year which we view as positive by way of planning purposes.

Our vision & passion has never wavered since the immense success of your first LTT in 2014 & what this brought to your local communities & surrounding regions.

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When my mate in the UK told me he was planning his wedding in 2017 (The year I turn 40) I said to him make sure you do it in August so I can go to the Classic TT on the Isle of Man at the same time. I received the invitation in Feb 2017 with the words "This one is for you Deano", with the wedding day 5th August 2017 and the Classic TT starting on the 19th of August I thought you "Bloody Legend" what an awesome holiday to be had.

With Dads extended family still located in the UK and with everyone getting older I thought it was def a good time to introduce my wife Nathalia and 1.5 year old Daughter Alecia to them as well – all of sudden the month I had off work just didn't seem long enough. Having travelled to Europe many times through Asia I thought to do something different and fly through LA, BIG mistake with a 10 hour stopover in LA and not realising the wife being Brazilian had to go to Sydney for an interview at the USA Consulate just to obtain a visa to pass through LA – Her stamped passport arrived back in Lismore 4.30pm Tuesday 1st Aug we flew out at 6.00am on the 2nd Aug and with No plan B we almost didn't make it!!

The Lakes District in the UK Was the Scene for the Wedding a little town called Milnthorpe and a rather fitting place for a country Wedding an old Corn Mill dating back to 1700's that my mates parents purchased and turned it into a beautiful Bed and Breakfast/Function centre – steep in its own history (like a Haunted Bread Oven hollowed out from a Rock the size of a shipping container) and an old Corn crushing mill that was once powered by man until later years powered by a BSA 50B Stationary engine.

A few days in Lake Windemere would not be had without visiting Beatrix Potters Peter Rabbit attraction and Lakeland motor museum - with one room full of Vincents including 2 Black Lightnings, a room dedicated to Isle of Man m/cycle legends and Al Capones Armoured Cadillac this place was only the start of what we were about to see.

From Lake Windemere we headed North across England up to Edinburgh, Scotland for the Fringe Festival for a few days then back down the coast to Newcastle (I timed it perfectly to go to a Newcastle Tigers Elite League Speedway match) kept following the road down to Brighlingsea (Dads Birthplace) to visit family including my Great Aunty Con and Uncle George (Fortunately we got to see them as the day we landed back in Australia Uncle George Died aged 95 and 5 days later Aunty Con Died aged 93– another Marsh Legacy passes by RIP) a few days in Liverpool (Any Beatles Fan MUST Visit this place) then onto the boat for the Isle Of Man.

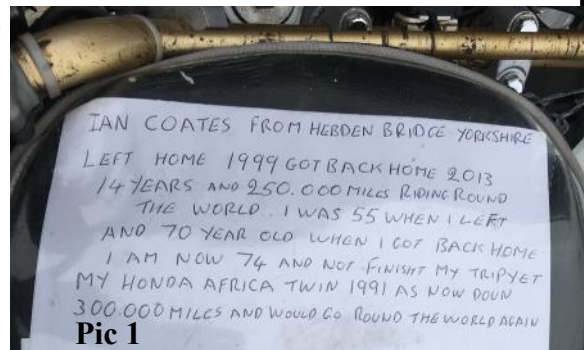
Finally we were here!! When we arrived a lady in the lift where we were staying in Douglas said "Have you been to Isle of Man Before? No" I Said. She Said "If you strike the weather nice you will not find a nicer place on earth" I said "that's a BIG Call having seen some pretty awesome places on this planet" Well she was 100% Correct (not sure if the wife felt this way after 2 weeks of Bike Racing though!!) but we had 2 weeks of mid 20 degrees and 1 day of rain, there is no words to describe how beautiful this place is sure it probably helped that everyone I met was an absolute motorcycle nut!! Simply amazing.

The first day of practice I walked up to the Grandstand to have a look around the pits and saw this bike with a NIMBIN Sticker on it – Read the wording in Pic 1 then look at the photo in Pic 2 and you will understand the sort of amazing people we met – including having a beer or two with a Local (50 years he lived on the Isle of Man) in a Pub in Ginger Hall that remembered having a beer with a Fellow from Aust approx. 10 years ago and the man was English but from a place near Brisbane that

owned a John Deere Dealership!!

Apparently the TT held in June is just getting too busy

with Motels booking out 12 months in advance, The Ferry crossing's booking out and you cant even go out for a meal without booking weeks in advance not to mention all the good spots to see on the 37 ¾ mile track are taken no wonder the Classic TT is growing immensely – with the riders from the TT being paid huge sums of Money to go and ride on these Classic Teams that seem to have endless budgets, the classic TT in 2017 had over 500 entries – I heard that Michael Dunlop was paid 1 mil pounds to ride on Team Classic Suzuki, Davies Motorsport Honda 4 and Black Eagle Racing.MV Augusta 500.



Pic 1



Pic 2

(Continued p 11)



Pic 3

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Northern Rivers Classic Motor Cycle Club Inc.

(Hereafter referred to as NRCMCC or the Club) will be held at the Clunes Hall, Clunes on Tuesday 12th December, 2017 commencing immediately after the regular NRCMCC monthly meeting. The regular NRCMCC monthly meeting will commence at 7:30pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous NRCMCC Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13th December, 2016

3. Financial statement of the NRCMCC presented to the members present

4. Proposal that, as there have been many changes to the Fair Trading Legislation that early in 2018 the NRCMCC Committee appoint a Subcommittee to review the club's constitution and the interaction between constitutional items and the club rules.

In particular there is a need to clarify and define the following items.

- The procedure to nominate a club Patron, now in the club Rules, to be moved to the Club's Constitution.
 - The Club membership year.
 - The process of Life Membership of the Club.
- The Subcommittee would report to NRCMCC Committee and any changes to be made would be by a special resolution through the AGM or a Special Meeting of club.

5. A proposal that, as meeting minutes are published and distributed to every member monthly either in electronic or printed format prior to each monthly meeting, the reading of the previous month's minutes at the start of each meeting is a redundant and a duplicating action and is not necessary. Members present at the meeting would be asked to endorse the minutes "as published".

6. A proposal that membership fees increase by ten dollars per membership regardless of the type of membership.

7. Nomination and election of NRCMCC Office Bearers, Committee members and other key Club positions for the next 12 months



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WANTED: NORTON PARTS:

From: Lew and Sandra
Sent: Thursday, 5 October 2017 6:20 PM
To: members@nrcmcc.org
Subject: Norton parts

Hi, don't know if you can help, but I am after a set of Norton Commando barrels - standard bore, and in good condition.

I am trying to get my BEARS Norton race bike back on the track....and am trying to find a few parts.

Thanks if you can help,

Cheers, Lew Grant,
 Woodend,
 New Zealand.

I'm not sure how to contact Lew Grant, but suggest you contact Neil Williams.

Wanted: Dedicated Club members to volunteer for positions in the club including, but not only, president and Newsletter editor.


This is your chance to contribute to the club. It's the volunteer officials that set the scene and feeling for the club, so dive in and give it a go.

The AGM is coming up in December, so please give your name to the secretary.

Oh, and if you don't volunteer, then let's not hear you winging about the club.

LOG BOOK TRIAL UPDATE:

The log book trial has been extended for a further two years.
 A rumour that a better logbook will be supplied is circulating.



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**Club run each month on the Sunday after the meeting.
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. (Note: More details on rides are on club website)

Dec 12—club meeting and AGM

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Dec 31—final day for entries for Jack Ahearn restoration trophy (see article p 4)

Jan 14, 2018—Ride to Humble Pies, Billnudgel

Aprox Jan 20—get together for a meal (TBA)

Feb 10 (Saturday)—Come and join Ray Martlew in celebrating his 80th b'day.
Family BBQ at Crams Farm; 10am until 3.00pm, all invited , BYO meat ; salads,
bread rolls, desert and soft drink provided.

FEB 13—FIRST MEETING FOR 2018 7:30pm at Clunes Hall

Feb 18—Ride to Kyogle via Nimbin and Cawongla

Mar 18—NRCMCC Show and Shine, Alstonville

April 15—Ride to Red Rattler, Murwillumbah

May 13—ride to MooMoo café, Moobal

June 17—New Italy Cafe

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

No info on other club rides on the 'events webpage'

For more event info - Check 'events' section on NRCMCC website - www.nrcmcc.org

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Some pictures of the November registration day:

NW



(I note that our secretary is showing the correct approach to our vice president!)

More photos of our Christmas party:



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MINUTES OF MEETING of NRCMCC HELD ON: 15th Nov

START: 7. 30pm

WELCOME

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

Meeting attended by **41 members, 2 visitor and 16 apologies** as per the attendance sheet**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - read to members Moved, Seconded + accepted
{ Moved Doug Hampton, 2nd Kevin Everett }**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**Next Bike rego day is 26th Nov , starting no earlier than 9.00 am , with tea , coffee + Sausage sizzleXmas party date is 3rd Dec , starting 11.00 approx, bring something for Xmas raffle, helpers from 9.30 approx.**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Payment receipt for Certificate of Currency from Arthur J Gallagher for club Insurance

Newsletters from Queensland, Tweed, Newcastle, Inverell MC Clubs

Greater Bank Account statements

Email from Bangalow Show Organiser with invitation for club to provide static display, on Sat. 18th Nov**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

NON

TREASURERS REPORT: – presented , Moved , Seconded + accepted{Moved Mary Walker 2ND Ray Martlew }**GENERAL BUSINESS**

NW advised members that nomination forms were available for members wishing to stand for 2018 committee or Office holder positions.

NW advised members that club M'ship renewal form were available here tonight , but would not be accepted until after the upcoming AGM

NW read email with invitation from Bangalow Show to attend, No members indicated they would be going.

BW reported that the 2018 over the Hill rally committee had meet, and would be heading north to Camboola in QLD. More updates to come.

REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS

One BMW transferred from Full rego to club plates

BW also noted that the Inspection certificate done on Rego Days is valid for 6 months.

EARLY DAYS

From an early 1986 Classic Torque club newsletter BW read various articles

Including A ride to Rocky Creek Dam, a Know the Law section with questions to the Editor Cop that .

For example how many passengers can a side car carry ...1 adult & 2 kids in sidecar or 4 kids under 12 yo and one pillion ,who had to wear a helmet. Sunday rides started at 7.30 am including winter.

REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:

1 BW reported on the great trip and time he and Mary had at the South Australian Nuriootpa Veterans Rally and the Veterans Vehicle Rally in the Barossa valley. 141 entrants at Nuriootpa, lots of winery's visited, Bryson & Marys bikes had a few teething problems, Bryson thanked those members who helped them get there.. helping with their trailer. BW said a 2 hour video of "National Veterans Rally" had been posted on UTUBE

NEXT CLUB RUNS:Sunday 19th Nov to leaving from Blue Kitchen Café at 8.30

Dave Jupe Mentioned next years BSA National Rally and BSA world Rally, held only every 25 years in the Southern Hemisphere.. more info to come next year..

John Mazzer mentioned the Club could get involved in next years Compression Rally.

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Deans fabulous adventure—continued.

Michael Dunlop filling up his Motorbike while chatting on the phone (Pic 3)— Apart from being bloody hard to understand he was definitely up for a chat with me which was very cool.

Most days 12 midday the live music started in the pits, there was trials rider demos, accessory stalls, Live talks from some TT Legends (Mick Grant, Dave Molyneux sidecar legend and Phil Read the oldest surviving Motorcycle World Champion) oh and brushed shoulders with John McGuinness who just walking around in the pits thongs on looking pretty casual cause he was injured and not riding.

You have never seen a place that co-operates so well when it comes to bike racing. To closing the roads, putting up barriers, moving cars off the track (Even if it means with 10 big hurley blokes man handling them) even the Radio Station Manx FM tunes in to rider interviews and live commentary, it's like the whole place shuts down and everyone heads to their little Corner of the track and watches the racing (of course with a six pack) its just incredible. Sulby Straight (230MPH top speed) with a Pub smack bang in the middle of the 3 mile long straight, Ginger Hall and Hailwood Heights were def my favourite viewing areas – Left a small little tribute to Dad at the top of Hailwood Heights so he will have the best view of the racing every year.

There are no words to describe how good the Isle of Man really is, it's a Motorcyclers's paradise. I am planning a trip back to the Classic TT in 2019 if anyone wants to come along!! Dean Marsh

The Marsh 4 race bike, only 2 made.



Right: Dean's daughter, Alecia, being weaned onto bikes!



Thanks for this contribution, Dean . Ed

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VALE

Ian Christopher, an earlier member of NRCMCC passed away at home in Coraki on November 22. He'll be remembered for his pair of Norton fast-backs



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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. .