



NATURELAND CLASSIC MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Waffle On

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The aim of the club is to encourage motorcycling and the camaraderie that goes with it. In particular, the use of Classic motorcycles, be they 50 year old British, Middle of the road Russian or 5 year old Japanese, so that the skills and innovations of generations of craftsmen are not lost forever in the scrap pile of modern society, but are preserved and brought to life for generations to come.



Congratulations

TO MR & MRS SYDENHAM

Our heartiest congratulations to
Bruce and Rosaleen

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...From the Editor



Don't forget the SWAP MEET Sunday 17th May 2009! Could all our members please help by placing our swap meet posters on notice boards around you neighbourhood. Also help is always

needed to run the swap meet at Warwick Park Racecourse, Kempsey on Sunday from 6.00am and to clean up from about 12.00 onwards. If you can spare some time could you please let David know in advance or see one of our members at the gate or canteen on the day.



WELL DONE TO CRAIG FAIR who won second prize in the Hyosung design competition. A great page of his artwork appeared in Issue No. 53 May/June 2009 Road Rider Magazine (Thanks for the plug for NCMCC, Craig!)

Have you been on a ride this month? Please tell us about it. Did you enjoy the ride or have a hard luck story? Where was your destination? Did you end up there? Did you detour along the way or catch up with mates? Would you ride there again? Did you take a photo? Did it rain, hail or shine? What is your favorite ride destination or worst experience? We want to hear about it!

It is fantastic to have stories and photos from the members of our club and from friends visiting the area. So please send them in.

Deadline for the June Waffle-On is the 1st June.

Email: Sally and Marc at sms@tsn.cc

Or post to: 66 Rawson St Smittown NSW 2440

The Flint's Tasmanian Trip



We were all packed the night before. We were raring to go! So, we set off early. And what a terrific first day it was ... not! Poured with rain! The whole bloody day!

Not that it worried me too much. On the back I am completely sheltered by David.

He cops the lot. Our first unscheduled stop was Gingers for another layer of wet weather gear for David whilst I oozed sympathy, secretly relishing my dryness.

As my daughter remarked, “day 1 was our initiation, our ‘passage of (not fire) ... water.’” If we could bear the first day, we’d be right. 8 hours later, after a hot shower and that first, deliciously cold beer our enthusiasm returned. Bring on day 2!

In fact, this was our worst day in the entire 24-day trip. Sure, we had some rain, but all pretty minor. Thanks to those of you who called to check we were OK.

7,300kms later we’re home. What a trip it was. It’s hard to pick out the highlights, there were so many. There are some great roads for bike riding in Tassie and the scenery is beautiful, often spectacular. One ride worth mentioning is the road from Strahan towards the Crotty Dam. It was a standout because after meandering along, via Queenstown, an almost deserted, beautifully winding road for a number of kilometres we came to the crest of a rather steep hill to have a view open up in front of us that was breathtakingly fabulous.

We based ourselves in five different places - Ulverston, Strahan, Hobart, Bicheno and Launceston - staying a few days at each.

This gave us time to explore a good radius from our base and the opportunity to meet a few locals each night whilst whetting our whistles. We didn’t miss many tarsealed roads! We even braved a couple of rough, gravel roads searching for Montezuma Waterfall (reportedly the highest waterfall in the Southern Hemisphere) and to get out to Macquarie Heads, south of Strahan.

We gave up on the waterfall but reached the Heads, which was worth the effort. Wonderfully wild!

Tasmania is full of Australian history. Loved the old buildings dotted around the place. How those early Europeans survived the living conditions, particularly during winter, is almost incomprehensible. If the huge piles of firewood we saw everywhere are any indication, winters must be bloody freezing.

We capped off our Tassie adventures with a ride along the Great Ocean Road to Warnambul. Again, a terrific, scenic ride. I also enjoyed the ride up through Euchuca, Denniliquin and Dubbo, the first time I've seen how desperately dry the countryside is. A local in Denniliquin told us there had not been decent rain for 9 years. It's hard to imagine but certainly evident. It wasn't a very enjoyable ride for David, the roads were too straight. I was aware of this and checked once or twice that he was awake.

The TDM performed very well. Never missed a beat and the only time I was uncomfortable was on a couple of the long riding days.

It was all fun and we recommend Tasmania to all of you. But, there's no place like home. It is good to be back on the Mid North Coast even if the lawn does need mowing and the garden needs weeding.



David at Cradle Mountain

A TRIBUTE TO MICHEAL THOMPSON

1944 — 2009

I first met Michael in Sydney 40 years ago through the Ryde Motorcycle Club. He had been in the Merchant Navy and had spent his leave in London, he would buy bike parts for his mates and he bought a Velocette Venom Clubman in bits and assembled it at home. When I met Michael he worked at the Gladesville Hospital as the Engineer.

Michael had four loves. His wife Jeni, motorcycles, fishing and waterskiing. Michael bought a wooden speedboat with a Dodge “Q” motor, he, his mates and their girlfriends skied at Wisemans Ferry and lakes around Gosford area.

I moved from Sydney and lost touch. Through a mate, Bob Gault, who has a bike shop in Balmain, I learnt Michael had married Jeni and later had two children, Simone and Ryan. Michael had sold his Velo to buy an engagement ring. Many years later I saw Michael at one of our rallies looking at a Mac Velo I had at the time, I approached him and he knew me straight away from close to 40 years ago. He had been fishing at Hat Head for a few years and I didn't know.

When Michael retired, he and Jeni built a house at Hat Head , Michael joined our club and brought a red Ducati 1000 and restored a 1959 Triumph Trophy, it was better than when it left the show room.

It was a great shock to me when Jeni phoned to say Michael had died. He had been playing tennis with Jeni and friends laughing and joking then felt crook. He was taken to Kempsey Hospital then on to R.P.A. where he had previously worked at one time. Later he went to a private hospital at Greenwich. He died eight weeks later. Michael had enthusiasm in whatever he did, he had a great sense of humor. Michael will be sadly missed by Jeni, family and friends. May he rest in peace.

...Brian Bobin



Taree 20th Annual Rally

By Jim Fairhurst

I rode a 1977 Triumph on the Saturday run, Taree to Nahiach, with a stop at Krumbach for drinks, then on to Mt. George and lunch at Cafferys Flat. Excellent marshalling. Returned to Taree via Wingham. Presentation dinner was at Taree West Bowling Club. Main course was a beautiful seafood platter—ocean king prawns, oysters, calamari, fish fillets and salad, then on to sweets.

The Sunday ride was to Nahiach Swap Meet. It was an excellently organized Rally by Peter Smith and the members of the Taree club.

TROPHY WINNERS

PRE 1920 (1) Dennis SENG 1914 750cc Rover

(2) Ray GAULD 1915 1000 Indian

1920-29 (1) Ian RICHARDSON 1926 600cc Douglas

(2) Eddy FORSTER 1929 Indian

1930-39 (1) Kim CAROTHERS 1935 bsa

(2) Steve MORDUE 1939 Square 4 Ariel

1940-49 (1) Ken ROBERTS 1948 BSA

(2) Tony GOSLING 1946 M21 BSA

1950-59 (1) Rob DUCAT 1959 500 Matchless

(2) Steve HIGGINBOTTOM 1950 BSA

1960-69 (1) Alvin BEUTEL 1962 500 Norton

(2) Ross CLEARLY 1960 BSA

1970-79 (1) Danny RYAN 1972 Trident

(2) George DALY 1976 Kawasaki

SIDECAR Adrian BEACHLY 1960 BMW

BIKE OF THE RALLY Dennis SENG 1914 750cc Rover.


Reminder!

Sunday 17th May

NCMCC SWAP MEET

Warwick Park Racecourse, Kempsey

Inverell Rally

Wendy Anderson .

Inverell Rally was really well attended with over 220 entrants. NCMCC was well represented with eight members attending the weekend.

It was nice to ride in sunny weather, they haven't had any rain for some time. We rode 187km on Saturday, and 80km on Sunday. Saturday we went to goat races.

Two of our blokes had problems and were unable to ride on Sunday.

Interesting bikes were a 1950 Douglas, two Indians, a new Ural, a Yamaha 90 FJ and a bike with training wheels. (see Picture below)

Les Booth won a trophy for his 1949 Ariel VG. Congratulations Les.



Bellbrook Run

On the 29th March we joined the Taree Club for a time trial to Bellbrook. About 25 bikes turned up from both clubs. One of the Taree bikes had a flat tyre at Macca's. Luckily Glen could supply a new tube. But it was flat again by Wil-lawarren, and ended up going home on a trailer. A good day was had by all.



Easter Sunday Ride

Five bikes rode the rally route. David worked out the kilometers, times and marshalling points. We had lunch on the muddy banks of the river that had finally gone down.



What's on this Month

May

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| 2 May | Meet Taree Club at Telegraph Point for BBQ lunch OR Kempsey Auto Rally to do marshalling. |
| 10 May | Mother's Day ride to Taylors Arm via Stuart's Point. Depart Mcdonalds 9:30 am and Caltex Macksville 10:30 am. |
| 17 May | SWAP MEET AT Warwick Park Racecourse Kempsey |
| 24 May | Old Bangers Ride : Observation Ride Macleay Valley |
| 26 May | Club meeting Salvation Hall 7:30pm includes Calender & Rally Meeting |
| 31 May | Port Swap Meet \$14 all sites start 6:00am Tel: 6584 2542 |

June

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| 7 & 8 June | Coffs Harbour Rally at Sawtell OR Crescent Head Sky Show |
| 14 June | Ride to Long Flat meet Taree Club/ Ellenborough Reserve and morning tea at suspension bridge |
| 20 June | Saturday Ride to Bellingen Markets and Promised Land |
| 28 June | Club Rego Day 12:00 noon Meeting and BBQ at the Fire Shed , Dongdingalong |

See you there !!!

