



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.

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2008-2009

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- ❑ Wednesday rides meet at McDonald's Kempsey at 9:30am.
 - ❑ All other runs meet at McDonald's Kempsey at 9:00am and leave at 9:30am.

...From the Editor

Starting January 2009 club point scoring. Who will be the "CLUB RIDER OF THE YEAR"?

Have you been on a ride this month? 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? Were the pot holes as big as Harleys? What is your favorite ride destination or worst experience?

Don't forget to fill out your Point Score Sheet every time you participate in a Club Ride, see pages 6 and 7.

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**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.**

If you wish to have something included into the April Waffle - On please submit before the 1st April.

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# Another Great "Breakfast Run"

By Norma Flint.

Another fabulous day of bike riding was enjoyed by 14 club members! If you weren't there you missed out on a real treat.

Leaving McDonalds at Kempsey it was a quick burn down to Port Macquarie for breakfast at Winky's. So much for the post-Xmas diet!

Some riders left the group here, the rest of us taking a spin down to Laurieton. A great ride with plenty of scenery to enjoy. We stopped at the lookout over Pilots Beach enjoying a chat under the trees and taking in the view. Boy we're lucky to live on the Mid North Coast! The colour of the sand and ocean was picture postcard perfect.

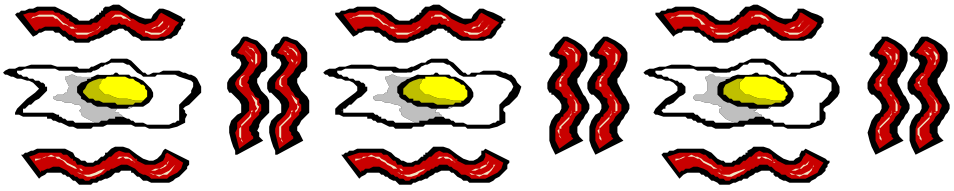
To have the coast largely in its natural state is fantastic. Most of the bush areas along the coast are designated national parks which hopefully, will keep developers at bay. They are a wonderful green belt meandering between the many waterways that make the Mid North Coast so special and all provide habitat to a wide array of flora and fauna.

Our next stop was at the lookout on North Brother Mountain in the Dooragan National Park. What a view!

North Brother Mountain has significant historical and cultural links to both Aboriginal and European heritage. Captain Cook was the first European to record North Brother Mountain in May 1770, from his ship the HMS Endeavour.

It's one of the 'Three Brothers' along with Middle Brother and South Brother Mountains. These three coastal mountains are a prominent feature of the Camden Haven valley.





A Dreamtime legend describes how three brothers from the Birpai tribe met their fate at the hands of the witch Widjirriejuggi, and were buried where each mountain stands. Dooragan National Park derives its name from the youngest of the three brothers.

Interestingly Captain Cook also named the three mountains the 'Three Brothers'. North Brother Mountain was established as a timber reserve in 1892. Later it became the Camden Haven State Forest. Since then portions of the mountain have been selectively logged and evidence of this can be seen on the mountain. Large tree stumps with wood cutters' board holes are present along the drive into the park, along the walking trails and at the summit. However, large sections of the forest remained untouched due to the steep terrain.

NSW State Forests opened North Brother Mountain to the public in 1970 with the construction of a road to the summit. North Brother Mountain became Dooragan National Park in 1997. To the people of the Camden Haven Valley, North Brother Mountain is much more than a mountain, it is a big part of what makes the Camden Haven Valley such a special place.

The entire park was declared an Aboriginal Place on 21st December 2001. An Aboriginal Place is an area of special significance to Aboriginal culture and declaration provides recognition of the significance of the area and its heritage values which relate to traditions, observances, customs, beliefs or history of Aboriginal people. This declaration doesn't change the status of the land but may limit use as far as preventing activities that may destroy, damage or deface the Aboriginal Place.

**Join us on the next ride ... it's fun exploring new territory and the company is always good.**





# Point Scoring Competition

Every Member is responsible for their own tally. Please mark down each ride or event you attend. **These tally sheets will be handed in at the end of the year for “Club Rider Of The Year.”** To make this competitive, go to as many rides as possible and enjoy yourself.

Follow a calendar event or make a suggestion for a route. We are always open for a new places to ride. It makes everybody feel good to hear somebody say, “What a great place, I’ve never here before.”

There are a lot of sights around this area just waiting to be shown off, sometimes we just have to be reminded of them.

Good weather must come from now on, so get on your bikes and have a fun ride.

## **POINT SCORE:**

### **ONE POINT**

**Meetings, Sunday\Wednesday rides, Club & Calendar Events, Rallies.**

### **TWO POINTS**

**Ride club plated bike to these events**

# Roaring Down the Road

By Elizabeth West

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The motorcycle didn't spring full-blown into this world. Rather it evolved from the earlier bicycle. Women loved bicycles for the mobility and freedom they allowed. In fact, Susan B. Anthony said, "The bicycle has done more for emancipation of women than anything else in the world".

In the 1880s. Bicycles were a huge fad. Then, in 1885, Gottlieb Daimler made one that had an engine. Strictly speaking, it wasn't a bicycle, because it had four wheel instead of two. This bike went a magnificent and stately 12 miles per hour.

## Motorcycle Popularity Grows

An idea was born, and soon other motorized bicycles were invented. Perhaps the first true motorcycle was a charcoal fired two-wheeler made in 1869 by Sylvester Roper of Massachusetts.

Within two decades, motorcycles were being massed produced. The first such bike was the Orient-Aster, which was made by the Metz Company of Waltham, Massachusetts. This state clearly loved its bikes. Another early cycle was the Indian, made by the Hendee Manufacturing Company in Springfield, Massachusetts. (Later known as Indian Motorcycles.)

In 1902, Harley Davidson sold its first three motorcycles, and soon there were dozens of manufacturers. They had names like Marvel, Excelsior, and Henderson. The great depression killed off all but Indian and Harley, and soon only Harley remained.

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Women enjoyed the motorcycles as much as they had enjoyed bikes. After all, they were economical and fun. They also didn't have the stigma that they acquired later. Early riders were seen as adventuresome, not as outlaws.

## Long-Distance Riders

In 1915, Indian motorcycles offered front and rear shocks. Since these cushioned the ride, people began to consider long-distance travel as a real option. That year, a mother-daughter team, Avis and Effie Hotchkiss, rode from New York to San Francisco. They didn't take the direct route. Instead, they meandered about, covering 5,000 miles.

The next year, two society women in their 20s, sisters Adeline and Augusta Van Buren bought a pair of Indian Powerplus Bikes. They were the first people ever to climb up and down Pike's Peak. They, too, completed a transcontinental ride. Their 3,300 mile trip took almost two months, and they had to



contend not only with many unpaved roads, but also with social mores. Once they were arrested for publicly wearing trousers.

In the 1920s, Harley published a magazine called *The Enthusiast*. It sponsored Vivian Wales on a 5,000 mile trip to a Harley factory. Another early motorcycle heroine was Bessie Stringer, a.k.a the Motorcycle Queen of Miami. She made 8 solo-cross country trips and was a motorcycle dispatch rider.

Bessie had started out with two strikes against her: she was a woman and she was African-American. At first, she couldn't even get a motorcycle license in Miami, Florida. However, a police officer interceded in her behalf.

## Daredevils

As motorcycles popularity grew, it was only natural some people became highly skilled in its use. They showed off these skills in motordromes, which had been around since the turn of the century but grew in popularity during the 1930s. A motordrome often advertised itself as "A Wall of Death."

Essentially, it was a giant barrel with a platform on top for viewers. They could look down on motorcyclists, who speed around the inside of the walls, held in place by centrifugal force. One of these early dare devils was Margaret Gast who bill herself as "The Mile a Minute Gal." she was not the only woman dare devil. May Williams and Jean Perry also performed on the walls.

By 1940, the United States had its first women's motorcycle club, *The Motor Maids*. Today, there are scores of such clubs. Anyone who wants more information about the history of women and motorcycles may want to check out the book *Hear Me Roar: Women, Motorcycles, and the Rapture of the Road*.

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The Motor Maids 1947



# What's on this Month

## March

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| 15 Mar | Old Bangers ride Laurieton Markets then lunch somewhere.                                          |
| 22 Mar | <b>Club meeting 10.00am at Little Bay, Arakoon</b> followed by brunch. Bacon & egg roll supplied. |
| 29 Mar | Time Trial with Taree Club. Meet at McDonalds Kempsey 11.00am. Ride to Bellbrook for lunch.       |
| 29 Mar | Port Macquarie Ironman Triathlon marshals needed.                                                 |

## April

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| 5 Apr       | Old Bangers Ride (Saturday's Rally Route) Depart McDonalds Kempsey 9.30am & Caltex Macksville 10.00am |
| 10-13 Apr   | Ride to Sofala (Easter Weekend)                                                                       |
| 18 & 19 Apr | Inverell Rally                                                                                        |
| 19 Apr      | Old Bangers Ride - Poker Run to Bellbrook                                                             |
| 26 Apr      | Old Bangers Ride & Taree Cricket match. Meet at Sandcrox Oval 10.30am                                 |
| 28 Apr      | <b>Club meeting 7.30pm at Salvos Hall including Swap Meet Meeting</b>                                 |

## May

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| 2 May  | Meet with Taree Club at Telegraph Point for BBQ lunch or Kempsey Auto Rally we do marshalling.           |
| 10 May | Mothers Day ride to Taylors Arms via Stuarts Point. Depart McDonalds 9.30am or Caltex Macksville 10.00am |
| 17 May | <b>Kempsey Swap meet at Warwick Park</b>                                                                 |
| 24 May | Old Bangers Ride: Observation Ride Macleay Valley                                                        |
| 26 May | <b>Club Meeting at Salvos Hall 7.30pm including Calendar and Rally Meeting</b>                           |
| 31 May | Port Swap Meet \$14 all sites 6.00am start. Tel: 6584 2542                                               |

# See you there !!!