

Natureland Classic Motor Cycle Club



Waffle On

February—March 2010



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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Editors Note

Every time I get on the back of David's bike for a ride I go through a "worry" moment where I fret about our safety. Daft perhaps and I usually shake it off pretty quickly but it's something I always do before I actually begin to enjoy the ride. So, I got thinking about riding gear and ended up finding an article about the areas of your body that need most protection should you come off. You'll find it on page 4. Damn, I prefer to wear jeans particularly on those warmer days!

You've only got an 8-page Waffle On this time round. I can gather info to fill the 12 pages we usually have but this is your newsletter so some input would be appreciated. I know for a fact that you all like a good chat and have plenty of stories to tell. So, come on folks get those pens out or those fingers moving across your keyboards ... let's hear it. You can post material to the club's post office box or give it to me next time I see you or email me at norma@flintmarketing.com.au - Get cracking!!

Norma

PS: In case you are wondering ... No, there wasn't a Yamaha Zeal under the Christmas tree for me!

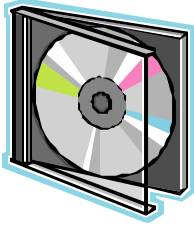
Wednesday rides leave McDonalds Kempsey at 9.30am sharp. If you're going to be late tell someone so that they can wait for you or arrange an alternative meeting place.

If you would like to join your bike riding partner at a club event but don't ride pillion, or drive, let someone on the committee know. They can then send an email out and find someone who is driving and able to pick you up. Please don't hesitate to do this as everyone in each of our member's families are most welcome.

Want to get something off your chest? Have an interesting story to tell? Been on a bike trip recently? Well, don't just sit there—write it up and send it in! We welcome stories from NCMCC members but hey, if you're reading this and you're not a member and have a story you'd like to share, send it in. Note however, that whilst every contribution will be gratefully received, stories are published at the discretion of the editor and/or NCMCC Committee.

Got a bike related item to sell?? Looking for a particular bike part??

Paid up members of NCMCC can place advertisements in Waffle On and on the club web site for **FREE**. Contact Norma or David.



2009 Rally Photos

If you take a look at the NCMCC website you'll see that 25 or so 2009 Rally pictures have been uploaded. Just enough to give you a little taste of how the event unfolded. But, if you would like to see more pictures, around 600 I believe, contact Sally Bannerman on Tel: 02 6567 4135 who will sell you a CD with them all at a very reasonable price.

A very inspiring story

sent in by Garry Minogue



As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to make a difference in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other "seniors" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither. Harold Schlumberg is such a person... He said, "I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired'? Well I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, and one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, Scotch, and Margaritas into urine."

If you visit the Motor Cycle Council of NSW web site at www.mccofnsw.org.au there's lots of valuable information for motor cycle enthusiasts.

NCMCC is one of the 35 member clubs listed. As members we are kept informed of activities via Keith Miller who reports anything of interest at our own club meetings.

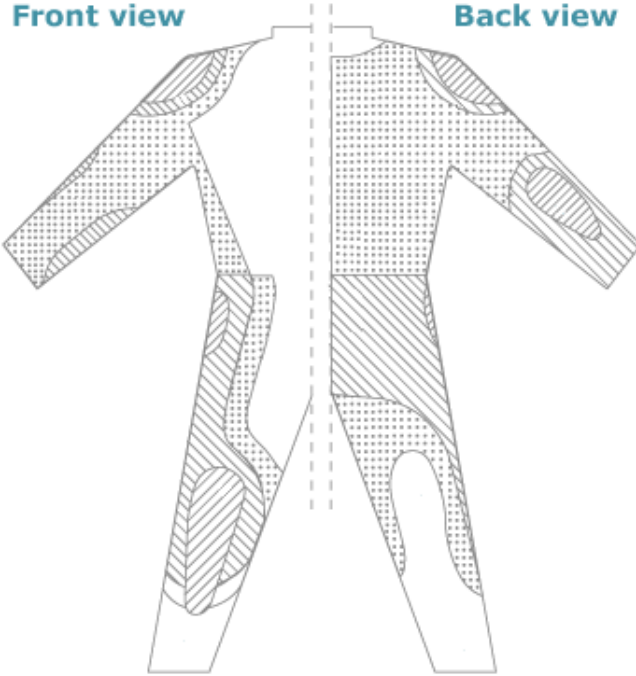
They had our club name wrong but that's now been fixed and we are now also on the *Member Club Links* page with a link to our web site. It was great to see that in getting these items fixed they also listed our 2010 Rally on their events page (in fact it was the only event listed for 2010 when I last looked) and have posted a few pictures from our last rally just to show how much fun the occasion is. Thanks MCC of NSW!

What areas of the body need the most protection?

Most riders wear a motorcycle jacket (97%) but fewer wear motorcycle pants (45%). This is despite the fact there is actually far

Front view





Back view



more risk of injury to the legs than to the upper body or arms. Four out of five motorcycle casualties (81%) have injured their legs and a third have broken bones (32%). Arm injuries are less common (56%) and less likely to involve fractures (17%).

You need different levels of protection for different parts of your body according to the level of risk. Injury risk zones have been identified through the analysis of crash damaged riding gear.

Is the material used appropriate for each zone?

-  **Zone 1.** Impact protectors are required in all these areas.
-  **Zone 2.** These should be protected with extra layers of material.
-  **Zone 3.** These areas are at moderate risk of abrasion.
-  **Zone 4.** The material used in these areas can be used to provide ventilation and elasticity.

Zone 1 is the area of the most frequent impacts. Are there impact protectors in each Zone 1 area— that is at the knees, hips, elbows and shoulders?

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Are all Zone 1 and Zone 2 areas well protected with high abrasion resistant materials?

The minimum requirement under the EU standard is for 4 seconds abrasion resistance. Multiple layers may be more effective than a single layer of extra thick leather.

Zone 3 is a moderate risk area and should have abrasion resistant material.

The EU standard requires a minimum of 1.8 seconds abrasion resistance.

Zone 4 is a relatively low risk area.

The material here can provide ventilation and elasticity, however it should still have some abrasion resistance qualities. The EU standard requires a minimum of 1 second abrasion resistance, where as ordinary denim jeans only provide 0.6 seconds.

Information sourced from Motorcycle Council of NSW website.

“Overall fleet or registered motorcycles has expanded in NSW by one third in the past 5 years”

As of June 2009 in NSW there were:

- 300,000 active or latent riders
- 162,000 registered motorcycles
- 114,000 unregistered off-road motorcycles
- 480,000 motorcycle licenses held by residents

An event you might be interested in attending ...

Victorian Historic Road Race Titles At Broadford Raceway



The Victorian Historic Motorcycle Championships and the 2nd Round of the BEARS Australian NATIONAL series will be conducted by the HMRAV on the 17 & 18 April 2010 at Broadford Raceway in Victoria which is located about 790kms south of Sydney. Racing is from 11am to 5pm (practise sessions 9am –11am) with pre-war to Classic, post classic and forgotten era up to 1980 sidecars and solo motorcycles. They also run the Victorian F2 Sidecar Championships.

On site catering, camping and bar facilities and the Film Festival at dark tops off a great weekend. Telephone 03 9888 4387 or visit website www.hmrav.org to find out more.

A load of Crock ...

Can you believe it is the end of February all ready? This time a year ago Norma and I were having a ball tripping around Tassie on the TDM. No such luck this year – the Taree Rally in a couple of weeks time should be fun but not really in the same league.

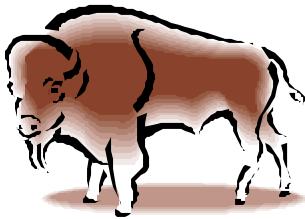
So Xmas and New Year have been and gone – hope that everyone enjoyed them. The Xmas Party at South West Rocks Surf Club was well attended and the food was super. It will be a hard act to follow this year.

Our January club meeting was kindly hosted by Kiwi out at his proprty in Sherwood. Highlight of the meeting for me was getting a guided tour of his sheds – should be enough there to keep him busy for a while. Unfortunately we couldn't stay for the birthday celebrations but they were shaping up to be fun.

Not much riding for me recently as my Wednesday morning rides have been curtailed by a nasty four letter word starting with w... and then a torn hamstring has put me out of action for the last four weekends. My aim is to be fit for Taree so I have to keep up my exercises and stretching.

The next major event for the club is the Swap Meet on May 16 and Keith has been getting some enquiries through already. We also need to start thinking about this year's rally soon. As usual we will need both a Rally Director and a Rally Secretary and plenty of helpers so if you are interested in taking on one of these roles let someone know sooner rather than later.

David



PS Did you know that a herd of buffalo can move only as fast as the slowest buffalo? When the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular culling of the weakest members.

In much the same way the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, we all know, kills off brain cells, but naturally it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first.

In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, constantly making the brain a faster and more efficient machine.

A great 2009 ride

By Norma Flint

We ended the year very similar to the way we started ... with a bike ride. And, what a ride it was. Riding around the Snowy Mountains in



November has to be one of the premier 'must do' rides in Australia, with emphasis on the word 'November'.

Why November? 'cause it's towards the end of spring so the Snowy's are full of spring-time blooms. The result is a visual and olfactory assault that is nothing short of sublime. Truly! I exaggerate not. Even David, enjoyed it.

The hectares of ghostly, dead Snow Gums are ugly without snow to soften and beautify their bare boughs. But, they are eclipsed in November by the veritable Persian rug that adorns their feet. A deep, rich gold rug interspersed with smaller patches of purple, white and pink. All flowering shrubs no more than 50cm high. Wow! I was blown away. And, for me, this was the absolute highlight of the trip.

For David, the highlight was the ride from Yass to Tumut via Wee Jasper. The scenery coming down into this valley where Wee Jasper is nestled is spectacular and the road is a biker riders wet dream. We highly recommend this route to Tumut but not without a warning. The road after Wee Jasper, while scenic (only for the pillion rider), is an absolute nightmare.

The sign on the outskirts of Wee Jasper said 65kms of dirt to Tumut. Well, we thought, 'in for a penny, in for a pound' so off we went. Unfortunately the road quickly disintegrated to a narrow, dirt/gravel rutted bush track. And, if that wasn't enough, there were signs saying beware of logging trucks. Luckily this particularly bad stretch lasted 'only' 25kms. Crossing from one council area into another rewarded us with a graded, slightly wider road for some k's before we hit tarseal. Hindsight rewards us with a good story to tell but we will only do a return trip of the Yass-Wee Jasper-Yass section that's for sure.

So, if you haven't ridden the Snowy's—put it on your calendar for November 2010. You won't regret it.

Events Calendar

March	4-7 Mar	Taree Rally
	7 Mar	Ride to Ginger's Creek for coffee/hamburger
	13&14 Mar	Show & Shine Greta/Coalfields Club
	14 Mar	Inverell Swap Meet \$5 sites starting at 6.00am
	14 Mar	Club BBQ at Scotts Head departing McDonalds 9.30am travelling via Crescent Head & Gladstone
	20&21 Mar	4WD Overnight camping at Georges Gold Mine then Dorigo, Glenreagh and Coffs Harbour return
	23 Mar	Club meeting 7.30pm Salvos Hall Leith Street Kempsey also Swap Meet & Rally Meeting (deciding on 2010 Rally routes)
April	2-5 Apr	Easter Weekend—Sofala
	11 Apr	Ride to Moonee Beach along Bruxner Park Road, Nana Glen for lunch then Cooramba, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey
	16-18 Apr	Inverell Rally Phone: 02 6723 1428 for more information
	18 Apr	Ride to Taree, Krumbach, Nabitac then Kempsey
	25 Apr	ANZAC DAY Ride to Kew, Laurieton, Bonny Hills, Port Macquarie.
	25 Apr	Morrisset Swap Meet
	27 Apr	Club meeting 7.30pm Salvos Hall Leith Street Kempsey. Also, Swap Meet meeting.

All runs meet at McDonalds Smith Street Kempsey at 9.00am for a definite 9.30am departure unless otherwise specified. Run dates may be changed at any time due to conflicting events or inclement weather. Any additional run dates will be announced at Club meetings.