

April 2013

Classic Clatter



PAUL HIGGINS ON THE RIDE TO WISEMANS FERRY
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Classic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club of NSW Inc

Minutes of Special General Meeting

Date: 25th February 2013

Meeting Commenced: 08:06 PM

Chaired by: Kim Fleming

Rydalmere Public School

397 Victoria Rd, Rydalmere NSW 2116

Present: 33

Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Keith Sandell

Proxy: Bernie Eather

A special resolution was put forward by Allan Smith to consider changes to Clause 19b of the constitution be amended to read that the ordinary members of the committee shall be the Editor, Membership Officer, Permits Officer and the Event Directors to be elected at the AGM under Rule 20

The Chairman addressed the meeting;

When the new "Act" was introduced in 2010 after the club adopted its existing constitution, the Dept of Fair Trading issued the following guidelines:

To ensure there is no unnecessary work for associations the current "rules" of an existing association will be taken to comply with the requirements of the new Act until the association chooses to lodge changes. When the association lodges changes they will need to ensure all other aspects of their constitution comply with the new requirements.

The chair suggests that the amendment to rule 19 should not proceed now, without first undertaking a proper review of the entire club constitution.

The chair acknowledges that the meeting must proceed, as was notified to the members. The chair suggests that the passing of the special resolution without reviewing all other aspects of the constitution would be unwise.

The chair therefore asks for consent (by a unanimous show of hands) for the mover of the motion (Alan Smith) to be granted leave to withdraw said Special Resolution.

Those in favour: All

Those against: Nil

The motion was voted upon and was carried Unanimously

The motion has been withdrawn by Allan Smith and Seconded by Gordon Mitchell

Special Meeting Closed 08:11 PM

Jason Burton

Hon Secretary

RIDE REPORT

The last of the 8am starts ! A lovely day dawned and our ride commenced ably lead by Paul Rees. This was a short ride around the Scheyville area intended for older bikes (as requested by some Club members). These roads have minimal traffic and the scenery is lovely. On this ride we waited on any corner that could cause confusion and we all stated together, with Jack being the trusty back marker. Greg had some stalling issues early on, (the head on his Bonnie had just been put back on after and oil leak prevention exercise!) but all worked well. We ended the ride at the Café at Arcadia after 50km ride. Two more Club riders joined us after being late at the start. After coffees and a chat, we all headed home the most convenient way.

Classic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club of NSW Inc

Minutes of General Meeting

Date: 25th February 2013

Meeting Commenced: 08:12 PM

Chaired by: Kim Fleming

Rydalmere Public School 397 Victoria Rd, Rydalmere NSW 2116

Present: 33

Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Keith Sandell

New Members: Ryan Plaza

Minutes of previous meeting: Taken as read Allan Smith, Seconded Ross Smith

Correspondence In. Cycle Torque Mag, 7 Club Magazines, Invitation to Griffith MC Club Rally 27th/28th April, Taree District Ride Calendar, V&H Ride Calendar 2013/14, Letter from Australia Post advising that we need to change the Pre-Paid number on our envelopes Accepted Jack Martin, Seconded Paul Higgins

Correspondence Out: Nil

Matters arising: Nil

Events Committee: The new ride calendar has been Published in the Clatter. Future rides will involve more back roads will but will require greater diligence by organisers and riders to ensure that people do not get lost. We would like to improve pre-ride discussions and enforce the "Tail End Charlie", protocol. The Wallerawang Rally is now confirmed as the 6th & 7th September

Treasurer's Report: Cheque Account \$12582.63 Online Saver \$1587.66 Term Deposit \$10,000

Ride Reports: The recent ride to Yarramalong was cut short due to hot weather and it was modified to being the old road to Calga, Peats Ridge and then home via the Corrugated Café and Spencer. The Bikephoto photographer also attended the run and shot pictures of members bikes belonging to Paul Higgins, Greg Deranger, Tony, Chris O'Carroll, Phil Ferguson and Phil Seymour. The photographer is very keen to come out and do this again and hopefully we will order some prints to make it worthwhile for him. There will be montage created with the photos which will be included in a future Clatter.

Our Emergency breakdown register is currently being updated by Gordon Mitchell - Please add your contact details so you can be included in this program.

Orange Rally - 110 people attended Great 180Km ride on Saturday, excellent food and there were ride Marshalls on every corner. Ross Smith won a prize. and Dave Dickey won a 2nd Prize.

Regalia: \$510 of stock was recently sold to Illawarra branch members

Editor: There is a problem whereby Australia Post requires us to change the Post Print number on our mailing envelopes effective 30th August 2013 and this will affect approx. half of our latest batch of printed mailing envelopes. It is anticipated that this problem will be addressed by reprinting or placing a sticker over the top of the Post Print Number

Permit's Officer: Nothing to Report

Librarian: Nothing to Report

Membership: 1 New Member, 1 Renewal and over 100 outstanding renewals

NSW Motorcycle Delegate: Not Present

Program Officer: Ross Smith would like to postpone bike presentation to next meeting

Magazine Distribution: Clatter to be sent tomorrow and the upload to the Web to coincide with Magazine Distribution

Welfare: Nothing to Report

General Business: There is a run to Rylstone 6th and 7th April which is the weekend after Easter. Currently 10 people attending and the venue caters for about 18 people. Trevor might still be looking for a backup trailer. Contact Trevor Murray

Black Dog charity Ride 24th March. 12 People are currently riding with Ross Smith leaving from Asquith and joining the Ride at The Entrance Leagues Club and finishing at Nelson Bay

Raffle Winners: Greg Deranger, Brian Robertson, Kim Fleming, David Smith, Ryan Plaza

Meeting Closed: 08:52 PM

Jason Burton Hon Secretary

Classic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club of NSW Inc

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 5th March 2013

Meeting Commenced: 08:00 PM

Chaired by: Kim Fleming

1 Dorothy Street, Rydalmere Hills NSW 2116

Present: Jack Martin, Jason Burton, Kim Fleming

Paul Rees, Paul Higgins, Alan Smith, Gordon

Mitchell and Joe Vella

Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Nil

New Members: Nil

Minutes of previous meeting: Taken as read Paul Higgins, Seconded Allan Smith

Matters Arising from correspondence:

1. Letter contesting the recent club requirement for machine examiners to record all bikes inspected for conditional registration. The club requires that our machine examiners keep records of all machines examined including the Date of Inspection, Registration Number, Make, Model, Year of Manufacturer and the owners Surname
2. Illawarra branch has requested a list of their unfinancial members so they can follow up on late membership renewals. The membership officer will send the renewal reminder letters out directly to the unfinancial members to avoid privacy issues
3. A letter was received stating that members who have not renewed their membership are still entitled to receive the March clatter. In future unfinancial members will also receive the March edition of the Classic Clatter magazine as it is mailed during the month of February. The March clatter will also include another membership renewal reminder.
4. We have been asked if we will be rewriting our constitution. The committee feels that the current constitution suits the current needs of the club and meets our legal obligations

Events Committee: Peter Boris has offered to lead a ride around the Leppington area.

A suggestion has been made for a ride from Sydney to Wollongong and Back via the Bridle Track

There are 2 rides organised for the 6th March to a similar location indicating that the Sydney and Illawarra

events Co-Ordinators are not communicating as well as they could be

The Wallerawang Rally is confirmed as the 6th & 7th September

Over the coming months a rally committee will be formed and we will be seeking help from club members to contribute by performing rally tasks

Treasurer's Report: \$12303.19, Cheque Account \$1587.66, Term Deposit \$10,000

Regalia: Not Present

Editor: Australia Post has advised that we now have until the end January 2014 to use our envelopes with the old Print Post number. We intend to offer our long term advertisers an free editorial section in the Clatter to spruik their businesses

Permit's Officer: Nothing to Report

Program Officer: Dan Murdoch will be attending our March General Meeting to present his Vapour Blasting and Moto Graphix services

Membership: 114 Outstanding membership renewals. Membership Application forms must be received as 1 form per member and must be legible to the membership officer.

Membership renewal reminder letters will be sent directly from the Membership officer to the unfinancial members to avoid privacy issues

Welfare: Nothing to report

Magazine Distribution: The Clatter will now be sent from Dundas Post Office as the Rydalmere Post Office has now closed

General Business: Nothing else to Report

Meeting Closed: 10:05 PM

Next Meeting: 2nd April 2013

Jason Burton

Hon Secretary

THE FOLLOWING LISTED CLUBS HAVE INVITED C&EMCC MEMBERS TO ATTEND THEIR RUNS IN 2013

Vintage Motor Cycle Club 9624-1262 Macquarie Towns 4773-8027 Velocette Owners 9920-6658 Veteran & Historic MCC 9888-5293 Newcastle Classic Motor Cycle Club 4946-7835 Shoalhaven HVC Club 4421-2140 Shoalhaven Classic Motor Cycle Club 4421-8810 Classic Riders Club of Goulburn The BSA Club of NSW 0408-286-434 Central Coast Classic Motor Cycle Club 4396-4647 Parkes Antique Motor Club 6862-2105 Illawarra Classic MCC 4256-5016 VV&CMCC of ACT 0413-023-875

**CEMCC of NSW Central West Branch
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
Monday 4 March, 2013 - Gladstone Hotel function Room.**

- Meeting opened:-** 8.10 PM, President Kevin Daniel in the chair.
- Attendance:-** 15, as per the Attendance Book.
- Apologies:-** John Packham, Val Packham, and Aaron Daniel. Moved Rick Kent, 2nd Roy Ferguson
- Visitors:-** Nil
- Previous Meeting Minutes:-** Accepted as per Classic Clatter, Moved David Thorn, 2nd Ron Mills.
- Business Arising:-** Nil.
- Treasurers Report:-** The Treasurer advised the Bank has not provided a Statement, and outlined the Treasurer's Report as follows: Opening Balance: \$6,425.27, Deposits \$4,917.40, Expenses; \$7,402.58, Bank Closing Balance: \$3,940.09. Term Deposit: \$5,965.89. It could not be determined if there are any unrepresented cheques. Treasurer Ron advised that it would appear the Rally would make a small profit.. Moved Keith Boers, 2nd Jim Doherty.
- Ron Mills presented an account for \$30.34 for Frames for Appreciation Certificates for Rally Sponsors. Moved Don Wilson, 2nd Rick Kent that Ron be reimbursed.
- Correspondence in:-** CEMCC Classic Clatter
Macquarie Towns February Newsletter
Newcastle Classic Motorcycle Club February Classic Bikes Magazine
Illawarra Classic Motorcycle Club Tweelers Magazine
Griffith Classic Motorcycle Club – Invitation to 28th Annual ANZAC Rally
Australia Post – Renewal Notice for Post Office Box.
Careflight Letter (addressed to Rick Kent)
Shannon's Insurance (addressed to Kevin Daniel)
- Correspondence out:-** Nil Moved Gordon Crisp, 2nd Jim Doherty correspondence as tabled be accepted.
Moved Mark Turnbull, 2nd Rick Kent that the Australia Post account be paid.
- Registrations Report:-** Permits Officer Rick Kent advised he had renewed the Historic Registration for Doug Swain's Honda. Rick also advised of the correspondence from the Sydney Club requesting details of Historic Registered motorcycles.
- Past Events:-** Saturday 9 February A nice display of bikes by the Club and some visitors, with much public interest. Peter Wherritt won a well deserved trophy for best motorcycle with his AJS, a nice pleasant day.
- Sunday 10 February A number of members provided marshal support for the Gnoo Blas Cub's District Tour. Another very pleasant day for riding.
- Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 February Orange District Rally: Saturday morning very mild and pleasant, warm by midday in Cumnock, all good reports. President Kevin thanked the Rally Committee for their work, also all members who assisted with the Rally and in the kitchen. He was happy with the result, the ride and meals were good. This year all trophies went out of town.
- Tuesday 19 February Mid Week Outing – to Millthorpe via Spring Hill and Pretty Plains Road, return via Beasley Road. 7 people met at McDonald's, 4 went on the ride. A nice day and pleasant riding.
- Sunday 3 March Charles attended with car and representing Car Club. A pleasant day but occasional showers. A very good display of 51 bikes of various types, some nice ones, Vincent HRD and Comet, etc.
- Sunday 3 March Orange Southern Cross Cruisers, no reports of members attending.

Coming Events:-

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 Annual Ken Fowler Memorial Ride, to Grenfell via Cowra and Greenthorpe, return via Goolagong Depart Gladstone at 9.30 AM

Tuesday 19 March Mid-Week Outing – to Blayney via Orchard Road, Forest Reefs, and Tallwood.

Sunday 24 March to Monday 1 April. Annual Easter Rally at Bathurst

General Business:-

- ★ 2013 Rally Report previous, date for 2014 rally discussed, the earlier weekends in 2012 and 2013 seem popular with entrants, Moved Ron Mills, 2nd Mark Turnbull, we stay with this weekend. Motion carried.. Agreed return to Tee Shirts, suggested make these optional and reduce entry fee.
- ★ Treasurer Ron advised that the Term Deposit is soon to mature. Moved Ron Mills, 2nd Michael Hall that this be re-invested at the current rate.

Meeting Closed:- 9.05 PM, Next Meeting, Tuesday, 2 April.

ORANGE COUNTRY RALLY RESULTS

Pre War

1 st	Norm Rutherford	1938 Velocette MSS
2 nd	Craig Thornton	1942 Harley Davidson WLA
3 rd	Peter Adams	1938 Harley Davidson RL

Post War

1 st	Danny Wood	1947 Norton
2 nd	Ross smith	1950 Triumph Thunderbird
3 rd	Ken Robertson	1949 BSA B33

Classic

1 st	Jim Graham	1961 BSA Road rocket
2 nd	Kim Fleming	1956 BSA Gold star Clubman
3 rd	Frank Dwyer	1960 BSA Road Rocket

Post Classic

1 st	Paul Kenny	1975 Honda 400 Super sport
2 nd	David Dickie	1974 Ducati Super Sport 750
3 rd	Martin Hodges	1972 Honda CB 750

Outfit

1 st	Adrian Kuiters	1973 BMW R60
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Bike of the Rally

1 st	Garry Weiss	1928 Harley Davidson J Model Outfit
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Forthcoming Events

MARCH

Thurs 28th Meet at Deepwater Motorboat Club at 9.30am for a 10am start. Ride the Loop road from Milperra via Heathcote Road to Woronora Park

Fri 29th March to Mon 1st April Easter weekend

APRIL

Tues 2nd Central West meeting Gladstone Hotel Function Room 8-00PM

Wed. 3rd Illawarra mid-week run to Mittagong. Leave Key Batteries at 10.00 AM. Pick up at Albion Park Hotel, then Robertson, Range Road, to Mittagong. Return via most suitable route, Enquiries; Ron 4229 6616.

Sat 6th Destination Wisemans Ferry. This ride will need to be corner marked so we do not lose anyone. Leave Macha's, Ettamogh at 8-00am travel up Annangrove Rd to Blue Gum Rd, turn left. Then turn left on to Old Pitt Town Rd and ride to Boundry Rd, turning right at the store/ servo. Right at Cattai Ridge Rd then left into Halcrows Rd to Wisemans Ferry Rd, turning right .Wisemans Ferry kiosk for Morning tea. Home via most convenient route.

Sun 7th Meet Maccas Ettamogh car park to leave at 9.00 am. Travel up Windsor Rd., turn left at Garfield Rd. through Riverstone turn right into Richmond Rd. & on to Richmond ,turn left on through Agnes Banks turn right at Yarramundi & up to lookout & up through Springwood & up The Great Western H'way to Mt. Victoria for lunch ,return via Bells Line of Road.

Sun 7th Monthly outing to Newbridge for lunch at the Gladstone hotel. Travel via Spring Hill, Pretty Plains Road , Blayney, Neville and Barry. Return direct through Blayney. Depart from Gladstone Hotel Car Park at 10-00AM.

Sun 7th Ride to Harrierville for lunch, depart La Maison 10am, via Tangambalanga, Gundowring Road to Tawonga, over Tawonga Gap, left to Harrierville. Lunch then home via Myrtleford and Yackandandah.

Mon 8th . Illawarra meeting at Keiraville School; Member Denis Tobler's new acquisition, a 1937 Rudge 500 is tonight's featured machine.

Wed 10th Mid-week ride to Headlands via Bulli. Meet at Caltex Heathcote at 9.30 for a 10.00 start. Illawarra riders meet at Sublime point 10.45.

Sat 13th Tortoise run leaving Key Batteries at 2pm. Ride will be local to the Wollongong area, contact Jim Cummins on 42 615 614. Sunday 14th Ride to Nerriga Hotel for lunch. The ride will leave Key Batteries at 10am, contact Jim Cummins on 42 615 614. Sunday 21st Ride to Kiama to view WMC Trials competition at the Boniface Property. Ride your trail bike and we'll find a slow route to get us there! Contact Jim Cummins for details.

Sun 14th Destination- Somersby Café. Leave BP Asquith at 9am heading on the Old Road to Calga then right and left onto Peats Ridge Rd. Left at Wisemans ferry Road for morning tea at Spencer. Then head for Wisemans Ferry and home via a convenient route

Sun 14th Ride to Nerringa Hotel for lunch. Depart from Key Batteries at 10-00AM Contact Jim Cummings 4261-5614

Sun 14th Boorhaman Pub for lunch, depart La Maison 9am ride to Rutherglen to pick up the western "chapters" and continue on to Rendezvous Chocolates for tasties, Warby Ranges, through Wangaratta to Boorhaman pub for lunch. Return via Rutherglen and home.

Tues 16th Mid-week outing to Molong via Amaroo, return direct via Mitchell Highway. Meet at McDonald's, Bathurst Road at 10-00AM

Wed 17th Ride to Bald Hill and then through the National Park to Bundeena for lunch. Meet at Caltex Heatcoate at 9-30am for a 10-00am start

Sun 21st Gerogery for lunch, depart La Maison 10am, South Albury, Bellbridge, Bethanga, to Wymah to ride on the new Punt, then across to Gerogery on Bowna Road, Service Road and Bells Road. Home on Olympic Way.

Mon 22nd Sydney meeting at Rydalmere Public School. There are strong rumors that David Cook from the NSW Motorcycle Alliance will be the Guest speaker and we look forward to his presentation. Ross Smith will also bring his recently restored Triumph along and it will be well worth viewing, as with all of Ross's bikes.

Tues 23rd Albury Wodonga's Meeting at Wodonga RSL 8-00PM sharp

Thurs 25th Remembering that this is ANZAC Day, the usual ride will take place to Woronora. Meet at Deepwater Motorboat Club at 9.30 for a 10.00 start. Newbridge Rd. Heathcote Rd. and continue on to the Princes Highway intersection ,then turn left and continue to the main entrance of the Royal National Park. through the park to the Waterfall exit the back onto the Princes H'way ,turn left at Heathcote Rd. New Illawarra Rd. to Woronora River Park.

Sat 27th & Sun 28th Rylstone Ramble. Contact Trevor Murray, and then read "Special Events" page, a run not to be missed.

Sun 28th If you are not going to Rylstone why not ride to Avon Dam. Meet at Leppington at 8-30am for a 9-00 start. Ride to Avon dam via Oran Park Rd (was Cobbity Rd) direct ride to Bargofor a regroup and pick up some lunch if required. Over the railway bridge to Avon Dam road

Sun 28th Finley for Lunch at Max and Robin Parsons, departing La Maison 10am sharp via Howlong to pick up the Westies , to Mulwalla to meet Max about 11am and lead us along the Barooga Road and on to Finley for BBQ lunch. Please provide us with numbers by Thursday 25th for catering purposes.

MAY

Sat 4th Destination-Kurrajong Bakery Leave Maccas Ettamogh at 9am via Annangrove Rd travelling through Box Hill and Nelson to Wisemans ferry Road. Left to Sackville Ferry, up Bull Ridge Rd, right on Putty Rd and left onto East Kurrajong Rd heading to the Bakery at Kurrajong for morning tea.

Mon 6th Central West meeting. Gladstone Hotel Function Room 8-00pm.

Wed 8th Mid-week ride to Headlands Hotel via Bulli. Meet at Caltex Heathcote at 9.30am for 10am start.



Future Rallies and Special Events

VINTAGE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) Inc

2013 Annual Easter Rally

Our Club will be running the Annual Bathurst Rally 2013 and would like to invite your members to join us for all or part of the event. The rally will be held over the week of 24th March to 1st April and will be based as usual in the Bathurst Caravan Park, Sydney road Kelso.

For further information or an entry form contact T. Robinson
9631-7971

CONDITIONAL PLATE EVENT

RYLSTONE RAMBLE

Weekend 6 / 7 April 2013

Cost: \$55 per person for Bed and Breakfast. Saturday
Dinner off the menu, pay as you go.

Meet: Saturday 6 April opposite RAAF base Richmond for
departure 9:30AM sharp.

Enquiries, Entries & Payment: Phone Trevor Murray 9654-
2140 or 0402042548

CONDITIONAL PLATE EVENT

Easter March **Deniliquin Blues Festival** for travel details & arrangements contact Roger McGregor at; 28th to 31st rogershouse@bigpond.com as he will be riding the Indian. Tickets and camping need to be booked on line at the following site <http://www.denibluesfestival.com/> 30th 31st Mar **Broadford Bike Bonanza** at the Broadford complex. Google HBBB for details. You will need to make bookings for accommodation straight away.

CONDITIONAL PLATE EVENT

RUDGE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB.

The 25th Annual Rudge Rally will be held over the weekend of 13th and 14th April 2013 based at Cooma NSW

The Rally includes a visit to the historic Snowy System
Museum

Rally headquarters will be at Cooma Snowy Mountains
Tourist Park in Sharpe St. Ph 6452-1828

Phone Peter Scott 9624-1262 or John Anderson 6452-
3320 for an entry form or further information

CONDITIONAL PLATE EVENT

Vinduro Ride at Nowra Motorcycle Club Sunday 14/04/13 Casual get together, Vinduro owners ride, (pre 1985 Enduro, Dirt Bikes with tail and head lights). Myself and members of Vinduro.com.au are arranging a ride at the Nowra MX Track, all club members and their friends welcome to attend. There is no racing or prizes, just great trails around the 1000 acres of the complex for these classic bikes to be put through their paces.

Cost will be \$40 for non-club members and complex opens at 8:30. Trails are easy to to moderate, so most riders should have no problems.

Complex is on Braidwood Rd approximately 2 Kms past Nowra Airport.

Contact Brent on 0403448433 or email

brentwilkinson@hotmail.com for more info. If you think you may be attending, please contact me so I can give the club an idea of numbers, thanks.

CONDITIONAL PLATE EVENT

ANNUAL RUN TO DUNGOG

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May 2013

Cost per person \$65-00 for Bed and Breakfast

Saturday Dinner off the menu pay as you go

Please have your entry in before the end of April

Departure is from the BP Asquith at 9-30am sharp

There will be a back-up trailer for those who fail to proceed

Lunch is at Wollombi, buy or bring your own

Return on Sunday is via Singleton and Putty Road

Phone Allan Smith on 9639-7017 or E-Mail

alsmith@bigpond.net.au ASAP

CONDITIONAL PLATE EVENT

GIRDER FORK RALLY COOMA NSW 2013

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

19TH AND 20TH OCTOBER

This Rally is exclusive to Girder Fork Bikes manufactured prior to December 1949

To place your name on the mailing list contact

Ross Johnson 02-6452-2510 e-mail

ross.johnson@exemail.com.au

Owen Johnson 02-6452-7679 e-mail

owenpamjohnson@gmail.com

Pam Johnson 0418-279-267 e-mail

owenpmajohnson@gmail.com

CMHAC e-mail info@coomacarclub.com.au

PLEASE NOTE if you entered the rally last year you will be automatically be sent a 2013 entry form

SWAP MEETS

Conowindra Swap at the Show Ground

Mon April 1st Broadford Easter Swap at the Broadford Complex at the end of the Broadford Bonanza.

Sun 7th April Annual Scoresby Swap

Bikes only from 6-00AM

Rain coats are usually needed



**CLASSIC AND ENTHUSIASTS
MOTOR CYCLE CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.**

**13th DEBENHAM WINTER TOUR
15TH- 16TH JUNE 2013**

Especially for older bikes & small capacity machines

Limited to 60 entries

Start & finish at Moss Vale Village Caravan Park, Wilson Drive, Moss Vale 2577.

Cabins start at around \$90 per night (sleeps 6), Campsite available.

TEL/FAX (02) 4868 1099. Web - www.mossvalevillagecaravanpark.com.au

Machine Eligibility.

Veteran & Vintage up to 1930

No restrictions

Post Vintage up to 1945

Maximum 500 cc

Lightweight

Maximum 250 cc over 30 years old

Outfits up to 1959

No restrictions

Saturday check-in from 8.30 AM. Briefing at 9.30 AM, rally starts at 10.00 AM.

Saturday lunch stop at Mittagong – pay as you go.

Rally dinner, 6.30 for 7.00 PM at Moss Vale Services Club.

Sunday start at 10.00 AM. A BBQ lunch at 12.30 PM at Moss Vale Village Caravan Park is provided at no charge.

Trophies for each class, plus special awards. Good country roads, as usual, the marshals will be diligent, and the back-up trailer(s) not far away.

Riders Name		Partner	
Address			
Email		Phone No.	
Machine	Year	Capacity	
Solo	Outfit	Club	

	Cost \$	No. Required	Total Payable
Saturday Presentation dinner	27.00		
Entry Fee	15.00		
Cheques to be payable to CEMCC of NSW- Illawarra Branch			

Return your completed entry and total payable to:

CEMCC Illawarra

PO Box 92

Douglas Park NSW 2569

TEL: (02) 4632 7202

For further information, contact

Denis Tobler.

TEL: (02) 4885 1490

INDEMNITY STATEMENT: In consideration of acceptance of my entry and participation, I agree (1) To be bound by all rules, regulations and directions of the Classic and Enthusiasts Motor Cycle Club of NSW Inc("the Club"); (2) That I enter and participate at my own risk;(3) That my machine/s carry full or conditional registration; (4) To indemnify and keep indemnified jointly and severally "the Club" its members, organizing committee and its sponsors from and against any and all liability, for personal injury and or damage to property whether out of or in connection with my entering and participating in the tour.

Entrant's Signature: Date:

23rd National Motorcycle Rally & after tour, Whangarei, New Zealand.
15th – 22nd Feb. 2013

Keen to escape the bad NSW weather, 8 members of the CEMCC Illawarra Branch signed up for this event which is held every two years, alternating between North & South Island venues.

Tim Sieber and Peter Vanlinden picked up loan bikes from Philip Jeeves (BMW R60/2) and Mike Becker (1969 TR6R) from Christchurch, riding 1,300 Km with the large Canterbury contingent to the start of the Rally. Allan Penrose, Bill & Marie Furney, Lester & Adele Hamilton & John Hughes had loan bikes from Paul Tomlin (1951 RE Bullet & 1939 BSA B26), Don Green (1953 Norton Dominator 88) & Chris North (1953 MAC Velo), Peter Alderdice had arranged the bike loans from these members of the Auckland Branch.

Hosted by the Northland Vintage Car Club at Whangarei, this bi-annual event attracted 100 participants keen to sample the low traffic density, spectacular winding roads along the coast, and sometimes almost deserted countryside, not to mention the after tour run to the tip of NZ.

In addition to our group from Australia, Harry & Mrs. De Boer on their Indian Scout from The Netherlands, and Patrick & Dawson Mackle from British Columbia in Canada on a Norton Featherbed rounded out the international contingent. Rally packs were collected from the clubrooms on Friday afternoon, these included comprehensive route instructions with many points of interest highlighted followed by a welcome dinner in the evening.

Saturday incorporated all the competitive events starting near the town basin and including two timed sections on the route where most of our group got lost on a seemingly unending undulating road with continuous bends, so much fun that we did it twice!

The finish was at Ngunguru Sports Complex where a gymkhana as well as a display for the “people’s choice” was held - A feature of this event was a number of well-presented Morgan three-wheelers which took part in addition to the demonstration of a replica of Henry Ford’s 1896 “Quadricycle”. After lunch we rode the Tutukaka Coast, rated by National Geographic among the top three coastal destinations in the World.

During a fine dinner that night, the large crowd was entertained by New Zealand racer John Hempleman, who enjoyed success in UK and on the continent at GP level in the ‘60s & ‘70’s. His talk was supplemented by a collection of memorabilia from his racing career.

The Sunday run was to the oil refinery at Marsden Point with a stop on the way back to visit the Packard and Pioneer Museum at Maungatapere which had a small collection of bikes. Another delicious dinner was followed by the presentation of trophies, among which was the winner of The Montague of Bealieu Trophy for the overall top point score in all disciplines, Peter Alderdice on his reliable 1924 FE Harley Davidson, People’s Choice was the 1928 Norton Model 18 of John Pateman.

70 riders, pillions & support people assembled at the club rooms early Monday morning for the ride to Kaitaia via Dargaville & Rawene, through the Waipoua forest to view “Tane Mahuta”, the largest Kauri tree, then on to the beautiful Hokianga Harbour boarding the Rawene ferry to cross.

After a free day at Kaitaia to explore the many attractions there, most people rode the 110 Km to Cape Reinga where we were again fortunate to have a clear view of the cape and the “meeting of the oceans” at the very Northern Tip of NZ. A big advantage of travelling with a group like this apart from making new friends is the local knowledge of the NZ riders, and on this day Ian McKinlay from Canterbury was able to give us a great description of life at the Cape when he and his family were stationed there for three years as part of the lighthouse- keeping crew before automation in the ‘70s.

Paihia on the Bay of Islands was the next stop after visiting the extremely eclectic collection at the Mathews Vintage Museum at Taipa (don’t miss this). A short ferry ride to historic Russell on the last day, then back to Whangarei following the spectacular coast.

The catering, organisation and friendly nature of the members at Whangarei made the whole trip very enjoyable, not to mention the faultless weather, although the countryside could do with some of our rain. Our special thanks also to those VCCNZ members who generously loaned their bikes, all of which completed the 1,500 Km run with only the normal niggles to be expected from old bikes.

The 24th National Rally in 2015 will be held at Cromwell on the South Island around the same time of the year – details at www.vcc.org.nz/

Lester Hamilton

CLASSIC CLATTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the May 1 2013 edition is Thursday April 11th. No submissions will be entered if they are received after this date Send contributions to the Editor Jack Martin 1 Dorothy St Rydalmere NSW 2116 or E-Mail jackmartin@optusnet.com.au

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jack

I couldn't help but comment on the number and quality of the "jokes" in the latest Clatter (some of the worst were repeated), can we not attract more decent content to fill up the pages? No one enjoys a new joke more than me, but our other local club, the Illawarra Classic Club's small magazine "The Tweelers" has a great article about the Orange rally with many photos included as well as a few jokes – I will try to get you more content from the Illawarra in future, as I know this is not your problem but a failure of club members to contribute to our magazine.

Best regards

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Tortoise Run – Illawarra.

Saturday 16th February saw light rain falling at 12pm, and the prospect for the afternoon run leaving Key Batteries at 2pm. Walking over to the venue at 1.50pm through a thin veil of rain, the incumbent of A.M.C. Corner saw that a total of six machines had gathered under the protective canopy at Key Batteries and it could be assumed that maybe this would be the sum total of the prospective riders for the afternoon run. However never assume the worst as during the next quarter of an hour a further fifteen machines arrived on the forecourt with the misty rain still falling intermittently. So at around 2.20pm the phalanx of 21 riders set off in line for the run south, and by this time there had been a number of the older machines join the group. Denis on the newly restored '37 Rudge, Mick Johnson '35 Harley, Andrew Weaving '35 Triumph, Terry Fitzpatrick '47 Velo, Ron Moon '51 Thunderbird, Ray Bevan '54 Vincent "D" Black Shadow, (who says Vincent's wouldn't be safe at home on such an outing?), and Hans (welcome back), on Bodil's 150 Vespa, plus Paul Gilligan '56 Ariel, Jim Crocker '53 Matchless and of course – Jim Cummins Triumph Jubilee. First stop on the Southern Tour was a look at the new Patricks storage area at the formerly Tubemakers site at Kembla Grange, where new cars that are unloaded at the Port Kembla inner harbour, are stored before their transfer to other sites around N.S.W. A lot of the riders didn't realize how the old Tubemakers complex had been transformed and it was an eye opener as to how the area was changing. A short ride around the backblocks then returned to Kanahooka Rd and a culmination above the old smelting works, which last operated in 1905 and while the area has been over run with housing estates, the original land use as a smelting site has not been forgotten, with plaques erected to indicate the initial positioning of the works installation. Again the run has been well thought out by convenor Jim who has been putting a lot of thought into these Saturday outings and continues to come up with interesting options to sustain the attraction of these laid back and low-key runs.

Sunday 17th February and the clubs monthly run saw the day greeted with rain and an ominous over cloud which did not look promising for any two-wheeled excursions. Consequently there were only four, (hardy), souls who graced the forecourt of Key Batteries around the 10am lift off time. A discussion ensued amongst the would-be riders (the machines were a 750 Ducati, a Norton Commando, a Suzuki and Jims Triumph Jubilee. The encumbent from A.M.C. Corner monitored the diatribe but the consensus of opinion prevailed and the decision was to abort the run – to Jervis Bay for lunch – to possibly a later time frame in the year. As always those who attend always are involved in interesting discussions on various facets of two-wheeled interests, so these outings – even though they may not lead to a run on the machines are nevertheless an interesting meet on a social parameter ultimately enjoyed by all those who turn up.

March mid-week run saw the number gathered at Key Batteries to be around the twenty mark on a day when the weather forecast that there would be absolutely no wetness, saw a few drops fall on the riders before they left on the run. The route on the northern freeway then proceeded up Bulli Pass through to Helensburg via the Old Princes Highway then across for a pit stop at Bald Hill. A couple of the more mature, (read elderly) riders took the short route directly up the coast road and after leaving around 20 minutes after the main bunch departed from Key Batteries the duo virtually arrived at Bald Hill on the heels of the major group. A head count of machines parked in our cluster at Bald Hill totaled 25 but I think two or three of those could have been outsiders attracted to a group including classic machines. Actually a few from outside the Illawarra, (including David Dickie and Allan Baker) turned up to swell the ranks and a social meet of nearly an hour took place at one of the best viewing sections of the Illawarra. Sadly the wind conditions did not lend themselves to giving any assistance to the hang gliders, who can often add an extra dimension to the enjoyment of the hill. The majority of riders then rode the short distance to the Stanwell Park Beach area where lunch at the kiosk was able to be obtained. Unfortunately as the group rode down Bald Hill a small group riders obviously from the Sydney outing to Headlands passed on the climb to Bald Hill – led by a white B.M.W. – and what a pity that the groups did not have prior liaison to meet up at one of the venues in the northern coastal area. To my knowledge Headlands no longer provides food or drink, so a common meeting point could be arranged between the two groups to increase inter-liaison between the riders from the different areas, as opportunities like this should not be overlooked.

Illawarra Programme – March.

Ron Moon was the volunteer for the March club meeting, and rode in the second of his restorations since returning to the ranks of the classic scene, reliving the days of an era of some time ago. After restoring his 1951 Triumph Thunderbird he then turned his attention to his newer acquisition i.e. the 1954 M.S.S. Velocette imported from England by late C.E.M.C.C. Illawarra member Bill Edmonds. The unrestored machine was well known on South Coast club runs and did have somewhat of a reluctance to restart after arriving at the half way mark. (several locals have the Harbour at Kiama firmly etched in their memory as one place where the B.T.H. magneto needed a hell-of-a-lot of "manual energy transfer" before finally getting it to fire up. The group of pushers tactfully suggested that Bill – in future – always park the machine on the apex of a hill preferably steep and long!) However in his discourse of refurbishing the machine, Ron indicated that in his thorough investigation of the magneto remedial action was undertaken by the experts, and his demonstration of starting the big Single after the meeting indicated that the investigation had paid off "in spades" as the motor ticked over like a watch after just a couple of kicks. His restoration work has resulted in a very attractive machine, and it looks like he will have many happy miles in front of him. His very in-depth and informative discourse indicated what had been involved in the restoration and the very appreciative audience of just under the 70 mark gave him a rousing round of applause. Many thanks Ron for taking the time and trouble to present the machine to the meeting and the branch is indebted to you!

THE NEW HUSBAND STORE

A store that sells new husbands has opened in New York City, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:

You may visit this store ONLY ONCE! There are six floors and the value of the products increase as you ascend the flights. You may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building!

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

Floor 1 - These men *Have Jobs*

She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 2 - These men *Have Jobs* and *Love Kids*.

'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more.'

So she continues upward. The third floor sign reads:

Floor 3 - These men *Have Jobs, Love Kids*, and are *Extremely Good Looking*.

'Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going.

She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 4 - These men *Have Jobs, Love Kids*, are *Drop-dead Good Looking* and *Help With Housework*.

'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!'

Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 5 - These men *Have Jobs, Love Kids*, are *Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework*, and *Have a Strong Romantic Streak*.

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 6 - You are visitor 17,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store.

PLEASE NOTE:

To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner also opened a New Wives store just across the street.

The first floor has wives that *Love Sex*.

The second floor has wives that *Love Sex* and have *Money*.

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1981 BMW R100RT with Dusting sidecar on sprung chassis. This is Jo's sidecar that has been seen on many club runs. The outfit was on full NSW rego but is now on club plates. It could be put back on full rego without any problems. The outfit has a SRK Engineering leading link front end, a parking brake, a Deka gel battery relocated to the sidecar boot, LED clearance lights, is in very good condition and has proved a reliable and easy to operate outfit. It is only for sale due to Jo's lust for excessive power resulting in the acquisition of a new GSX1250FA powered outfit. \$12,000 Contact Jo or Dave on 9605 6268 or 0424 669 366 or 0433 981 277. 25/2/13

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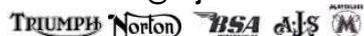
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Meeting Opened at: 8:15pm on 26/02/2013

Number of Members present: 35

Apologies: The Tassie Mob, Kevin Romey, Wally Patterson, Kevin Hammond, Terry Fox

Visitors/New Members: Stewart Pawlowski

Previous minutes read: Proposed by John McCloskey. Seconded by Michael Brown.

Any business arising from previous minutes: Nil.

Correspondence in: Griffith Rally, 27 & 28th April 2013; RevHead Slot Cars, operating in Dean Street for parties, corporate nights etc; Jindera Swap Meet on 24 March 2013; Singleton Classic Motor Cycle Club 18th Rally, Friday 3 May to 5 May 2013; All British Rally, 25-28 April 2013; 14th Chiltern Annual Cancer Cruise 14 April. Albury Wodonga Antique Car Club Newsletter

Correspondence out: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Closing balance as at 26/02/2013 was \$3,674.23. Proposed by Mark Lennon. Seconded by Max Parsons.

General Business:

Colin Wallace proposed that the Club look at purchasing a laptop. Phil Stuckey said he would have a look around to check to see if he had a spare laptop and if so would donate it to the Club. John McCluskey proposed that we look at opening a Face Book page for the Club and use the correct logo. Seconded by Tony Ryan.

Wally Patterson has had a mild stroke but is currently do ok.

Ride and Rally Reports: Leo Klausen commented on the Indian vs Harley on 26 & 27 January. Lunch at Tooma. 136 Classic American bikes. Harley won the Rolling race.

Ride Report Round Hill Morven Feb 16

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Dave took the group on a mystery tour only to find they had to retrace the journey. However a good day, good blues music good food and good people.

Wangaratta Swap meet. One of our members purchased a very lovely teapot.

Albury Wodonga Speedway on the Causeway, Saturday 26 October. Great family night and well worth attending.

Guest Speaker or Project Bike: Nil

White Board (For Sale and Wanted): For Sale Basket Case Indian 741 at Parker Indian \$11,000.

Raffle Draw: Prizes won by John McCloskey won two prizes, Robbie Phillis, Ray Steadman, Leo Clausen and Wayne Penny. Total raffle takings \$137.20

Date of next meeting: 26/03/2013

Meeting Closed: 9.04pm

RIDE AND RALLY REPORTS

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DARTMOUTH DAM SUNDAY FEB 17TH

We had 12 bikes, 5 plated and 1 guest with a couple of those going to Tassie next weekend doing final rides to test for any bugs.

Departed La Maison at 10.15 to ride to Murray Valley Hwy to head towards Tallangatta. On past Tallangatta to the Omeo Hwy and onto Eskdale. We stopped at the turn off to Lockhart's Gap to wait for Len and Shirl, who did not show up. After a little discussion about phoning them, it was decided we had no service or didn't have their numbers or some such thing so we headed on. Passing through Eskdale, we then turned right into Mitta Nth Rd and along the river through some very picturesque countryside. We rejoined the Dartmouth Rd and proceeded to the Dart Hotel for lunch. With Dave M, Tina, Tony and Greg heading on up to the dam and returning home early.

After ordering, we were surprised to see Len and Shirl wander in and join us. They said they were told to wait at Yabba Rd (onya Dave). We had a most enjoyable lunch.

After lunch, we proceeded to the dam for a look around (even seeing a couple of large trout swimming in the spillway area). We left the dam and followed our way back out to Eskdale this time using the highway over Laseras Gap. Then onto Lockharts Gap where the group got a little splintered and we all headed our own way home.

THE BEECHWORTH GHOST AND MURDER TOUR ALBURY RIDE REPORT FOR SATURDAY NIGHT IN FEBRUARY

Another outing devised by John McCluskey, who had once again put an extraordinary amount of effort into the organising of this outing. What a champ! We all met at the Nicholas Hotel for dinner at 6-00pm 26 of us.. al travelling in four wheelers except Adam and Kris who rolled up in the Triumph and Sidecar. The daytime temperature around the mid-30's was quite warm with temperature cooling as the sun went down. We were treated to a wonderful meal provided by the Hotel in the cellar below this historic pub, on of 64 in the township that existed during the gold rush and bushranger era of the mid-1800's. The capacity of the cellar being 26 and with the warmth of the night it was quite "cosy" in the cellar to say the least, with some of us taking a quick breather outside in between courses. The 3 course meal repost was probably one of the best hotel foods I have ever had. The entire group responded in like manner with glowing agreement.

At 8-00PM we all gathered outside the Post Office where we met our host for the tour, one Mr Ian Sinclair and no, we are not related. Our numbers had swelled to 28 as Mark and Lyn had arrived for the tour, this was the largest group Ian had hosted.

Ian entered into some light hearted banter some of which was directed at the author, providing us with some humour along the way. Ian was dressed in a policeman's uniform similar to that worn in the early days around the middle of mid-1800's with a bobby type helmet stuck upon his bonce.

We took off at a fairly smart pace as there were lots to see and more to learn. The two newspapers of the time were owned by the same person and so was in control of the news at all times, reliable press? Who knows!

The town doctor was a very interesting character we learned with several stories provided.

Around of the back of current supermarket in back of the old Star Hotel we were told of some of the carryings on, ladies of the night, gambling, beatings and the odd murder or two, and across the road the Tanwell's Hotel which was frequented by the upper crust of the community, and according to folklore had a tunnel under the road to the Star, used as a means of secretly attending the goings on without detection.

The tour was drawing to a close and Ian took us down into Harry Power's cell, to be shown just how tough things were in those days if you were on the wrong side of the law. The ladies cell was just a big enough to hold us all in with very little space to move. We were then ushered into the male cell all 28 of us and Ian explained the cell was meant to hold 44 miscreants at a time. Claustrophobia overtook some of of us, so we made a beeline out of there.

Ian was well informed and related stories of ghosts and other strange happenings occurring over the years., babies crying, business men watching goings on and many other stories.

We all enjoyed the two hour tour which was very informative and would strongly recommend this tour. Next time me may consider the jail tour. Watch this space!