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*The Journal of the Classic & Enthusiasts Motor Cycle Club of NSW Inc*



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# CLASSIC & ENTHUSIASTS MOTOR CYCLE CLUB OF NSW Inc. OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2015

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**The deadline for the July 2015 edition is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
**No submissions will be entered if they are received after this date**  
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- All membership fees are due before 1<sup>st</sup> January each year; there is no grace period.
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## Minutes of General Meeting - Classic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club of NSW Inc.

<b>Date:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Rydalmere Public School - 397 Victoria Rd, Rydalmere NSW 2116
<b>Meeting Opened:</b>	9.02pm	<b>Chaired by:</b> Kim Fleming <b>Attendance:</b> 25
<b>Apologies:</b>	Joe Vella, Ray Mapstone, Ian Wood	
<b>Visitors:</b>	David Cook from "Motorcycle Alliance" attended the meeting to conduct a presentation on that organization's current and future plans and activities to benefit motorcyclists.	
<b>New Members:</b>	Peter Martin attended the meeting to meet and greet members, and apply for club membership.	
<b>Previous Minutes:</b>	Taken as Read by Allan Smith, Seconded: Paul Higgins.	
<b>Matters Arising:</b>	Nil	
<b>Correspondence In:</b>	Various club magazines: Veteran Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club ACT Inc, Vintage Motorcycle Club NSW INC, Macquarie Towns Motorcycle Restoration & Preservation Club, Veteran and Historic Motorcycle Club Ltd, Newcastle Classic motorcycle Club Inc, Illawarra classic Motor Cycle Club, Quarterly Newsletter from the National Motor Racing Museum, (Bathurst). Motorcycle NSW, Annual election Ballot papers, Notice of seminars for 2015, Notice of State Delegates meeting, "Odometer Reading" newsletter "rules edition". Motorcycle accessories and equipment brochures, from "Sports Bike". Received Two CEMCC Club name badges with an invoice from the supplier, forwarded to Ray Gosling for distribution and payment. Accepted: Gordon Mitchell, Seconded: Ross Smith.	
<b>Events:</b>	Paul Higgins reported the planned Kurrajong ride on Saturday the 4 <sup>th</sup> was rained out. The Mt Elliot ride was reported as being well attended and proved to be a good ride, good roads de. Unfortunately one member was booked for speed in the 60kph stretch before the weighbridge on the old road, other than that issue, those that attended said it was a great day. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday ride in May is not in Clatter but it is proposed to be a ride decided on the day from the BP Asquith start point. Paul advised members the Saturday ride on the 6 <sup>th</sup> of June is to St Albans, and is looking to possibly arrange morning break at the "The Fickle Wombat" cafe we have used previously. (Cafe to be confirmed). Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Yaramalong valley ride, good roads to ride and a good cafe for refreshment. Paul mentioned the proposed Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> ride, was for members to meet with the group going to Rylstone at the starting point opposite Richmond air base at the café car park. Accompany the group as far as the Saturday riders are comfortable with, before returning home. Trevor Murray advised 24 members have paid to attend the "Rylstone Ramble" weekend, and noted the ride leaves the cafe car park opposite the Richmond air base at 9.30 am sharp. O'Connell hotel outside of Bathurst is organized for lunch on Saturday and meet with the Central West CEMCC members. Gordon Mitchell advised other pending events are to be held as per the calendar schedule.	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Joe Vella was absent but emailed the current balance report of \$17,917.01	
<b>Regalia:</b>	Ray Gosling reported receiving the club name badges.	
<b>Editor:</b>	Jack Martin reported the Classic Clatter was issued on time without incident from his new location, he also asked for bike photos from members to be included in future editions of the clatter.	
<b>Magazine distribution:</b>	Trevor Murray reported the Clatter magazines to be sent out tomorrow, the printer had a minimal overrun of issues this month.	
<b>Permits:</b>	Paul Rees not in attendance	

**MC NSW:** Joe Vella not in attendance, MCNSW literature to be forwarded to Joe for review and action as required.

**Library:** Kim Fleming nil to report.

**Membership:** Allan Smith advised one renewal and two new members this month.  
Peter Martin gave an overview of his collection and career with motorcycles, racing here and overseas and working on bikes. He currently runs his own business "sports bikes", and supplies various aftermarket equipment and spares.  
Kim Fleming welcomed him to the club, supported by the membership in attendance.

**Welfare:** Gordon Mitchell reported Jack Martin had some medical concerns requiring hospitalization and is now back at home, his wife Gloria has sustained a broken leg and is now convalescing at home. Gordon sent flowers on behalf of the club, wishing them both a speedy recovery.  
John Beresford has informally put in his resignation as a member of the club, due to his wife, Mea's poor health requiring his constant support.

**General Business:** Trevor Murray asked how the club paid for the use of the school hall, he will contact the school and confirm current arrangements.  
Trevor advised the Hills Club (Baulkham Hills Bowling Club) is the proposed venue for the next committee meeting, the meeting will now start at 7.30pm at Hills Club 6-8 Jenner Street Baulkham Hills.

**Technical:** Nil

**Programme Officer:** Gordon Mitchell introduced David Cook from Motorcycle Alliance NSW. Prior to the meeting start, David provided the members with an overview of Motorcycle Alliance NSW and the current standards they are working on for the motorcycle fraternity. Motorcycle Alliance NSW have succeeded in obtaining approval for motorcycle lane filtering, and are now looking at government subsidized motorcycle training for riders (stay upright) for introductory and refresher courses. They are also looking at the price of green slips, and described the current system as very complex. The floor was opened to questions, Various members asked relevant questions in regards registration of dirt bikes. David said Recreational Registration is being looked at with the RTA; obviously certain constraints on the use of bikes in this scenario would need to apply. Single seat green slips was raised for single seat bikes, as the current green slip only covers a pillion, David advised there is no current plans for single seat registration for bikes and how difficult it would be to police. David also mentioned they were looking at the current helmets supplied and approved in Australia, verses the helmets supplied to the rest of the world. David responded with detail and fact on how all these topics are currently addressed, the outcomes determined, and the politics involved, very informative presentation. Gordon Mitchell advised he is proposing to run a DVD at the next meeting.

**Raffle:** Michael McCarten conducted the raffle: Winners of the draws were Kim Fleming, Chris O'Carroll, Phil Leach, Ray Gosling, Terry Reily, and Ross Smith.

**Meeting closed:** 9:31 PM **Secretary:** Terry Reily

## Minutes of Committee Meeting - Classic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club of NSW Inc.

<b>Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2015    7.48pm	The Hills Club, Jenner Street Baulkham Hills, NSW 2153
<b>Attendees:</b>	Kim Fleming, Paul Higgins, Gordon Mitchell, Trevor Murray, Chris O'Carroll, Terry Reily, Allan Smith, Joe Vella,	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Paul Rees.	
<b>Visitors:</b>	Nil	
<b>Previous Minutes:</b>	Taken as Read by: Allan Smith Seconded: Paul Higgins.	
<b>Matters Arising:</b>	<p>David Scott Secretary of the Central West branch rang and advised committee members, that he felt the reference to Trevor Murray's appointment to the committee and his role in the general meeting minutes of April was ambiguous. I apologize to David and any other members who read the minutes and came to this conclusion; I hope to clarify the situation here:</p> <p>1. Jack Martin resigned his position as a committee member due to his relocation to Canberra, making it impractical to attend committee meetings. Jack <u>did not</u> resign his position as Editor, and retains that position with the club.</p> <p>2. Trevor Murray was nominated for and accepted the vacant committee member position, vacated by Jack's resignation. Trevor has worked closely with Jack looking after magazine distribution, and will continue to support Jack and the club distributing the magazine and providing valuable input as a committee member. Terry Reily.</p> <p>The "Gloucester Gallop" event is currently in the final stages of planning, full details, times and date of the event will be confirmed and published in the next Clatter.</p>	
<b>Correspondence In:</b>	<p>Nil mail correspondence received in the past week.</p> <p>Email received with the details of Eric Debenham's Funeral, see Welfare section for details. Accepted: Gordon Mitchell, Seconded: Paul Higgins.</p> <p>Nil</p>	
<b>Matters Arising:</b>	Joe Vella reported current balance of \$17,489.24. Invoices provided to Joe for expenditure on behalf of the club from Gordon and Trevor.	
<b>Treasurers Report:</b>	Communication from Jack advised all is OK.	
<b>Editors Report:</b>	Trevor Murray reported all OK, and advised the printer is producing less "over run" of magazines.	
<b>Magazine distribution:</b>	Joe Vella advised he had submitted applications for the Debenham Rally and the Illawarra Rally.	
<b>Permits:</b>		
<b>Events:</b>	<p>Paul Higgins reported the Rylstone Rally was a huge success despite the inclement weather, very well organized and attended by club members, special thanks to Trevor for organising, and also our Southern and Western branch members for their support and attendance. Unfortunately one of the Illawarra members suffered a flat tyre, prior to heading for home but all in all a great event.</p> <p>Paul advised the coming Sunday ride was to be a "Mystery Tour", destination to be decided on the day. Leaving from the start point at 9.00am.</p> <p>The weekend ride event to Carcoar is being planned for October, to be finalized and confirmed.</p> <p>Gordon Mitchell advised other events are as per Calendar in the Clatter.</p>	
<b>Programs:</b>	Gordon Mitchell advised he plans to run a DVD presentation at the next general meeting, due to the reluctance of people to attend and present in the colder months, he will resume organizing speakers for club presentations from August.	
<b>Library:</b>	Kim Fleming nil to report.	
<b>Membership:</b>	Allan Smith reported one renewal, Ian Stevenson. Two new members Allan Lewis and Peter Martin proposed and unanimously accepted.	
<b>Welfare:</b>	Gordon Mitchell reported Jack Martin is having further tests in relation to his recent health issues. Eric Debenham passed away earlier in the week; his funeral is on Thursday the 7 <sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm at Rookwood Cemetery, South Chapel.	
<b>General Business:</b>	<p>The "Gloucester Gallop" (early July 2015) event is to leave BP Asquith at 9.00am sharp - stopping for coffee and fuel at Kulnura; the ride will then proceed to Patterson for a lunch break, and then on to Gloucester.</p> <p>Trevor Murray thanked Kim Fleming and Paul Rees for the recent handling of the members concerns associated with the new Vic Roads CPS.</p> <p>The CEMCC Annual Rally is to be held at Oberon on the 12th-13th September 2015.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	02/06/2015. 7.30pm The Hills Club	
<b>Meeting closed:</b>	8.40pm	<b>Secretary:</b> Terry Reily

**CEMCC of NSW Central West Branch  
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

Monday 4th May, 2015 - Gladstone Hotel Function Room.

Meeting opened: 8.08 pm

Attendance: 18 in attendance, as per attendance book.

Apologies: Roy Ferguson, Steve Doherty, David Thorn

Motion: That apologies be accepted.

Moved : K Daniels 2<sup>nd</sup>: M Turnbull

Visitors: Nil

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion: That minutes be accepted as per Classic Clatter. Moved: R Kent 2<sup>nd</sup> : K Daniels

Business Arising: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Bank Statement Opening Balance, 30/4/15 \$3279.48 Term Deposit: \$6500.  
Total \$9779.48 . Michael suggested we consider adding more to the term deposit.  
Colourbond cladding for Scout Camp paid for - \$2300 with a contribution of \$426 from the Scout  
Camp to make up the balance.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: R Mills 2<sup>nd</sup> : M Turnbull

Correspondence in: Macquarie Towns Newsletter  
Cudgegong Valley Newsletter  
Newcastle Classic Bikes Newsletter  
Membership application: Michael Young  
Careflight brochure

Correspondence out: Emails: Clatter Editor – Minutes and photos, plus coming events.

Motion: That correspondence as tabled is accepted.

Moved: R Mills 2<sup>nd</sup>: R Kent

Registration Report: Rick reported that he had approved Tim Tierney's Harley from Young.

Past Events: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Central West mid-week outing – To Blayney via Lucknow, Beasley Rd, Milthorpe and Guyong Rd, return via Tallwood and Forest Reefs. Four members met at McDonalds, North Orange at 10 AM for coffee, however the weather was too inclement for a ride.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May Ride to O'Connell to meet Sydney Club members for lunch – 7 riders left via Blayney (morning tea). Doug Swain returned home with carby trouble. Met Sydney members for a pleasant lunch and then returned to Orange.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May –Sunday Griffith Club 30<sup>th</sup> Rally. Three members attended and reported an excellent rally and ride, followed by a presentation dinner at the Griffith Leagues Club.

General Business:

Scout Camp cladding purchased and delivered –thanks Michael.

Saturday ride – last Saturday of the month 1.30 pm from Flagpole to Millthorpe. Just turn up.

Pat O'Neill donated parts to club members.

Approved members to collect mail – AP document to be completed. Nominated members: D Scott, M. Hall, R Kent.

Rick Kent – M Gaffey reported that E Debnan had passed away at 87 years.

Certificate of Appreciations for rally donors need to be printed and presented.

Club members expressed their condolences to Andrew on the passing of his father.

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

## Illawarra Branch Minutes 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

<b>Meeting Opened:</b>	8.00pm.	John Baker in the chair	<b>Attendance: 63</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	Don Blacklock, Allan Baker, Mick Mellin, Robert Crocker, John Sproule, Mick Daley, Col Elliott, Scott Nielson, Keith Lawson, Ziggy Osiadacz, Brent Wilkinson & Lester Hamilton.		
<b>Visitors:</b>	Len Jelace and Robert Arthur.		
<b>New Members:</b>	None.		
<b>Previous Minutes:</b>	Taken as read from the Clatter, moved by Peter Jones and seconded by John Harman.		
<b>Correspondence In:</b>	5 Magazines & Old Bike Australasia. <b>Invitations.</b> Kickstart Rally in Berry on the 6/7/8 <sup>th</sup> June. Shoalhaven Heritage Display May 17 <sup>th</sup> at Berry Showground. Fathers Day display in the Mall. We have been asked to have the bikes back in the Mall before of after the 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2015. <b>Fliers:</b> Shannons Auction 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 and another on the 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2015.		
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Income:</b> \$347.20. Payments \$1,394.83. Closing Balance \$10,611.12. Moved it be accepted by Bill Furney & seconded by Phill Minns.		
<b>Welfare:</b>	Eric Debenham passed away and some members went to the funeral which was a big one with about 200 people. Dennis Fry has a bad melanoma removed from his head. Pat Hodge is in a lot of pain coming from her back. Celeste Senior had an emergency operation on the last meeting night and has recovered very well. John told us he had a bad week which affected his pocket badly.		
<b>Library:</b>	Some of Ted's books are still for sale.		
<b>Technical Officer:</b>	Modern motor engineers only leave about 2 thou clearance between valve and guide which is not enough for an old bike.		
<b>Regalia:</b>	New sloppy jo's are coming. Name badges are available for \$7 just give Marie your name and she will get them done for you. Contact Marie if you need anything.		
<b>Public Relations Officer:</b>	Destination Wollongong for Father's day. Do we want to display our bikes in the Mall again. Bunnings might want us again. Kevin will find out before Merle rings Kate at the Mall.		
<b>Events:</b>	<b>Debenham Rally.</b> Marshall required on the day, Different runs this year. Not many entries yet. <b>Mid-Week Run.</b> 29 started from Albion Park of which 10 were on club plated. Mittagong was good but cool. Peter left his lights on but we switched them off and after a while it could start. Next run is June 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Greenwell Point, maybe it will be warmer. <b>Illawarra Rally.</b> Marshalls will be needed. This year will be different as we are going to get back to the start and have lunch there. <b>May 18<sup>th</sup> Ride</b> rescheduled is to Belanglo Forrest on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May. Moved Jim Cummins and seconded by Brian Martin. <b>Tortoise Ride</b> on April the 18 <sup>th</sup> had 16 riders and one pillion, 2 cars, totalling 22 people. Had a short ride to the Motorlife Museum. 9 bikes were club plates. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. <b>19<sup>th</sup> April Sunday ride.</b> 8 people started with 3 more joining them at Nungarry rest area, 6 were on club plates. The weather started getting worse and so by the time they reach Bomaderry only 5 remained. Open fires were very welcome by the time they reached Nerriga Hotel for lunch. The weather got worse on the way home but everyone got home safely. <b>Upcoming rides. May 16<sup>th</sup>.</b> Wollongong coastal strip Tortoise run. <b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b> Ride to Milton-Ulladulla for lunch. <b>May 24<sup>th</sup>.</b> Request for a bike display at Minnamurra Lions Careflight. <b>June rides.</b> Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Tortoise run. Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Thirlmere Railway Museum. They are all in the Clatter. <b>July.</b> Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Tortoise run. Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Ride to the Elliott's in Orangeville for soup. <b>July 3/4/5<sup>th</sup> to the Temora Air Show.</b> Staying at the Empire Hotel in Young. Phone 63821665 to book room. Need to know more Ph. 0417201435. <b>Swap Meets.</b> Sunday week at Milton.		
<b>General Business:</b>	Allan spoke about Eric Debenham. Eric rode his Vincent Special down Bathurst straight clocking 165 miles per hour. In earlier days he rode on dirt and also rode Norm Aldridge's Manx Norton. Latterly his bikes of choice was a pre war MSS Velo and a post war ES2 Norton. He also rode around Georges Hall on a Suzuki.		
<b>Raffle:</b>	Dick Kay, Adrian Wallace, Ron Marshall, Merv Henderson and Bernie Either.		
<b>Programme Officer:</b>	Richard talked about the 1956 Thunderbird and the 1982 T140 electric start. They belong to another member but Richard brought them down for him and also works on them. They both go now and Richard also painted the tanks.		
<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	8.50pm	<u><b>Acting Secretary:</b></u>	Merle Graham.



Meeting opened by President Graeme Male @ 8:10

Attendance: as per attendance book

50 Members

6 Visitors

Apologies:

Bruce Pheminister , Roger McGregor ,Len Fish ,Fred King Peter Leddin, Denis Chambers ,Max Parsons  
Graeme Dunn, Michael Prestiani,David Walsh ,Frank Chadwick

Previous Minutes Read by Vice President Paul Hare

Proposed Paul Birch, Seconded Paul Banbury

Correspondence In:

Matters of the Mount (Panorama)

Hill Top Carer thank you letter re: Club Donation

Classic Bike numbered Stickers for Rally

Border Bike Fest Flyer

Guest Speaker;

Michael Georgiou head of the local Bikefest Committee spoke on the next Bike Fest Event to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015 urging all members to if possible enter their Bikes in the Bikefest as all monies generated go to local Charities the total to date over \$70,000 Dollars

General Business;

Ride Rally Reports:

Bill Brennan attended the All British Rally at Newstead the Gate Prize was a Triumph adventurer to the value of \$ 5000 he went on to comment what a great event and on the number of motorcycles in attendance.

Talbingo overnighiter attended by sixteen Members all travelling in cars due to the bad weather a few stops on the way for Coffee and cake they also stopped at the Southern Cloud Memorial this aircraft crashed into the nearby hill in 1931 the wreckage found in 1958

On the 26<sup>th</sup> April

Howlong ride consisted of five members Graeme, Evelyn Vicki and Roy & Kay to be met at the Bakery by Col and Kieran for Hot Coffee and cake while there a panel van with Max and Robyn Parsons drove by Robyn on her way to Albury Airport to fly out to spend time with Grand Kids.

Whyte Board

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Treasurers Report: Closing Balance\$ 4,422.14

Proposed: Leo Klausen

Seconded: Mike Yerbury

Next Meeting 26/5/15

Meeting Closed 8:42

Date of the Next Meeting re: C.E.M.C.C.

31/4/15

## JUNE

**Mon 1st** Central West Monthly Meeting, Gladstone Hotel Function Room, 8.00 PM

**Wed 3rd** Heathcote > Old Highway > Sublime Point > Bulli Pass > Headlands Hotel at Austinmer > Bald Hill > Home through The National Park or Old Highway. Start 10am Heathcote Woolworths Caltex.

**Wed. 3rd** Illawarra mid-week run to Greenwell Point. Leave Key Batteries at 10.00 AM., pick-up at South Kiama bends lookout, Gerroa, Nowra. Return via most suitable route, Enquiries; Ron 4229 6616

**Sat 6th** Destination St Albans. Leave Maccas Ettamogh at 8.30am heading to Webbs Creek ferry via Nelson, Box Hill and Wisemans Ferry Road. From the Ferry we head to St Albans. Home by most convenient route.

**Mon 8th** Illawarra meeting at Keiraville School starting at 8.00PM. Bring & Buy night back by popular demand! Get those treasures out and on the market.

**Sun 14th** Destination Yarramalong Valley. Leave BP Asquith at 9am and travel on the Old Road to the end at Somersby. Get on the freeway to the Wyong turnoff and travel up the lovely Yarramalong Valley to the coffee shop. We head home up Bumble Hill.

**Sun 14th.** Central West Monthly Outing, to Manildra via Amaroo and Molong. Morning tea in Molong, lunch in Manildra and (optional) attend the annual movie day at the Amusu Theatre, arranged by the Parkes Antique Motor Club. Return to Orange direct via monument. Depart Gladstone Hotel Car Park at 10.00 AM.

**Wed 17th** Heathcote > Old Highway > Woronora Dam (optional) > Bald Hill > through The National Park > Bundeeena > Home via Audley or Waterfall. Start 10am Heathcote Woolworths Caltex.

**Sat 20th.** Wollongong Coastal Strip Tortoise Run. Leaves Key Battery Service 39-41 Mt Keira Road at 1pm. Enquiries 4261-5614.

**Sun 21st.** Ride/drive to Thirlmere Rail Museum for a self-guided tour. Leaves Key Battery Service 39-41 Mt Keira Road at 10am. Members local to the Highlands can ride/drive direct to Thirlmere. Admission to the museum is as follows, Child \$11, Concession \$16, Adult \$19. Lunch is available at the museum or can be had as we have done in the past at the normal park. Enquiries 4261-5614.

**Mon 22nd** Meeting at Rydalmere School (entrance in John St) 8-00PM

**Tues 23rd** Albury Wodonga Meeting Wodonga RSL 8-00PM

**Thurs 25th** Meet at Deepwater Motorboat Club at 9.30 for a 10am start. Loop road via Heathcote Rd and New Illawarra Rd to Oranora Park.

**Sun 28th** Leppington > Camden Valley Way > Deepfields Rd > Barry Ave > Allenby Rd > Bringelly Rd > Across The Northern Rd > Greendale Rd to Wallacia > Warragamba Dam > Silverdale Rd to The Oaks > Montpelier Drive > right into Barker Lodge Rd > left into Mowbray Park Rd to Thirlmere > Picton. Depart Leppington at 9am.

## July

**Sat 4th** Destination is Kurrajong. Leave Ettamogh at 8.30 am and travel to Wilberforce turning right to Bull Ridge Road then up said road and right onto Putty Road. Turn left onto Kurrajong Road and keep going to Colmoroy Rd then onto the cafe opposite the garden centre. Home by most convenient route.

**Mon 6th** Central West Monthly Meeting, Gladstone Hotel Function Room, 8.00 PM.

**Sun 12th** Destination Corrugated Cafe. Leave BP Asquith at  
**Sat 18th.** Wollongong Coastal Strip Tortoise Run. Leaves

Key Battery Service 39-41 Mt Keira Road at 1pm. Enquiries 4261-5614.

9.00am and ride the Old Road to Calga to turn right then left to the long straights to the coffee shop. Home by most convenient route.

**Sun 12th** Central West Monthly Outing, to Stuart Town, Cumnock, Molong, and Amaroo. Depart Gladstone Hotel Car Park at 10.00 AM.

## FUTURE RALLIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Temora Air Show Ride 2015

CEMC Illawarra division invites members and friends on a week-end away ride to the Temora Air Show. The theme for this show will be on Trainers and Fighters.

**When:** July 3rd, 4th, and 5th 2015.

**Start: Friday 3rd** leave Mick Johnson's (if you don't know where I live call me) at 10AM then a second pick up at Albion Park for the Southerners

and ride to the Empire Hotel Young via Crookwell and Boorowa where we will be staying for 2 Nights.

**Saturday 4th** up early and off for a 120 K ride to Temora to the Air Show. Complex opens at 10am show starts at 11.30am. After the Air Show return to Young for the second night stay at the Empire Hotel. **Sunday 5th** 9am leave Empire Hotel for trip home. Please book your own bed with the Empire Hotel directly on **02 63821665**. There are 11 rooms with a double and single bed in each room.

**Cost: \$50/night** per person. Meals and air show entry extra.

**Contact:** Mick Johnson 0417201435

## Gloucester Gallop

Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Cost:** \$60 per head Bed & Breakfast at Roundabout Inn, Dinner is extra

As accommodation is limited money is required up front to secure your reservation

Departure: Asquith BP at 9am, then Kulnura for morning tea, Paterson for lunch then on through Dungog to Gloucester.

Enquires & reservations Phone: Joe Vella –

**0419200262**

**Note:** A volunteer back-up trailer and driver would be greatly appreciated, free bed, breakfast & petrol provided.

VVMCC SA—60th Anniversary Tour 17th-22nd September 2016

To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Year of the Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club of SA, an Anniversary Rally will be held from Saturday September 17th and finishing on the following Thursday 22nd 2016 centred at the Clare Discovery Caravan Park in the mid north of SA. There will be 4 full and 2 half days of touring in the Clare Valley and surrounding country side, including Snowtown, Blyth, Bute, Burra, Gladstone, Jamestown, Martindale Hall and much more.

There is plenty to see and do in and around Clare – wineries, restaurants, historic buildings etc. For interstate visitors the Bay to Birdwood rally is held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016 following the Rally.

Expression of Interest forms, contact and accommodation information is available on the club website

<http://vvmccsa.org.au/60th-anniversary-rally/>

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor.

There were two matters in the committee meeting minutes published in the April clatter that warrant comment:

### 1. Committee response to steering committee submission.

The committee developed the terms of reference (TOR's) for the steering committee to consider in the process of reviewing and making recommendations about more efficient ways to manage the administration of the club, including its membership and finance functions. However, anyone reading the minutes would be excused if they thought that the TOR's were developed by the steering committee and put to the committee where, with the exception of TOR 3, they were summarily rejected..

The steering committee put a lot of work into considering and developing responses to each of the committee's TORs, and it is important that members be aware that the steering committee rejected a number of the committee's proposals under the TORs, in particular TOR 5, 6 and 7 . However, while rejecting those proposals, the steering committee made a number of recommendations that could be considered in addressing the underlying issues. Those recommendations have received no airing and appear to have been ignored. Having published the committee's suggestions (TOR'S), it would only be fair to publish the steering committee's recommendations.

Perhaps the committee might like to tell the members what was the panacea that fixed a system that the committee said, in September 2014, when responding to a branch comment, "well it is broke from the committee point of view and we need volunteers to share the load."

### 2. Officer Liability Insurance.

The committee has received advice from Motorcycling NSW( one of the named insured ) that is contrary to the earlier advice, as published in the June2014 clatter, it received from Aon Risk Services Australia Ltd ( acting for the insurer). In the circumstances, on what basis can the committee assure members, particularly machine examiners, that the relevant officials are covered under the insurance? I would have thought that the advice from the insurer would be more appropriate than that of one of the insured.

Bernie Eather.



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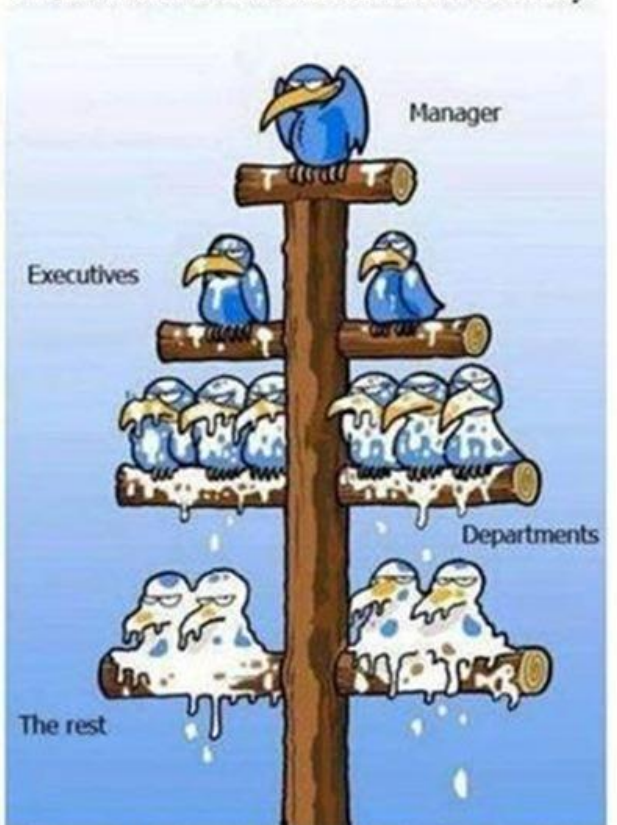
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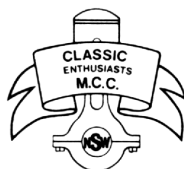
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**31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL ILLAWARRA BRANCH TOUR  
15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015  
Onslow Park, Camden**

The members of the Classic and Enthusiasts Motor Cycle Club of New South Wales Inc. invite all Vintage, Veteran, Classic, and enthusiast motorcyclists to join our annual Illawarra Tour.

If you love fantastic riding roads and great company then come and join us in the Macarthur and Wollondilly area – motorcycling heaven !

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Our Tour will start and finish at a totally new location – The Rotunda Area, Onslow Park, Camden in front of the showground. For accommodation information visit the Council information site at <http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au/visit/stay>

Saturday: Check-in from 8.30 am, have a coffee & snack, leave at 10.00 am. Lunch (PAYG from Camden eateries) and peoples choice voting will be back at Onslow Park . Dinner will be at the Camden Civic Centre – with a maximum of 100 tickets being available processed in order of receipt

Sunday: 10.00am start. Another great local ride

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Entry Fee (includes badge and two day's entry)		20.00	
Cheques to be payable to CEMCC of NSW (Illawarra Branch)			

**Entries close 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.** Return your completed entry and total payable (CEMCC of NSW Inc- Illawarra Branch) to:

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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, organising 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: .....



# WONDERFUL ENGLISH FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

In a Bangkok Temple: IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMAN, EVEN A [FOREIGNER, IF DRESSED AS A MAN.

Cocktail lounge, Norway: LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR

Doctor's office, Rome: SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.

Dry cleaners, Bangkok: DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.

In a Nairobi restaurant: CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE, OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER.

On the main road to Mombasa, leaving Nairobi: TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.

On a poster at Kencom: ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO WE CAN HELP.

In a City restaurant: OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS.

In a Cemetery: PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS, FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES.

Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations: GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE, OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS IN BED.

On the menu of a Swiss Restaurant: OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR.

In a Tokyo Bar: SPECIAL COCKTAILS FOR THE LADIES WITH NUTS.

Hotel, Yugoslavia: THE FLATTENING OF UNDERWEAR WITH PLEASURE IS THE JOB OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

Hotel, Japan: YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

In the lobby of a Moscow Hotel, across from a Russian Orthodox Monastery: YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY, WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY, EXCEPT THURSDAY.

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WITH EACH OTHER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Hotel, Zurich: BECAUSE OF THE IMPROPRIETY OF ENTERTAINING GUESTS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IN THE BEDROOM, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE LOBBY BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Advertisement for donkey rides, Thailand: WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE ON YOUR OWN ASS?

Airline ticket office, Copenhagen: WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS. (Just Like Air NZ!!!)

A Laundry in Rome: LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES HERE AND THEN SPEND THE AFTERNOON HAVING A GOOD TIME.

A laundry in Beirut DRY CLEANING FOR MEN AND WOMEN

And finally the all-time classic: Seen in an Abu Dhabi Souk shop window: IF THE FRONT IS CLOSED PLEASE ENTER THROUGH MY BACKSIDE...

## OCCASIONAL COMMENTS

Vale Eric Debenham – 03/05/2015, we have lost one of the true characters of the classic bike scene a truly great club member.

A determined racer, forever associated with Norvins, the 87 plate will always be remembered as his. I really didn't know him all that well, but he was one of those people that can't help but make an impression on you. He was always larger and louder than life, his raucous laugh could be heard across a crowded room or noisy pit garage and when you heard it, you were never in any doubt he was around. If you got too close you were always wary of a "gotcha" from Eric.

As it turns out, I have a "six degrees of separation" connection to Eric. As a young man, he worked driving trucks for my wife Maureen's grandfather and worked alongside her father. Always a gentleman he would ask about the family whenever I caught up with him. Time with Eric was always limited as he seemed to know everyone and was soon taken away with other people wishing to talk.

I am sure there will be other glowing tributes from people that knew him for much longer and can recall more of his adventures and I look forward to reading them and hope that Eric is truly resting in peace.

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Wet wet wet is how it's been here lately over the weekends and as a consequence of this and being on call for work, I have missed a number of club runs I would have liked to attend. I can only hope it clears up soon and allows some of our runs to again take place in sunshine.

Along with the lack of riding, the wet weather also plays havoc with the bikes in the shed, it's annoying to go out to the shed and see water condensing on the cold motors, rims, guards and other parts of the bikes, knowing that this will cause corrosion over time. The lathe and other machinery is similarly affected, but at least you can wipe that over with an oily rag and leave it.

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Not much happening in the shed this month as the projects have stalled through lack of interest and without rides, there is nothing breaking and needing repairs. Had time to remove and refit the tacho on the T140V. The original tacho must have been replaced at some stage with an aftermarket unit and being a Veglia item its not so simple as a Smiths to get the right one. I took it to Peter Boros to rebuild to match the speedo. Peter likes a challenge and was able to have a decal of the correct face printed up, swap the needle for the correct one from his spares and recalibrate the unit for 10,000 rpm instead of 8,000. Just shows you what can be done to get an instrument looking and working correctly.

Alan Harper

# ROAD TESTS OF NEW MODELS

## 499 c.c. High-Camshaft MSS Velocette

**I**NCLUSION of the 499 c.c. MSS model in the Velocette range of machines for 1954 marked the return of an old favourite rather than the introduction of an entirely new model. Nevertheless, though the latest version of the Velocette five-hundred bears an unmistakable affinity with its precursor, the new model has been modernized and re-designed in many respects.

Twenty-one years have passed since the high-camshaft, pushrod-operated overhead-valve Velocette engine made its first appearance—as a two-fifty. Two years later, following the introduction of the 349 c.c. MAC, the MSS was born to complete a trio of high-camshaft Velocettes. Those machines considerably extended the popularity of a marque already famous for the excellence of its overhead-camshaft touring and racing machines and for its high standard of engineering.

Post-war production considerations led to the discontinuance of the MSS six years ago. It re-emerges as an up-to-the-minute, single-cylinder five-hundred of exceptional quality and fine finish. It provides a high degree of riding comfort for one or two people, exemplary steering and road-holding, and an engine performance which is remarkable for the lusty power produced with complete smoothness at low and medium speeds.

Riders of various statures found that the relationship between seat, footrests and handlebar afforded a riding position which was comfortable and relaxed, even when many consecutive hours were spent in the saddle. The width across the handlebar grips, their height and their angle were such that the rider's hands rested on them naturally. All the controls on the bar could be well sited for ready operation and were smooth in use. With the footrest hangers in the 12 o'clock position, the brake and gear pedals were ideally situated and could be manipulated while the rider's insteps remained on the rests. For continued high-speed cruising the next rearward position of the footrests gave an even more suitable riding position but, with that setting, the reach to the pedals was too great for convenience. With the footrests in either position, the inside of the rider's right ankle was against the folding kick-starter crank.

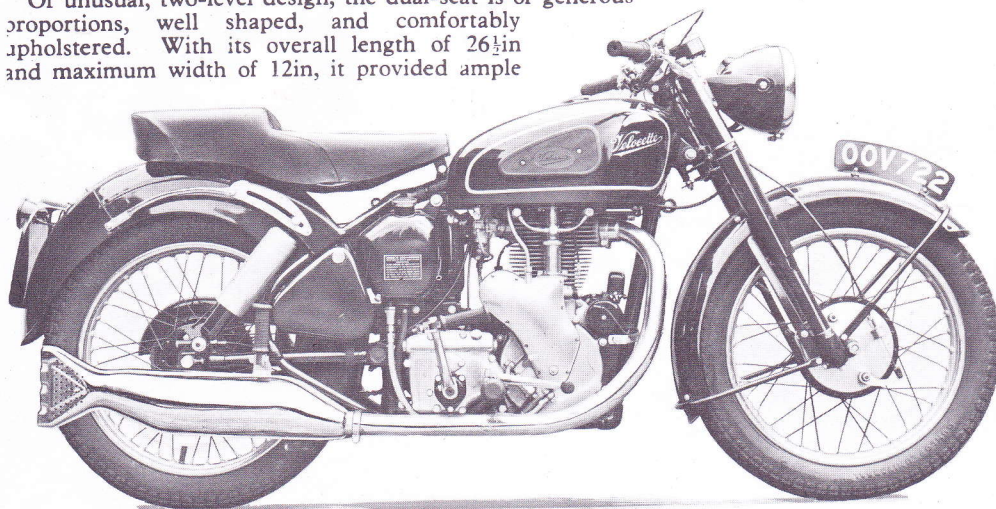
Of unusual, two-level design, the dual-seat is of generous proportions, well shaped, and comfortably upholstered. With its overall length of 26½ in and maximum width of 12 in, it provided ample

accommodation for two adults dressed in wet-weather riding kit. The pillion passenger's riding position was no less comfortable than that of the rider.

Complementary to the well-tailored riding position in furnishing a smooth and fatigue-free ride is a highly efficient system of front and rear springing. The adjustable-for-load, pivoted-fork rear suspension gave results which place it among the very best of contemporary layouts. For solo riding, the adjustment was set in its softest position. Road irregularities of all types normally encountered were absorbed without shock to the rider, whether the machine's speed was low or high. No pitching was experienced at any time, and roadholding on bumpy or undulating surfaces was of the highest order. In fact, it can truly be said of the MSS that its rider was at all times unconscious of the rear wheel. The range of adjustment provided was found to be more than adequate for pillion work.

Judged by the high standard of the rear springing, the action of the telescopic front fork was felt to be just a trifle hard, though by no means uncomfortably so. The comparative firmness became less perceptible as road speed mounted.

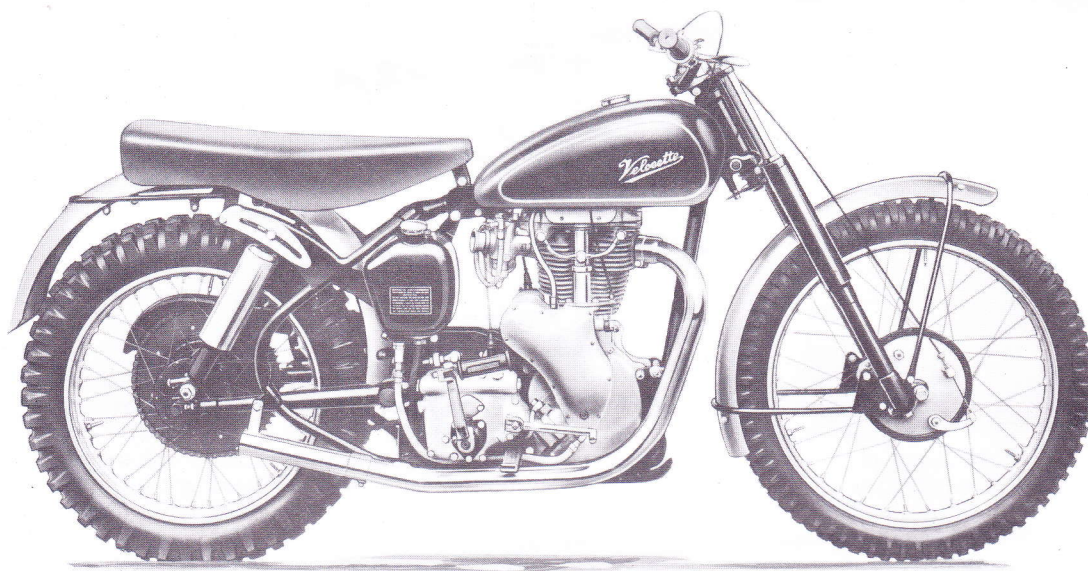
As is appropriate in a machine from a factory whose products have, in the past, achieved meritorious racing successes, the MSS almost steered itself. Straight-ahead steering was positive under all conditions, but it was cornering and bend-swinging which best revealed the Velocette's racing ancestry. The utmost confidence was quickly inspired by the unwavering way in which the front wheel would turn inward by just the right amount when the machine was banked into a bend or corner. This self-steering characteristic was evident at all speeds from a comparative crawl to the machine's maximum, and it operated for all normal degrees of lean. There was never any tendency for the front wheel to deviate from its allotted path, and corners of all types could be negotiated in safety faster on the MSS than on most contemporary machines. At low and medium speeds the footrest rubbers could be grounded, but that did not seriously limit cornering technique.



*Left: well proportioned lines are enhanced by chromium-plated wheel rims and polished-aluminium engine and gear-box castings*

Following pages: 1966 Venom Thruxton





*A model catalogued for some years but which never quite came up to expectations was the 499 cc MSS Scrambler, here seen in 1955 form*

pivoted rear springing of unusual type. The fork itself was conventional, but the upper mountings of the rear damper units could be moved through a curved slot, to soften or harden the springing in accordance with the load on the machine.

The frame was the old traditional pattern, built by the hearth-brazing method with malleable-cast lugs, and conceding nothing to modern practice, with the rear fork grafted on.

For 1954 the MSS returned, too, but this was not the earlier MSS, even if it looked much the same. The cylinder barrel and head were now of Al-Fin light-alloy construction with bonded-in iron liner (Al-Fin was a proprietary process, operated by Wellworthy's of Lymington) but, more important still, bore and stroke dimensions had changed from the old longstroke format of  $81 \times 96$  mm, to the fashionable 'square'  $86 \times 86$  mm. Valve springs were of hairpin pattern.

Had Velocette's chief designer, Charles Udall at last decided to move towards modernity? In a way, maybe; but as Udall himself disclosed in an interview, the real reason was that the factory had decided to standardise on the MAC sprung frame

*Far better known as a road-racer, the late John Hartle tackles a snow gully at Pampunton, in the 1964 national Victory Trial. Most unusually, his mount is an adapted MSS Velocette*



out of sheer economic necessity – and the old longstroke 495 cc MSS was just that fraction too tall. They merely shortened it to fit.

Peak power output of the MSS, on a compression ratio of 6.8 to 1, was only 23 bhp at 5,000 rpm, but the torque curve was a flat one, and a useful helping of urge was available from as low as 2,500 rpm. Which was fair enough, because the machine was designed as a slogger with the family sidecar man in mind.

For all that, the MSS found a ready sale among USA enthusiasts, who tended to skim the head, take off the lights and other non-essentials and ride flat-out across the dusty desert in the type of mass-start enduro racing of which they seemed inordinately fond.

More or less in self-defence, Hall Green had to evolve an official cross-country racer from the MSS, and this duly took its place in the catalogue as the MSS Endurance. In fact there were *two* off-road variants, the other being the MSS Scrambler; the Endurance could be considered as the Scrambler with lighting set fitted. For both, introduced in 1955, there was a high-compression engine with Amal TT9 racing carburettor and BTH racing magneto. Wheels were shod with competition-type 'knobbly' tyres and the frames, though still of time-honoured brazed lug construction, were given an extra helping of ground clearance.

On British circuits the Scrambler never did achieve very much fame or fortune (although on one occasion Billy Nicholson used one at an Easter Monday Redmarley freak hill-climb), but the Endurance version built up quite a sizeable following in America. Moreover, Tex Luce used an MSS Endurance engine, with reworked cylinder head porting and lightened and polished internals, as the basis of a very successful half-mile dirt track model; but Hall Green drew the line at adding a dirt-tracker to the now lengthy list of MSS variants.

Two more variants came into the list for 1956. Both based on the MSS engine, these were the sports-roadster 499 cc Venom and 349 cc Viper. It might be thought more feasible to have based the smaller machine, the Viper, on the existing 349 cc MAC, but in fact the same crankcase assembly was employed for both newcomers. So it made economic sense, after all.

In the years ahead, it was the Venom which took the glory – in production-machine racing and, most glorious feat of all, in capturing the 24-hour world 500 cc record at 100.05 mph. Later still there would be the Venom Thruxton, an even more rorty variation on the MSS theme. During this time, the MSS continued in production until the Velocette factory ceased bike manufacture during 1971.



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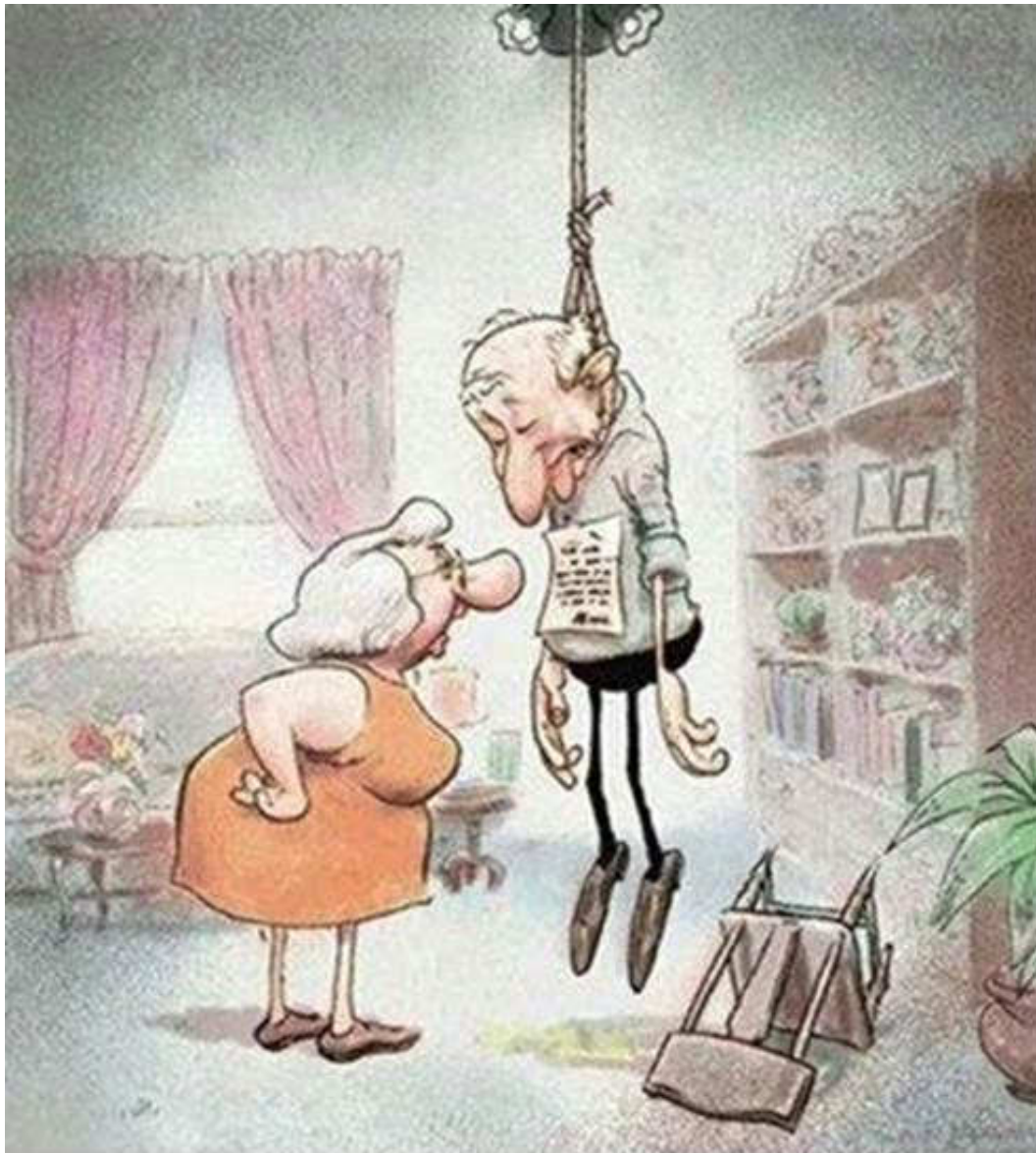
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I hope you are well and settling into your new home.  
The article on CPR caught my attention. It is an old hoax that has been widely criticised by medical experts.  
I hope our readers don't take it seriously.

Cheers

Bernie Eather

The article in Classic Clatter on coughing during a heart attack is an old email hoax or urban myth.

Maxwell Coolbourn