

Illawarra Branch Minutes 11th February 2019

- Meeting Opened:** 8.02 pm Jim Cummins in the chair
- Attendance:** 72 + 2 visitors = 74
- Apologies:** Ron Foye, Norm and Judy Aldridge and Greg Loughnan
- Visitors:** Lew Truman, Mick Arts
- New Members:**
- Correspondence In:** "Tweelers" magazine and Macquarie Towns M.R & P. C. magazines, Entry form for CEMCC Red Scarf rally, Invitation to 34th Griffith ANZAC Rally 27/28 April., Invitation to Concord Heritage Festival 17th March focussing on 1920's to 1940's. (Anyone for a bike display?)
- Previous Minutes:** Moved (Mick Mellin/Steve Ansell) "..that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting." Passed.
- Business Arising:** President Jim gave a report of our attendance at the Sydney Branch meeting and expressed our moderate success and satisfaction with the results. Sydney seems more organised now and willing to become more social with other branches.
- Treasurer:** Balance at Jan.31st \$13,276.95. Moved (Mick Mellin/Bill Furney) " that the Treasurer's report be accepted". Passed. New Treasurer Joanne Dickie has taken over from February and already seems just as organised as prior holders of the Treasury.
- Welfare Officer:** Ron Foye has improved since he has returned to hospital.
- History:** Steve Ansell told of the recent death of Wagga Wagga bike shop owner Jim (?) Speers whose belongings are being auctioned off by Wagga Tip after being thrown out by his family. Many old parts and assemblies for Indian, Harley etc collected over decades are going to the highest bidder.
- Library/Technical:** Allan was bemused about the crankshaft on an Aerial being 10mm oversize. Could explain why the bike ran a little rough. Another problem of a bike running well until the rider mounted at which point the bike stopped. Fill the tank? Allan told of riding trails on a Yamaha RD250 less than successfully. Swapped to a proper trail machine (a BSA Bushman) which was worse.
- Regalia** Bill had jumpers and shirts with some classic belt buckles.
- Events:** *****For the latest correct/updated information on rides, look up the club site.*****
- Rides**
- Dam Ride 16th Jan** Third Wednesday of the month Dam Riders assembled at Key Batteries and left at 10:00 on a rather warm day. It was Damn HOT! Off up Mt Keira Rd , across to Mt Ousley and on to Bald Hill to enjoy the breeze. Pres Jim spent some time trying to persuade some Sydney riders to join our ride to no avail. So, off through the National Park to Waterfall, Heathcote, past the Atomic Energy Commission and down to Woronora River village. Coffee slaked the throats while the snags sizzled under the guidance of newly-certified chef Ray. Although no one took a swim, the river was still a pleasant place to be. We had 19 people on 18 bikes, 11 plated. Not bad for a steamy day. Next ride is 20th February to Geroa with a pick up at Albion Hotel. 10:00 start at Keys. 10:20 at Albion Park. Many thanks to the organisers, cook(s) and riders. Next ride Wednesday 20th.
- Off-Road Ride** Monday 28th was cancelled due to the unreasonable heat. Next ride on Meet behind Pheasants Nest Service centre Hume Highway at 9:30. Check with Ride group (Jim, Brian or Wayne) before leaving for issues such as weather, fire concerns etc. that may impact on the ride.

Tortoise ride Sat.19th 20 riders and pillions rode to Killalea State Recreation Area south of Shellharbour. There were 15 bikes, 17 people, including 2 wives and 2 grandsons. 9 bikes were on plates and most were European. (After Brexit, will Northern Ireland bikes be European?)
Next ride Saturday 16th leaves Key Batteries at 1 p.m. for a Wollongong Wander.

Coffee Ride Mon. 21st Seven members and friends enjoyed the ride to Seascape Café for a coffee and a catch-up. **Next ride February 25th** .

First Wednesday Ride 6th Ludicrously hot!

Sunday Ride 20th This ride was small in number, (heat again!) but we enjoyed a ride to Shellharbour Village for refreshments, followed by a rural ramble finishing at the Annual Minis in the Gong car show at the NRMA Motorlife museum grounds. This event seems to grow each year.

Next ride Sunday 10th February was the day before our last meeting, so **March 17th** will leave Key's at 10:00 to Robertson, Jamberoo, Kiama via Saddleback Mountain and home by suitable route. For **details ring Mick Johnson 0419-297-171**

Coming Events ***For the latest correct/updated information on rides, look up the club site.***

- Captain's Flat 23rd February
- Machinery show 30th March Braidwood.
- Oberon 1st week November.
- Red Scarf Rally 9/10 March at Kiama
- 29th +? April ride interstate.

Useful mobile numbers for rides are President Jim 0414379419 or Wayne Martin on 0404353537

Long Ride to South Australia with Mick Johnson will be April 29th to May 12th (or so....). See Mick Johnson for details.

General Business: Allan spoke to anyone with a wish to own a small old car. He knows of a restored Austin 7 (2 front seat passengers or 1 American) for sale. "It's just like riding an old bike, but slower."

Raffle: 1. Jeremy Knight 2. Ron Neale 3. Bernie Eather 4. Bob Warden 5. Merv Johnson 6. Glen Sutcliffe

Programme Officer: Lester introduced the Yamaha 250 from about 1963 in ridiculously original condition.

Meeting Closed: 8:42 pm

Next Meeting: March 11th

President:
(Jim Cummins)

Secretary:
(Ken Kermode)