

Illawarra Branch Minutes 8th April 2019

- Meeting Opened:** 7:45 pm (7:30 from now on) Jim Cummins in the chair
- Attendance:** 63 + 1 new member = 64
- Apologies:** Ron Foye, Norm and Judy Aldridge, Col Elliott, Mick Mellin, Bruce McDonald, Mick Daley, Merv Henderson,, Bob Rowlan and Alf Tremaine.
- Visitors:** nil
- New Members:** Peter Mason (Minnamurra)
- Correspondence In:** “Tweelers” and Macquarie Towns M.R & P. C. magazines.
“Soar & Roar” ride Sunday Dec.8th (Special Olympics Fundraiser) Sydney Motorsport Park.
Griffith Anzac Rally 27/28 April
- Previous Minutes:** February Minutes. Moved (Ron Neale/ Peter Van Linden) “....that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Passed.
March minutes. Moved (Steve Ansell/ Mick Johnson) “....that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Passed.
- Business Arising:** Nil
- Treasurer:** Balance at March 29th \$13,776.68 Moved (Ken Kermodé/Richard Stock) “ that the Treasurer’s report be accepted”. Passed.
- Welfare Officer:** Lester updated members on the health of members. Ron Foye has come home for a short while but is returning to palliative care. Barry Ryan passed away last month in Mudgee.
- History:** Steve Ansell brought a sample display folder of photographs from the past for our perusal and made mention of 6 large boxes of similar mementos as well as disks.
- Library/Technical:** Allan was approached about a Triumph with a smoking cylinder. As it wasn’t the oil pump, investigation showed a holed oil gallery injecting oil directly. An intermittent power surge on a Bridgestone that was running well otherwise turned out to be the petrol supply was less than the petrol usage. A Norton ES2 had trouble with spoked wheels. *Memo to self: “Self, constant cleaning, de-rusting, polishing eventually reduces the spoke diameter.”*
- Regalia** Bill and Marie have sloppy joes, name tags, shirts and belt buckles.
- Events:** ****For the latest correct/updated information on rides, look up the club site.****
Wings over Illawarra 4/5th May
- Rides** Oil, Steam & Kerosene Family Fun Day 18/19th May 86 Menangle Rd. (club ride)
Debenham Ride and Show Day dates are still to be confirmed.
The Streaky Bay ride is leaving April 29th for about 2 weeks. See Mick or Jim for more details.
26th May ride to Jamberoo.
- Dam Ride 20th March** Third Wednesday of the month Dam Ride looked unlikely due to prior rain but the sun won out. By 10:00 am the assembled horde were getting agitated probably due to insufficient low fat, gluten free, low salt, best tasting, prize winning sausages. Before the crew turned cannibal, we set off up Keira Rd through to Douglas Park, Picton, Thirlmere, Tahmoor, to the Nepean Dam behind the Tahmoor Colliery. Master Chefs John and Allan wielded the culinary tools with skill to produce perfect snags. Tea and coffee made good neck oil for the conversations/ boasting, derisive comments about certain marques etc. Group photos were taken and Ron Foye attended and spoke to many of the riders present, who all wished him well. There were 32 people, 27 on bikes 12 on club plates and 4 in 2 cars. Bikes by marque were 3 Matchless, 6 BMW’s, 5 Honda’s, 5 Suzukis, 1 triumph, 1 Ducati, 2 Harleys 1 BSA, 2 Nortons and 1 Kawasaki.
As the food was gone, everyone went home.
Next ride will be on the 17th April to Fitzroy Falls reservoir. Keys at 10:00 please.

Two-Stroke Tuesday March 12th ride was a great turnout for a first event! 15 members and a reciprocal event member made the epic journey from Wollongong Lighthouse to the Port Kembla Beach café. Four stroke bikes were allowed but had to tail the field of Japanese and European 2- strokes.

Next 2-Stroke Tuesday Ride 14th May

Tortoise ride Sat.16th This ride almost had long term member Gary Wilson on his Bantam but the Bantam decided it was too cold,or hilly,.....or whatever. He thanks Wayne Martin for his help. Next ride is the 13th April.

Coffee Ride Mon. 25th March. Riders met

Next ride April 25th meeting at Stanwell Park Beach Kiosk at 10:00am..

First Wednesday Ride was April 3rd . First, last and only time a BBQ will be organised. Commendations to the Dam Ride boys who do it so well. Too hard! 30 bikes rode to Tallowa Dam.

Next ride will be 5th of May.

Sunday Ride 17th Cancelled due to heavy rain.

19th April Sunday ride to Jamberoo. 9:00 to 3:30.

For **details ring Mick Johnson 0419-297-171**

Coming Events

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- Oberon 1st week November.
- 29th April ride interstate to Streaky Bay.

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

General Business: Moved (Ian Richardson/Brian Martin) ...that the Cooma girder fork Rally be a club ride.” Passed.

Moved (Brian Martin/John Morris “..that the oil, Steam & Kerosene Menangle day be a club ride. Passed.

Raffle: 1. Ian Stevens 2. Ross Eshman 3. Lester Hamilton 4. Dick Kay 5. Alan Beaver 6. Steve Ansell

Programme Officer: Lester introduced Ron Neale who gave us an insight into the use of motorcycles, scooters, cycles etc. in China. If you google china, results will be better if you use the Chinese “Google” which is “BAITU”. Motorcycles are almost non-existent but scooters are around in the millions. Electric bikes are very difficult to import but parts to make your own are cheap(ish) and not bound with so much red tape. You can buy in-wheel electric motors of various power outputs that can be adapted to different bikes. Observation of traffic suggests there are few if any road rules. No licence needed for a machine that does less than 20kph. There is one Melbourne manufacturer starting to produce electric motorcycles. Thanks for the talk Ron.

Meeting Closed: 8:25 pm **Next Meeting:** May 8th

President: _____
(Jim Cummins)

Secretary: _____
(Ken Kermode)

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- * For Sale 1929 Austin 7 Tourer. Nice condition. A motorbike with 4 wheels! Allen 46327202
 - * Yamaha TY 175 restored and on club plates. Excellent condition. Phone Emma 0474987873
 - * SIP gasless mig welder. Near new \$250.....Ryobi band saw and fret saw both new \$20each..
 -Transarc 200 amp stick welder near new \$200Many other tools mostly new sanders, jigsaws, etc. from deceased estate Phone Allan 46327202
 - Wanted 1970's Suzuki T500 Phone Peter 0474987873 (2 stroke Tuesday will never be the same!)