

Illawarra Branch Minutes 13th May 2019

Meeting Opened: 7:35 pm (7:30 from now on)

Jim Cummins in the chair

Attendance: 56 + 1 visitor = 57

Apologies: Bruce McDonald, Peter Ellis, Ian Richardson, Peter Mason, Merv Henderson, Bernie Eather, Greg Loughnan, and Alf Tremaine.

Visitors: Shayne Boland (Port Kembla-Triumph)

New Members: Nil

Correspondence In: "Tweelers" and Macquarie Towns M.R & P. C. magazines; Shannon's catalogues; Gala Trophies invoice; Keiraville School Invoice; flyer "Linwood House" Historic Vehicle Display Nov.10th at Guildford.

Previous Minutes: Moved (John Morris/ Mick Daley) "...that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting". Passed.

Business Arising: Nil

Treasurer: Balance at April 30th \$5,147 Moved (Steve Ansell/Mick Mellin) "that the Treasurer's report be accepted". Passed.

Welfare Officer: Bob Vine still having difficulties.

History: Steve Ansell brought another display folder of photographs from 1980 to 1982 for our perusal.

Library/Technical: Magazines here to be taken away to their new home at your place. Some new books that have been donated by Gosford. Allen told of disintegrating clutch cages and tapping noises from a Triumph that was a big end about to retire permanently. A hint when buying Norton pistons from England. Buy them here.

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.*****

Coming Rides/Events

* Saturday 18th May Tortoise ride leaves Key Batteries at 1p.m. for short ride coffee and a chitchat. (*kit kat?*)

* Monday 20th May Off-Road ride

* Tuesday 28th Two Stroke Tuesday Ride. Meet at Wollongong lighthouse top level carpark at 10a.m. Details Jim on 0414379419

* Sunday 26th May ride to Jamberoo Meet there at 9am for breakfast followed by a short ride. Details from Mick 0419297171.

* Monday 3rd June Off-Road day. Meet at Pheasants nest at 9:30. Call Brian on 0408835339

* Wednesday 5th June First Wednesday Ride leaves Keys at 10a.m. to Common Ground Bakery at Picton. Details Peter 0490173118

* Monday 10th June meeting at Keiraville. (7:30 start.)

* 15/16 June Debenham Rally. Bundanoon for lunch. Marshalls at Moss Vale by 8:45 please.

* Monday 17th June Coffee Ride to Belmore Basin. Meet at Levendi's Café at 10a.m.

* Wednesday 19th Dam Ride . Leaves Key Batteries T 10A.M. Finishing after supplied BBQ lunch. Details Brian 0408835139

* Tuesday 25th Two Stroke Tuesday Ride. Meet at Wollongong Lighthouse top level carpark 10a.m. Details Jim 0414379419

* Show Day date is 15/9/2019 at Engadine.

* Oberon November (first week)

Ride Reports

Tuesday 9th Two Stroke Ride

Another great turnout for the second event, with 17 members assembling at Wollongong Lighthouse. Two rode down from Sydney and two came down from the highlands. Some of the older bikes were trailered to the start. Twelve of the bikes were on historic plates and 10 of these were 2-strokes, including a Scott Squirrel which was a very advanced design for the period. The ride went to Port Kembla beach and returned to Wollongong.

Saturday 13th Tortoise Ride

This ride had it all! For one of our shortest rides, the club had one of our biggest turnouts for the year to date. 32 members and family rode from Wollongong to Warrawong to visit the personal workshop of member Max Lopeman. On display were Moto Guzzis in various stages of restoration, such as painted frames, fairings, assembled motors and complete machines. There were also machines from British and Japanese marques. To say that most of the visitors were envious of the workshop setup would be an understatement. Well done Max on your achievements and we thank you for the opportunity to visit.

Monday 15th Off-road Ride

Warm weather created dry and dusty conditions for the first off-road ride of the year. Five members rode a variety of bikes with first time attendee Paul Gilligan riding a nice Honda XL250R. Distance covered was about 50 kms. over a wide variety of forest conditions.

Wednesday 17th Dam Ride

The weather was ideal, and a voluminous and voluble group assembled at the Legendary Key Batteries site. After a short remembrance time for fallen members, the destination was divulged, and the hares led the way to the Albion Park Hotel pick-up point. Although Macquarie Pass is always challenging, it was still very friendly of the constabulary to ensure we all made it safely to the top. No one felt the compulsion to "tip" them.

The tourist road was taken at a comfortable clip and the Community Hall at Glenquarry always appears at the right time for a rest for the rear. The Sheepwash road south was enhanced by the opportunity for a free photo session with the gendarmerie near Avoca. We almost felt sorry enough for their fund-raising failure that we almost passed a hat around. Almost. Riding through the bush to the tune of mechanical music was orgasmic. Arrival at the Fitzroy Falls Reservoir added 3 more riders and greetings were made as the chefs began to demonstrate their culinary skills.

As John was away, Allen oversaw the cooking, presenting a feast for the famished. With the food finished, the smaller groups set off for their various destinations. There were 34 people, 33 bikes, 18 plated bikes, including 5 from the C.O.C. highlands (*cops' own country*), and 3 from the city.

Interstate Ride 29th April to 15th May

Around 5000 kms. from NSW – Vic_ SA- Vic- NSW saw 7 riders start diminishing to 4 riders at completion. Gremlins apparently wanted to go for the trip as well. So much to say about the trip, so talk to Mick or any of the others for the full story.

First Wednesday 1st May Tallowa Dam Ride

Doug Newell gave a brief report of the ride up through Kangaroo Valley to Tallowa Dam then back to the Valley for lunch. Next ride is the Common Ground, wherever that is.

Monday 6th Coffee Ride

Seventeen riders attended the coffee ride to Bingara Gorge near Wilton.

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General Business:

Lester raised the matter of our annual donation to Cancer Carers. Left to next meeting. John Morris reported that Sutherland council has granted us the Park at Engadine for the standard fee. Costs will be higher so sponsorship would be appreciated. Wings Over Sydney event successful but less visitors than previously. Berry Classic Show (same day as Wings) 120 bikes on show. Lester proposed Kickstart Rally be a club ride. Passed. Proposed that 13th July Tortoise Ride be a visit to Diggers Rest Home. Passed.

Raffle:

1. Kevin Brown 2. Ron Moon 3. Lester Hamilton 4. Dennis Woodward 5. Alan Graham 6. Ray Bevan

Programme Officer:

Lester introduced Ron Moon and his pristine Mac Velocette. Ron showed his knowledge of the marque such as the number of plates in the clutches of the various models and years. Thanks for bringing such an interesting machine Ron.

Meeting Closed: 8:25 pm

Next Meeting: June 10th

President:
(Jim Cummins)

Secretary:
(Ken Kermode)

For Sale/Wanted

* Yamaha TY 175 restored and on club plates. Excellent condition.\$2200. Phone Emma 0422602315