

TWEED HEADS MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC.

April 2007 Ride Report

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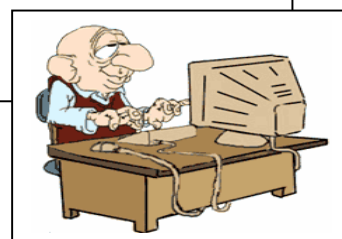


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The Purpose of the Club:

To **foster** the cause of motorcycling.
To **preserve** the history of all classes of motorcycles
To **encourage** the collection, preservation, and maintenance of all motorcycles.
To **collaborate** with authorities and other bodies to bring about an understanding of the Club and enable the Club to carry out its objectives.

TO HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE

Articles for this newsletter are invited from contributors, especially info on other club member's activities. © Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Club but could be if you find they fit your needs. Have something to say / share? The editor will do his utmost to insert it. :-)

Editors Blurb!! Talk about bad luck. Last month I muffed a ride date resulting in a panic last minute insert being added to the mag. To boot I forgot to put our Presidents Blurb in the mag. Harry had gone all out to supply me with his bit. It was typed and everything...and on clean white paper only to end up...well not ending up in the mag. He was duly offended and rightly so. With arms pinned to the ground and Harry sitting on my chest I said, "Yes Harry I will print double your blurb this month now let me up!" (Further on in the mag)

LAST MONTHS QUIZ WINNER: No one came close last month The correct "Quiz on Honda" answers were:

Question 1: Q: What kind of child was Soichiro Honda? A) Youngest of 9 Children. B) Only Child C) oldest of 9 children or D) An orphan **ANSWER: C**

Question 2: What was Honda's first business? A) Making generators B) Making Piston Rings. C) Making aero plane propellers or D) bicycle seats. **ANSWER: B**

Question 3: Honda concentrated on attracting what segment of the population? A) Non Riders B) Harley Riders C) Bicycle Riders D) Scooter Riders. **ANSWER: A**

Question 4: What slogan does the Honda Motor Company currently use? A) The Power of Dreams B) Go Big Red C) Through The Years D) Riding Together **ANSWER: A**

THIS MONTHS QUIZ:

1: What year was the Harley Sportster introduced? 1955 / 1963 / 1957/ 1966

2: What do the initials stand for in the brand BSA?

3: In what year was the first motorcycle made? 1920 / 1885 / 1890 / 1901

For a Carton of Grog send in your Answer to the Questions to the Club Post Box (above) or email bernies@bigpond.net.au

TWEED HEADS MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC.

All runs operate on NSW (DST...Daylight Saving Time).

\$5.00 per run is the norm per vehicle. This is to defray the cost of the back up trailer.

FROM THE NEW COMMITTEE A VERY BIG WELCOME TO ALL OUR MEMEBERS, TO OUR NORTHERN NSW CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB FRIENDS AND ALL THE BEST WISHES FOR 2007.

Bike Runs Dates: Subject to Change at any time

14th April Saturday. Tyalgum Overnighter. All are very welcome. Leaves Kirra Sports Club around 12.30 ish. Tyalgum has good accommodation, meals and entertainment. Its gunna be a buzz. Bring a friend, bring ya mother just bring! Ring Harry for all the guff and bookings are essential. (PS: Don't have to much fun there is a Run on Sunday morning)

15th April Sunday. The Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club has invited our club up to Joe Schechte's place at Mt Tambourine. In conjunction will be the QLD Historical Motorcycle Club meeting us at Joe's place. I have been told Joe's collection of motorbikes is second to none. Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club leaves Bangalow at 9 AM. We will leave Kirra Sports Club at 9 ish also. Go to Murwillumbah and have a cuppa at Lufleys and wait for the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club to front. This run is Vintage Friendly and all are most welcome. Bring a friend, bring ya mother just bring! Ring Bernie for further info if required 0418-566570

May 20th Hinze Dam Run. (Will be fun) We have invited the Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club on this run. It's the type of nice people we are. Leaves Kirra Sports Club about 10 AM

This run is very Vintage Friendly and all are most welcome. Bring a friend, bring ya mother just bring! Depart 10am (NSW Time) 9am (QLD) Leaves Kirra Sports Club -

10th June Swap Meet. More to follow... but get ready... its going to be BIG! We are looking for a **sub committee** to be formed from our members to help organize this function. Please help by ringing Harry or Lance and throwing your name in the hat. Thankyou in advance.

24th June Minnie Vintage Run. Give the old girl a bit of fore play...check the Oil, Tyres, Fuel up and give her a bit of a rub down. On with your Helmet and Gloves and lets go! All are invited...in fact all are most welcome.

15th July Laverda Under the Storey Bridge Bike Show Spectacular. Leaves Kirra Sports Club about 8 AM.

22nd July Mystery Run Leaves Kirra Sports Club about 10 AM Vintage Friendly and all are most welcome. Bring a friend, bring ya mother just bring!

OTHER EVENTS:

29th April Cleveland Autospectacular – Cleveland Showgrounds. Car & Bike Displays and judging. Swap Meet, Food stalls etc. Ph AH 07 5529 5509

jjackers@optusnet.com.au [This event has been moved from 11th February]

16-20th May The Honda Riders Club of Australia is planning a National Rally at the Gold Coast. The event is being conducted in support of children's cancer research. Riders of all brands are welcome.

DO YOU HAVE A PUTER AND DON'T WANT YOUR MAG POSTED? WANT TO SAVE THE CLUB POSTAGE, TIME AND PAPER? WANT IT QUICKER? WANT TO LOG ON TO OUR WEB SITE AND READ IT FASTER AND IN COLOUR CALL BERNIE AND HE WILL ARRANGE...HAPPY TO HELP YOU MOVE INTO WHATEVER THIS CENTURY IS!

Our Clubs Telephone Number is: 0437-388703

The new club telephone seems to be a very big success. Our President Harry is using it for all club business so he virtually sleeps with it. Probably the biggest buzz in bed he gets. We showed him how to use it explaining to him all of its features.

Harry was visibly excited to receive calls and simply adores the new phone.

Several days later Harry went shopping. His phone rang and to his astonishment, it was me on the other end. "Hi Harry," I said, "how do you like your new phone?"

Harry replied, "I just love it! It's so small and your voice is clear as a bell, but there's one thing I don't understand though..."

"What's that, Harry?" I asked. "How did you know I was at Woolworth's ?

"Keep up the good work Harry...you are surprising us every day!"

Odds and ends!

Hi,

Have a look at

<http://forums.nicoclub.com/zerthread?id=180100&postid=1864002> **It's a hoot!!!!!!!!!!!!**

WANTED: Short Springer Front End. Ring Mad Mick 0414-368460

WANTED KNOWN: Bernie Shailer does Tank Two Pack Epoxy Lining Coatings. Approx \$150.00 and a Packet of Tim Tams. (I am not allowed chocolate at my house but guests may bring. ☺ 02-66766570

WE STILL HAVE CALENDERS FOR SALE. It's worth buying one to check out Mr July. See one of the Committee

THE SWAP MEET

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A KEEN COMMITTEE TO HELP ARRANGE THE SWAP MEET? WANNA HAVE A BIT OF FUN? GIVE HARRY A COOEE. Put you name in the hat.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.

IT has been bought to our attention that your club membership dues are due. If your dues are not paid up we send around my ex wife to collect. From experience I can say in all honesty, "You don't want that to happen" You would rather poke your eyes out with porcupine needles than have her at your door. Pay up and be happy. The club relies on your fees.

COME AND GET IT!

Want some free advertising? Say your business, your boss's business. We will print a business size card on the back page. Send it to me by email or copy your blurb it to a disc and give it to the editor. He will do the rest. I am not a puter expert so no other way will be accepted. Unless of course it is accompanied with a big surprise. Vacancies exist until back page is full.

OWN A BEEMER? NEED AN EXCELLANT MECHANIC? THEN PUT IT IN THE HANDS OF ONE OF OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS. For all your Service and Repairs ring Michael Schnerring 02-66897501 (Don't Ring if Dr Who is on Television)

WANTED KNOWN: Bernie Shailer is selling BMW PARTS...everything from BMW Bikes, Hoske and Heinrich Tanks Steib Sidecar and much much more. ☺ 02-66766570 or 0418-566570 or dpshailer@bigpond.com and I will send you a parts list.

Why The Hell Don't They Look Where You're Going!

Monday March 5, 2007 at 11:31:26 AM

You can wear the fluoro, you can turn on the light, you can even ride like a parson.

And even with a rorty V-Twin barking between your legs, you know some twerp tooling along listening to talk radio won't see you or hear you and you'll be toast.

You know that everything's against you from the white painted, griplless asphalt to cheese-slicer highway dividers and endless Armco.

You're at the mercy of every car, truck and taxi driver and 'road safety improvements' and no insurance company either understands or could care less.

Until now.

Because at long last there's an insurance company that knows exactly how bikers are treated on the road, knows about bikes, knows about riding, knows the bike community and most importantly, cares.

InsureMyRide.com.au is a brand new web-based insurance provider backed by Australian Alliance Insurance Company Limited and its little 'biker dude' mascot and cheeky advertising campaign could have only come from bike people.

Not only does the company understand bike riders, it speaks their language.

'Our products are built around the needs of riders. They're not re-badged car insurance where 'one-size-fits-all'.

The level of cover varies according to the needs of the rider and we don't use insurance jargon' says spokesperson Chris Barton.

'But the best thing is that it's all done on the web which means it's simple, convenient and hassle-free. We only deal direct with riders so there are no commissions to agents or brokers which keeps our prices incredibly low. Too many riders are uninsured or badly insured but now they can get the policy that suits them at a fair price, any time of the day or night', says Barton.

InsureMyRide.com.au is also a web portal with bike news, events, ride information and much more written for riders, by riders. InsureMyRide launched to bike riders TODAY via www.insureMyRide.com.au

Winton Raceway purchases Wakefield Park Raceway

Wednesday January 10, 2007 at 10:00:08 PM

Winton Motor Raceway and associated entities are pleased to announce that they have successfully purchased Wakefield Park Raceway. Wakefield Park, a 2.2km National standard racing facility, is one of NSW premier racing facilities and located at Goulburn, 180km south of Sydney.

Established in 1994 as "The Home of Club Motorsport" by Paul Samuels and John Carter, Wakefield Park is one of the few privately owned motor racing circuits in Australia. The circuit was originally conceived to cater to the modest budgets of clubs and historic motorsport enthusiasts, whilst also deriving income from running professionally organised events.

In 2000, Wakefield was acquired by a Sydney based consortium. The new owners then built on Wakefield Park's grass roots beginnings in club and historic motorsport, by improving the circuit and facilities, running higher profile meetings and expanding its corporate activities.

The acquisition will strongly unite the operations of Winton Motor Raceway and Wakefield Park both of which share remarkable similarities not only in their current operations, but both being located approximately 2 hours from their respective Capital cities on the Hume Highway.

Winton Motor Raceway Chief Executive Officer Mick Ronke is extremely pleased with the new acquisition.

"Wakefield Park is similar to Winton in that they are among Australia's busiest race circuits and we are more than pleased to have been the successful purchaser of the property".

"We are experiencing a growth period at Winton Motor Raceway mainly thanks to circuit users being able to make a choice between the Australian Auto-Sport Alliance and other recognised alternative sanctioning bodies and we look forward to bringing Wakefield Park similar opportunities for further growth which will be very exciting indeed".

The flagship event at Wakefield Park is Round 3 of the 2007 V8 Supercar Development Series being held on 1st April, which, this year is being televised by the Seven Network.

The current staff at Wakefield Park will continue their employment including Circuit Manager and Legendary motorsport champion Garry Willmington.

Wakefield Park will also host two rounds of the 2007 Australian Motor Racing Series as well a two rounds of the NSW State Circuit Racing Series, and will continue all its other activities which are currently held at the circuit.

One of the upgrades at Wakefield Park in the next 12 months will be the resurfacing of the 2.2km track with a hotmix surface which will be beneficial to the many different motor sport disciplines which compete at Wakefield Park.

Meanwhile, Winton Motor Raceway will undergo significant upgrades in time for Round 4 of the 2007 V8 Supercar Championship being held 18 – 20 May, 2007.

In excess of \$1million infrastructure upgrades are hurriedly being completed before the May event. Upgrades include power supply to the Pit complex and extended power around the facility. A \$300,000 upgrade of the waste water facilities will also include an additional toilet and a water recycling program. Parking area upgrades and Corporate facility upgrades will also be taking place for the event which will kick off on Friday 18th May.

A "Kitome" facility is being established at the circuit for use by volunteer officials who travel long distances to work at race meetings and find it impossible to gain accommodation in the area when motels are fully booked by raceway patrons.

In conjunction with Regional Development Victoria and the State Government, Winton has been successful in obtaining a \$20,000 grant for the strategic study of the development of motorsport and its associated operations with the view to cementing the future of the raceway in the area. Ronke said ... "These are very exciting times for those associated with Winton, some of whom took part in the humble beginnings of motor racing in this area at a meeting conducted at Walkers Sports Store in Benalla 50 years ago this October".

Winton Motor Raceway has a 3.0km circuit in National configuration as well as a 2.03km circuit in Club configuration located near Benalla, just off the Hume Highway, Victoria. The circuit has been established for over 45 years and hosts motorcycle, motor car and superkart racing as well as having vehicle product testing facilities.



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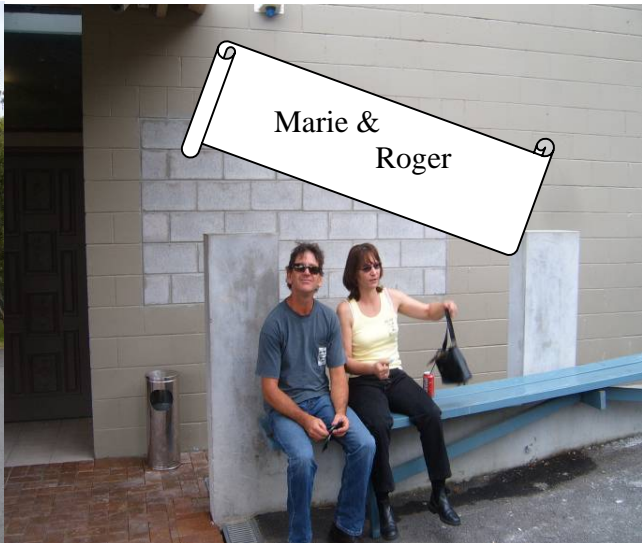


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Darryl...Peter...Geg



Marie & Roger



Roger & Dieter



Shane, Geoff, Jacinda, Vikki & Peter

MARCH 2007 MINI POKER RUN.



Caleb and Lindsay



RAFFLE TEAMS:

- Week 1:** Brian and Liz.
Week 2: Harry and Lance
Week 3: Cowboy (When he gets out) Diane and Marie
Week 4: Carol and Rick.
Week 5: (Only if there is a 5th Week in the month) Tony and Tom.

BIG WARM WELCOME TO NEW CLUB MEMBERS:

CES BRIMS AND STEVE DAY.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRAWS:

22nd March 2007 Club Member 15 Steve Hughes \$50.00 Not Present.
 15th March 2007 Club Member 87 Harry Lente \$60.00 Present.
 8th March 2007 Club Member Keith Brant. \$50.00 Not Present.

THOSE WHO DARED THE RAIN AT THE MINI POKER RUN.

- Garry and Kerry (Harley Hybrid) (Nice Tits Kerry)
- Murrey and Cheryl. (Harley White Road King...nice bike)
- Greg (Harley)
- Daryl (Lowrider)
- Peter (Harley)
- Lance and Marie (Sporty)
- Roger Wales (Elefant)
- Dieter Opfer (Beautifully Restored R100s BMW)
- Gypsy and Debbie (Virago)
- Darren (Yamaha Cruiser)
- Ric and Di (Didn't come on the run but came to cheerio everyone off)
- Dave Baker (Harley) (Happy Birthday to his dog...he went home early...he was having a poodle jump out of a cake as a birthday surprise for his mung)
- Peter and Vicki Valentine. (FJR 1300)
- Geoff Blundell and Jacinda Sayer (49 Pan Head)
- Shane Habbermann (Harley)
- Mike Hillman (Beautiful BMW)
- Roy Smith (BSA)
- Carol and Dan (Marauder Suz)
- Kelly Robinson (Yammy SR250)
- Trevor Moran and Carol Dears (Harley Wide Glide)
- Lindsay and Caleb Saunders (69 T100 Trumpy)
- Ces Brims and Rowena (Triumph Daytona 675...spunky)
- Rick Pittard (Harley)

There was another page in my Diary but alas coffee was spilt on it and being an Ink Pen user the rest of the members are now a bluuuuuuurrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr. Sorry folks.

A little Page filler Story from Bernie:

Gemma, the R50s was wheeled out and with the big "once over" done I was ready for the Mini Poker Run. The ride to the club was just wonderful with Gemma ticking along like a "I don't want to stop this feeling" wet dream. We left the club with the rain just getting annoying by the time we reached Tomewin. Even though the road grime /oil had been lifted to the top of the road by rain Gemma still loved the left handers. The right handers however had the hard 25 year old tyres sliding involuntarily across the road in increments of 600mm. Front and back! My heart squeezed like a sponge with the contents oozing out my bottom. After the twelfth time I decided to swing past home and grab another Bike. Glad I did as the roads were greasy enough let alone the added bad Tyre Syndrome. Didn't change my daks though...no one seemed to notice...or were they to polite to say?

You already know it folks, it's most certainly a buzz to ride. Another buzz I get is when you have stopped and you look at the faces of your fellow riders and they all have grins from ear to breakfast time. You just can't beat that look. Life's all right. CYA

Contribution: Murray Hartin

February 21, 2007

His cattle didn't get a bid, they were fairly bloody poor,
What was he going to do? He couldn't feed them anymore,
The dams were all but dry, hay was thirteen bucks a bale,
Last month's talk of rain was just a fairytale,
His credit had run out, no chance to pay what's owed,
Bad thoughts ran through his head as he drove down Gully Road
"Geez, great grandad bought the place back in 1898,
"Now I'm such a useless bastard, I'll have to shut the gate.
"Can't support my wife and kids, not like dad and those before,
"Christ, Grandma kept it going while Pop fought in the war."
With depression now his master, he abandoned what was right,
There's no place in life for failures, he'd end it all tonight.
There were still some things to do, he'd have to shoot the cattle first,
Of all the jobs he'd ever done, that would be the worst.
He'd have a shower, watch the news, then they'd all sit down for tea
Read his kids a bedtime story, watch some more TV,
Kiss his wife goodnight, say he was off to shoot some roos
Then in a paddock far away he'd blow away the blues.
But he drove in the gate and stopped - as he always had
To check the roadside mailbox - and found a letter from his Dad.
Now his dad was not a writer, Mum did all the cards and mail
But he knew the style from the notebooks that he used at cattle sales,
He sensed the nature of its contents, felt moisture in his eyes,
Just the fact his dad had written was enough to make him cry.
"Son, I know it's bloody tough, it's a cruel and twisted game,
"This life upon the land when you're screaming out for rain,
"There's no candle in the darkness, not a single speck of light
"But don't let the demon get you, you have to do what's right,
"I don't know what's in your head but push the bad thoughts well away
"See, you'll always have your family at the back end of the day
"You have to talk to someone, and yes I know I rarely did
"But you have to think about Fiona and think about the kids.
"I'm worried about you son, you haven't rung for quite a while,
"I know the road you're on 'cause I've walked every bloody mile.
"The date? December 7 back in 1983,
"Behind the shed I had the shotgun rested in the brigalow tree.
"See, I'd borrowed way too much to buy the Johnson place
"Then it didn't rain for years and we got bombed by interest rates,
"The bank was at the door, I didn't think I had a choice,
"I began to squeeze the trigger - that's when I heard your voice.
"You said 'Where are you Daddy? It's time to play our game'
"I've got Squatter all set up, you might get General Rain.'
"It really was that close, you're the one that stopped me son,
"And you're the one that taught me there's no answer in a gun.
"Just remember people love you, good friends won't let you down.
"Look, you might have to swallow pride and get a job in town,
"Just 'til things come good, son, you've always got a choice
"And when you get this letter ring me, 'cause I'd love to hear your voice."
Well he cried and laughed and shook his head then put the truck in gear,
Shut his eyes and hugged his dad in a vision that was clear,
Dropped the cattle at the yards, put the truck away
Filled the troughs the best he could and fed his last ten bales of hay.
Then he strode towards the homestead, shoulders back and head held hi
He still knew the road was tough but there was purpose in his eye.
He called for his wife and children, who'd lived through all his pain,
Hugs said more than words - he'd come back to them again,
They talked of silver linings, how good times always follow bad,
Then he walked towards the phone, picked it up and rang his Dad.
And while the kids set up the Squatter, he hugged his wife again,
Then they heard the roll of thunder and they smelt the smell of rain.



The new Spider...the new way of
bikes. Very worth the look.
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Presidents Report

Another month and another run down, the mini poker run, which I thought went off quite well. But I'm always keen to hear of any ways to improve on anything .We encountered a bit of rain on the top of the range but I think by now we are use to that it only dampened a few spirits and we were all fortunate to be fairly dry most of the time. Congrats to Darren Falls who took out the kitty with 2 AA 2KK
Executives choice trophy was DougLee Long for his BMW on the trailer. It's not nice to see any bike break down but I heard he bought spare R100 winner of the raffle was yours truly. Thanks Kelly for picking the right ticket. Thanks to all who lent a hand Phil on the BBQ when we returned ,I think there were some fairly hungry people by the way he was throwing snags and steaks off he thought they mite throw him on the BBQ .Don't forget TYALGUM over nighter on the 14th ring to confirm bookings . That's it from me keep them upright

Harry

CONGRATES TO NIFTY MOVING INTO
HIS NEW HOME...ONYA NIFTY YOU
LITTLE CAPITALIST YOU!!!!!!