TWEED HEADS MOTORCYCLE

RIDE REPORT

TWEED HEADS MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC

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DAVIDS DRIFT

Welcome to the new look Club Magazine. Our new committee have decided a new approach was needed so you will be receiving your hard copy in glorious Black and White. The full Colour version is available on the web site for you to view or download and print should you wish.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to departing Editor Bernie Shailer who has done a fabulous job entertaining and enlightening us over the last few years. I have big shoes to fill!

One of the things I noticed when I first joined the club was the amazing variety of fabulous bikes ridden by members - and of course this is one of the things that make THMEC so special.To celebrate this I am running a column each month featuring a club members bike.This month as you can see is Roy's GS750 - what a special bike in the history of motorcycling. So keep your bike polished up, the Editor could approach you at any time for a picture and story.

Most of all I would like to remind club members that this is your club and your magazine. As an editor it's my job to collect material and put it together in a readable form. It's your job to supply me with stories, pictures gossip, news and of course great jokes.

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This months featured Club Bike is Roy's 1976 Suzuki GS750 B

Suzuki was the last of the big four Japanese manufacturers to introduce an inline four. The Honda CB750 7 years earlier and the Kawasaki Z900 4 years before the Suzuki. Neither of these were particularly good handlers, the Honda being middle of the road and the Kawasaki with a motor that totally overpowered its chassis.Now for the first time in a large fast bike you had a motorcycle that could handle the stock power with a margin for extra tuning.

This was Suzuki's first attempt at a four stroke motorcycle, having previously concentrated on two strokes. After the disaster of the RE5 Wankel project, failure as they say, was not an option for Suzuki so the motorcycle, and in particular the engine was massively over engineered. The engine was amazingly reliable and in fact when the GS1000 was introduced based on the same design it had smaller bearings and a lighter, thinner crank and crankcase and that engine was strong enough to cope with 500hp plus in supercharged drag racing form without modification. God knows what the original 750 was capable of.

Suzuki claimed 63hp for the motor, but production examples typically made 60hp at the rear wheel suggesting 70hp at the crank. It could easily reel off quarter mile runs in the twelves and could manage 200kph with a prone rider. The engine is peaky with power between 6 and 10,000, but in typical inline four fashion will pull from idle in top gear

The chassis features a swing arm in needle roller bearings and a full double cradle frame, both fairly hefty items. A long wheelbase of 1500mm made for high speed stability, with rake and trail set to give reasonably quick steering.Suspension was supple yet controlled and this is what set the Suzuki apart from its rivals. Up until then you could have stiff springs, good handling and no comfort or soft springs and no handling. With the GS750 you had the perfect compromise. In fact back in September 1976 Revs Motorcycle News enthused " It is quite simply the best motorcycle ever produced in Japan - perhaps the best motorcycle ever."

The Suzuki GS750B, a genuine Japanese Classic

PRESIDENTS REPORT

CRAMMS FARM RUN

23 JANUARY 2011

Thank you new and old members, the weather gods and members of other clubs for making our first run of the year a success.

In our constitution it mentions about having a good attitude. This year we are focusing on creating a club that is bigger and better. Weather and club members permitting. We have to realize that the raffles are a main contribution in a monetary sense and it is a good opportunity to socialise with the president, committee members and club members.

I would like to acknowledge all suggestions in how to achieve a club that we all would like to be in and the Thursday night raffles are the perfect opportunity to talk to those that are able to make the changes.

Thank you very much to all those who participated on the day. Lets keep on rolling in the same direction.

Please support the Tweed Heads Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club and the President Mark Phippard.

CLUB DONATIONS

Dave Baker presents a cheque for $1000 to St Josephs Youth Hostel to assist them in their work with diadvantaged and homeless youth

Dave at it again, this time presenting a cheque for $1000 to Centaur Primary School Special Education Unit for purchase of Touch Screen Computer Whiteboard Technology

This is the other side of THMEC activities and is the major focus for our fund raising activities. Our club can be justifiably proud of our efforts in this area as we have provided assistance in the many thousands of dollars to community organisations in the Tweed over the years. Those of us who attended these cheque presentations saw first hand just how much our fund raising efforts are appreciated.

RIDE CALENDAR

27nd February "Over The Hill Run" Leaves Kirra 10AM NSW

27th March Mini Poker Run.

10th April Over Nighter to Rathdowney.

15th May "Minion Falls Run"

12th June Swap Meet.

19th June Mt Tamborine. (Non Catered)

24th July "Mystery Run"

7th August "Byron Bay Breaky Run"

September….Date to be advised…"Poker Run"

October….Date to be advised…"Overnighter"

November…. Date to be advised "DP (Bernie) Shailer's Magical Mystery Tour

December… Date to be advised..."AGM"

December… Date to be advised "Vintage Sign On Day"

December… Date to be advised "THMEC Christmas Party"

December… Date to be advised "Kirra Sports Club Christmas Party

EDITORS NEW YEAR PERFORMANCE TIP

We all like to start the new year off with good intentions so here is an idea. Are you looking for a little more snap when you crack the throttle on the trusty steed? There is a way to get cost free performance from your bike - LOSE 15KG OF UGLY FAT.
Here are my weights:
Bike - 180kg, Me - 85kg, Total weight 265kg. Power output is 40kw or 0.15kw for every kilo it has to drag around. If I lose 15kg (Bernie suggested I just cut my head off) that is the equivalent to picking up 2.25 kw or a power increase of nearly 6% - that's worth having! Think about it - you know it makes sense.

NEWS GOSSIP AND OTHER BITS

Here is a great restoration tip sent in by Gary Case. If the tank on your next resto has an internal rust problem this is a cost effective way to repair it. It basically involves a 1 2V car battery, a coathangar or similar piece of steel and a tank full of sodium carbonate solution (washing soda). When everything is set up electroysis transfers the iron in the rust to the sacrificial anode and cleans up the inside of the tank. I guess it would work with anything thats rusty. Go to *http://www.ehow.co.uk/how_7660779_remove-motorcycle-fuel-tanks-electrolysis.html* for the full details on how to do it. Thanks Gary

Secretary Bernie Shailer was out riding the other day on his BMW when he was attacked in the vicinity of Mark Phippard's workshop by a couple of pitbull/mastiff dogs.One of them managed to get a hold and drew blood much to Bernies dismay. One of the dogs was later interviewed and said "that was the first BMW rider I have had and he sure looked tasty but when I sank my teeth in the taste was awful so I spat him out qiuck smart". You'll be safe on that road from now on Bernie - dogs aren't stupid!

This column needs member input - email me *david.toyer@gmail.com* with all the juicy details

CRAMS FARM AUSTRALIA DAY RUN

Well, Happy New Year fellow members. Our Cramm's Farm Australia Day Run on the 23rd was as usual, a great success. Many thanks to all who attended.65 Bikes, and about 92 bodies. Phil did his usual catering genius, assisted by Billy. Now the weather in the sky was blessed and good, but some of the members who partied at Billies the night before were definitely under the weather. First Run of the year, and as with the Byron Bay breakfast Run in August, it is always well attended. The stop at Uki picked up quite a few blow-ins, all welcome as long as they paid for their tucker. Picked up a few new members also. And friends, just cruising along. "Is this a Rally or something?" "Yeah, sort of; come along and enjoy". And they did; the Palmy mob, The Lost Souls, some from Brisbane, and miscellaneous Riders that happened to drop into Uki pub and followed us out. All welcome. Nifty threw in his Pajero as back up, and was a little bit unimpressed about the red crosses stuck on the doors. But when he was told that an Aussie flag stuck on the back of his German bike, might also be found offensive, he conceded defeat and backed off. It was a great day. There was only one breakdown. Poor old Tommy's Virago with an electrical fault. The poor bugger can't catch a trick.

As many as possible of the Runs this year will be vintage friendly, and catered for, with the exception of overnighters, and new ideas are always welcome.

The Raffles this year, hopefully may be more successful. Gone is the meat tray. Replaced by a $25 Coles voucher, a mixed chicken tray, and a 6pack of beer. Members who turn up get a 2 for 1 drink voucher, and are eligible for the members draw. Remember, every Thursday night at the Kirra Sports Club. Draw is at 7:30 NSW time, and the meals at the Club are good value.

Mark Phippard, President

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MEETINGS
Ist Monday of each month.(If it falls on a public holiday then it's the following Monday)
At TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB cnr Wharf and Florence Street Tweed Heads. (Function Room)
From 7pm NSW Time

MEMBERSHIP
Membership is $35.00 per year. This includes membership of Kirra Sports Club. Membership renewals are due at the AGM
Membership forms can be found on the web site or contact the Secretary

PURPOSE OF THE CLUB
To foster the cause of motorcycling
To preserve the history of all classes of motorcycle
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 it's objectives

ACTIVITIES
Club runs and social events are detailed on the events page of each newsletter as well as the events page of the website.
Every effort is made to make the information on the events page accurate, but changes can occur between publication dates

Participants in Club activities are reminded that they do so at their own risk and are fully responsible for their own riding. Please obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.

RIDE COURTESY
Let the road captain lead so that all riders can arrive at the destination together
Hold road postion whether it be close to the centre line or to the curb to enable safe passing
Single file into corners to allow safe cornering
Keep an even speed where possible to keep things moving
Avoid unnecessary braking
Try not to breath in smoke when following Dave Bakers bike

RAFFLES
Raffles are one of the Clubs major fundraisers. Raffle nights are held at Kirra Sports Club Appel St Kirra from 7.30 pm (NSW time)
Support your Club - be there or be square

TO HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE
Articles and photographs for this newsletter are invited from ALL Club members
If you take happy snaps on any of the runs we would love to display them on our Club Website. Photos can be emailed to the Webmaster or Editor or both
We ask that you resize them on your computer to 800x600 and send 2 - 3 photos per email

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RAFFLE TEAMS

Week 1 Lindsey and Harry
Week 2 Paul and Mark (President)
Week 3 Donna and Jane
Week 4 Billy and Ray
Week 5 Tony and Dean

NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to our new members this month

Kym Caines
Dan Pryer
Ian Farquhar
Neil and Sophie
Robert Brims
Samantha Stapylton
Wayne Frazer

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