



# RIDE REPORT

TWEED HEADS MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC

MARCH 2011

## DAVIDS DRIFT

Back in 1981 when my MkIII Le Mans was new and I worked for the bank I talked one of my young workmates into getting a bike. He went and got his licence and the next week to my horror turned up with his brand new ride - an 1100cc Katana.

Right Glen I said, we're off to a Stay Upright course so that you can learn to ride this thing properly. That proved to be one of the best moves I have ever made. Not only did Glen stay alive but the roadskills, riding procedures and mental attitude I learnt have, I am sure kept me from harm over the years. Warwick Shuberg and Max Withers, who established and instructed at Stay Upright were ex Police instructors and believe me they had exceptional riding skills - I remember Max talking to us from his large Honda four, one hand on the throttle as he turned the bike in circles in it's own length!

Which brings me to the point We have available to us here on the coast an excellent rider training course - the SMART Program, which is an initiative of the Gold Coast City Council. It seeks to educate riders of all standards in the finer points of riding the roads in this region. Several of our members have completed courses with them and rate it as a must do and great value for money. Full details are inside the mag, so get some club mates together and get involved.

And what of Glen? Well in the same year as he got his licence he was arrested for riot at the Bathurst Races, had his bike written off by a woman who reversed clean over it, and then left the bank to become a full time motorcycle courier - talk about boots and all!



### This months featured Club Bike is Graham's Harley Davidson XL1000

In 1980 Harley Dealers had a problem. They were about to receive their mandatory allotment of the new 1981 XL but the 1980 XL1000 had been an extremely slow seller and they had a lot of the about to be superceded model on the floor. Well Harley Davidson know their marketing and their market. They resupplied the dealers with tinware for the XL1000 in racing orange, added \$500.00 to the price and flogged the lot! Hence the bike you see above.

With an unbroken production run of 53 years the overhead valve Harley Davidson X series Sportster has certainly outlived it's early rivals. Riding a 2010 model gives you entry to a lot of history. In 1957 the Sportster was an instant hit but by the late seventies was starting to show it's age, especially in comparison to the smooth powerful fours starting to come out of Japan.

1972 was the year of big changes. New owners AMF increased the bore to take the Sportster to 998cc with power at 61hp at 6200rpm. The bike was good for a 13.4 quarter at 98mph. There was also a need to shift the focus of the bike from pure sports to sport/touring because of the excellent machines now coming from Japan and Europe and this was seen in Harleys introduction to the range of touring oriented machines such as the XLT Tourer

This machine predates the highly collectable 1983 XR1000 but is a much more comfortable and usable motorcycle. The XR1000 rider had to get their knee around 2 Dellorto's plus aircleaners on the right, and a cooked thigh on the left thanks to the high mounted pipes.

Graham purchased this particular bike in America in 1987, eventually sold it, then bought it back in 2010. He has since rebuilt the bike from the ground up to his usual highly professional standard and the motorcycle as you can see is a real picture. Graham (and his crook back) rates his XL1000 as a very comfortable ride and quite quick in the corners, with a very flexible engine which makes for unfussed progress. If you've never thought of Harley as an enjoyable sport ride this is one bike that could turn you.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

We were blessed with great weather for the Over the Hill Run, what a great day. Thanks to everyone that attended.

A thank you to the markers whose job was appreciated by all riders.

Billy cooked up a storm while Phil did a great job organising the drinks and T-Shirts. Warren and Jenny thank you for driving the break down vehicle.

Rossie did a good job as a life member selling the raffle tickets. This enabled new members to meet an "Old Timer".

The Kysa riders joined us as well always welcome girls we enjoy you being on the rides.

It was good to get the chance to meet new members as well as catch up with older members.

The enthusiasm from everyone was great as we are an enthusiasts club. See you on the next run March 27th Mini Poker Run

Mark Phippard  
President



## SMART RIDER TRAINING

Here is the information you will need to become involved in the SMART local rider training. The training is biased more towards riding safely on our local roads rather than a straight skill based course. The cost of the course includes a very smart looking poloshirt, cap and morning and afternoon coffee. The Course patron is Mick Doohan. Get some club mates together and book a course, it is money very well spent.

SMART has 5 different training rides tailored to suit novice riders to the very experienced. The service provider supplying the training for GCCC is Honda Australia Rider Training. All HART trainers are local and are very experienced and certified to train motorcyclists of all experience levels. All instructors are trained to Honda's World Instructor standard, so you can be assured the training you receive will be of the highest quality. HART is a Quality Endorsed Company and a Registered Training Organisation

The participation criteria set down by the Honda Australia Rider Trainers is as follows:

1. The transition course is suited to licensed motorcyclists who have been riding for at least 6 months regularly.
2. Level 1 course is for motorcyclists who have been riding for 12 or more months regularly and who hold an R or RE licence.
3. Level 2 course is for motorcyclists who have been riding for 5 years + regularly on an R or RE licence.
4. Level 2a Masterclass requires the motorcyclist to have

completed a Level 2 course

5. Level 2b Masterclass requires the motorcyclist to have completed a Level 2 course also.

Council heavily subsidises the SMART training and offers each course at the same cost of \$45 to encourage all motorcyclists who ride Gold Coast road to attend.

It is a full day of training from 8.30 am for 9am start and finish at approx 4.30pm. There is no limit to how many courses an individual or clubs can attend and group bookings are very welcome.

Pillion passengers are welcome and are free of charge, but they MUST be 18 years and over to attend.

Here are the course dates for the first half of the year:

**March** 19th Level 1, 20th Level 2

**April** 2nd Level 2, 3rd Level 1, Level 2a Masterclass

**May** 14th Level 2, 15th Level 2a Masterclass, 28th Level 1  
29th Level 2b Masterclass

**June** 4th Level 2a Masterclass, 5th Level 2, 25th Level 1,  
26th transition

Go to <http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/tstandard2.aspx?pid=6822>  
for more detail

## RIDE CALENDAR

**27<sup>nd</sup> February** "Over The Hill Run" Leaves Kirra 10AM NSW

**27<sup>th</sup> March** Mini Poker Run.

**3rd April** Early Morning Run to Carrara Swap Meet

**9<sup>h</sup> April** Over Nighter to Wodenbong

**15<sup>th</sup> May** "Minion Falls Run"

**12<sup>th</sup> June** Swap Meet.

**19<sup>th</sup> June** Mt Tamborine. (Non Catered)

**24<sup>th</sup> July** "Mystery Run"

**7<sup>th</sup> 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 MONEY SAVING TIP

I was thinking my helmet visor was becoming a bit scratched and dull so I dropped into my bike shop to get a new one. After being told that a replacement was priced at a very reasonable \$125.00 I decided to go to plan B - fix it myself. I bought a bottle of **Mothers Plastic Polish** and after 5 minutes work- WOW - it looked like new! It won't remove the deep scratches but gets rid of the fine stuff which dulls daytime vision and causes flare at night. It will work just as well on motorcycle windscreens and headlights (Lexan). I even tried it on an old pair of sunglasses and it worked great.

## NEWS GOSSIP AND OTHER BITS

**STOP PRESS** There will be an early morning run on 3rd April to the Carrara Swap Meet and then on to the Hinterland. Leaves Kirra Sports Club at 7.30 NSW.

The Rathdowney overnighter on the 9th April has been moved to Wodenbong. All interested members should contact Harry Lente with a \$20.00 deposit to be paid

**Club Membership** is due no later than the 1st March - ie **NOW**

A thanks to the **Kysa Club** for attending our rides, we appreciate your company.

**Gary and Liz Case** have sent a link to a video showing how to make a simple and very inexpensive garage door opener that can be operated from your bike. Well worth a look. <http://wimp.com/garageopener/>

**Gary and Liz Case** are at it again. They have sent us a link to Internet Gold! Type in carlsalter.com and go to the free manuals page. There are hundreds of manuals there free to download with no strings attached for all types of bikes, old and new. I got a copy of the Suzuki factory manual for my GS500, which makes me a very happy camper.

## NEWS GOSSIP AND OTHER BITS cont.

The **Shannons Queensland Autospectacular** is to be held at Willowbank Raceway on 10th April 2011. There are many categories for bikes who wish to enter judging or they are welcome to just be on display. Full details on the website - [www.queenslandautospectacular.com.au](http://www.queenslandautospectacular.com.au)

The **Inaugural Cobber Memorial Poker Run** is to be held Saturday 19th March 2011, start at the Cooyar Hotel, Cooyar Qld. Contact Wazza On 0411 053 531. Charity: For Prostrate Cancer.

### Some items of interest from the March Club Meeting

President Mark wants to make owners of vintage registered bikes aware that they must contact a committee member prior to riding of your intention to take the bike out. Committee members who own a vintage bike must contact another committee member with their intentions

The secretary has received correspondence from the Woodenbong Pub stating they had 8 Double Twin Beds, or 2 x Family including double beds and bunks. Priced at \$40.00 a Single, \$60.00 per double, \$80.00 per family which includes a standard continental breakfast or you may have Bacon and eggs etc for \$8.50. There is secure garaging for motorcycles. Harry Lente stated he had been in contact with Tony Neylon the manager and has booked the Hotel. As there is also a car Rally on the same weekend Harry has asked for a \$20.00 deposit per person if you are going and to notify him as soon as possible. The Woodenbong Overnighter Run is replacing the Rathdowney Overnighter.

Progress has been made arranging a 1st Aid Course for interested members. Bernie stated he had been supplied by Dieter Opfer a Brochure from "Accredited Training Company" Bernie called the company and they informed him that it was \$110.00 for the Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certificate, is an eight (8) hour lesson period held at the Uniting Church Coolangatta on Saturday mornings at 8.30 AM. If there is more than 10 club members a 10% discount is available. Should anyone wish to gain this certificate they should contact Bernie on 0448 566 570. Thanks Dieter.

Members with vintage motorcycles who would like to have their rego renewal to hand for the vintage sign on day at Christmas are advised that they can ask the RTA when paying the registration fee to send out the renewal in November and it can then link in with the sign on day.

Errol Glasby has mentioned that if you are in the Ambulance fund NSW it does not cover you in Qld and vice versa. Errol suggests it would pay members to check their respective policies.

Tony Bruggy, Michele Preston, Roy Smith and Tommy Paterson advised they will not be able to attend next months meeting or runs as they will be on holidays

## OVER THE HILL RUN

About 60 Bikes and 70 people turned fronted. And for all to see, Bernie took a bucket load of happy snaps during the day resulting in Dieter placing them on the clubs website ([www.thmcec.com](http://www.thmcec.com)) The ambience, food, mateship, biker lies and bullshit (It was thick), wonderful and rare bikes all made for a superb day. We believe the only mishap of the day was Keith Rowe slipping over in the gravel coming into the park area. Of course Keith sprung from the gravel like a kitten after a yarn of mums knitting wool. "Keith, are you all right?" his reply, "I feel pretty good considering I was doing 190 Kilometres per hour" As per the new club rules life members sell the raffle tickets on club runs and Rossi Raynor stepped up to the plate. He belly ached no end but never the less did a splendid job. In the end I personally think he enjoyed it as he got around chin wagging to everybody. We think you're a natural Rossi.



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### MEETINGS

1st 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 position 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

## MEMBERS WHO CAN HELP YOU

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