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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 its objectives

Our first Raffle of the year was well attended; let's hope we can keep it up, as it is our main financial source. Here are the Raffle Teams;

WEEK ONE; Harry and Lindsay

WEEK TWO; Dave Baker and Leigh Taylor

WHEEK THREE; Snake and Rick Sturmer

WEEK FOUR; Vicky V and Steve Hughes

WEEK FIVE; Tommy, Tony B, and Shane.

INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.goldcoastbikeweek.com/> - If you have attended this event in previous years or are thinking of heading down for its tenth year check it out, you might even spot a pic of yourself in the gallery...

SHOWS & SWAPS & RUNS OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Aratule Bikes and Band Charity Festival - 18 to 20 April 2008

Poker Runs starting from the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Darling Downs, Northern Rivers (NSW), and ending at Aratula. For more info phone Fitz on 0438 069 000 or visit the [Aratula Bikes and Bands](#) website.

Cleveland Autospectacular - 27 April 2008

Car and Bike Show & Swap Meet. Buick Car Club of Australia. For more info contact John Ackers on 07 5529 5509 (ah), 0417 629 271 (bh) or email jjackers@optusnet.com.au or visit the [Cleveland Autospectacular](#) website.

Country to Coast Run - 3 May 2008

Meet at the City View Hotel, Ipswich at 11am. Departs 12 noon. Cost \$50 that includes dinner, breakfast a chance to win \$500. There will be accommodation available at a extra cost but is limited so call to book. Banditos MC Ipswich. For more info call 0472 651 662 or contact Ipswich City Hogz on 07 3812 9795

Hot Rod, Street Machine & Custom Auto Spectacular inc Custom Motorcycle Expo - 3 to 5 May 2008

RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane. For more info phone 07 3422 1440, 0417 791 595 or email elton@ghrp.org or ghrp@quicknet.com.au.

MEET A MEMBER

A new addition where every month we profile a member so if you see their face on a run you can go up and punch 'em right in the @###! Sorry, so you can introduce yourself and pester them for mate's rates in their field of expertise...

TOMMY PATTERSON. A.K.A. – GRUMPY, PATTO

Tommy is another long time member known for being a real people person always ready to offer a smile. He's a bit of charmer with the ladies and often has to defend against their advances. He is an avid collector of many things, you need anything just ask he's probably got it carefully filed away somewhere?

His weapon of choice is the "Yamaha Virago" to which he adds his special touch by parking then next to the beach to get that lovely corroded patina about them. He also likes to put dead animal pelts on his seat which we think is a direct link to his caveman ancestry. He has two of these Jap rockets, the second has yet to get the look he is after but it is a work in progress. Tommy can be seen sitting at the lights with a fag hanging out of his mouth looking very "Easy rider" but when those lights change you won't see him for dust! Love ya Tommy



PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL 2008

Following the AGM, a later committee meeting and finally the January meeting, first for the year, we now have things sorted out. In the last magazine, you were advised of the new executives. The official committee has to have two executives. The other members are Marie, Barry and Anne Ryan, Dianne Lente, Bernie, Gary Lamb, and Todd. But anyone else is invited to attend. We have no set times for these meetings at the moment, so while we get the new year sorted out it will be word of mouth. Also, Dianne Lente is merchandising lady, and Phil Atkins is still the Camp cook. We had to promise him some new cooking gear to keep him in the job. Every Run (unless there is impending disaster) is going to stick to plan, and corner markers with armbands will be reinstated. Mick Z is temporary Events Organiser at the moment, but he has plenty on his hands with the new mag, so others of us are helping out.

Nifty has sorted out the Club Members List and is now sorting out the Club Incorporation with the QLD Government. We finally located a ratified Constitution from 7th April 1992, and I urge all members to read it. Nothing in this can be changed except at an AGM or a special meeting convened. All our operation procedures are called "Regulations" and are not part of the constitution. All members are reminded that despite the Constitution, we do provide some free functions for members. This is because we are a non profit organisation, and our funds should be used to our benefit and the excess, as usual always go to a charity. This is the purpose of our swap meet, and the recipient is usually decided at a General Meeting. Thanks for your understanding. We are getting a really good Club underway, and new members are pouring in.

Dave

"GOT SOMETHING TO SAY!"

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JOKES FOR THE FOLKS!

This old vagrant used to drop in to the Coolangatta Sands and play a few tunes on a piano in the corner in order to earn a few beers. His clothes were very ragged and he literally had the arse out of his pants...

He would pull up a cane chair in the corner and play requests from the crowd, people would yell out...

"Do when the saints go marching in!" and away he would go.

"Do you know Tenterfield Saddler?" and again he would play perfectly.

Just then a patron spots a little clothing malfunction and calls out "You know your balls are hanging through the old cane chair?"

"Can't say I know that one but if you hum a few bars I might be able to play along..."

TOO RUDE? GET A SENSE O HUMOUR YA MUG

MINI POKER RUN

The mini poker run was a great success with a good turn up of 40+ bikes at the Kirra Club in the morning and first cards were drawn. Up the highway and out Currumbin Creek Road led everyone through some beautiful country and out past Murwillumbah on to the Chillingham store where we were warned of a large police presence ahead doing a blitz pulling all bikes over checking licence, rego's etc. but we were turning off so no dramas.

On to the Tyalgum pub for a stop where our fair size pack was joined by the Ulysses club which combined filled every possible spot to park then a ford club shows up on a day out. Not a Ford man but there were some nice rides new and old amongst them... Along the way Nifty attempted to catch a low flying Ibis with his motorbike (no Nifties were hurt during this attempt) but the Ibis was a little upset...

It was good to see Rik out there on his Suzy catching the wind in his moustache executing those twists and turns with precision. Back up through Mur'bah we went to an old favourite close to home the Tumbulgum pub on the river to draw another card and things weren't looking good with my hand unless we were playing Uno!

After quenching every-one's thirst it was back to the Sports club for the last card which was won by some mongrel, well I know it wasn't me and he ended up with \$430 in his skyrocket! Phil got his tongs out and burnt a few bangers to throw on bread for the hungry with the option of sauces (no expense spared)

GENERAL MEETING 7TH APRIL 2008

Meeting started 7:15pm NSW (no longer DST)

Attendees 18. Apologies, none (no one in the Club knows how to say 'sorry') Minutes of last meeting read and accepted (Dave B, Bernie) Treasurer's Report read and accepted (Nifty, Harry L) **Incoming correspondence**, nil. (No one wants to write to us any more.)

Coming Events: Haigslea Overnighter. We have booked the Esk pub out. Members to pay for their accommodation and meals, but the Club will pay the admittance to the Museum. The publican at nearby Toogolawah pub 15klms out has accommodation and will be also available for future Runs. Hinze Dam is closed, even the northern side, so that Run will be transferred probably to Little Nerang Dam. Swap Meet. Col and Mark are handing out the fliers, and Bernie has volunteered to do the kitchen again with the usual cooks.

General Business: Still awaiting correspondence from QLD Consumer affairs regarding our audits. Nifty and Anne have all the paperwork sorted and ready and waiting. Mini Poker Run was a success, and we cleared \$125. Harry L reminded members to get their mother's day raffle tickets in ASAP, whether sold or not. A discussion on Web update. Bernie and Nifty to confer with Dieter.

Many members are unfinancial. The current list dates back to July 2007. Members are reminded that December is now the due date and includes membership of Kirra Sports Club. This matter will be addressed in the near future as far as our Constitution allows.

All Runs and meetings are on NSW time. Meetings start at 7:00pm. Raffles now start from 6:00pm Thursdays.

Meeting closed 8:05pm

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ESK OVERNIGHTER AD 2008

Well, I know what stuffed some members up. It was a 9:00AM start, so we naturally left closer to 10: am, and several members rolled up after 10, expecting to leave at 11:00! And guess what? We had all gone! Surprise, surprise.

As usual, some got lost. Even going through Nerang! How bloody hard is it to find Beaudesert? Harry's rebuilt Shovel proceeded to not go forward at Nerang and ended on the trailer. He obviously had the shits, but I think Dianne was more than happy to spend the next of the Run in the comfort of a car. Sandra also opted out of the thin seat of Joes Softtail, and elected the passenger seat of Josh Bakers car instead. Joe didn't mind, he could ride faster! Daves Harley got the clutch shits, and George discovered that his S &S carby was overjetted and had fouled plugs. Harry's spare plugs kept him going.

Most of us got lost in Ipswich. How many roundabouts and traffic lights can you put in one city, plus one-way streets? And this was once going to be the capital of Queensland? At one place I'm sure I passed myself going the other way. I thought that I knew the place, as my brother lives at Amberley, but nup. I got lost and wound up passing the mob going the OPPOSITE direction on the Haighsleigh Road. (Why do they call it the Haighsleigh Road? It goes AWAY from Haighsleigh!).

Anyway, we all finally turned up at the museum in one piece. (Good God Man! We finally made it! Do you know how many Zulus ("Police") are out there"? We thought it was going to be a bayonet charge just to get here! More cops than flies around a dead dog at Thargomindah! And I've been there!").

The museum is great, not big, but with some super interesting machinery, and the lady in charge told us that NOTHING was from Keith William's, because they hate the p****, (her words) and his auction was super overpriced. (The most joy that Keith ever gave anyone was when he backed his Rolls Royce into a tree opposite the Coolli Pub, after abusing everyone, but that is another story) They have a Vincent Black Shadow, 3 Grey Shadows, a Hesketh, a Munch Mammoth (NSU car motor, only 3 in Australia), a V8 Chevy Harley, a '28 Sunbeam, Benellies, Augustas and a chippolato collection that had Dave Baker dribbling in his pants. And just to give Bernie the shits, (sorry mate, you should have come) a 1936 R12 BMW hand shift gear change with a RHS Stoyer sidecar. Immaculate! I had to remind some of the members that it was not good publicity for the Club, on a hot day, to wear a trenchcoat and carry a shifting spanner just because you saw the part that you wanted, and to ask fellow members to "cover" for you. The list goes on and on, and every machine? Give it a kick and it will go; not like Keiths' empty crankcase jobs.

And they threw in a free sanga BBQ for us! How much better does it get? By this time we had 19 bikes and 27 peoples. Several had turned around and went home, but more turned up. Pretty good for an overnighter Until we got to Esk Pub. Room and space ran out, as they were only catering for about 20, but with the blow-ins, it was probably close to 30 and a few brought swags, and all eventually found a sleeping space somewhere. Poor Norm T kipped up in his swag on the floor between Lyall and I, and then in the morning found a spare mattress in the hall! It happens. No one had to sleep in the gutter with a brown paper bottle of goon, and no one misbehaved. Only a few rooms had keys. One member threatened to kill his room mate (his son) because he was locked out, then realised that he was the only one in the room and did it himself. His son was sleeping in his car in the carpark! I don't know how he got in. I think he climbed in through the window above the door.

Harry successfully auctioned off all the old Club Poker Run T shirts, so there's more THMCEC people in Esk than on the Gold Coast wearing the gear, including the publican. And it was Brian's 50'th, so we splurged out and bought him a big cake. (He doesn't know yet that we are taking the cost out of his next fees). The Pub put on a great barby and salad dinner and a karaoke group of girls... very good. Lyall put up a good performance, and is trying to get my camera (evidence) off me. .Josh Baker only spoiled his act by pole dancing! Sorry mate, you should have stuck to singing. Vicky and Norm T rolled down from Ravensbourne. Vicky had the commonsense to go home. Next morning, all the girls looked glammy in their designer jarmies. The lads in their undies unfortunately were not such a pretty sight. Liz didn't have a nightie, so an old club 2XL tee shirt fulfilled the job. Brian could have fitted in it as well! Maybe he did! Happy Birthday mate.

Next day we all blew off in different directions. Dave went through Ipswich with an "insufficient" clutch, brave lad, good British background I believe, pity he rides American. .Some went via Somerset, some through Ipswich and some down the highway. Roy, JR and I went through Kilcoy. JR and Roy to visit JR's dad, at Caloundra and I went over to Bribie Island to see how Carol Anne was getting on. The M1 is a shit of a trip home, especially when you give the tollkeeper on the Gateway a \$20 note and have to wait half an hour so the petrol stoned numbnut can figure out the change!

All in all, it was probably the best overnighter I've ever been on. Ya shouda been there .

Nifty



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