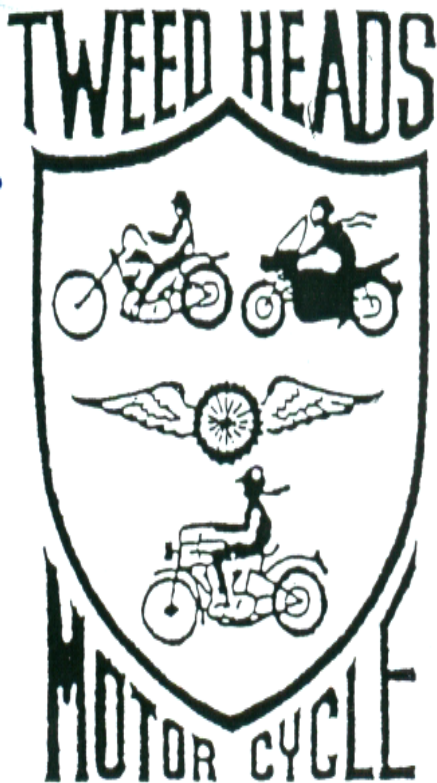


TWEED HEADS MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC.

October 2008 Ride Report



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Meetings:

When: First Monday of each month

Where: Kirra Sports Club, Appel Street Kirra

Time: from 7 pm (NSW time)

Membership:

Membership fee is \$35 per year. This includes membership of Kirra Sports Club. A membership form appears at the back of each newsletter. Membership renewals are typically due at the AGM each year.

Activities:

Club runs and social events are detailed on the events page of each newsletter as well as on the events page of our Website (<http://www.thmcec.com>).

Every effort is made to make the information on the events pages 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.

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

Rider 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

Raffles

Raffle nights are held each Thursday at Kirra Sports Club, Appel Street Kirra from 6.30 pm (QLD time).

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

Week three; Snake and Rick Sturmer

Week four; Vicky V and Steve Hughes

Week five; Tommy, Tony B, and Shane.

To have a good attitude:

Articles and photographs for this newsletter are invited from ALL club members.

Also, if you take happy snaps on any of our runs, we would love to display them on our club Website. Photos can be e-mailed to the Webmaster or Webmistress.

We ask that you resize them on your computer to 800 x 600 and send only 2-3 photos per e-mail.

FRONT COVER:

*"Neil, David, Moi, Kim and Neil
with the Pudding on the
Nullarbor Run"*

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Bike Runs Dates: Subject to Change at any time

(\$5.00 per run is the norm per vehicle. This is to defray the cost of the back up trailer. Non-members \$10.00)

13th September 2008	SATURDAY. Crabbes Creek. Alan Vincent, of the Crabbes Creek Store has asked us to send down some vintage bikes as a display for their 100 th Anniversary. This has been made a vintage Club Run, with the trailer. We will leave the Club at 9:00am, as he wants us there to set up by 10:00 am. It will not be all day. Anyone can come of course, in fact the more bikes the merrier as we would like as many bikes as possible. WILL BE GREAT!
20th September 2008	The Poker Run We don't have many Saturday Runs, as they are usually poorly attended, and now we have two in a row! The Poker Run, fortunately, is always a biggy. We are signing on at 10:00am, and leaving at 11:00am, so we don't run out of time during the day. It will be south. We are looking for sponsors...can you help?...know someone who will? Ring Phil Atkins 0409-834969
18th/19th October 2008	An overnighter route and venue to be advised "We would appreciate you suggesting a venue / location.
23rd November 2008	The Memorial Run (In honour of those who have left us) We haven't got a destination yet, but Gary Lamb has volunteered to find us some obscure roads that no one has traversed in the last 50 years. Everyone will get lost and Harry's blood pressure will rise. Be warned.
6th December 2008	Xmas Party Let your inhibitions run wild
14th December 2008	Annual AGM All roll up and voice your opinions, even though no one is interested in them. Remember, if you can't turn up, don't whinge about how the Club is run. Only financial members can vote.

OTHER EVENTS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN:

- 6-16th Sept Postie Bike Challenge – Brisbane to the Gulf of Carpentaria
Ph (07) 3264 7727 www.postiebikechallenge.org
- 14th Sept 3rd Annual Poker run by Downs M/Cycle Sporting Club, Water St. Toowoomba
150km Mystery Tour. Ph Toni (07) 4634 9900 or 0438 327 984
- 26-28 Sept 24th Sidecars Rally by Sidecar Owners Club at ' Black Gate Reserve' by the Macquarie River on the Bridal Track on the road to Hill End NSW. Info Rick 0408 975 867
- 18/19th Oct Kosciusko Rally by the ACT **BMW** Motorcycle Club
Contact: president1@actbmwmcc.org.au
- 24/25th Oct Motorcycle only Swap Meet at Gatton Showgrounds by HMCCQ Inc. – Toowoomba area. Enquiries (07) 4630 1742
- 30th Dec/
3rd Jan '09 The Pickled Galah at Maidenwell Hotel at Maidenwell near Cooyar 45kms south of Kingaroy, 2 ½ hrs from Brisbane, 1 hr from Toowoomba
www.sunstateriders.com.au
- 24-26th April '09 22nd Autumn Leaf Rally by Tumut Valley Riders MC. Ph. 0424 042 275
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ATTENTION TO ALL MEMBERS:

Due to the loss & destruction of club records which were stored in Nifty's den that was flooded in 2005 we require ALL members to fill in a new membership form so we can update our records in relation to the club being incorporated, and insurance and liability. On the rear of the mag is a membership form which can be returned on any run, or at Thursday night raffles, or posted to the P O Box.

THIS MONTHS MONTHLY MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY: “designing your clubs future” PROUDLY!

Our club turns on a feed for those who fronted to the monthly meeting. Thankyou.



Nifty Albury “Birthday Boy 59 yrs old on this day”, Phil Atkins, Anne Ryan, Barry Ryan, Roy Smith, David Toyer, John Boyle, Gary “President of the Future” Lamb, David Scholar, Brian, Harry Lente, Mark Phippard and Keith Rowe.

Apologies;

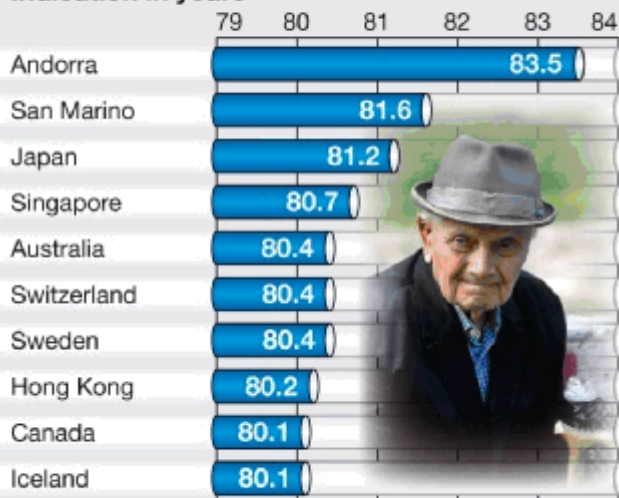
Diane Lente, David Baker, Dieter Opfer, Lindsay Saunders.

Humour:

Due to recent budget cuts and the rising cost of electricity, gas, and oil, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Top Ten Countries with Highest Life Expectancy

Indication in years



Source: www.watchmojo.com according US Census Bureau, International Database
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TOP TEN Cleanest Countries

1. Finland
2. Norway
3. Canada
4. Sweden
5. Switzerland
6. New Zealand
7. Australia
8. Austria
9. Iceland
10. Denmark



Source: www.watchmojo.com
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WANTED KNOWN!!!!!!!!!! Congratulations to Gary Lamb whose bike a 1949 Ariel 500 Red Hunter won best European at the 2008 Gold Coast Bike Show. This makes it Two (2) years in a row. Good on you Gary!

Humour:

A blonde city girl marries a Colorado rancher. One morning, on his way out to check on the cows, the rancher says to Amy, 'The insemination man is coming over to impregnate one of our cows today. I drove a nail into the 2 by 4 just above the cow's stall in the barn. You show him where the cow is when he gets here, OK?'

The rancher leaves for the fields. After a while, the artificial insemination man arrives and knocks on the front door. Amy takes him down to the barn.

They walk along the row of cows and when she sees the nail, she tells him, 'This is the one right here.'

The man, assuming he is dealing with an air head blonde, asks

'That's simple. By the nail over its stall,' Amy explains very confidently.

Laughing rudely at her, the man says, 'And what, is the nail for?' The blonde turns to walk away and says sweetly over her shoulder, 'I guess it's to hang your pants on.'

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!!!

Avery big welcome to you.... We hope you enjoy....as one other member did once...our friendly club. ☺

WHAT? Our club is changing for the better. Big things of note!

1. *One of our most honorable patrons Col Serone has kindly donated a Breathalyzer. Thank you very much Col...much appreciated. Tommy Patterson is responsible for bringing it on runs. Of course the responsibility of your drinking is your LOT! And not the encumbrance of our club. However it is now in place to assist. Truth be known, Tommy will use it on unsuspecting females as a regulator. Should a lass use it and it is seen from the reading that she is indeed inebriated Tommy will know it will be easier to take her home and "Have his Way" Onya Tommy..."whatever it takes" I say.*
2. *Our methodology on club runs will now differ. Safety cover jackets are being purchased and will be fitted to corner marker riders. Designated Corner Markers will leave ahead of our group and be in the ready. Another Safety 1st program.*
3. *We now have our own Marquee. Sign writing will be done with our logo blazoned all over it.*
4. *The club wishes to acknowledge Mista David Toyer and most gracious Editor Bernie who rode their bikes to the monthly club meeting...perhaps now that we are in the Spring period of the year we may see more motorcycles venture out.*
5. *Mista Mark Sheppard has been commissioned by our club to construct some light weight (We are getting older), Stainless Steel (For beauty and easement of cleaning) collapsible and transportable tables.*

OUR CLUB HAS A COMPETITION and we would dearly like your input.

It's called **"THE DONATION COMPETITION"**

Our club wants to donate funds to a worthy cause. We are asking you to submit your preference of an organization, charity or person who could use our support. We would like to know why they should get our support. In other words, "we want the full details" We ask that you submit your entry (s) before the next monthly meeting. The winner will get a bottle of something of his or her choice and be in the forefront when the winning donation is made. Entries to the Editor would be appreciated.

No doubt about it folks...we are a shit hot club!!!

Last MONTHS QUIZ:

You are driving down the road in your car on a wild raining stormy night, when you pass by a bus stop and you see three people waiting for a bus.

1. An old lady who looks like she is about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life.
3. The perfect partner who you have been dreaming about all your life.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to knowing that there can only be one passenger in your car? Think outside the box! You know you have gone too far out of the box if the following is your answer. No the answer is not *“Run the old lady over and put her out of her misery, have sex with the perfect partner on the bonnet of the car, then drive off with the old friend to the pub for some beers”*

The correct answer:

“I would give the keys to my old friend and get him to take the old lady to hospital. I would stay behind and wait fore the bus with the partner of my dreams.

For a six pack send in your Answer to the Questions to the Club Post Box (above) or email dpshailer@bigpond.com Please Note: 1st correct answer to the Quiz received by the editor will be the winner.

Big thanks to Chris Willey “soon to be a member” of our club for his input. He was close but not on the money. Although I did like the way he thinks. Look forward to his membership.

THIS MONTHS QUIZ:

A well known tyre manufacturer for many years produced its own motorcycle. Eventually a combination of factors including pressure from major motorcycle manufacturers, who banded together to boycott fitment of their tyres.

Led the tyre company to cease production of the bikes. Who was that tyre company?

HUMOUR:

A father asked his 10-year old son if he knew about the birds and the bees.

'I don't want to know,' the child said, bursting into tears. 'Promise me you won't tell me.'

Confused, the father asked what was wrong.

The boy sobbed, 'When I was six, I got the 'There's no Easter Bunny' speech.

At seven, I got the 'There's no Tooth Fairy' speech.

When I was eight, you hit me with the 'There's no Santa' speech.

If you're going to tell me that grown-ups don't really root, I'll have nothing left to live for.'

Editors Blurb: (Continued)

Now where was I? Nullarbor? The Nullarbor Run...that's it. As the Border Run was a Beemer Run we had to disguise David's Suzuki 500. I had a few old BMW Tank Badges so they were fitted before we went. David did up some laminated lettering to cover the letters in the word Suzuki so it now read, Beamuki. I felt sorry for David...at 1st in that I believed Kaiser, (R100RS) being so rare and in show pony condition that his bike would not get a mention on the trip. Boy was I mistaken! Every where we ventured observers would ogle his bike with admiration and of him for the adventure he was on with it. Bugger! There is no doubt about us Aussie's when it comes to supporting the underprivileged. ☺



David has supplied a very appreciative blurb about the border run.

Long Distance Touring with a Half Litre

Motorcycle(6000 Kms in 10 days on a 500cc bike – is it possible)

Well I'm here to tell you it is. Late in July, with some trepidation I hit the road with fellow riders Bernie and Kim both mounted on BMW Tourers and headed for the WA border via Broken Hill and Port Augusta. Would my little GS500F twin be able to keep up with the master blasters? Would I survive tucked in behind my tiny fairing? Well yes, and yes. The Suzuki performed beyond my expectations. On long highway climbs, even in sixth gear I had no trouble staying with the litre plus BM's. Overtaking road trains, no problem just go down two gears and nail it (and say a Hail Mary or two!) The larger bikes would pull away under initial acceleration but I often found myself starting to overrun them. Cruising speed of 130 kph is around 6 – 7000 rpm on the GS with 4000 up the sleeve for overtaking – all very relaxed and unfussed. I did survive the cold; never let anyone tell you deserts are hot. Unfortunately we undertook the trip in the middle of a cold snap and I took to wearing all the clothes I bought at the same time. I think I looked like the Michelin man and needed help to get on the bike! Only my hands stayed cold despite the ski gloves – heated handgrips are a must next time. Road trains coming towards me where a challenge – hitting the wind they push was like being hit in the chest by a huge dumper in the surf and the bike was moving around a bit, but so where the BMW's so I don't think I was any the worse off.

Now for the good news. At fill up I was consistently using \$10.00 to \$12.00 less fuel than the bigger bikes for the same distance and speed. That's over \$300.00 saved on 6000 kms – which just about pays for your accommodation. Fuel by the way is no problem on the route we took. We were always able to get premium and there's never more than 300 kms between servos.

My riding companions were good company and we were all able to cope with each others foibles. Kim likes to sleep with all the windows and doors open, even at 5 below and Bernie gets up at 2.00 am (this is very handy when riding a BMW as it allows you to rebuild the bike before breakfast without anyone noticing).

I just snore (apparently). There you have it. Touring a mid capacity bike is possible Get on your

bike, no matter what it is you are riding, see the sights this awesome country of ours has to offer and have some fun, like me you won't regret it.

A happy Snap...It's not every day you call into a garage to fuel up at the same time a plane and truck do.



The welcome sign at the WA / SA Border.



Neil, Neil (Moto Guzzi Echo) Kim, David and myself at the Border.



A short story...by the editor.

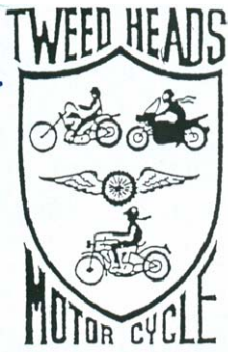
The week following my return from the Nullarbor I was lucky enough to have found that "special bike" (1981 R100CS Beemer now called "Bogart") in Bundaberg I had been looking 10 plus years for. On my return from picking it up I found another R100CS on EBay and called Michael Schneering who I knew had been looking for one also. So I bid on his behalf and bingo he won. So down to Mittagong we went to pick it up. On the way back I was to look at a 1971 R75/5 with 1972 R75/6 Engine at Kurrie Kurrie. The bike had become a poor mans Café Racer along its way and was a real ugly thing. A goer...but real ugly. (I have called it "Hellboy") I wanted a bastard of a bike so I would not feel guilty turning it into a special Café Racer. And found it. When we started bartering about price he said, "see that old ute down in the paddock? I had it up for sale and a fella said he would "wait till I dropped my price"



Having done the deal we loaded up the bike and headed home. Both Michael and I were extremely happy. We arrived at Michael's about dawn. 28 Hours straight driving without sleep...as such. Then straight into Michael's shed to recondition a gearbox I had. 4 Hours later and I am home in the arms of 'most precious' I now have my new project in the shed in the ready to be built into something great. It would be appreciated that should you be yapping to my Lady Catherine that you mention "it was your belief I bought the bike and was to on sell it to raise funds to cover the inordinate amount of expenditure I have spent on Beemers to date" Of course my Catherine is no dummy...if enough of you mention it though...well belief may result. ☺

Garry Lamb's multi-prize winning Ariel. Congrats!





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applicants Full Name:D.O.B:.....
Postal Address:.....
Residential Address:.....
Telephone no:..... Mobile no:.....
Email Address:.....
Occupation:.....Driver's Licence No:.....
Motorcycle Owned:..... Year:..... Model:.....
If more than 1 motorcycle owned:.....
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Nominated By:.....Club Member # & Signature:.....
Member Kirra Sports Club Yes/No Membership Fee:\$..... paid by Cheque:..... Cash:.....

I..... hereby declare on this date:..... that I will at all times foster the cause of motorcycling, preserve the history of all classes of motorcycles, encourage the collection, preservation and maintenance of all motorcycles, collaborate with authorities and other bodies to bring about an understanding of the Club and enable the Club to carry out its objectives.

Disclaimer: In becoming a member of the Tweed Heads motorcycle Enthusiast Club I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all responsibilities and/or claims against the Tweed Heads Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club, Committee, Members and/or Sponsors for damages, whether it being for personal injury, death, property, motorcycle and/or vehicle while participating in Club sanctioned Runs, Events and/or Activities.

Signature:..... Print Name:..... Date.....

Date Accepted..... President Secretary.....Mem #
Membership ceased..... Reason.....



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