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From the Editor



‘Just Ride,

May is the month for International Female Riders Day. First Saturday of the month.

The Second Sunday of the month is Mother’s Day, being the 14th this year.

There are more women riders whether pillion or riding your own.

Love to see more pics of girls and their rides so send them in.

Ride safe...

Gail

Waynes Wramble

Hi everyone, it's that time again for me to wrap up on what's been happening. April 8th & 9th was our WAR ride starting up Tomewin Rd to be turned back at the NSW border by the road works. Great start to an interesting weekend. We had 20 bikes and mostly good weather so we have a lot of fun. There was only one mishap with Max Hangar dropping his bike on a tight bumpy corner. Fortunately, Max and his bike can be repaired so we'll see him again soon. I got the oily leg award because of a leak out of the rocker box cover. The WAR rides are so enjoyable, one of the best things our club does.

On the same weekend was the Mudgeeraba Street Party and the Bleach Festival, not well attended by our members so next year we may have to make a few changes – we can't do everything. Thanks to Murray, Mark, Rod and others who stepped up to help out.

Last Sunday 23rd was a blast. The Smart Rider. 15 of our members took the refresher course organised by Steve McDowall. And it was great, lots of laughs and I'm sure we all learnt or relearnt stuff to make us safer on the road.

Guy Wong and I were very impressed to be asked by the instructors to feature our Norton Commandos in a group shot at the end of the day. Yes, those guys know class bikes when they see them.

Well, that's enough from me, see you out there.

Wayne, President.



Shiny Side Up

Hello everyone, I hope you have found some quality time to get out there and are enjoying your riding. We focus a lot on negotiating curves, as loss of control in a curve is one of the biggest crash risks affecting riders, but how well do you negotiate turns? Loss of control when taking off on a turn by running too wide can result in a crash too.



When a stationary rider commences their take off with a turn, there is potential for a rider to run wide. Does this happen to you? When I take riders out on the road for Q-Ride, one thing I look for is their ability to successfully negotiate turns.

Turns are different to curves in so far as when negotiating a curve, the general approach is to enter wide, buffer away from the head-on zone and plan to exit the curve close to the inside of the lane. With making turns, you should plan to ride from wheel track to wheel track. Meaning if I'm turning left, I approach the turn in the left wheel track and exit the left turn in the left wheel track. For a right turn, right wheel track approach and exit the turn in the right wheel track.

Generally, this is to avoid sweeping across any painted lines and any oil that may be present on the surface, but also, like I mentioned in the previous article, it helps with your predictability as a rider.

So why do riders run wide making a turn? Little things like turning your head help but what causes the wide exit to the turn is too much acceleration too soon.

Fundamentally, a bike under acceleration and drive will want to stand up and run straight. A rider applying too much acceleration at the commencement of the take off and turn will run wide. I see many riders run wide when taking off on a turn and it seems to be just accepted as part of riding. There is a common theme I see in these riders and that is a lack of basic control skills of the clutch and rear brake.

When taking off on a turn, the acceleration point is not as you start to move off. You must control the bike as it completes the turn, and then when pointed in the right direction, wind on the throttle. To give yourself the time to do this you need to select a gap that lets you move through the first slow part of the turn without impacting on the other driver. Once pointed in the right direction use the advantage of your bikes ability to accelerate quickly if you need to.

If you're having trouble with taking off on a turn, or take offs and slow riding in general, take the time to work on this important skill until it becomes your strength. First, check your posture. How tightly are you gripping the handle bars? You should have a relaxed hand, and the wrist should be low and the middle knuckle the highest point on the grip. Then, using four finger tips, find and hold the friction point of the clutch.

With clutch at the friction point, and your hands in the correct position, you can add the right amount of throttle needed. With the rear brake applied, the bike should not move. The bike only moves off in a controlled way as you manage the release of the rear brake. This controlled release of the rear brake and clutch control allows the bike to receive sufficient drive to get the bike moving forward so you can bring your left foot up to the peg, and still be able to add steer through the handle bars to steer the bike through a turn as you're moving off. If you can master this you'll also eliminate stalling the bike, even if you're in the wrong gear.

At Stay Upright, we offer a range of courses that give you the opportunity to receive direct feedback and coaching that will help you find a new level of enjoyment to your riding. A recent course I delivered I had some participants who had lost their confidence at low speed riding and U-turns. After the course, they had re-gained their confidence, enjoyment and comfort on their bike. It was fantastic. If you want to improve your slow speed skills, call the office on 5596 5440 and enquire about a slow speed specific course, or get yourself on our next Level 1 skills course. I look forward to seeing you on a course soon. Remember our next Level 2 Cornering and Braking Course is on Monday 29th May using the full circuit at Lakeside.

Enjoy the ride and Stay Upright

Ray van den Bosch

Senior Instructor

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What's News



Chuck Berry Memorial Ride

Organised by Graham and was a hit.

The club rooms were opened at 7am with Barry cooking up a feast on the BBQ for Breakfast. Kim brewed the coffee. Chuck Berry playing over the speakers. ...Chris Orton the winner of best dressed mail was easy to pick. Rhonda won best female riding as pillion on the back of Waynes Commando....

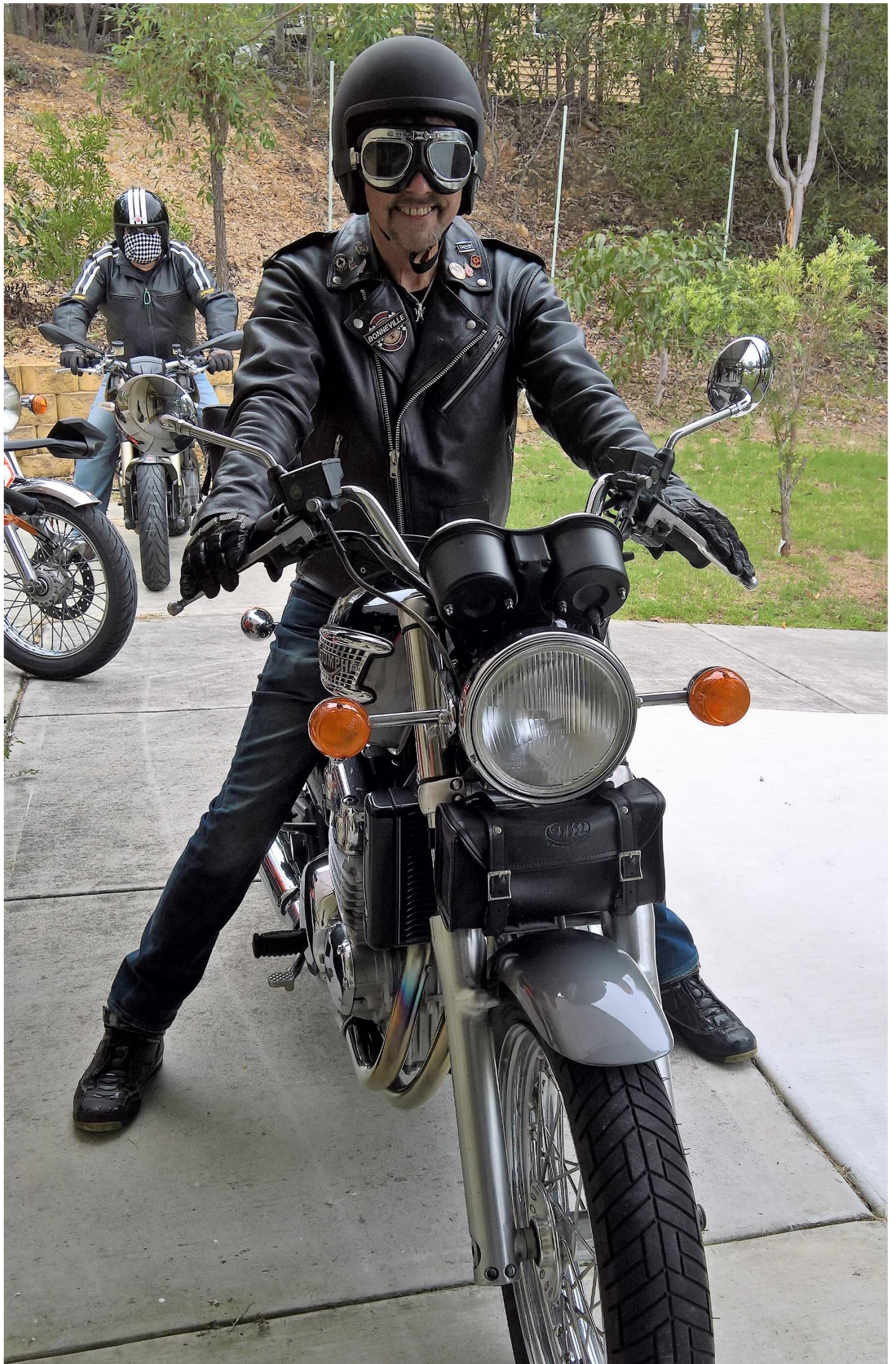




...We had a great display of bikes that nicely filled half the car park in front of the club house. 9am the ride commenced...









... Even though we had just suffered an amazing amount of rain and storm on the Thursday we were able to ride to the local Hinze Dam and see the amount of water that was spilling over. We were not the only ones as the car park was full.

Then up Henry Roberts Drive, over Mount Tamborine and down to the 'Fox and Hound' for some great English hospitality and beer. Justin the owner, gave us the history of how the pub was established and where all the artifacts came from.

The Sun was shining and the Gold Coast was drying out. A great day of friends, laughs and riding.







Our stand at Gold Coast Bike Night. This event is held on the last Saturday Night of the month. Bike, bikes and more bikes. There's coffee and food vans. This month there was a show and shine. The event is held at Sunstate on Lawrence Drive, Nerang.



April Weekend Ride



Hi all,

This month I had the pleasure of attending a weekend ride with the Enthusiast's club. This weekend ride clashed with our monthly breakfast meeting, please excuse my absence.

We enjoyed a great ride via Uki after Tomewin was found to be closed, Murwillumbah, (Flood ravaged and a very sad sight) Kyogle, Woodenbong pub for lunch (see photos courtesy of Gary Rankin). In the afternoon, we travelled to Stanthorpe and Tenterfield for the night. Next day off to almost Glen Innes then down the Gwydir to Grafton and home. Fabulous weather and a great ride. Max – one of our group had a fall on Saturday afternoon and travelled to Warwick by ambulance with shoulder injuries. A clear reminder to travel according to the conditions and within our limits. Steve Bryant



Demons and Angels weekend ride



Being at the club house as the weekend ride was getting underway was worth attending. The collection of bikes owned by our members is great.





Watching them all leave gave me some great photo opportunities. As you can see the themed ride of Angles and Demons was displayed on the bikes as each rider was given a pitchfork to stick on their bike.

Wayne was ready to display his. Harold brought his own little critter strapped to his luggage.







These weekends are becoming more popular and the effort that goes into organising these rides is amazing. If you have not been on one of these rides the next weekend away is in June, details are on our website. If you have make sure you express your interest and book your accomodation soon.



Extra page

So I have an extra page in this weeks issue. What to do.....



Events

Weekly Rides

Members are reminded that they can use their SIV registered bikes on these and any club activity.

Monday ride meeting at Oxenford, Luv a coffee opposite Woolworths at 8am to leave 8.30am. This is not just a Commando ride but for all members who are free on Mondays.

Thursday ride meeting at our clubhouse 8.30am leave at 9am

Saturday morning ride meeting at clubhouse 8am leave 8.30am

1st Saturday is a Barbeque Breakfast

Last Saturday is a long ride.



Club Rooms open every Saturday from 7am rain or shine for coffee before we head out.

Adventure Ride

Join us for the Adventure Ride (ARM). Visit the MECGC Website for more details.

Look at our website for all activities. www.mecgc.club

Friday Night Ride - 12th May

5:30pm at the MECGC Club Rooms

Join us, ride will leave MECGC Clubrooms at 6:00pm, travel to Natural Arch for a visit to the Glow Worm Caves followed by dinner/supper/coffee.

Visit our website for more details.

<http://mecgc.club/fan-friday-action-night-fday-12th-may/>



Weekend Ride

**June 3rd/4th Carnell Raceway Stanthorpe,
Carnell Classic Historic Interclub race meeting.** www.qemsc.com.au



Greeting Enthusiasts members!

We are heading to Stanthorpe! On that weekend, Queensland Early Motorcycles Sports Club is hosting the Carnell Classic Historic Interclub race meet at the Carnell Raceway which is located 3.5 km from town. The meet covers bikes from pre-1943, up to pre-1993 and sidecars. It's a free event!

For more details; <http://mecgc.club/war-stanthorpe-carnell-race-meet-weekend-saturday-3rdsunday-4th-june/>

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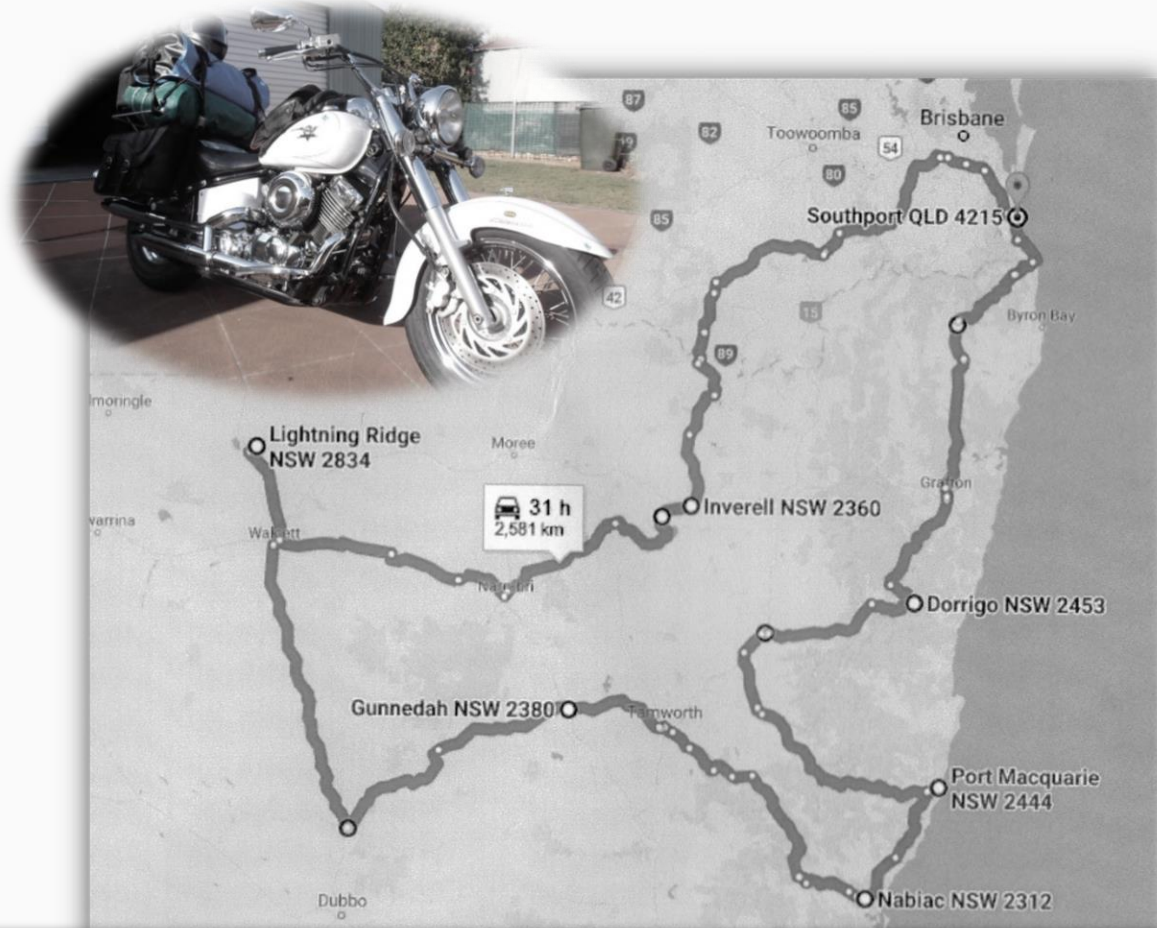


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Departing Staurday the 19th August – Returning home the following Saturday
26th August

- Saturday 19/8/17 Gold Coast to Inverell 463k
- Sunday 20/8/17 Inverell to Lightning Ridge 406k
- Monday 21/8/17 “Free Day” - Lightning Ridge -
- Tuesday 22/8/17 Lightning Ridge to Gunnedah or Tamworth 349 / 421k
- Wednesday 23/8/17 “Free Day” – Gunnedah or Tamworth -
- Thursday 24/8/17 Gunnedah to Port Macquarie (Via Nabic) 413k
- Friday 25/8/17 Port Macquarie to Dorrigo (Via Armidale) 374k
- Saturday 26/8/17 Dorrigo to Gold Coast (Via Kyogle) 375k



For full Details on the tour and accommodation contact:







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Calendar - MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wed 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luv-A Coffee			9am Club Ride		8am Bazza's Breakfast 
Sunday 7	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wed 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13
	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luv-A Coffee			9am Club Ride	 Italy	8am - Club House Ride  Italy
Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wed 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20
 Italy	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luv-A Coffee			9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wed 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luv-A Coffee		6pm Committee meeting	9am Club Ride	 UK	8am - Club House Ride  UK
Sunday 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wed 31	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 UK	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luv-A Coffee		7pm General meeting			

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Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba.

(Entrance to Heritage Village is opposite Milky Way)

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or a beer and have a chat with our many experienced riders before the meeting commences at 8.00pm.

We also have guest speakers each month, when available, and these talks are always very interesting and informative.

Enjoy weekly, monthly, weekend and week-long Club runs, as well as other casual rides organised to similar rallies and motorcycle events held by other clubs.

The Link, our Club magazine, is emailed to you monthly. The magazine has information on our Club runs and activities and rallies held by other clubs. There are event and ride reports, photos and articles contributed by our club members.

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