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From the Editor



We had two very special guests attend our monthly General Meeting, Ray Jones and Bert Savikcas two of our life members. Bert was our guest speaker, and shared some of our club's history. I was able to dig up some photos of Bert's bikes. Hope you enjoy the article 'Honour Board'

June is action packed with motorcycle racing. Four out of Five weekends we have the MotoGP and then from the 3rd of June we have the Isle of Man TT, throw in the World Super Bikes and the Australian Super Bike Championships.

Enjoy &

Ride safe...

Gail

Waynes Wramble

Hi, we're into the middle of the year already.

The bike night at Lawrence Drive on May 29th was rather quiet, we set up our marquee and gave out a few cards.

There was a bit of interest, we may do it again on June 24th and then leave it for the winter months.

The Ray Owens show was the best ever attendance

wise. So, next year will be bigger and sadly it will probably be called the Ray Owens Memorial Bike show as his funeral was held on Thursday June 8th. Ray passed away at the age of 88 after a long illness. His funeral was at the Nerang Seventh Day Adventist Church and was attended by a lot of folks. The Qld Historic MC had a ride to the church starting from Oxenford. We gave him a good send off. He had a very interesting life racing bikes. He was Australia's version of Burt Munro "World's fastest Indian".

The WAR (weekend away ride) ride on June 3rd went well. I believe over 20 bikes attended and those that stayed behind had 10 bikes up to the Mountain Dew Café, Mount Tamborine.

For June, we have a committee meeting on the 21st and our monthly meeting on the 28th.

The big event is the Mudgeeraba Show on the 24th and 25th. We'll have a marquee set up on Friday arvo, 23rd and we'd like members to bring their bikes on the Saturday and the Sunday to make a display. Come in at the Worongary Rd gate and say you're in the MECGC.

See you soon, Wayne.



Shiny Side Up



Hello again everyone. I hope you have been enjoying this great Autumn weather in QLD's south east

region. Great days to be out enjoying your ride. Do you enjoy riding in a group? Have you ever experienced a crash or a heart jumping out of your mouth moment caused by another rider in your group?

I'm off to Cairns this week to deliver another Level 1 course for the Harley Owners Group and I am looking forward to the experience of riding around in Cairns again. Typical of social groups that ride together, there may be a formal or informal briefing, a general planning of the intended route or at the very least the identification of the end point and off you go. But there is also a lot of potential for that fun social ride to turn into a nasty and forgettable event.

I recall discussing a new rider's experience with his first group ride. There was a leader and a destination and off they went. What stopped him enjoying the ride was the behaviour of the other riders. Overtaking on corner entry, three abreast through curves on bobber and cruiser based bikes. This occurred on the highway and rural roads and some riders in the group were more interested in racing each other. This became a very big problem when the lead rider made a sudden left turn that everyone else was also expected to make. The speed and bunched up nature of the group caused mayhem as riders tried to make the turn or just avoid hitting slowing and turning bikes.

Another group ride I am aware of that ended in disaster arose because a rider crashed on a poor surfaced road with several riders also becoming involved by crashing into the crash. This does not sound like an enjoyable group ride to me. If you choose to blame the council, the road, the weather, Q-Ride, the other rider or driver then you'll keep crashing or having those near misses.

So, how do you turn your group ride into a completely enjoyable event? Give yourself time and space. Do not ever feel you need to keep up with a person riding faster than you're comfortably able to do and be confident to break out of the rigid dogma of formation riding. Something I discuss with riders I take on the road, after a section where the focus is on maintaining a 3 second gap is how the rider felt during that part of the ride. I hear them all comment on how relaxed the ride was. Their braking was less severe, there was more time to respond. They could see more and they enjoyed it more.

Riding too closely and in formation robs you of your ability to see and think. It artificially puts a box around your field of vision as you tend to just look one bike ahead and let the first rider do all the thinking for you. I say ride your own ride. By breaking out of the formation mindset, you are riding and thinking about what you are doing. This space you give yourself frees your mind and vision and you can maintain scanning through your 12, 6 and 3.

By keeping the 3 second follow distance you also take the pressure off the rider in front. This allows you to see the road surface and make good judgements and adjustments. You don't need a road captain to tell you what to do and point out a pot hole, you can see that for yourself using your 12, 6 and 3. There's no point seeing the pot hole being pointed at by a rider that is 1 second in front of you. All you'll be able to do is say "Oh Fffff". You won't even be able to finish the word as you've already hit it.

Think of a group ride where the lead rider needs to slow and take a turn that all of you must follow. If there is more space you get the time to see the upcoming turn, the lead rider's indicator and brake light and in turn your lights and the lead rider's lights are seen by all the other following riders.

I know there is pride and enjoyment at being part of a group of similar bikes all being out together, but when you think about it, travelling at 100km/h plus on the road with less than a second gap to the bike in front of you is a recipe for disaster. What's worse is I often see groups of riders occupying the outer edges of the lane, not the wheel track, and make no effort to move when passing oncoming traffic, even in curves. There is a reason why head on collisions rate as one of the five major crash types. Giving yourself more space lets you choose the best position on the road you need to be in at any given time.

Let's look at it this way, at 100km/h you are travelling at 27.7 metres each second, and it can take a person up to 1.5 to 3 seconds to respond to something they see. Let's say you take 2 seconds to respond to a sudden change made by the rider you're 1 second behind. At 100km/h you have just travelled 55.4 metres and you haven't even started braking yet.

I suggest that if you want to ride closely to each other, chase your mate through the curves and pass each other through the curves, do it safely by doing it in the fast group at a track day where not only is it permitted, it is expected.

I challenge you to try it. Go for a ride as a group and all agree to just ride your own ride and maintain a 3 second gap and if you want to experience some corner passing action and running at higher speeds book yourselves in for a track day.

Contact the office on 5596 5440 or check out our new website www.stayupright.com.au for details on our courses. We have made some new and exciting changes and re-named our courses to better reflect the content of each course. Book yourself into one of our new Roadsmart courses.

Enjoy the ride and Stay Upright!

Ray van den Bosch

Senior Instructor



What's News

'Just Ride'

First Saturday June,
International Female
Ride Day.

Meeting at Shark
Leathers, riding out to
Tyalgum to have
lunch at Flutterbies.



Gold Coast Bike Night – Monthly Meet

Lawrence Drive, Nerang, we have had a marquee with members attending. The event is held on the last Saturday of the month with hundreds of motorbikes attending.





Saturday's run to Ballina was well worth the trip! It was a perfect sunny afternoon and we had over 40 bikes turn up. I had a great ride down and came back through Numinbah Valley.

Steve





Honoury Board

It was a great honour to have Bert as our guest speaker at the May General meeting.

Bert Savickas was Club President in 1988/89. 1981 – 1983 Secretary.

Bert is an original Foundation member since 1978. The club was going 2 years before the honours board was created and started meeting in the antique club rooms, Bishop Park in Nerang as the club grew bigger.

The club's Winter Sun Rally with timed navigation were attended by riders from different clubs, some coming from interstate, the biggest was 160 bikes. Bert now Builds motorcycle wheels. Lace up motorbike wheel, doesn't do spokes like he used to. Lack of parts. Doesn't ride motorcycles anymore. Last Ducati over 20yrs ago.

First was a 650 Tiger triumph. 650 Yamaha 900 Kawi. 600 BSA, built with a side car. Took it to Newcastle on a boat trailer and out to Toowoomba.

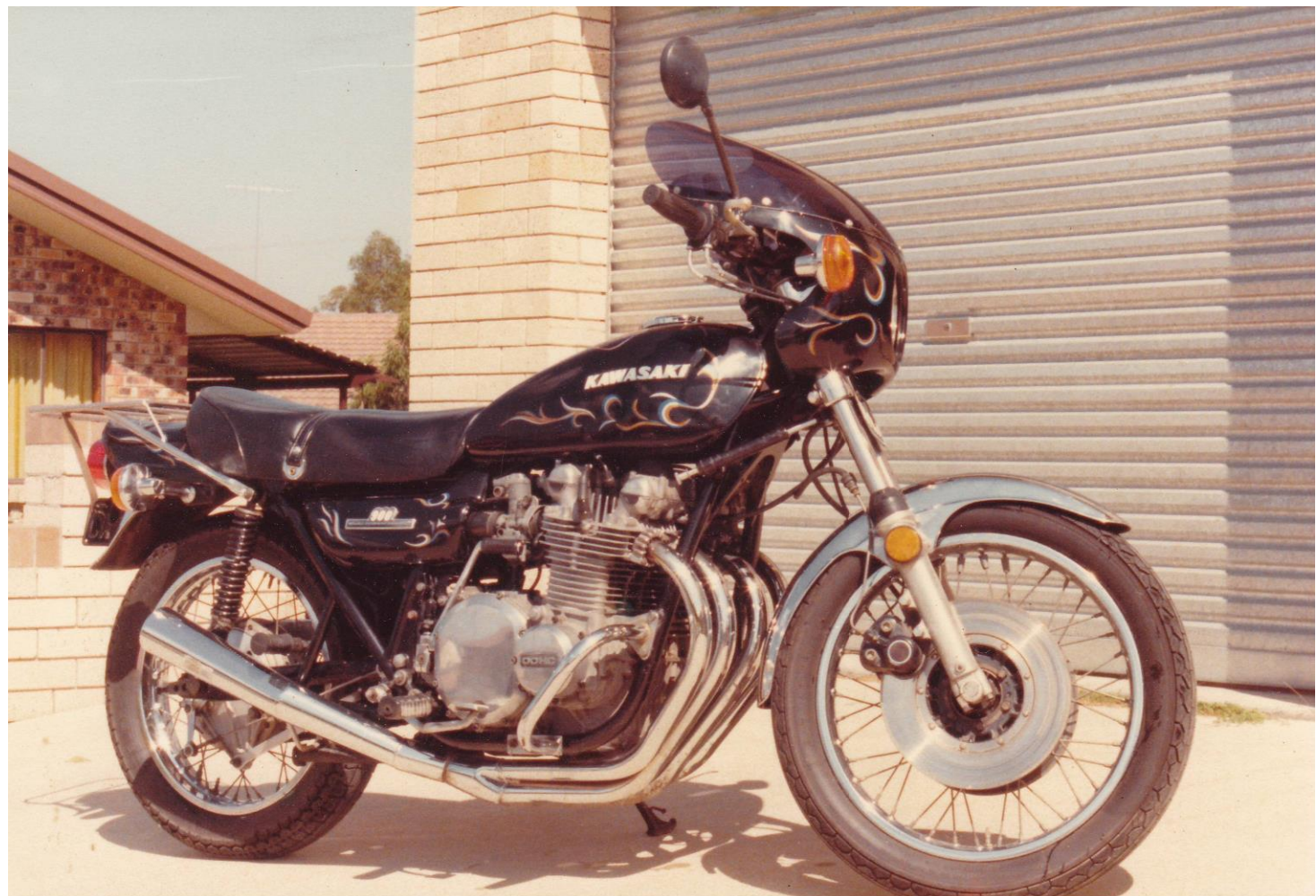
650 Pani Ducati. Donni Kibble ST Dama 900 Ducati when he was working for him. 900 SS Superport Ducati. His last bike. Also, a 350 CW Douglas, Coventry eagle, Super rocket BSA,

Terri Hanley designed the club badge of the VTwin. Gold for the Gold Coast and Blue for the Ocean. 1949 M21 BSA





Bert's 900cc Kawasaki



Emmaville



A great weekend ride to Emmaville from Beaudesert, 10 bikes via Woodenbong and mostly dirt trails to Tenterfield all muddy.

From Tenterfield all dusty to Emmaville. Sunday ride home via Deepwater and refuel again at Tenterfield then fire trails to Drake and home safe.

A good mix of guys and perfect weather. Emmaville pub stay recommended with the breakfast option before travelling on

Steve Bryant



We've had some beautiful Gold Coast Weather, Just past Boonah the Lavender Farm has stunning views from their café & restaurant.



A ride out to Tyalgum to have a Coffee at Flutterbies with the amazing roads we have on our doorstep. Its 140km round trip for a great cup of coffee.



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.

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

Mudgeeraba Show – Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th June



This is the 89th show to be held at the show grounds. Our club is involved every year with a marquee set up for the entire weekend. President Wayne Bryan is looking for people to display their bikes & to assist over the weekend. Contact Wayne on 0400 818 801 if you are able to help at some stage over the weekend.

Mudgeeraba Show 2015



WINTER SUNSHINE Bike Show & Rally – August 5th & 6th

Visit the website for all the details as they become available

<http://mecgc.club/winter-sunshine-bike-show-rally-saturday-5th-sunday-6th-august/>

Winter Sunshine Rally 1981



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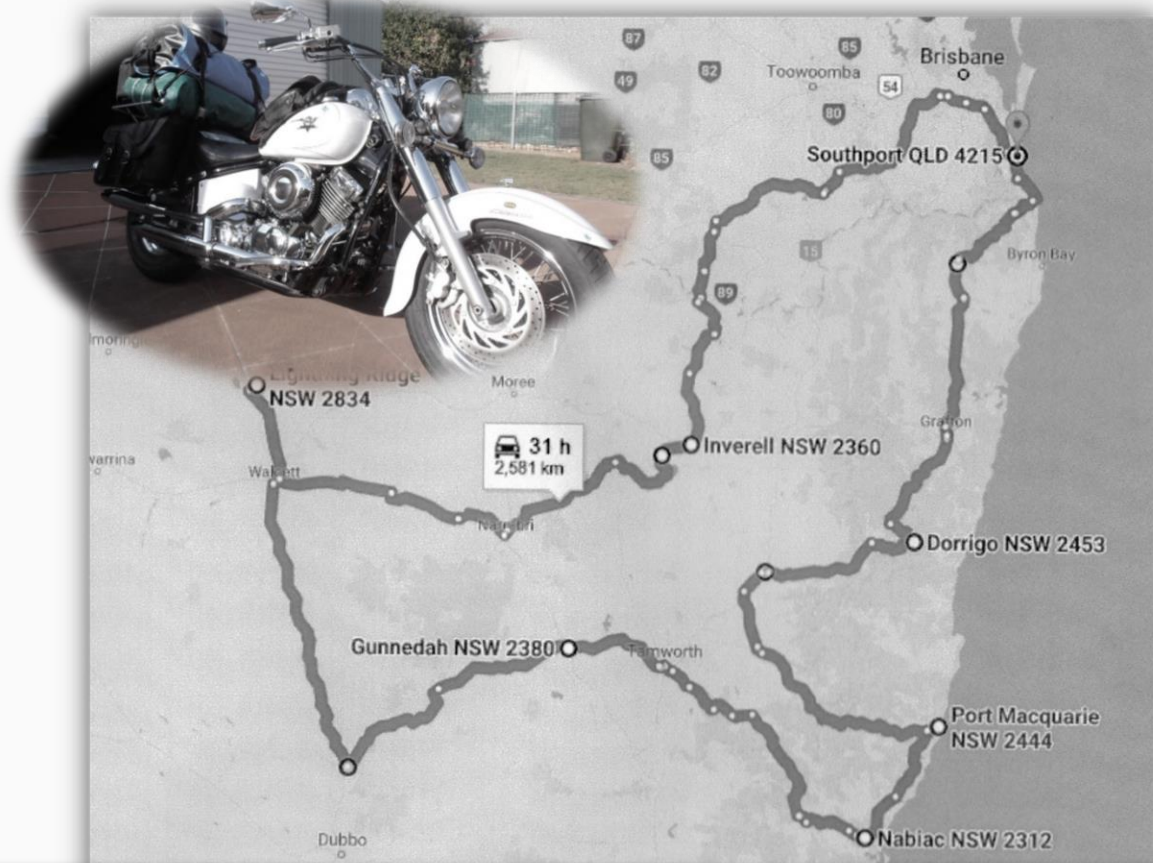
Entries open from 6am – 10am

8 Day Ride to Lightning Ridge August 2017

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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 - June 2017

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

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The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club has been around for over 30 years. As the name suggests, we are enthusiasts of all forms of motorcycles. In particular, our interest is in classic bikes. Our Club also includes modern bikes, sidecars and trikes. We cater to all ages and forms of motorcycle riding. There is a monthly meeting held on the last Wednesday of each month at our Club rooms:

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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