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From the temporary Editor,

Rhonda Bryan

Hi Guys and gals, as most of you know I am temporarily editing the Link mainly because I don't ride or know much about bikes at all so it's probably hard for me to present any items you would be interested in. I am totally reliant on you sending me some contributions of any substance. If anyone would like to become the Editor, please let me or anyone on the Committee know and we will make it happen. You'll be happy to know I was able to sell all of Wayne's bikes. They have all gone to enthusiasts owners and good homes. It's such a relief after having random males come around and asking me lots of questions I had no answers for. Never mind, I can relax now. Thanks to all who gave me advise and assistance.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow Motorcycle Enthusiasts,

It is that time of the year when Memberships are due. Fees are now back to \$75 for all riders after being discounted over the past two years due to Covid.

Talking about riding despite the weather not being the best for motorcycling, the club has still managed to get out for a few good rides. We even managed a dry WAR ride out to Texas with Robby leading a great ride there and back. With the change of date (due to bad weather) only 12 riders could make it instead of the original 26 which was just as well as accommodation was limited.

For the next Bikers Breakfast on 6th August, we have invited the Gold Coast Cruisers Club to join us all for breakfast, chinwag and a ride after. I am hoping that in the following months we will be able to host breakfast for the other clubs that attend the Garage 25 Bikes and Banter. With that in mind, Rod has organised with the other riding clubs to be at the Garage 25 Bikes and Banter on 27th Aug and 29th Oct.

And finally the AGM is on the 24th Aug. I encourage all members to come to this important meeting. If you want to nominate for a position, nominations must be in by 16th Aug. Forms have been emailed to all members. We will also have a free sausage sizzle on the night.

Well that's enough from me.

Safe motorcycling guys.

Cheers,

Bazz.



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EVENTS

Biker's Breakfast. The First Saturday every month. Open at 7am. Please bring your SIV rego bikes, you can share a BBQ breakfast with us at the clubhouse then head out for a ride. Leave at 9am.

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 for a cuppa, leave 9.00am in winter.

Last Saturday is a long ride.

Club Rooms open every Saturday from 8am 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.

Club Committee Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month.

All members of the club are welcome to attend the committee Meeting. Club General Meeting—are no longer held each month. There will be meetings called from time to time. Next one is August for the annual AGM.

Movie Night

2nd Wednesday of each month. Open from 6.30pm. Movie starts at 7pm. For more information, contact Mark 0438 0003224

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

Caffeine, Banter & Bikes: By Rod Moorcroft

The seed for this now on-going event being held at Espresso Twenty5 /Garage 25 was originally planted by our very own President, Barry Schreiner when enquiring about opportunities to engage with other local motor cycle clubs as we had done many years ago. The first 2 events were a great success, however with the feedback we have received, the next event on Saturday morning 27th August could be quite big.

The original event had the following clubs participating:

- Motorcycle Enthusiast Club Gold Coast
- Honda CB750 Owners Club
- Gold Coast Cruiser Club
- Historic Motorcycle Club
- Gold Coast BMW Club
- Ulysses
- VJMC
- Brisbane Speedway Boys



These events are now being opened up to all motorcycle enthusiast, therefore opens up a great opportunity for our club to recruit new members. I am aware of several of our current members finding our club at events like the Mudgeeraba Show and street parties.

However; although the opportunity to meet and talk to other motorcycle enthusiast has been provided, we now need our club members to engage in conversations about our club and hand out our club cards for future reference.

I hope as many club members as possible can make it to the August 27th event to enjoy the comradeship with other like-minded people and to promote our great club.

Also as part of creating the right environment, participating clubs and vendors are being encouraged to display club banners, signs, etc, wear club shirts. Anything to promote the club/s. Maybe we could think about setting up a table with club memorabilia and Club Membership Application Forms. (*Just a thought*)

Another step towards engaging with other clubs will be to invite another of these participating clubs to one of our Bikers Breakfast, and maybe join in the ride after. This is not a new concept. In the past our club participated in events with the Honda CB750 Owners Club, the VJMC and the Historic Motorcycle Club. Many members from these other clubs were talking about these past joint events at the first Caffeine, Banter & Bikes day with great fondness. It would be great to rekindle some of the friendship with other clubs and their members.

At this stage, we are looking at holding Caffeine, Banter & Bike days ever 2-3 months. The next two dates have been set for Saturdays 27th August and 29th October.



These Quixotic Things

As a newly minted knight of the road, I soon found the enemies,

On the highways of our Kings and Queens, they were there for all to see.

I held a warrant in my possession, under the hand of our gracious Queen,

An awesome responsibility, for one not long sixteen.

My tiny steed was fleet of foot, over macadam, concrete and grass,

And my only real protection then, was a helmet of fibreglass.

I was always assailed and set upon, by these enemies of the state,

Their eyes ablaze with lust and fire, in their avarice and hate.

These dreaded Dragons made of steel, would try to conquer me,

For what rhyme and for what reason, I truly couldn't see.

And just like Don Quixote, my head and nerves would reel,

Not tilting at his windmills, but at my Dragons made of steel.

These descendants of the dinosaurs, somehow survive and thrive,

Spewing poison and spewing smoke, eating smaller prey alive.

So it soon became my wanton drive, and my utter motivation,

To stand up bravely to those Dragons, bring about their devastation.

But so much like Don Quixote, it would soon become apparent,

That my mission was so foolish, and its path was only errant.

This was a task filled with sorrow and woe, and too many hospital visits,

And bandages and mercurochrome, the pain just so exquisite.

No lance or sword or armour or shield, with which to arm myself,

Nor Sancho riding at my heel, the Don's protective elf.

There were far too many Dragons for one boy to set about, Outnumbered many hundreds to one, soon filled my trough of doubt.

Then I tried to show my knightly worth at arenas of speed and skill,

Colosseums wild and woolly, which would surely fit the bill.

My ride became unruly and I anticipated a fall,

She bucked me high into the air, one bounce and into a wall.

The apogee was impressive, though I am no aviator.

The concrete it seemed, was very hard. One broken Gladiator.

The paramedics rescued me, flung me into their van,

Saying: "Mate you need to give this up, and run while you still can".

I admitted defeat to Isaac Newton's immutable laws of motion,

And to think I could avoid them, was a terribly stupid notion.

Now I pick my battles more carefully, much older and maybe wiser,

And so much less aggression and less baring of incisor.

I am seeing things quite differently now, and see more of everything,

At a speed that's perhaps more reasonable, a safety margin much less thin.

Now beset by age and infirmity, I will ride while I still can,

Until riding is forever gone, another victim of government bans.

The dragons however, they still abound, still hunt and stalk their prey,

But I'll leave them for the younger ones, like me in the olden days.



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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.

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.

Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba.

(Entrance to Heritage Village is opposite Milky Way)

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.

Articles, photos, items for sale etc. can be emailed to editor@mecgc.club or posted to MECGC Attn: Rhonda Bryan, Editor, P.O. Box 451, Mudgeeraba, 4213.

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