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# PRESIDENTS PRATTLE      AUGUST 2011.

Awesome!! What a great weekend our Wintersunshine Rally turned out to be. The weather looked after us all weekend. The official opening of our Clubhouse was a great event with many of our past members in attendance, including our first President Jim Johnson and his wife Ann. It was a pleasure to see them as Jim was President in 1977 and continued in the club for many years. The official opening was presided over by Councillor Ted Shepherd, who gave us a great speech and has been a great help to our Club. Our clubhouse would not be here without Ted Shepherd assistance and backing.

The Bike Show went over well thanks to the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle club. The numbers weren't great but I feel we should work on it and make it a bigger event next year. The afternoon ride to Reg Schusters private museum at Burleigh Heads went over like a real treat. The size of his private collection is amazing and I think opened everyone's eyes. Reg is one of those true gentlemen you meet as you go through life and you feel privileged to have met him.

Tucker on Saturday night was great thanks to Joan and we all left with full tummies. The Sunday navigation ride went over well with the smoko stop at Jacobs Well and then back to the Clubhouse for lunch and the trophy presentation. I believe our trophies are the best trophies any club hands out, thanks to Garry Ford who just keeps getting better at it.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out to make it a great weekend. For those members who couldn't make it, plan ahead for next year as you are missing out on a great event. We don't run the biggest rally around but I think we have the most fun, the best food and the best trophies.

I forgot to thank Hoppy Nelson for his great effort that he put into the Mudgeeraba Show display last month. Our Club picked up a trophy for the Best Display. Thanks Hoppy.

We will not be having a guest speaker until our September meeting, but do not forget our Annual AGM which is being held on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

Cheers

Warrick

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Gold Coast Inc. will be held on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at 8pm. All positions are vacant and members are requested to nominate for any position they feel that they maybe able to handle. Our current Treasurer, Don Kibble, wishes to stand down as he needs a break.

We desperately need a Treasurer and Secretary so our Club can fully operate and plan our coming year. **Please put your hand up as our Club needs YOU.**

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I .....hereby Nominate.....

For the position of .....

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## FUNDRAISING REPORT by Joan Graham

Hi Everyone

Wow Wow Wow

What a fabulous weekend we had for the rally, perfect weather, great bike show, awesome visit to Reg Schuster's private museum Fun Saturday night and well organised navigation rally Sunday

If you did not have a great time you actually weren't there

I wish to thank all our sponsors for their support and great prizes for the bike show and many thanks to the VJMC for their input in running the bike show for us

Had an awesome day Saturday raffles wise and followed through with Saturday night and then Gary's clock raffle Sunday. So congratulations to all the winners of a prize over the weekend

Special mention to go to Gary Ford who hand crafted the trophies again this year magnificent effort

This year seemed to be the year if you won 1 prize you won a couple or more

Thanks to all the members and partners who cooked for the morning and afternoon teas and for those at Saturday night's dinner the apple crumble was divine and we left none

Look forward to meeting all the new members as they attend meeting and functions in the next short while

Till next month

Joan Graham

### QUESTIONS YOU CAN'T ANSWER

1. Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
2. Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
3. What is the speed of darkness?
4. Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when everyone knows babies wake up every two hours?
5. Whose idea was it to put the "S" in the word lisp?

## Ride Diary from 'Sidecar Phil': Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July:



Well readers n riders.

ITS THURSDAY AGAIN. 14-7 Bike day, ride, mates, and all the stuff that " THURSDAY" means.

I woke early as I **do**, on Thursday, and by 8.30 was out the door. I was beaten to the club by minutes as Alex had just arrived, and before we got our helmets off Noel rode in. Shortly after that Blackfella, and we all did the usual meet n greet, and since no one else had arrived we set off. It don't matter if its two, or twenty ...we ride. It's what we do on a Thursday. Except Rodders didn't make this day ...his bike is bust!

We all agreed that we would be happy to visit Tony up on Tambo, and have one of his pies and coffee, so we headed off north along the quieter roads to Hinkler, and then left at Smith and up through Pac pines to Binstead, and then out the back way to Maudsland road, and on to MT Tambo. Glorious day, and the slower run meant it was warm, and all were happy. Black fella didn't come, he had just called in to say hi, he had cows to chase , down on the farm, but nice to catch up ,and of course Rodders wasn't with us ...Cos his bike is bust.

I lead the run up MT Tambo, and I was impressed to see the big Honda hauling without the need to use any lower gear than 4th even with the 135 kilo side car on it...I think I may have solved my petrol guzzling worry . I have been riding the way I run the Harley, and using lower gears. not necessary with a six cylinder boxer. For the rest of the day, all 130 KS, I didn't change down below 4th...not a problem. What a wonderful engine. We talked it over at a picnic stop I lead the boys to, and we all went in for a powder stop at the park with a glorious view from the eastern side of MT tambourine .we all stood side by side at the urinal , and had a laugh ..There would have been room for Rod, but he wasn't there ,,cos his bike is bust.



As we walked back to our bikes, I noticed an amazing discovery...YES READERS...lying in the side car, and riding with us unbeknown to all, was Rodders hat, left over from the weeks run prior, when he rode shot gun with me, Cos his bike was bust. Rodders couldn't make it, but his hat did...So I left it sitting on the seat and a fair fitting tribute it was...Cos Rod's Bike was bust.

We then rode to the southern round a bout at gallery walk, and cruised north ward to park outside, and meet Tony. Say hi, and we settled in awaiting our coffee's and food. We all had sausage rolls and sauce or pies.. .Rodders didn't but his hat was with us at the table. The waitress came out and took a picture of us all, and Rodders hat. Noel decided the right thing to do was to wear it...so he did. If the cap fits!!! Sort a made up for Rods absence.

The ride home was a first for some of us. Down the goat track, a pleasant change, and then home via Beech Mont and a beautiful run it is, with great views of the new work at Hinze dam, which must soon be completed, and then we can picnic there again. We pulled over at the advance town pub to say our goodbyes, and we all agreed it was a beautiful ride, and let's face it. Bikes keep ya young, so a nice time had by those that were there, except poor Rodders - COS HIS BIKE IS BUST .!! Over n out - Sidecar Phil.

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July:

Readers, n riders.

The day we all live for happened around again, and I was not disappointed with the turn out, It doesn't matter how many come, as we ride anyway, even alone if need be, but, our own Retired Admiral Noel was waiting, with his BMW, Alex on his guzzi, Guy on his new Duc and John Peck, with a lovely Quakker 900, and Sidecar Phil in green as tail ender. Rodders was conspicuous by his absence as his bike is still bust, and Greg rang in sick with the flue that we have all had, or gunner get!! But ride we did.

Today's ride led by John, took us out the back of Mudgee, and on to Springbrook road, but near the top we flipped off to Pine ridge road, and over land to Nerang Numinbah Valley ROAD and out to Natural arch. Just shy of the arch is a sleepy lil cafe, and that was our stop for coffee and chat. Between John, and Noel we learned allot about the good ole days and some of the early bikes. Hey that's what bikers talk about, and all good stuff.

We will have to do another " Boyz Toyz " ride, and call in on John. He has lots a cool stuff. After spending a time at the cafe, we all agreed it was sleepy sort a day, and happy to wrap it up there, and head home, so I went home got my dog and headed off to the spit for some play time and another ride, with the knowledge of my trusted thermos, and the tea to be had at the spit. It was a nice conclusion to the earlier ride...as I rode along I was reflecting on the mornings run, and being as I like to write, the following came to mind. It's a by polar thing!! Over n out till next week. Sidecar PHIL .

## Ode to Rodders

We rode along, lead bikes ahead, and me back with the plodders,  
And I gave some thought to our mate stuck home, so wrote this ode to Rodders.

His bike is bust, hit up the arse, by a lady driver dill,  
And a lucky escape from serious harm, as his bike was forced to spill  
He found his feet stood and challenged, this woman with a blue,  
But ensured she was and with tear full eyes, apologized so true,  
But now he waits no bike to ride, until replacement parts are here  
And we rode today but rods bike is bust, so we noticed him not there.  
And Thursdays ride has come and been, and absent mates were missed.  
But Longreach is now days away, and we can all get bloody pissed,  
We will ride the roads, eat and sleep in tents, and barns or hay loft,  
The list is done, it's me and Greg, and Rodders Graham Moorcroft.

## Thursday 28th July:

Reader n riders.

You guessed, it Thursday came around again and as I write, I sip with pleasure on a martini..IN all my years of tour boats with full bars on them, I have never indulged in a martini, until given one at a dinner party, by daughter, Hanna...Only mine is shirred, not shaken.

Anyway to the pleasures of this day.....I arrived at the BP Coomera to find Blackfella awaiting us. Next came a gleaming beast the likes of which never seen before. YES READERS !...I have to say it again ,,YES ..it was Rodders astride his gleaming all repaired Pearly white stead..Next was Greg on his BMW, and Phil not a new guy, but not always able to ride Thursdays, and he was sitting on his yellow fat boy. So that equalled a brace of Phil's and a brace of Harleys. So what a pleasure , and I have to say ,,so ish this martini..

Any way ..back to the story. Next arrived Vice Admiral Noel, escorting in true naval convoy , Bernard, our new comer we met at the club last week. He rode his very nice R 650 BMW, and nice to see him with us this week. So with our, Vice Brigadier Admiral as tail end Charlie, off we set...All ten of us...actually there weren't that many , but I'm seeing double .jeeese this martini shit is good schist.

After a reverie ride through lots a places, following Rodders, we arrived at a bike shop...I do remember it, but not where it was ..HICK !! oh yeah , there is an olive in this drink..hick ...oops ...Oh yeah , so .....

Once we got to where ever Rodders took us, Ron was there in his, Morgan, and Harry was there on his GS X 650, some thing, but it was nice, red, and we had a coffee ..I should have one now in fact.!! no disrespect to Harry's bike but , oohh ..another olive .!!! did I put two in this ,shtirred but not shaken Suzuki...

OK...Then Troy the dealer man guy came out, and did a very impressive presentations about martini's ...no he didn't, it was about the " Can Am Spider' and I want one. Blondie will love the tourer, and big back seat ..so cool like our Harley has ..I want a red one, then I saw a white one, and Rodders likes that one two as it reminded him of his martin...no I mean his olive, and any way, it was a great speech by Troy, and we had a nice talk by him, and then we all had martini's ..

Next came the ride to the Strawberry Farm, and while the guys had lunch, I messed about with my bike after the \$1100, dollar Longreach service, the back axle was loose, and felt strange ...I tell ya, on some of those corners I was Shaken, but not scthurred , and I made it home and then to the bike shop that did the service . Well, readers... they weren't even there no more, and no olives. GONE ...GONE ..!!!

So after many phone calls to different guys about stuff, I got it sorted, OH, Turns out, Performance Tyres , the boys that have always serviced my martini's , have done the runner, and that makes 3 bike shops gone under. Revolutions , Twin Tech, and now Performance Tyres...blame it all on the weather , and all being shaken .

So my fellow readers ,and drinkers , I sign off, and my we never see another bike shop run out of olives ever again ..it's just not a martini...

Over n out ...Shyde cars full..... I mean Shydecar Phil... My thanks to Rodders for his help, and Greg, and they were both great with what olives I should use, to get my martini sorted. Longreach ...Here we come. ..Vodka, Gin, and Vermouth. HICK !!!!!

## Thursday Riders – 4 August 2011

By Noel Peck

Well now, where are all our regular riders? No Sidecar Phil, no Rod Moorcroft, no Col Metcher and so on. It just seems to me that whenever I'm left "in charge" there is not many to be in charge of! We did have Alex Woodley on his Moto Guzzi, Greg and Trish Schmidt on their BMW and we had a 'first timer' John Bradbury on his BMW 4. We were waved off by Don Kibble and Steward Wood who were hard at it preparing for Wintersunshine Rally. Don Kibble promised faithfully that he would be on NEXT WEEK's ride, so we shall see.

We rode up Beechmont and had morning coffee at The Laurel's Café after this we continued on to Canungra and up the Goat Track once again, to have lunch at Quinnie's our regular stop over at North Tamborine. After lunch we continued down the mountain to Wongawallan cutting through to Maudsland Road and finally home. All on a fine and sunny winters day. Readers will note that I have deliberately NOT mentioned what we had to eat. The reason for this is I think our President is becoming very envious of our gastronomic habits, and we can't have that now can we?

## Thursday Riders - 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Well I suppose it had to be expected. Only three riders fronted up for today's ride in spite of promises. But we did have a new face who rode today for the first time and that was Stuart Wood who was giving Ronnie Hewitt's lovely Suzuki a gallop. The other rider apart from myself was our stalwart, Alex Woodley on his trusty Moto Guzzi. I don't think Alex has missed a Thursday ride since they started. Well done that man!

We left the Clubhouse shortly after 0930 and headed out through Latimer's Crossing to the Nerang – Murwillumbah road travelling through Nunimbah valley, past the Correctional Centre or if you prefer "the Prison Farm". We stopped for a welcome cuppa at the Café at Lyon's Crossing to warm us up. I wonder if the Prison Farm does morning coffee? Well, perhaps not, our bikes would be stripped by the time we'd finished our coffee. Once on the road again we passed Camp Bornhoffen (sounds like a Concentration Camp doesn't it?) on our way to Chillingham. From here we took the Zara road to Tyalgum where we stopped for lunch at the Hotel. Here we found a good menu of good country fare at reasonable prices. We resumed our ride by travelling the road through Eungella back to Murwillumbah. From here we took the Queensland Road past the Show Ground and travelled back to the Clubhouse by riding over Tomewin through to Currumbin Valley and the Old Coach road. All in all a very pleasant run in beautiful country and again, fine weather. What else could one wish for?

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# The Great Sidecar Expedition. – Stuart Wood

What a great trip it was, with many memories, photos and five and a half thousand k's on the outfit. And it looks even better now than it did at the beginning. Mine has no "dings" in it and the very thorough cleaning we had to undertake, to meet Aust. Quarantine regs. brought them up very nicely.

Unlike most trips and holidays, where you return home and it is all over, with this one I can re-live it whenever I take the outfit out on the road here.

As I write there are 15 Dnepr bike/sidecar outfits, inside two 40 ft. containers, on the water somewhere between Shanghai and Brisbane. By the time you read this the ship should be very close to Brisbane. I was really hoping to have the bike here for the Wintersunshine weekend, but the first ship from Genoa, Italy, went to Shanghai and transhipped our containers there. The latest news of the shipment is arrival at Bris. Port around 22nd Aug. The Bris. shipping agents have advised that the morning of 30th Aug will be our unpacking and pick-up day. They must have more faith in Customs and Quarantine than the rest of us do. If this is to become reality then I'll have it at the next monthly meeting, on the 31st, even if brought on a trailer from home.

The next steps will involve fitment of a handbrake, getting a compliance plate and then registration. It will be a great feeling to hop on it again, to re-live some of the memories,



and share the experience with some side-car passengers. That could be a little daunting for some, with the sidecar on the RHS. I'm going to have to share it with our son, Evan, and his friends, for a while.

Our Expedition went to plan in many respects, but not to plan in other ways. It really was a foregone conclusion before we left here that we wouldn't be going to Syria and the Middle East. The Plan B route turned out to be a great experience.

Personally, I think I would not have enjoyed the long trip down thru' Turkey to the Middle East as much as the revised route across Greece, up the Dalmation Coast and into Italy. And considering the bikes were designed for the cold climate of Russia they probably would not have withstood the heat of the Middle east.

The trip started in the Ukraine, then to Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, including the Gallipoli Peninsular, Greece, Thassos Island, Albania, Croatia and Italy. We took an overnight ferry from Zadar in Croatia across to the East coast of Italy, instead of continuing North and entering Italy at the top.

A highlight of that ferry trip was sharing it with around seventy Harley Davidsons, their riders having been to a huge 5000 strong rally on the Dalmation Coast.

After taking the short-cut to Italy, I became very adventurous and headed off, alone, up to Venice and then across the Italian Alps and down Lake Como to meet the group again at Genoa, 5 days later. I was without back-up and luckily the only problem encountered was a wayward spoke and thence puncture.

Next month I will write another article, and talk about some of the many problems encountered with the bikes. Let's face it. If Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman didn't have to face the many issues which confronted them, they wouldn't have had much of a story to film and write about. Problems faced and conquered make us all the stronger.

**Till Next Month.....Stuart Wood.**

# Wintersunshine Rally 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

By Noel Peck

After many hours of preparatory work by all the officers and members of MECGC Saturday dawned bright and shiny\* and more about that later. At 0630 Rod Moorcroft and I started erecting the marquees, bunting and banners. Soon others arrived and very soon things were humming. Just one snag we couldn't find the Meguiars banners, we asked Joan, she said they were here Wednesday evening. And she was right, I saw them myself! So where the hell are they? Just then Stu Wood arrived and guess what he had under his arm? Yes, right first time! He had taken them home to fit halyards, good man! So the panic is over. Dawn Clark arrived to work with me on the registrations and very soon we had it set up and started taking registrations as riders were now starting to arrive.

Before we knew it, the time had progressed to the official opening of the clubhouse as we saw the invited guests and VIPS arrive. Spot on the appointed hour our Master of Ceremonies Wayne Bryan introduced our president Warrick Johnson who welcomed all and gave a short summary of the club's history and welcomed our guest of honour Ted Sheppard our representative of the Gold Coast City Council. Ted started by apologizing for the State government representative Roz Bates who unfortunately was suffering with the 'flu so was unable to attend. Ted continued by outlining just how we had achieved our objective of building our own clubhouse and the part he played in helping us achieve our goal. He then declared the clubhouse officially open and unveiled the plaque.

By now there were some 36 motorcycles now sorted in various categories for the boys from the Japanese Motorcycle Owners Club to start judging for the Show and Shine, not an easy task as there were some very nice machines in attendance. The results are as follows;

**Best European Bike – Lyn Dyne, with a BMW R90S.**

**Best Japanese Bike – Peter Mann, with a Suzuki Katana.**

**Best American Bike – Wayne Marston with a Harley Davidson Sportster.**

**Best Trike or Sidecar – 'Hoppy' Nelson with a Honda Valkerie Trike.**

**The bike of the Show went to Ted Frankcom's Triumph Thunderbird.**

**The People's Choice went to Guy Wong's Norton Commando.**

Stu Wood then briefed the riders on the ride to Reg Schuster's Collection at Burleigh. Some 43 bikes took part and were greeted by Reg himself and our President with his mobile afternoon tea outfit. This visit was extremely unique and interesting to all our party. There was too much to recount here, indeed it would take a separate report to do justice to the collection.

The evening meal was enjoyed at the clubhouse by twenty odd people and Joan certainly did us proud with a first class three course meal during which we all enjoyed conversation with our guests.

It was on again early the next morning with Breakfast, which again proved a great success, with bacon and the best scrambled egg I've tasted in a long time, well done chef! Topped off with bubble and squeak, toast and tea or coffee.

There was another flurry of activity with registrations which kept Dawn and I busy for the navigation ride. Rod set up the clocks and then proceeded to brief all riders about this run. Some riders took it very seriously and prepared themselves to the last detail, whilst others treated it more like a 'fun run'. Soon bikes started up and departed at their appointed times. All they had to do now was to arrive at the check points at the correct time and not miss any! Again Warrick set up his 'chuck wagon' in a shelter on a nice park at Jacob's Well. This was after travelling through Clagiraba, up Henri Roberts Drive, over Tamborine Mountain to Jacobs Well. The return route was slightly different to the outgoing which took riders back to the clubhouse via Maudsland. There was only one bike that had problems and was rescued by Rod with his car and trailer. I took up the position of 'Tailend Charlie'. When all riders had returned, Rod was hard at it working out who was the winner. It was none other than our own Ron Hewitt on his Vincent Rapide, who claimed he "just went for a ride". One highly fancied competitor after being so meticulous in preparation, failed to fill up with petrol *before* the start and had to go off course to fill up thus ruining his chances. There is a lesson to be learned here! There is another mystery, according to the results posted on the clubhouse noticeboard Guy Wong on his brand new Ducati didn't finish. If you are still out there Guy you can come home now all is forgiven!

The finale was the lunch which was again another gastronomic delight which included the presentation of the trophies. This signalled the end to the Wintersunshine Rally for this year. Two things before I finish. The first concerning the boys from Toowoomba who booked into a low class motel in Surfers. It cost just \$34 per night and there were no locks on the doors! Apparently the antics and noise of the other idiots staying there kept them awake until 4 am! They told me over breakfast that at 7am they had an extended warm up period for their bikes. Oh sweet revenge!

Lastly, many of our members were very concerned at the outset of the rally because there was rain forecast\*. I told them on Saturday there would be no rain, and no doubt about it. So how was this? Well this club is fortunate to have in its ranks a Padre, Rev. Ian Dredge need I say more?

Noel Peck



Official opening of the Club House by Councillor Ted Shepherd



# Thanks!

A very big thank-you to all those who attended, participated and assisted in this year's MECGC Wintersunshine Rally. There is a great deal of behind the scenes work required to make such a weekend the success it was. It was a great team effort by all involved, and even the Gods played their part with the fantastic weather for the entire event.

Rod Moorcroft – Events Co-ordinator.



Guy Wong Looking Happy!!



Ron – Navigation Winner



Ray Owen – still going strong !!



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# FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

**Come Join us for great food and entertainment &  
3rd Friday night of each month**

Happy hour 6-7 with half price Drinks

Food served at 7pm Movie at 8pm

Clubhouse at Heritage Centre 238  
Mudgeeraba Road Mudgeeraba  
RSVP to Joan on 0412477754 for  
confirmation of Catering Numbers

**NEXT SOCIAL NIGHT**  
**August 19<sup>th</sup> 2011**

## Events Calendar for MECGC and associated Clubs - 2011

### August

17 <sup>th</sup> August	Wed	HMCCQ Stinkwheel Rally (2 strokes)
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Thurs	Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9am for 9.30am
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Fri	Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
21-28 Aug	Sun-Sun	8 <sup>th</sup> National Veteran Motorcycle Rally, Kingaroy
25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Thurs	Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9am for 9.30am
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Wed	MECGC: Monthly Meeting and A.G.M.

### September

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Wed	MECGC Committee Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Thur	Mid Week Run. Meet Clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30 run
10-11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sat/Sun	HMCQC Annual Toowoomba Rally
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Fri	Club Social Night from 6.00pm at Clubhouse
24-25 Sept	Sat/Sun	HMCCQ Pine Rivers. Mostly Ariel Rally.
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Wed	MECGC: Monthly Meeting at Clubhouse

### October

5 <sup>th</sup> October	Wed	MECGC: Committee meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Thur.	Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30am run.
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Sun.	Australian Moto GP. Club ride then BBQ Lunch back at clubhouse to watch Moto GP on big screen. 125cc race starts 1.00pm.
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Fri	Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
22-23 October	Sat/Sun	HMCCQ Sunshine Coast, Annual Rally.
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Wed	MECGC: Monthly meeting at Club House
28-29 October	Frid/Sat	HMCCQ Toowoomba, Annual Gatton Swap, Bikes only.

***Special Note: Thursday ride now a weekly event. Meet at Clubhouse from 9.00am for 9.30 departures unless otherwise notified.***

# FOR SALE

**Note: Ads will run for 3 months. Please advise when item is sold.**

## **WANTED**

1916 Indian back wheel complete with brakes if possible, or just parts will be OK  
Ring John Finch 0412332467

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## **MORE QUESTIONS YOU CAN'T ANSWER!!!**

1. Why do banks charge a fee on “insufficient funds” when they know there is not enough ?
2. If the temperature is zero outside today and it’s going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?
3. Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

# THE MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC. GOLD COAST

P.O. BOX 706 SOUTHPORT QLD 4215  
Web page [www.mecgc.net](http://www.mecgc.net)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWALS \$50.00 PA. SINGLE OR COUPLES  
NEW MEMBERS \$50.00 INCLUDES CLUB NAME BADGE  
FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2011 TO 30 JUNE 2012

The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership to any person deemed unsuitable in character or for any reason and will not be obliged to explain to the applicant.

PAST, PRESENT and NEW members are required to complete this form annually because it will be bound into book form at the end of the year to form a completed volume within the Club's formal records.

RENEWAL

NEW MEMBERSHIP

NAME.....SIGNATURE.....

SPOUSE..... SIGNATURE.....

ADDRESS.....

.....P/CODE.....

PHONE (Home).....(Work).....

EMAIL..... OCCUPATION.....

**MACHINE DETAILS** (Optional) For the Club Register only not for publication

YEAR	MAKE	CAPACITY	CONDITION	REG. NO.
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New applicants must be nominated and seconded by existing members, only then will the application be considered by the Committee

Nominated by (Print Name).....Signature.....

Seconded by (Print Name).....Signature.....



*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.*

*At least once a month there is a club run, with other casual rides organised to similar rallies and motorcycle events held by other clubs.*

*"The Link", our club magazine, is e-mailed directly to you (or posted if you do not have internet access), on a monthly basis. The magazine has information on our club runs and also activities and rallies held by other clubs. There are also reports, photos and articles which have been sent in by our club members.*