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GOLD COAST**

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Incorporating **The Sidecar Register Of Qld.**
The Trike Register

Monthly Meetings held on the last Wednesday of each month at our Club Room,
Mudgeeraba Heritage Centre 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba (opp Milky Way)
Arrive 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start.

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Last Wednesday of every month – 7.30 pm (Excluding December)

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<p>If you have a news item, story or photos that you want published in the Link Please e-mail to gb@coomerawaters.net.au by the 12th of each month. Thank you</p>

Presidents Prattle February 2011

My apologies to everyone and especially to Graham our editor for not having a report for January. I hope everyone is having a great start to the year. Boy what a wet start. Those of us who have grown up on the Gold Coast it felt like the old times back in the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s when we had wet seasons with floods and cyclones like this on a regular basis. Back in the 60s Springbrook used to have the second highest rainfall in Australia, second only to Tully/Innisfail area, how things have changed. If you see a good day, go for a ride as the next three months will see a genuine wet season with a few more cyclones predicted.

Our Christmas party went over very well, thanks to all the work put in by Joan and Ron. They worked their butts off to prepare and serve the food. The only problem is, is that the clubhouse is not big enough when we want to seat 30 to 40 people. Thanks Joan and Ron it was a great night. Congratulations to Graham Clark who won the club bike of the year with his fabulously restored Velo. It is a real credit to him and Dawn. Thanks also to Stuart Wood who entered his Harley Davidson which is also a credit to Stuart.

Our Secretary Ray Jones has resigned for personal reasons, so we now need a new secretary to fill in for the rest of the year.

Thanks to Stuart Wood for bringing along his restored Harley to our January meeting and giving us a talk about how he restored it.

We have a few events coming up but the most important is our annual Patron's Rally on Sunday March 13. See brochure for details. Put it in your diary and tell your friends as well.

Cheers for now and see you at our February meeting where you will be able to view our new kitchen thanks to Graham Barker.

Signed off with safe riding and stay dry.

Warrick

February Meeting Wednesday 23 at 730pm

We don't have a guest speaker at the moment so if anyone would like to talk about anything please let us know.

Wanted

A new secretary to fill a vacant position – easy job, no hassles. Please apply in person to the M.E.C.G.C.

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Oxford...

"The material we put into our stomachs should have killed most of us sitting here,
years ago.

Red meat is full of steroids and dye.

Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining.

Chinese food is loaded with MSG.

High transfat diets can be disastrous and none of us realises
the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water.

But, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and most of us have, or will
eat it.

Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for
years after eating it?"

After several seconds a 70-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and said,

"WEDDING CAKE!!!"

HUSBAND DOWN

A Husband and wife are shopping in their local Woolworths.
The Husband picks up a case of VB and put it into their trolley.

"What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife.

"They're on special, only \$30 for 24 cans," he replies.

"Put them back, we can't afford them" demands the wife

And so they carried on shopping.

A few isles further along, the woman picks up a \$60 jar
of face cream and puts it in the basket.

"What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband

"It's my face cream, it makes me look beautiful," replies his wife.

Her husband retorts: "So does 24 cans of VB and it's half the price."

**On the PA System "Cleanup on isle 25, we have a
husband down."**

Jokes by Stuart Wood

EDITORS REPORT

By the time you read this report, the new kitchen at your clubhouse should have been installed and up and running. It has been a long time coming, but certainly worth the wait. The ladies who work tirelessly in the kitchen to feed us hungry bikies should be well pleased with the result.

Thanks to all the people who have helped in making the Club House renovations and kitchen happen.

We are now in the process of getting quotes for some shelving to house the Library to match the kitchen, as Wayne is eager to get the Library organised and up and running.

When all this is completed – we should have pretty flash Club House !!!

At the last general meeting, I suggested we make a donation to the Flood Appeal. The Brisbane branch of the Historic Motorcycle Club donated \$200 at their meeting, the Toowoomba Branch also donated \$1000, so come on guys, how about the Club donates something towards helping these unfortunate people affected by the floods.

We would just like to remind our club members that we are always looking for articles or ideas for the Link Magazine to keep things interesting!!

Please email to gb@coomerawaters.net.au

When asked by a young patrol officer “Do you know you were speeding?”

An 83 year old woman talked herself out of a ticket by stating:
“Yes, but.....I had to get there before I forgot where I was going.”

Makes perfectly good sense to me!!!

Who were the 2 MECGC male club members spotted up at Redcliffe waterfront last week eating fish and chips with the trusty little dog between them ??

No wonder certain people are suspicious about this FRIENDSHIP
Bet the local shop staff were chuckling about it

Annon

END OF STORY

THE GREAT SIDE CAR EXPEDITION

When I first mentioned this trip, it was many months ago, but time flies by so quickly that by the time you read this, it will be down to around 9 weeks to departure day – on Anzac Day.

The latest uprising in Egypt is obviously cause for concern. If it hasn't already occurred, the chaos will no doubt spill over into Syria and Jordan. We were to go to both these countries. Consequently plan B has been mentioned. As I write this, I am not aware of where the alternate route would take us!! Lang's words are that it would be a rather interesting alternative adventure?

Lang Kidby and his wife, Bev (the trip organizers) have travelled through most of that part of the world and are very experienced adventurers. There are going to be 22 people in the complete group, 17 guys and one New Zealand Lady, each with their own Dnepr Rig. Strictly one person per outfit. The side-cars are to carry our belongings, camping gear, spare fuel, oil and shared spare parts for the machines.

Both Lang and Sasha (the Ukrainian guy who sourced and is supervising the complete re-building of each outfit) will be driving Dneprs as well. That makes 20 rigs, in varying colours. Sasha is going to be the sweep mechanic. His partner is an English speaking Ukrainian lady who will be travelling with Lang's wife in a small van. They will be out in front working on administration, booking accommodation and so on.

We will not be travelling in convoy style, but in small groups of 3 or 4. That's the theory anyway!! The itinerary is not "set in concrete" from day to day. There are a multitude of things which could affect our progress, so the accommodation each night, (either camping grounds or 2-3 star hotels) will be booked that day. The only exception has been the booking of 2 nights at an Istanbul (Turkey) hotel, as it is peak season when we will be there. We will be travelling in the last month of the Northern Hemisphere's Spring and going into the beginning of Summer.

The planned route was to take us through SE Ukraine, down to the Black Sea, then through the river Delta of the Danube into Romania. From there down into Bulgaria, across to the top of Greece and the Greek Island of Thasos, return via ferry to the mainland and over into Turkey and the Gallipoli Peninsular. Then to Istanbul (apparently one of the "must see" cities of the world) and the only city in the World which is situated in two different Continents. From here we travel

down through Turkey (which is quite a big country) before entering Syria and Jordan.

In the last country that we visit and at the end of the trip, we load our outfits into shipping containers for them to be sent home. 16 are to be shipped to Brisbane – 2 levels in a 40ft high cube container and 4 to the USA in a standard 20ft container.

I'm getting to know some of the others in the group, through direct phone calls and e-mails. One guy, from Mooloolaba, was in the area last weekend and dropped by. He seemed a very friendly fellow and an ex-Army pilot mate of Lang K. This guy, another fellow from Mackay and myself are on the same Etihad Airline flight out of Brisbane. I figure 3 heads will be better than one when we arrive in a far off place like Kiev.

What an incredible tool the Internet is. Last night I found out what you should pay for a taxi from Kiev airport to the city centre!!

More next month about the actual Dnepr Outfit.

Stuart Wood



Stuart Wood getting in some practice for his upcoming Adventure to Russia !!!Ed

YES! YES! YES! We did it!

without the rain.

Rod Moorcroft – Events Co-ordinator.



*Bikes stopped at the Chillingham Store
for morning tea*

Thursday 3rd February saw 7 eager members turn out at the club house for a 9.30am ride.

Colin Metcher, Murray Speden, Alex Woodley, Graham Clark, Ron Hewitt, Joan Graham and yours truly headed down the Nerang Murwillumbah Road where we stopped at the Chillingham Store for morning tea.

From there we headed out to Tyalgum and then onto Murwillumbah. Ron managed to get us a tour

through the ‘Mothcair Aviation Services’ hangar at the local air field where we got to see some very beautifully restored old aircraft.

It was then time for lunch at the Tumbulgum pub and time to reflect on the great weather, the great ride, the great refreshments, the great food, and of course the great company we shared on the day.

Col needed some fuel before we headed off so he went back to Murwillumbah whilst the rest of us sat around for another drink. This was where we experienced the first casualty for the day when Col’s clutch cable let go. Alex departed for home for a previous appointment; whilst the rest of us, led by Graham, headed to his place for afternoon tea which Dawn had waiting for us on arrival.

Graham very kindly uncovered some of his treasures for our viewing pleasure, and this was also the setting for our second casualty of the day. Ron managed to totally demolish one of Graham & Dawn’s valuable folding patio chairs.

HELP WANTED!

Sunday 13th March is the Patron’s Rally and as always we will be requiring volunteers to ensure the day runs to an acceptable standard.

If you can assist with the following roles, please contact Rod Moorcroft on either mobile: 0411 127 017 or email: rgmoorcroft@bigpond.com.

- **Event sign in Assistants.**
- **Check Point Marshalls.**
- **Result Supervisors.**
- **BBQ Cooks.**



13TH MARCH 2011

PATRON'S RALLY

RIDE PLUS LUNCH

MEET CLUB HOUSE 238 MUDGEERABA RD.

HERITAGE CTR (OPP MILKY WAY) 8-00AM

RIDE LEAVES 9-30AM EASY RIDE ALL BITUMEN

MORNING TEA ON RIDE BEGINNERS WELCOME

BARBECUE LUNCH ON RETURN TO CLUB HOUSE

\$10-00 ENTRY INCLUDES LUNCH

INFO PH. WARRICK 0401 533371



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
February 18th 2011

FUNDRAISING REPORT by Joan Graham

Well progress is happening at the clubhouse as far as the finalisation of the grant
Thanks to Ray Jones for his letter to the Grant office to get the new kitchen approved and the old is out and the new ready to go in and should be in there by now and the sails are up so now this grant can be finalised

Because of the disasters in Queensland this year, the funding for the grants has been suspended so the applications for more funding has been halted

Raffles will continue as normal as we need to have income to be able to finance the clubhouse expenditure for the future. Your support in this area is very much appreciated

Social nights will continue as they have been, so support there also is needed

Till next month

Many Many thanks to you all

Till next month

Joan Graham

Hi Everyone

Attached is the Workshop flyer for NEXT Sunday 20th
Can we please have some confirmation on numbers for catering, wouldn't want to have too much food !!!

It will be on rain hail or shine as we can all be under cover
\$10 covers the whole day including morning and afternoon teas and BBQ lunch
Anyone coming in cars if you could bring a couple of chairs would be appreciated

There will be raffles on the day also
If you are interested in the mig and tig welding and having a go on the day, will you also bring long pants and long sleeved shirt with full shoe protection while using the equipment

Soft Drinks will be available for sale also
Any questions just come back to us and also for catering

Many thanks
Joan and Ron

20TH FEBRUARY WORKSHOP DAY

53 ALBERT ST. EAGLEBY

IT IS ON AGAIN SAME FORMAT AS LAST YEAR
DEMONSTRATIONS THIS YEAR

MIG WELDING

CARBURETOR SYNCHRONIZATION.

SHIM TAPPET ADJUSTMENT

HELICOIL DEMONSTRATION

PLUS IF YOU HAVE A REQUEST PH RON 3807 4189

MORNING TEA PLUS BBQ LUNCH

DIRECTIONS TO RON & JOAN'S

TAKE EXIT 35 OF GOLD COAST HWY

TAKE EAGLEBY EXIT OF ROUNDABOUT

TURN RIGHT T EAGLEBY

SECOND ROAD ON RIGHT ALBERT ST.

OVER FIRST CROSS RD NO 53

LUNCH

POOL

SOCIAL DAY

Events Calendar:

February 2011

- * **February 18th** - Friday Night Social – Club House 6.00pm.
- * **February 20th** – MECGC Workshop day hosted by Ron Hewitt. Arrive at Ron's place around 10.00am. Cost \$10.00/head which includes morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea.
- * **February 23rd**- Monthly Club Meeting – Arrive 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

March 2011

- * **March 3rd** - Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30am ride.
- * **March 4th** – Friday night at Ferry Road Diner – Southport – Meet at 7.00pm.
- * **March 13th** - MECGC: PATRON'S Rally and luncheon at Club House
- * **March 18th** - Friday Night Social – Club House 6.00pm.
- * **March 19-20** – HMCCQ Sunshine Coast, Maleny Swap.
- * **March 30th** – Monthly Club Meeting – Arrive 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

April 2011

- * **April 3rd** - Ride to Ma Ma Creek. Depart club house 8.00am / Yatala Pies 8.45am
- * **April 6th** - MECGC: Committee meeting
- * **April 7th** - Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30run.
- * **April 9-10th** - HMCCQ Pine Rivers, Veteran, Vintage & Girder Fork Rally
- * **April 15th** - Friday Night Social – Club House 6.00pm.
- * **April 16-17th** Haigslea Swap – HMCCQ Brisbane & Ipswich Areas. (Sat. Club Run?)
- * **April 27th** - MECGC: Monthly meeting at Club House

Another way to stay informed is to send me your email address and I will send out reminders one week prior to a ride, and again a couple of days before. My email: rgmoorcroft@bigpond.com Ph: 0411 127 017.

New Events & Changes

If you have a close look at the Events Calendar you will notice we have included two extra events. The first is an outing for Friday night 4th March at the Ferry Road Diner. The diner is situated on the corner of Ferry Road and Meron Street Southport. (*In the same complex as Super Cheap and the Harley Workshop*). The plan is to meet there at 7.00pm for a meal.

The menu includes snack foods such as burgers, hot dogs, etc, as well full meals such as chicken meals, fish meals, pasta, etc.

More information about the diner can be found on their web site at: www.ferryroaddiner.com.au.



The second new event is a Sunday ride to Ma Ma Creek on 3rd April. (*Up around Gatton area*) Still not sure on the route we will be taking at this time.

A change in date has also been made for the Patron's Rally. Originally the date had been set for the 17th of April; however it had now been brought forward to the 13th March.

FOR SALE

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

TRIUMPH TR6/Dusting Outfit 1970 Fully Restored
\$15,500.00 Jim 0403 643 868 or 3273 8947

SUZUKI gs500. Good condition, ideal for old age or learner. 2000yr model with Roadworthy.
\$2,750.00 Ron 07 3807 4189

1963 triumph TR6 bike in very good condition never ridden on the road since being rebuilt. Call Rick Hogarth 0408 020 023

BMW K100 1984 Cherry Red. Low Kms. Good Condition \$5500.00 ono
Ring Bob cat Bob – 55 330202

Security Cable with card padlock \$10.00 – Gary (Barman) 07 55 466230

Need **Tyres** for your car or 4WD. Bridge Tyremart – 55 800590

Trike, sidecar or general engineering – difficult jobs a speciality.
EAGLE TRIKES – Hoppy 07 55 934750

AUTO BARN Burleigh Heads – Paul Maloney 55 357055

CAMPBOR TIMBER – Natures Own Cutting Board
Keith Park 0418 728 761

LARRY LAPRISE DEAD AT 93

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed recently.

Larry Laprise, the man that wrote “The Hokey Pokey” died peacefully at the age of 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin.

They put his left leg in. **And then the trouble started !!!!!!!**



THE MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC. GOLD COAST

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INCORPORATING TRIKE AND SIDECAR REGISTERS

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
RENEWALS **\$50.00 p.a.** Singles or couples
NEW MEMBERS **\$50.00** Includes CLUB NAME BADGE
FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2010 TO 30 JUNE 2011

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

Please Print. Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please Print. Spouse: _____ Signature: _____

Please Print. Address: _____

City or Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Phones (home): _____ (Work): _____ (Mobile): _____

Email Address: _____

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

Year	Make	Capacity	Condition	Reg no.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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: _____

Receipt No.: _____ Date: _____

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Membership List

Checked/filed.....

Club Secretary.....



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.