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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 – MAY 2011

I would like to give a special thanks to our April meeting guest speakers, Mike and Jo Hannan. What a great night. They gave a fantastic talk and visual presentation of their trip across Europe and Russia a couple of years ago.

Mike and Jo rode a BMW called 'The Elephant' (you need to read the book to find out about the name), 50,000 klms and 12 months on a trip of a lifetime. If you missed the night you missed a great talk. Thanks very much Mike and Jo it was a great night and I am sure a lot of us envy you both and it sure makes Rod's ride to Longreach like a ride to the shops.

Thanks to Vice President Wayne for organising Mike and Jo as our guest speakers.

WINTERSUNSHINE RALLY BIKE OF THE YEAR.

Just a reminder that the Bike of Year presentation for the 'Best Restored Bike' by a Club member finished in the last 12 months will be made at the Wintersunshine Rally Bike Show on Saturday the 6th August. It doesn't matter how long it has taken to restore it, just as long as you have finished it within the last 12 months.

Our Member Stuart Wood should be well into his great sidecar expedition by the time you read this. Hope he is having a ball.

Our guest speaker for our May meeting is Matt Kuhne. Matt should give us all a great talk., see article from Rod.

Welcome to new Club Member Murray Speden from Helensvale. I hope you enjoy our Club and join in with all our activities.

Rod has heaps of rides organised for May so if you have time come for a ride and join in. See you all at the next meeting.

Cheers and safe riding.

Warrick

Ride Diary from 'Side Car Phil':



Thursday 14th April: Well as per all the rides, Rod and I arrived at the club a tad before the others. We are very excitable, and as per usual Paul arrived next, only this time on his Booster; also excited. Now I have to say, I thought it would just be the three of us, but it just goes to show ya; Its gunner work. The bikes kept coming, and some new faces along with them. The Thursday rides are a goer; and the newly formed Chapter of the cardio vascular riders, and regular boys turned up to ride.

I, as in 'Side Car Phil' was there on the Honda with side car dog, and then a new couple, Patricia & Greg Schmidt arrived along with a few others. About 8 all up. It was great to meet up, a quick tea or coffee, and Rodders with a plan in mind already, took charge, and off we went.

First out through Gilston, then to Canungra, up the goat track, and over the top of MT Tambo. AT the traffic light on the goat track, Paul decided to let Rod know we needed a stop. Just in case someone wanted to powder their nose or something. But Rodders missed the sign language, as so by the other side of Tambo, I rode up and let him know while we were stopped at a road work siding once acknowledged, a quick change in heading was made, and we all cut inland this time lead by Paul on his booster who was busting, as was I, to the BP, for as B- PEE stop.

It was lightly talked over while at the BP, that we may instigate some signage , like morse code semaphore or, whatever, as we don't have two way radio's, a new code will be introduced to notify the road Capt. of such a situation, should such a situation eventuate again, necessitating a powder stop . Minor fine tuning to sort out such things, and we will have our Thursday run's revered by all, and others who ride.

Once on our way we headed up the Highway , not the original route Planned, due to the BP stop,, but finished up at Ron's , to Google over the new Scorpion kit car , Ron is gunner sort out for its owner . Some guys cut out after a while and headed for home , but for the long term riders with a little more free time lunch was had at the Strawberry farm, and then a visit to Matt Kuhne's Warehouse; Shark Leathers.

Friday 15th April: As you know, we now ride every Thursday, BUT, that has generated yet another club activity, and the first of those outings happened today. Two members of the cardio vascular chapter of our bike club, are taking it the limit, and the extra day of active life be in it health stuff happened. NO friends not on our bikes, but in our boats. Canoes....and this could be a regular thing to wit, ...all are invited. Take out your canoe, get fit lose a kilo or three, and enjoy as we did the beauty of nature, the water, and the company of not only each other, but 'Diesel' the dog . Rodders dog.

We launched our canoes from Rodders back yard and private ramp, and paddled our Lil boats out from the river, to the Broadwater. Diesel sat proud on the bow, like it was all very normal, and I paddled my boat alongside Rodders. WE embarked on

a voyage around wave break island that included battling the rapids as the tide runs very fast around the North Eastern point, to the shelter of the Easterly cove.

After surviving the rapids, and Diesel taking a few waves over the bow, the tranquillity of the bay, and southern views of Surfers set a nice tone for a lazy but health inspired paddle to the southern point, where again we worked out against the tide, to eventually settle on the beach for a snack and some tea. The view was beautiful, the day the same, and we found ourselves so engrossed in conversation regarding bike club issues, neither one of us noticed the skimpily clad girls in their very little almost nonexistent bikinis. Actually Diesel did look once or four times at the girls, but they had food as did we and that was more the distraction for him.

After a teas break, and a play with the mutt, we boarded our craft and set out on the paddle homeward bound. A great day, great exercise, and an issue we should all talk over some more. Such activity, beauty, health giving exercise, and being part of nature, and the water marine life, including the big bull ray I passed right over, and it all cost nothing. But a beautiful way of having fun, and as ratty said to mole, "there is no better way of waiting time, than messing about on boats."

Thursday 21st April: Well readers, the Thursday thing is bigger'n Ben Hur. At around 8.30, the bikes were in line. Side car Phil, Rodders on his road star Alex and his Guzzi, Crazy Colin and his trumpy, Greg and Patricia on their BMW. As per all the new Thursday rides we meet up have a tea, or coffee, and it's during that very social moment when the decision gets made as to WHERE WE GOIN ?? Colin came up with the idea of, 'follow him', and as no one could better that..., we did !

So off we went, out through the back of Gilston, lots of other out back roads, and we ended up on Springbrook MT..The weather was perfect, just cool enough to make wearing leather the right choice of gear, and the bikes sounded great burbling up the outback tracks in the sun, At the top, and right next to a cafe called the Gourmet Galah, someone in the group asked the question, "had every one seen the, ' Best of all lookout' ? the cry of NEY, came from half the group, so led now by Side car Phil, an X tour guide from the days when Surfers actually had tourists, we went up Liar bird road, under the darkness of the tree canopies, and wet road not touch by the sun, we made it to the top. Side car Phil stood guard over the machines as those area's are famous for thieves who prey on tourist vehicles. and the 350 metre walk through the bush excellent for the cardio vascular chapter of the club, proved that the lookout really is "the best of all ". All who see it are impressed.

Next came the short ride back to the cafe, and we all enjoyed lunch, coffee, and sitting outside in the sun, in amongst the lovely garden setting. as per always the chit chat was entertaining, informative and more and more it is leading to talk about canoe and other such boating outings. So our Thursdays are generating all sorts of interesting future days out., after a good hour plus, we mounted our trusty steeds, and crazy Colin riding as though on a dirt track speed way, lead the charge of the ' bike brigade', down the mountain. Rodders was tail end Charlie in the back streets of Mudgee, we regrouped said our goodbyes, and headed for home.. Another great

day out, and dreams of more to come .All looking forward to the health giving happiness, and social intercourse, that promotes such well being.

Thursday 28th April: Well readers and riders, yet another club ride of unbelievable numbers, which just goes to show "it's a bikers Thursday. " Now readers yesterday, I was walking the dogs in pouring rain, and in the last 30 meters to home, my neighbours having a laugh at me all wet, required a response, but as I did so, I turned and popped a hip muscle, and was in allot of pain from that moment on .So Thursday morning the alarm went off and I awoke , and found I was still not right, despite the hot tub, and hot packs and loving help from Blondie. Wednesday night.

My first action was to call Rodders and tell him of my plight, and he assured me the ride was on with heaps of bikes. I limped out to my Harley; gleaming, fuelled up ready to go, and excited as Blondie was coming too. Her first ride, she had the day off ., but I couldn't lift my right leg to mount my horse. My hip muscle was still painfully knotted up. But it's funny how weird things happen. As the ride was not the usual super happy day .in a funny sort a way.

Rodders lost the club house key, so it took ages to find them, and while this was happening, the sunny day turned all wet and it bucketed down. Never fazed by rain, the biker brigade, headed out, and all was well until the gang came to a stop, with a bogged semi, blocking the road to the Red Rattler. It was of course still pouring down so every ones spirits while always high, were getting dampened. Morning tea was served, but the rain was so heavy the scones all got wet, as the old rattlers roof leaked, and the red rattler hosts had to apologize, and refund the money. To top it all off the bikes all got bogged ,and it was mud and mess trying to get them out of the car park...We called a truckie to salvage the bikes , and while still sheltering from the rain, the phone went off:- At that point, I woke up !!! .Shit I had fallen asleep; It was all a dream. I got in the pool early at 7.30 in the rain hoping my stiff joint would settle, and let me go riding with the boys, and I dosed off; it was so hot.

It was Rod - On the phone calling me. I had been in the pool for ages sleeping and soaking. And looked like a prune, and it was raining. With steam rising from the hot tub, Rod told me of how he, Alex, Greg and Trish had gone out and had a great ride. The food at the Red Rattler served by Fi was great, and the ride mostly dry. It was another great club outing. Rod did discover however he needs new water proof gloves. Despite the wet, they all survived, stayed up right, to ride yet another Thursday. That I WILL BE GOING ON ... Just goes to show you, how the mind can play tricks on ya, when you can't go out on a ride.

Side Car Phil,..over' n out .

Thursday 5th May 2011 Hullo Readers, and riders. What a success, our every Thursday rides are. Today's ride started with four riders at Side car Phil's place, and by 7.30, Rodders, on his Yammy Vstar, Phil's son Paul on his suzzi 600, and Paul's mate Ben, on his Honda 600, first timers, headed off with the blue Harley side car rig, to Canungra. 8 o'clock and we had ordered coffee's at the cafe, and the others started to arrive, to settle in .Greg and Trish on their BMW, Noel on his red

R.80, and shortly after Graham, on his R 80, then Murray aboard his silver 1200 GI, BMW. 8 bikes all up, one with side car.

After a welcome and drink, some had breaky we set off with Graham in green as road Capt., and Rodders as well as tail end Charlie. Talk about out back and in the never-never. We followed Graham, through magnificent country to Lions road, and then to a scenic run called the loop to a beautiful look out .Stopped along the way at a great picnic camping spot as well, and all were happy .Thursdays are going to be huge .

Next came the run back from the look out, and a few of us checking our fuel.All up the ride was 240 ks .Noel was running on fumes but he made the lunch stop ok. On the way down and heading back from the lookout, the fun started . The area being big on farming, had allot of cow pats on the road, and the odd stray bull. Paul running about 4th in the downhill charge of the biker brigade passed Side car Phil, and did a bit of fancy flip flops to miss huge piles of bull Dung. Now readers ya had to be there. .The side car rig hit a bull burger, and took it on the bike front wheel. Talk about the shit hitting the fan. Never before has so much been endured for so long by so few.

Imagine someone chucking a full bucket of thick dirty water at youyes readers even the sound it would make The shit, splattered all over Side car Phil's boot, inner and outer leg, all over the side car, and between it and the bike, and as well as hitting the rear pannier, of the Harley . It splattered up into, and all around the face under the visor, and over the left sleeve, and chest area. Every creek crossing was a potential stop zone to wash, but as there was no way to get to our faithful leader of the pack, the brigade charged on and the shit dried solid. The Harley and side car and rider looked a mess, much to the amusement of all the fellow riders when we stopped at the Rathdowney pub for lunch. Ron and Joan were waiting, and so that made another bike and two more for lunch. Joan did her best to say Hi to Side car Phil, but was laughing so much the best she could do was a lil hug.

SO next came lunch, and a nice typical pub get together. Bob the pub manager at Rathdowney offered a valet cleaning service re the state of Side car Phil by pointing to the fire hose on the wall. A good laugh even if a bit crappy. Yet again a great ride lead by Noel this time ,and all were happy as we headed off , and did our usual peeling off and going our own roads home . Every one enjoyed the day and for the only side car out fit ..ABSOLUTE BULL SHIT .!!

Till next we ride ..Sidecar Phil .x



Side Car Phil checking out the Cow Crap (Or Bull Shit)!!!! Thursday Club Run – 5th May



FITTING AND RIDING MOTORCYCLES WITH SIDECARS

ARTICLE 3

Last month we looked at Toe in and the reasons why we use a flat surface with no camber and the motorcycle upright, this month we will discuss camber of the road and how we minimize the effect on the tracking of the outfit. If we lean a stationary solo motorcycle the handlebars will turn in the direction of the lean with considerable force, this is caused by trail which is the distance the front wheel trails behind the pivot point of the head stem. All you guys who push the shopping trolley will appreciate that the wheel is behind the pivot point and when we push the trolley forward the wheel trails behind, exactly the same thing happens on a motorcycle, so it is obvious if we ride the outfit on a road with camber it will track down the slope which means we will have to fight the machine to keep it straight.

So how do we counteract this, as mentioned before the handlebars turn when we lean the motorcycle over and of course with a sidecar the motorcycle moves from upright depending on the slope of the road. To counteract this we lean the motorcycle out from the sidecar, the usual recommended amount is half an inch but if you can see the motorcycle is leaning out it will be okay, this adjustment is difficult as if you lean out a lot, left hand turns will feel unnerving especially for the beginner, every road we travel will have different amount of camber, some overseas manufactures supply an electrically controlled jack screw which fits in the top sidecar to bike fitting so the lean out can be adjusted according to the camber of the road.

Now we have the motorcycle and sidecar set up except for the minor adjustments which will go on for as long as we ride an outfit, let us look at riding the contraption and some of the problems for beginners.

Your first ride will be an experience which you will remember for the rest of your life and I hope it doesn't end in tears.

Naturally the best place to start is a large flat area with you in the middle but this is not always practical so if you have to travel to such a place please do it extremely carefully and slow, the more you have ridden a solo the worse off you will be as your natural instincts can put you into a fence or other obstacle quicker than anything you have ever experienced. Why you ask well when the sidecar goes over a rise the bike will lean to the right and of course on a solo you correct this by turning the handlebars right completely by instinct without any thought, if the sidecar falls into a hole the opposite occurs, Don't think this will not happen to you, there has been many a sidecar fitted and crashed without even getting out of the drive.

So we have the outfit in a safe place and away we go, I suggest first gear and lots of figure eights etc until we re educate our natural instincts, its surprising how quick old habits can come back when things go wrong.

At this stage when we can basically control this contraption without going the wrong way unexpectedly, let us look at some of the effects we must be aware of, first of all when we start off the sidecar which is hanging out on the left will pull the bike left and this must be compensated for, in fact everytime we accelerate the bike will pull left, and of course when we slow down the sidecar will try and keep going which will turn the bike to the right, when braking this effect will be increased and the pressure on the bars to keep the outfit straight will have to be increased. So when starting or accelerating the outfit will go left while slowing or braking the outfit will go right, all these forces will be completely different to your natural instinct learned over years of solo riding and will have to be corrected by direct thought, until such time as your natural instinct is trained, beware this can take some time.

Now we have the accelerating and braking under control what about corners, you hear people say you accelerate around left hand turns and shut off or brake around right hand turns, so beginners immediately almost stop at the start of a left hand turn, use lots of throttle then half way around the speed has increased dramatically, they immediately shut off, the sidecar leaves the ground the bike leans alarmingly to the right, as panic takes over natural instincts turn the handlebars right, all this with considerable speed and in the middle of a corner, the result is often serious damage and injury.

The same thing happens in reverse for right hand turns the beginner goes in fast shuts off and applies a lot of front brake, the sidecar takes over and pushes the bike around but as there is no right hand front wheel the outfit tips until the sidecar nose drags on the ground, the rear wheel of the motorcycle leaves the ground, the old instinct keeps the front brake firmly on and the outfit overturns. This can be real dangerous because the rider usually is thrown ahead in the direction of the turn and then the overturning sidecar lands on top of the rider, this happens real quick and is not nice.

So how do we go around corners, well for a left hand we enter slightly slower, the toe in we set previously means the sidecar if we maintain a constant speed is not pulling the motorcycle around, but if we increase the power slightly the chair will drag and the outfit will pull to the left and in so doing assist us to make a left hand turn, arriving at the end of the turn only slightly faster than we started, in fact you will find if the sidecar wheel lifts you can control the height by increasing or decreasing the throttle slightly, of course if we shut the throttle off abruptly the sidecar will lift and push the outfit right.

A right hand turn is negotiated the same but opposite, we approach the corner slightly faster and by trailing the throttle will turn the outfit right, of course shutting off sharply or applying lots of front brake will cause the side car to tip with the rear wheel of the motorcycle leaving the ground with disastrous effects as discussed. In fact a right hand turn can be more dangerous than a left hand turn.

Cheers

Ron HEWITT

Editors Report – Club House Grand Opening

At the last committee meeting, it was decided that now we have the Clubhouse almost finished, that it would be fitting to have an Official Opening coinciding with the Saturday of the Wintersunshine Rally. Invitations will be sent out to a lot of the past and Founder members who have helped make our Club what it is today.

It is hoped that Ted Shepherd will be available on that day to perform the Official Opening, he has been a great help with cutting through the red tape Etc. and has helped out with the odd donation from time to time.

The Committee also decided to go ahead with the library shelving which will match the colour scheme of the kitchen . Wayne is eager to get the books back into the Clubhouse and out of his garage!

You might notice that the Link is early this month – but that is because, the Chief Editor (My Wife) decided we needed a break, so we are off to Darwin for a week. Cheap airfares – shame about the accommodation prices!! However we have never been there before, so looking forward to it.

All for now

GB and Pauline

WOMEN'S REVENGE

“Cash check or charge?” I asked, after folding items the women wished to purchase.

As she fumbled in her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse

“So do you always carry your TV remote?” I asked.

“NO”, she replied, “but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do
To him legally.”

FUNDRAISING REPORT by Joan Graham

Hi Everyone

Well Wintersunshine Rally is nearing and I have been busy with requests for prize donations for the bike show and rally and also the raffles

Old Bike have generously sent some DVD's and back issues of their magazine and also a year's subscription for their magazine as their sponsorship in the bike show

I have not had any more confirmations yet but Meguiars is in the process at the moment and will let you know when that is confirmed

I would like to thank Mike and Jo for their kind donation of their book "The Elephant's Tale" for the last raffle after their fantasising talk about their adventure on the elephant at our last meeting

I really appreciate these small donations as they make our raffles so different and interesting The month before I had a donation of a small piece of equipment for helping to repair chains and that was excellent especially for Stuart Wood as he is taking it with him on his adventure So if you have something you think someone may appreciate then please bring it along and we will raffle it

Maybe you have something at home that you have purchased and not used or a book that others may be interested in

Thank you to you all who support the raffles as the real winner out of this is our club and the events we run to create a friendlier club for all to enjoy is really worth all the effort

Till next month
Joan Graham

Volunteers Required:

Come August 6th and 7th our annual Wintersunshine Rally will be underway. As always, these events require a few bodies to assist with the many tasks required on the day. Administration of the morning sign-in and checkpoint marshals just to name a couple of the jobs we require volunteers for.

If you are able to volunteer your services for the day, please contact Rod Moorcroft:

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The Long Ride to Longreach



Gold Coast to Longreach

8th – 17th August 2011

Expressions of Interest :

Long Ride to Longreach – For Anyone Interested:

Phil (Sidecar) Green and Rod Moorcroft are looking at planning a 10-day trip from Monday 8th August to Longreach via Monto and Emerald, then back to the coast via Charleville and Roma. The ride to Longreach is planned to take 3 - 4 days with a similar timed return trip.

We still need to work out many aspects of the ride such as type of accommodation, stop over's, etc.

For anyone interested in finding out more or joining us in this planning stage, please contact either Phil or Rod.

Phil Green: Phone: 0401 013 887 Email: philgreensidecars@hotmail.com

Rod Moorcroft: Phone: 0411 127 017 Email: rgmoorcroft@bigpond.com

The Long Ride to Longreach – Update:

Wednesday night 20th April saw a planning meeting for this little adventure. So here is the latest:

We depart Monday 8th August on a 4-day ride to Longreach with anticipated stopovers at Murgon, Biloela, & Emerald.

Stopovers will remain flexible. Maximum day's riding from Emerald to Longreach is 417K.

Arrive Longreach Thursday 11th August, and depart on Monday 15th for a 3-day ride home via Charleville & Chinchilla, with the Longreach to Charleville leg being the longest day's riding at 515K.

Accommodation is planned for caravan/camping parks where some will have tents, or you can book into on-site cabins.

During the three days in Longreach, we will have an optional day ride to Winton for anyone interested. (360K return trip).

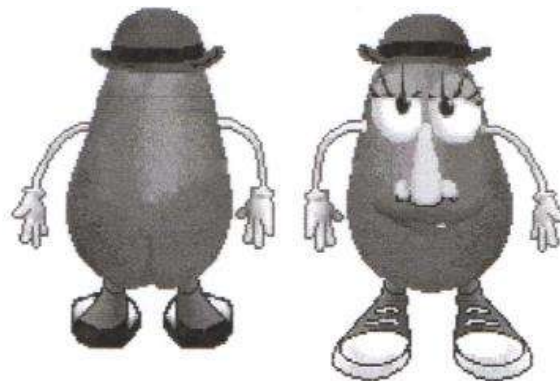
Everyone is welcome to join the trip. Does not matter if you chose two, three or four wheels; just come along and enjoy the trip.

We are also interested if anyone wants to drive as backup. We do have a trailer that can be used if anyone is interested in towing it.

We are also interested in your views on having an annual "Long Ride" around August/September and preferred destinations????

Rod Moorcroft – Events Coordinator.

MORE TATER PEOPLE



Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters".



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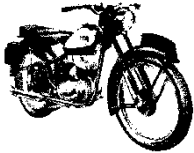
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PROGRAM



SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 2011



10 am -11am	OFFICIAL CLUBHOUSE OPENING
11am - 2 pm	BIKE SHOW
2 pm	AFTERNOON RIDE
6.45 pm	DINNER

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST 2011

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Matt Kuhne
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Kylie Taggart

Matt is an inspiring young guy with a massive heart who is on the comeback trail after a devastating racing accident left him with severe spinal injuries. Matt is the youngest Australian to compete in a world Motorcycle Grand Prix, had landed a 125 Moto GP ride, and was gearing up for a monumental 2007 before a bad crash cut his promising career short.

As the rising star of MotoGP motorcycle racing, that was his destiny.

He already achieved plenty. After a stellar junior career, which started with Stoner at the Gold Coast's Mike Hatcher raceway at Labrador, Matt began to be noticed by those of influence in the cut-throat world of GP racing.

Matt then went overseas in an attempt to follow in the footsteps of good mate Stoner, who was crowned world MotoGP champion in 2007.

However the same year, as Stoner was living his dream, Matt's destiny underwent a massive rewrite.

Hear Matt's story and how he is building his own company at our Monthly meeting 25th May.

Events Calendar for MECGC and associated Clubs - 2011

15th May Sun Maclean's Bridge at Lakeside – Sports & Classis Car Festival.
Meet at BP Coomera for 7.30am departure.

Alternate Event: Heritage Week Exhibition at the Heritage Museum.

Bikes wanted for display at clubhouse: 9.00am – 3.00pm.

20th May Fri Social ride to Harry's Diner, Newmarket Rd Windsor.
Depart Yatala Pies 6.30pm.

22nd May Sun Matt Kuhne Spinal Awareness Charity Ride. (Helensvale to Canungra)Then (Canungra – Tamborine) to Ray Owens Classic Motorcycle Show & Swap. Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds.
Main Western Rd Mount Tamborine.

25th May Wed MECGC: Monthly meeting at Club House

June

1st June Wed MECGC: Committee meeting
2nd June Thur. Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30run.
11th-12th June Sat/Sun Masters of Morgan Park.
17th June Fri Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
25th Sat HMCCQ Pine Rivers, Swap Meet.
25-26 June Sat/Sun Mudgeeraba Annual Show MECGC Club Display
29th June Wed MECGC: Monthly meeting at Club House

July

6th July Wed MECGC: Committee meeting
7th July Thur. Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30run.
10th July Sun HMCCQ Pine Rivers, Side Car Circus.
15th July Fri Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
17th July Sun Club Ride to Brunswick Heads – Meet Clubhouse
8.00am for 8.30am Ride
23-24 July Sat/Sun HMCCQ Brisbane, Girder Fork Run
27th July Wed MECGC: Monthly meeting at Club House

August

4th August Thur. Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30run.
6th & 7th Aug. Sat/Sun MECGC: Bike Show and 2011 Wintersunshine Rally
8th – 17th Aug. The Long Run to Longreach
19th August Fri Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
21-28 Aug Sun-Sun 8th National Veteran Motorcycle Rally, Kingaroy
31st August Wed MECGC: Monthly Meeting and A.G.M.

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

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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour,
and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons ????

When dog food is new and improved tasting
Who tests it????

Why isn't there a mouse flavoured cat food????



THE MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC. GOLD COAST

P.O. BOX 706
SOUTHPORT QLD 4215

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: _____

Link Distribution

Approved by Committee

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.