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**OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC
GOLD COAST**

P.O. BOX 706 SOUTHPORT QLD.
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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Please don't forget to support the monthly meetings

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

*Club Rooms: Mudgeeraba Heritage Centre
238 Mudgeeraba Road
Mudgeeraba
(Opposite Milky Way)*

Our Web site is **www.mecgc.net** and our e-mail address: *info@mecgc.net*

<p>If you have a news item, story or photos that you want published in the Link Please e-mail to <u>gb@coomerawaters.net.au</u> by the 12th of each month. Thank you</p>
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PRESIDENTS PRATTLE – NOVEMBER 2011

Our annual Eagle Trikes Poker Run is on this coming Sunday 20th November. I would like to ask all members to get their bikes out and come for a ride and bring a friend as it will be a fun day and a pleasant ride up through Numinbah Valley.

Many thanks to Rocking' Rod Moorcroft for his terrific presentation at our last meeting, of the Long Ride to Longreach. If you missed the meeting you sure missed seeing lots of blue sky.

At our Committee meeting, we decided to go ahead with the Storeroom addition to our Clubhouse. We will take some money out of consolidated revenue to pay for it but we will need to do some serious fundraising to replace it. We can all help out by supporting our different events and gatherings.

Our next social night is on Friday 18th November, so come along and join in.

Don't forget our Christmas Party which will be held at the Clubhouse on Friday 16th December. All invited!!

If you are looking for a ride, don't forget our Thursday and Saturday rides as they are apparently going well. Greg's weekend ride was very popular also, if you have an idea for a Club ride, let us know and Rod will put it on the calendar.

Don't forget that we do not have a December meeting and our next meeting will be January 25th 2012.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe riding over the holiday period.

See you all at the Poker run and our next meeting.

Cheers and Safe Riding.

Warrick

GUEST SPEAKER CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.

Our guest speaker for our November meeting will be our mate Ronnie Hewitt. Ron will give us a talk and show some pictures of his recent trip with Joan down to Adelaide, where they saw a lot of interesting motorbikes.

FUNDRAISING REPORT by Joan Graham

Hi Everyone

This is the last report for this year and my how the year has flown
It has been a great year all round with great rides and functions with all enjoying themselves

I have included the flyer for the Christmas party on the 16th December in the spot of our normal Friday Social night, It will be a great night with plenty of good food, company and the odd drink

There will be raffles on the night also so please come prepared to support them. I think I will be restricting Guy (C) and GB as they seem to be winning all the time lately lol

I thank each and every one of you for the fantastic support in all areas in the past 12 months especially to those committee members who are doing a fantastic job

As you all know I am away from the 17th till 25th enjoying myself and RC will be keeping the home fires burning while I am away

Looking for helpers for the poker run on the 20th and Social night on the 18th November

A volunteer to help Gary Ford sell the raffle tickets would also be appreciated

Many thanks to all who will be helping on these events

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all

Cheers

Joan Graham

A SHORT NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Firstly, to the member who wrote a letter to the Club Secretary and didn't seal the envelope or mark it with a return address – can you please contact Noel Peck, the Secretary, as we think this may have been your membership renewal but nothing was in the envelope??

Secondly, Chief Editor, Pauline, and GB would like to wish all the Club members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with hopefully a lot more bike riding and socialising!! Also there will be no Link Magazine in December.

Finally we regret that the followers of Sidecar Phil's Thursday ride reports may be disappointed this month as Phil is away at the momenthopefully his stories will be back next year!!

Weekend Ride – 5th & 6th November (*Rod Moorcroft*)

We started off early Saturday morning in overcast conditions with Greg & Patricia, Guy & Leonie, Guy 2, John Kennedy and yours truly. John has recently joined a couple of our regular rides on his Ducati.

After 155k of riding we stopped at Woodburn for breakfast. This was the first of a weekend recital where we compared who had the best appetite at each meal. Guy Cruickshank (or Guy 2) was the clear winner at every sitting.

From Woodburn it was continue to head south until we reached the Ulmarra Ferry where we cruised across the river. It was then onto Grafton where the Jacaranda Festival was in full swing, and Ron & Joan joined the ride to Nymboida Coaching Station/Pub for lunch. We now had 3 Ducati's, a BMW, Honda and my Yamaha.

The ride was planned around this destination where you can visit “Russell Crowes collection of interesting things”. The centre piece of this eclectic collection is the replica of the giant 'Leviathan' stage coach, originally built in 1859 by Lawrence Elhannan Cutter. This was the largest horse-drawn Cobb & Co. Coach ever built and ran between Ballarat and Geelong from 1859 to 1863, carrying up to 100 passengers and being drawn by as many as 22 horses! The replica coach on display was originally built for the 1980's Australian film 'The Right Hand Man' and has now come to Nymboida to rest.



Other Displays Included:

- Hollywood Movie Memorabilia including costumes and props from movies such as Gladiator, Master & Commander, Cinderella Man, Moulin Rouge and many more.
 - Donald Bradman Sporting Memorabilia
 - Johnny Cash collection of gold records
 - Vintage cars & motorcycles
 - Extensive displays on the history of the local area.
 - Blacksmith & Wheelwright displays
 - Fossilised Mosasaur skull
- Once we had completed our tour of the museum we started to head north towards our motel at Maclean; via a pub of course for a bit of refreshment. Saturday night was a brisk walk up to the local pub for a bloody great meal mixed with even better company.



We awakened on Sunday morning to clear skies and a great day for riding. After most of us had early morning walks from one end of town to the other we set off for breakfast at a great place overlooking the River.

Breakfast out of the way we were on the road back home via the Lawrence Ferry, Casino, Kyogle, Murwillumbah and Tomewin, stopping at the Uki pub for lunch. We had been warned that the road out of Kyogle was in poor state of repair.

However, putting a positive view on the situation; the potholes made a great obstacle course for us to test our skills.

I'm not sure about everyone else, but for me it was home around 2.30pm and asleep by 3.00pm.

The ride was lead by Greg & Patricia Schmidt. Special thanks has to go to Greg who was responsible for organising the trip and accommodation which I am sure everyone that that joined us will testify proved to be a great weekend of riding, activities and companionship.



BRING ON THE NEXT ONE!

Nymboida Ride (Joan Graham)

Friday dawned and the day looked great bit cloudy so not so hot to ride
As we had some business to do in Murwillumbah, we decided to continue on our way down the coast
Now we all know how RC does not like the early morning starts just between you and me
We left Murwillumbah around 1pm and headed to Brunswick for a spot of fish at the Coop very nice thank you
After we cruised down the road we actually ended up at Grafton around 5pm and RC said it would be nice to stay at the Crown Hotel on the river
Arrived there and a lot of people were milling around and as it turned out it was the Jacaranda Festival that night so after settling into our room and having dinner, we watched the concert and the fireworks from the verandah
So nice of the Grafton community to have the concert and fireworks just for our benefit
After a lateish start we rode around Grafton and visited the huge markets until the rest of the crew arrived around midday
All saddled up the 6 bikes and 9 of us took off to Nymboida. Very pleasant ride and lunch was very yummy on the edge of the river. They say in the 1955 flood the water was lapping the floorboards. After lunch we visited the museum which had the Levithian coach which intrigued me I must say. The guys went gaga over the few bikes and the rest of the exhibitions were all interesting
Back on the bikes, we headed for Bushgrove Hotel and afternoon refreshments
Short but very interesting ride to Maclean including a ferry ride. RC telling everyone he was taking me for a cruise very thoughtful of him
Onto Maclean and the motel, got ourselves all settled. Down to the local pub for more food and delicious desserts. Beautiful night for a walk
Sunday morning dawns and another glorious day for the ride home. Down the road to a lovely roadside café on the river for more food and then headed home via the Summerland Way. Stopped at Uki pub for more food then onto Murwillumbah and we visited the rowing club while the rest rode on home
We would like to thank Greg for his organising and planning of this trip and we had a thoroughly enjoyable time and look forward to the next weekend trip. Plan to be on the next one with us all
Great riding with great friends and companions. This was a very enjoyable weekend
Cheers Joanie

Paddy's in jail. The Guard looks in his cell and sees him hanging by his feet.

"What are you doing?" he asks.

"Hanging myself," Paddy replies.

"It should be round your neck," says the guard.

"I tried that," says Paddy, "but I couldn't breathe."

THE MALAYSIAN MOTO GP

The Editor (Pauline) and her assistant Graham recently made a quick trip to Kuala Lumpur for GB to have a look at the Malaysian Moto GP at Sepang and Pauline to do some serious shopping!!

A great trip, but was tragically marred by the death of Italian rider Marco Simoncelli at the moto GP. The Sepang track itself was very good although the organising left quite a lot to be desired, such as crowd management, food & drink facilities and safety. However prior to the fatal crash in the main race, the bikes in all of the 3 classes leading up to the main race were absolutely awesome!! And extremely noisy!! We were soon hunting around for some ear plugs!! The tickets for the event were certainly cheap, we bought ours on the internet before we left and paid \$35 per person for 3 days in the Main Grandstand (these were the most expensive tickets!)

Meanwhile...back in KL the shopping was going flat out, Pauline was trying to buy every handbag she could lay her hands on, I reckon she has one for every Link magazine that she has put together!!

Having never watched Moto GP before (apart from on the T.V.) they really have to be seen to be believed. In my opinion they are just too powerful and difficult to ride but still a fantastic spectacle. Over 70,000 spectators attended the event on the Sunday, so getting to the track and then back into the city was always going to be a logistical nightmare. But after arriving back at our hotel, the girls were at the pool sipping their after shopping drinks and nursing their aching feet so we quickly caught up with a few more drinks and spent the evening around the pool, too exhausted to go out on the town!!

An interesting event after the practice and qualifying on Saturday were the two seater Ducati GP Bikes where you could have a ride as a pillion passenger behind riders, Randy Manola and we suspect, the other rider may have been Troy Bayliss, certainly good riders, who were out to scare the living daylight out of their pillion passengers!!

We had a great trip and can certainly recommend Kuala Lumpur for a holiday and good value for money. You do however, risk your life crossing the roads, they really are crazy drivers over there and small motorbikes darting in and out of the traffic and don't seem to take any notice of the traffic lights or the pedestrians !!! We flew Air Asia from Coolangatta, low cost airline, but really great.

GB
(Pauline:I really didn't buy quite that many handbags, but I did try pretty hard!!)



A great day out at Wellington Point, giving some very special children a day to remember



Who needs a GPS when you've got Rusty ??



*The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club
Gold Coast
Invites Members, Family and Friends*

2011 Christmas Party 16th December 2011

*Clubhouse at the Heritage Centre
Opposite Milky Way
288 Mudgeeraba Road
Mudgeeraba*

Arriving 6pm for 7pm Dinner

*Donation of \$15 per person for the Feast
Payment on meeting night would be preferred*

Confirmation of attendance

Tel: Joan 0412 477 754





**Eagle TRIKE
CONVERSIONS**



MEET 8AM CLUB ROOMS
238 MUDGEERABA RD.
HERITAGE CENTRE FOR BREAKFAST

Sunday 20th November 2011

Ride Departs 9.30 am

\$

*\$20.00 Entry includes Breakfast and
Lunch at Club House*

Cash Prize

Rolling Bike Show



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
November 18th 2011**

Events Calendar for MECGC and associated Clubs - 2011

November

18 th November	Fri	Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
20 th November	Sun	MECGC: Hoppy's Annual Poker Run
30 th November	Wed	MECGC: Monthly meeting at Club House

December

7 th December	Wed	MECGC: Committee meeting
8 th December	Thur.	Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30run.
16 th December.	Fri.	MECGC: Annual Christmas Party

January

No MECGC committee meeting this month – Christmas /New Year break.		
22 nd January	Sun.	MECGC Ride:– Brunswick Heads.
25 th January	Wed	MECGC:– Club meeting.
26 th January	Thur	MECGC: Australia Day theme – BBQ Lunch.

Mid-Week rides now leave from clubhouse every Thursday 9.30am

(If departure time & meeting place changes, special notice will be posted & distributed)

Weekly Saturday Morning Rides: Leave Shark Leather 142 Siganto Drive, Helensvale at 8.00am. Heading to Metz Cafe at Canungra where riders can have breakfast and decide where to ride for the remainder of the morning or day. You can join this group at Canungra around 9.00am if this venue is more convenient to you.

Rod Moorcroft
Events Co-ordinator

Mobile: 0411 127 017

Email: rgmoorcroft@bigpond.com

FOR SALE

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

FREE BSA500 Twin Head to anyone who is rebuilding/restoring such a bike
Tel: Lyn 0408 453 877

1994 CB400 Honda 4 – good condition – sold with roadworthy
\$3000.00 ONO - Ron 07 3807 4189 for owner details

650 BMW with panniers – too heavy for lady owner
Contact Ron 07 3807 4189 for owner details

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

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

WANTED

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

WANTED

An old bike to work on....something small....ie a BSA bantam or a small scooter for a neighbour of Sidecar Phil. If anyone has something like this that they will never get around to working on please contact Sidecar Phil..... Tel: 55 560265



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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.