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

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

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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 – OCTOBER 2011

Our thanks go to Member, Stuart Wood, who gave us a great talk about his participation in the Great Sidecar Expedition. Stuart brought along his Dpner Sidecar outfit which created great interest and we look forward to seeing him riding it at our Club events. Thanks for the talk Stuart.

Our next big Club event is our Eagle Trikes, sponsored Poker Run on Sunday 20th November. I would really appreciate it if all Club members put this day aside and came along and joined in with us for a good fun day riding and eating.

We have plenty of rides on the calendar, including the regular Thursday rides, the new Saturday rides and also Greg Schmidt has organised a special two day ride on the 5-6th November. Greg would like to see a two day ride put on 3 or 4 times a year. So, if you have time to spare please join Greg for a great couple of days.

That's all for now folks, see you all at the next meeting.

Cheers and safe riding.

Warrick

GUEST SPEAKER – CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY 26TH October.

Our guest speaker for this month is our own “Rocking” Rod Moorcroft. Rod is going to give us a light hearted look at the Long Ride to Longreach, in which some of our members participated in, a little while ago.

Thanks Rod.

The Chief Editor Pauline and her assistant GB are taking a short break to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. Guess what?? The Moto GP races happen to be on at the time (What a Coincidence!!) so GB will be there to support our new twice World Champion, Aussie – Casey Stoner!!

See you when we get back and hopefully there will be a full report in the Link next month all about the racing.....guess what the Chief Editor is doing when the racing is on!!.....you guessed it.....SHOPPING!!

Motorcycle Cruising – Taken from BigPond home page 24/9/11

Solitary free wheelin' or touring en-masse -- open road motorcycle cruising is one of life's purest pleasures.

If you live in any country town or somewhere near the coast, you have probably heard and seen them, typically around mid-morning. The motorcycles often arrive in groups of 20 or more and the proprietor of the local coffee shop will be a major beneficiary with lattes, long blacks and hot chocolates consumed in large quantities. That is probably the standard way of motorcycle cruising. It is a highly sociable activity which showcases the two-wheelers to their stylish max. Motorcycle cruisers, sports tourers and full-on sports bikes often get mixed in together in these groups while sometimes you'll just see Harley Davidson's or perhaps Ducati's.

Others might prefer a more solitary form of motorcycle cruising. The motorcycle can be used equally well for getting away from society as for joining it.

Many bikers rely on their machine as mainstream transport and thus cannot afford to be too fussy about the weather conditions. Knowing you have to ride the motorcycle regardless of conditions can be a worry, especially on a wet Friday night in midwinter, the roads streaming slippery black and every painted line a potential hazard. While there are plenty of car drivers unaware of the reduced traction available on paint, every experienced motorcyclist knows all about it, many from the hard experience of taking a tumble.

Fully immersing motorcycle cruising

Imagine this: you've got the luxury of a few days off work. The weather is fine and looks set to stay that way long enough for you to cover 2,000 kilometres in two days (if you are heading north out of Melbourne, it's remarkable how often you clear bad weather as you cross the Great Dividing Range). You can spend a couple of nights in Queensland, away from Melbourne or Adelaide. Somewhere in the garage in reasonable proximity to your leisure machine is a lightweight tent and sleeping bag, or maybe a swag. Locate octopus straps, apply this gear to the back of the bike and you are almost ready. If you have leathers, wear them, and be damned what anyone thinks. In the event of a tumble you will fare much better than those uninformed bikers who reckon shorts, a t-shirt and thongs are the right gear on a warm day. If you haven't yet bought an outfit, choose separate pants and jacket that can be zipped together.

On a motorcycle, you are more aware of the sights, sounds and scents of the world than you ever are in a car, even a convertible. It somehow seems more natural – less of a chore – to erect a tent at the end of a day's ride than it does after 1000 km in your car. On a bike, you feel close to the 'bare forked animal', which was Shakespeare's three-word summary of the human condition. Cruising on a motorcycle is a seriously primal activity. At the end of a long day's ride, it doesn't seem too hard to pitch your tent and enjoy a couple of cold cans or some wine before settling down for the night. A few zillion stars in the middle of nowhere will be welcome. You only have to venture a few km from any major highway to find somewhere secluded and quiet. If you don't wish to experiment, simply choose a caravan park. Obviously, if the weather has turned, you'll choose a van instead of your tent. Or you might even check into a motel – the ones located far from major towns will be about half the price, sometimes less than \$50. Sleep comes easily. I like an early start, just before dawn. After two or three hours, by which time you've already packed away another 200-plus kilometres, stop for breakfast. It's true that 1,000 km on a bike feels like a good day's work, but then you do it by choice, it is not difficult to traverse 2,000 in two days, especially with a holiday destination at the end of the trip.

By John Wright

Thursday 15th September: Readers and Riders



Sidecar Phil coming to you once again with yet another thrilling tale of fun, glorious riding weather, and new country side to be explored for many of the riders. Blackfella and I rode together, and once at the club, Admiral Noel arrived, then Geoff on his Honda ST, Alex the permanent never miss a run bloke, Criss on his 750 x 4 Honda , Guy on a nice Duke 900, and last minute arrival, Geoff on his cafe racer triumph, truxston, 8 bikes all up, and a great turnout. Colin arrived to say hi, and see us off.

Missing of course and noticed by their absence, were the gainfully employed duo , of Greg, and Rodders, who being gainfully employed could not deploy for the BEST RUN EVER. Yes readers; MT Warning. The place of history, intrigue, and named by Capt. Cook, when he ran aground in the good ship Endeavour. He looked up and said," I name this mountain, MT Warning. It will become a navigational warning for other mariners so they don't suffer the same fate" .. For us though , wonderful riding scenery ,and clear spring day, never the likes of which have been seen , and those gainfully employed weren't there .The idea for today's ride was from somebody brilliant, who will remain anonymous, but skilfully lead by our direction finder, the Blackfella, who knows that part of NSW well .great job !. Bros.

Those of us, not gainfully employed couldn't have been happier as we headed out down the coast road, to Pottsville, Bogangar, Cabarita, and we pulled up for bacon and egg burgers ,and different coffees of different flavours at Moo,Moo's . We were concerned about those gainfully employed and slaving on such a magnificent spring day, but as a once famous leader said; "The people of Queensland know, and I know, and you know, so never you mind, and don't you worry about that!!"

After a lovely stop, no body watching clocks, as we were free to do as we pleased, we headed out, those of us, uninhibited by employment, over the Berringa range, to Stokes Siding, and a really cool atmospheric country setting, and the Uki Pub. A first for many of us. There we met other people sitting and enjoying the freedom of being not gainfully employed, and the bikes as per usual attracted attention from those free spirited on lookers also enjoying the ambience of such a lovely setting and life be in it day .

Sometime after a drink, more food, great chat, and tales of the tour to Longreach, and conversation about a ride to Russel crows pub, and museum, in the near future. We set off at a cracking pace, and back through Numinbah Valley, past Natural Arch, and splitting up near Advance Town for each to head home. All safe, all happy, and all...NOT EMPLOYED, to enjoy Thursdays run.

Over n out...Sidecar Phil.

Thursday 22nd September: Hey Readers n Riders.”



Spring is here, and at the club house so were we all “.10.”. John Pick, on his Z900, the admiral on the BMW , Vick on his 250, Kerry on a 1200 sporty Harley, then came Colin and his ever faith full Trumpy, the padre , on his Yammy shrouded on a sort of a rainbow, until I saw it was the lights on his bike, Ron and Joan who actually met us at the Metz, Criss on his 750.4 Honda, Alex ever true, and his Guzzi , and Sidecar Phil, on the Honda. So readers, for those of us not encumbered by anything other than the passion for a ride, we went riding, and the Admiral with charts, out plotted a great heading a true course was set, and the flotilla of machines enjoyed a great days cruise. All ups around 175 ks. The Admiral pulled off another great voyage .

Not having a job, or any other thing to worry us , we set about following the Admiral, and out to Canungra , and a fine get together, with food and tea or coffee , whatever we wanted as we were in non stress mode, and didn't care. That's what we do on a Thursday. We were all so relaxed, and “ UNEMPLOYED,” that someone actually had to say ...hey !! are we riding or what , so that's what we did. North to Beenleigh, and further again to Logan. About then Ron caught up with the admiral, and we finished up doing one of those unannounced visits to a fellow mates place. Gilbert who was also home as one so relaxed would be, and happy to see us all. We checked out his gliders, and a couple of bikes one with a lil caravan style 4 seater sidecar on it. That got Sidecar Phil all excited, but still very relaxed.

After gilberts place, and a lovely home it is, we just sort of rambled along, cos that's what ya do when you don't have a care in the world ...or a job!!! and we ended up in the Logan village pub. The boys, and Joan, all had a big table, and more great food and conversation was had by totally relaxed people with nothing better to do than justhang out, care free, and loose.

Around 1.30 ish or a bit later, no one really cared, and no looked at the time, we headed out to the bikes, and then back on the south bound run to the back road to MT Tambo, and onward to Canungra. Then a care free run from there to the split off roads as everyone headed home. A great turn out, for another great Thursday, with wonderful weather, and not a worry in the world.

Good people sharing good company, and NOT A WORRY IN THE WORLD.

Done and done!! And so relaxed...Sidecar Phil.

Thursday Riders – 29 Sept. 2011. By Noel Peck

'Twas a dark and stormy night and as the wind howled and the waves lashed the Flotilla they stared out of the wheelhouse the first mate turned to the captain and said, "tell us a story", and so the captain began, "Ah, I remember it well, 'twas a dark and stormy night and as the wind howled and the waves lashed"...and so on and so on it goes without a story ever being told! And that was how it was for us that day; well not quite I do tend to exaggerate. Those that assembled at the clubhouse were; Alex Woodley Moto Guzzi, Col Metcher Triumph, Vic Henderson Valkerie, and his son in law Alan on his Triumph and myself on the BMW. Ron and Joan had arranged to meet up with us at the Metz Café at Canungra to join us on the ride. Although it was overcast with dark clouds forming we set off at 9.30. By the time we rode through Clagiraba and as we rode into Canungra the rain started. So we parked up and ordered our coffee, some ordered bacon and egg breakfast! We were soon joined by Joan and Ron. By now the rain had increased so I asked the group if they want to continue the ride. One of our number commented that 'they rode for enjoyment and not to prove a point'. Thus it was agreed that we would not proceed further but instead return home. Captain Green applied for leave as he was going to paint his sidecar again. Hope the rain didn't affect it!

Thursday Riders – 13th October 2011. By Noel Peck

I must say I didn't give it much thought until I sat down to write this report but just make note of the date. Now, just for the record last week was a complete 'wash out' as it absolutely hissed down with rain. But I must give due where due is due, Col Metcher turned up complete with all his wet weather gear ready to ride. After several minutes I managed to talk him out of going on a ride and so he went home satisfied that he indeed had nothing to prove. Fast track forward a week now and what do we have? I arrived at 08.50 and there was nobody waiting at the clubhouse. Our gallant Captain Phil Green and fearless flotilla commander is usually first to arrive. He has been granted compassionate leave in order to visit his aged mother in 'the land of the long white cloud.(NZ) The weather was cloudy with sunny periods. So not as bad as last week so I was hoping more riders would arrive. Soon I could hear that distinctive rumbling note of a Moto Guzzi, yes, it was our ever faithful Alex Woodley. Not long after another bike came up to the clubhouse nonother than our Padre Ian Dredge. He duly consulted the 'oracle' with his mobile phone and proclaimed that we would have a dry ride. (That's no ordinary mobile phone either.) Now which of the saints is in charge of the rain? I think its Saint David but I'm not sure. So at 09.30 we decided this was all that's going to make it today so off we started and rode a few hundred meters to Col Metcher's home to see why he didn't show up today as he was so keen last week. Sure enough Col was going to come but something had cropped up. Thanking us for calling by, he assured us that he would be there next week. Now let us consider that date again. Did it deter our riders? Personally I'm not superstitious. Was it the date or the dark clouds? Or are they missing their gallant captain? You guess.

We rode through Clagiraba, turned right and headed toward Nerang. Turned left into Maudsland Road then right into Kopps Road, right again heading toward Movie World turned left under the M1 then left again into Siganto Drive to Shark Leather for a welcome cup of coffee and a friendly chat with the staff. Which in turn lead to a very interesting introduction. Next door to Shark Leather there is to open soon a showroom for "Renegade Motorcycle Engines" I met with the manager Steve Foster who invited us in and gave a quick rundown on the company's operation and what they are all about. I was quick to suggest that he should come along to one of our meetings and give us a presentation. Steve's reply was very positive and saw some real value for their company's products, which are all Australian designed and made. We exchanged cards and I received a brochure on their products. Great stuff! Their biggest V twin is a huge 2.5 litre capacity, that's as big as a Toyota Camry car engine! And from the pictures it is beautifully engineered. Now I wonder? Could I fit one of these into my 250cc Ducati frame?

THE LONG RIDE TO LONGREACH.....
DAY ...5 CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER ISSUE

Tommy tourist day...we all went off and did the Qantas thing, and the Stockman's Hall of Fame. The outdoor show was great with a really funny bugger, and his horses and animals and he did a great show featuring his horses a camel, and dogs, and then bought in a team of Bullocks and did the haul and load a log onto the Dray, or bullock wagon .Great day and all of us running into each other as we passed taking in all the sights at our own pace. Dinner that night was snags and bread rolls in the camp kitchen, reflecting on the great day we all had. WE WERE IN LONGREACH READERS. Kangaroo's hopped about right outside our tent. We named one of them Rodders.

Rod's Comment: The other roo was Ben!

DAY...6

Day 6 was a lazy one with no real plan, and Rod had a few things he wanted us to see so we did our usual early morning rise, coffee, and the boys saw firsthand, that which has been a rumour for some time ...First thing in the morning; I really am a picture of loveliness. By 9.30 that morning we were loaded, fuelled and on our way and stopped off at a lil town called Ilfracombe. These little towns have interesting road side museums, and we were all interested in the displays of old tractors pumps etc. Any stop usually meant a road side cuppa as we all had hot water on board, so tea anyone?

Blackall was the next stop at 12.45, lunch in the local called the Barcoo Hotel, all with loads' of history, and then we did see the actual "Black Stump", an artesian well that pumps hot water out of the earth, and ended up at the famous old historical Wool Scour. \$15.00 each for the tour. You could feel the atmosphere in the place and see part of Australia's wool industry and take note of how the Government sold out its own farmers. Blackall would be a thriving hub of industry and employ hundreds, and it's all going to ruin if not for a few historical believers who keep it going for tourism.



We made camp that afternoon at the Blackall caravan park sort of a lazy day and not too many ks were clocked up. Another great night with billy tea and damper, and dinner deal \$18.00 each with roast beef. Some camps have entertainment, and this one did. Nice atmosphere with a well known Aussie singer song writer resident in the park "Graham Roger", was excellent. We all had a ball, and the bikes attracted attention from travellers, and they called us the young fellas. Dinner that night with the music and back chat was fun. And a great country singer who did a wonderful show with great songs and many of his were recorded By Slim Dusty. His name was Graham Roger...very talented and enjoyable singer.

Rod's Comment: The damper with golden syrup was great; just ask Greg. The last count was 6 maybe 7 slices!

DAY...7

We loaded up and were on our way from Blackall at 8.45. Day seven was a big day of riding and all the bikes running sweet. Lots a dead roo's and the occasional high speed spurt to get past a road train...they flip and wallow, on some rough roads, and you need to pick a safe moment. The day went on with fuel stops being the high light other than the passing scenery, and we pulled into Mitchell for a lunch stop. Mitchell was closed so we decided to keep going, and rounded up the day at Roma, and the local caravan park called Romavilla Holiday Park.



We had the camp all set up in record time. By now we were getting good at it, and then it was Rodders big day. HIS BIRTHDAY!! That night we set up in the camp kitchen which for our first time was right next to our tent sight. So it was great, and Rodders, and Greg decided to get a big feed of Chicken and chips which was also conveniently located in a shop next door, and with a drink or three, and Rodders with his birthday Rum, we had our lil birthday do for Rod.

That night it was cool but no rain, and the following morning all up early lots of hot tea, and break camp for the last time. The tour was so much fun but time went by so quickly, and we were all amazed at how quick it was nearly all done.

Rod's Comment: Several drivers had warned us about the condition of the roads which we through were pretty good. However during this leg we came across a 3-hump woopydoo. The first hump was smooth; the third hump was smooth; the bloody second hump lifted me off my seat, sent Wally into the air and we almost lost Crista (Phil's lovely wife); Ron was asleep and was rudely awakened.



DAY... 8 - HOME WARD BOUND.

The last day started the same way and we were packed and ready in record time. Rodders wanted to visit a winery which as it happened was also next door. That park had it all. So by 8.15, we were in the winery with all the loaded bikes parked outside. A few fuel stops, and nonstop running, and we were going through Chinchilla. Next stop was Dalby for lunch, and some more clothes...it got cool in parts of the tour. We took our time with lunch, and then made a surprise visit to Ron's mate Bob White. What a house, and the whole, property is a scale model railway. What a pleasure and Bob was a wonderful host, and gave us all the grand tour. He has a loco on the bench nearly ready to paint. A years' work plus and everything to scale.

The home stead is a copy of a government building, and all around the property were scale model railway fixtures with real signals and so much to see. After taking in all that, we mounted up, and headed off and through Toowoomba, and riding as we had from the beginning Greg, Ron ,Rod, and me with Blondie, found ourselves on the Warrego Hwy east of Gatton, one more fuel and coffee stop, and that point we all said good bye. The tour was now behind us. We got on our trusted Bikes that but for a few minor glitch's were perfect, and all safe and reliable. We hit the toll road, and home. The long road to LONGREACH TOUR DONE... What a pleasure on the

it was ...Bring next trip...



Over n out ..Sidecar Phil.

Rod's Comment: Got wine for Sharol at Romavilla Winery. (Mine did not leak). Great Weather! Great Trip! Great Country! Great Company! Everything was bloody great!

Biloela Poker Run – Rod Moorcroft

After catching up with some of the guys from the Twin Valley Motorcycle Club during our Longreach trip, I have kept in touch with Frank the President of the club. Seeing the flyer for their Poker Run I decided it was a good excuse for a ride, so set off at 11am on Friday and rode to Gayndah where I stayed at the Manda-Inn Caravan Park run by Karin & Tom Marinucci. (About a 400k ride)

My first visit to this park was on our “Long Ride to Longreach”. It was like we had made new friends; on the second visit I was treated more like family. I even received a personal “come & get it” call when my meal was ready, which I ate with the friendly company of Karin & Tom.

Saturday morning saw me leaving Gayndah at 7.00am for the 250k trip to Biloela. As the Poker Run did not start until 1.00pm, I had plenty of time to set up camp in the clubhouse grounds, catch up with many of the members and enjoy a great steak burger for lunch.



Bikes lined up outside the Banana Hotel

The run started at the clubhouse at Biloela with the first stop at the Banana Hotel to pick our 2nd card. From there it was off to the Theodore Hotel for the 3rd card, and off to the Moura RSL for the 4th. On this part of the run, one of the younger riders came to grief when he hit a fallen branch. A possible broken foot, but the safety gear he was wearing seemed to do its job.

We arrived back at the clubhouse a little after 5.00pm after completing the round trip of 230k. Many stories were told over several well deserved cold ales (or in my case RUM!) before a great meal was served up by the club’s catering team.

The band played on, the raffles drawn, and the Poker Run prizes presented, the band played on, some members showed how to do burn-outs, the stories continued, the drinks kept flowing and the band played on. Not sure what time it all finished but I do know I was up at around 5.00am and back on the road for home at 6.00am. Home at 2.30pm. Total round trip for me was 1557k for the weekend. Apart from the extra muscles I developed holding the bike up against the severe cross winds; it was a perfect weekend for a ride; and “Joining good companions in a shared pastime”.



**Eagle TRIKE
CONVERSIONS**



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

The graphic features a large, stylized banner with the words 'Poker Run' in a cursive font. Above the banner, five playing cards (10, J, Q, K, A of spades) are arranged in a fan shape. A crown is positioned above the banner, and a small 'A' is visible on the right side of the banner.

Sunday 20th November 2011

Ride Departs 9.30 am

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

Cash Prize

Rolling Bike Show



Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club - Gold Coast



Wayne's

Saturday Morning Rides



As of Saturday 1st October, "**Wayne's Saturday Morning Rides**" will leave from Shark Leather, 142 Siganto Drive, Helensvale at 8.00am.

From Canungra you can chose to join in a further ride, (*destination decided over Breakfast*) or head your own way.

All types/size bikes welcome to join in.



For more information contact:
Wayne Bryan – 0400 818 801
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FUNDRAISING REPORT by Joan Graham

Hi Everyone

Lots to tell this month

Firstly we were notified that we have missed out on this round of funding for the Volunteers Grant. I believe there was a huge amount of applications in and I figured that the disaster affected clubs would get priority and rightfully so. So next time we will apply again.

Ronnie and I are away for 2 weeks so we will not be available for the social night this month so you could contact Noel and June Peck with your confirmations on attending this night. Please support them as they have offered their time to help out.

In November I will be away for a week's holiday and will not be here again for the social night but Ronnie will be home not sure what is happening there yet. If someone would like to volunteer to help him with this night, that would be appreciated. I will still be away for the Poker run so volunteers needed for this day as well.

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

Cheers

Joan Graham

LIBRARIAN AND VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi, well as librarian, I don't really do much, just keep our bike and magazines tidy.

Members please use our library and browse through our books especially the magazines. We have too many magazines at the moment including a huge collection of "Two Wheels"

We do not need any more magazines thank you, but would certainly welcome donations of motorcycle books and manuals.

Actually our library is looking really good now as we have proper shelves for our books and trophies. We plan to start an honesty book system where you can borrow the book of your choice and just leave your name and phone number in the honesty book.

Of course, this club is all about motorcycles and riding and as of October 1st we have a Saturday morning ride, leaving from "Sharks Leathers" in Siganto Drive, Helensvale at 8am going to "La Metz" at Canungra for breakfast or coffee.

Hope to see some of you there

Wayne Bryan



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
October 21st 2011**



Weekend Ride



Saturday/Sunday 5th & 6th November 2011

Itinerary:

Saturday 5th Nov.

- Depart clubhouse 8.00am sharp.
- Ride to Nymboida Coaching Station Via Pacific Hwy 300 km, 4 ½ hours
- Lunch at Nymboida pub.
- Visit Russell Crowes collection of interesting things
- Ride 55K to Ulmarra pub. *Dinner & Accommodation: Double room is \$65 and if 2 guys use 2 beds in 1 room it is \$75.*

Sunday 6th Nov.

- Sunday travel home 250 km, 4 hours via Summerland Way/State Route 91.
- Lunch at Kyogle

Attractions:

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 Include:

- 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

More Information:

This ride is being organised by Greg Schmidt. Should you require more information, please contact Greg on 0488 559 321 or email: gpsvalla@bigpond.com

Note: As accommodation needs to be booked in advanced, please contact Greg by the 1st October to confirm your intention to ride. Rider not confirmed will still be welcomed on the ride, however will have to arrange their own accomodation.

Events Calendar for MECGC and associated Clubs - 2011

October

21 st October	Fri	Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
22-23 October	Sat/Sun	HMCCQ Sunshine Coast, Annual Rally.
26 th October	Wed	MECGC: Monthly meeting at Club House
28-29 October	Fri/Sat	HMCCQ Toowoomba, Annual Gatton Swap, Bikes only

November

2 nd November	Wed	MECGC: Committee Meeting
3 rd November	Thur.	Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30run.
5 th /6 th Nov.	Sat/Sun	Weekend ride to Nymboida & Ulmarra. (Northern NSW)
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

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

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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

250 Yamaha Virago – new battery – contact Linda 3209 5699

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



THE MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC. GOLD COAST

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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.