

NEWSLETTER

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Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the Month held at the Beerescourt Bowling Club Rooms, Maeroa Road, Hamilton. Starting at 7-30pm



Velocette MDD 350cc



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MINUTES OF MEETING 14th JULY 2009

Commenced 8pm Present 24

Apologies:- John Simpson, Rob Marden, Stacy Aitken, Brian Izzard, Les Garrett, Pat Leggett.

Minutes of the last meeting as per the newsletter taken as read.

Reports:-

Last Club Run was rained out. Brief report from a couple who turned up for the run.

Next Runs:-

19/7 An open run for anyone interested in the Kaiaua Fish and Chip Run. Meet at Rototuna BP 10am.

26/7 Club Run to Okoroire to meet up with other clubs for lunch. Meet at The Morrinsville Layby at 10am.

Rider Training – arranged for the August Club meeting and Sunday 16th August for the practical.

Club Tour

Ken advises that all arrangements are coming together and he will have a newsletter out shortly.

There are a couple of vacancies due to people now unable to go.

Next Meeting:-

Speaker will be from "Passrite" on rider Education / Training.

The practical part of the course will be on Sunday the 16th August.

AGM:-

Advised that September is our AGM. Any remits are to be in by the end of July. Requested nominations for Trophies to be given to the Committee.

Donations:-

Reported that we had donated \$125 each to St John's and the Air Ambulance.

General:-

1) Letter of appreciation from John Simpson.

2) A members Norton 88SS is for sale.

3) Graeme Cole had the project machine motor at the meeting. He pointed out and discussed various parts and some evident problems.

Guest Speaker:-

Mark Heares, a Tool maker and Precision Engineer, who specialises in making crankshafts, mainly for competition single cylinder machines such as Manx, 7R, G50, Gold Stars etc.

he covered various metal types, forged and cast, bearings, conrods, balance factors etc.

He also manufactures alloy Gold Star barrels and rocker boxes.

He spoke on some of the motors and machines he has, and continues to be involved with.

An interesting and very technical occupation.

Meeting closed at 9-30pm.

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My apologies to Rob, I somehow left the first paragraph out last month!! So have repeated the full version this month.

PRESIDENTS PRATTLE.

Have you given any thought to our aging population not so much NZs but within our club? I haven't done the maths but I'm sure you would agree with me that the average age of our members must be well over 60. How do we reduce this average? We could look at killing off a number of our older members and enrolling some of our grandchildren but that seem a little impractical and slightly unethical. I do believe that unless we do something to attract younger members to join our ranks the club will be struggling to survive in the not to distant future.

I presume most of you started your involvement with motorcycling like I did as a young guy, looking for cheap transport to get you to work and back, then getting hooked on the thrill of the bike. Eventually working your way up to bigger and faster machines. Then whoa wives and children suddenly started appearing on the scene and bikes made way for cars. So the bikes became just a distant memory, time passed and the kids grew up, moved out and you had a bit of money in your pocket and some spare time.

You then start thinking about the good old days spent blasting around the country roads on your old Triumph, Norton BSA etc etc. The next thing you hear that Joe Bloggs down the road has an old bike for sale just like the one you used to own 30 odd years ago. So you go and have a look, it's a bit clapped out but nothing that can't be fixed by throwing oodles of money at it so you are hooked again and back in the saddle.

I think that just about sums up how most of us became involved with classic bikes. This now brings me back to my original question how do we attract younger members to become involved with classic bikes when that history is just not there for them. Most young blokes would never have heard of the likes of Ridges, Panthers, Velocettes, Scotts, Cottons bla bla bla. Their history will have been a souped up Subaru or Nissan. So I honestly believe that classic bike clubs will eventually fade away into oblivion unless we can somehow get more young people involved our clubs. Any of you have any ideas please let us know.

Cheers

Rob.

Next Committee meeting 7-30pm Tuesday 25th August at Rob Marden's

CLUB TOUR.

A vacancy has arisen for about 4 people to join the tour to the South Island in November. Bike not necessary as a coach is travelling with us.

Please contact Ken: Phone 847-4412 as soon as possible if interested.

CLUB TROPHIES.

The club presently has 3 trophies.

1) The O'Brien Trophy

This was presented to the club in 1988 in memory of our first Patron Bill O'Brien. Bill was a well known and respected motorcyclist with many years of competition success. His Speedway Douglas is in Southwards Museum. The Trophy is a Douglas Flywheel which was found in his shed. It is currently awarded by secret ballot at the AGM to a member considered to have done the most for the club during the year. It has been decided to change the awarding of the Trophy to a Committee decision.

2) The Garrett Shield.

Donated by Les and Heather. This is currently awarded by the Committee to the Lady who it is considered has made a significant contribution to the club during the year.

3) The Hanes Trophy.

Donated by Paul. It is a substantial Conrod mounted on a wooden base.

For many years it was awarded to the winner of the Christmas Gymkhana until this fell into recess.

Last year it was decided to award it for the best "Hollywood", which covers a multitude of incidents and misdemeanors by members during the year.

To assist the Committee in selecting who to award the Trophies to it would be appreciated if nominations could be advised to Marg or Ian by phone or email.

The Trophies will be awarded at the AGM on the 8th September, so your early consideration and advices would be very much appreciated.

RIDER TRAINING

Back in April the Committee felt that a training course on riding in groups would be a good idea.

Rob has approached "Passrite Driving Academy" who leapt at the opportunity and would also do it free of charge.

We have now arranged for them to be our speaker at the club meeting on the 11th August, and there will also be a practical training session on Sunday 16th August. Time and venue for this is 9am at 1 Kapuni Street Te Rapa, the old Walker Cars building.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

To be held at Beerescourt Bowling Club Rooms, Maeroa Road Hamilton.
September 8th 2009 at 7-30pm

AGENDA

Apologies, Minutes of 2008 AGM, Presidents Report, Financial Report, Election of Officers, Trophies, General Business.

Ian Cartwright, Secretary / Treasurer.

KAIUA FISH AND CHIP RUN.

We met at the BP Rototuna at 10am, only 2 of us , Steve Hardy and Dave Keogh.

We left at 10-15am and rode leisurely through Tahuna, Patamahoe, Waitakaruru on to Kaiua arriving at 11-30am.

The Tauranga members arrived followed by the Auckland members, and Brian and Elva Foster arrived by car.

We had a couple of rums and beers and a plate of fish and chips.

Eventually said our goodbyes and travelled home through TeKawhata and Huntly.

Had a few drips of rain (the most we had all day) but a lot of cross wind.

A most enjoyable ride and home by 3pm.

Dave Keogh.

FRONT COVER MACHINE.

Veloce Ltd was one of the smaller suppliers of military motorcycles in World War 2. The War Office tested a MAC in 1939 and requested some modifications to the machines specifications. Alterations included a lowered compression ratio, a tubular steel brake pedal and a cylindrical silencer to give more ground clearance than Velocette's standard fish tail type. Bright chrome was not applied but rubber hand grips were specified. A severe rubber shortage following Japans 1941 invasion of Malaya meant that later machines had canvas grips. Production of 1200 machines known as the MAC-WD, with an MDD serial number prefix commenced in June 1940. By 1941 Velocette had created a more specialised machine, the MAF Armed Forces version of the MAC. It had a stronger frame, front fork refinements, revised cam profiles and a lower bottom gear. The Velocette MAF cost more than other WD machines, with fewer than a thousand being delivered.

The performance of the military MAC was a little subdued compared to its civilian counterpart, reaching around 75mph from its 15bhp 349cc motor. The engine would have been revving past 6000rpm to achieve that speed, a more realistic cruising speed would be 50-55mph. The 350lb machine was braked by a 7inch s/s drum at the front and a similar 6inch item at the rear.

FOR SALE

Speedo Cables: Speedo Cables made to order for all models.
Contact Doug Pickerill on 07 849 3104

Club Shirts: \$25 each see Rob Marden.

Club Badges: \$5 each See Ian

Monograms: \$10 each see Ian

Eze Products For Sale:

Ezewash / Ezeshine	100ml	\$3-00
	500ml	\$8-00

Ezeclear	1litre	\$16-00
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Eze Tyre Shine	500ml	\$8-00
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These are very good products and are Club branded!
Contact Rob Marden to purchase these.



SPECIAL TOOLS



We have created a register of special tools which members own, and are prepared to lend to other members.

If you are prepared to add something to the register, please contact Marg on (07) 827-4317 so it can be added to the register.

We currently have on the register:

TOOLS

Tap and Die Set
Triumph sprung hub tool
Side Valve Spring Compressor
Two Legged Gear Puller
Brake Lining Rivet Punch
BSA Staunchion Puller
Matchless Staunchion Puller

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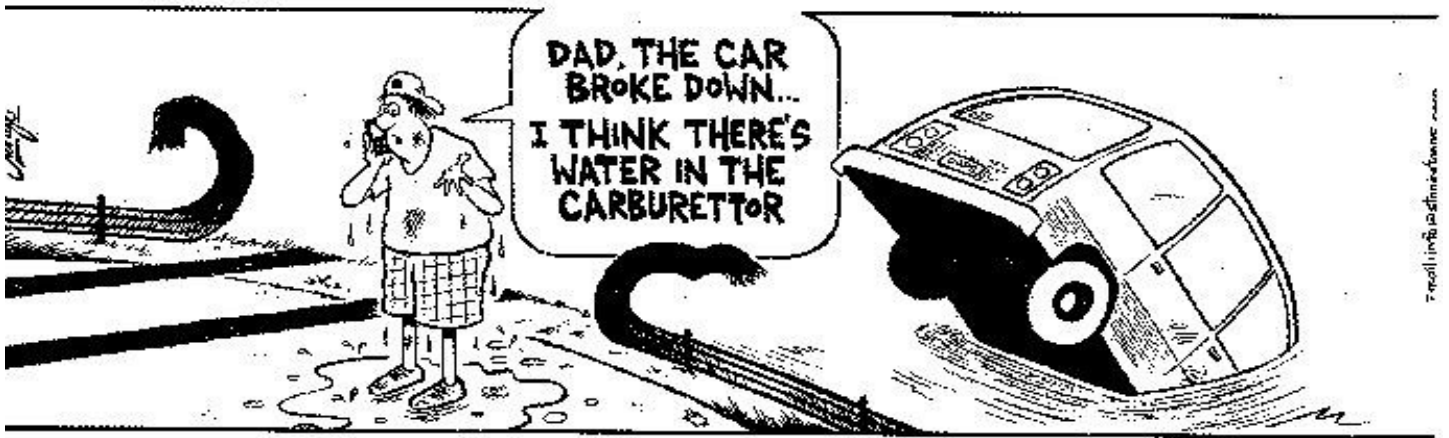
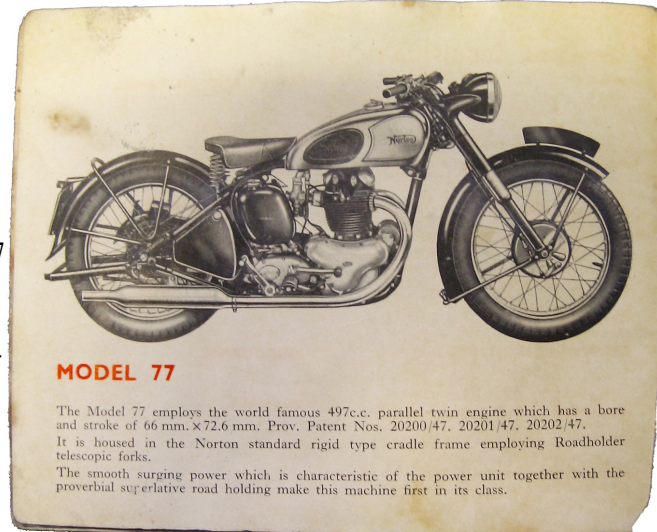
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From: Bruce Tinworth <possumoska1@gmail.com>
Subject: 1950 - 53 Model 77 Norton
To: w.classic@xtra.co.nz
Received: Friday, 10 July, 2009, 3:27 PM

Hi, I am from the Historic Motor Cycle Club of Queensland, Australia - HMCCQ Ipswich Branch.

I am attempting to garner information on a rare model of Norton that was only for the export market; namely the 1950 - 52, 497cc, Model 77, rigid-framed Dominator. Engine/frame prefixed with the number 13. Norton's records document that in total 237 were built and exported to our corner of the world. A copy of the relevant page in Norton's 1952 Models Catalogue is attached. I send this in the hope that some of these machines may have ended up in NZ. To that end could you circulate this amongst your members, maybe it will trigger a memory, a photograph or a 1950, 1951 or 1953 Norton Models Catalogue with this model listed. Feel free to circulate this e-mail to other like minded clubs in NZ.

Thank you in anticipation.,Bruce



Okoroire Run

About a dozen bikes met at the layby and proceeded to Okoroire via Te Miro, Whitehall, Taotaoroa and Totman Road picking up Chris near Cambridge on the way. The weather was fine although very cold and arriving in Okoroire about 11.30am found the Tauranga boys waiting for us already. After a catch up chat, during which a few more bikes arrived from Rotorua we partook of some refreshments and chatted some more. We finally left around two after a false start caused by a non starter (a Norton unfortunately) and returned via Horahora and Karapiro. A good day and nice to catch up with the other clubs. Steve Hardy.

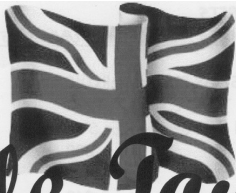
On behalf of the Tauranga Classic Motorcycle Club I would like to invite your club members to a Road Trial we are having on Sunday the 8th November 2009. The riders briefing will take place at our clubrooms Cherokee Place Mt Maunganui at 9.00am with a start no later than 9.30 am. The time trials and skills events will conclude around 12.30pm followed by a BBQ and prize giving. RSVP to Allan Watson on 07) 5791947 by 30/09/09

We look forward to your company



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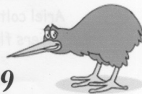
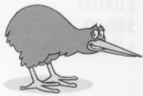
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COMING EVENTS

2009

- 16th August Practical Rider Training. At 9am at 1 Kapuni Street TeRapa, the back of the old Walker Cars building.
- 30th August Oldies and Little Ones **Club Run** to Les and Heathers. Meet at Dinsdale Car Park at 11am or make your own way there for lunch. 144 Hodgson Road Pirongia. This is a social occasion so if you have no bike come in the car!
- 4th/6th Sept Cold Kiwi Rally. www.coldkiwi.co.nz
- 5th Sept Triumph Pre-Unit Rally, Paroa, 8km South of Greymouth
Contact Earl Nunn 03-942-8198 or Gary Martin 03-329-9535
- 8th Sept **Club Meeting AGM.**
- 18-20th Sept Hawkes Bay Rally (Tuki Tuki)
- 26, 27th** **September Weekend run to Waiuku**
A run up to Waiuku and the Awhitu Peninsular staying overnight in the Waiuku pub.
- 18th Oct Swap Meet, Hamilton Motorcycle Club. Claudelands, 7-30am start.
www.hamiltonswapmeet.org.nz
- 14-28th Nov Club Tour.

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- 10th Jan Blue Smoke and Pedals.
- 24th Jan Tauranga Interclub BBQ
- 7 - 13th Feb The BSA Owners International Rally, at Christchurch.
- 29 -31st Oct National Classic Rally at New Plymouth.

Disclaimer: The Waikato Classic Motorcycle Club and its Officers will not accept any responsibility for any accident, damage or loss incurred by any person on any Club organized event or ride. We advise that all members, riders, passengers and people attending any Club organized outing or event must obey the rules of the road at all times.

* **Club Run means Classic Bikes only – unless prior approval from Club Captain.**
If you have no bike you are very welcome to come by car,

Patrons:
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