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THE RIDERS REPORT

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The objectives of the Club shall be:

- To Foster the cause of motorcycling and preserve the history of all classes of motorcycling.
- To encourage the collection, restoration, and maintenance of motorcycles.
- To collaborate with authorities and other bodies to bring about a greater understanding of the Club and enable the Club to carry out its objectives.
- To have a good attitude, show and hold respect for and towards our Members, our Guests, the Club and to foster and further these relationships. To welcome riders & like minded people to the Club and our events.

CLUB EVENTS, RIDES AND MEETINGS ARE ALL NSW (DST) TIME UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS:

Are held on the FIRST MONDAY of the month Starting at 6:30 PM. (7:00 PM during DST) If this happens to align with a public holiday, the meeting shall be on the FOLLOWING Monday. Meetings are held at The Ivory Tavern, 165 Wharf Street Tweed Heads NSW 2485. Near Boyd's Bay Bridge. Phone 0755 069 988. Please Contact any committee member if you are unsure.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE DRAW WINNERS:

KIRRA Thursday 28th September Donn Valance 138 .
COOLANGATTA Saturday 30th September Tony Ball 61 .
KIRRA Thursday 5th October Cec Brims 96
COOLANGATTA Saturday 7th October Lex Greenwood 92.
KIRRA Thursday 12th October Rick Pittard 30.
COOLANGATTA 14th October Jenny Dixon 145.
NO WINNERS BECAUSE NONE OF THEM WERE THERE

RAFFLES:

- THURSDAY night Raffles are from 6:30 PM, QLD (7:30 PM DST) held at KIRRA SPORTS CLUB (Appel St Kirra)
- SATURDAY afternoon Raffles from 1:00 PM QLD (2:00 DST) held at COOLANGATTA HOTEL (Marine Parade. Coolangatta)
- RIDE RAFFLES are held on the majority of organised rides.
- All Members and their guests are invited to Raffles. As a bonus, each week there is a THMCEC members draw, and the only way to get the cash is to BE THERE!! Kirra jackpots weekly, starting from \$50.00 until won, Coolangatta is \$50 every week,

VINTAGE RUNS:

- Please remember to contact Harry Lente (0418885582) BEFORE riding your Vintage / Historic registered bikes outside of club events.
- Raffles and meetings are CLUB EVENTS and Vintage bikes can be ridden to these venues.
- All events organised by the events committee have a backup trailer for breakdowns.
- ALL SUNDAYS are VINTAGE RUNS as per club rules. 2 or more current members MUST ride together, so get 'em out there!!!!

All submissions, Information & Pictures for news must be in before the 20th of the month

THMCEC UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017.

OVERNIGHTER SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER.
MEMORIAL RUN SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER.
KIDS IN NEED RUN SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER.
AGM SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER.
CRAM'S FARM RUN 21ST JANUARY 2018

Contact EVENTS or MAIN committee for more Run Info

INFO FOR RIDERS.

1. All Runs are \$5.00 EACH for members, \$10.00 EACH for Non Members, (not per bike). Kids are welcome and are free.
2. Runs LEAVE Kirra Sports Club at 10:00 AM NSW (9:00 AM Qld) Time. Runs will CONCLUDE officially at Kirra sports Club.
3. Unless otherwise stated, all rides are brilliantly catered for by Phil and Justin, and included in the run fee.
4. A back up vehicle follows all runs to ensure we all arrive back at Kirra safely and not left beside the road.
5. Check the web for the latest on a ride. The mag will also have the newest info available at time of publishing.
6. Prior to events, a Text message is sent to members, if you are not receiving them, please contact Harry.

*******To help with sign on, please try and bring correct the money, smaller notes or coins*******

Back up Vehicle / THMCEC Mobile Number: 0404423317. Please save this number to your phone. Members that have vintage rego, must attend at least 3 rides or events per year or they will fail the club requirements for their vintage rego". Harry Lente vintage registrar.

IVORY RUN

Well another ride with perfect weather, but it was the same day as the Bathurst one thousand, so we really couldn't expect a big turn up. Jeff mapped out the ride and it was a very good choice of direction as we had worn a track into all of the other southern routes, he really didn't have any other choice.

The ride went out the back way down through Mur'Bah out to Uki, where Rick and some southern boys were waiting to join us. Jeff took us down through Nimbin which was quite for a Sunday, down some nice fast roads into Lismore where we stopped at the Northern Rivers Hotel who generously donated a bottle of Wild Turkey for our raffle which for once I was able to do while seated having a beer, everyone came to me instead of having to do the usual raffle hunt, thanks to everyone.

Well karma shined on Jeff as he drew the winning ticket pocketing the Turkey, Jeff has a great smile that's always good to see. We then rode down to Tintenbar sports field for Lunch where Phil had lunch ready with Matt and Tara giving him a hand, Matt was even opening the refreshments for us. After lunch we headed off to Mooball Pub, some took off home to watch the last of the Bathurst race. We had another raffle draw where Karma still had not taken his eyes off Jeff and bestowed another bottle of Bourbon on him, Jeff graciously put the bottle up for a redraw which was one by Nigel, making another great day for him after the Poker Run booby prize on the last ride.

We then rode back over Burringbar back to the Ivory for last drinks then off home to see the last few laps of Bathurst. I imagine Jeff would have preferred a win for Ford, rather than both of the bottles of Bourbon, but at least he had the bourbon to drown his sorrows at yet another Ford loss to Holden at Bathurst.

Next club event is Jeff's overnigher to Evan's Head on the 28th of October, rooms are limited so ring Jeff 0439310398 ASAP if you want a great week end, unfortunately Harry, Di, Jenny and I are off to Hawaii so we won't be there, we will just have to settle for a couple of weeks in the tropics instead. Jeff will have the club phone 0404423317.

Next club ride is the Memorial, going North through Numinbah where we have not been for a while since the massive damage caused by the April floods, so make an effort to come along, we are encouraging vintage bikes to come along for this ride, it's not a long ride with lunch back at Elanora.

WORRY-FREE WHEELS

Just because you like to ride bikes doesn't mean you like wrenching on them, and we can't blame you. Who wants to crawl around on a dirty garage floor, cursing and scraping their knuckles when they could be out riding? So to help you out, we've put together a list of motorcycles we think will get you the most worry-free miles. Well, maybe not totally worry-free. Motorcycles aren't like cars and they definitely require hands-on time from their owners, no matter how reliable their reputation. That means you need to be careful buying used. I'd take the most finicky Italian sportsbike over the most bland and reliable Japanese standard if the former had been well-maintained by its owner and the latter had been ridden hard, put away wet, and never seen a minute of preventative maintenance.

You'll also note a lot of Hondas in this list, and that's because Honda is a huge company with amazing resources and a long reputation for appliance-like reliability. But other Japanese manufacturers have similar reputations, and in fact, both Yamaha and Suzuki bested Honda in a recent Consumer Reports survey of owner-reported problems. So keep an open mind and get the bike that best suits your needs. Almost any modern motorcycle, if properly cared for, will give 100,000 miles or more of trouble-free service.

1. HONDA CBR600

Honda has sold hundreds of thousands of its famous middleweight sportsbike worldwide, and there's a good reason for it—the CBR600 (in F2, F3, F4, F4i and RR versions) is an incredible balance of performance, durability and value.

2. YAMAHA YZF-R6

Yamaha's R6 doesn't just dominate club race grids all over the world, it makes a good commuting tool as well, given its amazing 26,000-mile valve-check interval. The FZ6 and FZ6R share version of this motor, promising solid reliability from those more-relaxed street models.

3. SUZUKI SV650/V-STROM 650

Not only is the iconic SV650 fun and easy to ride, it's affordable and oh-so-dependable. We've seen examples with six figures on the odometer, and they return great fuel economy, especially for a Twin. The adventure-tour-styled DL650 V-Strom uses a mildly tuned version of the SV's motor which delivers smooth running on long trips. The SFV650 Gladius also uses a version of this refined power plant.

4. KAWASAKI KLR650

If it's single-cylinder adventure you seek, you'll already know all about the legendary Kawasaki KLR650. It's an ancient design that harkens back to the early 1980s, but that's a good thing, especially if you need to find a mechanic in Borneo or Irkutsk.

5. KAWASAKI CONCOURS

A sport-touring motorcycle needs a reputation for reliability, and Kawasaki's first-generation Concours 1000 set the bar decades ago. You'll still find many examples chugging along, with an under stressed (but smooth and powerful) liquid-cooled four cylinder engine that sends power to the rear wheel via a clean, worry-free shaft drive. If it's strong power you seek, the Concours14 may be what you need, and it has a similar reputation for worry-free running.

6. MODERN HARLEY-DAVIDSONS

People don't usually equate "Harley-Davidson" with "reliability," but the American brand has come a long way since the bad old days of the 1970s. In fact, Harley-Davidson's rate of problems is less than that of all the European brands, including one brand that has a reputation for trouble-free reliability. Talk to the Harley-Davidson faithful, and they'll tell you "Evo" and "Twin Cam" motors are the way to go. That's pretty vague, since almost all Harley motors since 1984, are called "Evo" or "Twin-Cam". That includes all modern Sportsters and the Big Twins, including Softails, Dynas and Touring models. So are they all good? Well, they all offer trouble-free hydraulic, self-adjusting valve trains, but look for the most recent model you can afford if you want the best reliability and lowest cost of service.

7. HONDA VFR

It's amazing that an engine as tightly packaged and exquisitely engineered as the Honda VFR series' liquid-cooled, 16-valve VFour can be reliable, but there you go. It's smooth, torquey, economical and, given proper maintenance, dependable as a whoopee cushion. Synchronising carbs can be a bear, so look for what might be the best used motorcycle value of all time, the fuel-injected 1998-2001 VFR800i, though the 2002-2013 VFR800 VTEC will put a smile on your face as well.

8. YAMAHA STAR CRUISERS

Any big-bore, Japanese-built cruiser built in the last two decades is going to be extremely dependable, but since Yamaha and its cruiser brand Star have been consistently praised by owners and the motorcycle press for having notable build quality, performance and reliability, we decided to go with this line as the most reliable heavy and medium-weight cruisers. Star is marketed as a brand intended for owner customisation, so look out for weird "custom" stuff that may shorten life expectancy.

9. YAMAHA FJR1300

Here's another sport-touring pick, Yamaha's FJR1300. It's a capable long-distance mount that'll rack up miles. Big miles. How many? Well, it's a favourite of Iron Butt riders, competitors who think nothing of riding 11,000 miles in 11 days. It's harder on the bikes than its aptly-named riders, but the FJR soldiers on and on, sometimes with 300,000 miles or more on its odometer.

10. HONDA GOLD WING

Did you really think we'd skip this one? Honda's Gold Wing has been in production for decades, and it's such a dominant choice for long-distance heavyweight touring that there are huge clubs made up of just Gold Wing riders. With a troublefree, under stressed 1800cc monster of a six-cylinder motor, shaft drive, a fairing the size of a blimp hangar and trunk space better than a Mazda Miata, you wonder why a touring rider would want anything else. The current model's basic design has been around since 2001, ensuring a huge supply of used and aftermarket parts, as well as dealer support for many years to come.

The Funny Stuff

WOMEN'S REVENGE 'Cash, check or charge?' I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase.

As she fumbled for 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 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.'

CIGARETTES AND TAMPONS

A man walks into a pharmacy and wanders up & down the aisles.

The sales girl notices him and asks him if she can help him.

He answers that he is looking for a box of tampons for his wife.

She directs him down the correct aisle.

A few minutes later, he for a box of tampons for his wife.

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A few minutes later, he deposits a huge bag of cotton balls and a ball of string on the counter.

She says, confused, 'Sir, I thought you were looking for some tampons for your wife?'

He answers, 'You see, it's like this, yesterday, I sent my wife to the store to get me a carton of cigarettes, and she came back with a tin of tobacco and some rolling papers; cause

"it's sooo-ooo--oo-ooo much cheaper.

So, I figure if I have to roll my own so does she. own so does she.

WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word.

An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, 'Relatives of yours?'

'Yep,' the wife replied, 'inlaws'

WORDS

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day.

30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replied, 'The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men...

The husband then turned to his wife and asked, 'What?'

CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, 'I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time.

'The wife responded, 'Allow me to explain.

God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me;

God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!

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The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'

The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'

Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.'

Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.'

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says 'HEBREWS'

THE SILENT TREATMENT

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment.

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Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper,

'Please wake me at 5:00 AM. He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight

Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said, 'It is 5:00 AM. Wake up.'

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests.

God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece

SEND THIS TO SMART WOMEN WHO NEED A LAUGH AND TO MEN YOU THINK CAN HANDLE IT!

The Classifieds

This spot is for members only items and must be motorcycle related

HARRY HAS A PIRELLI, MTR02 DRAGON 140/60 R18, TYRE FOR SALE. \$100

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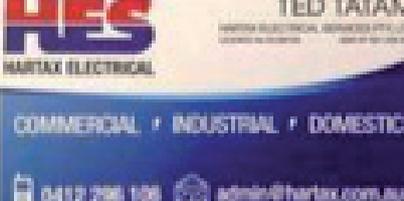
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