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Calendar

February 2008

2 & 3rd Ride TBA
9 & 10th Ride TBA and Meeting
16 & 17th Breakfast Ride 8am
23 & 24th Ride TBA
World SBK Round 1 – Qatar

March 2008

1 & 2nd Ride TBA
World SBK Round 2 – Phillip Island
8 & 9th Ride TBA and Meeting
MotoGP Round 1 Qatar
15th & 16th Ride City Gates
Malaney Swap Meet
22 & 23rd Easter – Ride TBA
Burnett Easter Rally (HMCCQ Event)
29 & 30th Ride TBA
Moto GP Round 2 – Jerez Spain.

Regalia

Club Belt Buckle \$30.00
Club Machine Badge \$25.00
Club Lapel Badge \$5.00

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TAPPET
RATTLE

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Made in England

Editors Ravings

Welcome to the first edition of the Tappet Rattle in quite a while. Whilst I have been in the classic motorcycling sport for many years, I am a recent arrival in Mackay and the British Owners Club. Having attended many rallies and St Lawrence Runs with Members from here, it was only natural to join up. I would like to thank all the members who made me feel welcome and renewed acquaintances. Enough about me.

The British Motorcycle Owners Association of Mackay has held the magazine name Tappet Rattle for many years. It is simply been in a hiatus waiting for someone to resurrect the Magazine. I have Lloyd Dornbusch to thank for dobbing me in following the St Lawrence report I prepared for the Rocky Area in the HMCCQ magazine. I really don't mind though, as I do enjoy mucking around with computers. The only issue is that I don't have a great deal of time with work to spend chasing up stories and things. That is where you all can assist. If you go on a Club run, or take part in rallies, take a camera along and record the event. If you can write up a bit of a story, that would be great, but if not, just give me a ring with highlight (and funny stories) and I will have a go writing something about the run.

Consideration has to be given to what you would like in the reborn magazine. There are probably a couple of old favourites that can make interesting reading. These being **"Why I Ride What I Ride"**. This goes to the centre of what you personally enjoy about your bike/s and is a personal thing. Another favourite is a **story about your bike** itself – the trials and tribulations in the restoration or the heartache of a blow up. These are really interesting to other members, and we can all learn something about the person and machine from what you may think are your uninteresting ramblings. I would really appreciate some feedback as soon as possible on what you would like **your** magazine to look like and what content you enjoy. If any of you are artists or cartoonists, I would love to hear from you, as these are particularly sought after in many magazines. I have had a look through the old Tappet Rattles and have found that someone is a very accomplished cartoonist. I will reproduce some of the cartoons as time goes on, and I would like to hear from anyone who can tell the background that provided the material for the cartoon. If you want to say something write to me or send an email and I will include it in a letters to the editor column.

Not much more I can say being my first issue. Just remember, the members need your input to make it an interesting journal, and make sure you let me know what you would like to see. Keep those tyres black side down.

Cheers

Rowan

For Sale and Wanted

Wanted for small Italian bike. WM1 1.60in x 18in 36 spoke lipped alloy rim. If you can assist please call Rowan on 49553661 or email bond.rowan@gmail.com.

Wanted Plunger B31 Fuel Tank. Good condition preferable Ph 49553661. Have \$ or swaps.

Wanted Veteran Indian parts - Any condition considered. You never know what is around unless you ask. Call Andrew 0407112887

Wanted Clear hooters horn of 1940's to 1960's era Andrew Gauld 0407112887

For Sale

1971 Triumph Daytona. Bike located at Andergrove. Bike in good order apart from some surface rust on chrome. Needs new battery 2 x carb gasket kits but in running condition. Been stored since 2000. Owner seeking \$5,000ono. All enquiries to Bob Inkson please who will pass enquiries onto owner Phil.



1971 Triumph Daytona



For those who are not members of the HMCCQ, here is the article I wrote for their magazine at the end of last year.

St Lawrence Run 15-16th September 2007

Doesn't time fly when you are having fun. I know the St Lawrence Run has been going for many years, but I am not sure if anyone has been there representing the three attending Clubs. Yes, due to my recent transfer to Mackay I find that I have rode with Rockhampton Club from way back until 2004, With Gladstone area to 2006 and down from Mackay in 2007. The best part is that the same happy faces are there year after year, and always having fun.

Only one rider from Gladstone area this year, being Dieter Mohrholz on his trusty R69. Dieter came to Mackay this year, and rode down with the Mackay Club to St Lawrence. I had a little difficulty this year having fitted an aftermarket and more efficient ignition assembly on the BM I found that I could not get sufficient retard in the timing. It was not pinging or anything, so I decided to risk it. Well, a combination of too much advance and riding at a goodly clip had the bike getting a bit hot after a while. A stop at Kalarka (yes there is such a place) for a cool down, and off she went (slightly slower this time). No further troubles and the timing fixed as soon as I got home.

There were probably around 25 bikes of all different sorts and ages traveling from Mackay, and the only other trouble I heard about was Lloyd's Velo shedding both the top

of the kick starter AND a couple of screws in his aftermarket electric start. Talk about bad luck, twice as many starting methods than standard and still had to get a push. Anyway, the Velo sounded very much on song once it got going. Other notable bikes were a very bright red Gold Star, and AMC products showing amazing speed and longevity both going and coming the 100 miles from Mackay.

Upon arrival at St Lawrence, we quickly noted that the Rocky guys had arrived before us, and were holding court in the bar of the trusty pub. It was great to catch up with the old riding companions that's for sure. Herb and Bruce were already having a couple of coldies, and some old friends on modern bikes were in the beer garden. It was a pity to see Shane Carolin's WLA on the back of the ute, but inquiries revealed nothing more than battery trouble put paid to his ride. The trusty Harley let down by modern electrics. There were an amazing number of Triumphs of all ages at the weekend (estimates at 40 participants would be close), including a very personalized rigid Thunderbird. It is great to see add ons for reliability and information (oil pressure gauge no less) without losing the essence of classic motorcycling. A bike that did create lots of comment was the beautiful early Honda 750 /4 from Mackay. Very nicely done.

Everyone settled down to a yarning and a few drinks after a while, and the eagerly awaited dinner started

arriving. I have tried for 3 years to get through the steak, without success and this year was without exception. I failed again. I was amazed to see Lucky Kaiser get through his, what a legend. Ah the country pub atmosphere. I don't know if it is a sign of the times, but most people seemed to be in the swag by about 11pm. I checked my report for last year and saw that this was 1am. Old age must be catching up with everyone.

Next morning it was again the country pub bacon and eggs created on the BBQ and everyone started to head for home by about 9.30am. It was great to hear the crackle of those exhausts as they passed me (remember I was taking it easy due

to the ignition issues). Of particular note (literally) was the 2 Velo's the Goldie and the rigid Matchless. All beautiful music at highway speeds. Many of us called into the Carmilla Servo for fuel and a cuppa, before heading to our respective homes. I believe that everyone from Rocky got home without incident. Thanks for a great weekend everyone. It still is one of the best and most patronized rides in the central Queensland calendar. See you all next year.

Wouldn't be dead for quids

Rowan Bond



January Club Ride – Words and pics by Andrew Gauld.

We had a good run along the river past the weir, Doyle's road, Martin's Loop Rd, Owen's Creek Rd , Pinnacle Pub. We then ventured to Teemburra dam minus a few starters who headed for home. The dam was nearly full & was busy with a lot of boats and people fishing

. Bob had to make a small adjustment to sidecar, "with out a word of a lie" it had a slight lean in towards the bike which was rectified by adjusting the top mounting.

Unfortunately the problem was realized when he tried to leave, resulting in the parting of bike & sidecar from the



lower front mounting. Please refer to photo of Ian pointing it out. After a quick adjustment, problem solved and we continued on to Marion pub for lunch & then home. A great day had by all

Actually there is more to this story than Andrew is letting on. Apparently at the Pinnacle Pub, my reliable source informs me that a famous Pinnacle pie of the pepper steak variety was purchased. No one is sure if the cook got it wrong, but a certain rider was seen to be eating it while sweating profusely and requesting copious glasses of water (not even beer so it must have been spicy). No names were mentioned but the guilty party apparently rides a very reliable, but nonetheless scruffy Velo. Hmmmmmm

Editor

Thanks to those who assisted with this Journal

Andrew Gauld Lloyd Dornbusch Bob Inkson Andy Mann
Many thanks for your assistance guys. Don't forget everyone should have a go at putting something in the Magazine. Keep the information rolling in to bond.rowan@gmail.com or 49553661.

What are those tools REALLY used for (Part 1):-

For those of you who have a full toolbox and no idea what those tools intended uses REALLY are, here is a compiled list of their actual functions:

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

MECHANIC'S KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing seats and motorcycle jackets.

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning steel Pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling mounting holes in fenders just above the brake line that goes to the rear wheel.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.



Velocette