

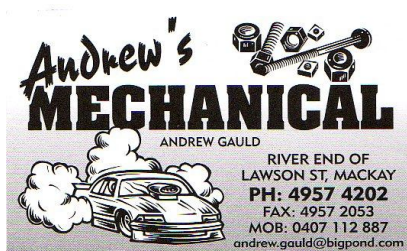
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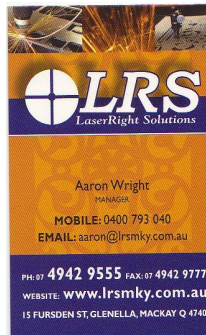
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Editors Ravings

Rowan Bond - Editor

Hello everyone. Hasn't this year flown and we are back ready to celebrate Christmas once again. It doesn't seem like any time at all since the last one. It has been a very busy year for the Club, with a very successful Bike Show and a some memorable rides. There has been very strong support for all the activities this year and your fellow members thank you very much for your camaraderie and great mateship. I have no doubt that there will be some reminisces over a quiet ale or two at the Christmas party.

There has been a request for more long standing members to have a dig around in their pictures and old records for piccies of Club Activities from the past. These are very important records of the history of the club, and it is hoped to put them all together on a CD as a permanent record in time for the 30th Anniversary in 2009. If by some stroke of luck they are in digital format, that is great, but if print based medium, they will need to be digitised. I have a good quality scanner that can be used, as I am sure fellow computer nerds in the club will have as well. If you are stuck, give me a yell or bring them along to a meeting. You will get them back undamaged so don't worry about that. Can you have a hunt around and get those pics in for the CD please.

I was in Rocky during the week (run into Phil DeKnock, but that's another story) and had a meet with Herb Everett from the Rocky club. Now for those who don't know him, he is the one short on stature but big of voice at the St Lawrence (Keith Sander Memorial) Run and the Rocky rallies. Herb is a true enthusiast and used to have a Rapide for quite a few years. He wishes he still has that one, but asked to pass on his regards and season wishes to all members. It was great to catch up.

It was reported at the last meeting that Jenny Dumba is having a hard time health wise at the moment and spending some time with the specialists in Townsville. Ill health effects us all from time time time, but, Jenny, bounce back and we hope to see your smiling face surrounded by Ducati's in the near future. I am sure we all join together to wish Jenny a big Get Well soon.

Not much more to say really. Thank you for your support for the magazine throughout the year, particularly those who provided stories, pictures, anecdotes and adverts etc. The only way I can keep the magazine happening every 2 months is with your support. Keep the material rolling in.

What would you like for Christmas. Me, I put a Manx on my Christmas list every year, but it's not forthcoming so far. I do get nice presents though, and one year, I got the mudguards and number plate holder for my Inter, so that was close wasn't it.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

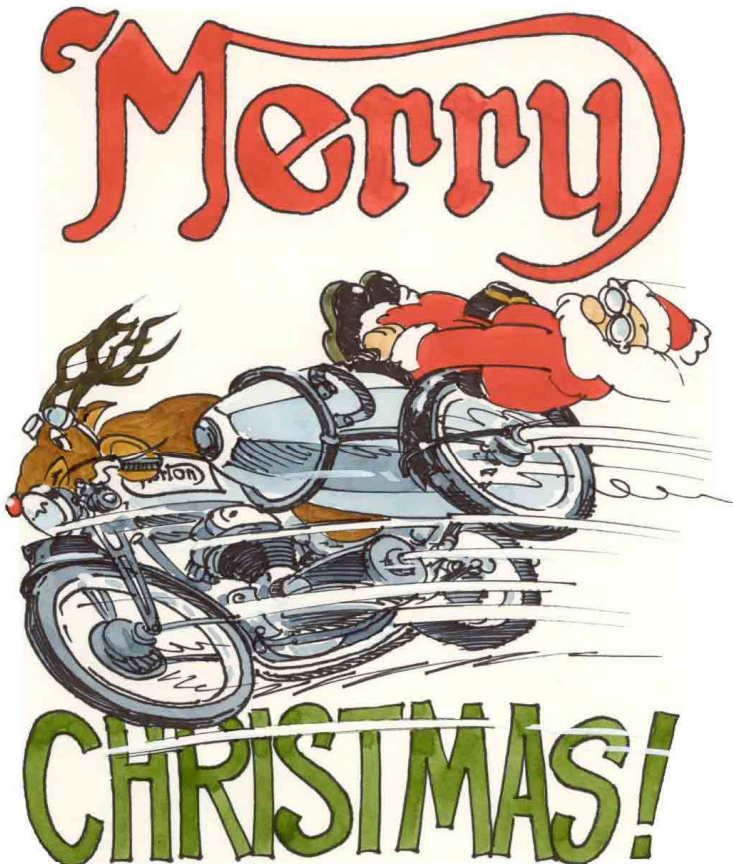
THE RUST BIN

Wanted:- Any electric start gear (starter motor, sprockets/jackshaft, etc) for **Ducati Darmah** Call **Rowan** on **0419 775006**

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WANTED - Old Photos or Club bikes or activities. Club wants to put them all together on a CD for members to celebrate the Club Anniversary in 2009.



BMOA Lake Elphinstone Run

The yearly Lake Elphinstone Ride was held on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of October.

The ride started with the usual gathering of members at the Boomerang Hotel. There were 18 riders and 20 attendees with the additionals being Bob Inkson running the support vehicle for the club and Joyce being fulltime support for Maurice.

Numerous comments were made "That the club really has to get back to basics" for this ride as Bobs One Tonner was loaded to the hilt and that was only for the Mackay contingent, When He detoured via Walkerston to pick up the remaining 3 riders they took care of filling the trailer to capacity.

The ride got underway by approximately 12.30 pm but for some reason only got as far as Eton before stopping. Most say it was to wait for the Walkerston boys to join up. Ummmmmmmm. Seems a bit of a weak excuse. Anyway finally we got going again with the next stop the Retreat for some refreshments. Where we encountered one of what we thought was the Western Phenomenon! But it certainly seemed like the "Ol Swamp Donkeys" might be migrating towards the coast.

The next stop was Nebo for a refuel and some food and then onto the Kemmis Creek turnoff for some further refreshment.

Everyone arrived safely at the lake at approx 4.30pm. The camp was set up very hastily with numerous members taking



up Lakeside Accommodation positions as their first priority.

There was also some with in the club who didnt have a clue how to set up anything but very cunningly enlisted the help of some friendly passer by tourists that did the job for him. (Hey Bruce). It is pretty amazing to see how many passer by observers the bikes draw when they are all gathered in one spot with many people dropping in to cast an eye over the machinery. And to comment on how great they look.

A huge thanks must go to Lloyd Dornbusch for organising the food and some pre dinner nibblies and for Himself and Ian Skuse and a couple of offiders (I think Mick B & Graham T might have also had a hand in it) for preparing a fantastic evening barbecue dinner and an even better Sunday morning Bacon & Eggs breakfast.

A great night was had by all sitting around a gigantic camp fire that Bob and Ken Cullen created by bring in half of the surrounding countryside fallen timber. Many stories and I think a couple of lies might have been told and one could bet none could be remembered on Sunday morning.



After Sunday morning breakfast we broke camp at approximately 8.30 am for the ride home. Once again stopping at the Nebo Junction Servo for refuelling and then onto the Retreat Hotel for additional rehydration. Most riders were back in Mackay by 11.30 am.

A great weekend get together and ride and depending on how much one drank the whole weekend including Fuel. Meals and Accommodation would have cost somewhere between \$50 & \$60.

Reported by

Gerry D

ONE OF THE BEST PUT DOWN LINES EVER

General Peter Cosgrove was being interviewed on radio. Regardless of how you feel about gun laws, this was one of the best comeback lines of all time. It is a portion of an ABC interview between a female broadcaster and General Cosgrove who was about to sponsor a Boy Scout troop visit to his military headquarters

Female Interviewer “So, General Cosgrove, what things are you going to teach these young boys when they visit your base?”

General Cosgrove “We’re going to teach them climbing, canoeing, archery and shooting”.

Female Interviewer “Shooting!, that’s a bit irresponsible isn’t it?”

General Cosgrove “I don’t see why, they’ll be properly supervised on the rifle range.”

Female Interviewer “Don’t you admit that this is a terribly dangerous activity to be teaching children?”

General Cosgrove “I don’t see how, We will be teaching them proper rifle discipline before they even touch a firearm.”

Female Interviewer “But you’re equipping them to become violent killers”

General Cosgrove “Well Ma’am, you’re equipped to be a prostitute, but you’re not one are you?”

The radio went silent and the interview ended.

What are those tools REALLY used for (Part 3):-

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering a motorcycle to the ground after you have installed your new front disk brake setup, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front fender.

EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 2X4: Used for levering a motorcycle upward off a hydraulic jack.

TWEEZERS: A tool for removing wood splinters.

PHONE: Tool for calling your neighbour to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.

SNAP-ON GASKET SCRAPER: Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog-doo off your boot.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just my luck – the first letter I received is a letter of resignation.

To whom it may concern,

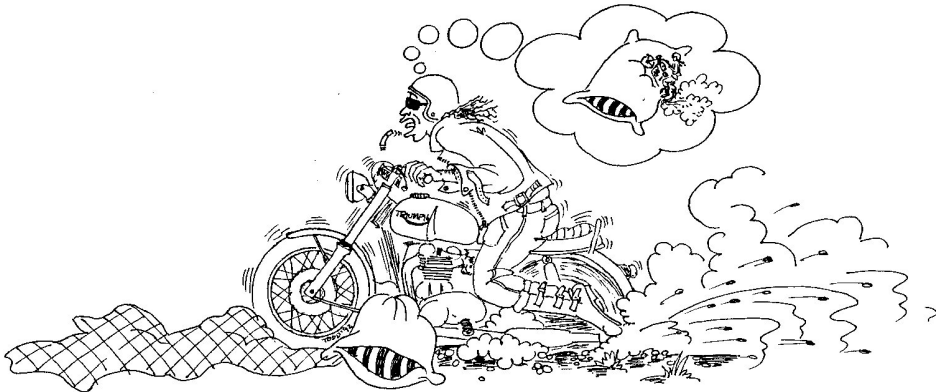
I am writing to inform you that I am resigning from the bike club. For a few reasons;

One reason for leaving the club is that all you seem to do is sit around and drink alcohol, what happened to the bike part?. That is a problem for me because I'm under age and aren't allowed to have any alcohol especially when I have to drive my old man home (and some of you on occasions) cause he's had to many drinks to drive.

Second reason for leaving is that I don't actually have a bike anymore, and I can't get my L's for a bike until at least halfway through next year anyway, unless the government change the rules again and if they did it would probably take me longer to get a bike licence, so this would probably be the most important reason for leaving, after the piss of cause.

So that's about it, just a couple of reasons for not returning to the monthly Sunday morning drinking (bike) club meetings, not owning/able to ride a bike, all you old bastards seem to do is drink and meetings on at 9am on a Sunday! That's too damn early to get up for after a big night on the . . . soft drinks . . . with all my mates so you can stick it up the exhaust pipe of your bloody old bikes (those of you who have an old bike any more) and get on with it without me.

Adam Gauld



One of the famous BMOA cartoons from Keiths collection. Perhaps someone can enlighten us at a meeting the undoubtedly great story that caused this action packed cartoon to come into existence.