

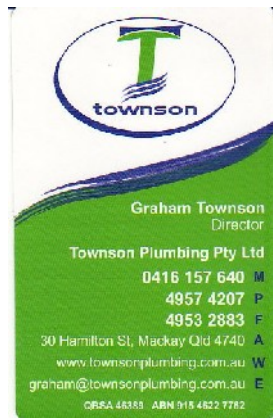
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## Editors Ravings

### Rowan Bond – Editor

I have recently returned from a great couple of weeks in Perth. We stepped off the plane and went straight to a VMCC of WA meeting that night – can't get much better than that. It was great to catch up with people who hosted us at the 1987 Wheels West rally. It was sad to see some of the wonderful people we met then are no longer with us in the intervening time though. Many thanks to the members of that Club for making us feel welcome once again.

By the time you read this, the 30<sup>th</sup> year celebrations will be only 2 weeks away. The August meeting will finalise the details of the weekends activities. Dale has provided me with the CD of photos and club history. What a great record of the preceeding 30 years, although some of the photos are scary.

I am happy to report that all the wanderers from the Tablelands returned relatively unscathed, although there has been some significant mechanical damage reports. What is it with the Piermon Pub though, is it cold beer or topless bar staff or something. Sounds like a great time was had by all though and thank you for the pics and the story in this magazine. I received a brochure regarding the Ravenshoe Steamer Flyer, which was a highlight of the trip. Unfortunately it does not reproduce well so cannot include it in the story. Make sure you don't miss this attraction if you are up there though. Additionally, the Bike Show is over the 2009 and was a resounding success once again. Many thanks to all those who displayed and assisted.

Along with a few other members, I made the annual pilgrimage to the Rocky Swap again last weekend. As usual there was not such a huge amount of motorcycle bits on offer, but there was enough to keep interest up. The most important thing though is the great time people have taking part on the swap. The Friday night in particular is traditionally a time to catch up with friends you only see once per year at the swap. It was great to see the Rocky Club put on a good display and keep everyone fed with scones and goodies. They even had an old Crown stove going the whole time with Howard Weier baking up a storm. He would have sold that old stove 100 times over the weekend. A highly recommended event with almost 1000 stalls.

Club members featured well at the recent dirt bike drags held at Sarina Showgrounds on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. Lucky Keiser set fastest time of the day (yes beat that very rapid CR500 Honda) with a 7 second, 90mph pass for the 8<sup>th</sup> mile. He was riding his GM Godden powered speedway bike and praying like crazy that it would hold together at the revs it was pulling.

Keep the black side down  
Rowan

## THE RUST BIN

**For Sale** – Replica **Manx Norton** Featherbed Frame locally made and to original dimensions. Contact **Lucky Keiser 0419 787620** for details

**For Sale** – Manx spec featherbed frame (no engine) which was built to take a Hinkley Bonneville engine / swinging arm. Would make a very unusual / nice modern Triton \$2000 Contact **Lucky Keiser 0419 787620** for details.

**For Sale 1957 BSA Golden Flash 650cc twin** Plunger suspension model Beautiful restoration inc full mechanical **also 1954 Matchless G9 500cc twin** also fully restored inc mechanicals **Call Lloyd 49593452**

**For Sale:- Suit BSA Twin** New Chrome front mudguard and rear damper units. Also Fuel tank for pre unit BSA twin (slightly dented). **Call Paul on 49593450 or 0407125817**

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**Wanted:- Norton ES2 camshafts urgently required.**  
**Call Bernie 0418 776640**



Tank detail at the Bike Show

## TABLELANDS TOUR 2009

By Ian Skuse

Keith and Val, Nev Kay, Maurice and Joyce, Mick and Tracey arrived early on Tuesday. Sao and Annie arrived at midnight with Sao as sick as a mongrel dog with the flu (claimed he had not been kissing pigs) Myself, Lloyd, Harold and Andrew arrived Thursday afternoon. We noted that the tent was up and all the work was done. A few beers were downed before we supped on an excellent tea of toast and vegemite.

Maurice left the Enfield at home for unknown reason (not sure but claimed the horn button was not working. Andrew quired if Maurie brought a helmet - answer – Yes, then asked why bring a helmet when you haven't got a bike. Obviously without the required correct answer (and unable to phone a friend or ask the audience) Maurie was relegated to back up vehicle driver.

Andrew's Velo was in pieces so he borrowed Dale's 350 velo. It was all set and ready to go, just needed a carby clean, retime and total engine rebuild.

### FRIDAY

Headed north through Atherton, turning off at Tolga to the Tractor and Aero Museum. Then it was onto Mareeba for lunch. Jim found us in the pub and invited us back to his engineer's shop. A beautiful NORBSA, 350 Goldie and RGS that wasn't there called into the Piermon Hotel on the way home.

Dale's Velo terminated the day with a blown head gasket.



### SATURDAY

Off to Tarzali Motorcycle shop, but no one was there, so it was onto Vic's place – a few Scotts, Morgan 3 wheeler and others. Onto Milla Milla enroute to Misty

Mountains. It was strange, but half of us got lost and Dale was not there. Finally found the Windmills, Ravenshoe and the Crater. We also lost Annie, but found her later back at camp. We also called into the Piermon Hotel on the way home. Also, Graham and May arrived.

## SUNDAY

We all headed to Yungaburra to meet the Cairns mob for smoko. We were invited to Allen's place in Atherton for tea, coffee and a biscuit. We have a look at the ES2 and a Commando to amuse us and engage in plenty of conversation. Sao purchased Herdies Matchless then off to Ravenshoe for a steam train ride. May and I stayed in the highest pub in Australia for a couple of coldies, and then off home via the Piermon Hotel. We all went back to the Piermon pub for tea. *Can you see a trend starting here?* Max ended up playing lead guitar in the local band playing there. Max was really good – just ask him.

## MONDAY

Fred – President of the Highlander Club was tour leader – heading north. He showed us some back country en route to Atherton – Then onto Tolga, Mareeba and eventually to Mt Malloy. We re-grouped then off to the Highlander Hotel on the Mossman Highway.

We then returned to Mt Malloy for lunch.

On the way home, we had to load Micks Goldie and Grahams Triumph onto the back up trailer at Tolga. We also called into the Piermon pub on the way home.

## TUESDAY

We headed off to the Herberton Museum which was a major highlight of the trip. Back off to home base, some of us headed down the range to the Mountain View Hotel and attacked the Gillies Range. We called into the Piermon pub on the way home.



## WEDNESDAY

We travelled to Tarzali Motorcycles for a yarn. Young James arrived. We bought some parts, Andrew bought 2 engines. After this, we all went sightseeing of the Dams, Fig trees, waterfalls etc. we had lunch at the Kari pub and called

into the Piermon pub on the way home. That night – the hosts of the Piermon pub picked us all up for the State of Origin and took us back home after the game was over.

## THURSDAY

By this stage we were just about ridden out. We had another sightseeing day taking in the breathtaking Tablelands area. Have seen quite a bit of rainforest and waterfalls by this time so we called into the Piermon Hotel on the way home.

## FRIDAY

We all headed off to Cardwell which took the best part of the day to get there  
SATURDAY

After cleaning the bikes for the Cardwell gathering, our esteemed secretary then took us on a dirt road to the beach – result, dirty bikes again. Bedsore's Goldie finally cried enough. There was talk about going back to Piermon pub to finish off the day, but it was finally and reluctantly decided that it was too far.

## SUNDAY

All headed for home, arriving safely.

## NOW THE GOSSIP

Plumbing contractor was spotted sound asleep on the steam train at Ravenshoe. Probably what happened with he ran off the road into the table drain.

Biggest job all week was to get Lloyd out of bed every morning.



## CASUALTIES

350 Velocette – blown head gasket

Triumph – Spark plug

Lloyds Goldie – Total engine and gearbox overhaul

Mick's Goldie- Mystery – piston hitting the head, looks like the Walkerston connection are at it again.

See you next year – Hopefully the Mary Valley area and Bundaberg.

# Norton

## ALL BIKE SHOW 2009 RESULTS

Best Pre 1942	1928 Indian Prince	Sao ad Anne Kay
Best Pre 1970	1957 Triumph Trophy	Charlie Muscat
Best Post 1970	1975 Triumph Trident	Rob Hollywood
Best Custom	Count Custom Chopper	Steve Hargraves
Best Competition	Dirt Dragster Harley	Dave Robins
Beat Paint	1988 Harley	Wayne Insch
Best Oriental	1972 Honda CB750	Phil DeKnock
Best European	1979 BMW R100RS	Arthur Scott
Best British	1971 BSA	Max Auzalow
Best American	1981 Harley	Syd McKenzie
Best Three Wheeler	1961 Panther	Lloyd Dornbusch
Tommies Choice	2009 Spitfire Scrambler	Bernie Morrison
Peoples Choice	BSA Café Racer	Ian Skewes
Bike of the Show	BSA Café Racer	Ian Skewes
Best Triumph	1963 T120 Triumph	Jim Schibrowski

This years event yielded 115 motorcycles, and the standard of restoration and display was outstanding. There were a large number of people in attendance most of the time, and none left disappointed. Ian's Café Racer BSA was breathtaking and deserved the 2 major trophies it received. Even bikes outside the show were worth a good look with a fearsome looking dragster attracting crowds. There was also a spectacular about 1977 GTS Ducati with the owners interpretation of how it should be today, bristling with fuel injection and modern technology as it was.

This year was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Triumph Bonneville and it was hoped that there would be 50 Bonnys to celebrate. Although the count was not quite there, the display came close to the magic number. There was even a modern Bonny masquerading as a 1960's BSA with great effect. The Club would like to thank all those members who participated in organising and running the event including the BBQ cooks, electricians, gate staff and helpers. It is your generous support which makes the event a success year after year, and a credit to the club and Mackay. Thank you one and all. I know I should not single out any one individual, but one of the major players year after year is Dale Kennedy who keeps everyone on the straight and narrow and makes things happen. The 2010 event will be bigger and better I am sure. The number of people who attend from out of town is amazing with lookers from Cairns, Townsville, Rocky, Gladstone and Brisbane that I picked out in the crowd. The event is obviously what people want, as they come back year after year, and each year the show gets better. See you back in sunny Mackay in 2010. Picture highlights of the show are dotted throughout this edition of the magazine.



## 2009 All Bike Show Highlights



Celebrating 50 yrs of Triumph Bonneville



Lucky liked the show

2009 All Bike Show Highlights



Best in Show and Peoples Choice



Nice One

## 2009 All Bike Show Highlights



A nice lineup of Ducatis





A 2009 BSA Spitfire?????

