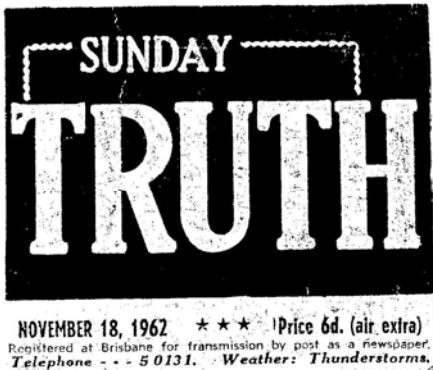




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LOUT PACK SWOOPS ON TOWN

TERROR rode the streets of Port Douglas in North Queensland last weekend, when hundreds of hoodlum youths and their girl friends roared in from neighboring centres and took over the township. During a riotous weekend, from which Port Douglas still has not recovered, the louts had stand-up fights with police and became so out-of-hand that police reinforcements had to be called in from Mossman. They even broke into the Port Douglas lock-up to release a drunken mate who had been arrested. There were drunken orgies on the beach and the louts raced up and down the main street in an ear splitting crescendo of high revving engines. There were several smashes during furious night races on Port Douglas beach. North Queensland has never known such an outbreak of mass larrikinism. Port Douglas, 40 miles north of Cairns, has only one policeman. He had no chance of controlling the mob and had to appeal for aid from neighboring towns.

About 20 people, including some girls, were arrested and on Monday the Mossman Court dealt with five cases of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, two of obscene language, four stealing counts and two of property destruction.

The hoodlums were part of 1200 people who attended a motor cycle and car racing meeting on Port Douglas beach. The hoodlum element started stirring up the town on Saturday afternoon. They invaded the local hotels and helped themselves to anything movable.

The dance arranged by the CWA on Saturday night soon fizzled out because of a shortage of girls – most of them were taking part in drunken revelry on the beach.

However, some of the leather-jacket brigade made use of the only fan in the hall by squatting down on the floor beneath it while dancers whirled around them.

One girl gave a demonstration of beer drinking while she twisted her way around the floor.

During Saturday night car drivers and motor cyclists raced up and down the beach and there were many close calls. A hot rod ploughed into rocks, causing about £150 damage.

A motor cyclist and his pillion passenger had the same experience and the passenger injured his wrist.

NO RESPONSIBILITY

Another rider smashed up his brand new motor cycle worth hundreds of pounds.

The Far North Motor Cycle Club and the Cairns and District Youth Welfare Association – for whom the meeting was held – have been stunned by the rioting.

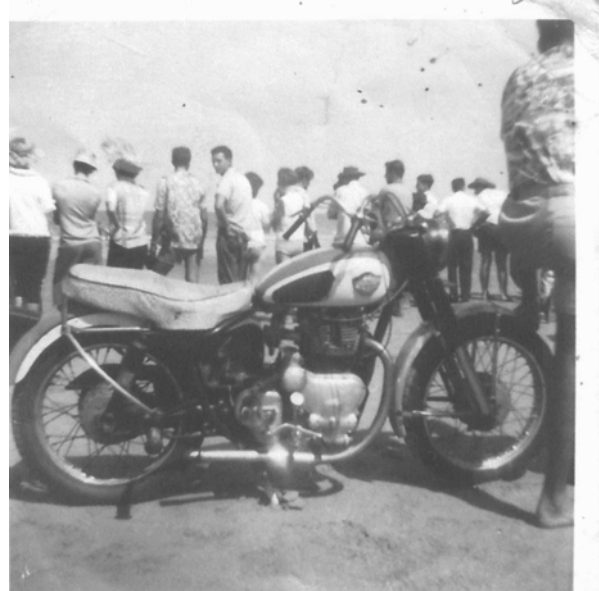
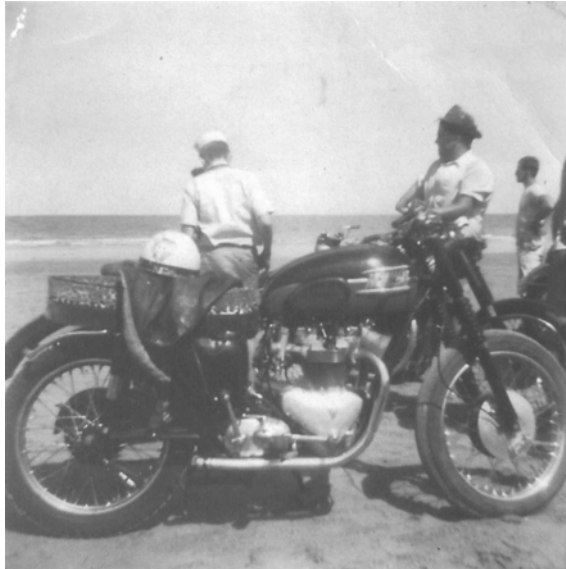
In a public notice in the Cairns Post newspaper, they said: "The persons concerned were not members or helpers of either organization.

"The organizations concerned cannot accept responsibility for any undesirable element that frequent the public beaches.

See pictures on page 2

The Cairns Motorcycle Restorers Club was formed in early 1979 with aims to encourage the restoration, display and riding of motorcycles more than 20 years old. Members' interests also include early stationary engines. Club meetings are held at various locations around Cairns as notified in The Cairns Post. Annual membership fees are currently \$30. Website: http://www.web.aanet.com.au/cmrc_album Postal Address: P O Box 6560, Cairns QLD 4870

Lout Pack Swoops on Town Pics:



Pictures Courtesy Brian Bell

AS PROMISED....A WORD FROM OUR MAN IN ENGLAND....MR JIM PURDEY



High to all C.M.R.C. Members,

I thought I would at last put pen to paper after quite a few years.

I keep seeing my name in the apologies section every month and felt a little guilty about not writing. But I am able to keep track of what you are all up to through The Journal and my frequent chats with Bill (Brennan).

I must say I was surprised into action by the picture of the Watsonian Avon sidecar, as I have the identical model.

As a bit of interest, this sidecar was originally on a Triumph Thunderbird from new and supplied by a local dealer to where I used to live in N.W. London. I purchased it from a chap in Kent to send over to Roy, as he used to have the same model on a 500 AJS single back in the 1950's and I had the same on a BSA A7 1949. So it's so nice to see it still in use.

I am still very much into the bike scene and still ride regularly, not quite so much in the winter, only when it's dry. I still have 6 bikes.

My 1954 A10/Avon outfit, my 1957 Trials Matchless, which I have had since April 1957, I also have 3 British WW II Army bikes, a 1942 C.3.L. Matchless, and a 1942 Royal Enfield C.O. model which I bought in boxes of bits, and then there's the fantastic little Honda C90 bought from the scrap man for £ ? quid 2 years ago, and just needed a new tyre.

So as you can see I am well catered for in all departments, as you can see by the photographs.*

*(Last month's newsletter featured some other photos sent to us by Jim)

I do a lot of 1940's re-enactment weekends, so the army bikes do get used a fair bit.

I would like to say, thank you so much for The Journal which helps me to keep in touch with the motorcycle scene in OZ.

So I wish you all safe riding and all the very best of health in the years to come.

Best Wishes,
Jim Purdey

P.S. If the young lady standing by the sidecar on the cover of the Dec. issue would like to try out my sidecar she would be most welcome anytime! Jim.

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Treasurer: Ross Nicholson 4053 4747

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Next meeting: 2.00 p.m. 10th April 2010 at the Stay Upright School Cairns Office,
Cnr. McGregor Rd & Macpeak Crescent, Smithfield

**Cairns Motorcycle Restorers Club General Meeting
at Charlie Marino's Residence, Bruce Hwy,
Edmonton on the 6th March 2010.**

Meeting Opened: by Vice President Craig McCahon at
2.15 p.m.

Members Attending: as per the attendance book - 24
members, 2 visitors, 21 bikes.

Apologies: Bill McGregor, Jim Purdy, Ross Nicholson,
Brian Haldane, Matt Hawtin, Dave Pope, Dick Randolf,
R. Stanford, P. Kraus.

Visitors: Shane Mitchell, Gary Bradford.
Gary attended his 3rd meeting & has now become a
member of the club.

Minutes of the previous meeting: taken as read.
Proposed: C. McMahan
Seconded: G. Wilson.

Correspondence in: Other club newsletters, various
enquiries via email.

Correspondence out: Replies to emails.
Proposed: G. Wilson
Seconded, Craig McCahon.

Treasurers Statement: No report tabled this meeting
due to Ross's absence.

Business arising from previous minutes:

The portable loudspeaker system is now purchased &
we are awaiting delivery.

Blues Festival:
The club will display bikes on the Saturday only
(1/5/10). Each member displaying a bike will be given
a multi-entry pass. This pass allows the member
access to & from the show as many times as required.
Members exhibiting: display set-up from 7.00 am &
pack-up after 6.00 pm.

Please contact event co-ordinator Steve Bragger prior
to the day either via
Email: sbragger@bigpond.net.au
or mob: 0414 709951

Survey results will be published in the newsletter this
month.

'Classic Bike' subscription to be renewed.

Old Bike ride (18th April) to be confirmed by Matt.

'Old Skool' bike show at Ellis beach will be attended by
the club, a prize for the best restored bike will be
presented by the club.

New Business:

The club's new 'pull-up' banner is edging closer to
reality, & should be ready for the Blues Festival
display.

No entries yet for this years best restored bike (The
McGregor Shield) or the best bike under restoration,
for the next A.G.M.

Craig has a copy of 'The Britten Story' DVD, which is
available for loan to club members.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Presidents Run: Held on the third Sunday of each
month, & different each month. More info call Mat on
40 450473

March run details: Sunday 21st March. Meet at
Chequered Flag servo, Gordonvale at 8.30am.

Mid-monthly 'club runs' are held on the Sunday
morning. Southside a ride up the Gillies Hwy to the
'Whistle Stop' Café in Yungaburra, meet at approx.
8.00 am – normally meeting up with the Highlanders
for breakfast. Northside it's the Ellis Beach Bar & Grill,
meet at approx. 9.30 am. For more details
contact Mike Jeremy on 40 554 594 – Southside, or
Greg Wilson on 40 558 802 – Northside or enquire at
the monthly meetings.

Sunday 28th March 2010: Prong's Pre '85 Motorcycle
Show, 10am – 3 pm at Ellis Beach Bar & Grill. This will
be a club run. Entry: Single - \$2.00, Family - \$5.00

3/4 April: EASTER WEEKEND

10th April 2010 – next general meeting. Location is at
the 'Stay Upright' school, cnr. McGregor Rd &
MacPeak Cres. Smithfield.

18 April 2010: Old Bike Ride, meet Cairns Esplanade,
9.00 am. Phone Mat for details.

25th April 2010: MAKO Track display ride during the
FNQRR race day lunch break 12.00 – 1.00. \$20.00
entry (for insurance etc). An information handout has
been prepared & issued for this event.

1st May 2010: Cairns Blues Festival – 2nd Annual event.
This year it's a 2 day event (1st & 2nd May) but the club
will be having a one day display on the Saturday,
pass-outs will be available to club members.
As we did last year, a sub-committee headed by Steve
Bragger has been formed to orchestrate our
involvement in the weekend. See general business
section.

16th May 2010: Proposed club workshop - frame straightening, hosted by Jim Davie at his premises, 11 Kowinka St. White Rock. Ray Bouquet is providing the bent frame (Triumph) – date & time to be confirmed next meeting.

29th/30th May 2010: Prong's British/American run to Cow Bay, another club run.

12th June 2010: Club display at the 'Festival of the Knob', community centre, Wattle St. Yorkeys Knob, details TBA.

20th June 2010: Presidents Ride, meet at Ellis Beach Bar & Grill at 9.00 am.

26th/27th June 2010: Inter club Cardwell run. (Mackay, Townsville, Cairns & Highlanders clubs)

NOTICES:

If you are, or know of, a financial member not receiving a copy of the newsletter please advise a member of the committee as soon as possible to rectify this situation.

Our club's website has a new domain name:

www.cmrc.org.au

A thank you to Russell Harris for the club cloth patch donation, raffled last Feb. meeting.

CLASSIFIED NOTICES: No notices this issue

NEXT MEETING:

2.00 p.m. 10th April 2010 at the Stay Upright School Cairns office, cnr. McGregor Rd. & Macpeak Crescent, Smithfield.

Meeting closed 3.15 p.m. by Craig McCahon.

The last meeting at Charlie's place was held in hot, sunny weather with plenty of refreshments for the members. A big thank you to Charlie for his hospitality from all of us.



Technical Advice Section

RUSTY NUTS:

Tests on penetrants for break-out torque on rusted nuts prepared in a "scientifically rusted" environment:

None	= 516 pounds
WD 40	= 238 pounds
PB Blaster	= 214 pounds
Liquid Wrench	= 127 pounds
Kano Kroil	= 106 pounds
ATF/acetone mix	= 53 pounds

The ATF/acetone was a 'home brew' mix of 50/50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone

Survey Results

- Where do like having meetings?
Most popular answer – At a public venue
- What do you want from meetings?
Most popular answer – Catch up with friends
- Do you want to have workshop days?
63% Yes 37% No
- Would you like to be the publishing officer?
100% No
- Do we need an events coordinator?
82% Yes 18% No
- Do we need to update the club logo?
27% Yes 73% No

A total of 11 people returned their opinion

- As a result of these answers, Matthew is trying to arrange more rides and workshop days.
- Greg is trying to keep the events calendar up to date.
- The club logo will only have a minor change to have with Inc. included.

Club Regalia Currently Available
 Collared Shirts (Red) \$30
 Small Enamel Badges \$5
 Large Bronze Alloy Badges \$20
 Self Adhesive Club Logo Sticker \$3
 Peaked Cap with Club Name & Badge \$12
 Embroidered Badge \$1

