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TAPPET
RATTLE

Don't know if you follow the news or what is happening, but there has been a spate of thefts of our beloved classics of late. These include a rare pre war Matchless, a Vincent and a few other bikes. There was even reports of the thieves passing over other classic bikes in the shed to get to the one they wanted so there is certainly some targeting. A couple of weeks ago, the Holden Monaro annual rally in Warwick was targeted and several of the cars stolen along with tools and parts. Just remember we had over 100 bikes here in June, and can you imagine if some low life/s got into the grounds while we were having the presentation dinner and knocked off whatever they wanted. Recent events prove that this could occur in the future.

For the sake of the sport and your peace of mine, please make sure that your pride and joy is safely locked away at home, and take some precautions when rallying. Unfortunately our bikes are not reducing in price and with each year, they become more interesting to the grubs that would like either the bike or the worth. Also, when advertising, a good lurk is to put in a mobile phone number and not land line. The 1st four digits of your phone number are a dead give away as to the area you live. I hope to put together a bit of an article on other things you can do to protect yourself against theft and scams in future editions. In the mean time, some insurance tips are included in this issue.

Cutting Edge competition

Lucy Keizer is developing a hybrid streamliner for a land speed record attempt. The basis is his Yamaha powered streamliner but now with an additional 70kw electric motor coupled ingeniously to the countershaft. There will be an attempt for a record next March. The bike can be powered with both motors running together or separately. Lucky is continuing development at the present time. He is looking for some sponsorship assistance particularly in relation to the batteries required to power the electric motor. If you know of anyone in the battery industry, please consider approaching them – their company's name may be up in lights after the Dry Lake meeting next year. The batteries required are the Lithium Ion battery type.

See you on the road and keep the black side down



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 1964 Matchless 650 CSR. Norton forks and wheels standard. Motor all new and disassembled for inspection. New exhausts and guards. You only need to paint and assemble for a great usable bike **Call Lloyd 0427 561577**

For sale – 2008 Spyder Trike RS-SM5 Standard condition except fitted with back rest. \$22,000 Genuine reason for sale **Phone Maurie 49 426778**

For Sale. One set of **matching crankcases for a 2008 T100 Bonnie.** Very good condition and \$700 firm **Phone Lawrie 49552337**

For Sale Kawasaki Voyager 1700cc Vtwin. 5/2009 model 16,000km. Immaculate condition. Inc cover and floor jack. \$22,000 ono. **Phone Lloyd 0427 561577** On behalf of a deceased estate.

Just a quick note – Save the 3rd weekend in January 2011 for an overnight run to the Big Motor at Finch Hatton. Details will be in events calendar when published. Inquiries to Andrew Gauld



HAIGSLEA SWAP 2011

MOTOR CYCLE ONLY

Run by Brisbane and Ipswich areas of the Historical Motor Cycle Club Queensland

Venue - The Australian Motor Cycle Museum, Haigslea, Queensland

On 16 & 17 April 2011

Times

Vendors 2.00pm Saturday 16 April 2011

Gates open at 5.00am Sunday 17 April 2011

Cost

Sites \$5.00 this includes driver entry

General Public \$2.00

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Definitely no dogs, no car parts and no bric a brac

Kungurri Hill Climb.

Many thanks to Andy and Graham for their literary efforts.

Graham Townson version

The breakfast ride to Kungurri to watch the annual hill climb was a hoot. 13 riders left the Shell Servo around 8.30 am on Sunday 15th August and rode west along the Peak Downs Hwy to Walkerston where we partook in a hearty breakfast at the Wests Football Club. Lloyd took his leave there and the rest of us left Walkerston and headed across to the Pioneer river at Pleystowe then headed up Doyles Road for a leisurely ride up the Valley to the Mount Ossa Road where a few riders not wanting to experience the hill climbing activities headed back to Mackay while the rest of us headed for the hills. There was plenty of action in all classes on the climb and just as much action on the turn around and on the way down. The venue was well presented and run very smoothly. I would certainly recommend it as an event next year. The next run is to St Lawrence where the sleeping is in the open shed or in pub rooms. We will assemble at the Boomerang car park at 1.00pm and depart by 1.30pm. The back-up vehicle will have to be organised as my ute gets lost on that run.

Andy Mann version

Sunday morning and Jewel and myself are off to Shell city gates to meet up for the club ride to the hill climb. I think there were about 12 of us that headed off to West's and upon arrival Jewel and myself settled for a coffee each. After everyone started eating the temptation got too much for me and I had to go and have a second breakfast for the day. After we finished eating a few headed home and the rest went for the ride out to the hill climb. Nice pleasant ride through Pleystowe, then turn off and along Doyles road, across Marian Hampden road onto Devereux creek road through to Mount Martin Loop road. Here we turned left and went through to Mirani Mount Ossa road where we turned right. At this point we lost a few more bikes, as they headed home, while the last of us headed through to the hill climb.

By the time we got there the racing was well under way so we found a good comfy spot, just by chance near the bar, and settled in to watch some racing. As this was my first time at the hill climb I was quite impressed with the action, many didn't make it to the top, and the ones that did had to work hard to get there. With the bigger bikes out of the way it was time for the little tackers to have a go and the crowd to have a little bit of a laugh. Back to the big bangers and a few lads we knew had a crack and somehow Luffy got the fastest time, hangover and all, he still doesn't know how he fluked it. The weather was quite warm so we decided to head off and upon getting back to the bikes I spot the Indian from the bike show parked near us, just goes to show he rides it everywhere. We all head off for a leisurely ride home and that night I asked the lads who live next to me if Luffy held onto his time and was informed that he is KING OF THE MOUNTAIN. Thanks Graham for a good ride.

Insurance Tips.

Sorry – I cannot remember who sent them to me but thank you for the great advice

Situation;- You have a bike in your shed at home, registered or unregistered, and it is stolen. Is it covered?

If insured separately, no problem. motor bikes, cars, trailers, boats, jetski's, caravans, are normally not classified as contents under a house and policy. Many people think they are if they are unregistered. Some of the better contents policies do in fact cover motor cycles up to 250cc.

Situation;- You have just received new mufflers for your treasured machine, cost \$1000, and they are in the shed, but not yet fitted to the bike. Stolen overnight.Are they covered?

Some policies do not, but most offer some cover. The section of a contents policy is the “ un-attached car/bike/boat accessories”, that does offer cover. Cover varies from \$500 to \$2000, depending on the policy. Some people have a tinny beside the shed, but keep the fuel tank, depth sounder, gps etc in the shed. Maybe the roof rack for your 4WD. Items must not be fitted to the vehicle, and covered for burglary and fire only.

Situation;- You take you bike to a motorcycle dealer for some work, and leave it there overnight. Premises broken into and your bike is stolen. Is it covered?

If you have it insured yourself, your insurer will pay. If not insured, you are thinking that it is the bike shop's problem. Not so. The dealer has Public Liability insurance, which includes “ Customers Goods In his Care and Control. But the Public Liability will only pay if the dealer is found to be negligent. If the premises are securely locked to the standard of the industry, the insurer may find the bike shop owner, “not negligent”, and not pay the claim. The yelling and shouting starts about now. Be warned.

Situation;- On a road trip, stop at a servo/café for a drink and a chicko roll, leaving your helmet, gloves, \$500 jacket and \$200 sun glasses on the bike. While in the toilet a local lad becomes the new owner of your gear.

Some of the better bike insurance policies, like QBE Western for example cover your riding gear. Imagine if you have a pillion with the same gear. If no bike insurance, the better house/contents policies cover your contents away from home, anywhere in Australia & New Zealand. Your riding gear is classified as contents. Same applies if your swag blew out of the back of a ute, (contents also). Not that this could ever happen!

THE TRIP OUTBACK- by Andrew Gauld

Wednesday 22nd September 10 BMOA members headed off for a trip to Noccundra pub. The end of the bitumen in lower western corner of QLD.

Wet start to the trip with everyone leaving Lloyd's at the Walkerston, showers all day, rained all night. When we reached Clermont, lunch came out of Lloyd's sidecar where he kept the esky and we had quite a few lunches and some breakfast, throughout the trip like that thanks very much to Baldy. On setting to Ruby vale Andy Mann thought he'd drop he'd drop his bike for a bit of attention. Our first night in Ruby vale we stayed in 2 log cabin bunk houses. Graham Townson had a few drinks and thought he'd have some headache tablets on going to bed, they were actually chewing gum and the headache didn't get any better, in the morning when we found he forgot to

pack socks.
The 2nd day was still wet and to our



surprise before alpha there was water all over the road, we waited a while here. 4wd Ute went in and came back, lucky Keiser decided to tackle it, he rode in on his trusty triumph water bag, jerry can and all, came back that only a few inches deep and if we stick to the centre line it would be okay. Everyone goes through and only goes a few more miles until we get to Belyando River, the water was a ½ a metre over the road. Cars and trucks were backed

up on both sides, we waited here until 3:30pm. Lucky had already walked it and rode over, the rest of us were unsure but soon decided to carry on.

The water level was 0.4 metre's and fast current. Baldy's sidecar nearly overturned and Mark B nearly washed off the side on his Guzzi. Andrew's old velo makes it over but has filled engine, gear box and primary up with water, Arthur Scott's velo went just over half way and cut out, and Bob Inkson on his Harley stopped as well. Everyone else got over okay.

Both velo's had had all oils drained on side of road with Andrew's having to have oil filter removed because it had gotten blocked up before finally reaching Alpha to fuel up and head off. Getting dark and with another 200k's



to Ilfracombe we get going. Andy Mann, Bob Inkson and Lloyd Harmsworth make it there. Ian Britnell collected a roo just out of Barcaldine and Mark B goes for help to get RACQ, Ian was okay and stayed on his bike. My old velo's light shit itself so I

followed Lloyd's sidecar into barky. The remaining seven of us ride into Barky amid a big storm. We stayed the night. We all left the pub in the morning to go to RACQ depot, drain oils in velo's again and get Ian's B.M.W going, with Bob, Andy and Lloyd M waiting at long reach. Bob took a frog from Ilfracombe all the way to long reach in his boot. We all met up the other side of long reach and continued together to Stonehenge for a beer and fuel then continued to Jundah for the night. We were supposed to be in Quilpie and go to the race the next day but the races were called off. Great pub at Junda with raffles getting one, Graham Townson wins \$100, Bob wins cup cakes and BBQ set but gives the BBQ set back.

The next day we headed off to meet the first lot of grasshoppers, Plaque proportions and boy they sting. We get to Windorah and fuel up at 'the blind man's servo'. The ride from Windorah to Quilpie was a long stretch for the Velo's which had to be topped up with fuel at our lunch stop. Kyabra creek bobs cup cakes Enjoyed by everyone. Quilpie at last, B.M.W played up and did not continue with us the next day but had a trip home with RACQ. We went to the bowls club for dinner in Quilpie with Graham playing bowls.

We headed to Eramango for breakfast. Who was it that lost their wallet and was about to return to Quilpie to find it when Lloyd M shows him he took it out of his pocket and put it on the dash of bike. I don't think lucky could get any free dinosaur bones. There were lots of roo's, red ones on this stretch and then on to Noccundra, getting there just before lunch. The most unusual spot to see a 65OHP circuit racing boat at the pub with the bloke trailering it to Bundaberg to race!



After lunch we traveled onto Thargamindah for then night. Last night together as a group Bob, Mark, Lloyd H, & Lucky going to Russian rally from here. The rest of us off to Charleville. Cunnamulla for lunch out of sidecar. Wet weather gear on more rain. Velo riders entertain the the people in the bar trying to fix Arthur's camera but no good.



At the black stump

Thick fog next day, all the way to Augathella, home of the meat ant. Then on through Tambo, where Andrew's generator cover broke off. Blackall for lunch and a trip to the black stump. Graham loses his camera but Lloyd D picks it up, we take some great shots for Graham and give his camera back at Barcardine, stay the night here. Off to Comet today going through Jericho, Alpha & stopping for photos at Belyando River. Emerald for lunch & a trip to Sao's shed to do some service work on the velo's, before heading to Comet, with water over the road in 3 places, for the last night.

Last day we had breakfast at Dingo roadhouse and headed to Middlemount for fuel and on to Nebo for one last lunch from the sidecar. Then we headed for Retreat and home. What a great trip 9 days 3400km's or 2125miles. Not bad for an old Velo.

Velocette