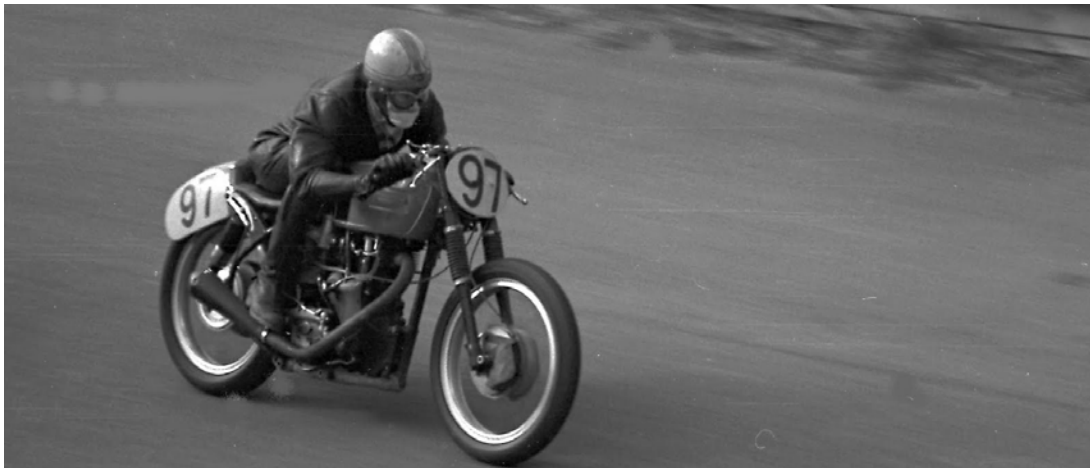


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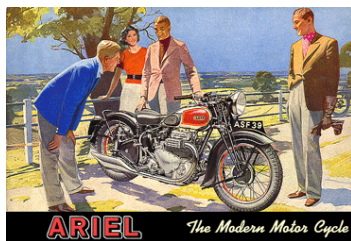
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THE EDITORS RAVINGS



Lawrie Kapitzke - Editor

Well here we are again with another issue of the Tappet Rattle coming off the printing press. These two month production cycles certainly do roll around quickly. As you can no doubt see the Tappet Rattle has had a complete layout redesign thanks to the efforts of my son Shane. Personally I like it but I am only one of eighty odd members so your feedback on the new layout is very much welcomed. Grab hold of my ear and let me know what you think after all it is YOUR newsletter.

It is pleasing to see an increasing number of contributions being submitted and I encourage members to continue their efforts in this regard as it makes my job so much easier when I have lots of content available to me. For this issue I had more contributions than I had room for, even with the additional pages, but contributors can rest assured that they will see their work published in future editions.

Despite the mostly adverse weather conditions that we have experienced over the past two months club members have managed to squeeze in several successful and mostly dry rides. The Burdekin Falls Dam ride, The Bowen ride and The Breakfast ride are all covered in this issue thanks to contributions. Here's to more rides and more great stories (some fine weather would be welcomed too).



Jerzy Stefan Greblicki
Born 3rd March 1953
Taken home to God 27th March 2011

By now most members are probably aware of the passing of one of our own in tragic circumstances just a little over a week ago. Jerzy Greblicki was taken from us while doing something that he loved - wind surfing, which was one of the many hobbies he enjoyed in addition to motorcycling. Listening to the story of his life, bravely conveyed by his loving daughter during the church service, it struck me that we could all take a lesson from the way he lived his life. It's there for the taking if one only looks for the opportunity and Jerzy never hesitated at grabbing every opportunity he had to experience all of life's wonders. He was certainly cast from a different mould. RIP Jerzy. I have no doubt that you will be sadly missed.

BREAKFAST RIDE - 19TH FEBRUARY 2011

The ride this morning went off without any dramas. We assembled near the Boomerang Hotel for a 8.00am start and here lies the dispute. Did Keith tell Sao at 3.30am the ride was at 8.00 or 8.30? Well 13 riders and Harold in his trusty Ford departed at 8.15 and headed south along the highway then a right into Schmidtke's Road. After that it was a game of miss the potholes and guess where we will end up for breakfast, all the while looking over our shoulder for the hint, that that storm cloud following us would not reach us as we took all the back roads out through Homebush and Eton then back towards Walkerston with a detour via Old Pleystowe Road, over the river and then following it back to Glenella, where Dale and Ken peeled off to attend a Girl Guides meeting at Mt Pelion. The rest of us ventured on through Richmond Road and Bucasia Road, ending up at Cissey's Cafe in the Bucasia Gardens and Gifts complex for breakfast. The atmosphere was relaxing, the food excellent and the company great.

Contributed by Graham Towson

BURDEKIN FALLS 3 DAY RUN - 18TH, 19TH & 20TH FEBRUARY 2011

Ten Riders assembled at the Shell Northside Roadhouse on Friday morning and left for our overnight stop at the Railway Hotel in Ravenswood. The day was sunny and warm at the start.

At the first fuel stop at Bowen, it was decided to stop at Inkerman Lookout for the view and then proceed to the best Pie shop in North Queensland (Ayr) for lunch. After lunch the temperature was rising and the pace was stepped up due to the developing thirst, stopping at the Mingela Pub for much needed refreshment and the call of nature. Comment was made, you're better off using the trees across the road for there is more cover there than in the outhouse. This was due to Cyclone Ului blowing out the walls leaving only the front wall and door standing.



Conditions had turned quite muggy and was a relief to arrive at the Ravenswood Railway Hotel (The Snake Pit). Our hostess said to park the bikes under the back of the pub or in the beer garden. A covered, concrete floor in the beer garden proved excellent parking. When it was said by the publican just on dark, "I would not leave my bike parked outside the front of the pub for the night, as one could not be sure what could happen". The lone remaining bike was heard to start and move in with the rest of the bikes. The hospitality and Friday Nite Special Counter Meal (Fish& Chips) was well received by all. Our hostess (Melissa) informed Bob that her Father (Charlie) would be there for breakfast that Bob knew from years before in Mt Isa. Over breakfast, Charlie informed us on some of the history of the pub. A Publican of the past used to breed



snakes in the cellars of the pub and milk them for the venom. He also said that when moving around during the night upstairs (going to the toilet) one should not step but slide your feet due to may be stepping on a snake that had come out of the rafters looking for frogs. After breakfast Charlie took us on a tour of the pub and cellars. On opening the gate to the cellar Charlie said "mind the snakes (first one was curled around the gate) and don't hurt my bats for they won't hurt you". Three Furry bats flew around us we toured the cellar.

The ride to the Burdekin Weir started cloudy and muggy. At the weir the road in was renamed as Cow Dung Highway. Bobs bike, boots and pants bare testament to that. The views of the lake and the weir in full flow were spectacular.

Lunch was at the Snake Pit Hotel for truly excellent Burgers. Melissa then brought out what look like a bra strap which she informed us was found between the sheets at room clean and asked who had lost it. And it did not belong to the only female that was on the run.



The passing showers were welcomed (1. To cool it down & 2. To wash the Cow dung off the bikes). Crossing the Burdekin River I was astounded to see the highest recorded flood height in 1946 at 21.79 metres and 2009 not far behind at 20 metres.

The cold beer and conversations went down well at the Waverley Hotel Charters Towers and the entertainment was well received by one (The pokie winner).

Sunday's ride home started in thick fog for the first half hour and then opened to clear road and sky. Fuel stops were Ayr and Bloomsbury. After fuelling at Bloomsbury discussion was on the two riders missing. Word was that the Harley decided it no longer required a gear lever and promptly dropped it off before the road works at Proserpine. Lloyd stated he saw it bounce on the road before the road works and proceeded back to retrieve the said lever. Both riders rejoined us 20 minutes later. 1,200kms approximately were covered. Discussions were on the odd oil leak, handlebars, ride positions and general bike related conditions. A great ride was had by all and a deserving thank you to the organisers.

Contributed by Arthur Scott

BOWEN RIDE 19th – 20th MARCH 2011



13 bikes gathered at the Shell North Mackay Service Station at 9:00am for the Bowen ride. At 9:30am, with the support of a back-up vehicle, the group headed north along the highway toward the first planned stop at Bloomsbury. The first leg of the trip was fairly uneventful with the exception of some riders being “surprised” by a very well concealed speed camera just north of The Leap. Unfortunately the back up vehicle was utilised at Bloomsbury when one of the bikes refused to start. I believe dirty fuel was the problem.

Another stop was made at Proserpine where the esky in the back-up vehicle was stocked up with refreshments in preparation for the nights activities. The group then headed off to Airlie Beach despite the very obvious rain clouds hovering over that location. A very nice lunch was enjoyed at the Airlie Beach Sailing Club while we watched the rain clouds dumping heavily on the local hills. There was a break in the weather as the riders departed the Sailing Club but it was only short lived and the ride through Airlie Beach and Cannonvale was done in quite a heavy shower. Luckily it remained dry for the balance of the journey and by the time we reached Bowen we had all dried out again.



Accommodation for the riders was split between rooms at the Bowen Arrow Motel and cabins in the adjacent caravan park and the vast majority of comments about the accommodation were positive. After settling into our accommodation and freshening up, everybody gathered at the camp kitchen facility at the rear of the caravan park. This fairly new facility was quite impressive with a large fridge, microwave, large double plate stainless steel barbeque, plenty of bench space, two sinks and ample seating all under a very high roof and with a concrete floor. Toilet facilities were available in a separate structure at the rear of the building. This camp kitchen facility proved to be perfectly ideal for our requirements and served our purposes very well.

The nights activities seemed to be very much enjoyed by the 22 members and partners who attended. Preparation of the evenings meal was very efficiently accomplished by the many eager volunteers and the clean up afterwards was also just as efficiently handled.



A very delicious meal it was too. There was much chatter as the evening progressed and everybody enjoyed a few more drinks. The gathering finally broke up around 10:30 or 11:00pm and everybody made their way back to their accommodation.

The next morning was a little disorganised as members went about their various preparations for the home run and organised themselves some breakfast. Eventually the riders gathered at the Caltex Service Station just down the road so that we could fuel up the bikes and the remaining stragglers could get themselves some breakfast. Some concern was held regarding the weather conditions we might encounter on the return trip as rain was predicted from about lunchtime onwards so we were keen to get on the road as soon as possible. Once underway it soon became apparent that most members were very keen to beat the rain as quite a hectic pace was set. Luckily we did not attract the attention of the authorities despite seeing at least one Police car travelling in the opposite direction. Maybe my speedometer is not as accurate as I think it is.

A stop was made at Proserpine to rest our legs and grab a quick drink before heading off again. From here the group became a little fragmented as some riders stopped again at Bloomsbury for some morning tea while others continued on without stopping but the remaining part of the trip was rain free, and more importantly incident free, and everybody made it home safe and well. All in all it was a successful and enjoyable weekend and I would like to thank all who attended but I would particularly



like to thank the organisers, the members that manned the back-up vehicle, the members who organised the necessary food and refreshments and those who volunteered to cook and clean on the night. You all helped to make the weekend as enjoyable as it was – Thank You.

Contributed by Lawrie Kapitzke



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Gladstone Rally Capricorn Rally / 3 Cities Rally - HMCCQ Gladstone Area June 11th to 13th 2011

Bob, Mark, Phil, Mick, Artie & Denise and Andrew braved the weather to attend a meeting of the Rockhampton HMCCQ to obtain the following information (see below) for the Queen's Birthday Weekend in Gladstone June 11th -13th.

Gladstone Club would appreciate numbers to allow for catering. Those wishing to go, please let Bob know and he will pass numbers on.

The rally is being held in Gladstone, Queen's Birthday Weekend. The rally is being centred around Wolves Sports Field just off Benaraby Road. Rally entrants will be able to camp at the grounds. The complex has male and female showers and toilets, as well as secure undercover bike lockup.

Registration will be from midday Saturday
Registration Cost: \$15 / Rider; \$10 / Pillion; Second Rally Badge \$5
A free sausage sizzle will be held during registration, followed by a short Poker Run Saturday afternoon, finishing at the Club Hotel.
BBQ Saturday night: Steak burgers \$5.00 per head
Sunday cooked breakfast: \$5.00 per head
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This rather debonair couple were spotted in downtown Ravenswood resplendent in period costume, unfortunately their identity is unknown as they refused to give their names when questioned by the photographer and quickly scarpered off mumbling what sounded like threats to the photographers wellbeing if the photograph was ever published. If any members recognise this couple please advise the Editor as he would like to have stern words with them for threatening Tappet Rattle staff and attempting to compromise the freedom of the press.



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Mackay North Primary
State School

15 March 2011

British Motor Cycle Owners Assoc. of Mackay
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Attn: Mr Bob Inkson (President)


Dear Bob

Following the fire last year that destroyed a wing of our school, our staff and children were devastated to be facing the loss of classrooms and resources. This followed so soon after the destruction caused by the floods in 2008.

But the generosity of organisations such as yours has been overwhelming and we are already back in full swing, providing the best opportunities for our students and staff. The donation from the British Motor Cycle Owners Association has been instrumental in providing the teaching resources we need to do our job well and we thank you most sincerely for that.

We have given due recognition to your Association in our newsletter and we are proud to be associated with you. To show our gratitude, we would like to invite you along to a school parade followed by morning tea on Friday March 25th at 8.45am. We hope you can join us.

Yours sincerely


Stephen Bobby
Principal

Principal: Mr Stephen Bobby

This Letter of Appreciation is from the Mackay North Primary State School, where Bob attended the school assembly at which he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, on behalf of the Club

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