



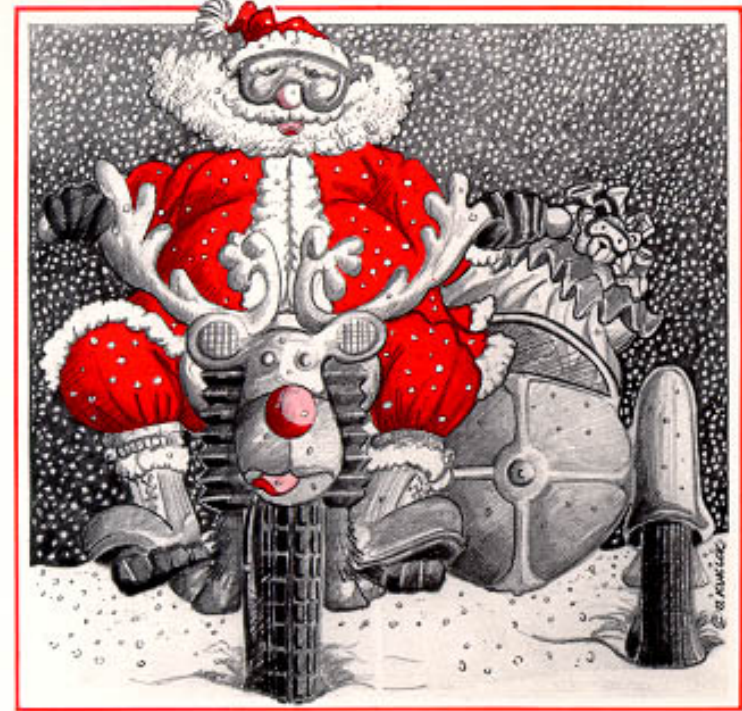
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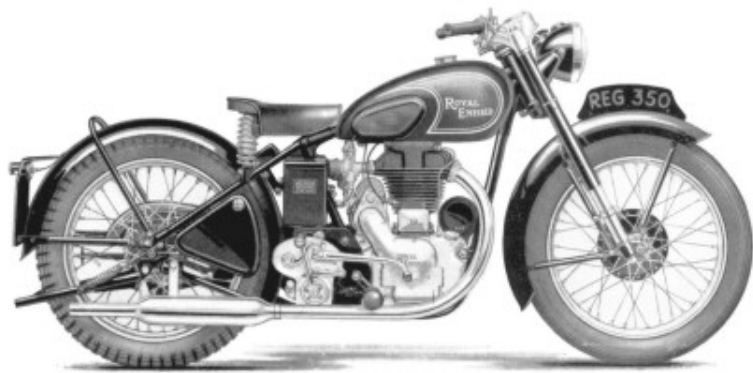
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## INKS ON ANYTHING

*Bob Inkson*  
President

This time last year we were all sitting down to dinner at the Bike Clubs Xmas Party and guess what we are all here again. Welcome to all members new and old. I hope that you have a great time.

As I write this I got to thinking just how many bike related activities were on our ride calendar this year. If you had time to attend all you would be just about ridden out. Overnighters to Bowen, St Lawrence and Lake Elphinstone. The Tablelands Tour, Birdsville and Back. The Classic Bike Titles at Willowbank, HMCCQ at Mt Morgan and associated club rides I.E. Vietnam Vets, Black Dog. If you are still keen 3 or 4 V.M.X Club Rides, NQ Titles Tully and Wheels West in WA. Plus the local rides and the All Bike Show which was great success. There is more than enough to keep Club Members happy. To all the new members don't wait to be invited on any ride just stick your hand up. All club activities are open to all members, be an active member of the club. Finally to all members in Mackay, Rockhampton, Emerald and Brisbane, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see you all on the road somewhere in 2016.

Bob Inkson



# THE BUNGEE EFFECT

*Gerry Dempsey*

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## What is the “Bungee Effect”?

For those members it is what happens when you happen to be on a ride and you end up down the back day dreaming or thinking how great it is to be out riding a motorcycle and not keeping up with the group.

When you are on short club rides it does not have too much effect or consequences apart from being left behind or missing a turn because the 2<sup>nd</sup> rider has not dropped off and the other riders have got away from you. In town or in heavy traffic and at traffic lights it does lead to riders getting split up and getting misplaced (Lost).

On Long Distance Rides (LDR's) it does have some significant effect and riders need to be mindful of it and to keep up with the pack. Our past experience of the “Bungee Effect” on LDR's is that it causes a severe increase in fuel usage as the rider is continually speeding up to catch up and then inadvertently drops back again and then has to speed up to catch up again, On one ride we actually saw one rider use twice as much fuel as identical bikes on the ride. We quickly cured this by mandating that the rider rode up the front until he got used to long distance riding techniques.

On another ride a rider copped a Traffic Infringement for speeding when the Bungee Effect took over and he was doing catch up.

It can and does also have an effect on the Lead Rider of a LDR as he usually is continually counting headlights in his mirrors to see that the ride is still together and no one has come off.

So riders please be aware of the “Bungee Effect” and take the necessary steps to make sure it doesn't get you.

## UGLY MOTORCYCLES



**Triumph 3TA** This is what you get when you back a Bonneville into a bathtub? The Triumph Three Ts & As! This juggeruglinaut would have scored much higher on this list had the front half not been such a beautiful classic, but what possibly possessed the Triumph stylists to come up with that twaddle of a rear end? That one piece fender thing certainly qualifies as the ugliest single motorcycle part ever built!

## UGLIER



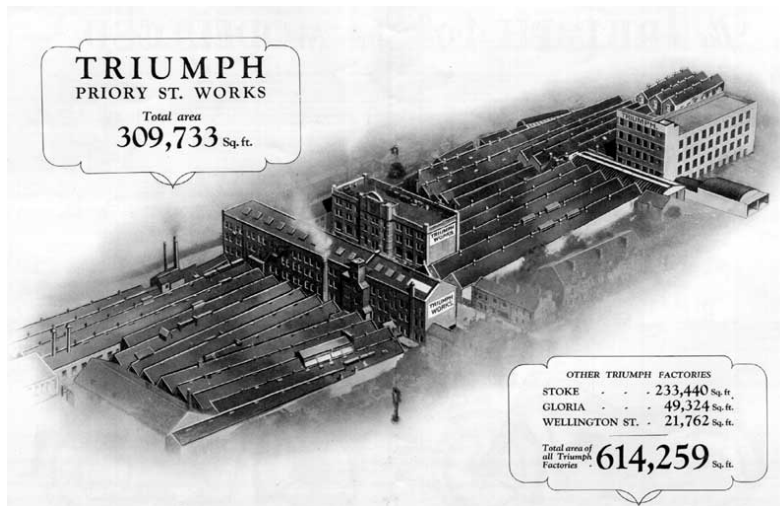


**TRIUMPH  
TRAILBLAZER  
250**

The 1971 Triumph Trail Blazer appeared to most to be just about the perfect weekend warrior. The single cylinder 250 never really caught on when it was released in 1971. So now they are quite rare and tend to be viewed as collectibles. As with many British bikes of the era the Trail Blazers had some relatively significant mechanical issues, they were famous for detonating their gearboxes at wildly inopportune times. The clutch was a temperamental as an old lady's cats and the engine vibration in the upper rev range was known to shake people into an early onset of Parkinson's.

Despite these shortcomings, the bike remains popular with vintage off road enthusiasts. There are little communities dotted across Britain and other

parts of the world where owners can share tips, parts and stories whilst commiserating when some poor chap's transmission goes off like



**ROYAL  
ENFIELD**



**Royal Enfield Himalayan's Production Starts in India**

The new product from Royal Enfield will be an Adventure Tourer the Himalayan, upon its launch it could be positioned below the Continental GT. The company has in fact started production of the bike in the country. This hints at the Indian market launch is near. The Royal Enfield Himalayan will face competition from the bikes like Bajaj AS150 and AS200. In India.

The Himalayan will be the first Royal Enfield to feature mono shock suspension (rear), while the front gets telescopic forks. The telescopic forks covered with fork gaiters, safeguard the fork seats from dust and other unwanted elements. The adventure tourer sits on a modified single tube chassis that also underpins the other RE bikes. It offers an upright and comfortable riding position that further improves riding experience on long runs.

According to reports, the Himalayan will be powered with an all new 410cc, single-cylinder engine that is expected to be a bored out version of the 350cc motor. The power plant is expected to produce an estimated power of 29bhp with a peak torque of 40Nm. Transmitting power to the rear wheel via chain drive will be a 5-speed gear box. It is expected to return fuel efficiency around 40kmpl – 45kmpl. Expected in Australia sometime 2016.



**WORKBENCH  
WISDOM**

**THIS PAGE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO OFFER AND PASS ON ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING MOTORCYCLES.**

**DEAR W-W**

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice on what could be a crucial decision. I've suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs phone rings, but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently, although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."

I sometimes stay awake to look out for her taxi coming home, but she always comes walking up the drive as I hear the sound of a car leaving, around the corner. Why? Maybe she wasn't in a taxi at all. I once picked up her mobile phone, just to see what time it was. This caused her to go completely berserk. She quickly snatched the phone out of my hand and cursed me hysterically, then accused me of trying to spy on her. Anyway, I have never broached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her. I decided I was going to park my Enfield next to the garage and then hide behind it so I could get a good view of the street around the corner for when she came home. It was at that moment, crouching behind my motorcycle that I noticed a small amount of motor oil leaking through the head gasket. So is this something I can easily repair myself or do you think I should take it back to the bike shop.



Thanks Nifty, Phone 69 391408

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## TAPPET RATTLE UPDATE

Lawrie, Gerry and Ellen thank you for your support in getting the Tappet Rattle up and running again. Without the help of these people I would still be floundering. Lawrie presented a great publication, to keep it to a high standard members are encouraged to contribute an article to be published. After all this is a club publication, no one wants to read the same dribble from a select few each edition. The Tappet Rattle will stick basically to it's normal format, with just a couple of additions.

Have included pages called **Inks on Anything** (Bob), **Bungee Effect** (Gerry), **Workshop Wisdom** (All) and **Funny**. The WW page is for people to give advice, show off a project or seek advice in regards to motorcycles and motorcycling. I am seeking your assistance for this publication, with your help it will make the TR an enjoyable read. Hoping to hear from you all. Andy might even get a page, actually he will.

*Stu*

Gerry, this may be the way to get rid of the dreaded **BUNGEE AFFECT**



Or maybe this set up for the Lead Rider

## MEMBERS PROFILE

My passion for motorcycles and motorcycling began when I was a lad travelling to Shoal Point in the back of one of these.



It was the mid 60's the family was off to our beach house when I saw one of these I spotted this machine travelling behind us and I can still recall it was on Evan's Avenue. What caught my eye, was the large headlight and the colour.



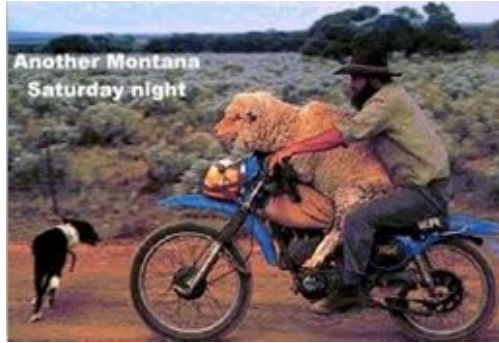
Things went into limbo for the next 7 years or so. The first machine I purchased was a new 1970 Honda SL100 it was BLUE. It was also my work hack and any spare moment I was riding Bucasia beach with the lad's, this is where I learnt to ride. Over the years the machinery was many and varied these were great times, I don't think we annoyed many locals. Hang on! There was one who used to chase us on his purple tractor. He never managed to catch us though. This is a brief insight, more tales to tell maybe another day



**The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.**  
-- Dr. Seuss

Stu (Ian Stuart)

# FUNNY



Four decades ago, Peter Williams won the 1973 Isle of Man F750 TT on a motorcycle of his own design, lapping at 107.27 mph not far off Mike Hailwood's 1967 outright record on a works Honda. Not bad on an air-cooled, Norton Commando engine.

Always an innovator, Williams claims credit for all sorts of modern motorcycle design elements including disc brakes, cast wheels and twin-beam frames.

To commemorate that epic win, *Peter Williams Motorcycles* is now taking orders for replicas of that very distinctive TT-winning John Player Norton; only 25 monocoqueframed Commandos will be built. The stainless-steel chassis that formed fuel tank and frame lent the bike its "monocoque" name. The new replicas will follow the layout of the 1973 bikes, the main difference



Engines will be built by renowned Norton specialist, Mick Hemmings, using all-new parts, including Peter's own cam design. The replicas will feature a host of bespoke parts such as cast magnesium wheels and forks created from the original '70s drawings. Where drawings were not available, the company says new parts have been created by referencing and digitizing two of the original race bikes.

The PWM replicas in 2013 you needed £65,000 to procure one, about \$100,000 at the current exchange rate. (PWM says the four original bikes are valued at over £250,000—too expensive to risk riding, really.) **(2013 Article)**