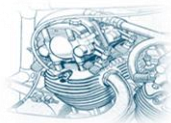


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From the President

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Tappet Rattle. Thanks, Jos, for putting it together. It has been a big couple of months leading up to this issue with the Lake Elphinstone ride, the Seaforth Show and Shine, the Kawasaki Record event at West Tigers at Walkerston and of course the All Bike Show. Stuck in the middle of that was our AGM which was well attended. Thanks to Alan Vickers for putting his hand up to take on the position of Vice President to allow Andy some free time to do more for me.

The events leading up to our All Bike Show were opportune as it gave us the ability to promote our event to likeminded people leading up to our show.

The lake ride is covered by Andy further in the TR and Seaforth and the Kawasaki event were well attended by members with bikes to promote our cause. There are several photos within covering these events.

On the subject of the All Bike Show I must say that the support and help by many members was great. There are a few little tweaks required for next year's event, but we are getting the new venue down pat and making a few changes for next year is only going to enhance the Show more so. Areas to address are, booking in, merchandise stand and some onsite signage but other than that it was a most enjoyable, well run and well attended event.

Was nice to support the Surf Life Savers and have Stan Ridland come down to accept not only our donation but the heartfelt donation that Bob Dummer put forward in memory of Jenny.

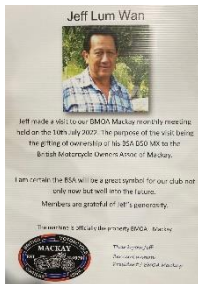
Thanks to everyone involved, and if Jos missed you in the photo file she apologises, and we now move on and look forward to a few more rides and our Christmas Dinner. Santa is getting closer.

Cheers

Bernie.

Member Profile.

Mr. Jeff Lum Wan.



What was your first machine:

First motorcycle was a pushbike with a lawn mower engine.

List of other bikes you have owned, borrowed, or stolen:

17 year old Yamaha DT3 360. Honda 250 Elsinor. Yamaha XT500.

Started racing in 1977 on a Yamaha YZ125. Kawasaki KX250 and KX500. Husky WR360. Yamaha WR450.

Which motorcycle would you most like to own, maybe you own it:

Bike I'd love to own is a Maico 700.

Are you just into British bikes, or do you enjoy all:

I enjoy all types of motorcycles.



The most memorable experience on or with motorcycles:



Most memorable time was racing dirt bikes.

What is the best part of being a motorcyclist:

Love the freedom it brings.

Other enjoyment racing:



Started racing in 1977 with a Yamaha YZ125, Kawasaki KX250, KX500, Husky WR360, Yamaha WR450. Also did some swinging on speedway sidecars.

Bikes after racing Kawasaki ZX6, Harley 1200 Sportster, Yamaha 660 Tenere, Royal Enfield Classic 500, Kawasaki W800.





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Lightweight and agile weighing just 168kg, It is one of the lightest bikes in its class.

Aerodynamic bodywork and sharp lines complemented by Led lighting.



Snap Shot

Alex Campell

Australian Sidecar Champion

His early years as a child was spent at the coastal town of Port MacDonald. Alex was seen as a gifted mechanic, and his first job was at Walker's Garage in Mount Gambier. His boss, Bill Walker said, Alex only needed two tools, a screw driver and a shifting wrench. He learned his trade on both cars and motorcycles but only rode as a means of transport. There was no thoughts of racing. Around 1951, he decided to take an extended trip to Queensland. There are conflicting stories as to whether he rode a BSA A7 or drove a car. While in Mackay, where he lived in a boarding house, Alex worked at the local Holden dealership and soon joined in scrambler racing held in a paddock on the outskirts of Mackay. From all reports, he gave a pretty good account of himself, and the racing bug kicked in.



Taken in Mackay, Queensland in 1951, Alex (right on his BSA A7) with Kevin Miller and Norm Suhan.

On his return to Mount Gambier, his BSA twin was pressed into service for races at Bucks Hill, but was quickly replaced with more agile tackle, a pre-war Ok Supreme in an Ariel frame. With encouragement from local star Laurie Fox, the OK/Ariel became a racing sidecar, and this led to his motorcycle racing future, with Don Hamiton as passenger.

Alex Campbell, 49, lost his life in an accident which happened on Sunday, 25th May 1980 during a round of the Australian sidecar racing championships held at Adelaide International Raceway. Alex was piloting a chassis built by himself, fitted with a Yamaha engine.

Alex was a prominent figure on Australian and international sidecar racing in the 1970's.



In the second year at the TT, Alex Campbell and son Russell on their way to a fine 8th place.

Blast from the Past

Seaforth Day Ride March 2007





Butterscotch hot chocolate:

Ingredients

1.25L (5 cups) milk

350g dark cooking chocolate
melted

160ml (2/3 cup) butterscotch
schnapps

Ground nutmeg, to dust.

Serves 8



Method

1. Heat the milk in a saucepan over medium heat until just before boiling.

(You can use a stick blender to froth the milk)

2. Divide chocolate among heatproof glasses. Add 1 tablespoon of schnapps to each glass. Top with frothed milk. Dust with nutmeg.

Use heatproof glasses or cups and mugs.



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Dave reaching new heights



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Casey Stoner word search

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Mackay History. Field's Cycles



The Smith Wheel – was a small, attachable gasoline engine designed to power bicycles, essentially creating a “motorbike”. It was produced by the A.O. Smith Corporation from 1914 to 1919, about 1.5 horsepower and would be mounted to the rear wheel of the bicycle. About 25,000 were sold before the manufacturing rights were sold to Briggs and Stratton.

(You see similar bikes around today)

A little history of Fields and The Dome

George Field, commenced business as a bicycle manufacturer in 1907. He confined his business activity to bicycles and motor-cycles until 1931, when he began selling and servicing radio receivers. His pioneering efforts in Mackay included an electricity-generating gas plant, rubber tyres for sulkies, and vulcanising.

When the company, known as Fields Pty Ltd celebrated 75 years of trading in 1982, it consisted of ten divisions, each occupying a valuable site owned by Fields.

The Fields trading name disappeared from Mackay in 1986. The business was merged with and rebranded Michelmores, and closed in 1990. The redeveloped site includes The Dome complex of an arcade of shops and offices.

Held on Sunday 3rd August





Lake Elphinstone.

Saturday 2nd of August, a hardy bunch of BMOA members gathered at the Boomerang Hotel for the Lake ride, after it was postponed from previous weekend. All headed off to Eton Hotel to gather more hardy members, including the SGO, most important we take him to the Lake. After quenching the thirst, and a time check, nearly



midday, it was off to Nebo Hotel for lunch. We gathered another hardy member at Nebo, and all enjoyed a tremendous lunch, except, Storman Norman, poor fella was delayed leaving town. After lunch it was off to Kemmis Creek for a leg stretch, and chat, was here where the ONE day

rider left to head back to town, all by himself because he was the only day rider.

All eventually gathered at the Lake, welcomed by the tremendous fire that Lindsey had going, because he was given the wrong instructions about where the Kemmis Creek stop was, so continued onto the Lake alone. Storman Norman eventually caught up with us at the Lake, after his shitty start to the day, and looked impressed with the fire wood supply.



Everyone settled in, had a tremendous dinner, cooked by a wonderful lad, and a few stories told around the campfire. Was a reasonably early night for all, little bit on the chilly side, due to a steady coool breeze most of the night.

All rose early Sunday morning to watch the sunrise, then it was time to pack up swags etc, and enjoy a lovely, cooked breakfast. Some had to leave a bit early, and some had to head in the opposite direction, but all were packed and away by mid-morning. The unsociable ones rode straight through to town, the team players stopped at the Retreat en-route back to Mackay, where one very hardy member commented about needing gloves for early morning riding, will listen to what ladies tell him next time, maybe.



I think there was 10 bikes, and 13 members attended, and one friend of member, and Molly. Was a tremendous weekend, with a tremendous bunch of people, and well done to Honest Tim for the food and drinks, and Lindsey for carting some refreshments and the fire wood, till next time, chow.

Andy the Mann.

Kawasaki Z Ownes Club Queensland.

Quite a few members attended the Z meet at Wests Tigers ground at Walkerston to promote our upcoming All Bike Show and in some cases, enter their bikes in the Z Record setting attempt. Regardless of that it was a lovely day weather wise, and it was great to be surrounded by so many wonderful Kawasaki's and to catch up with friends. In all a great day.



The numbers on the day were 64 Z's and 6364Hp collectively running for 3 minutes. These figures will be forwarded to the Guinness Records to see if they meet the criteria to set a record.



Members bikes on display at the event.



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