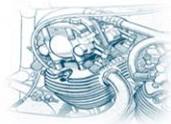


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From the President,

Hello fellow members and welcome to our final edition of the Tappet Rattle for 2025. It's been a big year once again for the club with our Tappet Rattle back up and running thanks to Joslyn and our website modernised and functional thanks to Michelle.

The all Bike Show once again was a huge success with a lot more club members participating and helping to make it so. A couple of more tweaks for next years event and I believe we will have it nailed.

There have been the usual great rides, some with drama and some without, but at the end of the day, all participants home safe, so all good in the end.

We received news recently that our long time Country Member, Wouter Bruin had passed away. Wouter had been on quite a few LDR's over the years. On behalf of the club, I pass on our condolences to Wouters family.

The recent weekend away to Bowen and visit to Alans Museum was a great success and enjoyed thoroughly by all that attended. Our heartfelt thanks to Alan for his fantastic hospitality and we look forward to a visit again sometime in the future.

Our next event is our Christmas Party at the Surf Life Saving Club at the Harbour on Sunday the 14th of December at 10.30 am and I look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate what was and close the year out.

Merry Christmas to you all and all the best for the New Year.

Bernie.

Member Profile.

Mr Norm Lott.

How did you become Interested or Involved in motorcycles:

Dad had bikes, AJS, Ariels. Loved Ariels. We lived in South Yarra Melbourne and when I was 10/11 yrs old, I was working in the shed with dad who was a mechanic.



Dad served in Plymouth, England during the war as a Leading Aircraftman. **Alfred Thomas Robert Lott.** In white overalls on left.

What was your first machine:



Yamaha 175, model unknown. Too much water under the bridge.

Then Triumph 650.

My Dad on one of his bikes.

Why did you buy, Inherit / This particular bike.

Was my sisters, Janet, she rode it from Darwin to Melbourne on her own, but it was playing up so she gave it to me.



A day out with the family, I am sitting on my dad's knee.

How long did you have this machine, maybe you still have it:

Not long then progressed to a Trumpy.

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

Honda 750 K2, Kwaka 9, " Got Married " No bikes for a while. The AJS 350 Single, AJS 500 Single, 4x Nortons, 2003 Harley Wide Glide Anniversary Model, 1979 FX Harley Shovel. Ariel Square 4, Speedmaster 2020, Ariel Red Hunter 1938 500 Single.



Which was your favourite:

1974 Norton Commando Roadster.

Which was your worst:

350 AJS.

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

Ariel Square Four. I own one now.



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

I enjoy all Bikes.

The most memorable experience on or with motorcycles:

The overnighter rides with the club – Bowen, St Lawrence and Lake Elphinstone.

What is the best part of being a motorcyclist:

“Enjoyment”

Norm with two of his favourite toys.





I also keep hold of old bike manuals.

A very rare photo of Norm at the 2016 All Bike Show at Paxton's actually within the building looking at bikes. Rare because you rarely see Norm in the show itself as he has selflessly sat at the entrance door of the shows for many years selling the tickets.

What would we do without him.



Fourth of the most popular motorbikes in Australia



KTM RC 390

The KTM RC 390 is a compact sport bike that offers thrilling performance and shape handling. Known for its race-inspired design and agile dynamics, the RC 390 is perfect for both track enthusiasts and city riders alike.

The RC 390 is a 373cc single-cylinder engine that delivers 44 horsepower and 37 Nm of torque.

Weighing in at just 172kg fully fuelled, the RC 390 is incredibly lightweight.

The RC 390 comes with a dual-channel ABS Anti-lock Braking System for enhanced safety during braking. The front features a 320mm disc brake, while the rear has a 230mm disc, providing excellent stopping power and control.

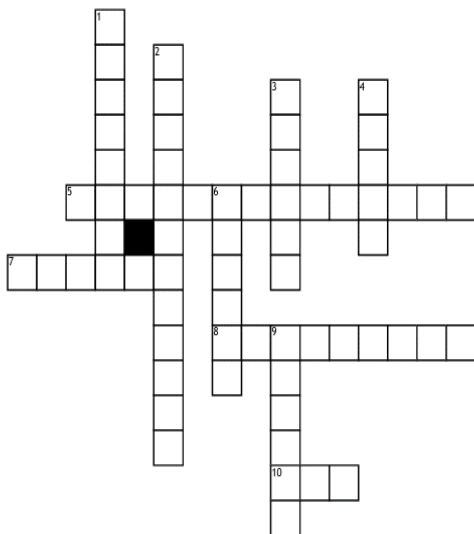
In memory of Bruce.

Some may be aware and some maybe not, but our recently departed Life Member and Great mate and character Bruce Hurren, in partnership with others, had a heritage listed shack at Tomahawk Creek fossicking fields. For many years great times, many beers and tall tales were had at the shack. One of the partners in the shack, Blue, recently commissioned and placed a memorial sign in the shack to honour his close friend and great mate.

Blue invited us over recently to see the final tribute.



Motorcycle



Across

5. USA outlaw bike of choice
7. Feather headdress motorcycle
8. Chainsaws and Motorcycles
10. Orange, Red bull and Toby price

Down

1. Heavy Machinery and Motorcycles.

2. Indian made and British design
3. Italian, L twin and sporty
4. Red Wing, Car and Bikes
6. Blue and white, Motorcycles and Musical instruments
9. Yellow Dirt bikes and Blue and White road bike manufacturer

ANSWER KEY

AT THE BACK



Mick Hansen

Hansen Joins NPE Monster Kawasaki – THE Story of the Year!!

We got the news last week that NPE Monster Kawasaki and their three riders Kade Mosig, Matt Moss and Jake Moss will have the backing of Team Navy for the 2016 season and during the team's first hit out at the Conondale Cup last weekend their team manager Troy Carroll made the decision to elevate Mick Hansen to factory rider status for the day – read on – this is a cracker of a story!

Who is Mick Hansen I hear you ask? Well, Mick Hansen is a living legend in the Central Queensland motorcycle scene. Mick has won the Mackay Beach Race more times than you can poke a stick at and for the best part of two decades has been one of the fastest riders in the region – and he is a bloody top bloke too.



Mick Hansen on Kade Mosig's KXF450

After doing his usual stretch out in the mines near Moranbah, Mick drove most of the night to arrive at Conondale in the wee hours of Sunday morning and after a few hours kip he rolled his trusty 2015 KXF450 out for the first practice and before you can say 'bugga' he had a leaking fork seal on the disc side and one of his radiator repairs had sprung a leak so in desperation Mick asked Troy Carroll (team Kawasaki was parked right beside him) if he could buy a radiator.

Now, TC doesn't know Mick from a bar of soap – he doesn't know of his legendary status up North, he thinks he is just another struggling wobbler on a Kawasaki BUT he makes the decision to roll Kade Mosig's BRAND NEW 2016 factory practice bike out for Mick to ride.

And despite the NPE Monster Kawasaki mechanics busily getting their three Pro riders set-up and ready for the days racing they helped Mick adjust the factory KXF450 to his liking AND Kade Mosig even came over for a chin wag with Mick who at the end of the day didn't let the team down by coming second in the highly competitive over 45 class behind local speedster Michael Dennis and in front of former factory star Lyndon Heffernan.

Now, friends and family of TC, Mosig, the Moss twins and all of the mechanics already know they are all bloody top blokes but what they did for Mick goes well beyond the call of duty and all of their sponsors should be extremely proud to be involved with this crew.

Moto News Wrap for March 8th 2016

Ken Cullen.

Ken has been busy in his favourite place and has now completed his 1970 B25 BSA Café Racer and the 1964 BSA B40. Well done Ken, very nice machines.



Let it be known that Ken the Master Craftsman also fabricated a small plaque to present to Alan at his museum as he had also done on the first trip. Thank Ken.



Fifth of the most popular motorbikes in Australia

Harley Davidson Breakout



First introduced in 2013, the Breakout quickly became popular for its minimalist, muscular design and strong performance characteristics. Powered by Harley-Davidson's renowned V-Twin engines, this bike delivers the classic rumble and power that HD owners live for.

The Breakout is equipped with a Milwaukee-Eight 114 engine 1868cc that produces an impressive 162Nm of torque.

The Breakout features a modern suspension system with a softail design that includes a hidden rear monoshock. This setup provides excellent handling and comfort, absorbing bumps and enhancing ride quality.

HD offers a range of customization options for the Breakout allowing riders to personalise their bike to match their style from different paint finishes to various accessories, you can make the Breakout your own.



ANSWER KEY

MOTORCYCLE CROSSWORD

Across

5. Harley Davidson

7. Indian

8. Husqvarna

10. KTM

Down

1. Kawasaki

2. Royal Enfield

3. Ducati

4. Honda

6. Yamaha

9. Suzuki

Mojito Pitcher

Ingredients

6 Limes plus 1 lime sliced, to serve

4 tbsp granulated sugar

4-5 mint sprigs

Ice

350ml white rum

600ml sparkling water

Method

Step 1 – Chop each lime into six pieces and drop them into a two - litre jug. Add the sugar and squish the lime wedges with a muddle, or the end of a rolling pin. Keep crushing to get out all the juices.

Step 2 - Pick the leaves off a mint spring and lay them on one of your hands. Clap the other hand on top to bruise the leaves ever so gently, then drop them in to the jug. Repeat with the rest of the mint spring.

Step 3 – Fill up the jug about three-quarters full of ice, then add the rum. Stir with a long-handled spoon to mix all the ingredients together gently and top with the sparkling water. Stir once more, then serve poured into tall glasses with a few extra ice cubes and lime slices.



Try these 3 twists

Strawberry mojito

Muddle 9-10 strawberries, 2 chopped limes and 2 tbsp granulated sugar in a large jug. Bruise the leaves from 2 mint sprigs and add to the jug with a pinch of black pepper. Add lots of ice and stir in 350ml white rum and 600ml sparkling water.



Blueberry mojito

Put 100g blueberries, 3 chopped lemons and 2 tbsp granulated sugar in a jug and muddle. Bruise the leaves from 2 mint sprigs and add them to the jug with lots of ice. Pour over 350ml white rum and 600ml sparkling water and stir together.



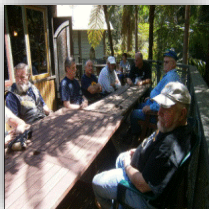
Mango & pineapple mojito

Tip 50g pineapple pieces, 50g chopped mango, 3 chopped limes and 2 tbsp light brown sugar into a large jug and muddle together. Bruise and add the leaves from 2 mint sprigs, then top with ice. Stir in 150ml white rum, 200ml pineapple rum and 600ml sparkling water.



Blast from the Past

Esk, 2013



Bowen Ride

25th October 2025



A few snaps from the Bowen Ride and visit to Alans Museum. It was a very well attended day and highly enjoyable.

Alan's hospitality is second to none and we look forward to returning.





Several members continued on to Bowen and enjoyed a great night out at the Grand Hotel. Due to the St. Lawrence memorial ride being cancelled we incorporated the memorial ceremony of our departed members into this ride and presented a toast to them on the night.



Have you seen "The Old Mackay"



Motor Quadricycle 1918
at Newbury Junction



Go Karting 1965





Season's
Greetings

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New
Year

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\$20.00, Singlets \$22.00, Polo's Short
Sleeve \$25.00, Polo's Long Sleeve \$30.00,
Machine Badge \$25.00, Lapel Badge
\$5.00, Badge Sew On \$8.00, Stubby
Coolers \$8.00, Belt Buckles \$25.00.