



RE AUST Club Newsletter No 19: JANUARY 2007

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Hi! Everyone

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! Hope your Christmas was a happy occasion.

In this edition we have 2 articles from Bruce Walker, ThREads compiled by Jeff Cole, AGM rally info, and our Member of the Month ~ Jeff Cole.

We've got a new section "For Sale/Wanted", for those of you who may wish to advertise something. Either e-mail your ad to me at shippingoffice@bigpond.com or post it to me at c/- 61 Bolton Street, Newcastle, NSW, 2300. You can also use this address if you would like to send in an article, but don't have a computer.

AGM: Don't forget to take the motel info from the back page of last month's newsletter, so you can find the hotel for the AGM! AND PLEASE – organisers are requesting us to complete and return the AGM form and pay our \$'s asap and before 31 January 2007.

I look forward to catching up with you at the AGM from Friday, 16 to Sunday, 18 February 2007.

REgards

Margaret Coan

The AGM form is attached to the back of this newsletter. Below is an explanation of that form:

A. If someone wishes to ONLY ride their bike in the rally they must complete the top part of the form ie above the line. NB. For every bike entered a form must be submitted.

B. If someone wishes to ONLY attend the AGM they must complete the bottom part of the form ie below the line. NB. For every member attending the AGM a form must be submitted.

C. If someone wishes to ride in the rally AND attend the AGM they must complete both the top and bottom parts of the form.

The form is in "FILES" along with an updated "moneys received" list which includes a new column of those who have posted their form in.

From the Bruce Walker Archives

The photo was taken at Cronulla in 1924. Ignoring the bathing beauties – I believe the one on the right is my mother aged around 18. The bike is clearly a Harley Davidson.



The chain drive places the bike as post WW1 but it doesn't appear to be a 'V' twin configuration but rather a horizontal single or possibly opposed twin layout like the early Douglas.

My motorcycle encyclopaedias provide very little detail on 1920s Harleys. Most literature seems to concentrate on the 'V' 'Twins.



I snuck a peek at a Harley book on a bookstand and believe it to be a 1921 model. Does anyone have any other information?

The 1929 BSA pictured on page 84 of the last edition of Old Bike Australasia is clearly identical to the picture of my uncle's bike shown in the November issue of our Newsletter.

THREADS: FROM THE GROUP - ThREads is a summary of the more interesting on-line discussions for those who don't have web access" compiled by Jeff Cole

Tech Note: Chain Lube splash

I don't remember this happening on the Bullet with a duckbill but it is happening on both of the Electras. Chain lube is splashing onto the crankcase and the bottom of the barrel. I don't use oil on the chain, I use Chain Wax.

I have been trying to think of a way to stop this problem. I thought of making a metal plate to bolt to the side of the case and canterlever over the gap above the countershaft sprocket but it is in an awkward place. Today I was looking at the problem again and thought (again) of rivetting a shield onto the end of the chain guard when it struck me how simple the solution is.

I cut a piece of 13mm drip line about 130mm long. I then split it lengthwise for all but about 25mm. I flattened the split part with the family iron (not too hot) and then squashed the still-round bit and forced it over the end of the chain guard. The flat piece of drip line now covers the gap. I now need to adjust the length and width of the flat bit and decide just where it should sit at the unsupported end but it looks like it will do the trick. I'll test it out over the next few days/weeks to make sure it doesn't fall off and foul the chain.

If anyone else wants to try this I suggest that you start with a piece of drip line at least 150mm long as you can trim it back if it is too long.

Now I just have to work out a way to stop the chain from lubricating the rear wheel

SYDNEY AREA MEMBERS' RIDE - NOVEMBER 2006 by Bruce Walker.

Sunday 19th November dawned fine and clear for the long awaited Five Ferries Ride. We had three 500cc Royal Enfields ridden by Eric Fisher, Russell Barrett and myself and one visitor, Alan Craig, on a 250cc Suzuki dirt bike. I hadn't met Eric or Russell before and they hadn't met each other either but we all got along famously and I think, will be looking forward to riding together again soon.

Chris Johnson unfortunately had an overnight shift and sent his apologies.



With about half an hours riding between each punt we had plenty of time for stops and with easy riding plenty of time to admire the scenery along the country lanes with sunlight filtering through the trees and reflecting off the water. The day got hotter as it wore on and became a little over cast, perhaps from fires in the mountains.

We made a slight deviation from the plan by crossing at Wisemans Ferry to go up to St Albans where we stopped for refreshments, then returning via Webbs Creek Ferry. The 14 kilometres of dirt sections caused no difficulties for anyone.

The pub at Wiseman's Ferry provided a convivial lunch and we rode the Northern Road taking the Vision Valley turnoff to the Berowra Waters Ferry, the last of the five.



We parted company to go our separate ways just north of Asquith. On the whole, it was an excellent ride with excellent company. More rides are planned soon:

- Lunch at the Tarana Pub, and
- Wollongong via Royal National Park

Watch this space.

AGM

Keep the Rally Entry forms rolling in members. When you fill them out consider this. The categories for judging will be as follows:

1A--Best Royal Enfield up to 1960	1B--Runner up
2A--Best Royal Enfield 1960 to 1980	2B--Runner up
3A--Best Royal Enfield 1980 to 2000	3B--Runner up
4A--Best Royal Enfield 2000 to 2007	4B--Runner up
5A--Best Motorcycle Other Makes	5B--Runner up
6A--Best Royal Enfield of the Rally/AGM (Perpetual trophy)	

So, if you have a stable of bikes you will have to consider which of the ones that are running to take to be competitive.

NOTE: Entries close on 31 January 2007. Late entries will not be accepted. No exceptions.

REgards
Jeff, Alice Springs, Australia

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MEMBER OF THE MONTH – JEFF COLE

My name is Jeff Cole. I live in Alice Springs and I work as wildlife biologist. I would love to retire to somewhere that has good motorcycle roads and a more temperate climate.

I returned to motorcycles in 2002 at the age of 53 after a lay-off of some 24 years when I bought a 1995 500 Bullet.

The reason for the lay-off? I decided to go to university as a late starter and didn't think I could afford to keep both 2 and 4 wheels. Then came a family and the rest is, as they say, history.

The reason I bought a Bullet? As a young bloke (yes I was Ray) I had: Honda CB 250, Velocette 500 Sportsman, Honda CB 500/4, Honda XL250, Honda XL175 and Kawasaki G4TR. When I decided it was time to live again I really wanted another Velocette, but a glance in the magazines convinced me it wasn't going to happen until a big Lotto win came my way.

I looked at lots of other brands but I still wanted a big single. I didn't want to spend heaps of \$ and time on restorations so the Bullet looked like a good deal as parts were readily available. I didn't know anything about Royal Enfields although I did know about the Interceptor as it was still about in “my day”.

Then my good wife, Cheryl, announced she wanted to get a bike and it had to be a Royal Enfield because I knew how to fix them. I couldn't convince her that if she bought a Japanese bike I wouldn't **have** to fix it . I decided the best bike for her was the Electra X as it seemed to require less maintenance, and, of course, if she was getting a new bike surely I deserved one too.

Do I have any regrets? You bet. I regret not riding for those intervening 24 years.



Here is a photo of me trying to regain my lost youth.

Date received	Name/s	Amount paid	Bringing Bike	Forms Received as at 03/01/07
29-Nov	David Hill and Anne Burgess	\$220.00	Yes	
29-Nov	Peter & Mike Crawley	\$280	Yes	FORM RECEIVED
29-Nov	Graham Nelson	\$20		
29-Nov	Ross Joel	\$20	Yes	
29-Nov	Helen and Mick Newton	\$240	Yes	
29-Nov	Ian and Margaret Coan	\$20	Yes	
29-Nov	Anthony Wright	\$190	Yes	FORM RECEIVED
29-Nov	Steve Hill	\$190	Yes	
29-Nov	Bruce Kirkwood	\$120	Yes	
29-Nov	Ted Bowles	\$20		
29-Nov	Craig Jolly & Mrs J	\$270	Yes	FORM RECEIVED
29-Nov	Terence & Margaret Tricker	\$240	Yes	
29-Nov	Garry Eyles	\$140	Yes	FORM RECEIVED
29-Nov	Guy Reynolds	\$20		
29-Nov	Bob Turner	\$120	Yes	FORM RECEIVED
29-Nov	Jeff & Cheryl Cole	\$260	YES	FORM RECEIVED
29-Nov	Sandy & Mrs White	\$20	Yes	
29-Nov	Hugh McLean	\$20	Yes	
29-Nov	Eric & Mrs Fisher	\$220	Yes	
29-Nov	Terry Freeman	\$20	Yes	
29-Nov	Leon Griffith	\$20	Yes	
29-Nov	David Pickersgill	\$140	Yes	FORM RECEIVED
29-Nov	David & Karen Barber	\$230	Yes	
30-Nov	Roy Taylor	\$190	Yes	FORM RECEIVED
01-Jan	Stewart Handsaker	\$40	Yes	FORM RECEIVED

SPECIAL AGM NOTICE

Attention: All members who have paid their \$20 deposit.

We have reached an agreement with the Motel owners which allows the Club to offer you a package consisting of the following:

#Two nights SHARED accommodation

#Two continental breakfasts

#An evening meal (Roast Lamb, Mango Cheese cake with cream, tea/coffee) on Saturday for \$100 per person, that is if you are prepared to share.

If you want a room to yourself the cost of the same package is \$170.

Not all rooms are the same. They will be allocated on a first in basis so if you want to secure your accommodation now please send a money order for the relevant amount made out to Royal Enfield Club, PO BOX 4075, McKinnon, VIC, 3204.

OR for Direct Debit: BSB 063 145 Account # 10187874 A T WRIGHT Commonwealth Bank

Make sure to put YOUR NAME as reference, and email me a receipt please mandrake_oz_1999@yahoo.com.

Members, direct debit or get your postal notes / money orders in the post NOW!

It needs to be explained that the Motel deal is in addition to and separate from the \$20 deposit. All riders entering in the two day Rally part of the AGM will be required to pay a \$20 entry fee, and pillion passengers will pay \$10. This is to cover the cost of organising the Rally, Brunch on Saturday, morning tea and a light lunch on Sunday and Trophies. The \$20 deposit can be used to pay the Rally entry fee.

We expect members to arrive at the Motel, our base for the weekend, on the Friday afternoon around 4pm for registration. Following this we will be taken by bus to a local club for a BBQ and refreshments. On Saturday morning after breakfast we will hold a briefing for all riders and our Rally Will start at 9.30 sharp. We will be back at the Motel by 4.30pm. Dinner will be at 6.30pm in the Motel dining room "Lilli Pilli's Restaurant". Sunday's briefing will follow breakfast and the ride will start at 9am sharp. We will be back at the Motel by 12.30 so that members who have to work on Monday can be on their way.

Information on the Cundle Motor Lodge, where the AGM is to be held, is in the DEC 2006 Newsletter. William.



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2007 RALLY ENTRY and 4th AGM REGISTRATION FEB 16th to 18th in Taree, NSW.

RALLY ENTRY (one form per motorcycle)

Riders Name.....	@ \$20 each	\$.....
Pillion passengers name.....	@ \$10 each	\$.....
Dinner Saturday night (Number attending).....	@ \$20 each	\$.....
	Sub total	\$.....
	Less Deposit Paid	\$.....
	TOTAL DUE	\$.....

ABOUT YOUR BIKE

Make and model.....
 Year of manufacture.....
 Registration Number.....

INDEMNITY

In consideration of my entry to the RECoA Inc rally I agree:

1. To be bound by all the rules, regulations and directions of RECoA Inc. rally organizing committee.
2. I enter and participate in the rally at my own risk
3. To indemnify and keep indemnified jointly and severally the Royal Enfield Club of Australia Inc.

and the organising committee and sponsors from and against any and all liability for personal injury.

Signed.....(entrant) Date...../...../.....

AGM REGISTRATION (This section for RECoA members only)

Members name.....	
Accommodation required (tick one) Nil.....Single.....Double.....Shared	\$.....
Number attending Dinner Saturday night.....@ \$20 each	\$.....
	Sub-Total: \$.....
	Less Deposit Paid: \$.....
	TOTAL DUE: \$.....

When fully completed this form is to be sent to:
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 PO Box 4075, McKinnon, Vic 3204

CLOSING DATE 31 JAN 2007.