

# The Rusty Relic



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**TAMWORTH & DISTRICTS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB INC**  
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DAY 1 of TDAMC Bike Rally 19 July 2024  
- photos by David Smith<sup>1</sup>



- photos Mike Pett



## Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club Inc.

**“Dedicated to the Restoration, Preservation & Use of Antique Motor Vehicles”**

<b>Correspondence to:</b>	PO Box 5045, SOUTH TAMWORTH 2340 <b>email:</b> tamworth.damc@gmail.com	
<b>Club Meetings:</b>	<b>FIRST THURSDAY</b> of each month (except January)	<b>7.15 for 7.30pm start</b> at Salvation Army Church Meeting Room 328 Goonoo Goonoo Road, South Tamworth
<b>Committee Meetings:</b>	Third Thursday of each month (except January)	7.30 pm at venue to be advised Members welcome to attend
<b>Club Newsletter</b>	“The Rusty Relic”	Published by the committee
<b>Affiliated with:</b>	Council of Heritage Motor Clubs	<a href="http://www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au">www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au</a>
<b>TfNSW (RMS):</b>	Conditional Registration Website:	<a href="https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/roads/vehicle-registration/how-to-register-a-vehicle/historic-vehicles/index.html">https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/roads/vehicle-registration/how-to-register-a-vehicle/historic-vehicles/index.html</a>

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#### **Requirements for vehicles/motorcycles on Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS):**

- They **MUST** be as **CLOSE TO ORIGINAL CONDITION** as possible, with **NO ALTERATIONS** except for safety features, such as turn indicators & seat belts, and **must be over 30 years old**.
- TDAMC Members are permitted to attend events listed in the ‘**Rusty Relic**’ Events page, but **you will need to carry a copy of the latest magazine or events page with you**.

**Logbook 60-day scheme:** Members that are on the 60-day Logbook Scheme must fill in the booklet for each day’s use **if it is not listed in Club Events**.

Logbook must be filled out for maintenance (test runs), rego checks & personal use and carried with you. (If not on logbook scheme you must contact the Secretary for maintenance runs and personal use).

*See back page for more information*

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) (previously RMS) website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/vehicle-registration/how-to/historic-vehicles>



## TDAMC CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

Events Co-Ordinators  
 Gary Grout Ph 0427656149  
 Barry Thomas Ph 0401435892

Aug	1	<b>General Meeting <u>7.15 for 7.30pm Start</u></b> – Salvation Army Meeting Room Memberships due 1 <sup>st</sup> July - Direct Payment BSB932000 TDAMC Acc N°100072873 \$25pp
	7	<b>Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES</b> (also for cars) meet <b>10.00am</b> at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	11	<b>Short Club Run</b> - meet at Bunnings between 9am & 11am for Show & Shine - Coffee available to buy - Option for drive/ride after 11.00am - lunch venue to be decided on the day
	14	<b>Mid Week LUNCH</b> - meet 12.00noon at Central Chinese – ph 0427656149 by 12 <sup>th</sup> August
	18	Five-way Meet - Bingara CWA Park - meet with Inverell, Gunnedah, Narrabri, & Tamworth clubs Leave from Attunga Park at 8am - BYO M/T - BYO lunch or buy at a shop on the way
	21	<b>Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES</b> meet <b>10.00am</b> at Bakery 306 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Also for car members – lunch venue to be decided on the day
Sept	25	Club Run – meet 10.30 for M/T at Moonbi Big Chook Park - lunch at Kootingal Cafe Ph 0427656149 by 23 <sup>rd</sup> August if requiring lunch
	4	<b>Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES</b> (also for cars) meet <b>10.00am</b> at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	5	<b>General Meeting <u>7.15 for 7.30pm Start</u></b> – Salvation Army Meeting Room
	14-15	Northwest Annual SWAP MEET – Gunnedah Showground – Car & Bike Display on Sunday
	14	Tamworth Show & Shine - 9:00am to 4:00pm open to all vehicle makes Entry Fees: \$10 per Vehicle. Gold Coin Donation from Spectators. <i>Supporting Headspace Tamworth</i>
	15	Club Run - meet 10.30 for BYO M/T at Attunga Park - BYO BBQ lunch at Turner's place, Attunga
	15	<b>Show &amp; Shine</b> at Bunnings between 9am & 11am for Show & Shine - Coffee available to buy - Option for drive/ride after 11.00am
	18	<b>Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES</b> meet <b>10.00am</b> at Bakery 306 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Also for car members – lunch venue to be decided on the day
Oct	?	<b>Mid Week LUNCH</b> meet 12.00noon at place to be decided
	2&16	<b>Wed Bike Ride for OLDER BIKES</b> (also for cars) meet <b>10.00am</b> at Bakery Goonoo Goonoo Rd
	3	<b>General Meeting <u>7.15 for 7.30pm Start</u></b> – Salvation Army Meeting Room
	25-28	Great Eastland Rally based at Coffs Harbour Showground - hosted by Coffs Harbour Veteran Vintage and Classic Car Club & commemorating their 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary - <i>entry form available</i>
Nov	7	<b>General Meeting <u>7.15 for 7.30pm Start</u></b> – Salvation Army Meeting Room

**NOTE:** When on a Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club Inc event the Club is not liable if you cause a road accident or breach road rules, it is the responsibility of the driver or rider.

### OTHER EVENTS 2024 (Use LOGBOOK for these events if using Historic Registered Vehicle/Bike)

Aug	1	Every Thursday - <b>LOGBOOK</b> Tar Rides - meet 10.00am – BP Viaduct Service Station
	13&27	Tuesday - <b>LOGBOOK</b> Dirt Bike Rides – meet 10.00am at BP Viaduct Service Station
	16-18	Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club Rally based at Morpeth – <i>entries close 9<sup>th</sup> August</i>
	23-25	Grafton Motorcycle Rally
Sept	5	Every Thursday - <b>LOGBOOK</b> Tar Rides - meet 10.00am – BP Viaduct Service Station
	15	Port Macquarie SWAP MEET – Port Macquarie Racecourse from 7am
	10&24	Tuesday - <b>LOGBOOK</b> Dirt Bike Rides – meet 10.00am at BP Viaduct Service Station
	27-29	National Thunder Motorcycle Rally will be held as part of the Tamworth Barbeque Festival at Riverside Sporting Fields. Rally activities will include a show & shine, displays and motorbike games. <a href="https://www.tamworthbbqfestival.com.au">https://www.tamworthbbqfestival.com.au</a>
	28-30	Parkes Antique Motor Club 46 <sup>th</sup> Motorcycle Rally – ph 0458 541 133
Oct	3	Every Thursday - <b>LOGBOOK</b> Tar Rides - meet 10.00am – BP Viaduct Service Station
	5-6	Yesterday Truck & Machinery Show – Wauchope Showground – ph 0408627550
	13	Maitland Swap Meet
Nov	1-3	Natureland Classic Bike Rally based at Hat Head - <i>entry form available – entries close 29<sup>th</sup> September</i>
	15-16	Oxley Riders Walcha Motorcycle Rally- Walcha Showground ph 0427007969

## TAMWORTH & DISTRICTS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Held at Salvation Army Meeting Room, Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Tamworth – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Meeting opened 7.35pm by Val Grout

**Present:** 22 members

**Apologies:** Mike Pett, Jamie Toole, Roger & Jenny Garment, Sue Hoffman, Neil Thornton, Wayne Foster, Bruce Turner, Gary & Karen Turner, Fiona Hemmings, Pat Lawlor, Mark Tallar, Peter Baxter, Peter Walton, Frank Edwards, Warwick & Allison Hord, Brian & Pat Jamieson, Brian Wiggs, Ray Searle, Geoff Jones, Reg Roberts

**New Members:** Welcome to Mark & Jenny Visser

### Correspondence In:

- Letter from Ron Thorpe, Inverell Antique Motor Club, invitation to the Five Way Meet at CWA Park, Bingara on 18<sup>th</sup> August. The event is for members of clubs from Inverell, Narrabri, Gunnedah, and Tamworth. Arrive in time for morning tea and catch up with fellow enthusiasts then a picnic lunch.
- Email from CHMC asking for club members to complete a survey to be done online regarding fossil fuels in heritage: changing times, changing options. Help us prepare for the future of our operating heritage by participating in the survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/2vpz9a8w>
- Letter from Ray Ives, Newcastle District Vintage & Classic Car Club, informing that next years Halfway Rally will be based at Boolaroo on 16-18 May 2025 and suggests booking accommodation early.
- Reminder information for the Great Eastland Rally based at Coffs Harbour Showground on 25-27 October 2024.
- Entry form for Newcastle Motorcycle Rally 16-18 August.
- Entry form for Grafton Motorcycle Rally 23-25 August.
- Statement from Regional Australia Bank.
- Magazines from various clubs

### Correspondence moved by:

Moved by Val Grout seconded by David Smith<sup>1</sup>

### Minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June

Moved by Wayne Walton seconded by Jim Kline

### Treasurer's Report (from 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June)

Moved by David Smith<sup>1</sup> seconded by Allen Carlson

### General Business:

- Happy Birthday to Wayne Magann for yesterday and to Gary Grout & Peter Walton for tomorrow.
- On this day 40 years ago (4/7/1984) it snowed in Tamworth which is quite rare. Moonbi Range is usually the closest that we get snow in our area. That night Gary and I were wondering why it was getting really cold while we were working on the car club magazine. Back then I used a manual Remington typewriter and typed on stencils then they were attached onto a roller on a Roneo duplicating machine and used a handle to manually roll the print from the stencil onto the paper as it fed through.
- Roger & Jenny Garment have been made Honorary Members of our club after joining around 50years ago. We will miss them as they have moved to Tasmania. Spare a thought for them as they have moved to Ross and the temperature plummeted to minus 11 degrees at Liawenee which is less than 100k from Ross.
- Rob & Merril Nixon have moved to QLD to be close to family.
- Christine Barber has now moved into Moonbi Retirement Village. Her son, Warren, has the 1966 HR Holden now for sale. Bill's motorcycle & sidecar has been sold.
- Department of Fair Trading 'Annual Summary of Financial Affairs' form needs to be filled out within 30 days after the AGM. Val will submit it online.
- Effective from 1 July 2024 Regional Australia Bank will no longer be issuing **new** cheque book facilities to members. These changes do not impact on your ability to deposit a cheque. All members can continue to deposit any cheques received into their account via any branch until further notice.

- Wayne Magann asked about mobile cameras now detecting seat belts not being worn. What happens with historic vehicles that don't have them fitted? *(After the meeting Val looked up Transport for NSW website and found information about it, and since then they have sent "Drive Lite" newsletter about this. See further-on in this magazine.)*

**Bike Rally report**

- Allen Carlson spoke about the rally and ride on the Friday. There will be a long and a short ride on the Saturday. Lunch will be at Somerton Hotel. Decided not to have rally badges. Dave Smith<sup>2</sup>, Jim Kline and Steve Grierson will be cooking the barbecue meals at Paradise Park.

**Events Report:**

- July 3 Ride for older bikes (also for cars) - meet 10am at Bakery on Goonoo Goonoo Rd
- 4 AGM & General Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 start.
- 14 Short Club Run - meet at Bunnings between 9am to 11am for Show & Shine – Coffee available to buy, drive/ride after 11am - lunch will be in Kootingal at the Café in Gate Street. Names needed for lunch booking ph 0427656149 by 11<sup>th</sup> July
- 17 Ride for older bikes also for cars - meet 10am at Bakery on Goonoo Goonoo Rd Also for cars - lunch venue to be decided on the day
- 19-21 **TDAMC Annual Bike Rally at Paradise Park** – names required for catering of meals by 12<sup>th</sup> July ph or text Allen on 0418805221.  
**Friday from 12:00pm** Rally Registration at Rally HQ, free tea and coffee available.  
**Friday Ride** commencing 2:00pm **Friday evening** BBQ and raffle (gold coin donation).  
**Saturday Night Dinner** Red Rooster Classic Roast meal with an extra piece of chicken and a chocolate mousse for dessert. Served at Rally HQ \$25pp.  
**Sunday morning** BBQ breakfast pre-ride (gold coin donation).  
**Sunday** BBQ farewell lunch after short ride (gold coin per person donation).
- 25 Thursday Mid Week lunch 12noon at Oxley Lookout. BYO BBQ food for lunch. If weather is not favourable, lunch will be at Central Chinese Restaurant.

**Logbook Events**

- July Every Thurs Logbook tar rides - meet 10am at Viaduct Park Servo
- 9&23 Tues Logbook dirt bike rides - meet 10am at Viaduct Park Servo

Other Events as per events page

**Social Committee:** Raffle won by Scott Heatley

**Sargent at Arms:** Fine for Barry Thomas for saying the temperature being cold as the looks you get from some of the car mob when someone's eaten all the scones.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.10pm

**Next Meeting Date:** General Meeting to be held 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

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**TAMWORTH & DISTRICTS ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held at Salvation Army Meeting Room, Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Tamworth on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**President:** Mike Pett; **Vice President:** Jamie Toole; **Secretary:** Val Grout; **Treasurer:** Gregg McLean; **Newsletter Editor:** Val Grout; **Car Events Co-ordinator:** Gary Grout; **Bike Events Co-ordinator:** Barry Thomas; **Registration Officers (Cars & Bikes):** Stuart, Brent & Dion Larkham; **Bike Registration Officers:** Peter Walton & Wayne Walton; **HVS Eligibility Inspector:** David Smith<sup>1</sup>; **Social Committee:** Dave<sup>2</sup> & Wendy Smith; **General Committee:** Jim Kline & Auriel Smart; **Sargent at Arms (Cars):** Brian Jamieson; **Sargent at Arms (Bikes):** Steve Searl; **Public Officer:** Mike Pett

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**Question from Wayne Magann** re vehicles that don't have seat belts fitted being detected by mobile camera:

*The following information is on Transport for NSW website:*

What if my vehicle doesn't have seatbelts installed or has a lap-belt only?

All light vehicles have been required to have seatbelts fitted since 1965. Where a seatbelt is available, it must be used. Where the cameras have detected a seatbelt offence, Transport will endeavour to determine if the vehicle does not have seatbelts installed but is compliant with the Australian Design Rules at the time of manufacture.

A fine will only be issued if it is clear that a seatbelt offence has been committed, including evidence that a lap-only belt is not worn or worn incorrectly. If you receive a penalty notice but believe you haven't committed an offence, you can request a review by Revenue NSW. Where possible, passengers who are in a vehicle that does not have seatbelts fitted should sit in the back seat.



# Transport for NSW

## DRIVE Lite Historic and Classic Vehicles

### July 2024

Welcome to the July 2024 edition of Drive Lite Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS) and Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS).

As requested, this edition will highlight the new NSW seatbelt detection camera program and what this means for historic and classic vehicle drivers.

We are also pleased to announce that a new number plate is available for the Classic Vehicle Scheme.

#### **What seatbelt detection cameras mean for your vehicle**

Seatbelts are recommended for all vehicles where installation is possible. If a seatbelt is available, it must be used. Wearing a seatbelt doubles the chance of surviving a crash and reduces the risk of injury. Each year, around 29 people are killed and 76 are seriously injured on NSW roads because they were not wearing an available seatbelt.

Passengers who are in a vehicle that does not have seatbelts fitted should sit in the back seat, where possible.

Seatbelt detection cameras detect vehicles where a seatbelt is not worn properly by both drivers and passengers. As with police detection, the driver can be fined and have demerits applied if they and/or their passengers are not wearing their seatbelt properly.

The age of the vehicle and the requirement of the vehicle to have seatbelts fitted will be considered by trained officers in determining whether to issue a fine.

It is important to make sure your vehicle is compliant and has the appropriate registration. A vehicle that does not have seatbelts installed must be compliant with the relevant legislation and/or Australian Design Rules at the time of manufacture.

**Registering a classic or historic vehicle does not mean that you are automatically exempt from seatbelt compliance.** Existing child car seat and seatbelt road rules continue to apply.

Seatbelt detection operates in a similar way to mobile phone detection. Cameras will capture images of passing vehicles in all traffic and weather conditions. Artificial intelligence software then automatically reviews images and detects potential offences.

The images showing likely offences go through several stages of human review before a fine is issued. NSW Police will also continue to enforce seatbelt and restraint compliance.

If you receive a fine but believe you haven't committed an offence, you can request a review by Revenue NSW. More information about requesting a review is available on the [Revenue NSW website](#).

For more information on classic or historic vehicle registrations and seatbelt requirements visit [registering and using a classic vehicle](#) and [registering and using a historic vehicle](#).

For more information on seatbelts and seatbelt detection cameras, visit [transport.nsw.gov.au/seatbelts](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/seatbelts) and for information on child car seats visit [childcarseats.com.au/legal-requirements](https://childcarseats.com.au/legal-requirements).

#### **New number plates available for classic vehicles**

Thanks to industry feedback, collaboration, consultation and testing, a new number plate for classic vehicles is now available. The plate size and design better fits most classic vehicles and enhances authenticity by differentiating classic vehicles from others on the road.

The new number plate replaces the Conditional number plate traditionally issued to vehicles in the scheme. It will be automatically issued to new Classic Vehicle Scheme registrations and available to be purchased for a one-off fee of \$55 for existing vehicles in the scheme at the time of registration renewal.

About the new plates, Terry Thompson OAM President of the Council of Motor Clubs said, "The new plates are a demonstration of the collaborative relationship between industry and Transport for NSW." "They represent a customer centric solution to our needs and help to differentiate classic vehicles from other conditionally registered vehicles," said Terry.

View the [Classic registration number plate fact sheet](#) for more information.



Car plate dimensions 317mm x 134mm

**MEMBERSHIPS DUE 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023: \$25 single, \$50 couple**

**MEMBERSHIPS can be paid at a meeting.**

**OR BY MAIL** to PO Box 5045, South Tamworth 2340

**OR DIRECT DEPOSIT** to Regional Australia Bank BSB 932000 Account N<sup>o</sup>100072873 and you need to **include your name in the details** section.

**OR IN PERSON** at the Regional Australia Bank, Cnr Peel & Brisbane Sts, and you need to **include your name on the deposit.**

*("Historic Vehicle Declaration 1259 Form" for Rego will not be stamped and signed if your membership is not current)*



**AUGUST: 10<sup>th</sup>** Warwick Hord

**HISTORIC VEHICLE/BIKE REGISTRATIONS**

If your HVS vehicle is **due for registration within the next 2 months**, collect a signed and stamped RMS "Historic Vehicle Declaration 1259 Form" from Val at a meeting or on a club run, or arrange with Val to have it mailed to you. *(It must be original so cannot be emailed)*. Gregg McLean can also stamp and sign off on the 1259 Form (but not rego checks).

Phone Peter Walton on 0414669434 for Rego checks on motorcycles and you will be able to get the form stamped and signed then, **as long as your membership is current**. Wayne Walton is also doing rego checks for bikes ph 0421110634.

***(Membership payments due 1st July)***

**BUNNINGS SHOW & SHINE – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

TDAMC attendees were: David Smith1 - 1993 Capri; Mark Jeanes - 1962 Studebaker; Jamie Toole - 1981 Gemini; Gary Fitzsimmons - 1971 Torana; Rick Langdown - 1989 Mazda; Dave Smith2 - 1986 BMW coupe; Gregg McLean; Allen Carlson; Brian Wiggs, Steve & Judy Grierson; Gary & Val Grout.

Quite a lot of cars there this time even though it was a cloudy cold day with snow predicted for the highlands. The weather must have been too cold for Brian's Porche to start up and Griersons HJ Holden didn't want to start either. Grout's had coffee with David, Steve & Judy and a long chat inside Bunnings café. Bike Rally committee held a meeting there ready for next weekend.



Jamie Toole's Gemini & Gary Fitzsimmons Torana



Rick Langdown's 1989 Mazda

Mark, Gregg & Allen went in Marks Studebaker, with heater on, to check out the Gap Road to see if it's open and suitable for the bike rally next weekend. Whenever there is quite a lot of rain in Werris Creek area the road gets closed if there is a lot of water is over the causeways. (It is going to be closed from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August for work to the railway over the roadway). Mark rode in the back seat of his 1962 Studebaker while Allen drove like 'Speedie Gonzales' on the way there. Gregg drove on the way back at a reasonable speed with time to admire the scenery.



Mark Jeanes 1962 Studebaker  
- photos by Val Grout

David, Grierson's & Grout's went to Dragon Palace Chinese Restaurant for lunch. Had our usual sundae for dessert at Hungry Jacks. Grout's then went home to watch the news on attempted assassination of Donald Trump, when his ear was grazed by a bullet.

- Val Grout



**MID WEEK LUNCH - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

Attendees were: Gary & Val Grout - 1959 Chev Belair; Jim Kline & Auriel Smart; David Smith; Warwick & Allison Hord; Mark & Jenny Visser. Apologies from: Dave2 was playing tennis, Steve & Judy were away.

Jim suggested to hold a BYO barbecue 12noon at the Tamworth lookout instead of going to a restaurant for lunch. He was anxious to try out the barbecue that he bought at a garage sale, and it worked well with plenty of room for our meat, even Jim's thick piece of steak cooked well.

Good to see new members from WA, Mark and Jenny join us. They are both motorcycle riders and still have to pick up their bikes to bring to Tamworth. Grouts arrived in their '59 Chev which hadn't been out of the shed since July last year until this week - 5 year old battery still ok, tyres needed a little bit of air.



Jim's second-hand barbecue worked well



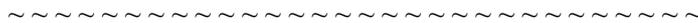
Grout's 1959 Chev at Tamworth Lookout

- photos by Gary Grout

We had plenty to chat about. Talked about crossing the WA border and having to hand in fruit and veg. The trick is to have it all cooked beforehand. Warwick & Allison are disposing of stuff ready to move to retirement village in October. Their 1964 Singer Vogue has been sold. It was nearly 3pm before we left for home. While there a lot of other people took a drive up to the lookout. It's one of the best lookouts in NSW that I've been to. The one I like best is North Brother Mountain just west of Laurieton.

The weather turned out to be nice and warm with sunshine and a few clouds. The rain started that night with more Friday and Saturday, total of 40ml in South Tamworth. Lots more out at Goonoo Goonoo.

- Val Grout



**MID WEEK BIKE RIDE FOR OLDER BIKES AND CARS - 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Morning tea was held at Goonoo Goonoo Road Bakery with only four for coffee and a chat. No one rode as there was an icy cold wind blowing with some snow at Guyra and Barrington Tops.

## LOGBOOK RIDES - July 2024

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Dirt Ride

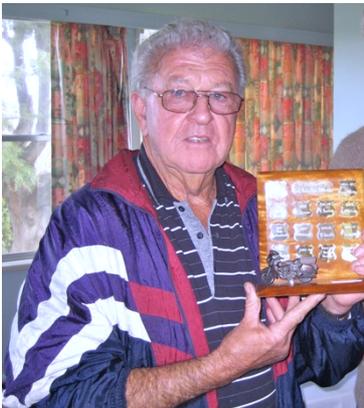
The planned ride to Carroll Cotton Gin cancelled due to pouring rain. Still got a good roll up for coffee and yarn.

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Tar Ride

Coffee then a quick ride to Loomberah Hall, Duri then home to check on distances and road condition for TDAMC rally.

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Day One TDAMC Bike Rally

The day started at about 12noon with registrations coming in thick and fast. Allen and Val under the pump with late entries, meal tickets, raffle tickets etc but both handled the situation very well indeed. The ride started at 2pm sharp on a very cold overcast day. Eight marshals used for this run plus a backup vehicle. All in place and doing a wonderful job. Nemingha, Loomberah Hall to regroup, then Duri for afternoon tea. Thirty-five riders for Friday ride. Afternoon tea was organised by two of our bike rally founding members, Peter Walton and Dave Smith<sup>1</sup>. Some of us remember the wonderful huge cakes that Peter used to serve up for smoko. Very popular with the riders in those early years.



Peter Walton receiving best bike club person trophy after 1<sup>st</sup> Rally in 2010



David Smith<sup>1</sup> towed the club trailer to Duri for afternoon tea



Bill Hobbins towed breakdown trailer picking up one bike

Only one breakdown on this ride (Honda) but quickly on the trailer and back to the park. 65klms today so a short ride but was very enjoyable.

Sampled a couple beers then time to try our master chefs new menu. Dave Smith<sup>2</sup>, Steve Grierson and Jim Kline were doing a wonderful job with snags and an abundance of onions served on buttered bread rolls. Tasted great, I had two. *photos below by Barry Thomas*



Rally Chefs: Dave Smith<sup>2</sup>



Jim Kline



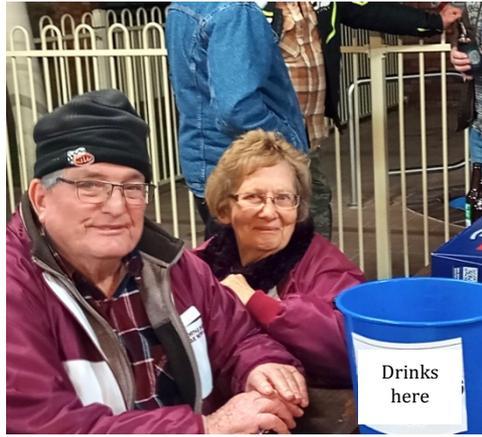
Steve Grierson

Some nice prizes won on the Friday night raffles. I must say the riders, and I mean all the riders bought heaps of tickets and are so generous. Allen tells me the pre-sale tickets numbered 300 or more. One rider buying 50 pre-sale tickets and probably more Saturday night.

Sat around yarning after raffles and dinner. Nice of John Hall to lend us the gas heaters for the weekend. John doesn't ride anymore due to ill health but was a great member of our club for many years. Day one meet and greet over, everybody happy.



Sitting around having a chat



Gary & Val looking after drinks



Mike drawing raffle tickets

- photos by David Smith<sup>1</sup>

- photos by Val Grout

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Day Two TDAMC Bike Rally

Another cold overcast day again but coffee quickly did the trick. Our master chefs had a nice surprise for us again with ham steaks, eggs and a snag on buttered bread. Boys really loved the change of menu (you can only eat so many snags).

Today's ride was split into two different rides, one being long, the other short. Long ride towards Quirindi to Taylor's Lane, then cutting across onto Kamilaroi Highway. Regrouped at Breeza then then some to Gunnedah and back to Somerton, others Breeza to Carroll (now tar) then Somerton. I think about 30 riders opting for long ride.

Short ride was Daruka Road, Davidsons Lane to Manilla, regroup then Keepit Dam to Somerton. Had to use heaps of marshals but once again boys did a great job.

Lunch at Somerton Pub went better than expected. Short ride arrived a little bit before the long ride so not as congested as it could have been. I counted 66 bikes at the pub so great effort to feed that many in a short time.



Bikes at Somerton Hotel – about 66 bikes there – photos by Mike Pett

Most riders deciding to ride home via Lower Somerton Road, Attunga, Davidsons Lane and Daruka Road. Some went down the highway dropping in at Oakburn Speedway.

A couple of hours rest then time for beer and raffles. Allen's Red rooster Roast dinner worked a treat with sweets to top it off. Golden tonsils (Mike) got the auction underway with bids coming thick and fast. One guy actually bidding against himself. Raffles went well with heaps of tickets sold. Ten prizes to be won on the night.



Three trophies for best bikes were won by: Graeme Branch - BSA Spitfire, Ken Hoad - Indian Velocette, Rob Somerville - AJS Compy. Lovely bikes and a credit to their owners. Trophies made by Allen Carlson (well done Allen). Short ride about 150km, long ride a little over 200km.

## TROPHY WINNERS



Graeme Branch – 1968 BSA



Rob Sommerville – 1958 AJS

*Photos by David Smith<sup>1</sup>*



Ken Hoad – 1969 Indian Velo

*Photo by Val Grout*

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Day Three of Bike Rally

The weather on Sunday was a little better with the sun shining. Coffee and a lovely breakfast at the park then time for a final ride. 9.30 start so the boys could be on their way home early after the ride. Daruka Road, Moonbi Gap then left turn at Moonbi up New England Gully Road towards wave rock. Nice ride, follow the leader this time. Brief stop at end of tar then home via back Kootingal Road.



At end of tar on New England Gully Road, Moonbi - *photos by Mike Pett*

Dave Smith<sup>2</sup> and his team trying a few different ideas this rally so just cold leftovers to eat when we got back. Good idea as it saves the team waiting around for an hour or more with nothing to do. Boys ate leftovers no trouble then attacked the coffee. Coming in dribs and drabs makes it very hard for our master chefs to serve us nice ham and egg sandwich or sausage & onion roll that's hot. Run out of cups pretty quick so maybe a spare key to club trailer with some coffee, tea and cups in trailer as back up should solve the problem. Spare key to toilets might be a good idea as well.

It was decided that as of next year's Friday night barby 6 till 7pm. Saturday morning barby 8 till 9am. Any leftovers to be eaten after Sunday ride. Coffee/tea is help yourself. Anybody turning up 5 minutes before a ride for something to eat, well chances are you might miss out. Friday ride starts at 2pm, Saturday ride 10am, Sunday ride 9.30am. I only make mention of these times for future reference so that when invitations are sent out, all riders will be well aware.

We had 28 riders on Sunday ride. Checked out last year's Rusty Relic August Volume 48 for rider numbers. We beat it this year on every single day.

Must thank our wonderful committee for a job well done. I was planning on naming you all and what you did but decided it was just too hard. Many of you had multiple tasks so let's just leave it at that. All members did what they could and so did members of other clubs. Great team effort.

Thank you all.

*– Barry Thomas*

**DAY 1 BIKE RALLY PHOTOS**



**Rally Organisers:** Gregg McLean – ready to start rally



Barry Thomas heading off last



Steve Lunam gave a talk about his Triumph motorcycles and using them in TV shows  
*-above photos by Val Grout*



Friday night at Paradise Tourist Park – John Hall's heaters worked a treat - *photos by Gary Grout*

**DAY 3 BIKE RALLY PHOTOS**



At end of tar on New England Gully Road, Moonbi - photos by Mike Pett

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**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Dirt Ride**

Seven riders today so not a bad number after the big weekend just finished. Davidsons Lane then onto Upper Somerton Road. Zig zag up a few lanes then struck road works for 3 or 4 klms. Just graded and watered so pretty slippery. Crossed the highway at Somerton onto Babinboon Lane. Headed towards Breeza then turning towards Carroll.

Lunch and refuel at “Weevil Inn Café” then out past Keepit Dam heading towards Manilla. Right turn then back to Somerton. Crossed highway again then towards Jack Brown Lane. Came into Tamworth on Airport Road. A little over 200klms today and weather perfect. Good company as always.



- Barry Thomas

- Logbook Dirt Rides 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August - meet 10am Viaduct Park Servo
- Logbook Tar Rides every Thursday - meet 10am Viaduct Park Servo
- Rides for older bikes 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - meet 10am at Bakery on Goonoo Goonoo Rd

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**FOR SALE**

1966 HR Holden special, 2 speed power glide 186. Sky blue with white roof, fine example of this classic. All rubbers in great condition, a few spare parts.

On club registration. Manuals, original spare, matching old school metal esky.

\$40,000 Call Warren on 0419294776



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**WANTED**

Front bumper bar for 1965 Morris Major Elite

Ph Jim on 0428626086

## JUST FOR FUN

If my body was a car, I'd be trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps, dents, scratches and my headlights are out of focus.

My gearbox is seizing up and it takes me hours to reach maximum speed.

I overheat for no reason and every time I sneeze, cough or laugh, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires.



### Did you know?

It takes 7 seconds for food to pass from mouth to stomach. A human hair can hold 3kg.

The length of a penis is three times the length of the thumb.

The femur is as hard as concrete.

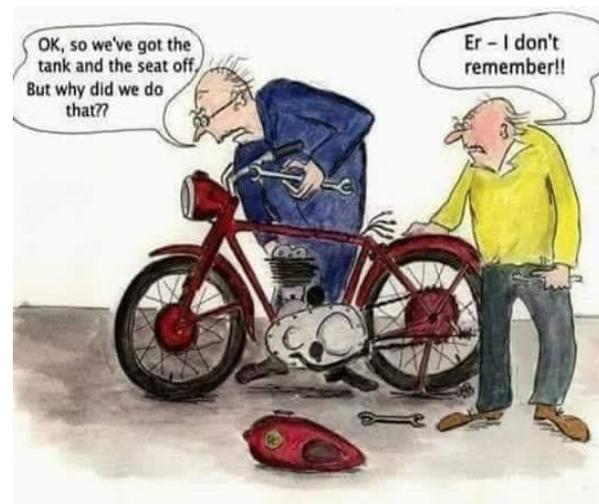
A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.

Women blink 2 times as much as men.

We use 300 muscles just to keep our balance when we stand.

A woman has read this entire text.

A man is still looking at his thumb.



## ~ ~ NOTICES ~ ~

- Rego checks for HVS (Historic Vehicle Scheme) cars to be done with Stuart, Brent or Dion Larkham at Engines 4U, 117 Marius St, Tamworth - Phone 67613636 for booking.
- Cars new to the club are to be inspected for HVS eligibility by David Smith<sup>1</sup> ph 0411351418.
- Rego checks for HVS motorcycles to be done by Peter Walton ph 0414669434, or Wayne Walton ph 0421110634, or at Engines 4U ph 67613636 for booking.

### Requirements for vehicles/motorcycles on HVS (Historic Vehicle Scheme):

- They MUST be as CLOSE TO ORIGINAL CONDITION as possible, with NO ALTERATIONS except for safety features and must be OVER 30 YEARS OLD.

### USE OF LOGBOOK: (a new Logbook will only be issued by RMS when your registration is due)

- Logbooks allow up to 60 days use per registration year. They are to be used for maintenance, Rego checks and personal use when out on a public road if it is not listed in TDAMC events.
- The driver's **FULL NAME** and the date must be entered in the Logbook at the start of each day's use. Only one entry per day is required, regardless of how many different drivers or trips taken that day.
- Entries in the Logbook must be in blue or black ink and must be carried in the vehicle when in use.
- Logbooks must be made available on request by a NSW Police Officer or an Authorised Officer and may be subject to audit.
- If the allocated 60 days Logbook use is exhausted, the vehicle can ONLY be used for club related events.

**IF NOT ON THE LOGBOOK SCHEME** maintenance runs need to go in the Day Book held by the secretary, also if attending rallies that are not listed in the magazine a Permit to Move Form is to be filled out.

**FOR CLUB EVENTS:** you need to carry a copy of the club's magazine or events page.

**NOTE:** TDAMC members with HVS registered vehicles/bikes **must attend at least 3 events per year.**

When out on the road on a TDAMC event make sure you abide by the road rules – **the driver/rider is responsible if in breach of RMS road rules or in an accident that the driver/rider is at fault.**