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BETWEEN THE LINES

Another year over and another just begun and what have we done? 2009 has been a full on year and no doubt this year will not be any different. The activities we have done through out the year have been great with lots of variety and involvement from the club members during the year. Also the club supporting other clubs.

I think one of main activities for the year was the Sausage Sizzle which has been a success and well supported by the members and Pro Kawasaki. Thanking Les, Kayleen, Carolyn and Sue as supporting committee members on this project.

Especially the time which has been injected into the Sausage Sizzle.

Christmas in July was another head spinner and was supported and well enjoyed by members of the club at Bikers Dream.

The ride through the Pub at Drake was a great weekend even though the ground was muddy and soggy. It did make for some interesting entertainment watching the bikes skid and weave across the oval to find a dry area to camp for the night.

Jandowae Bowls was another great weekend which put our bowling skills to the test.

We have had some great rides through out the year and I would to say thanks to the ride leaders as there has been a variety this year and hopefully we can keep up the tradition for the New Year. We might even manage to involve some new people for the job. What do they say variety is the spice of life?

Also the committee members who have done excellent job this year. They have held the base of the club together. The committee is here as a role to keep the club on an even track and to represent the club as a whole. A good representation of our club through our committee is very important. So hopefully this will continue on for the next financial year with the new committee taking the reins.

Most important is a great thank you to YOU for being part of our club and making it so special by your input and presence which makes us a unique club.

We have had some new members join us and I hope it will be a club you will want to support for some time.

Well that is about it from me now.

Look after yourselves in the New Year maybe have a go at the New Year resolutions you made for 2010 no matter how small or big they may be it is the challenge that is important and the journey in having a go.

Have a hell of a ride for 2010.

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QUEEN MARY FALLS

Nine bikes and three pillions left Macca's at the usual time of 8.30am for a ride to Queen Mary Falls. Our first stop was a quick pit stop in Beaudesert. From there we travelled to Boonah for a fuel stop and morning tea.

From Boonah we headed to Queen Mary Falls. The scenery was really beautiful; the road was just what a novice rider like me needed. No one mentioned to me (I think purposely) that it was two lane traffic on a one lane road that wound its way steeply up a mountain.

Thanks to Gringo who kept in front of me all the way, pointing out pitfalls on the road, including a snake, unfortunately I was too busy to notice it. I knew if Gringo put his breaks on I went even slower. The ride was worth the effort as the falls were really lovely. Lunch at the café was great and reasonably priced. It was good to sit inside under fans as while it was not as hot as the ride the week before it was still hot.

After lunch some took food out to the birds as they would come and land on you to eat.

From the top of the mountain we travelled down the other side which was a much smoother ride but very windy along the straights.

We had one incident where one couple dropped a bag on the road and we pulled over while it was retrieved then we headed to Cunningham's Gap. I had never been down there so another first for me.

We stopped at the bottom of Cunningham's Gap for a long pit stop before all splitting up and making our individual way home. It was a great day had by all and in total we travelled 398km's.

Tess

DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT

8 riders rocked up for the Drive In Movie on the 16th January. Movies for the night were Sherlock Holmes and Tooth Fairy. Smiley and Gringo arrived for the second movie as they had a previous engagement on the night.

The Drive In was packed to the rafters and the night was a mild night not cold and also to our amazement mozzie free.

People arrived fully decked out for the night with tables and chairs. Pillows blankets and bean bags for the ultimate comfort for the night. We only took our chairs but after what we saw on the night we will be more prepared as we do not wish to be out done.

The Northern Gateway Club was there taking up the prime position in front of the café. I think it should have been called the Goldwing Club from what we saw.

Teresa gave us a pleasant surprise when she started handing out home cooked chicken and quiche. So thank you Teresa for the kind gesture and the time spent cooking we enjoyed your home cooked goodies. We also had Karen who was new rider for the night. She is a contact through face book of Jamie's. So hopefully we might see her again on another ride.

Other than that we had a good night but a somewhat late night as most of us were home by 12.30am. Due to the late start of the movies and its popularity.

Looking forward to next movie night in the near future.

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TOOWOOMBA TOY RUN

The day was overcast with the sun trying to peek out from the clouds. The day did not look too promising as 8 bikes rolled up for the Toowoomba Toy run.

After we said our usual hello's we headed off with Hollar as ride leader. We went the back way through to Rosewood where we picked up Liz and Rob who were waiting for us to join the ride. The ride went onto Gatton at the meeting place where other riders were to gather.

As we were rather early we were not sure if we had the right place but after 30 minutes we saw a positive sign of other riders building the numbers slowly to about 50 bikes. The ride left at 11am we were led via the back country roads which gave us a wide range of surfaces to deal with. As well as narrow winding roads. It was great having corner markers as I think we could have got lost if we were not shown the way.

We arrived at picnic point to find a large group of riders ready and waiting for the final leg of the ride to the club house which was where we distributed our presents to the charities who were there.

It was great to be supported by the locals cheering and waving as we rode past. Even though it was raining at the time did not seem to deter them. We feasted on sausage on bread and a well earned drink. The clouds become threatening and I noticed that there were many people heading off early to beat the storm. Some of us left early while the half of the group huddled under the tent deciding whether to leave or wait.

Gringo and Smiley, Bob and Vibes with Rob and Liz headed off down the range. We got caught in the heavy rain thankfully off the range and took it nice easy to Mc. Donald's to fuel up where we met up with Les who was enjoying a cuppa.

I gather we all made it home safe and most likely a bit on the wet side. But I feel it is good to be able experience these conditions so we keep up our skills. As we cannot ride in perfect riding conditions all the time. Thanks to all who came on the ride to support the toy run for the kids.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009



Christmas party is well and truly dusted on the 12th December. The weather was a concern in the morning but cleared up to be a great night for those who attended the party. We only had a minor sprinkle and that was that for the night.

The back patio area was decked out with the usual Christmas decorations. The table was set up with Christmas theme with centre pieces centred on the tables. The Christmas tree was lit and decorated, presents were left under the tree for later on when we played thieving Santa.

I did a quick head count and there were 27 people with a couple of outsiders to bring up the numbers for the night. I do not think there would have been too many complaints about the food on the night except that there was too much of it. LOL. We certainly had our fill of good food and beverages on the night. I made doggy bags of the left over food and gave it out as people were leaving for the night. So most of the food was used which was good.

Vibes had some games lined which made people interact and we had some great belly laughs on the night. Especially when people had to mime our their occupations which was fun and left a few of us bewildered in the end when we could not guess the right occupation. Thinking cap game was a challenge but after all the questions had been answered then it did not seem that hard after all.

Thieving Santa held up to its reputation on the night and thieving was ramped on the night. I think Jamie went up several times to claim his present and then had it stolen again and again. After about an hour every one every one had a present eventually. Carolyn held onto her present trying not to show it when people wanted to have a look. I think it was wine from memory.

Once again Bernie contributed the Christmas raffle prize. This is something Bernie has done for the past few Christmas's and it is greatly appreciated by the members of the club. Thank you Bernie. I believe he has lined up another raffle prize for next year.

Ian won the Santa on the bike raffle which will be used on Christmas day when the grand children come for the day. Ian is a prospective new member for the club and I think there was no better way for him to meet and greet at the party.

On a different note it would have been great if I had some help to set up for the party. It was basically a one man army for most of the day. I think we should keep this in mind if the party is at a member's house. As it is not their party but the clubs party and there should be some joint effort.

I think we all had a great time and will give it a tick with the rest of the events we have had for the year 2009.

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BIKERS BLESSING

The day looked like a great day for the Bikers Blessing. You could feel the heat of day building for the day even at 7am. Nine riders rolled up for a day of variation from our normal run of rides.

We left about 8.30 even though we were ready to roll for 8am. Thinking that we would take our time to get to the church and also meet and greet others at the meet. Ian and Carolyn arrived at 8am for the 8.30 start not realising the change of departure time. So a small time change was organised.

Our group was basically the first to arrive and found a good shady area for the bikes. A couple minutes later a large group of riders from Redland arrived and from then bikes arrived in droves. Riders and bikes all shapes and sizes coming to the annual blessing which has become a must do event for riders.

Even though it was a Redlands based event there were riders from other groups from far and wide. It was great to see every one mixing as one with one thing in common to come together under one roof to listen and foot tap to great music and a message from the pastor about the journey we are on and how we get there and what we do along the way.

Riders took up the offer to have themselves and bikes blessed for the year. So belief is still strong even amongst the harden bike riders who attended.

Jamie fell asleep during the service though he said he was looking at the inside of his eyelids for a minute. It was short lived when Gringo poured some cold water down his back which brought him back to life as if it was a miracle. Praise The Lord.

We did not win any raffles but I admit we were close several times. We received a bag of goodies with a badge and ned bag, lollies and some water.

Jamie and Gringo went on the ride and lunch at Victoria Point others from our group went their separate ways. I headed home to the air con and sleep time after the late night before.

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HIGH LIGHTS OF 2009



CLARRIE HALL DAM



JANDOWAE BOWLS



GRINGO, VIBES AND BOB'S BIRTHDAY



ANZAC BREAKFAST



HONDA FOUR RIDE



NIMBIN RIDE MORNING TEA



ROUND THE WORLD DINNER PARTY



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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MEMORIAL RIDE



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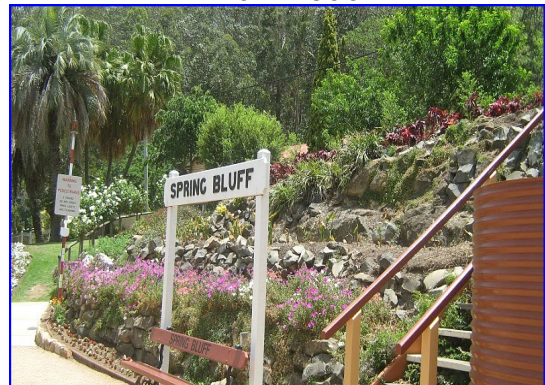
BLIND SOCIETY SUPPORT RIDE



RIDE TO MT COOTHA



BREAKFAST MORNING RIDE



LADIES CHOICE RIDE



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GOOD JOKE PAGE

A lady about 8 months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. The man seemed more amused. When on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing, she complained to the driver and he had the man arrested.

The case came up in court. The judge asked the man (about 20 years old) what he had to say for himself.

The man replied, 'Well your Honor, it was like this:

When the lady got on the bus, I couldn't help but notice her condition.

She sat down under a sign that said, 'The Double Mint Twins are coming' and I grinned.

Then she moved and sat under a sign that said, 'Logan's Liniment will reduce the swelling,' and I had to smile.

Then she placed herself under a deodorant sign that said, 'William's Big Stick Did the Trick,' and I could hardly contain myself.

But, Your Honor, when she moved the fourth time and sat under a sign that said, 'Goodyear Rubber could have prevented this Accident!'

... I just lost it.'

'CASE DISMISSED!!'

BIRTHDAY DAY WISHES

**ROWDY, GRANT, JOHN,
SMILEY**

**MICHAEL, BRIAN, TERESA,
KIM**

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Ride Etiquette

Ride Leaders

1. Before leaving, advise riders of the destination and where designated stops are to be.
2. Be aware that you are leading a convoy of many bikes and stay in one lane as much as possible.
3. Minimise lane changes
4. When at rest stops, give 10 minutes notice of leaving to riders.

Riders

1. Keep at least 2 bikes in view of your mirrors
2. Notify tail end Charlie if you are leaving the ride
3. NO overtaking on corners/ bends
4. Bikes to be fully fuelled before start of ride
5. Remember – Always ride safety and within the law

Ride Leaders are advised to restrict their pre-ride instructions to the job specification

i.e. timings, directions, distance, coffee or lunch stops etc. Any further advice would be outside the limit of a ride leader's authority and should not include advising members on how they should ride their bikes.

There is a statutory requirement that each rider be licensed to operate a motorcycle

and do so in accordance with the rules of the road and in a safe manner. This would imply that a rider must rely on his/her own abilities and senses, under all conditions and not rely on the comments and judgement of others, such as a ride leader.

RIDE CALANDER



FEBRUARY

14TH LADIES CHOICE
27TH SAUSAGE SIZZLE
28TH NOBBY POINT

MARCH

14TH BRUNSWICK HEADS
24TH SAUSAGE SIZZLE
28th COOYAR HOTEL