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Hi! Everyone

This issue we have news of 2 runs - Bruce Walker has provided an article about the 2006 Wollombi run; and John Sharpe from Tweed Heads tells us about the Brisbane run.

BILL RICE advises that plans are well advanced for the **AGM** to be held in Taree in February 2007 at the Cundle Motor Lodge, a Golden Chain Motel. At this stage confirmation of your attendance is all that's needed by sending a \$20 deposit to Anthony. The Club can get a better deal for members attending by having definite numbers, so it is important that you send your deposit and confirm with Anthony. All activities will be based at the Motel including the Presentation Dinner. More details will be printed in future Club Newsletters. Details of the Diwali Ride are also advised in this issue.

Our Member of the Month for October is **RAY JONES** – kindly written by his mate Jeff. **ANTHONY** is conducting a survey, so please, if you have not already done so, reply to him.

It's good to see people providing articles about local runs – this keeps us up to date with one another's trials and tribulations – and fun! Please let me have any articles and photos of your rides and let me know if there is something special you would like to read about. All contributions gladly received. Newsletter articles can be sent to me at shippingoffice@bigpond.com or 74 Macquarie Street, Merewether, NSW 2291.

REgards, Margaret

To assist the Club to determine how members are being informed of Club activities can all members answer and submit the questionnaire below (if you have not already done so).

Question:

On average, how often do you access the Clubs Yahoo Groups site (Please put an X on one line)

...Every day or so

...Every second or third day

...Once per week

...Twice per week

...Once per month

...Never

Members who see the questionnaire on this Yahoo site please click on "Reply", place an X next to your response and then click on "Send". Thank you for your participation. Anthony, Public Officer

MEMBER OF THE MONTH – RAY JONES

Jeff is writing this for Ray as he is too modest/shy/busy/slack to do it himself.

Ray rides a 1999 350 Bullet Delux. I think Ray has to be the Club's touring champion. He has ridden his little bike from Alice and return to: Geelong, Perth, Canberra and Tassie. He is intending to ride to Coffs Harbour next year. He has ridden through all Australian states clocking up well over 40,000 km (most of it well below the legal speed limit, I might add).

As with most of us Ray maintains his own bike and has become a proficient Bullet mechanic. Although he has had no major break-downs on his journeys he has been able to fix the minor glitches on the side of the road.



In former lives Ray rode a HD, BMW R65 and several other bikes I have forgotten.

WOLLOMBI RIDE August 2006 by Bruce Walker

We'd discussed trying to get some Royal Enfield riders together for a ride in the Sydney Basin for some time but there appears to be little interest so far despite there being quite a few R.E.s around Sydney by now.

Chris Johnson and I decided, after some postponements to do a ride to Wollombi and meet Sandy White there for lunch. Chris lives over the mountains near Bowenfels south of Lithgow, so had quite a ride before even meeting up with anyone. We met at McGraths Hill and headed north along Pitt Town Road to Wiseman's Ferry. There are some magic detours along this road but with the prospect of a fairly ambitious ride ahead we pushed on. A photo stop was made at Hawkins Lookout with its spectacular views of the Hawkesbury River Valley at Wiseman's Ferry below.



We rode down the hill to take the Webbs Creek Ferry (in the photo above) across the river for the ride up to St Albans. 21 kms later we stopped for a stretch at St Albans then headed up 35 kms of dirt road to Bucketty. There is no traffic on this road and the scenery is superb. Initially the road winds along the MacDonalld River then climbs up through Yengo National Park. A shy Lyre Bird ducked across the road ahead of me as we pattered along.

We stopped briefly at the junction of the Wollombi and St Albans Roads and then rode on to Wollombi down the rather aptly named Lemming Hill. Only a couple of weeks before I nearly collided with a Harley, which had seriously overshot one of these sharp corners.

Not knowing where we'd meet Sandy we parked directly in front of the Wollombi Pub at exactly 12:30 pm and waited. Neither of our CDMA phones had coverage so any contact would not be possible. At 1:00pm we decided that something had gone wrong and Sandy was not coming so we tucked into a Bistro Lunch.



The trip back would be by a different route following Peats Ridge Road back to Central Mangrove turning off there to ride down to Spencer and thence along the river back to Wiseman's Ferry.

We discovered Sandy's phone message about his flat tyre when we topped up with fuel at Kulnurra. The next part of the ride was followed by a coffee break at Spencer and then finally across the ferry at Wisemans where we said our goodbyes. I headed along the Northern Road back to Baulkham Hills and Chris took the Pitt Town Road back to Windsor then over the mountains to home. My speedo indicated just over three hundred kilometres for the day. Chris got home at 7:00pm.



BW



Chris

Riding in company on Royal Enfields is the way to go. The pace is not too fast, the bikes can handle pretty well any conditions and they certainly run on the smell of an oily rag.



Coffee Break at Spencer

Let's hope we can get more participants next time.

BRISBANE RUN by John Sharpe from Tweed Heads

Mike Crawley (Black Classic), Peter Crawley (Green Electra), Leon Novello (Red Deluxe), Terry McCullagh (Black Deluxe), Paul Hillam (Silver MUZ) and John Sharpe (Black Sixty 5) (plus one pillion) met half-way between Brisbane and the Gold Coast and went for a fine old run last month up to Mt Tamborine. Good fun and first meeting over coffee at Mt Tamborine for some. Then drama struck! The clutch on my Sixty 5 snapped. My bike was attended to roadside. It was like witnessing a team of micro-surgeons in action! A new cable supplied and expertly fitted in less than an hour. Barely a drop of oil spilt. Even hand wash at the end!



DIWALI DAY by Bill Rice

All members would be aware that the Club holds two major events in the year, the Diwali Day get together and the AGM. This year the Diwali Day event is being held in west Wyalong from Friday 3 November to Sunday 5 November, and has been given the title "Diwali on Newell Muster". Headquarters for the event will be the West Wyalong Caravan Park, 02 6972 3133. Book your accommodation now. Members are expected to arrive at the park Friday night for registration. On Saturday a ride covering the major points of interest is planned and will commence at 9.30 and will return to the park at 4pm so that we can organise a meal and get together for the evening. There will be a short ride on Sunday morning again starting at 9.30 and for those travelling home on the Sunday, the ride will pass through west Wyalong at 1200. Riders staying on will continue and will return to the park about 4pm as on Saturday. The Taree group will be leaving Taree on Thursday 2 November, stopping over at Dunedoo that night and arriving in West Wyalong about 1pm Friday. For details on travelling times for the Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney groups contact Anthony.

28 09 06 Greetings members –

MEMBERSHIP

There are now 95 members of the Royal Enfield Club of Australia Inc. Membership continues to grow, and will soon top the ton.

CLUB STUFF FOR SALE:

RECOA BLUE POLO SHIRTS (100 IN STOCK, S,M,L,): \$15ea

RECOA stickers: 1 FREE TO MEMBERS, EXTRAS \$1 ea

RECOA PATCHES: 1 free to members, EXTRAS \$5 ea

STUBBY HOLDERS: \$2 ea

POSTAGE : \$15

POSTAL NOTE FOR \$ INCLUDED WITH THIS PURCHASE ORDER AND MADE OUT TO "ROYAL ENFIELD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC, PO BOX 4075 McKINNON VIC 3204" Include your name and address.

DIWALI on NEWELL MUSTER:

OK you lounge lizards ! Take the dust covers off your bikes, and get ready for the Diwali on Newell muster.

FRI, NOV 3 until SUN, NOV 5, is the main part of the muster, but I fully intend to stay on for a couple of extra days due to the Melbourne Cup holiday on TUES 7th NOV.

Come along and have a great time riding in rural NSW with fellow members of RECOA INC.

AGM:

Our fourth AGM will be held in Taree, NSW in mid FEB. This is our biggest event for the year, and not to be missed.

Please advise me by post, phone, or email of your attendance asap, and/or deposit \$20 into the RECOA AC, which is 063 145 10187874

Come on, don't prevaricate because it makes it hard on the organizers.

REgards, Anthony.

Public Officer.