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Chairman's Chat

Well the cold winds of winter have hit, but we have been fortunate to have many sunny days so there has been no excuse for not riding! And a number of riders did make it to Taree for our fellowship weekend and had a great time - if you missed out we hope you are able to make it to the next one in Callala Bay, Sept 14-15.

When I joined CMA back in 2004 I struggled with the level of eagerness some had for doing visits to nursing homes, based on the age of many CMA'ers I thought to myself "They just want to check out their options". But these days I have a different perspective - I have seen the joy we bring to the residents and to ride in to Alma Place Nursing Home and have about 50 people lining the entrance waiting for us was a real buzz. But the moment of truth came when I was pillioning one old chap and he said to me, "You come to a place like this and you think well I may as well pass on - but then something like this happens and you're good for another five years." So now I am more than willing to go and give someone that desire to keep on keeping on - will you join us for our next visit?

One evening in Taree, Rosco commented on just how clear the stars were, and how it used to be that way back home before the light pollution increased. The next morning in my quiet time I read this in Philippians 2:14-15

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Consider this in light of Genesis 1:16-17: *God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth,*

God did not just randomly cast the stars he set them, positioned them -placed them specifically as He has placed you and I. We have been positioned to bring light to the earth. But when the influence of the world spreads and enlarges it is sometimes hard for others to see our light. We are still there, as the stars are still there - you just don't see it for the pollution. We need to rise above the impact that the world wants to have on the light we bring, we are to be the lamp on the hill, the light of Christ to those we meet.

Romans 12:2 *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

May the Lord bless you and your families as you ride forth, your light cutting a path through the darkness of this world as you bring glory to His kingdom.

Doddles

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National Run

2013 National

Have you registered for the National Run in Victoria yet? Contact Doodles if you don't have a form. One is available here also:

2013 CMA National Run, November 8-11

We have a great program lined up including:

- relaxing arrival treats on Friday night,
- a spectacular ride Saturday morning to a popular attraction,
- evening entertainment & activities,
- onsite adventure activities or local attractions on Sunday afternoon.
- Not to mention fabulous social and fellowship time with CMA colleagues from all over Australia, Sunday morning worship focus, state leader presentations and our CMA US special guest Kerry Gibson.

BUT WAIT there's more.....

2014 National

NSW is host, and We Need You!

We are seeking people to take on the responsibility for the following tasks:

- Name & Area Labels - design, order and distribute
- T-Shirts - similar in style to the ones Queensland did as they also had ladies styles - not the big logo but a stylised design, or maybe button up shirts you can wear to work - or even long sleeve t-shirts for under your jackets. Someone to come up with a design, someone to coordinate orders (all shirts paid for before we order) etc.
- CMA National 2014 - Sat Lunch: We will be holding this at Cordeaux Dam, do you know of a group that could put a bbq on for us, to be ready when we arrive, that would like a donation.....

THE BACK PEW - By Jeff Larson



Raymond was disappointed to learn that faithfully attending the 8:15am service did not matter alot at the Pearly Gates.

Love this one from Larson.

As I heard said a long time ago, going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to McDonalds makes you a Big Mac (although in both cases, you may start to look like one).

Going to church is great, BUT, with the right motives. These could include wanting to find out more about Jesus, wanting to worship Jesus, to get to know God better and so on. BUT, it is dangerous, very dangerous, to think that our church attendance gets us brownie points with God and gets us a place in heaven.

Only one way to assure that -putting our faith and trust in Jesus, through repenting and believing the Gospel - want to know more about that? Talk with a CMA member - they would love to have a chat.

It's the Blood

Recently I (Doddles) gave blood. Afterwards I thought to myself.....

so 300ml of my blood can help 3 people

and I can give blood once every 3 months

That means if I keep on giving blood for another 25 years I will have helped 300 people

Editor's note:Great work Ian!!! Good example to the rest of us!!



But..... the thought struck me..... Christ gave blood once - enough to save the entire world, not just at the moment but for evermore - now is the time to repent and believe the gospel and be a beneficiary of that blood that Jesus shed some 2,000 years ago.....for YOU!

Mid North Coast Cruise

Saturday 4th May, turned out to be a beautiful day for the Mid North Coast area to hold a local area ride. The sky was clear, the sun was shining and the temperature was ideal for riding.

Six riders on their trusty steeds which consisted of:-

Yamaha 600 Fazer

Honda 650 Deauville

Ducati 1000 ST3

Suzuki GSX 1400

Suzuki V-Strom 1000



First time with us Janelle on her Honda 1000 Firestorm and first time with us John on his Honda ST 1100, turned up at 8.45 am for prayer, and a 9.00am departure.



We headed south down the Pacific Highway to the Lakes Way turnoff, where we enjoyed a leisurely 20min ride to the twin towns of Forster / Tuncurry. The Saturday morning traffic slowed us as we passed through the towns, but once we hit the southern tip of Forster, the pace picked up again. Heading south to Buladelah is a pleasant ride, following the Myall Lakes in places, and the last 5 to kilometres before Buladelah, climbs up over the mountain with a mixture of open sweeping curves and tight radius bends. All riders enjoyed this section of road, riding at their own pace.

Buladelah provided the opportunity to stop for a well needed coffee and stretch. We then set off along the highway to the turnoff and headed for the idyllic coastal towns of Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest, where we enjoyed a lunch break.



Our group was supposed to meet the Newcastle branch of CMA riders for lunch and to team up for the latter part of the ride, but unfortunately, due to my lack of detailed communication, we ended up missing them by only a few hundred metres, at separate meeting spots! A lesson learnt by me, to be better organised for future cross over area rides!



It was disappointing, not to share with the Newcastle riders - I will ensure we meet up on future ride days! After lunch, our group crossed the bridge to Hawks Nest and had a quick look around the town, also enjoying the great views of the ocean. We headed back to the highway, turned left down to the Bucketts Way, and travelled to the village of Booral. We then headed along Booral Rd back to Buladelah. Booral Rd is a mixture of terrible road surface, but was compensated with good sweeping bends and tight corners going up over the mountain.

At Buladelah, we headed towards Taree via the Wootton Way (Old Pacific Highway). This road has tremendous curves and corners through the well known " O'Sullivan's Gap" and continues as a great ride until it re-joins the highway south of Coolongoolook. Another half an hour or so saw us arrive back in Taree, where the ride terminated.

As always, good fellowship was enjoyed by all on the ride. God provided safety to all riders and we enjoyed his creation, in all it's majesty, along the way. We met, and got to know two new riders, which was great. We all look forward to the next ride coming up.

Graeme Bingham - Mid North Coast Area Co-ordinator

Combined Clubs & Associations BBQ

Wow - what an excellent day we had at the Combined Clubs & Associations BBQ.

About 100 folks attended, about 30 of which were CMA'ers. The weather was excellent, the fellowship was great, the venue was beaut.

Thank you once again to Karen for all the effort she put in, doing the shopping with Paul Jansen, making cheesecakes (although that was cruel as I don't like them) baking biscuits, prepping salads etc.

Thank you also to Marnie for being there early, suffering through my chopping the onions and getting so much of the food ready.

Thank you John Kroon for bringing the extra bbq, helping with the set up and the cooking - and to Ron & Graeme for also being tongmasters on the day

To Braam, Magda, Andrea & Daniel for helping butter bread, carry things in & out, slice up the cakes, prepare and host communion, and to Mark Felsh for helping in the kitchen as well. And then there was Kimbo - intimidating everyone in to paying! Thank you

These are the ones I specifically noticed - but there were others doing things I know - whoever thought of laying the table out in a cross - that was great, to those that carried chairs out, set up the urn etc - thank you, to the rest of you who welcomed people as they arrived - thank you.

Doddles

Adventures of Wombat Bear

.....CMA Member Extraordinaire

Hi everyone ! I thought I would drop you a line and bring y'all up to speed on my adventures.

Wow! What a hectic time I've had since hitting the ol' USA!



My Loaner and my new Chaps

I've been treated very very well (except for that kidnapping incident that we won't mention!) by my hosts and taken to just about every state in the USA. I've been to Canada (they tried to arrest me !! stupid Mounties !!) but we snuck out under the cover of darkness. I also went to Alaska a few months ago and met a bear call Al, tried to talk him into coming back home to Aussie with me but I think he was too afraid. I have met so many people and have about 200 friends on my facebook page. One little hottie I

met almost got me to stay here, but I had to break her heart because I'm a biker, and we do that. Sorry Pinky.

Hey ! I even got to meet Elvis !! at least they tried to tell me he was Elvis, I think he was a bit weird ! I've spent time in Las Vegas, Nevada, Washington, Oh ! I can't remember all the places I've been, it's just been so many !!

I've really missed you guys (yeah like NOT !) and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at The National Run in Victoria in November.

If you would like to see more photos and meet some of my new friends log onto my Facebook Page.

[wombat.bear.5@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/wombat.bear.5) or just search for Wombat Bear in your own page.

Love you all and look forward to seeing all your ugly faces soon (he he he)

Wombat

AKA Timmy



Yamaha's Star Seller

Harley Davidson must hate it, but the top-selling cruiser in Australia is a Japanese bike, the Yamaha V-Star XVS650. They must hate that because a cruiser is, almost by definition, a Harley or something that is built to look like a Harley. They can take comfort though, in the fact that of the top-ten best-sellers in the category, they fill the other nine places. The Yamaha is also helped in the sales-race by the fact that it is learner-legal.

There's no denying the success the mid-size Yammie has achieved. It was the top-selling cruiser for 2012, just as it was in 2011. And it was the 5th best-selling road-bike of all categories for 2012.

While comparisons with Harley are inevitable, that's not the way Yamaha sees it. Yamaha's national communications manager, Sean Goldhawk, is quoted as saying, "We're not trying to compete with Harley, but of the 'metric cruisers' we're the original." And, obviously, the best-selling!

Cruisers are not my personal choice of motorcycle, but with that success it was one I wanted to check out for my web-site.

In appearance, the V-Star is typical cruiser, with stretched-out front, wide handlebars, low seat and twin stacked pipes.

The ergonomics are typical cruiser, although it did feel a bit cramped for this lanky old bloke. The riding-position forces you into the usual cruiser-slouch - not ideal for someone, like me, with a dodgy back; although it isn't as bad as some I've ridden.

The instruments consist of a speedo and ... well, that's it really. There are the usual warning-lights, but nothing for fuel. The fuel tank holds 16 litres so you'd be safe for at least 300km before you'd have to go looking for a servo; but it'd still be nice to know how much fuel there was in there.

For an old bloke like me, comfort is a big issue. And I'm pleased to say that the seat on the Yamaha is quite comfortable. Seats on cruisers usually are, I suppose, and the bike I rode had the advantage of a (non-standard) good-quality sheepskin cover, which made it even better.

The usual V-twin cruiser vibes are very mild, although it does get a bit harsh if you wind it out. It gives the impression that you're not really supposed to be riding it like that: as if the bike is saying, "Hey, I'm a cruiser, not a sports-bike, so change gear!"

The gearbox is, typically, only a 5-speeder, but it's a beauty! There's an even spread of ratios, from a 1st gear that's good enough to get you across the intersection without having to change, to a top gear that is ideal for highway cruising. Gear-changes are very smooth and it accepts clutch-less up-changes easily.

Performance is quite good. It's only a 650 - and a learner-legal one at that - but give it the herbs and it goes pretty well. And if you do wind it out through the gears (even though it mightn't like it), it gets that speedo needle swinging around fairly quickly.

The bike is very easy to ride. Despite the raked-out front, when it comes to corners it responds easily and accurately; especially out on the open road. As would be expected, in a straight line it's perfectly stable at any speed.

Suspension is fairly basic, although it does have a mono-shock rear rather than the more usual twin-shocks. However there's only 86mm of travel, which is less than you'd get with a good twin-shock set-up. Despite that though, the ride is actually pretty good. You wouldn't describe it as compliant, but

it's not really harsh either: it's firm without being particularly jarring. I did get bounced off the seat a couple of times on the highway, but then on a rough pot-holed stretch of back-road it was smoother than I expected. Remember that sheepskin cover though, I'm sure that helped the ride.

The single disc up front felt a bit weak. Like most cruisers I've ridden, it needs a combination of front and rear brakes to get effective stopping power.

So there it is - the best-selling cruiser on the market. I reckon it's a pretty good thing. It looks the real deal and does a good all-round job. It may be learner-legal, but it's not just for those on a restricted licence, it's a great choice for anyone looking for a good mid-size cruiser.

Elwyn Jordan

Classic Bike Display

The bike, a rusted relic from the 1970s, was about to be taken to the tip. But then the owner thought of his brother-in-law, who was interested in old motorbikes, so he gave him a call. It could have been a way of avoiding the hassle of loading and unloading it onto the trailer rather than an act of generosity, but in any case, he told his brother-in-law that if he wanted to come and collect it he could have it.

When Ian Theobald got the call he said he didn't know what sort of bike a Yamaha RD250 was, but members of his local classic bike club said he should get it. So he drove out to a farm near Dubbo where he found the bike leaning against the outside wall of a shed. It had been leaning against that wall for over 25 years.

It was so rusted from its quarter century of abuse by the weather that the wheels wouldn't turn and it had to be dragged onto the trailer. The front forks were bent, there was water in the gearbox and mud and wasp nests in the exhausts.

But there were some positives. As Ian no doubt soon discovered, the RD250 is an iconic model, being one of the early sporting bikes from Yamaha. And its condition wasn't all bad: the motor had been reconditioned just prior to it being taken off the road all those years ago. Ian said that, amazingly, with a new fuel tank, a battery, and minor repairs to the ignition, the motor actually started. And so began a full restoration of the bike.

Recently, the bike, now looking resplendent in its bright blue paintwork and shiny chrome, was on display at a classic motorbike display at Berry, held by the Shoalhaven Classic Bike Club. There were over 100 bikes on display, each no doubt having its own story to tell.

Phil Hall showed his unique Shadowfax Kawasaki. This was built from a wreck in 1981 as a racing bike. It raced at Oran Park, Canberra and Bathurst. After crashing at Bathurst it was rebuilt as a road-bike. Then in 1988, having suffered an engine failure, it was taken off the road. Seven years later it was given to Phil as a project to restore; a task he finally commenced in 2011. It took a lot of work, and a lot of assistance from others, but in March last year it had been restored to its former incarnation as a race-bike.

Ian Theobald had another bike on display, a 1928 BSA A28; a bike that Ian, perhaps somewhat ungraciously, described as "BSA's biggest failure." While it did have some advanced features for its day, the low power, 2-speed gearbox and lack of front brakes Ian said made it, "Bound to flop."

This one was rusty when he got it too, being found on the verandah of a house in Port Kembla where it had sat rusting away from the effects of salt air and industrial fallout. Ian said that restoring the bike and keeping it running had been a challenge: parts were almost impossible to find, and any that were found were usually so worn or damaged that they were unable to be used.

Then there was the fellow who had a 1960s BSA Bushman, a trail-bike version of the BSA Bantam, which was a cheap British runabout produced during the 1950s and 1960s. Despite its somewhat humble status in the motorcycling world, the owner said he had spared no expense in restoring the bike to its current magnificent condition. When not being admired by passers-by at the occasional bike show, it was on permanent display in his lounge room at home.

So what is it about the owners of these bikes that inspires them to do what they do - to take rusted wrecks and turn them into immaculate restorations? A love of motorcycles, obviously; but it's more than that: it's also an appreciation of history. Every bike on display, from the exotic to the every-day models, marked its own moment in history. Someone once said that to appreciate the present we must study the past; and these people are making sure that the past is there for us all to see and admire.

Nursing Home Invasion

Imagine sitting peacefully in your retirement home, looking out over the rolling fields with the quiet mountains in the distance, when suddenly a horde of motorcycles comes roaring into your establishment. They come right through the front gate and park in the middle of your garden area. It'd be like "The Wild One" with the setting changed to an aged-care facility! And in a variation of the famous scene from that movie, a little lady with a walking frame would approach the handsomely rebellious young lead biker and ask, "What are you rebelling against?" To which the leather-jacketed biker replies, "Whadda you got?"

Well, recently I led a group of motorcycles to a nursing home situated on the western edge of Dapto. We rode into the parking area but we didn't stop there; I led them along a pathway, through a gate and into the main garden area. We parked our bikes and dismounted. Then the police came: a cop on a motorcycle who rode straight in and pulled up in our midst.

From this point on you can forget any similarities to the scenario described at the beginning. There was no "handsomely rebellious young lead biker," just an old bloke who was more "Mild One" than "Wild One." The policeman wasn't there to arrest us, he was there to join us. And we weren't there to stage a rebellion, we had been invited to come.

The nursing home was HammondCare, a dementia care facility; and the story of our visit begins about a year ago. A volunteer worker, Dennis, rode his bike there one day and it attracted quite a bit of attention from the residents. So he rode it there again. The local paper got involved and published a story and photo of Dennis and his bike.

When I read the story it occurred to me that if they were interested in seeing one bike they might be interested in seeing a number of them. So I called HammondCare and asked if they thought the residents would like a display of motorbikes. They thought this was a great idea, so I subsequently arranged for about 20 bikes to go out and be displayed in the garden / courtyard. The staff very kindly provided a sausage-sizzle lunch for us.

The residents enjoyed seeing the bikes. For some it was just a chance to admire the varied collection of shiny machines; for others it was an opportunity to reminisce about earlier times with motorbikes

that they, or family members, had owned. One resident was a former police motorcyclist, so he was particularly interested in the bikes.

That was last year. Then a couple of months ago I got a phone call from HammondCare asking if we could put on another display for them. I have always enjoyed combining my love of motorcycling with the chance to do a bit of good in the community, so I was pleased to oblige. A couple of emails to friends - who emailed their friends - and we had a group ready to go. And this year we had the police motorcyclist join us, which was a big attraction for the residents, especially the former policeman.

We all enjoyed the day. As I led the group along the road, watching the following motorbikes in my mirrors, I felt like Marlon Brando in that movie, leading his bunch of rebels into town. Then when "The Mild One" and his equally non-rebellious mates arrived we enjoyed the hospitality of the staff - including another yummy sausage-sizzle lunch - and chatting with the residents. We also enjoyed looking at each other's bikes. The motors had hardly stopped before many of us had cameras out snapping pictures of the bikes around us.

As we were eating lunch, one of the riders said, "Give it a few years and this could be us!" Indeed it could: and we would certainly appreciate some bikes coming to visit us. And that, as much as anything else, was why we were pleased to be there.

Elwyn Jordan

Here is a link to a recent blog in this section by John Watkins that describes, as the heading puts it, "The brutal reality of dementia."

<http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/1379814/blog-brutal-reality-of-dementia/?cs=2315>

Michael and Karen Nieuwendyk's Great Adventure

During May my husband Michael and I travelled around Australia with 23 motorbike riders with The Steven Walter Foundation. The ride was called, "The Around Australia Ride 2013". It raised over \$225,000 for childhood cancer research. Michael and I raised close to \$10,000.

As such, we are very grateful to all who supported us, from the smallest to the largest donations. The most humbling ones were the strangers we met as we travelled, in the middle of nowhere - the tourists, the cleaner, the petrol station worker, the little old woman in the shopping centre ... such generosity was so amazing. What did amaze the people we were riding with was the generosity of our church, Lighthouse church at Geraldton where CMA member David De Kock (minister) invited us to be a part of the service, and the generous donation from W.A. CMA members from Freemantle. These donations helped immensely in our Christian witness and got people thinking and asking us about CMA.

Michael did all the hard riding stuff on his bike, a Norge 1200 Moto Guzzi. All up he rode over 15,000kms. That's 15,000kms in only 34 days. To put it another way, we averaged 400-500kms every day, though in one day we travelled 900kms. It did help that the Northern Territory has a speed limit of 130 and most of Western Australia's roads were 110kms. As a pillion, I found the journey gave me a lot of time to spend with God. Also, we rode, ate and mixed each day with the others in the group so I came to know each person quite well, 35 exactly. I prayed for their salvation and their particular needs - like when a rider was injured, hurt or just having a really

hard time enduring the long distances and unpleasant weather. Some had issues with their bikes while others have left businesses, families, so I pray for these things. Also there was the most obvious need for protection and safety on the road. This was where God had put me, and this, I knew was the main purpose for me being on the ride. It was a life changing experience, seeing Australia in such a short time, pushing ourselves at times to the limit, raising valuable funds for cancer research and making life time friendships - where strangers became friends, who in turn become family. Though the journey has ended, I still think of and have kept in contact with some from the group. I am looking forward to the reunion planned just before the Snowy Ride 2013, to catch up with these people that we'd grown so close to.

Karen Nieuwendyk



This space intentionally 'left blank' to emphasise that **there is room for your contribution to this newsletter** - and you are not limited to this amount of space..... Why not make the newsletter more interesting and entertaining by sending in your ride story, your funny story, most embarrassing moment, Bible insights, and other stuff - I will always do my best to publish what you send in. Look forward to hearing from you at mkbevan@bigpond.com

Thanks, Mark

CMA Community Outreach / Fellowship Weekend

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July 2013 was a big weekend for the mid north coast area of the CMA, plus Taree Baptist Church, as the men's fellowship hosted fellow members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) for the weekend.

Approx. 17 members of the CMA made the trip from Sydney, Nowra, Newcastle area, Tamworth and Singleton NSW. Members who attended included:-

- Graeme Bingham, Ron Shuker & Janelle Atkins - Taree
- Roy & Jenny Breyley - Nowra
- Wayne Foster - Werris Creek
- Wayne Witchard & Bill Hobbins - Tamworth
- Noel Boyce - Singleton
- John Kroon - Newcastle area
- Glen & Cheryl Hartley, Ross Clarke, Steve Perrin - Toronto
- Michael & Karen Nieuwendyk, Lisa Clarke & Ian Dodd - Sydney

CMA mid north coast area co-ordinator / Taree church's men's fellowship co-ordinator, Graeme Bingham, organised a very full and successful weekend, with the help of local area member Ron Shuker assisting. The extensive programme for the weekend included the following:-

Friday night - riders arrived from all areas of NSW and enjoyed a meal out together at the local Sailo's restaurant.

Saturday morning - Wayne Witchard, Vice Chairman & northern region co-ordinator of the CMA, and Graeme Bingham, were interviewed by Chris Goodsall of Rhema FM radio station, on his popular Saturday morning programme. Good exposure of the CMA was heard on the airwaves by all listeners at that time of the morning. When Wayne and Graeme returned, all attendees then parked their bikes in the Taree CBD, with CMA banners on show, and flyers to hand out to the passing public, who stopped to chat and admire the bikes. The latter part of the morning saw a short ride to Lansdowne and Coopernook, then back down to Taree for lunch.

Saturday afternoon - CMA members visited Alma Place aged care facility in Taree. Sharing and outreach opportunities were had with the residents for approx. 2 hours, with some of the residents enjoying small rides around the facility's grounds on a couple of the bikes, and in one of the bike's side cars. All of the residents who went for a ride were thrilled with the experience, and all the residents were very grateful to the CMA members for providing such a highlite in their time of life, by taking time to visit them. Alma Place staff, are keen for the CMA to return soon, as the residents had a wonderful time.

Saturday evening - After their visit to Alma Place, the CMA went to Taree Baptist Church, to display their bikes for a church family fellowship dinner that night. All in attendance enjoyed good food and fellowship together, with the CMA members mixing well with the church family. During the meal, CMA member Ian Dodd gave a brief talk on the day's events, and on the CMA in general. After the dinner concluded, the CMA members bedded down for the night in a couple of rooms in the adjoining Taree Christian College, after a long, but satisfying day.

Sunday morning - CMA members took part in Taree Baptist Church's morning service, and at the One Life church in Taree, as well. At the Baptist service, CMA Chairman Ian Dodd, was interviewed by

Pastor Chris Thornhill. Other members gave testimonies, led the corporate prayer time, gave the bible reading, and Vice Chairman Wayne Witchard, gave an inspiring message on the question " where are you now? " in your life. The CMA involvement was well received by both congregations, as it gave a broad overview of the CMA, and how God is working in the member's lives.

Sunday afternoon - To round off a great weekend, a BBQ lunch was held at the Baptist Church for the CMA members. Many of the church family stayed for the lunch, getting to know the members and to inspect the bikes on show. Rides around the church grounds on the bikes were enjoyed by all age groups of the congregation, with the more "mature aged" church members representing a large percentage of those enjoying the rides. Great to see! All too soon, it was time for the CMA members to depart, as some had considerable distances to travel home.

The weekend organisers Ron and Graeme have received very positive and favourable contact from the CMA, with members keen to return. Through this wonderful weekend , God's name was glorified and witnessed by all who came into contact with the CMA, and that is what the CMA are all about!

All members are looking forward to the next fellowship weekend, to be held by the NSW south coast co-ordinator later this year. I hope to see many of you there!

Graeme Bingham - CMA Mid North Coast Area Co-ordinator



***No helmets required.... we never fall off. Trust me!.....What can I say???



Branded for Christ

In a certain sense, all men are strangers to one another. Even friends do not really know each other. To know a man, one must know all the influences of heredity and environment, as well as his countless moral choices that have fashioned him into what he is.

Though we do not really know one another, tracing the course of a man's life sometimes offers rich reward, particularly when we see the great driving forces which have motivated him.

For instance, how greatly your life and mine would be benefited if we could experience the same surge of Christ-life that moved Saul of Tarsus (later called Paul) and plumb even a little the hidden depths of the meaning in his words, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Gal. 6:17).

One thing is sure about these words: they were an acknowledgment of Christ's ownership. Paul belonged to the Lord Jesus -- spirit, soul, and body. He was branded for Christ.

When Paul claimed to bear in his body the wounds of the Lord, he was claiming no "stigmata," as did Saint Francis of Assisi in 1224 A.D. It is not a bodily identification by outward crucifixion. He had been "crucified with Christ" (Gal. 2:20).

Branded by Devotion to a Task

The marks of Paul's inward crucifixion were plainly evident. First of all, Paul was branded by devotion to a task.

If, as tradition says, Paul was only four feet six inches in height, then he was the greatest dwarf that ever lived. He out-paced, out-prayed, and out-passioned all his contemporaries. On his escutcheon was blazed: "One thing I do." He was blind to all that other men gloried in.

Pascal was bitterly criticized because apart from the immortal soul of man, he could see no scenery anywhere worth looking at.

By the same token, the Apostle Paul might be castigated for saying not a word about Grecian art or the splendor of the Pantheon. His was a separation to spirituality.

After the Athenian clash on Mars' Hill, Paul poured contempt on the wisdom of this world, dying daily to the temptation to outwit and out-think the wise. His task was not that of getting over a viewpoint, but of overcoming the legions of hell!

Somewhere, most likely in Arabia, Paul's personality had been transfigured. Never after that was he listed as a backslider. He was too occupied with going on. It would have vexed his righteous soul to hear a congregation sing, "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it!"

Unsponsored, unwelcomed, unloved -- these made little difference to Paul. On he went, blind to every jewel of earthly honor, deaf to every siren-voice of ease, and insensitive to the mesmerism of worldly success.

Read more from **Leonard Ravenhill** on being Branded by Humility, Suffering, Passion and Love at

<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=article&aid=6911>

Communion on the Cliff

A couple of pics from recent communion on the cliff - looks good, and worth checking out.....And what a location 😊



Odds, ends, ads

Vacant space here..... submit something for next issue Free advertising - can't beat it!!

Some upcoming events - here and there

Major Events:

Sept 14th – 15th State Fellowship Weekend Callala Bay (Yep we are heading south) – Contact is Kevin Kettlewell kkettlewell@bigpond.com

Saturday, 10 August 2013 All day Illawarra Day Ride - Peats Ridge / Wollombi

Sunday, 18 August 2013 13:30 Communion on the Cliff

November 8-11 National Run Victoria – Register [here](#)

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Calendar (and for Coordinators to populate it)

<http://cmaaus.org/nsw/calendar.html>

Something to think on

Hope you enjoy this book excerpt from Aiden Wilson Tozer. Want to send in something for this section? Email me at mkbevan@bigpond.com No guarantee to publish everything, but I will try. **Please somebody submit something!!!**

Excerpt from 'The Root of the Righteous' by A. W. Tozer. A full free download of this book is available at: : [A.W. Tozer - The Root of Righteousness](http://www.revival-library.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/A.W.-Tozer-The-Root-of-Righteousness.pdf) (<http://www.revival-library.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/A.W.-Tozer-The-Root-of-Righteousness.pdf>) This is a classic book, and worth downloadingand reading.

The fellowship of God is delightful beyond all telling. He communes with His redeemed ones in an easy, uninhibited fellowship that is restful and healing to the soul. He is not sensitive nor selfish nor temperamental. What He is today we shall find Him tomorrow and the next day and the next year. He is not hard to please, though He may be hard to satisfy. He expects of us only what He Himself first supplied. How good it would be if we could learn that God is easy to live with. He remembers our frame and knows that we are dust. He may sometimes chasten us, it is true, but even this He does with a smile, the proud, tender smile of a Father who is bursting with pleasure over an imperfect but promising son who is coming every day to look more and more like the One whose child he is. We please Him most, not by frantically trying to make ourselves good, but by throwing ourselves into His arms with all our imperfections, and believing that he understands everything and loves us still.



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CMA Member Statement of Belief

1. I believe God to be the true creator of all things.
2. Jesus Christ is the only answer to everyone's spiritual needs.
3. Jesus Christ's death for our sins and his resurrection are the basis of all Christian Life.
4. The Holy Spirit is the source of power for Christian living.
5. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three persons, yet one God.
6. The Bible is the authoritative Word of God in all circumstances of life.
7. I have repented (turned) away from the sins of my past life, confessed them to God and asked Him to forgive me for them.
8. I have committed my life to Jesus Christ and now acknowledge Him as my Lord and Saviour.
9. I will endeavour to remain faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible and to the Aims of the Christian Motorcyclist's Association.

I am interested in learning more about CMA, please send me more information:

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