

CMA NSW NEWSLETTER

LIVING ON THE EDGE EDITION



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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

SPRING 2014

Hi everyone and welcome to this special edition of our newsletter. Thank you to those that have travelled far & wide to be here at the National Run and commiserations to those NSW members that were not able to make it. We hope that this weekend is a great time of fellowship, renewing and creating friendships and generally a wonderful experience.

This National Run has been promoted as Living on the Edge - 2014 and you may ask why, given that we've never named the runs before..... well isn't it about time for a change? And when you ride the Sea Cliff this weekend you will feel and see what it's like to be on the edge of this great nation.

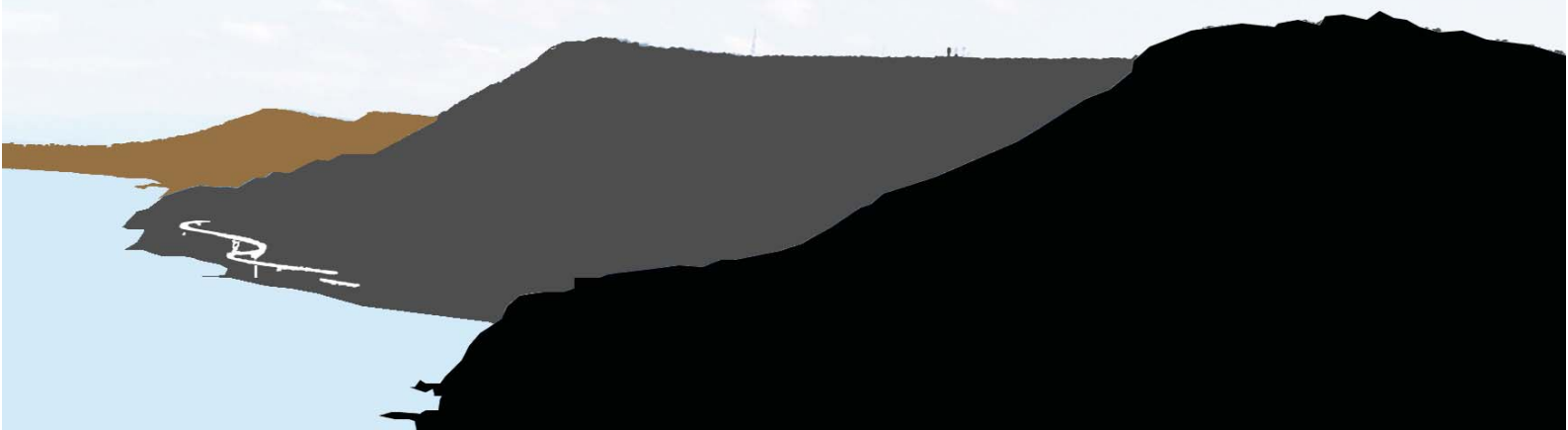
CHRISTIAN'S - WE HAVE THE EDGE ON OTHERS, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN SAVED

MOTORCYCLISTS - RIDING ON THE EDGE, LIVING ON THE EDGE OF SOCIETY

LIVING ON THE EDGE IS PRECARIOUS - LIVING ON THE EDGE IS EXHILARATING

Christians should not be stuck in the mob - we should be on the edges of society, not following the norm or expectations, we are called to be set apart from the world as God's own people.

Christians should not be in the middle of society - we should be at the edge - where we can lead others and shepherd those who fall away.



Romans 12:2 reminds us that we should not conform to the ways of the world but be renewed by the transforming of our mind - it is a precarious, risky life to choose when we follow Christ rather than the pack, we risk ridicule, persecution, being ostracised and being judged. But our rewards are great, not only do we have the promise of salvation, but our earthly lives are so much richer in joy and hope because of what we have.

The warmer months are here now and the prospect of dry roads and sunny days calls us to mount our trusty steeds and break away from everyday life, to crank open the throttle as we wind our way over hills and through valleys, leaning into curves, feeling the sun on our bodies as the kilometres melt away. As you ride forth do so in the power of Christ, cleaving a path that is righteous, your way lit by hope and salvation, leaning not on your own understanding but trusting in the Lord. Live your life on the edge and revel in the knowledge that you have been set apart.

Bless you all

Doddles

LIVING ON THE EDGE



2014
PEREGRINE
MOTORCYCLE
RALLY
 29th-31st August
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 South Australia

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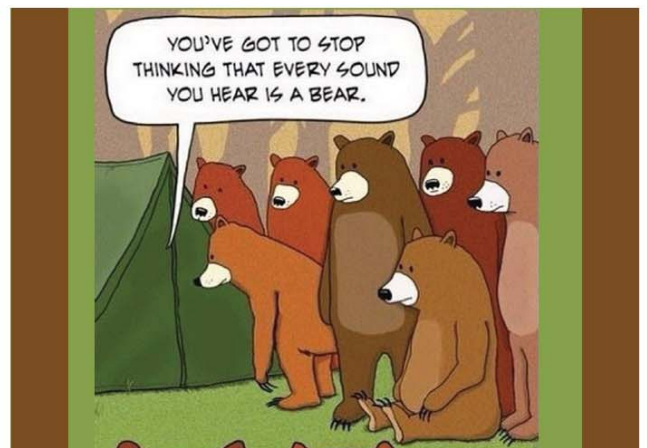
What's that you may well ask??

Well its a Christian motorcycle rally held at Jabuk. Where's that.. on the Mallee Hwy between Pinaroo & Tailem Bend South Australia, Hosted by the Pilgrims Christian Motorcycle Club & CMA South Australia, So the Dayz from CMA Riverina(thats Barry & Margy) headed out of Griffith after work on Thursday 28th august for a short 150k ride to Hay for a counter tea & a good nights rest in

the caravan park, The next morning brought the normal clear skys of country NSW & the famous Hay Plain, with 500ks to our destination we headed to Balranald for breakfast a qik 130ks, Turning south then to Tooleybuc & the Victorian border, along this leg we came across a harley rider on his way to Perth, optimistic I thought!!!LOL



Lunch time seen us riding into Pinaroo SA , and as normal for us to the local for a counter lunch, with only 70 odd ks to go we bought a suitcase & some beverages to keep us going for the weekend, then back on the trusty trumpies and a qik run to Jabuk, arriving early Friday arvo before the hordes did, it gave us the opportunity to pick a prime camping spot, so our choice was just of the beaten track between the Christian quarter & the Plebs! LOL, so we got to chat with all kinds of bods. Friday arvo & evening seen a continual flow of bikes arrive in many shapes & sizes, the evening meal of sausage sangers was supplied by organisers and a good big open fire to tell yarns around.



Even tho the daytime temps were warm the evening temps were quite cold and arising from the sleeping bag & tent was a task in the wee hours for the proverbial ..

Saturday seen the normal getting know you again or for the 1st time, also a gymkana in the arvo, once



again that evening we had the big fire roaring & the yarn spinning was just as big!!



Sunday morning seen us packing our gear up for the journey home via Echuca Vic where we due to be at church with friends @ 4pm, we took a journey down the Calder hwy which we had never been on before to Sea lake for another counterie, then onto Kerang and Cohuna where we thought we had found the the "Big Cohuna" until I was sadly put straight by a relo on f-B that

we had the wrong spelling of Kahuna and it meant "the boss!!" Anyway we made it in time for church with 5 minutes to spare, surly was a good ride thru western victoria on good roads.

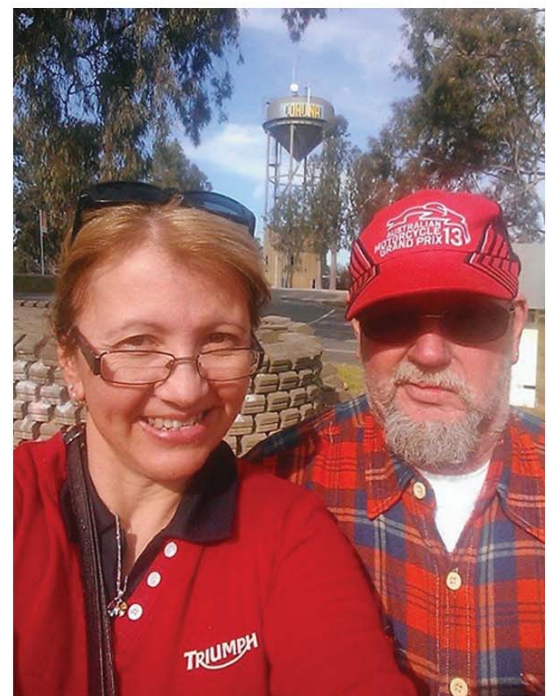
Monday morning seen us on the road again destination Home (Griffith that is, we are still waiting to arrive at our real Home). It was a great ride, 1500ks round trip No worries,

Another **Triumph with Jesus**

"The Dayz in your Life"

Barry & Margy

Riverina Coordinators CMA NSW



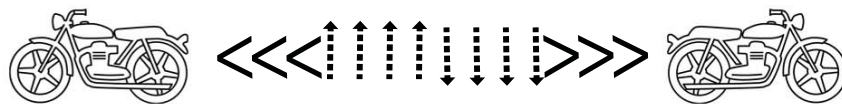
NABIAC AND BACK

Hi everyone it's the crowd from the Hunter Valley, it has been a busy few months with rain, sickness and all things that God puts in front of us.

On Saturday the 9/8/14 we saddled up the old ponies and a bus and headed up to NABIAC Bike Museum and on the way we stopped at Bulahdelah for morning tea break, but the bus had kept on driving and we had a lot of hungry bikes, so after a phone call the bus quickly turned around and arrived with our morning tea.



We then got back on the high way and headed to NABIAC, the sun was shining, the birds were chirping if you could hear them over about 14 loud bikes. As we arrived at the museum we were greeted by some riders from Taree - it was great to catch up.




The museum was a great venue if you like bikes but a few hours is not enough time to see everything, I think there were some bikes that maybe Wayne and Kimbo may have rode - they had wooden spokes and a big spring seat.

The owners let us use the outdoor area to have lunch, there were sangas, cakes, biscuits and drinks but the best thing about lunch was the fellowship we had with each other and between our new riders and our old boys.



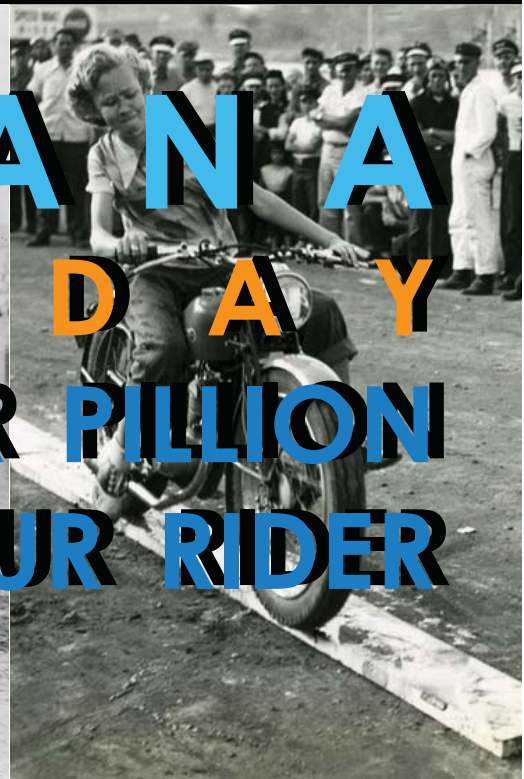
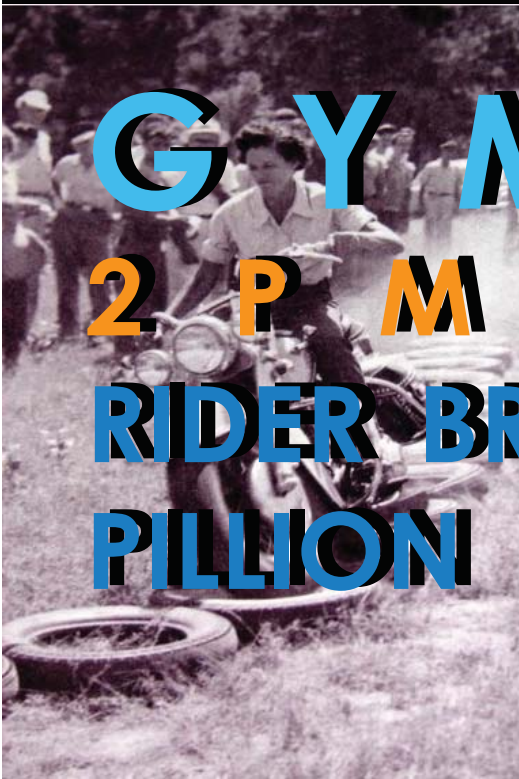
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On our way home we travelled back through Gloucester - stroud then on the high way through Raymond terrace then home. We had a day of great riding, weather and fellowship. Praise the Lord for his travelling mercies, see you all at the national.

⚡⚡⚡ GLENN AND CHERYL ⚡⚡⚡  



G Y M K H A N A
2 P M S U N D A Y
RIDER BRING YOUR PILLION
PILLION BRING YOUR RIDER



September Report from the Illawarra Rides

Hi everyone.

September was a little slow for the Illawarra group except 3 of us made it up to Dorrigo for the Half-Way Rally.

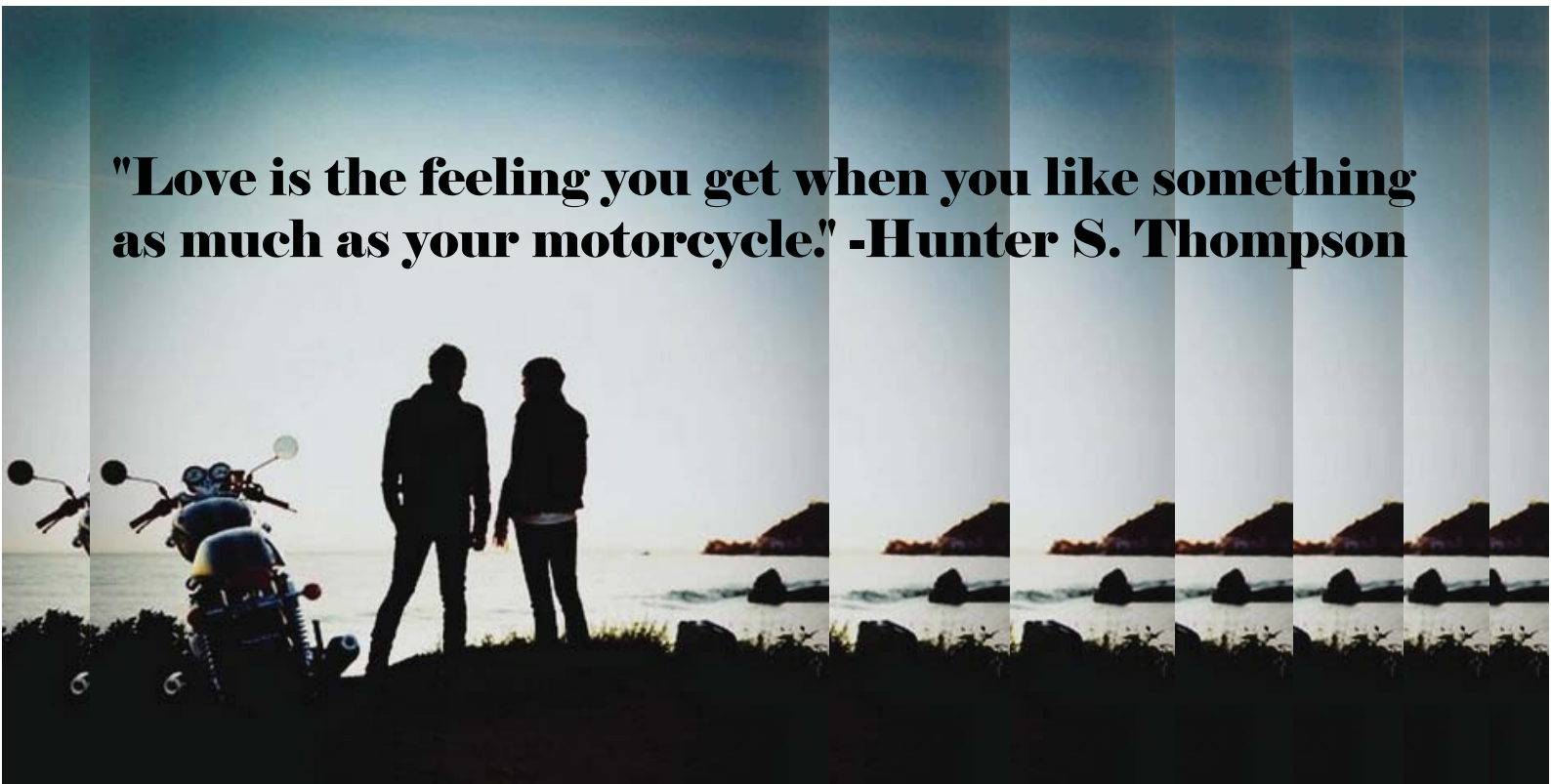
Grahame Bertram and Greg Rees left early Friday morning, and Pam & Terry found them having breakfast at Pennant Hills Maccas. They visited the Motorcycle museum at Nabiac on Friday afternoon, then met up with the rest of us on Saturday at a café on the main street of Dorrigo.

Sorry to say that Terry Beavan is still without a bike and in a little pain from the broken ribs. Terry and Pam had a lovely drive up on Friday arriving at Tallawalla Bed & Breakfast late afternoon. They were greeted very warmly by Dianne and Paul. We had a great time staying there and wished we could have stayed longer.

Communion on the Hill was well attended with sunny skies. We had the privilege of having Braam giving the message for communion.

I would like to welcome 2 new members to CMA. Sven Barter from Shellharbour and Rodney Osbourne from Albion Park. Praying that you will enjoy riding with us and that we can encourage you both in your daily walk with God and your Christian ministries.

"Love is the feeling you get when you like something as much as your motorcycle." -Hunter S. Thompson





Catching up with QLD

Thank you to all who made the trip to Maryborough for our AGM. It was an excellent turn out. So much so it caused some delays getting fed at the pub for lunch! Also with changes to the facility at the Wallace Caravan Park /Motel we hastily convened under the awning of the motel rooms. Less than ideal but we managed all the same. Thanks to Kevin we will have a better venue next year at Homestead Christian Fellowship, Burrum Heads. More details in due course.



A great time of fellowship and harmony during the "business" of the AGM with people willing to continue their roles. Thanks to Jen for taking up the Ladies coordinator role.

It was great to have our National Coordinator Lisa with us for the meeting. I know she loves spending time with as many of our members as she can getting to know people better. Thank you one and all for supporting not just me in my role as President, but for the support shown to all the committee members and area ride coordinators etc.

My prayer is that we will as an organisation continue to grow in Christ going and doing as He leads.

We hosted the 3rd annual Combined Christian Bikers Dinner on 30th August. Over 90 attendees heard reports from all the groups. A fine meal was supplied and plans made for another Dinner in 2015 hosted by Bikers For Christ.



We attended a half way meet with some of our NSW crew at Dorrigo in September. It was a good "warm up" for the National Run at the end of October.

For those interested in doing Ministry Training, thanks to Doodles in NSW these are now available on line. Go to the National CMA web page on the right lower side click the International Training link or go direct to

http://cmaaus.org/wp/?page_id=79 .

Keep on Riding for the SON.

Chris



QLD Challenge



Upon the recommendation of one of our members, Jennifer and I went along to see this movie and we are so glad that we did. Christian movies, these days, are becoming so much more professional. They are something that you can take other people to and are a great discussion starter. This one is no different. By the time you read this, you will probably have missed it in the cinema, so keep a look out for it on DVD. It is basically the story of a young guy who starts Uni with a lot of enthusiasm and high expectations, until he attends his first lecture at which the lecturer publically denounces Christianity, saying that God is dead, that he is going to start from that premise and go on from there. He wants everyone to write on a piece of paper that "God is dead" and sign it. This young guy refuses to do that and so the lecturer gives him time over the next three weeks to state his case.

Suddenly his whole world changes perspective and he finds himself having to defend his belief. His girlfriend (who is also a Christian) leaves him, his parents' advice is to just change classes and move on. He decides to defend his stance. It is a very interesting story with a couple of sub-plots running in parallel, all with the same theme.

I draw to your attention a couple of challenges that came to me and I trust that they cause us all to think about where we stand in this world.

The movie is all about standing up for

your faith. Matt 10:32-33 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

There is one scene where an old lady with dementia, who could not recognise anyone or speak, is being visited by her son, who is not a Christian. He says, out loud, why should I believe in God, when I have everything that I require to make my life almost perfect and you believe and look where it has gotten you. The mother replies, in what could only be described as God speaking through her, to say that so many people are being kept captive by Satan. He keeps them in a cell that is so comfortable that he doesn't even have to close the door. People have everything that they want but ultimately they are still being held captive. I think that the challenge for us is that there are so many Christians who are living such comfortable lives that they can't see the influence that Satan is having in this world.

We see the atrocities that are happening over in the Middle East and as much as I wouldn't wish that on anyone, I ask the question – How would the Australian Christians stand up for Jesus under those circumstances?

Isn't it time we got out of our comfort zone and attended to the mission that Jesus has for us? "To go into all the world and preach the gospel."

Neville



Treasurers Report

Well here we are something like 30 days out from the National Run.

Your treasurer is happy !

We have over 106 members booked in, beds allocated and name tags done !

We have the money in the bank and can meet our obligation to pay the camp site. Praise the Lord ! Bring it on !!

I will at this point announce that at the next AGM I will be standing down from the Treasurers position and from the Committee. I feel it's time to get some fresh blood up front to take CMA to where it needs to be in the coming years. The last 35 have been a little shaky at times but we have come through it all with God's grace. Time for you young ones to ramp it up and ride out to victory, defending truth, humility, and justice.

Go forth to perform awe-inspiring deeds. [Psalm 45:4]

Live life on the edge !!

Your humble servant

Kimbo

BIKERS LOVE

**Australian Combined Christian
Motorcycle Clubs & Associations
Triennial Conference Shailer Park QLD
27 - 29 March 2015
\$50 per head incl. Fri Dinner,
Conference Saturday and Sat night dinner
Details to follow in next edition.**

JESUS TOO!



CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION of CANADA

Pam and I Just arrived back from a 5 week trip to Canada. We went with our 5 year old grand daughter Layla to visit Pam's family, especially her dad and step mum who live in Halifax, Nova Scotia. While there, I was able to get in touch with the local CMA branch and they invited for coffee and then a bar-b-q dinner with a small group of CMAers. It was a great time of sharing and being able to hear of the ministry that they are involved in.



CANADA THE OTHER 8 MONTHS

It's a very busy time of year for bike riders in Canada as they are able to ride only 3 to 4 months of the year. If they are fortunate with the weather, maybe 5 months. Due to the short riding time, they are out most week-ends. Even though CMA Canada is independent, there are closely tied to CMA USA and often join up with them in combined rides.



Each year they have the "Ride for the Son", a fundraiser ride which is run the same as the CMA USA ride. The money raised supports their ongoing ministry, including a CMA chaplain. They employ a full time chaplain who travels the country with his young family.

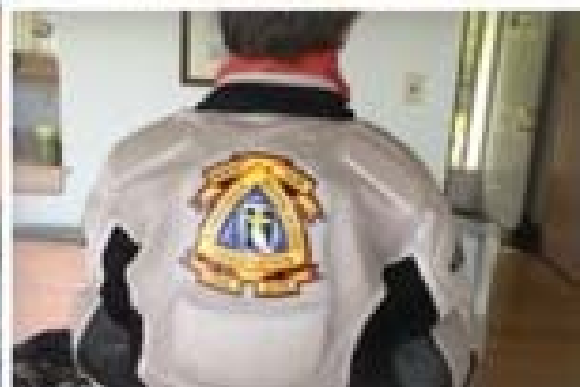
They don't pay an annual registration fee, but just ask for a donation each year. Because of the geographic size of Canada, they have similar difficulties as Australia with staying in touch with each other.



June 24, 2014: Members of the CMA Canada Scotian Christian Riders chapter of Nova Scotia and visitors from CMA Australia (New South Wales). Standing: Doug & Billie Beattie, Elaine Young, Pam Beavan (Australia). Sitting: Sarah & Brian Holmes, Terry Beavan & granddaughter.

With the help of Mr Dodds, I was able to take over some of our CMA caps and t-shirts which I had given to Bill when I had coffee with him. When Pam and I arrived at the bar-b-q, I thought it strange that they were all wearing t-shirts similar to ours in NSW. When I looked a little closer, I realised that they were wearing our NSW t-shirts. They said that they really liked them, and were impressed with the colour.

Below are photos of some of the CMA members. They love wearing their CMA gear.



Bikers Wow Residents at Dorrigo's MPS

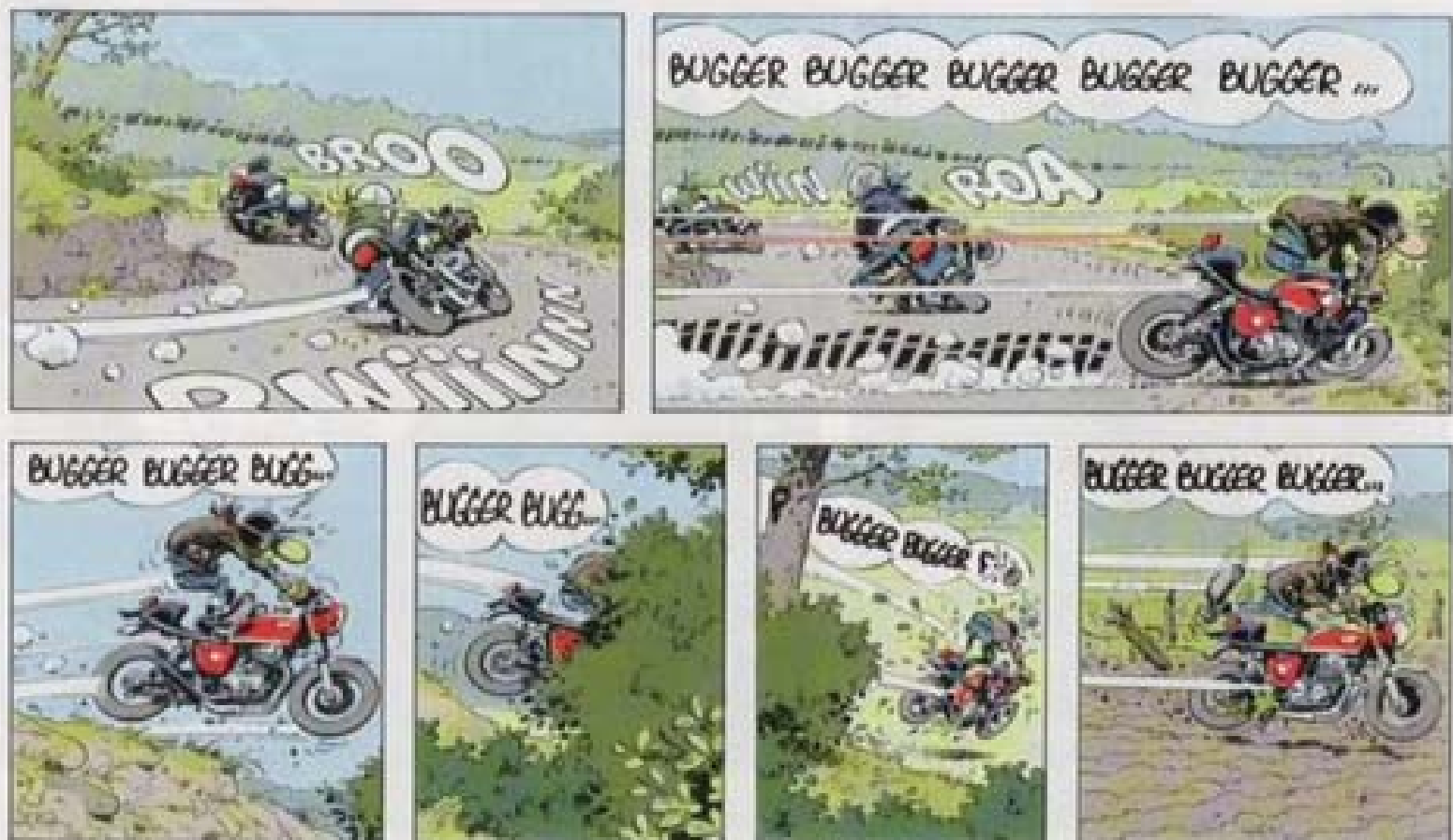
14th Sep 2014

When a BIG Harley Davidson and its European cousin roar into the dining room of an aged care facility you may well think: What is going on here? But that's exactly what happened last Saturday at Dorrigo's Multi Purpose Centre.

More than 15 members of the Christian Motorcyclists' Association were in town for a two day visit as guests of the town's Inter Church Council. Part of their agenda was a visit to the MPS where they anchored an impromptu service of worship, singing hymns with the oldies and wowing the residents. But not on the program was bringing two of their largest machines into the heart of the MPS.

The CMA members and their machines were quietly mobbed by residents eager to have hands on experience with the top of the range highway bikes. Council members said they were amazed at the response of residents and the down to earth relating skills of CMA members.

Week-end organiser, Di McDonald, said CMA members had come from centres across northern NSW and southern Queensland.

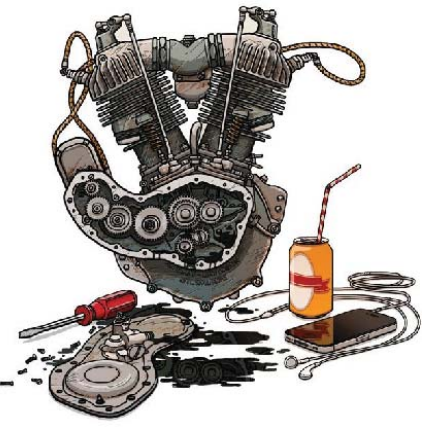


“They were welcomed at a reception on Friday night, hung out at Juan’s Cafe del Fuego (a vintage motorcycle museum and eating place for hundreds of motor cyclists each year) on Saturday morning and then rode to Bellingen for lunch.” she said. “Later that day they went to the MPS and were guests that night at a dinner hosted by Dorrigo Anglican Church.

“On Sunday the men led a community church service at Juan’s cafe before heading home during the afternoon. “Their visit was a great success and we look forward to them returning in the future.”

<http://www.dorrigoanglican-church.org.au/news>





HAITI WITH A HEART FOR MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE

Two Aussie CMAers land in Haiti and get joyfully picked up and trucked to Cobsamat orphanage: for one a homecoming, for the other a new experience. For both a new challenge!

21 Kids, a few adults, a bike and an almost trike.

The mission: to bring back to working order the two 'bikes' and teach the big boys how to maintain them.

Frustrations, laughs, hugs, achievement.... the few weeks pass quickly.

After the kids leave for school at 7am each day, Lisa spends her mornings in the garden, with Manmi Roslin and Polydor, tilling the earth, planting new seeds & sometimes picking beans or ochra for meals. Phil tries to start in the cool of the day in the container/depot sorting & organizing boxes and bags of a mélange of tools, nuts, screws, nails, clothes, needles, cement, conduit etc.



By the time the kids arrive home on the truck after 1pm they are hot & tired and ready for lunch: a large plate of rice or spaghetti with perhaps some beans or tinned fish or occasionally goat.

It's hot and sticky & the kids have homework to do, so later in the arvo Phil pulls various bits off the bikes & shows the boys how to clean and check and reassemble them.



Carburetor, fuel tank, tap & filter, spark plug and air cleaner all need major attention.... actually the air cleaner needs surgery. We could not find one to buy.... Conclusion: nobody changes air filters which is maybe one reason they told us they have to **change the oil every month!** That and the fact that there was a huge gap letting dust go straight into the filter.

Indicators, foot pegs, side stand seat were also in much need of attention also....well everything was really.

There was sludge and water in the float bowl & fuel tap plus metal in the oil filter (from third gear). Couldn't buy an oil filter either. Found out why when Phil pulled it apart: you clean it, not change it....a good idea in Haiti.

When we arrived two of the older boys, Maxene and Ishneider were quite sick but we are thankful to God that they are now much improved. Wilbert, the 'chef' of the Cobsamat committee is a doctor and took them to his house to care for them when they were really sick.

We were so well fed by Manmi Medina that I'm sure I didn't work it off, even with how hard I worked in the garden.

Some evenings we had time to play soccer or just relax with kids and staff. Loved kicking a ball around with the younger boys as the sun was setting.

Had lots of laughs with Jocasta as well. (An Aussie woman with a big heart for the kids living at Cobsamat).





Had lots of laughs with Jocasta as well. (An Aussie woman with a big heart for the kids living at Cobsamat) We even escaped to Gabbi's Restaurant a couple of times: three on the bike of course.

There was no food at the restaurant when we went but if you walked through the market, over the bridge and down the road you could buy the best Kentucky roadside cooked chicken and banana frittes & spicy coleslaw.

Dare I say, Gabbi **did** stock the local brew, Prestige, and of course, coke in tall glass bottles.

Mission Accomplished?

Yes, I believe so.

Hard?

Not really.

Hot and humid: did a lot of sweating!

No generator after about 1030- 11pm so very stifling to sleep, we ended up on the roof with a mossie net.

Cultural attitudes to prevention rather than cure were hard to overcome, especially when money is needed for food and clothes and medicines. But that is the reality of Haiti and you need to have a heart for it to live and work here.





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8-Nov
Operation Hope Ride & Fair for Tacloban @ <i>The Rock</i> <i>International Church</i> 08:30 - 16:00
16-Nov
Communion on the Cliff @ <i>Bald Hill Lookout</i> 14:00 - 15:00
12-Oct
Communion on the Cliff @ <i>Bald Hill Lookout</i> 14:00 - 15:00
28-Mar
Triennial Australian Christian Motorcycle Clubs & Associations Conference @ <i>Calvary Family</i>



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Christmas

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Never give up

7 DAYS TO GO

9 DAYS TO GO

If your not
Living on the Edge
your taking up
too much space

THE EDGE...
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TO EXPLAIN IT BECAUSE THE
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Psalm 66:12