

YORK TORQUE



Tales from Cairns, the Tablelands and Beyond

October 2013

From the Director's Seat

Hi Fellow CYHOG's,

What a blur the past few months have been. Thought I'd better put some words on paper before our Editor strangles me! Sorry Rebecca, every time I sit down to write some words of wisdom poof—they disappear.

- Last month I dragged half the Committee on a roadtrip from Los Angeles to New York. Along with our previous Long Way From Home riders (my sister & brother-in-law), Delma & I were joined on this trip by Grub & Sam Molloy and Mal & Shaz Blythe. What a blast! Over 8000km—great weather, great roads & scenery, and the friendly American people. Riding Harleys down Madison Ave in New York is one of the highlights!
- Arrived back in Cairns to the soft opening of the new Harley Magic shop—congratulations to Wayne & Rhonda on this exciting step. We all understand it's been a long and expensive road they've been down to get there, but I'm sure it will be a huge success for them. If you haven't been down to Sheridan St yet, do yourself a favour—it's brilliant!
- And while you are there, check out the customer/Cape York HOG area! Fridge, coffee machine, huge table & chairs—and it can be closed off from the rest of the shop for our use after-hours. Finally a place where the Chapter can hold meetings, BBQs, etc! From now on, **ALL** rides will depart from here @ Harley Magic. Whenever possible, please use the angled parking spaces under the front awning for your bikes, rather than the regular car park bays.
- There have been some great rides over the past few months—all well attended. Thanks to JR (and Suewelyn) for a varied Activities schedule, and the Road Captains for leading/organizing the rides. Keep your eye on the online Calendar and website for upcoming Activities.
- Being on holiday unfortunately prevented us from attending the Townsville Chapter Challenge (again), but I understand a great time was had by all who attended and represented Cape York. Speaking of Chapter Challenges, you will all have seen the flyer and registration form for our own Xmas Party & Chapter Challenge to be held at the Showgrounds at the end of this month. A big thank you to all those who attended the first-ever meeting at the new "Club House", to help get things coordinated. Please get your registrations in ASAP, so that we can finalize numbers for catering etc. And don't forget we need to win back the Challenge Trophy from Townsville!
- This week Doug Williamson, Qld Regional Director, Kim Williams from HD-HOG and her Events team visited Cairns again. This time to really get the ball rolling for next year's National Rally. With Head Road Captain, "Big" Steve leading the way, the general route of the Thunder Run was ridden and agreed on. Again thanks to those many members who attended the information/volunteers meeting at the 'club house' last Monday night where Wayne & Rhonda gave a brief tour of the new facilities, and Kim discussed the many aspects of the Rally that will require co-ordination and liaison with the Cape York Chapter volunteers.
- Once we are past our Xmas Party & Chapter Challenge, a Rally Sub-Committee will be formed to co-ordinate with HD-HOG. This is likely to be one of the most popular and biggest National Rally's ever, with at least 1500 bikes expected. Ours is only a relatively small Chapter and we will need all hands on deck when volunteers are called for but it will still be a fantastic Rally for us all. I have also been made to appreciate the camaraderie of the HOG brotherhood — I have recently been contacted by the Directors of the Townsville and Mackay Chapters, both who have kindly offered whatever assistance we might need during the event (which I gratefully accepted!)

Anyway, that's enough from me for the moment.....

Ride Safe & Have Fun

Stephen '2BEERS' Tobias



Delma & 2Beers, Mal & Shaz and Grub & Sam

Dawn Raid

As the sun rose and the alarm sounded, I woke to the thought of riding through cane fields and rain forest to our breakfast destination, the High Falls Farm Restaurant at Miallo. Excitement mounted as I realised we were departing from Wayne & Rhonda's brand new facility "Harley Magic" in Sheridan Street for the very first time! I also was looking forward to showing off the HOG clubhouse to the attendees, but alas the security card would not work and then my saviour 2Beers arrived to save my butt from embarrassment. But alas, his security card would not work either and our first thoughts were, Magic had set us up! Apparently the security cards needed to be re-coded!

15 riders and 3pillions arrived to enjoy a fantastic spring ride heading north along the coast. Shooter and Krissy were waiting at the Cove, as we cruised by we made our way to Temptations Café in Mossman (I hear you say, another coffee stop!) A member for 1 year but hadn't ridden with the club was waiting at the café, his name is Paul "Lucky" Devine and apparently his nickname "Lucky" came about by surviving a kangaroo attack. He also resides in Palmer River, which meant he left in the dark to meet us for the Dawn Raid, brave man on his custom 883 Iron sportster. Also new on the run was Russell "Hilley" Hill and his friend Tracey on her first ride on a Fatbob. Glen "Undertaker" Gannon had a special friend Annie along as well. Another first time rider was Dave "Ando" Anderson on his 98 Road King. Welcome to all the new Dawn Raiders, Lucky, Ando, Steve "Stevo" Ryan and Jimbo "Bowser" Kiss. Thanks to all the members and pillions for making the Dawn Raid so enjoyable. We had 18 riders and 3 pillions which is a record for a Dawn Raid, well done to all.

Crack and Blue are on notice as they arrived late at Harley Magic, apparently Crack forgot to fill up. JR can you have a talk to him please! Also Geoffro turned up at the old departure point BP South as he didn't read the updated email correctly. Just a reminder on behalf of JR that all rides depart from Harley Magic from now on. However keep in mind that there is no fuel there!

Looking forward to the Christmas Dawn Raid which requires all riders and pillions to wear red, white or green to get in the Christmas spirit!

"Ride On" Squadron Leader Chopper

EL ARISH

Hi everyone, on Sunday 8th Sept, Dan organised a ride to El Arish. We left Cairns at 8:30am and headed to Innisfail with quite a few members, under the threat of some dark clouds. The weather held out for us for the enjoyable blast down the Bruce to the Coffee Club.

After a brief smoko we headed to El Arish via South Johnstone and Silkwood. Unfortunately the weather gods were not that kind to us as we encountered all the different types of rain possible including heavy, light, horizontal, and the worst of all, stinging rain! The rain stopped just before we got to the El Arish pub, giving us a bit of time to dry out before lunch.

Lunch at the pub was great. The atmosphere was welcoming, and like a lot of these little pubs in our area, they were pleased to see us. The ride home was a bit blowy, but all in all, a great time was had by all, and isn't that what it's all about.

Congratulations JR and Suewelyn, keep up the good work.

Mal (Bugga), wet and happy Road Captain.

Townsville Chapter Challenge

Unfortunately no report from the October long weekend trip to Townsville. However from speaking to members who attended, it was a great weekend.

Sadly our Chapter did not win the Chapter Challenge so, **COME ON CAPE YORK MEMBERS**, lets win the trophy back at our Xmas Party/Chapter Challenge.

We can do it!

Mountainview Hotel Dinner Ride

Saturday 21st Sept, we departed BP North at 5 pm for a further pickup at BP South. There were 12 bikes, pillions and 1 car (Ed & Bec).

Road Captain, Big Steve, took us down the Bruce Hwy, through Edmonton and turning right into Draper Rd. This took us through the back streets of Gordonvale (the neighbourhood loved us!) and bringing us out on the Gillies Hwy. From there it was only a short way to the Mountainview.

We all enjoyed a good feed, lots of conversation and laughs.

Photos are on the website and don't ask why Undertaker has his hand in a bucket of ice!!

CAPE TRIBULATION

13 October 2013

ROAD CAPTAIN.....Geoffro

Tail End Charlie.....Ron Clarke

Hi fellow members,

I would like to thank all you Hogs who joined me on my first road captains adventure.

It was pleasing to see around 20 of us assemble at BP North before heading north up the Captain Cook Hwy. The weather was absolutely picture perfect and was matched only by the magnificent scenery we admired as we meandered up the coast towards Mossman. How lucky we are to live in TNQ surrounded by such fantastic places to ride.

Our first scheduled stop was at Daintree Village where we had smoko at the Village restaurant 'Home of fine food in the Daintree'. The friendly management and staff were expecting us and provided us with great food, coffee and service. Smoko went down pretty well with no complaints. They want us to come back. After smoko we headed off towards our final destination.

What another wonderful place to ride. Up the Cape Trib road, through magnificent World Heritage rainforests crossing crystal clear waterways along the way. We arrived at our destination, PK's Jungle Village Cape Trib, right on lunch time. What a great place to have lunch, maybe an overnigher? Lunch was pretty good with freshly cooked hot food, good friends, icy cold beer and lots of nice backpackers.

After lunch we mounted up and headed for home. Back through the rainforest where some of us got a bit of a fright from a large pig and a few piglets along the side of the road and then darting across the road back into the rainforest on the other side while travelling at 100kms!

Next stop was the ferry crossing and this time we managed to fit on the ferry altogether. Some bikes were low on fuel so we stopped at Wonga Beach servo for those who needed fuel, we then mounted and headed for Cairns after a very enjoyable incident free ride.

Thanks to all those who came on the ride and I look forward to joining you all on more rides in the future.

Cheers Geoffro.

Garage Party @ Harley Magic

A Ladies Only Garage Party was held on Thursday October 10th at the new Harley Magic shop on Sheridan Street. 25 ladies rocked up, fantastic! The evening provided us with lots of information on maintaining your bike from Niko the Mechanic, wearing correct clothing (helmet, pants, jackets, gloves, etc.) from Tim at Sales and keeping your bike looking shiny from Joel in Parts Sales.

Thanks Rhonda, Harley Magic General Manager and Niko, Tim & Joel for a great evening.

Upcoming Rides & Events

Check the website for any changes: www.capeyork-hog.com.au

•17th November **SNAKES & LADDERS / GENERAL MEETING RIDE**

Leave Harley Magic @ 8:30am \$5 per player Please RSVP for refreshments
activities@capeyork-hog.com.au

•23rd November **CURRAJAH HOTEL BIKE SHOW & SHINE**

Leave Harley Magic @ 11am Road Captain Blue

•30th Nov/1st Dec **XMAS PARTY/CHAPTER CHALLENGE**

Cairns Showgrounds Registrations close 16th Nov. \$60 pp Volunteers needed

•7th December **DEMO DAY @ Harley Magic**

•8th December **4 RANGES RIDE**

Leave Harley Magic Time and Road Captain to be advised

•15th December **CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ SPEEWAH TAVERN**

12pm Please RSVP for catering activities@capeyork-hog.com.au

•22nd December **DAWN RAID**

Road Captain Chopper More info to come

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Catch up on Bits & Tips, Announcements, Upcoming Rallies, Links and Photos of all rides on our website.

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