

# YORK TORQUE



YEARS OF FREEDOM



# NOVEMBER 2014





## **From** **The Director's Chair:**

### Demo Day Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October:

Firstly I'd like to thank all those that put up their hand and volunteered for DEMO DAY. Your help was invaluable and I know Rhonda & Wayne really appreciated it. A bit unfortunate that the Townsville Chapter Challenge was the same weekend.

### Rockers:

- For past- and ex-Chapter Officers/Committee members from previous years, we are putting in an order for new rockers. If you would like a "PAST OFFICER" rocker for your vest/jacket, please let me know ASAP.
- While on the subject of patches, if you are NOT a current (2013-2014) Cape York Chapter Officer or Road Captain, please remove the old rocker from your vest/jacket. It avoids confusion – especially for new members, and those from other Chapters.

### Cairns to Melbourne December 2014:

*Do you feel like a "short" Harley ride from Cairns to Melbourne in late December?*

*Delma and I are leaving Cairns on about 27<sup>th</sup> December, to be in Melbourne for New Year's Eve. If anyone would like to join us on this 4-5 day road trip, be it just a few days of the journey, or the whole way, let us know – we would love the company!*

*Our plan is then to leave the Harley in Melbourne for a few weeks, and then ride NORTH to the National Rally at Tamworth at the end of Feb, to meet the rest of the Cape York Rally'ers).*

Keep your eyes open for emails and on the online Calendar for upcoming rides and Activities – thanks to Suewelyn (and her sidekick JR) for keeping our weekends busy!!!

Keep Riding and have Fun doing it!

Cheers



Stephen Tobias  
Director Cape York HOG



## SPONSORING DEALERS

## REPORT

For the 2015 Model Year of Harley-Davidson we will have a new Learner Approved Motorcycle namely the "Street 500". It will be available in gloss black, denim black or dark red. We hope to be selling this bike in January 2015 for approximately \$12,000 ride away. We have already taken a deposit on the first one available which is a good sign. The bike is good looking and technically innovative. It is a V Twin with water cooling and 4 valves per cylinder as well as fuel injection. Harley-Davidson already has a good range of bolt on accessories for this bike so people will be able to design their own custom with wheels, paint, chrome and other items such as carriers.

While we were at the Summer Dealer meeting held in Nashville I had the honour of being one of 15 Australian Dealers to take the Electric Harley-Davidson for a test ride. It is called the "Live Wire" and is a complete departure from anything Harley-Davidson has ever done. What impressed me about the ride was the absence of a clutch or gears. It creates a whirring sound similar to a jet engine when underway, and it has amazing torque from very slow speed. It is quick it is easily as fast as a V Rod and nimble like a Buell. They have built 34 for testing and evaluation and have been receiving surprisingly good feedback from all test riders.

The rest of the Harley-Davidson range remains stable, but the factory has been refining the core models and the improvements really matter. We are aiming as a 4% increase in new bike sales so I hope you come in and help us achieve target by buying a new toy for the stable.

Yours in Motorcycling



Wayne & Rhonda Leonard



# HOG Cape York Chapter Inc.



## General Meeting Minutes

**21st August 2014 9am @ Harley Magic**

**Attendees:** Members: Terry Dunne, Mike & Anne Willmot, Giles Farnham, Paul Noble, Darren Tabone, Geoffro, Rhonda Leonard, Peter McCormack, Shane Trimby, Wayne Leonard, Marney Mynott, Stephen Lavis, Ed Porter, Bob Ison, Peta Ison, Rob Jones, Terry Fox, Scott Rushworth, John Humly, Todd McMahon, Delma Tobias, Grub Molley, Sam Molley, Sharon Blythe, JR, Suewelyn, Steve Tobias. Non Members: Peter Jeansson, Paula Illiceys, Margaret McMahon

**Apologies:** Liz, Mal, Bec, Joe Moretto

The meeting was opened at 9am by the director who welcomed all attendees, members new and existing and non-members.

**Treasurers Report:** August cash flow

	'Previous Month'	'Current Month'
Opening Balance	\$7,817.4	\$10,126.45
Income	\$3,903.60	\$1,288
Expenditure	\$1,594.55	\$691.91
Closing Balance	\$10,126.45	\$10,722.54

**Editor:** Nothing to report

**Membership Officer:** Membership increased by two.

**Photographer:** Nothing to report

**Activities Officer:** All activities are emailed to members but there have been some that are bouncing back. Sam has updated the membership register with new emails and sent to activities so they should stop bouncing in the future.

**Webmaster:** Online calendar is on the website for all to access and is updated regularly.

**Safety Officer:** Looking at rider training in May 2015, advanced cornering and breaking. This is offered by stay upright at the Mako track in Mareeba. This has been well attended in the past and is open to old and new members, even as a refresher for members who have attended in the past. Stay upright usually offers a discount depending on the numbers and the club has subsidised and will subsidise future training as it is highly recommended.

Chopper informed the meeting that as the safety officer before each monthly club ride he will have a sentence on safety, nothing too cumbersome just a reminder. This month is a reminder on your tyres, the pressure and wear. Especially for riders who don't ride often but everybody should do a quick check before riding.

If any person has any input into rider safety they are more than welcome to have a chat, privately or at the meeting.

**Wayne Leonard:** Mentioned Harley Magic is on target for sales. He and Rhonda went to the annual Harley meeting recently and Wayne was invited to ride the electric Harley.

Free rider (3 wheeler) that Harley manufacture will not be coming to Australia, as Australian regulations require a test for rollover but Harley adamant they do not roll over.

Jan/Feb 2015 Harley will introduce the Street 500, retail \$11-12,000. Learner approved, manufactured in India but assembled in the US. Release 1500 in first year.

**Director:** X-mas party/chapter challenge is happening at the showgrounds Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Asking for expressions of interest for subcommittee. Good to have other faces involved, with catering, bike games/ setup and set down. It was suggested that with the registration form maybe adding a box so those that wish to volunteer can do so on registration.

Townsville chapter challenge there is roughly 15 going down. Keep an eye out in your emails for more details so everyone can ride together.

Demo day same Saturday as Townsville so anyone who is not going down and can lend a hand on the day will be appreciated. Need road captains for the rides and others for licence checks and breathalyser. Show of hands by members who can help, need to email Big Steve so he is able to put together roster. Volunteers



included; Peter Mac, Chopper, Terry and Shane Trimby. Female volunteers to help Rhonda included Sam, Annie and Kylie. Monday before need riders to break the bikes in, Wayne to liaise with Tim re times and list of volunteers.

National rally to Tamworth 2015, Shooter is putting together route and at this stage

1 night in Charters Towers, 2 nights in Longreach and get to Tamworth on the Thursday before the rally. More information closer to event. 2Beers also welcomed people to ride to Charters towers if can't make it all the way to Tamworth.

**General Business:** Mackay Trip trophy is in club house. More information on the Mackay ride will be in the newsletter.

Ed stated that the club should subsidise attendees to the HOT training in Sydney and director stated that this has been discussed and with reduction in costs due to JR and Suewelyn staying with friends and Darren and Kylie have cheap airfares the cost should be minimal and the club is prepared to cover some or most of the cost.

18<sup>th</sup> October has been scheduled for the rally volunteer's night with \$1,000 being donated by Harley and \$1,000 by Harley Magic. There will be a nominal charge for partners (non-volunteers) for volunteers. More details to come closer to the event.

The advanced cornering and braking training as mentioned before cost was \$385 with stay upright discounting it to \$350 and the last event the club subsidised an additional \$100. It was also mentioned that it is worthwhile for pillions.

X-mas party help would be appreciated and Suewelyn asked for donations of any kind as a silent auction will be held. This was done by Townsville some years ago as was successful.

Chopper suggested that as this club is about riding bikes and having fun if you have a nickname we should address people by their nicknames and we can have name patches made up. Have fun!

9.40am meeting was closed.



# Meeting Ride to Herberton.

\*\*\* 21 September 2014\*\*\*



Preceded by General Meeting @ Harley Magic 9am

Departed Harley Magic 10am

Coffee @ Lake Eacham Roadhouse/Café, via the Gillies Range

Lunch @ Royal Hotel Herberton, via Malanda & Gentle Annie.

It's in the numbers:

#32 The number of members who attended the General Meeting

#21 The number of Motorcycles on the ride to Herberton

#138 Kilometres ridden to Herberton, via Gillies & Gentle Annie



#26 Number of members at lunch at Royal Herberton Hotel

#100 Kilometres ridden back to Cairns, via Mareeba & Kuranda

Special mentions & highlights:

- Marney's first solo ride up the Gillies Highway
- Marney also displayed her off-road skills, while negotiating a roadwork's site.
- Wayne & Rhonda attended the meeting, ride and lunch – thanks for your company.
- Rob Phillips came on his first ride as a guest, and was a member by the end of the day!



# MACKAY CANEFIELD

## BASH 14



Sometimes, there are sacrifices you just have to make! On Friday 15th August, two groups of Cape York HOGs took a day off work (what a bugger!!) to assemble at Harley Magic before heading off to the annual Canefields Bash - Mackay HOG's chapter challenge. Departing before & after lunch, the groups made their way south, planning on overnighting together at Ayr. Being part of the latter group, I can report that things went relatively smoothly until the fuel stop at Townsville, at which point it got dark quickly, and the rain started. This made the remaining ride to Ayr quite challenging - note to self - don't ride directly in front of (or behind) Steve "LED Lamps" Lavis if you want to retain night-vision!! Arriving at our motel, everyone headed to the Ayr RSL for dinner and a few Friday evening drinks.

Saturday morning dawned overcast, but the road remained dry for our ride from Ayr to Mackay, with breakfast at the Bowen roadhouse. After a largely uneventful ride, we checked in at our accommodation (the salubrious Shakespeare Motel), and promptly rode onto Brothers (hosting the Canefields Bash) to register.

Credit must go to the Bash Committee, who must have thought that they had walked under a dozen ladders and broken as many mirrors - not only had the rain reduced the site of their proposed Bike Games to a slushy (and hazardous) puddle, but power to the Clubhouse was lost - resulting in the hot lunch getting cold, and the drinks at the bar getting warm! But the Mackay HOGs quickly put together a program of "non-Bike Games", which challenged the competitors, and thoroughly entertained the spectators. Speaking of misfortune, the Cape York HOGs were desperately unlucky in (or unprepared for) these alternate games, and we were unable to win any of them despite our gallant efforts!

As power was restored, and the light faded, the entertainment continued - with music, drinks and a unique 3-way campfire-lighting race. Into the evening, dinner was served and the various awards made. The overall Chapter Challenge was taken out by Central Highlands - our own solitary award was a "Thanks for coming" plaque, being a special occasion - MADHOG's 25th anniversary.

Sunday morning we arose early to a brilliant cloudless sky, eager to be on our way back north. After a quick breakfast at Brothers & goodbye to the Mackay HOG's, we skirted around the town via the bypass and pointed the Harley Davidsons in the homeward direction. The 700-odd km journey was largely uneventful, with refuelling stops at Bowen, Townsville & Cardwell.

In short - a great weekend - spent with fellow HOGs, and looking forward to the Townsville Chapter Challenge in October, and our own Xmas Party/Challenge at the end of November.

Stephen 2Beers  
Road Captain





# *Cape York Chapter Challenge 2014.*



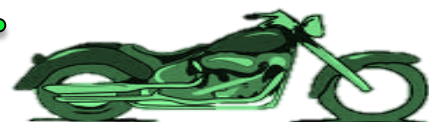
*29-30<sup>th</sup> November.*

*CAIRNS SHOWGROUNDS*

*NO TALENT NIGHT.*

*MONSTER RAFFLE.*

*CHAPTER GAMES.*



✓ *GATES OPEN @9AM SATURDAY.*

✓ *BBQ- LUCNH*

✓ *LICENCED BAR*

✓ *SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER.*

✓ *JUKE BOX*

✓ *SUNDAY BREKKIE.*

✓ *\$80.P/P*

✓ *RSVP 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV 14*

✓ *treasurer@capeyork-hog.com.au*

*FUN AND LAUGHTER GALORE.*



# *Kurrimine Beach Ride*

12th Oct 2014



A beautiful Sunday morning greeted about 18 to 20 riders of us at Harley Magic.

After a short briefing about the plans for the day ahead 2 beers volunteered for T E C duties, we head of south for ETTY Bay. We picked up Bowser at Edmonton where he was waiting with a full tank of juice. A bit further down the track we picked up Rushy who was patiently waiting at the Aloomba turn off.

A short distance past Deeral we turned down Harvey Creek road for a picturesque ride through farmland, down over the Harvey Creek swimming hole and then back out onto the highway at Bellenden Ker, on to ETTY Bay one of my favourite places in Tropical North Queensland. What a wonderful sight winding our way down to the bay. We had a coffee break at the kiosk where they were expecting about 20 of us.

After our break, we headed off again to our final destination via South Johnston, Mena Creek, Japoonvale and Silkwood across the Bruce Hwy then onto King Reef Hotel, where we arrived right on lunchtime.

After a few drinks and a tasty lunch we headed off for home, arriving in time to watch plenty of what was left happening at Bathurst.

Many thanks, to all who turned up for the ride on such an important day for many when the Bathurst races were on.

Road Captain

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# " DAWN RAID "

A Squadron of committed Dawn Raiders departed Harley Magic for the Scenic Lookout on Lake Morris road. After enjoying the view of Green Island and the Cairns Inlet the group departed in formation of course, heading South via back roads through Gordonvale & Aloomba with our breakfast destination FJ'S cafe at Babinda.

Fellow Hogs enjoyed copious amounts of eggs, lashes of crispy bacon and golden toasted bread, except for our head honcho 2Beers who enjoyed a baby omelette for reasons only he can explain.

The journey home included a scenic ride through the backblocks of Edmonton, where the group thought our final destination would be the Coffee Club on the Nard for you know what!!! But our fearless leader 2Beers wanted something different to wash down his breaky and we ended up at the Bavarian Beer house at 11am for a cleansing handle of you know what !!! He decreed that all Dawn Raids should finish here, and there were no objections!

Thanks to all who came along, the Raiders club lives on !

See you on the next Dawn Raid.

Squadron Leader Chopper.

# ΥΣΑΦΕΤΨ

## ΟΦΦΙΧΕΡΣ

### ΡΕΠΟΡΤΥ

As Safety Officer, i would like to make members aware of the importance of safety while group riding. As enjoyable as it is riding with mates, we all need to understand the potential hazards that come with it.

I think the most important issue is to ride with a 2 second gap between you and the rider in front of you. This will enable you to take evasive action or an area for braking if required. Also if riding in rain allow a 4 second gap, and carry appropriate wet weather gear helps, with the wet season coming soon!

More about group riding next issue.



Something else to consider is tyre pressure and wear which can be easily overlooked if not riding regularly. Also, regular servicing can detect potential issues with reliability.

This report is not about blaming or witch hunting, it's all about safety awareness!

If anyone has contributions on safety they would like to share with members you can contact me on 0408066024 or [sales@choppersmotorcycles.com.au](mailto:sales@choppersmotorcycles.com.au).

"Stay Safe"



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

*If you would like to contribute to the newsletter,*

*Please email JR:*

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*If you have any suggestions for rides, please email Big Steve:*

*If you have any suggestion for activities, please email Suewelyn:*

*[activities@capeyorkhog.com.au](mailto:activities@capeyorkhog.com.au)*

Chopper.

**15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

**BBQ & DRINKS @ HARLEY**

**MAGIC 4PM TILL LATE**

**29-30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**UPCOMING EVENTS.....**

**12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**BBQ NIGHT @ HARLEY MAGIC 6: 30PM**

**14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**JR'S CHRISTMAS RIDE**

**Dress in Christmas attire**

**19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**DRINKS NIGHT @HARLEY MAGIC. 6:30PM**