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From the Secretary

Hi everyone,

Finally after all the rain we have some fantastic riding weather, and no doubt we will all be out and about making the most of it.

Most of my HOG time this month has been taken up with organising and promoting the Cystic Fibrosis charity ride to Port Douglas on Sunday, 4th June. Ron Clarke and Ralph put in a huge effort for this event and it was a great success. The plan is to do it bigger and better next year. Thanks to all those who attended the meeting at Cummins-Nerco prior to the ride, and also to those riders who turned up for the Radio 99.5 SEA FM live morning broadcasts and helped deliver the CF Jeannosity Day packages - events are certainly a lot easier to organise when everyone contributes.

The overnight ride to Cardwell on 6th and 7th May to participate in the Cardwell Coral Sea Memorial weekend was well attended again this year. We all had a great time, despite the kidnapping of the two little pigs.

We have just returned from the State Rally in Townsville and had a fantastic time. It seems that each rally we attend becomes bigger and better. Unfortunately, the weather was terrible on Friday for the ride from Cairns to Townsville and we all arrived soaking wet. Saturday was still raining, but it certainly didn't dampen our spirits. A group of us went on the Poker Run with the weather being kind and the rain holding off. Saturday night at the rally was a real hoot and I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves. By this time the rain had cleared and the weather was perfect, but very cool. It stayed that way for the return ride home on Monday. We had a chance to catch up with some old friends and make some new ones. Grub and Sam (a.k.a. Graeme and Samantha) rode their new Low Rider to the rally (their first rally) which is always exciting. It was also the first rally attended by Steve Edwards, Peter and Deborah, Butch and Margaret, Greg and Jane, Ross and Marlene, and Fred and Tina. I'm sure they will all enjoy many more. All in all a great weekend and Townsville Chapter are to be congratulated on the organisation.

Until next time - keep the shiny side up.

SHARRYN CREMER
Secretary

"Shaper of Iron - Wind sculpts mountains and changes the features of the land. In the same way, it shapes Harley-Davidson motorcycles."

DIRECTORS REPORT

The past month or so has been very busy with plans, meetings and all the things involved in our fundraising event for the Cystic Fibrosis Association. A big vote of thanks must go to Ron and Ralph for their efforts and to those who volunteered for the early morning rides with the Radio Station to promote and sell pillion seats for the ride to Port Douglas.

A good turnout on Sunday morning in the park showed that our members have the right community spirit, helping out those less fortunate than ourselves. Once again, thanks to all.

Unfortunately Rebecca and I could not make it to the State Rally but from all accounts a good time was had by all, next year we'll be there !!

What a great ride to Palmer River Roadhouse, excellent weather and plenty of cow pats to dodge. Sadly for Garth he didn't make it all the way due to an unplanned meeting with a wayward cow, thankfully he was not badly hurt but the Glide didn't fare so well,

but as they say in the classics - you can always replace your bike.

All those who assisted Garth did a great job in arranging for both him and the bike to be transported back to Cairns.

Cardwell Coral Sea Memorial day ride was well attended and the Saturday Night entertainment at the Fish and Chip shop was a real treat, everyone had a ball out on the footpath either enticing or deterring anyone who was game enough to go near the place.

They sell really good CRAB sangas and the owner to a definite liking to Ralph C. I am sure that it was the smile (hers) that did it.

Although the Darwin Rally has been cancelled we are still going there for the July weekend before heading off to Broome and Kununurra.

The Darwin Chapter may organize an overnigher to Katherine then ride back on Saturday for the Demo rides at Dynacycle.

If anyone is interested in joining us for the trip please contact me - doesn't matter which Chapter you're from everybody is welcome. Should be a good trip.

Until next time RIDE SAFE.

Ed.

Easy Riding

FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER

To date I have received only four completed Rider Training forms. I require these as soon as possible. The ratio of trainer to rider is approximately 1 : 6, so Queensland Transport need to now how many trainers to provide for the two weekends. Please get these forms to me as soon as possible

Following is the information on the training course. This course is currently subsidised by the Queensland Government, and reflects great value for money at \$4.00 per hour. Also, once gaining this training competency, you may be eligible to receive a discount from your insurance company.

Course No.	Time	Day	Dates
HOG	8.30 am - 5.00 pm	Sunday	25 th June 2000
	8.30 am - 5.00 pm	Sunday	2 nd July 2000

THE COURSE : Experienced instructors will spend a total of 15 hours over two days teaching you the skills you need to handle a bike under all conditions.

COST : \$58.00 using your own bike
\$96.00 using a Department bike.
(Note : There are limited bikes available so first in best dressed.)

VENUE : Queensland Transport Customer Service, Kenny Street, Portsmith.

ENQUIRIES : Brian Hughes, Road Safety Consultant. Phone 4044 5375.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT : Helmet, jacket (may be denim), gloves, trousers, boots and eye protection.

To enrol, complete this form and hand it to Ralph Cremer, or fax to 4035 2909. On receipt of this form I will contact you regarding payment prior to commencing the course.

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Members will be eligible for a Safe Rider Skills Recognition in the form of a HOG Safe Rider Skills patch and pin upon the successful completion of this course.

Until next time, Safe Riding!

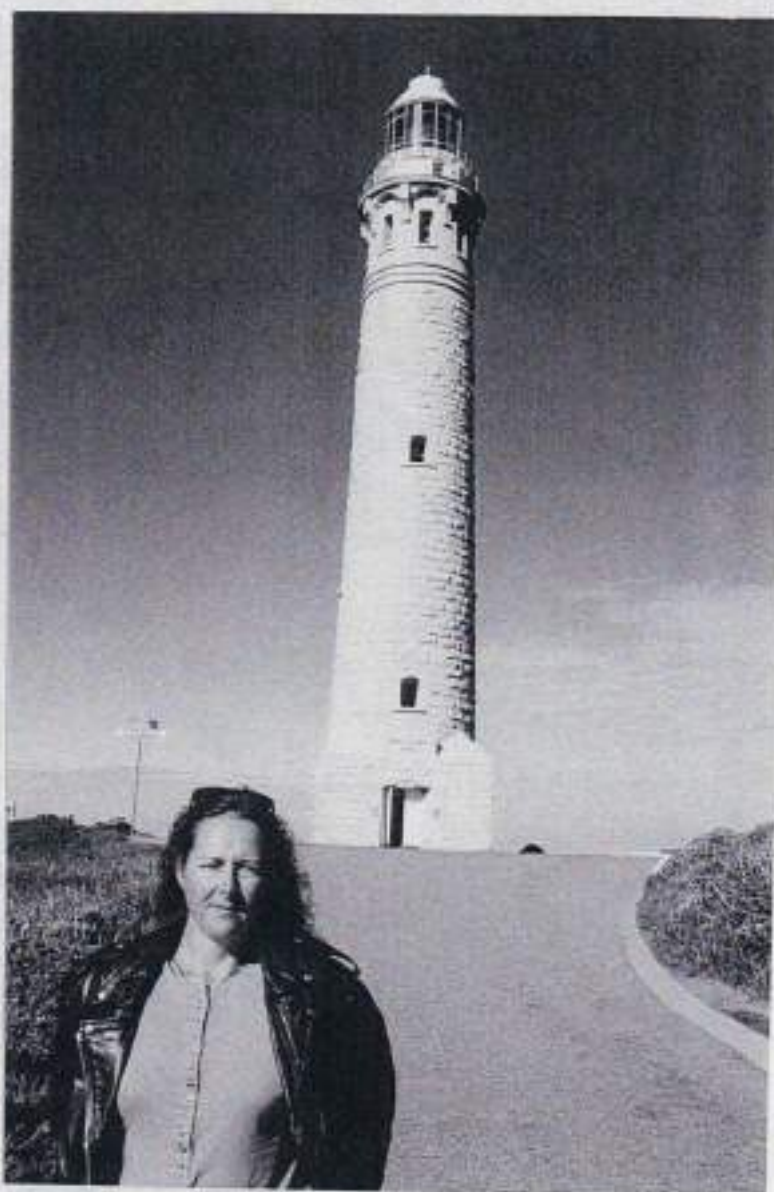
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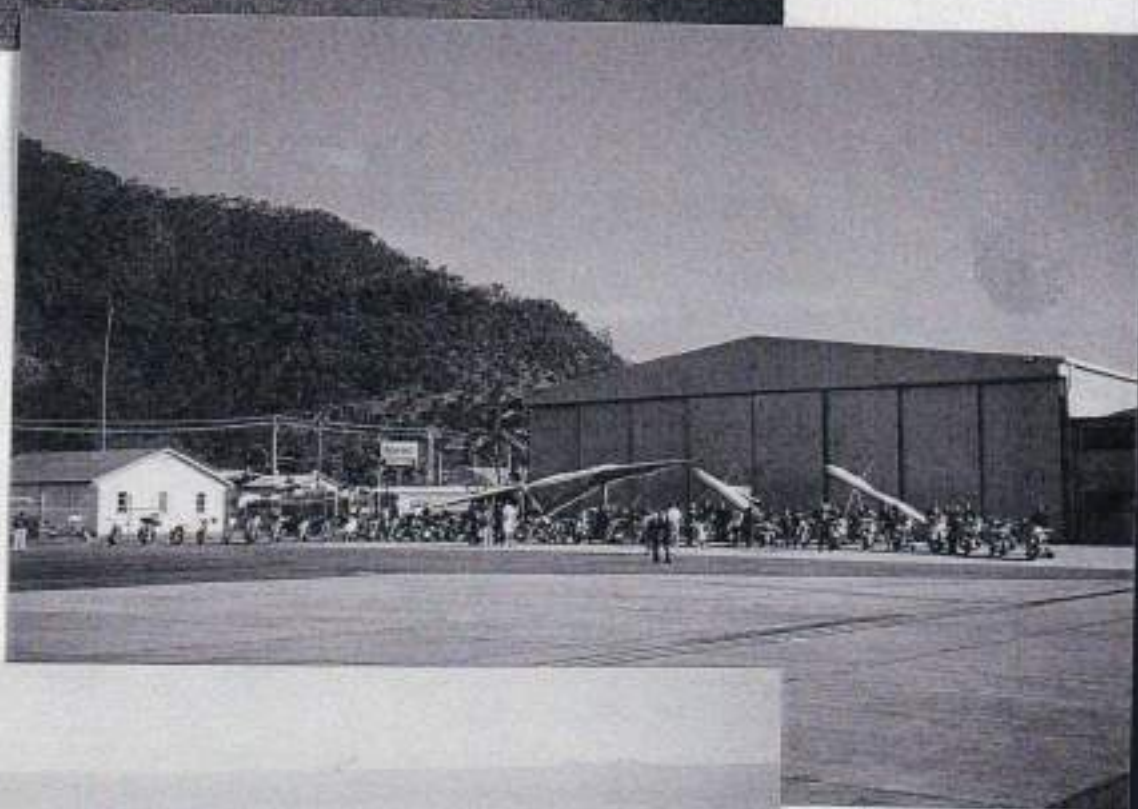












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HOG - CAPE YORK CHAPTER INC.**Extract of****MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, 16th April 2000**

Meeting held at Palmer River and opened at 1.10 pm.

ATTENDANCE : As per attendance register - 23 members and 2 visitors present.

APOLOGIES : Sharryn Cremer, Terry & Marieia Obst, Pat Dineen, Garth Yates (hit cow en route), Ralph Cremer (took Garth to hospital)

NEW MEMBERS : Ed Porter extended a welcome to prospective new member - Barry Byrnes (Mareeba).

MINUTES : Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted
(Moved - Pat Roy : Seconded - Ron Clarke : Carried)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES :

Cystic Fibrosis Jeaneosity Day - still being planned.

CORRESPONDENCE : As per respective registers.
(Moved - Ed Porter : Seconded - Darren Maudsley)

GENERAL BUSINESS :

Easter Ride to Rockhampton - Four definite riders.

Coral Sea Battle Commemoration, Cardwell - Ed gave a brief description of arrangements and facilities for weekend 6th & 7th May.

Tully's Great Event (7th October) - Chapter to arrange a static display and raffle.

NT State Rally - Entry forms are to be sent to us.

Web Site - Allan Russell asked for extra information from members to be posted on web site.

Activities - Ed Porter asked for suggestions for future runs/activities, with everyone urged to consider sites for this year's "Bush Bash" and 2002 10th Anniversary Rally. Report at next General Meeting.

Meeting closed 2.05 pm.

ON THE ROAD STILL

Dear Cape York Chapter

Once again I write to you all, hoping all's well with you and your families. It has been awhile so I will briefly fill in the gaps. After returning to the Mainland from Tassie we headed out of Melbourne in the quickest way possible and found our way to the Grampians where we stayed for three nights enjoying the sights and being privy to the goings on of the Corella's in the gum tree's, never seen so many.

After leaving Victoria we headed for Kingston in the S-E of South Australia and laid low there as the temperatures in Adelaide were in the high 30's and we didn't care much for the heat, the sea breezes in Kingston seemed a better option. I had a visit with an old Navy mate of my Dad's (Sue's) who I had not seen for 25 years, Jock and Beth nearly fell over backwards; it was nice to see them again. We then rode onto Lobethal in the Adelaide Hills to stay with Mum (Sue's), and hopefully to pick up some work. It was good to have the luxuries of home life and Mum made us very welcome. We managed to pick up six weeks of Apple Picking not far from Mum's and even though the mornings were cool, you soon warmed up with the physical work. We worked mainly on contract so managed to earn a favourable income. The main objective to working was offcourse to help pay for the service and new tyres for the Harley. We had the 16,000 service done in Adelaide and two new tyres put on the bike. It was a large service and the dealership had it all day - no problems found. While at the dealership we ran into HOG Members from the Southern Tasmania Chapter who where doing a roundabout trip to the National Rally. It was good to run into them again and to check up on their travels.

After the Apple Season finished we stayed for Easter with Mum and then headed off west, it was good to get away again and get back on the road. We made our way to Kimba on the Eyre Peninsula and had an overnighter at the Kimba Hotel (nice pub), and then we headed down to Elliston on the West Coast of the Eyre Peninsula and called in on my oldest cousin and his wife. He was glad to see us, especially now he could get his boat out and go fishing with us. We went out a couple of times and caught a good feed of fish - King George Whiting being the main objective. Helen made her famous Abalone Chowder that was to die for (yum-yum). My cousin Milton Lewis was the number one Speedway Rider in South Australia for a number of years back in the 60's; he rode everything from just bikes, bikes with sidecars, dirt bikes and drag bikes. He also is a wiz in the mechanical side as well usually buying or swapping bikes in scrap condition and then restoring them and if he cannot find a particular part he has the ability to make it in his workshop. A very clever man, full of knowledge in the fields of bikes and motor vehicles. We had a couple of good nights with Milton and Helen and had a bit of a history lesson as well.

Leaving Elliston we then moved on to Ceduna and spent three nights here, something about the place that I can't quite put my finger on but I believe its "a meeting place" for travellers either heading west or that have just come east across the Nullarbor from Perth. Everyone you talk to asks, "are you going west or going east". I guess it's the distance and the awesome nothingness that it projects. We had a good night here playing hosts with fellow BMW riders on there way to Byron Bay for their Rally and a young girl (Sue) a lone driver heading for a different life in Kal (Kalgoorlie) she was a nurse and sure to have fun in Kal and will certainly have a change in her lifestyle. One of the BMW riders was from Hedland (Port Hedland) Finn who only after 10 minutes had invited us to stay with him when we come through Hedland in July. So we will definitely do that, he said we could stay as long as we liked as long as we cooked dinner for him. Needless to say we had a late night that night.

We left Ceduna on the 5 May, and headed out on our two-day trek across the Nullarbor to Norseman, overnighiting in Eucla Western Australia. We enjoyed the ride across and at every Roadhouse you would run into fellow travellers, which was great to see familiar faces. The Harley went like a dream never missing a beat and of course we had lots of comments about our outfit and how come it looked so clean (you all know why?). We were lucky with the weather going over no rain and the headwind wasn't too bad. Only had a couple of interludes with the wildlife them being emu's. stupid birds always run across your path, managed to avoid them without too much trouble. If you ever venture across the Nullarbor don't expect good mileage, we found that the petrol in some area's (Super only) hardly got replenished so the fuel wasn't of good quality. Most expensive fuel was \$1.18.9 at the Nundroo Roadhouse, cheapest \$1.12 at the Mundrabilla Roadhouse.

After arriving at Norseman we decided to stay just the one night so checked out the pubs for accommodation but before Paul even got off the Harley a van pulled up and in the course of talking about the bike we ended up being invited back to Peter and Lorraine's week-ender for the night. Very nice couple that work in Kal, we took them out to dinner that night to the only pub serving meals (see photo as to why). We had an enjoyable night and they couldn't have been more obliging - we may catch up with them up north in July/August.

From here we travelled to Esperance, an absolutely beautiful place and a neat and tidy town, spent three nights here before stopping in at Hopetoun and laid low here for three nights due to the weather turning rather grey, nothing much to do in Hopetoun when the weather is bad so we made ourselves known to the locals at the only pub in town. By the way you wouldn't believe us but we have only had our wet weathers on twice in six months, have been pretty lucky.

With a break in the weather we rode to Albany. By this time though both Paul and I had come down with colds and sore throats, so we opted to stay in a cabin for a few nights to keep warm. We managed to have a look around the area between showers of rain, once again Albany is worth looking at, some great coastal scenery as well. We had the Harley's 20,000 service here and the small dealership was very helpful, they only found one problem a small seep from the fuel inlet valve so they didn't have a spare so rang through to Perth and set it up with them for us to call in and have it replaced. Paul was very impressed with the way they operated.

After leaving Albany we then stayed at Walpole, Augusta and Yallingup (Place of Love), so in three weeks we have had a fairly good look around the South-West of Western Australia. We have had some incredible rides along the coastlines and magical ride's through the Karri and Jarrah Forests, though slightly cool now it was thoroughly enjoyable. Have also stood where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet at Cape Leeuwin the most Southwesterly point of Australia (see photo).

One thing never leaves our minds though the friends and family back in Cairns and the new friends we have made in our travels and our faith in the human race has certainly been restored. There are some really down to earth Australian's and some very friendly overseas travellers on this planet. The Harley help's of course breaking the ice, people are drawn to her at every stop.

We will be heading north now after staying with my brother and sister-in-law in Safety Bay (60 kilometres south of Perth) until the 31 May, out of the cool days and cold nights, it will certainly be good to get back into some tropical heat. The fishing is sure to get better all you have to do is throw a line in over here and its almost a sure thing that you will catch a meal.

So I'll end my letter to you all and catch you later, take care on the road and we hope the Queensland State Rally in Townsville is a good one for you all. Live to Ride, Ride to Live.

SUE (STENCHION) AND PAUL (GRUNDY)

PS - I have named Paul, "Possum Paul" (see photo) - *To Follow*

SPEED THRILLS...SPEED KILLS...

Safety experts are always coming up with the statement that speed kills. Now, as any schoolboy will tell you, speed doesn't kill, it's the sudden stop at the end that is fatal! These experts will tell you that speed is the cause of so many accidents on the road that it is in our own interests that speed limits are imposed, and if we break these limits we will be fined. That's if we're not killed by excessive speed in the meantime.

It is interesting to note that, when we enjoy our long weekends, the media pepper us with gory details of road carnage that are experienced in different states. Accidents that are related to excessive speeds? Perhaps excessive speed may be one of the causes, but if that's wholly correct, why is that in the Northern Territory, where there are no speed restrictions, there don't seem to be any accidents at all? Well, no accidents related to excessive speed.

Now, I can see the pundits jumping up and down already. Yeah, OK, speed is a factor in accidents. I'll admit that. Let's define speed. It is a rate of progress. Therefore, if two objects collide speed must be a factor. Two stationary objects cannot collide, can they? Have you ever heard of two buildings colliding with each other? Of course not. So, speed or rate of progress must be a factor, and to carry on, speed is a present factor in all accidents.

So now we have identified speed as being a factor in all accidents, we can use this information to eliminate this factor from our enjoyment of the road. The easiest way would be to stay at home. But that's not much fun, is it? The obvious way is to control speed, just as we control our lives and control our motorcycles on the road. We control our speed by using sensible common sense. Not even Mick Doohan would be guilty of riding through a small town or village at high speeds. Neither should we. As Harley riders we are always in the public eye, and a lot of the public have a negative attitude towards Harley riders. Or riders of any motorcycle for that matter.

But, I digress a moment. Control our speed, and we will control our ability to avoid accidents. Makes sense, doesn't it? We remove speed from the equation of accident cause and we ride safer. And that's what it's all about - riding safely.

See you on the road...