



Well another AGM done and dusted, I would like to express my thanks to all of those who made the effort to get to Rockhampton, it was muchly appreciated and I hope you all made it back home safely.

The National committee is the same as last year with the exception of John (Yowie) Vanderwoude, who is now the new Webmaster/PR man. Yowie is returning to the position after a couple of years off.

I would like to thank all those who stayed on

Hi again for another 12mths, once again I am Vice-chair. Thanks to all those who came and supported a.g.m. A few of us rode up from Brisbane, very slowly due to 600kms of road

Hi all. Well the AGM went well and all had a great time.

One of the main issues was the new clause for the constitution was passed (see last newsletter), so we shouldn't have any more problems with people not performing their role.

Yowie, who used to look after the web site is

Well looks like I'm in charge of the Web site again.

Congratulations to the members of the Management committee who have been voted or revoted into their positions. It will be good to work with you again.

Some of you know that I have revamped the web site and it's up and running. I hope you all

Well folks, if you haven't been to the shed at 72 Sturges Street you will not know what progress has been made, thanks to a lot of hard work by a few members.

We are almost ready to paint the inside of the building, this is planned for the weekend of 12/13 May. We have had some very generous donations from local businesses in the way of cash and their precious time, allowing us to get to this stage. We still have some work to do in the kitchen ie: electrical and plumbing

From the Chairperson (Mal)

Hi there everyone, hope all are well and travels are sunny.

We had planned the Lotus Ck Bike rally for March, but mother nature had other ideas. We could have gone but that meant swimming two flooded cks and walking 3km, so we postponed it until April, and the weather was perfect. Only a little nippy that night.

I will let buff our treasurer, and great story teller fill you in, but I would like to say thanks to Alecia for organising the Bike Rally, and to the members who came along and brought some mates. Finally thank you to Sandy, the owner of Lotus Ck tourist park/servo for having us and Annie for the brilliant tucker.

Hi all, Fast approaching our poker-run, Queens b'day weekend, hoping its as nice as Labor Day weekend. Everthing is coming together, if any-one has give aways, or raffle items, it would be much appreciated. Please

President's Prattle

for another term in office and look forward to another very productive year.

Finalisation of the 2012 Poker Run is almost completed. The flyer is available in this newsletter I would ask that everyone that can please print out a couple of copies and distribute them in your regions.

Folks we also need to do a bit more recruitment, as at the moment we only have three of our five sub committees up and running. I would like to see all our committees

Tom's Bit - Vice President

works. Numerous coloured cars with lights on top, and a couple of broken down 4wheel drives hidden in the grass and behind trees, raising revenue for the wonderful roads?

Doc's Bit - Secretary

now back on board. Congratulations Yowie, the web site looks wonderful! (He reckons it's a ways yet from being finished)

I am looking forward to a productive year this time around. Everyone on the Management Committee is dedicated to SCA, so we will be able to concentrate on the important issues, like raising money and enjoying what we are doing.

Yowie's Corner - Web Master

like the new format. I still have a long way to go with it yet, but the basics are there. I would like to thank those who have e-mailed me with their reviews.

Now to all the committees and members. I will say this as I said the last time I was doing the web site if you don't e-mail me with information, fliers for runs and ride calendars, I can't put them on the web. So please don't

Macca's Bits - Townsville News

and that will only leave us with the toilets and an external paint to have the place looking like a million dollars.

I would like to thank all of those who have put in the many hours of hard work to get the shed to this stage.

Well with the Townsville Peter Kelly Memorial Poker Run on Sunday 06 May, the Townsville Sub Committee's next big project is the Ynot Rally on the 27-28 October.

Central Highlands News

To the residents of Lotus ck who came along thank you for your support and help in raising money for Qld Spina Bifida. I believe we made \$950.00. Well done. Until next time ride safe and stay upright.

From the Secretary (Alecia)

Hi there everyone, I won't repeat what Mal said, or rain on Buffs story, but we all did have a good time. Some of us didn't go to bed till 4am, but the locals don't get to be social too often, so they were more than willing to party on.

I would just like to say welcome to any new members or to our old members who renewed their membership...Bruce of Capella.

Tom's Bits - Brisbane News

contact Bill or Tom if you don't have a copy of the flyer.

A few of us attended the MRAQ rally in the city last weekend, some very interesting topics were discussed about proposed law changes

fully functional within the next couple of years and get Southern Cross Association back to the numbers we had a few years back. So if your in the Mackay, Rockhampton or Wide Bay areas and are interested in trying to get a group together and/or forming a sub committee give me a call.

Well that's all I can think of for now so stay safe, and I look forward to catching up with you all in September.

Cheers Macca

besides all that, it was good to catch up with those we only see in September. Hope everyone had a safe and dry trip home. That's about all for now.

Cheers Tom

Ok...the next newsletter is due out on 2 July, so all bits are to be in by 6pm, Friday 29 June.

While I'm on the subject, the newsletter is not just restricted to the sub committees. So if you have anything you want to say, let me know.

Anyway, hope to catch up with everyone at Belyando crossing on the 19th May.

Cheers Doc

ask me why your ride calendar is not on the web. Ask your ride co-ordinator or committee why it has not been sent to me.

I will be moving house in a couple of weeks and will be without a computer or internet for a few days.



Yowie

Marty and his Secretary have been busy with all the rides for the rest of the year going into this news letter. The rides have had reasonable participation, but we can always do with more attending so dust off the ride and come along.

Well that's all I can think of now (I'm sure to have forgotten something) so stay safe and we will see you around the traps.

Cheers Macca

A quick reminder that our next ride is on May Sat 19th/Sun 20th, to Belyando Crossing servo/camp ground and hope that some of our Townsville SCA family can make the trip down to join us.

Also, don't forget you are more than welcome to the grounds anytime, if you wish to get together there for the State of Origin games you are welcome, the first game is on Wed 23rd May. Talk to Frank and have a BBQ.

And in the not too distant future I am planning the Brass Monkey Poker run set for 17th/18th June, any ideas are more than welcome for this route.

Until then ride on and ride safe

for us bike enthusiasts. If any one interested in having a look at web-site www.mraqld.org Hope to see you all Queens b'day weekend at Glasshouse

Cheers Tom

Central Highlands Ride Calendar

Sunday 13th May Mothers' Day TBA Ride to Capella Star for Lunch meet at 12pm.

Sat 19th/Sun 20th May Suggestions for overnight ride to Belyando Crossing inviting Townsville SCA to join us BBQ and Bar with Camping available.

Wed 23rd May State of Origin Game 1 BYO Drinks n BBQ Central Highlands SCA clubhouse Dysart 7pm

Sunday 27th May Day ride to the Retreat for lunch. Meet at the Retreat 12pm. All welcome Cold beer great tucker

9th, 10th n 11th June Brisbane SCA Poker Run. For more information keep an eye out in the newsletter or website.

Sunday 10th June Meet at Theresa Ck Dam for Lunch 12pm All welcome. Peter n Kim Bont the caretakers love our visits. They are fellow SCA members

Wed 13th June State of Origin Game 2 BYO Drinks n BBQ Central Highlands SCA clubhouse Dysart 7pm. All welcome

17th/18th June Brass Monkey Poker Run. Anakie Pub Anakie Caravan park next door.

July Wogs in the bush \$25 at the gate Organised by the Euro bike Nth Qld. Bar and BBQ organised there Camping and all monies raised goes to a charity.

Wed 4th July State of Origin game 3 BBQ n BYO Drinks Central Highlands SCA Clubhouse Dysart. All SCA members welcome

Sun 16th July Ride for lunch Kinchant Waters Dam Cold Beer n great food Sunday sessions normally have live entertainment. Meet here 12pm.

9th to 12th August Gemfest at Anakie Qld Book Early Anakie Caravan park. Lots of stalls, beautiful jewelry, great day ride Anakie Pub next door cold beer, great food cheap prices

Sun 2nd to Sun 9th September Annual 5 Day Poker Run Keep an eye on the newsletter and website.

September Capella hotel Poker run Black Dog Bruce

Mcgruer 0429 849 416. \$20/person. Monies raised for research for Depression and Bi Polar.

October Roll the Dice Run Rocky Special School \$20 registration All bikes and cars welcome.

October Y knot Rally Townsville SCA Ravenshoe. Gymkhana, cam ping, licensed bar, catered. Keep eyes open in newsletters

November Central Highlands Poker run/xmas party. Clubhouse in Dysart

November Imbil bike Rally Gympie no cars on site Held at Borumba Deer park Yabba Ck Rd. Watch this space for more information.

Dec-31 New Years EVE Pickled Galah. Maidenwell, near Nanango. Take your swimmers, only one shop. Bike Rally held at Maidenwell, free camping. Run by Sunstate riders. Lots of riders from all over attend, bike show, band, catering provided dinner and breakky, 2 days on it.

SCA CENTRAL HIGHLANDS RIDE REPORT - LOTUS CREEK RALLY by Buff Staker

Yes! Well once again it appears that yours truly has been elected to the role of resident ride reporter. Ultimately the conspirators will learn that letting me loose with some literary license is sometimes unwise. At least this time it wasn't the Secretary who lined me up. NO!!! This time it was the secretary's devoted other half. Young Mal.

The first piece of business when we ALL, and I emphasize the word ALL, arrived at the Nebo Pub, was Alecia saying "OK who's doing the ride report this time?" To which Mal innocently replied, "Buff". More suspicious people would suspect some collusion going on here between the Secretary and the President. Perhaps a wee bit of pillow talk even. The secretary gave it all away when she responded with "Well I wasn't going to suggest that 'cus he will write a story about it.

So enough with the preamble. Let's see what sort of ride report we can salvage out of this.

The original Lotus creek rally was deferred due to some consistently heavy rain, which resulted in numerous flooded creeks making access to the site impossible.

As a result we re-organised for the 21 and 22 of April. I arranged to meet up with Kim McAuley in Sarina and then head across to Eton to meet up with the others heading west but the secretary got a thirst and bolted for the Nebo pub before we could arrive.

Kim and I with my young fellow on the back, (I don't get far without him these days since he worked out how to GOOGLE, and discovered that 8 years was

the legal age for a pillion) had an uneventful ride to the Nebo Pub where we found that the secretary, and her mate Bella had taken up some form of permanency at the bar.

She informed us that Mal had waited behind for Stu to finish work and they would join us at the pub and Eric had called to say he was having trouble with his Harley. So guess what? Surprise, surprise, we had to sit at the pub of all places and wait for them to catch up. Some excellent organizing skills shown here by the secretary.

We waited, and waited until the young fella got so bored he challenged Alecia to a game of pool. Alecia set about teaching him the finer points of the game, quite clearly her knowledge was a strong indication of a misspelt youth. Anyway, after only one game she baled out 'cus the young fella was starting to give her a run for her money.

Finally Mal and Stu arrived, all but 3 sheets to the wind and looking for a bit more action. Two hours later, Eric turns up on his faithful old Harley claiming that the battery had collapsed and he had to drive into Mackay and buy a new one.

Apparently, (and this is reportedly the account given by his family) Eric hopped on his bike and headed out the gate but completely forgot he still had the slasher attached from mowing the day before and the wheel on the slasher got stuck in the cattle grid at the entrance to his property where he remained stuck until his wife returned home and attached the ride on mower to tow him out.

From Nebo, or the Pub to be more precise, we headed across to Funnel Creek where the secretary forced us to stop for refreshments and draw another poker card. From Funnel creek we headed south to the Connors River, where we stopped for another ---- Card and refreshments. Then it was on to Lotus Creek where we set up camp, had a swim in the pool, and settled in for some entertainment.

This really is a great venue for a rally, as the locals like to socialise and have a few drinks so

they turned out and made our rally all worthwhile.

Now if you remember back to our Mystery Poker run reported in the last newsletter and recollect that new member Eric won that hand, well he did it again. (The Mongrel). He's only permitted to draw 3 cards on any future ride.

Alecia had acquired numerous prizes, and I think everyone went home (Well, I suspect a couple of locals did not get home until the next day) with at least one. Kim McAuley won the show and shine, (By currying favour from the 6 year old judge) and your's truly got second. The prize for second was a selection of men's aftershave and shower gels called H2O. I used it and asked the better half what she thought. "Smells like water to me" she replied.

The servo at Lotus creek put on a good feed with kids fed for free and then they turned up early on Sunday and tossed in a free breakfast for everyone. After breakfast we fueled up and everyone hung back waiting for me to take the lead to the 1956 Commemorative Olympic torch.

They were all a little intimidated by the threats made by the secretary if they failed to stop for the photo shoot, like they did last time.

After the photo shoot we all headed for home, but not before deciding that we would investigate the possibility of making this an annual event.

Don't forget our ride to Belyando Crossing on the 19th and 20th of May. All you have to do is turn up and have a good time.



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TOWNSVILLE RIDE CALENDAR – MARCH to MAY 2012

All rides will now depart and end at The Shed, Sturges Street. Bar will be opened to purchase water and soft drinks before leaving. Please be ready, all fuelled up, to depart on time.

MAY

Saturday 12th – WORKING BEE – the inside of the shed are getting painted today (by someone else, not us! LOL) – please come and help get everything prepped ready to go

Sunday 13th – Mothers Day. A trip across to CHARTERS TOWERS for a bit of Chinese for lunch. Depart at 10am.

Sat 19th/Sun 20th – join up with CENTRAL HIGHLANDS and ride to BELYANDO CROSSING – staying at the servo/camp ground overnight for those interested – details on facebook page.

Sat 26th/Sun 27th – Camping time at BRAMSTON BEACH. Lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday from the KELLY VAN. Depart at 9am on Saturday.

JUNE

Sat 9th/Sun 10th/Mon 11th – QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2 nights at ATHERTON. It will be cool so rug up! Dinner Saturday & Sunday, and breakfast Sunday & Monday from the KELLY VAN. Depart at 8.30am on Saturday.

Sunday 24th – RAVENSWOOD – to the pub for lunch! Depart at 10.00am.

JULY

Sat 30th June/Sun 1st/Mon 2nd – COOKTOWN Saturday night, MALANDA Sunday

For any queries you can give Marty a call on 0466 242 680 – Please send in your suggestions for future ride destinations. If there are any variations for whatever reason to the above listing, they will be posted on the SCA Facebook page or at The Shed on the notice board. Thanks, Marty.

night, ride home Monday. SHOW DAY LONG WEEKEND. Depart at 8am

Sun 22nd – CARDWELL. Depart at 10am

AUGUST

Sat 4th/Sun 5th – FLETCHERS CREEK overnight trip. Depart at 9am.

Sun 19th – Mystery Ride – See where the Mongrel takes us!

SEPTEMBER

Sat 1st – Sat 8th – POKER RUN – 7 DAY RUN. Starting at BOWEN.

Depart at 10am

Sunday 30th – GIRU for lunch. Depart at 10am.

OCTOBER

Sat 13th/Sun 14th – KURRAMINE BEACH overnight trip. Depart at 9am

Fri 26th/Sat 27th/Sun 28th – Y KNOT RALLY. Stay at Archers Creek near RAVENSHOE

Depart times staggered: Friday at 9am, Saturday at 9am

NOVEMBER

Sun 11th – MYSTERY RIDE Depart at 10am

Sat 24th/Sun 25th – BURDEKIN DAM overnight ride. Depart at 10am

New Members

A huge welcome to all our new members.

Andrew Folker
Tina Folker
Donald Pearce
Michelle Holcombe
Tony Tanner

Michael Lyons
Paul Fletcher
Brian Martens
Mark Gregory
Mary Demarco

Have you booked your holidays for the 5 Day Poker Run Yet?



12th Annual Mark Kean Memorial

POKER RUN



Cost

\$25 buys a poker hand and a patch
Another \$25 buys Dinner on Sunday night and breakfast on Monday morning

1st prize \$300
2nd prize \$150
3rd prize \$50



When

Sunday 10 June - Queen's birthday weekend
Registration from 8 am Depart 9.30 am

Where

Glasshouse Mountains Sports Club
902 Steve Irwin Way
Glasshouse Mountains
(10 mins south of Australia Zoo)

Live band

Sunday night

Desiato

www.desiato.com.au

Poker Run Sponsors

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www.gasolinealleyharleydavidson.com.au
9 to 3 fashions
fas923@live.com
CTC Concrete
ctcconcrete@bigpond.com.au
Glasshouse Mountains Sports Club

Camp overnight Sunday

Camping available from lunchtime Saturday

Pub meals available Saturday night

BBQ Breakfast available Sunday morning

For more info or flyers phone

Tom 0417 634 362

Bill 0428 155 642

Cars welcome

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All classes include t-shirt, badge and camping fees.

For more information & Registration forms:

www.southern-cross-association.org.au

Phone: 0438 906 877

Southern Cross Association Annual 5 Day Poker Run Starts 1st Monday in September

Registrations after 1st August will automatically default to WHITE CLASS (+ \$10 surcharge). No meals will be available after this date.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL

Long sleeve (\$10 extra) **POKER RUN POLO SHIRTS NO LONGER AVAILABLE**

RED CLASS: Poker Hand, Dinners & Breakfasts\$230.00

BLUE CLASS: Poker Hand & Dinners\$180.00

GREEN CLASS: Poker Hand & Breakfasts\$140.00

WHITE CLASS: Poker Hand only (no meals)\$90.00

If not registered before 1st August, Please add surcharge of \$10 to White Class. No meals will be available after 1st August.

All nominations include Poker Run t-shirt, badge & camping.

Payment: Cheque or money order made out to Southern Cross Association and sent to address below, or Direct Debit. This form must be submitted either by mail or email.
Acc Name: Southern Cross Association (FTC) Inc. **BSB:** 633108 **Acc No.:** 128514205
YOUR REF: Please put your 'Surname' preceded by 'PR'

Transaction No.: _____ **Total Amount:** \$ _____

This section is optional. Note: Blue cards are required when giving rides or Marshalling, as per our Duty of Care Procedures

Blue Card Holder Willing to give rides at camping grounds / schools
 Willing to be a Marshal for rides.

Post all registrations to: Southern Cross Poker Run, PO Box 787, Aitkenvale Qld 4814

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- \$20 New Membership (Including Badge)
- \$10 Renewal Membership
- I give permission for my details to be on a contact for SCA Members only.

Your membership application will be tabled and voted on at a National Management Committee meeting. A membership acceptance notice will be a written notification via the National Newsletter and when you receive your badge and/or membership card.

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