



Southern Cross Association newsletter

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Presidents Prattle



Well it's almost tax time again, so I hope you are all planning to spend your tax return cheques on the SCA Poker Run. Speaking of which, Helen and I rode around last week. I'm not going to steal Helen's thunder as she is going to give you all the details, but I will say that there is limited refueling in a couple of

the locations.

There was some good news earlier in the month during a National Committee phone hook up; Tommy McKinnon said that there had been some interest in setting up a committee in or around the South East Queensland area. If you are interested please contact Tommy, his details can be found on the SCA web site.

I would like to say thank you Doc for her recent work on the web site. At the moment the

Poker Run nomination form is working well, and is reasonably easy to use, so there should be no problem for anyone wanting to nominate online.

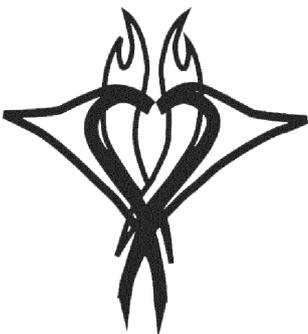
Well folks that's about it from me, hope to see you all and a lot more on the Run in September.

Cheers,
Macca

Tyres 4 Bikes support the Poker Run again

Rob and Anja from Tyres 4 Bikes will be along on the Poker Run but please, please, please order your tyres in advance if you will be needing some on the run. Last year they ran out of tyres half way through the run and had to ship tyres to St George overnight. This cost them a lot of money and could have been avoided with some forethought on the part of riders.

If you think you will require tyres on the run please call or email the the Brisbane office of Tyres 4 Bikes to order them. Dave Oliver is the manager on (07) 3262 4377. The email address is info@tyres4bikes.com.au



Townsville News

Hi All,

Well we've just finished the logistics for the 2015 Poker Run. It should be a great ride with a short ride home for those in the North.

There has been some recent talk of getting the outside of the shed painted, so if anyone has any contacts we need to get our hands onto some paint. Once we get some paint we will talk to our resident painter. We will also need to arrange for a work party to give the building a scrub to remove any chalky residue from the walls

and eaves. It will be good to see the shed with a new skin.

Now I don't know what's going on but we seem to down on numbers of late, and we really need this trend to be reversed. If you are out and about and see anyone with a bike, make contact with them and tell them all about us at the SCA. We really need to get our numbers back up, to make all the work we have done in the past worthwhile.

We have a couple of Bunning's Sausage Sizzles to do in the

next couple of months, so please be prepared to chip in and help out.

Don't forget our local rides. Ray has done some good work on the ride calendar that is included in this newsletter. Thanks Ray.

Well that's all for now, See You at the Shed.

Cheers,
Macca

Update for Poker Run 2015

Well the logistics have been completed for another Poker Run and it should be a beauty.

Thank you Macca for the company and the Emu dance – best laugh.

We are starting this year's run a Toompine Hotel 75 klms from Quilpie and we would recommend that you plan to arrive via Quilpie making sure that you fuel up there. At the moment there is no petrol at the hotel and it is another 153 klms to Eulo the nearest fuel. The turn off to Toompine is 5 klms from Quilpie on the left – this was the road that we encountered the most wildlife and stock dead and alive on the whole trip so beware.

Donna and Dogga at Toompine Hotel are looking forward to our visit and will be setting up a bar for SCA to run on the Sunday – all moneys made going to the Poker Run. Sunday night is one of three bars we will be running the others will be on Wednesday night at Springsure and Thursday night at Nebo.

Wednesday will be the longest day 562 klms. All roads are sealed (except for any road works) some of it is narrow but the majority of the roads are great. But always ride to the conditions, watch out for wildlife and stock and road trains are always king of the road.

It is also a good time to remind you that if you want a long sleeve shirt you will need to have the order in by 1st July and meal registrations close 1st August.

Helen Ivey

Townsville Ride Calendar

July

Sat 4th - Mon 6th

Show day long weekend
Overnight ride to Cooktown
and Malanda
Leaving SCA shed 6.00am sat
Kelly van to cater

Sun 19th

Lunch ride to Ravenswood
Leaving SCA shed 9.00am
Lunch at pub

August

Sun 2nd

Lunch ride to Giru via Majors
Creek
Leaving SCA shed at
10.00am
Lunch at Giru pub

Sun 16th

Bunnings sausage sizzle
Help needed
See Macca re starting time

Sat 22nd - Sun 23rd

Burdekin Dam overnigher
Leaving SCA shed at 9.00am
Kelly van to cater

September

Fri 4th

SCA poker run Starting
Toompine.
**Depart SCA TSVL Shed
0600/6am**
5 day poker run finishing in
Home Hill

Sun 27th

Lunch ride to Ashton pub
Leaving SCA Shed at
10.00am
Lunch at pub

October

Sat 3rd

Bunnings sausage sizzle
Helpers required see Macca re
times

Sat 10th - Sun 11th

Fletcher's creek overnigher
Leaving SCA shed at 8.00am
Kelly van to cater

Sun 18th

Convoy for kids charity ride
Details TBA
This is not a SCA ride but a
lot of members do it.

Fri 23rd - Sun 25th

Ynot Rally Archer's Creek
overnigher

Loading at 0700 SCA shed,
departing at 9.00am
Fully catered with games and
prizes

Sat 31st

Member's private function
Helpers required see Macca

November

Sun 15th

Lunch ride to Hervey Range
Tea Room
Leaving SCA shed at
10.00am
Lunch at tearoom

Sat 28th - Sun 20th

Kurramine beach overnigher
Leaving SCA shed at 8.00am
Kelly van to cater

December

Sat 12th

Private function at SCA shed
Helpers required see Macca
Sat 19th
SCA Xmas party
All members and guests wel-
come
Starts 6.00pm
Dinner Drinks and entertain-
ment



Tommy's Tidbits

Hi All,

It was good to see a good roll up at Rocky for the A.G.M. It was a bit wet riding up for the southerners (those who rode) and I hope all got home safe and sound.

It was good to catch up and make new friends and I look forward to seeing everyone on the Poker run.

Well finally some good news from Brisbane. A member, who had retired and recently rejoined, has decided to resurrect SCA in the south, starting with an expression of interest meeting on 1st August at 2.00 at the Apollonian Hotel at Boreen Point. This location was chosen, as it is approx half way between Brisbane and the Fraser Coast. Gary Blake is vying for president of S.E Qld. We would love to see a big turn-up to show our appreciation, and support Gary and the new members who have offered to take up committee positions. We hope to start off with a bang.

If you want accommodation, just mention you're with SCA or camping is available. If anyone wants further info, contact Tom 0417634362 or Blakey on 0407570651.

I will do a follow up on the SCA Facebook page on the event.

Also a reminder to those around Brisbane about the Spina Bifida Association's Wheel n Walk, coming up on 23th August at Captain Burke Park, Kangaroo Point. The SCA blue shirts will be out and about running the sausage sizzle. This is a big fund raiser for Spina, as well as a great opportunity to meet some of the great kids and their parents.

Cheers Tom

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Southern Cross



2015 Annual

5 Day Poker Run

7 - 12 September

Winning Hand \$1200

Give aways Auctions Raffles and more...



**Come join the fun and experience the Longest
Poker Run throughout rural Queensland!**

Meet at Toompine Hotel Sun 6 September

Mon: Bollon Tues: Tara Wed: Springsure

Thurs: Nebo Fri: Home Hill

No Glass Please

**Raising money for
Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus**

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

For more information & registration forms:

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