

B.S.A. Owners club of Queensland
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name

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MACHINE REGISTER

MAKE Model Year Condition.....

- 1 _____
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I have read the B.S.A. owners club of Qld inc. constitution and agree to its conditions.

Signed Date

Membership is \$35.00 per Year. Cheques made payable to B.S.A, owners club I would like to renew my membership of the B. S.A. owners club of Queensland Inc. and agree to accept the conditions and regulations of the club constitution.

Signed Date

Proposed Seconded.....

Office use only
 Secretary Treasurer Membership secretary

Date Receipt No. Signed

THE ROCKET

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**GOOD
 BYE
 BILLY!**

At approximately 11:30AM on Tuesday 26 August 2008 our President Billy Johnson passed away. We dedicate this issue to him and the BSA National Rally he was so passionate about.

Inside this issue:-

We salute our President
Billy Johnson

4th BSA National Rally Report held here on the Gold Coast Report.

The Club Ride and Monthly

Meeting is on the second Sunday of the Month.

Sunday 12 October 2008. Start time 9:30AM

MEET AT THE MOBILE SERVICE STATION COOMERA.

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CLUB RIDE RULES: PLEASE READ AND ABIDE FOR YOUR SAFETY!

Never pass the ride leader.

To be considered as riding with the group, you should be between the ride captain and the tail-end Charlie. (TEC) TEC hasn't got eyes in the back of their head.

When riding in staggered formation, the formation is set by the rider behind the ride captain. When the formation changes, please take care. It is not advised to merely move across. Move across if safe to do so.

The rider behind the ride captain corner marks. Do it safely. Try to be in vision of the riders that you are directing. Do not endanger yourself by stopping in loose gravel, or in a place where you may be hit. Tail End Charlie will wave you to rejoin the group as he/she approaches you.

Again, do it safely. Join only when you think it is appropriate. If TEC is being followed by traffic, pull in behind the traffic and make you way back to the ride. If it's not safe to pull in front of TEC, don't. Use common sense. Keep safe distance at all times.

Advise the ride captain and tail end Charlie if you are leaving the ride before the 'good-bye' point.

Be fully fuelled before the ride [The bike guys, the bike]

It is not easy to keep a head count of riders. If you think someone is missing and should not be, ask. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

Never pass on the left; never tail-gate, pass slower riders only when it is safe to do so; be patient.

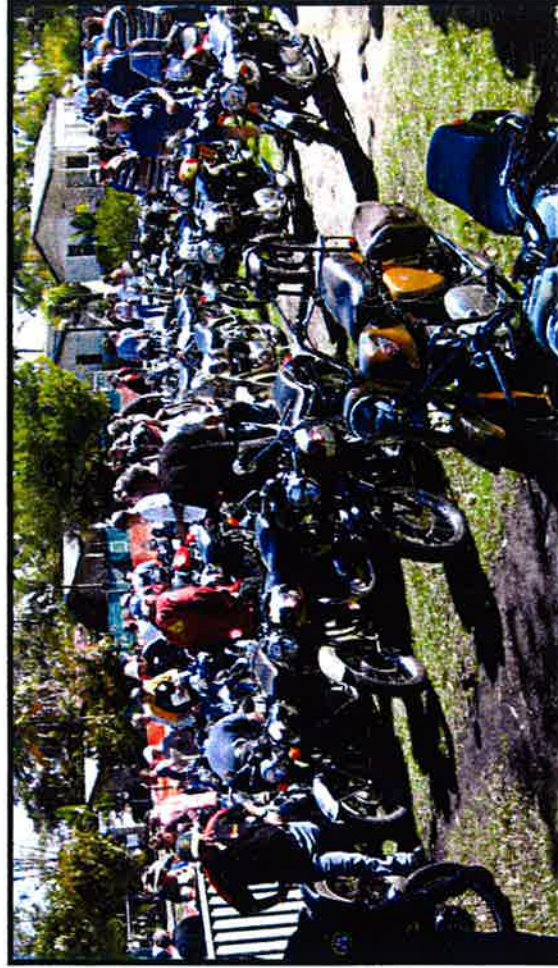
Abide by the road rules at all times.

We had beautiful weather early Sunday morning when 15 early risers headed off to check out the Indy track. Everyone enjoyed the ride, taking in the beach views, and was amazed at the rough and tight track.

Colleen led the main Sunday Ride with son-in-law David on Billy's Trike. Billy would've been proud. First we headed up the mountain via Ormeau, then to Alan Wilke Bridge for a short stop. We then rode around Tamborine Mountain, and in through Canungra and up the back to Beechmont where we stopped at the primary school for a delicious lunch provided by the school's music department. Finally we headed home down the mountain with no breakdowns!!!

By all the positive comments received, I think a great weekend was had by all – including Des and Billy, who I'm sure were with us all the way.

Bob Jupe



The Show and Shine was a success and generated a lot of interest.



A sexually active woman tells her plastic surgeon that she wanted her vaginal lips reduced in size because they were too loose and floppy. Out of embarrassment she insisted that the surgery be kept a secret and the surgeon agreed.

Awakening from the anaesthesia after the surgery she found 3 roses carefully placed beside her on the bed. Outraged, she immediately calls in the doctor.

'I thought I asked you not to tell anyone about my operation!'

The surgeon told her he had carried out her wish for confidentiality and that the first rose was from him: 'I felt sad because you went through this all by yourself.'

'The second rose is from my nurse. She assisted me in the surgery and empathized because she had had the same procedure done some time ago.'

'And what about the third rose?' she asked.

'That's from a man upstairs in the burns unit. He wanted to thank you for his new ears.'

RIDE MASTER'S REPORT

FOR THE 4th NATIONAL BSA RALLY

The National Rally is now over for another year! Fortunately, we were blessed with great weather after Thursday & Friday's rain looked ready to spoil things.

Firstly, a BIG thanks to all the ride marshalls that helped with the rides over the weekend, and also BIG thanks to the Usshers coming up from Grafton for the ride and helping both days.

We had fine but windy weather for Saturday's ride. A good ride, via Hope Island, the M1, Pimpama and Yatala then down to Cabbage Tree Point for a rest stop. Then home via Jacobs Well, Coomera Marina, Coomera and Hope Island, with only two breakdowns. Harry – You let us all down by not filling your reserved spot on the truck...but we did notice the Kwaka on Sunday!

Billy Johnson

Billy Johnson aged 74 died of a stroke at Southport Hospital At approximately 11:30Am on Tuesday 26 August 2008. He is survived by Colleen his wife, daughter and son-in law David.

Billy was cremated at the Alambra crematorium Nerang at 11:00AM on Saturday 30 August 2008.

Billy was a great Mate and a font of knowledge to all, especially to our club. His knowledge and understanding of the sheer cussedness and joy of our BSA motorcycles was extensive. He was a friend to all but did not suffer fools gladly.

The "Old Far" knew Billy for almost 10 years first coming across him when he used to ride with the Ulysses guys on Wednesdays. That group still regularly rides and they were at the funeral on Saturday 30 August to support Colleen.

Billy would join in on the Trike and ride along giving as good as he got but over the last year or so he was getting cautious and gradually gave Wednesday riding away.

His passion for our BSA motorcycles and in particular Gold Stars, the A10 and its derivatives was unquenchable. For those of you who did not have the pleasure of sampling Billy and Colleen's superb hospitality at their Coombabah home you missed a real BSA nutters treat for lined up in his lounge were a DBD 34, an original A10 Rocket Gold Star, and an original A10 Super Rocket. In the back shed a nearly completed A10 sits.

Billy was passionate on refurbishing these bikes and spent many happy hours with his old mate Des King telling lies and generally having fun.

He was in the forefront of arranging and organising our National Rally and it was a tragedy that he passed away within days of witnessing the triumph of that event which is reported on elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Goodbye Billy me old Mate you will be sorely missed by your motorcycling friends far and wide.

Ride on in peace and no doubt you are now enjoying time with Des. Bye

THE OLD FART EDITORS CHATTER Hi Beezer Boys and girls. THE TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY OF AUGUST

Well what a month August 2008 has been for our club. We have witnessed tragedy with the passing away of our President Billy Johnson and we have also had the Triumph of the 4th National BSA Rally here on the Coast from 5 to 7 September. A full report is contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our constitution calls for a new president to be appointed by way of an Extraordinary general meeting. This meeting was discussed at the September ride and it was agreed that we shall wait until the next AGM (Feb 2009) in the meantime pat Ernst will take over as acting President.

Accordingly we shall be seeking nominations for the position of President. At the same time I advise that I will also be standing down as Editor as pressure of work is making it difficult, so we will also be seeking nominations for the editorial position.

What can I say about Mike Reilly's bikes which won trophies Best of Show with his Super Flash, one of only about 10 left in the world and his 1938 Gold Star (Pictures of both bikes elsewhere in this newsletter). The Super Flash ran flawlessly on the run and is a testament to Mike's engineering/refurbishment skills and attention to detail. Makes you sick don't it? If only we could all present such super bikes Well done Mike and thanks from all of us for selflessly giving your help, support and knowledge to us all.

The Rally was a wonderful show case for our marquee and our club here in Queensland and all the bikes were beautiful presented, in the eyes of the beholder.

Where else in Australia could you expect to see such a collection in one place but at our Gold Coast rally. Well done and full congratulations to the organising group for a job well done, we did Billy and Des proud, I am sure that they helped with the weather which was perfect for the Rally notwithstanding that the week leading up to it was less than acceptable. As usual Queensland was beautiful for the first day of the Rally and absolutely perfect for the rest.



And here are the Trophies which were up for grabs.

The list below gives the results.

Thanks for coming to the Rally and making it such a success.

LONGEST DISTANCE TRAVELLED:

Bob Blyth England.

BSAOCC CLUB TROPHY

Des King / Bill Johnson Memorial Trophy:

Mike Reilly Qld

Results of the BSA 4th National Rally Queensland 2008

TROPHY WINNERS

Class	Winner	State	Machine
Pre-Unit Twin	Mike Reilly	Qld	1953 Super flash
Pre Unit Single	Howard Chapman	NSW	1942 WM20
Gold Star	John Mikutta	SA	1956 BD 34
Pre-War	Malcolm Mackay	SA	1936 Q7 Empire Star
Triple A75	Terry Hentschel	QLD	1969 A75
Unit Single	Ian Smith	NSW	1970 B44 SS
Unit Twin	John Wilson	Qld	1969 A65
125/250	Les Carter	SA	1949 C11 250cc
Best Unrestored	Ian Eldridge	VIC	1950 A10
Best in Show	Mike Reilly	Qld	1953 Super Flash
Oldest BSA	John McIntosh	VIC	B25 1926



Adrian Faulks very workmanlike 1969 Rocket 3 was ridden up from South Australia (2 up).

To date the distance travelled for the Rally was 2400Km's and it had taken a week of relatively trouble free touring to get to the Gold Coast. Welcome Adrian and partner.



Ian Trethowen from Carara just completed restoration of this very pretty 1967 650cc Lightning. Well done Ian and the bike is a credit to your restoration skills. Hope that you enjoyed the Rally

We have a Ride report from the Jupe boys for the Rally rides and also for the September gathering.

A listing of prize winners from the rally is reproduced in this newsletter as are some interesting snippets of peoples experiences, photographs of interesting bikes either getting to or whilst on the Rally.

The Old fart wrote a rally report for publication in the Old Bike Magazine which should be on sale towards the end of October. Get a copy and perhaps see yourself in a National magazine you never know your luck.

Our secretary, Fred Jupe, arranged for photos to be taken on the rally and you should contact him for electronic copies.

Don't you just love it when your Beezer starts!.....first kick and keeping going is even better

The Old fart

John Simpson



Mike Reilly's 1953 Super Flash. One of less than 10 alive in the world. Mike bought this out of Oregon in the States and refurbished it here in Queensland. It ran flawlessly what a beautiful bike? Thanks Mike!

THE VICE PRESIDENTS PIECE

Greetings to one and all.

It is with much sadness that I have to contribute to this months news letter as by now you will all know of the sad and sudden passing of one of our three foundation members and President Billiam Johnson as I liked to call him. Without Billy and his dear-est wife Colleen we could not have run the national rally and they both deserve all the accolades we can muster. Goodbye Billiam it was a pleasure to be in your company.

As John Simpson has pointed out the rally went off tremendously with all other state club members passing comment to that effect.

One little piece from the rally I would like to share is about a 70 something rider who rode his BSA up from south Aus . We were standing at the bar he ordering filthy alcohol and I a soft drink, (hate a drink). He told me of his aspiration to one day reach the ripe old age of 100 and to still be riding his BSA. Not an unusual request to the powers that be except he added that he wants to be booked doing 100 miles an hour at that age on the BSA. I asked him did he think he would make 100 years of age and further more will his bike make 100 miles an hour. The obvious question was why do you want to be booked doing 100 miles an hour? He told me that he hoped to get in the Guinness book of records for the oldest booked at that speed. If they don't lock him up before then I think he will do it. Anyway let's give him the benefit of the doubt, although I doubt the benefit. Hope to see as many as possible next ride, stay safe.

PAT ERNST Vice President

THE SECRETARIES BIT

The 4th. BSA National Rally is over and I still have a few hairs on my head, I think !! Total entrants were, BSA 76, Norton 1, Triumph 1, Red Hunter 1, Sunbeam, Velo 1., Very good.

The Treasure Colleen seems to think we made a small profit that will be good. All reports back to me from entrants said the weekend was good, rides were good, weather good, food good and in general all enjoyed the weekend. I must say the Friday was a little wet and many arrived very wet.

It saddens me to have to report to you that our President Bill'y Johnson passed away about a week before the Rally and he will be sadly missed by all in the club. I have lost a dear friend. I would also like the extend my personal sympathy to Colleen and family at this sad time. To Colleen from myself many thanks for the excellent job you carried out over the weekend, the Rally may not of went so well only for your effort under very trying conditions. Also



Jim Budgen working on the clutch of his 1938 JY13 750cc BSA V Twin. This bike was finished restoration just before the Rally. It ran well with the exception of a little oil on the clutch plates on Day 1. A bit of petrol sorted that out and off Jim went. Nice restoration of a very interesting BSA.



Timing the beast on the Sunday run. Try doing that on yer modern Kawahonsuzyama

But this was easily accomplished and orfed he went Laughing and real happy!



This is Rick Baddock
 an overseas visitor to the Rally.....all the way from the Apple Isle...Tassie. Rick rode this 1952 M20 from Burnie clocking up some 1700Km's by the time the Old Fart caught up with him at the show and shine.

On the way Rick suffered three rear wheel punctures at 85KPH and collapsed wheel bearings. But not deterred he plugged away and got to the Rally on time.

The Queensland group provided new wheel bearings and helped fit up the rugged M20 for a return trip. Well done Rick and have a great ride home.



This clutch of 250cc BSA C11's were ridden up from McLaren Vale in South Australia by Tony Morrisset and the C11 crew
 What a marathon on such small bikes? They give medals in Russia for such acts of bravery? Don't they? Well done guys and we hope that you enjoyed the Rally.

many thanks to all who help over the weekend.
 At the meeting on Sunday last it was decided, and Pat Ernst has agreed to stand in as acting President until the AGM. in February 2009. this will I think help the Club gain some stability over the few months till the AGM. meeting.
Fred Jupe sec.

Minutes of BSAOC of Qld. Monthly meeting held on the 14th September 2008 at Mobil Service Coomera

Open:- At 9-30A.M. 8 members . opened by Vic President Pat.

Apologoes:- Mike Rielly

Minutes:- Moved Robert and seconded Keyven the August Minutes carried.

Correspondance:-{1} Qld Government info on Vehicle Rego.

Concession

{2} Motor Cycling Qld. Re Historic Clubs

{3} Email from Jim Nixon SA.re. Rally, all Home Safe.

{4} Motor cycling Qld, minutes historic clubs Meeting.

{5} Email from +++ re 1938 C 10 parts and Membership.

Moved Phil. seconded Harry carried.
Treasurers Statement:- Our treasurer will give at statement of account at the October meeting

General Business:- {1} Photo disc not yet finished. Will be on sale for \$20. soon .

{2} Ride to Rockhampton Qld. long weekend May 2009.

{3} Discussion on Rally.

{4} It was decided by all to leave the election of a president till the AGM in Fedruary2009 in the mean time Pat has agreeable to fill in the position till then.

Moved Phillip seconded Robert carried.

No further Business Meeting Closed at 9.55 am.

Fred Jupe BSAOC sec.

Rally Roundup Pictures



Colleen Johnson, her daughter and son in law David with Billies Trike for one last ride.



Show and Shine on Saturday afternoon



Mike Reilly's con-course winning 1938 Gold Star...Is this one of the first built??



Keith Wendell's 1938 Gold Star reckoned to be the first one

What a treat for BSA nutters. Two of the first Gold Stars built to-

gether with a wonderful selection of Gold Stars through the production years. Where else could you experience such BSA heaven? Here in Queensland of course



Dave Weeks workmanlike 1957 Gold Star all the way from WA

THE GOLD STAR PAGE