



Falcone

Newsletter of the Moto Guzzi Owners Association of NSW

Issue #2019-1, December 2019



THE MOTO GUZZI OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF NSW TURNS 40!

As it happens, all things age. Even clubs! As of February, the Moto Guzzi Owners Association of NSW will turn 40. No mean feat considering the original 29 members probably had no idea, that the club would still be around, and thriving, with good attendances at monthly meetings, and a rally attendance that is steadily growing. Still, funnier things have happened.

The first “official” meeting of the Moto Guzzi Owners Association was held at a waterhole on a small property at Buckety, in the hills at the back of Gosford, on a particularly hot day in February 1980, following the inaugural run by the fledgling club.

A working committee was duly elected at the waterhole and was subsequently ratified at the Association’s first Annual General Meeting, which took place a few months later on May 20th at the Ashfield RSL Youth Club Hall. At that meeting a formal constitution was adopted by the 29 founding members, many of whom are still in the club today.



The Guzzi Ride

The rumble, the roar, that off-beat sound
That's when I know, there's a Guzzi around

Far from perfect, and with Italian electrics
Those that ride them, are slightly eccentric

As she idles, from pot to pot
The whole bike rocks, a hell of a lot

Out on the road, no, not in town
These are awesome, not for a clown

Open her up and let the revs rise
She pulls like a train, quiet the surprise

Up through the gears, going ever faster
The whole world's mine, I am the master

Corners approach, at a great rate of knots
No need to worry, no need to stop

Back through a gear, and on the right line
Laying her over, the feeling's sublime

Mid corner changes, are never a problem
Adapts quite quickly, just get on with them

Miles get eaten, distance disappears
Smiles get bigger, lose all my fears

Destination comes closer, really a shame
But she still needs petrol, part of the game

Standing back, admiring with mates
This is Guzzidom, isn't it great?

© Tony Mowbray 9/9/2017

The Ragged Fringe Rally, September 2019

Charlie Brown Reports

This year's MGOA (Moto Guzzi Owners Association NSW) Ragged Fringe Rally attracted around 200 registrations with participants from far and wide, including Perth and Tasmania.

The Rally was the club's 32nd and one of our life members, Brett Rosenthal, has never missed one.

This year also marks the club's 40th anniversary. Again it was an enjoyable weekend for old and new friends to catch up and share the "Guzzi Spirit."

Motorcycles of all varieties were in attendance so there was plenty to see, discuss and local rides to be had.

On the Saturday afternoon/evening, events such as a competitive slow ride and crankcase tossing were held. Then 9 trophies were awarded for:

- Best Moto Guzzi;
- Oldest bike and rider;
- Longest distance female rider (this year from Geelong VIC);
- Longest distance rider (this year from Perth);
- Longest distance pillion;
- Oldest Moto Guzzi;
- Largest club attendance (again won by the George the 4th Tourers MC);
- Hard luck award (deservedly won by Eric Harmer suffering an exploding universal joint): and
- "Showing the Guzzi Spirit" award.



The rally is held at the Brett Reserve, on Thunderbolts Way, a picturesque location although this year, extremely dry, as unfortunately is most of NSW. Some firefighting was being conducted in the region however fortunately the RFS were permitting camp fires at Brett.

Onsite wood fired Pizza was provided on the Saturday night and this year we had a mobile café service available. Both of these went down very well.

Thanks to all who attended and a special thankyou as always to Motociclo in St Peters, for their support with raffle prizes.



The “Control” tent



Hang on—shouldn't the knee bone be connected to the thigh bone? 'Talian 'Lectrics were at the rally too.



Lunch at “Roadies” on the way up



Oh look—a V85TT, McDonalds Version



An oldie but a goody



The “Treasurer” keeping an eye on things



A typical Brett Sunrise

Head, including Geoff on his Vincent, Kirsty on a new V7 (she advises that she now attends every ride on a new bike) and a nice cross section of Guzzis including a side car that had to be chased down by Garth after a wrong turn.

Weather was good and traffic was fair for a Sunday afternoon. After admiring the view from West Head, it was a pleasurable cruise back to the Modis Operandi brewery in Mona Vale for a social sip.

No new members as such but we classed the Phil Burke entourage as prospective new members...

A Member’s Bike



Mik’s GRISO—so fast, while standing still, even the dogs talk about it!

New Member’s Ride, 17/11/2019

Charlie Brown Reports

Organised by Drew, the afternoon burn through the Kuring-gai Chase National Park was well attended this year.

Normally a small gathering, 15 bikes and a couple of pilgrims met up in Mona Vale for the circuit out to West



The Way We Were...



The BIG Announcement

Show us your card!



Lots of Suspects