

Southern Cross Association newsletter

February 2016

**SOUTHERN
CROSS
ASSOCIATION
(FTC) INC**

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Presidents Prattle



Well this year has taken off with a real rush. It's almost Easter, I hope this news letter finds you all well.

With Easter in mind I hope to see as many of you as possible at the

AGM in Rockhampton. I do know sadly the van park is fully booked for cabin/van accommodation, however there is plenty of camping still available.

To be able to vote at the AGM you need to be financial, so if you haven't paid your fees for this year you will need to do so prior to the meeting. Anyone wishing to nominate for any of the positions

need to have your nominations in to the secretary 14 days prior to the meeting. If you are thinking of trying for a position but are unsure please don't hesitate to call me as all positions are up for election.

Well that's all for now, hopefully see you all at the AGM.

Safe riding.

Macca

Tommy's Tidbits

Hi All,

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. I'd like to thank the new S.E. Qld members for helping with sausage sizzle at Spina Party, great new venue at 17 Mile Rocks.

Apparently my disguise as Santa wasn't that good. It didn't fool my

6yr old grand-daughter. I will have to remember to take my rings off next time.

[Was that you dressed up as Santa, Tom? I didn't recognise you—ed.]

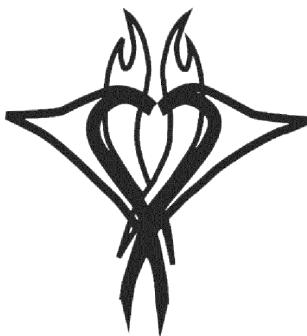
Well its been great weather down here for riding. A few of us have been meeting up on a

regular basis for a ride and catch up.

We're looking forward to riding up to Rocky for the AGM and finding out where the September run is going to start.

Hope to see you all there.

Cheers Tom



Townsville News

Hi to all in the Townsville region, for those who don't know the Shed is now open again on Friday nights.

I am very concerned about the attendance at the present time, we have a reasonable membership in the Townsville area, but still see the same 8-10 people every Friday. This is

your association not just the local committees, so if you think we are doing something wrong please let us know.

The Townsville AGM was held on Saturday 20 February 2016 at the shed.

Our Ride Coordinator has been a bit under the weather and we

do not have a ride calendar as yet, we will discuss this at further lengths at the AGM.

Well that's all for now hopefully see you at the local AGM.

Cheers

Macca

News from South East Queensland

Hi to all members,

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Christmas. South East Queensland SCA have been active doing rides and socialising.

Members turned up in numbers for the Spina Bifida Xmas party. Members manned the BBQ's to cook many sausages for kids and family members. The much loved Santa (Tom McKinnon) came to hand out

presents to the kids and the smiles on their faces were worth a million dollars. It was a very hot day and we think Santa lost about 10kg's in the suit. Don't worry we heard he put a lot of the lost fluids back in later. It was a great day with a magician entertaining everybody.

We also had our first Branch Xmas BBQ party at Bribie Island at Helen and my house. The day was great with

members sitting around having 1 or 2 drinks. A meeting was held and future rides were discussed for the coming year. We are looking forward to having a lot of fun in 2016. Helen and I are looking forward to catching up with a lot of members at the AGM in Rockhampton. Hope everyone stays safe and upright.

Cheers for now

Blakey



Proxy Form

If you are unable to make the AGM and would like to appoint another person to vote in your absence please complete the proxy form below and give to the secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Southern Cross Association (FTC) Inc

Proxy Form

I, _____

of _____

being a member of the Southern Cross Association (FTC) Inc,

appoint _____

of _____

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual) general

meeting of the association, to be held on the 26th day of March 2016

and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 201_____.

Signature _____

Annual Memberships

Don't forget that annual memberships expired on 1st February 2016 and are due for renewal. It costs just \$20 to become a member. only \$10 to renew your membership. If you are already a member

Last year's Poker Run pictures

Were you on last year's Poker Run? Take a look on the gallery on the website www.southern-cross-association.org.au and see if you can spot yourself having fun. If not have a look and see what you missed out on and make sure you join this year's run. Remember it is the first full week in September every year. This year it's the 5—9 and the route will be revealed at the AGM in Rockhampton on 26 April.

MY FIRST BIKE

1974. England was in the grip of a serious oil crisis and petrol skyrocketed. Newly married we couldn't afford to run two cars.

We'll get bikes!

With no machine of my own I enrolled in a 6 week beginner's course run by the local council on Saturday mornings, with a magnificent certificate at the end. A variety of small bikes, 'step throughs' and scooters were provided.

I failed the test. No certificate. My feet were scrabbling the ground more than they were on the pegs during the slow riding bit.

That could have been the end of it, but I bought a bike, booked a real test, AND PASSED!

So with frosted orange open face helmet, white biker's scarf, mum's pink leather ¾ coat, red cords and tan lace-up Hush Puppies, I was a sight to behold. Biker babes beware!



The bike was an open frame YB100 Yamaha, rich blue with a top box for my helmet. (Also held the week's groceries) Not a big bike, but all I could afford and brand new.

And the best bit? 50p worth of petrol lasted a fortnight! A bit more if we visited the olds at the weekend or went exploring.

Hubby bought a 250 MZ. A Czechoslovakian workhorse that NEVER broke down but an absolute sod to start.

I only tried to take it out once on my own. 'Please start, you bastard of a thing'. Twenty minutes later, sweating like the proverbial, having removed seventeen layers of clothes, at least, with my right leg a quivering, 'boneless' appendage, I had to admit defeat. I hoped to God none of the neighbours were watching.

I didn't go out, at all, that day.

My blue Yammy was a little beauty. Reliable transport to work, held all the shopping, (albeit with a box of cereal or washing powder stuffed down my jacket), honed my biking skills and gave several years of fun and adventure. Wonder where it is now.....

The AGEING BIKER BABE

Southern Cross Association (F.T.C.) Inc. Membership Application Form

Name: _____ Mem No.: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Office Use Only
Rec No.: _____

\$20 New Membership (Including Badge)

\$10 Renewal Membership

I give permission for my details to be on a contact for SCA Members only.

All payments & correspondence to:
Southern Cross Association (F.T.C.) Inc.,
PO Box 787, Aitkenvale Qld 4814

All memberships are due on the 1st February each year.

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.

SCA has a public liability insurance policy to \$20 000 000 which covers members and participants involved in an event held by the Southern Cross Association (F.T.C.) Inc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nomination Form - National AGM - 26 March 2016

Nominee (please print name)	Proposed by (please print name)	Seconded by (please print name)
Position	Signature	Signature
Signature		
Membership no.	Membership no.	Membership no.



SE Queensland Ride Calendar

March

Sat 12-13

Texas overnigher
Contact Brian for accom
details 0402 744 228
Blakey ride leader

April

Sun 10

Nobby for lunch
Blakey ride leader

May

Sun 1

Poker Run—details to come

June

Sat 11-12

Tin Can Bay weekender
Sleep Lagoon Hotel Motel
Blakey ride leader

July

Sunday 17

Kenilworth for lunch

August

Sat 13-14

Boreen Point weekender and
SE Qld AGM. Apollonian
Hotel

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