



LIVE TO RIDE: Steve 'Poindexter' Weight joins the national president of the Southern Cross Association, Grant 'Grunt' McFarlane outside the

World record

WHAT a sight when 309 motorcycles from the Southern Cross Motor cycle Association lined up wheel to wheel in the main street of Winton on the evening of Tuesday September 1.

A Guinness Book of Records attempt at the longest distance of motor cycles in a line was made during the afternoon when all 309 bikes were lined up.

This ended up with

681.6 metres of bikes, from scooters to trikes to sports bikes to the big tourers.

The Officials who monitored the bikes and measured the distances were Deputy Mayor Butch Lenton, Reverend Dennis Quinn, Southern Cross Association Member Graham Strang and Sergeant Tony MacDowall.

The Southern Cross Association Fundraising Poker run began in Cl ermont, with overnight steps in Barcoakline, Win

ton, Mt Isa, Hughenden and a break-up party in Townsville.

People came from as far as Darwin and Melbourne to participate in the fun draising ride. All funds raised from the Poker run are donated to spina bifida children's charity.

It was an amazing afternoon in Winton, an informal street party started with hundreds of people and motorcycles parked in the main street.

It was a fantastic sight with the street section

between the North Gregory and Australian Hotel abuzz with people and motorcycles.

A live band at the North Gregory encouraged many to dance and party late into the night.

Many thanks go to the Winton Rugby League Club for doing the food and bar at the football ground, to Graham and Louise Dean for putting the open air movie on and to everyone who helped make the Southern Cross stay in Winton possible.

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EASY RIDER (above left): Young Jaden Kauwhata contains his excitement about a ride in a sidecar.



LEGAL (above right): Graham Strang, Butch Lenton and Tony McDowall measure the record-breaking line-up.

WORLD RECORD (left): A strange sight outside the North Gregory: 309 bikers line up their iron horses in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for most bikes in a straight line.