



May Happenings

Concerns regarding the Road Safety Strategies; Representation on the Vehicle Standards Working Group; Abolition of rego labels; the TAC advertisement and more.....
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Road Safety Advisory Council – Report from the meeting on Friday 11th May

The Transport for NSW's Centre for Road Safety (now under the umbrella of NSW Transport) will be asking for submissions shortly on their Road Safety Strategy discussion paper.

We are led to believe that the Strategy will now closely align with the National Road Safety Strategy from last year. Apart from that, the underlying message the Road Safety Advisory Council meeting was Speed Enforcement, Speed Enforcement, Speed Enforcement with a little bit of Speed Enforcement thrown in for added flavour.

(This has since been upheld by the announcement on 1st June by Duncan Gay that mobile speed traps will increase 7 fold, and Safety Cameras will increase from 91 to 200.)

It was clearly acknowledged that Motorcyclists have grown significantly in numbers with no increase in fatalities, however it seems we still need special assistance, so we are going to get a dose of speed enforcement.

A marginal tip of the hat to the poor state of the roads, but basically they want what is in the NRSS.

The MCC cited performance examples of the Highway Patrol speed enforcement branch with two cases of HP vehicles ignoring road users breaking the law so they could continue down the road to do LIDAR speed enforcement and "Pick the low hanging fruit". The MCC advised the Council that the lack of enforcement of the basic road rules has led to a free for all where anyone doing 10k below the speed limit can do what he/she wants in front of a Highway Patrol car so long as it is not speeding. Any incident involving a car and bike will see the bike rider come off second best, and if they are serious about road safety for riders they need to enforce the basic road rules for all.

The MCC will be putting a submission in on the Road Safety Strategy discussion paper.

Anybody willing to assist in research for the submission paper, please contact chairman@mccofnsw.org.au.

Read more on the NRSS at http://www.atcouncil.gov.au/documents/files/NRSS_2011_2020_15Aug11.pdf

Vehicle Standards Working Group.

As a direct result of the Motor Enthusiasts conference held at Eastern Creek raceway a few weeks ago, Transport for NSW have convened a working group looking at Vehicle Standards in NSW and inspections. How does this affect us you ask? Think of all the choppers, trikes, sidecars, exhausts, brakes and all else covered by these inspections or regulations. Imagine what could happen if some uneducated muppet got loose in there and implemented a pile of rules for motorcycles that was impractical, hard to police and not interpreted correctly? We would end with the same issues the hot-rodders and vintage car restorers are having, or even stupid laws like the Exhaust Sticker Laws.

We have a seat on the Working group and we are having direct input into policy by the managers and directors of Transport for NSW. Feel free to send any issues to us via email to raise in these meetings.

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Removal of Registration Labels

From January 2013 Motorcycles, trailers (and cars) will no longer be required to display a registration label. The MCCofNSW have been advising the Government of this issue for some time. Minister for Transport Duncan Gay publicly supported the measure at the Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch in October last year as just one of the issues to be addressed for Motorcyclists. Whilst some riders don't consider this a big issue, those who have been harassed by police for having a label in the wrong position or in the wrong container will be pleased.

TAC Ad Issues

This ad highlights the lack of understanding of TAC into motorcycles and shows the crash analysis system currently in use for motorcycles is flawed. Skid marks from a motorcycle do not indicate speed at all, as was debunked by crash investigators 30 years ago. They only indicate whether or not the rider was competent at using the full capacity of braking or was not. Experienced well trained riders accustomed to their bikes would leave no rear wheel skid mark as the rear wheel in all likelihood would be off the ground in an emergency stop where as a novice could lock the rear wheel, forget the front and leave a skidmark far longer than 21 metres. This unhealthy preoccupation with speed is now reaching the nadir of ridiculousness, if the bike had been doing 78 it would have been past the site before the car arrived and had the driver looked twice and obeyed the law the crash would not have occurred.

The obsessive focus on speed is diverting attention from the importance of driving skills and the failure of the authorities to book drivers for minor offences whilst hammering speed, to the extent that it is now a near free for all, as far as stop/giveway signs and u-turns over double unbroken lines infringements.

Apart from that, a cursory look at the figures in NSW shows that motorcycle riders per 1,000 registrations are in actual fact less likely to have a collision than a car driver, we just come out of it worse off.

Root cause analysis; car failed to proceed with caution, if in doubt then don't go!

<http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/society-and-culture/giving-way-on-the-road-wont-kill-you-either-20120509-1yczr.html>

Silverwater Show and Shine

MCC attended a stall providing information for riders at the recent Silverwater show and shine. There were heaps of great bikes and cars on display in the sunshine. Thanks to Chris Burns and Bob Madell for running the stall and to Ed Chapman and Angie for assisting.

Look out for Temporary Australians on TVS. Greg Hirst chats with motorcyclists on all things motorcycling.

To celebrate it's 35th Anniversary Brotherhood CMC would like to invite its friends to join in on a thanksgiving ride and service.

Date: Sunday June 17, 2012

Time: 2pm to leave at 2.30pm

Brotherhood Clubhouse at 59-63 Pitt Street, South Parramatta

The ride will go to Wiseman's Ferry via Central Mangrove and then back to the clubhouse for a brief service, BBQ and cake.

RSVP by June 15 by the website www.brotherhoodcmc.org.au

Rider Risk Videos

Make sure you and your riding mates check out the Rider Risk Videos at www.mccofnsw.org.au

Movie tickets competition

Congratulations to the 10 lucky people who received tickets.

Call for Volunteers:

Planning for Motorcycle Awareness Week

Call for Volunteers:

Marketing

Sales

Database creation

We have an upcoming important task for the duration of approximately 3 months. If you have experience in the above fields your assistance would be most appreciated.

The Motorcycle Council of NSW appreciates any Volunteer assistance. If you can help, please email to enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au

Motorcycle Council of NSW meetings

The Motorcycle Council of NSW meets on the first Monday of each month at the Ryde Ex-Service Club, 7:30 PM.

Meetings are not only for clubs or delegates.
All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events and appearances

- **17th June** - Brotherhood CMC 35th Anniversary Ride
- **14th-15th July** - United Tourers Winter Rally
- **22-23rd September** - 2012 Sydney Scooter Expo
- **18th October** - Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch

<http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/250.html> for details