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The week of the Rally was marred by heavy rain on Wed 10th. Thursday did not bode well either but the weather cleared during the day.

I had initially intended to ride to Bathurst on my Hinckley T100 but it was not ready so instead & trailered my '74 T150. I arrive in mid afternoon to find a group already there, prepared for the Friday ride. We all ate together at the Panorama which was a pleasant evening.

Friday dawned clear & sunny & by lunchtime everyone who had indicated they were riding was there, with the exception of 'Moses'. Accordingly we decided to set off earlier at 12 midday. We passed through Newbridge, a regular stop of ours but continued on to Neville. At the Neville Hotel a Guzzi Rally was underway with a group already camped in the field adjacent to the pub. The Guzzi owners were bemused to see a group of Classic Triumphs outside the pub, but were very friendly. Evidently Guzzi owners share an affinity with Triumph owners. Some of us had lunch in the pub & others walked down to a pleasant café just down the road.

The ride back to Bathurst followed the same route & we were back without incident in time for a Meet & Greet with the majority of the remainder of the Rally. This is a lovely time to get reacquainted with old friends. The Panorama was its usual busy self on that Friday evening, which added to the occasion.

Saturday dawned sunny again; we certainly were blessed that weekend. By 9:30 am we were ready to ride with a large proportion of the bikes being Meriden ones, which we were pleased to see. A member on a racing 'Rob North' who was not entered, arrived shortly before our departure but broke down with a broken clutch cable very near the panorama & we did not see him again.

The ride took us south to Rockley where we regrouped before taking the logging road to Black Springs. This road had never featured on our Rallies before, so was a pleasant surprise for all. It climbs & bends all the way to Black Springs, where we turned north for Oberon, our morning tea stop.

After refreshments at Oberon, the second half of the Rally joined us after a minor breakdown with David Flint's T150. We then took the back road to Tarana where we stopped for lunch, some in the Pub & others in the Café opposite. Friends of mine Pat & Deb from Oberon met us on a 'Jelly Mould' Tiger, a machine I have always liked. We judged the machines at Tarana, for the King of the Rally Award instead of at the Motor Museum.

To end the ride I decided to take the low road back to Bathurst, as a bit of a challenge. This road crosses the Railway multiple times, once at a level crossing. It is not the easiest road but worth the effort.

The AGM followed at 4pm chaired by Trevor Fowler. I will not dwell on the affairs of the AGM except to say that Jack Stevens was awarded the King of the Rally for this delightful T100C 500cc with very attractive high pipes on the right side. The President's Award went to Tim Tapsell for his T160, which he has ridden to every event for many years: Both worthy winners.

Our Saturday evening dinner was very enjoyable; Trevor had reserved tables slightly away from the crowd both evenings.

On Sunday morning people began to leave for home but there were still about nine of us staying for the Sunday ride. The good weather continued & we set off at 9:30 on the main road to Orange, leaving that highway for Millthorpe. The railway Station Café, which we have frequented on earlier rallies remains sadly closed so we had our coffee & breakfast in the 'Old Mill' café in the main street. This was a good venue which I might use again.

The return ride went to Blayney & hence to Newbridge where we had lunch in the Gladstone Hotel. It was quite busy which is nice to see. Brian Davis & Jack Stevens left us at Blayney to return straight to Bathurst to leave for home. Our return to Bathurst was pleasant & uneventful. Indeed the entire Rally was uneventful, which I appreciate, no dramas.

Those of us who remained watched the League Game where (to me) the Canberra Raiders seemed to be robbed of victory. Then our small group went up into town & had dinner at the Irish pub, to end the Rally. We all departed on Monday morning. I attended the morning service at the Cathedral to give thanks for a very successful rally. The numbers were down a little from previous years, but that was fine.

Yours Sincerely

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