

SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL The Rally & Events Scene



Hunter Valley Run 12th - 14th June

by Steve Mordue

The weather gods were kind to us for a change, which saw 31 pre 48 bikes leave Ray Lawler Reserve Morpeth on the Saturday morning ... which was a 60 km run out on country roads through Maitland Vale and Elderslie back onto the old highway to Lochinvar for lunch.

With no one getting lost and the backup trailer empty made me smile .

After feeding the worms and rehydrating there where a few conversations where lies about speed and reliability where encouraged.

We departed for the return journey of 45 km back to Ray Lawler Reserve.

Unfortunately we did have 1 get lost he evidently missed the flags and arrows and basically did the leg again, but the old panther kept purring and he arrived back safely with a smile on his face and seeing the countryside for the second time .

Saturday night those who stayed overnight gathered at east Maitland bowling club where we had a Chinese smorgasbord, then on a courtesy bus to the accommodation ready for the next day.





Sundays run was put on by the Newcastle vintage club, and members had the earn on for tea coffee and biscuits.

This was very welcome after riding to the event.

The run consisted of a 55km hub run which was fully marshalled and Bruce leading the way on his gorgeous M22 keeping us all on the right path.

We then arrived back to Ray Lawler where more NVMCC had the BBQ ready to go for lunch so people that had travelled could pack up and make the journey home.

It was great to see Mark and Dave from orange and Neill and Russell from Kempsey as well as Tony Gosling who are all stalwarts of this event and I appreciate it greatly.

Not to mention Martin Howard (super sport Ajay) Dave and Phil as well as numerous dual members, one of which rang me Saturday morning to tell me the bikes ready to go but unfortunately he had suffered a mild heart attack and was in hospital. **Now that's dedication.** Anyone that I have missed my apologies.

The quality and array of motorcycles was out standing ,the Blades family really impressed.

As for myself and the ohv vtwin bsa we did 270 kms counting getting there and back each day trouble free.



I really want to thank Bruce turner from the Newcastle club for his ongoing support, and indeed to all the Marshalls and cooks that donated there time, and to my wife and Neil Parker for doing backup.



Neil is nursing an injury but still turned up and pitched in ... Thanks mate.

If you haven't been before put it on your Calendar next year.

All the best
Steve Mordue



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2026 Debenham Winter Tour report

Every June, the CEMCC runs the Debenham Winter Tour for smaller and older bikes base out of Moss Vale. This years event was unusual in that the weather was perfect both days which is rare in the Southern Highlands!

Over 60 entrants and around 20 marshals participated this year from I think 18 clubs across NSW and ACT with quite a few VMCC members in attendance – some for the first time.

Entry was via the new web portal which worked very well. VMCC is installing the same software for managing our club.

Saturday

After gathering at the Moss Vale Holiday park, we all set off on a lovely ride out to Fitzroy Falls picnic area for morning tea via Exeter and a loop round Avoca – distance approximately 45 kms on undulating country roads. The corners were all expertly marshalled and as far as I am aware no one got lost. A few bikes ended up on the backup trailers. As usual, lots of tea, coffee, biscuits and cake were consumed as everyone caught up with acquaintances old and new.



From Fitzroy Falls we proceeded up to Robertson via Wildes Meadow – a fantastic bit of road – and then through Kangaroo to the Scottish Arms Hotel in Bowral – another 45kms. This is a great venue for lunch. The meals came quickly and were very nice. As this was the 25th anniversary of the Debenham Tour, a short history of the event was discussed followed by presentation of the Annual trophy by one of the event founders – Merle Graham.

After lunch we took a reasonably direct rout back to Mossvale to add another 20 kms to the day.

Sunday

Sunday is usually attended by a smallish group but this time over 40 riders gathered for a morning run through the back roads of Berrima, Sutton Forest, out towards Wombeyan Caves then back through Berrima to Moss Vale. The distance was around 50-60 kms.





Sunday after the ride is a sausage sizzle with lots more talk about how great the weekend was.

Rallies like this show that well organised rides with great Marshals keep all the entrants happy and looking forward to next year. The great weather doesn't hurt either.

I would recommend this rally for our VMCC members as it really is set up to cater for bikes like

ours.

(photos courtesy of the VMCC NSW Facebook Page – Mick Bostok and Jo Monk)

.... Ian Richardson



1. Mick Bostok and his Indian.
2. Mick Smith and his Harley.
3. Jo Monk - On an AJS ????
- like pineapple on a pizza ??
- Maybe it's Wayne Smith's AJS.
4. Ian Richardson with his superb Rudge Multi.
5. A very nice Excelsior Manxman.



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Just a small selection of the turnout of marvelous machines at the very successful 2026 CEMCC Debenham Rally

