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The Steel Horse

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Sarge's Slant

Well 6 weeks and we have a Club!

- ◆ The first monthly meeting has been conducted and we have 28 financial members.
- ◆ Our logo has been finalized.
- ◆ Club Patches embroidered and distributed.
- ◆ Name Tags almost all completed.
- ◆ Incorporation application presented to the correct government agency.
- ◆ Web site developed and up and running.
- ◆ Management committee selected and first committee meeting completed.
- ◆ 5 formal Club rides done and dusted and more scheduled to the end of this year.
- ◆ 2 social evenings held and now a fond memory.
- ◆ Loges has kindly donated 1,000 invite-to-ride business cards for us to distribute to potential members. (Thanks mate)
- ◆ What an effort by all concerned.

My thanks to all of those who have accepted a role in the Club and special mention once again to Debbil for the huge effort in guiding us through the Incorporation application. Without your dedication and effort we would still be at the very least weeks away from presenting this application.

Ynot has accepted the challenge of the role of President and he deserves our combined support as he works through all the stuff necessary, with the Management committee, to get a strong platform for the Club to grow and prosper.

Don't forget that this is OUR Club and together we need to enjoy the opportunities it brings for us to socialize and Ride our Bikes in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

I look forward to riding, drinking and having fun with each and every one of my Club colleagues now and in the future.

See Ya on the next one!

Sarge

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2nd Tuesday of every
month

Who's who

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Ride Captain (South) - Yogi

See Event Calendar for details

Ride Captain (Central) - Sarge

See Event Calendar for details

Ride Captain (West) - Sam / Cosmo

See Event Calendar for details

VIP dates

- ◆ 05/12/2009—Club Party
- ◆ 26/01/2010—Australia Day
- ◆ 14/02/2010—Valentine's Day
- ◆ 04/04/2010—Easter Sunday
- ◆ 25/04/2010—Anzac Day
- ◆ 09/05/2010—Mother's Day
- ◆ 18/07/2010—Laverda
- ◆ 05/09/2010—Father's Day
- ◆ 27-29/9/2010—Mild Hogs Ride

Club objectives

The objects of the club are to encourage members to regularly meet, ride, and join together for social enjoyment

Membership

Membership is open to Riders and Pillions of Cruiser and Tourer motorcycles, as well as Social members.

The annual membership subscription is \$36 for Riders, \$24 for Pillions, and \$12 for Social Members.

There is also be a once only joining fee on top of the annual membership fee. This will cover the cost of Patch, Insignia, and other Club costs. These costs are currently \$30 for Riders and Pillions, and either \$20 or \$30 for Social Members depending on whether they elect to wear a Badge or a Vest.

Monthly Meetings

Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc meets every 3rd Tuesday at Broadway Hotel, Woolloongabba at 7.00 pm. The Broadway Hotel is at the intersection of Logan Rd, Wellington Rd, and Balaclava St, Woolloongabba.

Club Merchandise

Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc is in the process of organising merchandise and clothing for sale to members.

Internet presence

THE CLUB WEBSITE IS:

steelhorsesinc.com

(steel horses inc dot com)

Member's Birthdays

Happy birthday to all members who celebrate their birthday this month. They include:

- ◆ Princess
- ◆ Yogi.

Ynot's Blurb—November 2009

Hi all,

The rapid pace of our club's formation and operation has been remarkable. It was only yesterday that the idea was just a topic of discussion. Sarge has identified the progress we have made in his report, so I won't repeat it here. It just proves what can be achieved by a group of motivated people pulling in the same direction.

Your committee is hard at work at the moment building the foundations of what is shaping up to be a very dynamic and exciting club. We are currently finalising the requirements for incorporation. The Government Department—Fair Trading—has already responded to our application requesting a few minor adjustments to the rules of association, and these have been supplied, so we are awaiting their final approval.

Various committee members are writing the By-Laws that are necessary for the day-to-day running of the club. At our committee meeting the writing of the By-Laws was allocated as follows;

By-Law	Priority	Author
Types of allowable motorcycles	1	Debbil
Membership fees	1	Debbil
Ride calendar	1	Debbil
Rider's Choice process	1	Debbil
Insignia size and placement	1	Debbil
Application forms	1	Debbil
Newsletter production	1	Debbil
Ride rules	2	Sarge
New member processing	3	Ynot
Roles of office bearers including role descriptions	4	Ynot
Rules of acceptable behaviour in meetings	5	Ynot
General rules of acceptable behaviour	6	Ynot
Complaints process and handling disputes	7	Debbil
Disciplinary procedure	8	Sarge
Volunteer roles (non office bearers) including role descriptions	9	Ynot

As each By-Law is developed by the committee, it will be revealed to the membership and included in the By-Law document that every member will have access to. It is intended that the By-Laws will be a living document, and may be changed to suit the changing requirements of the club. The process for change will be kept as simple as possible and can occur at a monthly meeting. The intention of having By-Laws is purely to enable the committee and members to clearly understand how the club operates, and to provide guidelines for action. They are not intended to be a restrictive control mechanism.

Whilst the roles of office bearers have not been finalised yet, it was decided at the committee meeting that the roles of Coordinator and Ride Captain needed to be clarified immediately because there was some confusion regarding these roles. I submitted proposed roles for these two positions, and they were accepted by the committee. The roles will be included in the relevant By-Law when it is published. In the interim period, if any member wants a copy they can contact me. They are also available on our web site.

The Event Calendar was discussed a length, and it was decided to have a rolling 12 month Event Calendar. This means that we will have a 12 month calendar of events that will be updated every 3 months. If any member has a suggestion for a ride, please give these to a Ride Captain to be considered for inclusion in the Event Calendar. If any member has a suggestion for a social event, please present it to the Coordinator for consideration for inclusion in the Event Calendar.

The finances of the club are being closely controlled by our treasurer, Kmac. There are lots of expenses associated with the start-up of a club such as this. So far we are just keeping our heads above water, and will have to rely heavily on the club raffles to fund our operations for the first year. So, dig deep into your pockets at raffle time and support your club. We are receiving numerous offers of donations for raffle prizes. Thank you to all concerned. This is another indication of the commitment of our members, and their desire to see the club succeed.

It is extremely important that all members understand that the club does not yet have public liability insurance. At all events we are all individually responsible for our actions, and we must always practice safe behaviour, and be conscious of the consequences of our actions. The Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club is not in any way liable for any damage or injury in whatever form you may incur whilst attending a club event.

Sarge has developed some ride rules that will shortly be published. Each Ride Captain will be responsible for ensuring that these ride rules are explained to all riders at the start of and during each ride. Please listen carefully to the instructions issued by the Ride Captain and always follow their instructions. Having said this, you are ultimately responsible for your own safety, and you must always ride within your own skill and comfort zones, and the prevailing traffic conditions.

There are so many other issues that I could talk about, but I'm sure they will arise at future meetings and events. If you have something to discuss, please include your issue on the monthly meeting agenda, or discuss it with one of the Committee Members or Ride Captains. It is your club; get involved.

That's all for now.

Ynot

Aren't we good looking? - 1st meeting, 20 October 2009



Steel Horses 1st meeting

L to R.

1st row; Debbil, Kmac, Ynot, Sarge.

2nd row; Jenny, Jewles, Ginger, Sugar, Sam, Huffy, Jacki, Kaz, Apples

3rd row; Barney, Popeye, Steiny, Gers, Loges, Cougar, Phil, Helen, Yogi, Drastic, Rowdy, Sparra.

Ride—Sunday, 1 November 2009

Arriving at Maccas Mt Gravatt was Sparra, Ynot, Debbil, Popeye, Barney with official Girlfriend, and Sugar and I.

This was a very good turnout despite the threatening weather, and a number of us made the comment that we had checked the weather radar, and NO WORRIES it was not gonna RAIN!!! was the general consensus of the group.

It was my intention to follow the route that we did on the very first Club ride 2 months ago so we headed off down the Southeast freeway towards the Oxenford turnoff. No sooner had we passed Springwood then the first sprinkle of rain hit us.

“Hmmm” I thought, this must be just a short shower; eyes front and we’ll ride through it.

“WRONG”. As soon as we passed through the first shower we hit a second and then a third and even a fourth. My gear was getting progressively wetter and wetter and the crew behind me were getting further and further apart due to traffic and weather, not to mention the wailing in my ear from the missus who was bellowing “if my hair gets wet, you’re gonna pay!” “Yeah, like I don’t own the hair salon already” I thought.

After the 4th shower I found a bridge to pull up under out of the weather and Ynot and Debbil took the opportunity to put their wet weather pants on. I remember thinking I must have a quite word with Ynot about Club image in those infamous yellow plastic pants of his.

The traffic was streaming past and the rain had stopped so we carefully got back on the road. Unfortunately for Popeye he was a little distracted by the traffic and I moved off slower than he’d expected and as a consequence we bumped into each other. No damage, just a couple of red faces that we shook off and got moving.

Note to self! We need to create an “O Shit award” for the Club - 1st nomination Sarge and Popeye – lol.

We finally made it to the Oxenford turn off without further mishap or rain.

We then stopped at Canungra for a cuppa and a browse through the Ned Kelly Bike accessory shop where Ynot and Sparra wished us goodbye. Barney purchased another shirt or two and promptly put one on while I physically dragged Sugar away from the leather rack and pushed her out the door.

After we had the cuppa and a natter we headed off towards Beaudesert and onto, yes you guessed it, the Beaudesert to Boonah Road. All the way along this road it was threatening to rain and some fine showers actually occurred. When we reached the junction I looked right and spied some Blue Sky this was enough for me to change plans and head directly towards the Sun.

We reached the same coffee shop that we had lunched at on the first ride, about 30 minutes later and I must say the weather and the road was becoming quite pleasant but not enough to influence my decision and that was that. After Lunch we were heading home as I didn’t want to risk any more rain.

I communicated this to the Crew at Lunch and there was no one against the idea so that’s what we did. Said our goodbyes and headed home. Barney headed off to Laidley and Popeye, Debbil and I took the new M5 back to Brisbane, quite a nice piece of road.

A few days after this ride and as I am writing this report I am struggling to remember any of the cold or wet and once again only the good things are stuck in my memory.

No ride is a bad one!

See Ya on the next one

Sarge

Xmas party, party, party— 5 December 2009

After input from the Coordinators Ynot has decided that the Xmas party on December 5 will cost each person attending \$13.00 . If you will be attending the party, please bring CASH CASH CASH on Tuesday night—\$13 per person—\$26 per couple. A reminder—we need NUMBERS and payment in FULL on Tuesday night.

Minutes of meeting—20 October 2009 @ Broadway Hotel

- Meeting Opened:** 7.06 pm by Ynot.
- Attendance:** 24 members attended. They were: Apples, Barney, Cougar, Debbil, Drastic, Gers, Ginger, Helen, Huffy, Jenny, Jewles, Kaz, Kmac, Loges, Phil, Popeye, Rowdy, Sam, Sarge (Steve Sargeant), Sparra, Steiny, Sugar, Ynot, and Yogi.
- Visitors:** There was 1 visitor. This was: Jacki.
- Apologies:** 5 members sent apologies. They were: Boots, Cosmo, MG, Princess and Wingman.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting:** As this was an inaugural meeting of the club there were no previous minutes.
- Business arising from minutes:** Nil
- Correspondence In: / Out:** Nil
- 1. Introduction:** **Sarge** (Steve Sargeant) introduced the club to everybody. He emphasised that it was a club for all members. He then explained that if the club became Incorporated, it would be a legal entity in its own right, and that the group involved in forming the club had decided to go down that path. He further explained that all members will have full access to all Rules and Bylaws, and that although he expected there to be differences in opinions in the course of time, all of those opinions will be respected and listened to.
- 2. Nominations for Management Committee** **Ynot** called for nominations for positions on the management committee.
Sarge nominated Ynot (Tony Lowe) for President, Debbil (Ian Nicholson) for Secretary, and Kmac (Kelvin McBride) for Treasurer. All 3 accepted.
Debbil nominated Sarge (Steve Sargeant) for GM, and he accepted.
Sparra nominated both Sugar and Kaz as joint Coordinators. After clarifying how this might operate, both accepted.
- 3. Motion for Association name** **Debbil** moved that the club be called STEEL HORSES CRUISING MOTORCYCLES SOCIAL CLUB. Sparra seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried.
- 4. Motion to incorporate the association** **Ynot** moved that STEEL HORSES CRUISING MOTORCYCLES SOCIAL CLUB incorporate as an incorporated association under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act. Sarge seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried.
- 5. Motion that the rules of the association be those distributed to members** **Ynot** moved that under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act, the rules of STEEL HORSES CRUISING MOTORCYCLES SOCIAL CLUB be those distributed to members. Steiny seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried.
- 6. Motion to appoint a member to make application for incorporation** **Ynot** moved that **Debbil** be appointed to make application for STEEL HORSES CRUISING MOTORCYCLES SOCIAL CLUB to be an incorporated association. Rowdy seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried. Debbil said that it would take 5-12 weeks.
- 7. Election of members of the management committee** As chair, **Ynot** moved that all nominees for management committee positions be elected unopposed. Sparra seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried. Therefore Sarge is GM, Ynot is President, Debbil is Secretary, Kmac is Treasurer, and Sugar and Kaz are joint Coordinators.
- 8. Fee structure and payment of fees** **Debbil** spoke about the fee structure. He said that annual membership would be \$3 a month for Riders, \$2 a month for Pillions, and \$1 a month for Social members. This to be paid annually. There would also be a joining fee to cover club costs. This was currently \$30 for Riders and Pillions, and \$20 for Social members. He also stressed that the joining fee would change as costs changed. Barney moved that this fee structure be accepted. Loges seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried.

9. Appointment of Ride Captains

After some discussion, **Steiny** moved that the ride captains be Sarge for Central, Yogi for South, and Sam and Cosmo for West. Kmac seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried. Yogi said sometimes he might have a problem with Saturday rides. Sparra spoke about the need for “backups” for the Ride captains.

10. Patches / Insignia

Sarge modelled the club Patch and Handle/Name Insignia and Honorary Insignia, and their positioning. Ynot then moved that they be accepted as the official club regalia. Sparra seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried.

Ynot pointed out that the position of the “Original” honorary insignia had changed since the newsletter was distributed, and that “Original” would only go to members who joined before the December meeting. He said that the Management Committee would consider the need for “date” insignia after that.

Other Business (without notice):

Debbil stated that a Rider’s Choice would be included in the Event Calendar for most months. He explained what they were and how they worked.

Cougar moved that the Xmas party on Saturday, 5 December be held at Sarge & Sugar’s residence this year and that a more formal venue be used in 2010. Drastic seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried.

Ynot explained that visitors could attend social events provided they paid their way.

Debbil spoke about the need for the club to have a web presence, and it would therefore need a domain name and web host. He estimated costs at an approximate total of \$230 a year. Debbil moved that this expense be authorised. Ynot seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried.

Ynot explained that Loges had offered to service the club’s need for promotional material.

Jewles moved that a Business register amongst members be created. Yogi seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried. Ynot then “volunteered” Jewles to do this.

Huffy asked if it would be OK to donate drinks to the Xmas party. She received a positive answer.

Sugar said that names of attendees and deposits for the Xmas party would be collected at the November meeting. After calculating costs she would email all members.

Yogi asked about types of vests. Sarge said the question would go to the Management committee which would meet in the next few weeks.

Jenny requested that both Sarge and Ynot be immediately reimbursed for the large outlays they had made personally to get the club up and running.

Ynot moved that such payments be formally authorised by members. Kmac seconded it: in favour 24, against 0. Motion was Carried.

Cougar asked if the club would be raising funds for charity. Ynot replied that as it was a “Social Club” such actions were not on the agenda.

Raffle:

Loges won the \$50 Gift Card for a Gold Class Cinema voucher which **Jenny** had donated. Yogi won the bottle of Whisky which he had donated. He donated it back for the next meeting.

Jewles won the bottle of Scotch which **Huffy** had donated.

Next meeting date:

11 November 2009

Meeting closed at:

8.40 pm

Coordinators' Report

Sugar and Kaz have been working hard to organize our Christmas Party on December 5.

The costs will be about \$20 per couple or \$10 per person approximately give or take a few dollars. We won't know the final price until Ynot and Apples cost the salads and we have the final numbers of attendees. Debbil will send an email to you all before the meeting confirming the final price per person.

Payment in full will be requested at the November meeting so that we have the cash to buy the goodies.

A note will be sent out soon firming up the time and final arrangements. Don't forget that you need to bring your party spirit and your own Drinks for this event. Sarge will be cook for the night, but if you have any dietary needs please let Kaz or Sugar know ASAP.

The ride Calendar for January— February—March is being put together soon and hopefully, will be released and put onto our web page by our November meeting.

The management committee decided there was to be a "rolling" 12-month event calender which is to be updated every 3 months. Ride Captains need to make sure they supply ride details, and any changes, to both the Coordinators and the Secretary ASAP.

The event calender will include all VIP dates including 1 weekend away a year for each Ride Captain, a Rider's Choice on the 4th week of every month, a Pillion's Choice if a month has a 5th weekend, a ride by each Ride Captain every month, and each ride to include description, approximate distance and approximate duration, with rides to be on alternate Saturdays and Sundays.

Ideas for any social events would be welcome but given that it is Christmas soon, these may need to be spread over the next few months so that people don't have to put their hand in their pocket too much in the festive season. Ideas are welcome please.

Thanks to Loges we now have some excellent business cards to distribute as Ride Invitations and with the Management Committee's permission we will be putting these onto the service counters of various Motorcycle shops and assorted other places. Please get your personal stock (approx. 10) of these from Debbil at the November meeting so you can give a card to prospective members.

That's all for this month.

Sugar and Kaz

Treasurer's statement of Income & Expenditure

SUMMARY - INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS FINANCIAL YEAR 2009 - 2010

INCOME			EXPENSE		
DATE	INCOME DETAIL	AMOUNT	DATE	EXPENSE DETAIL	AMOUNT
20/10/2009	Membership fees	\$1,305.00	20/10/2009	Patches	\$662.75
	Raffle	\$91.55	30/10/2009	Patches	\$80.85
			31/10/2009	Stationary	\$4.99
				Stationary	\$11.64
				Domain Name	\$19.95
				Web Hosting	\$191.40
				Incorporation Fee	\$117.00
	Totals	\$1,396.55			\$1,088.58
	Cash on hand 1/11/2009	\$307.97			

By-Laws—Ride Rules

“SAFETY OVERRIDES ALL RULES”

1. All members should contact the Ride Captain the day before a ride to advise they would be attending.
2. All riders must meet at the appointed meeting area at least 10 minutes before the specified departure time with a full tank of fuel.
3. The Ride Captain is the only person who will alter the destination on a given ride day.
4. All members must comply with the Ride Captain's instructions concerning safety or behaviour.
5. Position yourself in the front, middle or back of a ride where you feel the most comfortable.
 - ◆ Try not to keep changing positions.
 - ◆ Ride in a staggered formation.
 - ◆ Try to keep the group together, as long as you are not exceeding your level of skill and comfort.
 - ◆ However, always put your personal safety above any other consideration such as ride formation or meeting point times.
6. Always keep the rider behind you in view whenever possible.
 - ◆ If you lose sight of following riders, pull over in a safe but visible position.
7. The designated “Tail End Charlie” must always remain at the back of the ride.
8. The Ride Captain must not leave the ride without nominating a backup ride leader, and ensuring that everyone is aware of the substitution.
9. Never pass the Ride Captain unless you have their specific permission to do so.
10. Riders may leave the ride on a nominated “breakout” that the Ride Captain will indicate by waving their left arm over their head.
 - ◆ If you pass the ride captain on a breakout you have formally left the club ride, and may rejoin the group later.
11. When overtaking a vehicle, riders must ensure that they do so safely, and allow sufficient room for following riders.
12. If you have any issues with the conduct of the ride, make sure you discuss these with the Ride Captain at the first opportunity, and if possible before the ride commences.
13. Always wear your vest to Club rides.
14. Always remember you are on this ride for the primary purpose of having fun and a good time, so enjoy the ride and join in all the activities on the day.

“SAFETY OVERRIDES ALL RULES”

Tech tip! - email attachments

Are you having a problem reading email attachments with .DOCX, .XLSX, or .PPTX extensions?

You are? That's because these files have been saved by Microsoft Office 2007 programs.

To read them, go to <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/default.aspx> and find the “Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2007 File Formats”.

Then download the file “FileFormatConverters.exe”. When you run this program it will add file converters to your WORD, EXCEL and POWERPOINT programs. They will then automatically open those previously unreadable attachments for you.

If all that fails, contact the Secretary, who will send you a copy of the file.

Ride—Saturday, 10 October 2009—UMC ride

I arrived at Maccas Goodna about 8 am and as no one was waiting I decided to go and have a look for the UMC Qld ride meeting point that was supposed to be the Redbank Plans Pub.

I had never been to this Pub before so I was applying the 5P rule (Prior Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performance).

I knew the general direction so headed back through the underpass to the other side of Ipswich Road and turned left at the lights. This took me along the service road for about a kilometre until it ran out and by this time I had worked out that I was going in the wrong direction. A quick check of my mirrors and a legal turn was performed. Just as this was completed I was greeted by Blue and White flashing lights and a siren wail from the Red Mitsubishi sedan that had been following me. Being a law-abiding rider I immediately pulled over and stepped off the Bike followed by the Red police car.

I greeted the Driver with a warm and friendly smile and a boisterous “beautiful day isn’t it!” The Driver was obviously not happy and simply said “I have pulled you over for a random License and alcohol test”. I provided my Licence and was subject to name, address and purpose of being in the area to which I gave replies. My details were being written into a formal looking file as I responded. I was questioned, “What club are you with?” and responded accordingly. After successful completion of the Interrogation and Breath test I asked if the Officer knew where the Pub was and got “don’t know, I’m not a local” as the answer. So we parted ways and I headed back in the opposite direction looking for the Pub.

As I crossed the intersection where I had turned left instead of right, a Police officer appeared on the side of the Road and waved me to a side road. I dutifully followed his instruction. I was then greeted by another officer who I smiled at and greeted with a cheery “Good Morning”. He responded with “I have pulled you over for a random License and alcohol test”. SHIT! “I have heard this before” I thought, but responded with “No worries Officer” and dragged out my License for the second inspection. Once again I was questioned why I was in the area, name address and Club and so forth and all details were written onto a formal looking clipboard. The female officer across the road must have been keen and thought I was worth videoing so I gave her a friendly smile and wave, she did not respond but I saw the video zoom in –

After completing all formalities successfully I put the Bike into second gear and slowly moved off. I proceeded down the road and finally found the Pub with 1 Bike parked outside. I had a quick chat with the rider and confirmed that this was the meeting point. Now I was confident on where we were meeting, I rode back towards Maccas via the same testing area that I was stopped by on the way in. YES you guessed it. I was waved down and went through the whole process again. That female police officer must have really fancied me cause she was at it again with the video camera (only human I guess)! Process completed, I eventually arrived back at Maccas to find Boots waiting with a coffee and a muffin.

After relating the story of my adventures and grabbing a Coffee, Loges arrived and we had a bit of a natter before heading off back to the Pub and the ride meeting point. YES you guessed it. This time as I passed the intersection all 3 of us got pulled over (randomly) and we went through the whole bit all over again but they must have recognised me because I got a bit extra in the form of a random Drug test. The officer was quite pleasant and explained that this test was costing the Government \$40 I felt so bad I almost offered to pay and AGAIN my details were recorded and so forth. Looking over my shoulder was the female with the camera pointed in my direction. “Damn she is desperate”, I thought!

While waiting for my random drug test results I was approached by a television crew for comment and gave them the story of my morning. Note to self, “tape the news I am on it tonight...”

After successful completion of all tests and interviews I dropped the Bike into 3rd and slowly left the area.

We got to the Pub and by this time there were about a 100 Bikes assembled and a few media were gathering. I noticed a few familiar faces in the Crowd and caught up with Grizzly and Dave who had arrived together. After waiting and chatting for about 40 minutes the crowd moved and we were off.

We left Goodna by the main Ipswich road and the riders took a short while to settle and sort out as there were about 400 riders in total. The ride out of the city was without event and it flowed well through the traffic. We exited the main road and headed towards the Toowoomba highway until turning towards Fernvale and the Biker Pub near

there. After a stop and a Beer the ride headed further North West toward Esk and then onto Kilcoy. Loges left the ride at the first stop and I left Boots to continue on at the second stop and returned home via Esk and Fernvale.

I did not want to be late home to tape the news as I was on it!

I arrived home about 2.30 pm and told the missus all about our adventures.

Another lovely ride.

See Ya on the next one

Sarge

Footnote: I did tape the news to watch my interview and my 15 seconds of fame but the person who appeared on the screen was not me but Loges! NOW I know what he was doing while I was being tested. Talk about mates - lol

Ride—Saturday, 7 November 2009

Forecast was not good, very heavy clouds did not look good, and could not find my wet weather gear, not good at all!

Left home, not raining.

Met the other game ones at Goodna, still dry.

So Sam, Where are we going? Well guys it looks like rain, so I think we will go up around the dams, because it never rains up there.

So Debbil, Loges, Drastic and I leave Maccas, Still not raining.

A bit of a zig zag out through Lowood, Coominya and up to Esk for a short break where we had to head for shelter, **out of the sun**, it was hot!

Straight up to the Di'agullar highway then across to Kilcoy for a lunch break. Turns out the little hostess at the café had a soft spot for "The Debbil". Maybe she thought he was Santa.

Good food and conversation, and back on the bikes, still dry.

Down to Somerset, around the back of Wivenhoe, and down through Fernvale.

We had a near miss between Fernvale and Blacksoil with a car and 4wd. After a spate of speed up, and slow down, the car decided to chuck a quick right hand turn in front of the 4wd. Grabbing a fistful of brake I signalled to the others but was too late for Drastic, who had to pass me on the left and go wide to avoid a nasty situation. Good evasive riding. Loges and Debbil had time to stop.

We had 30 spots of rain just as we got to the BP at Blacksoil.

After a few words about the car driver that I can't repeat on paper, we bid each other goodbye and rode home dry as a chip.

Just goes to show you can't trust the weather forecast.

Cheers Sam

Mine's bigger than your's

Two old codgers are in a bar. Both have had a successful life and have done well with their businesses.

They start arguing about who has the biggest house and the largest property. Finally after a couple of hours there is no real end to who has what. One of them says "I tell you what, I can get on my old dirt bike at sunrise and then ride 'till sunset and I still won't have reached the far side of my property." The other old codger puts his beer down, looks at his friend, and says "I know just what you mean. I once had an old bike just like that."

Event Calendar

Eventually, this will be a “rolling” 12-month calendar, and will change every 3 months.

Where it says “**Rider’s Choice**” or “**Pillion’s Choice**”

We would like you to volunteer to lead a ride along your favourite roads.

If you want to take a Riders Choice, email the nominated Ride Captain at least two weeks before to let him/her know the meeting point (you decide), the route, the distance, and approximate ride duration.

If everything is OK, the Ride Captain will approve it and let you know ASAP.

When the Ride Captain lets you know, you **MUST** then email all members to give them advanced notice of the ride details.

(if you can’t do that, ask the Secretary to do it ASAP).

YOU must then lead the ride.

If nobody volunteers, the nominated Ride Captain will take the ride as usual.

You must phone the relevant Ride Captain by 7.30 pm the night before a ride to confirm you wish to do that ride.

Meeting Points & Ride Captains		
South	M1, Exit 38, Yatala (BP Service Centre)	Yogi — 11yogi11@gmail.com Mob: 0418 692 277; Ph: 07 3206 0440
West	McDonalds, 2 William St, Goodna	Sam —samhobden@hotmail.com Mob: 0419 174 201; Ph: 07 5464 1066 Cosmo —cutidea@bigpond.com.au Ph: Mob: 0405 737 085; Ph: 07 54645275
Central	McDonalds, Logan Rd & Norton St, Upper Mt Gravatt	Sarge —sarge44@bigpond.net.au Mob: 0417 636 425; Ph: 07 3272 5981

November

Sun 1	Central	9.00 am	No idea yet	
Sat 7	West	9.00 am	Up to the Darling Downs	
Sun 15	South	9.00 am	Still no idea where to go	
Tue 17	All	7.00 pm	Meeting at Broadway Hotel, Woolloongabba	
Sat 21	Central	9.00 am	Tour of the Bay	
Sun 29	Central	9.00 am	Rider’s choice—Debbil will repeat his “Invitation Only” ride. Starting at Mac-cas, Upper Mt Gravatt, then crossing the river a few times, around past Wivenhoe Dam, and Lunch at Mt Glorious ; finish at The Gap.	200 km; 4.5 hours

December

Sat 5	All	?	Steel Horses Christmas Party	
Sun 13	South	?	How about a lunch / BBQ at a park somewhere ?????	
Tue 20	All	7.00 pm	Meeting at Broadway Hotel, Woolloongabba	
Sat 21	Central	9.00 am	You choose ?	
Fri 25	Family		Christmas Day	
Sun 27	West	9.00 am	Rider’s choice	

January

Sat 2	Central	9.00 am	Samford, Dayboro, Mt Mee, Maleny, Burpengary, Home	
Sun 10	West	9.00 am	Rosewood, Gatton, Murphys Creek, Hampton, Esk, Fernvale	
Sun 17	South	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Lions Road, Kyogle, Nimbin, Murwillumbah, Home	289 km; 6 hours
Tue 19	All	7.00 pm	Meeting at Broadway Hotel, Woolloongabba	
Sun 24	Central	9.00 am	Blacksoil, Fernvale, Esk, Splyyard Creek, Mt Glorious, Samford, Home	300 km; 6.5 hours
Sat 30	West	9.00 am	Pillion’s Choice	

They all work at the plant. Honest!

Dave works hard at the plant and spends most of his evenings riding his bike with the boys. His wife thinks he's pushing himself too hard, so for his birthday, she takes him to a local strip club. The doorman at the club greets them and says "Hey Dave, how ya doin'?" His wife is puzzled and asks if he's been to this club before. "Oh No," says Dave. "He works at the plant during the day."

When they are seated, a waitress asks Dave if he'd like his usual Budweiser. His wife is becoming uncomfortable and says, "you must come here a lot for that woman to know you drink Budweiser."

"No honey, she works at the plant during the day, too."

A stripper comes over to their table and throws her arms around Dave. "Hi Davey," she says. "Want your usual table dance?" Dave's wife, now furious, grabs her purse and storms out of the club.

Dave follows and spots her getting into a cab. Before she slams the door, he jumps in beside her and she starts screaming at him.

The cabby turns his head and says, "Looks like you picked up a real bitch tonight, Dave."



Ooops!



Thanks Steiny

Ride—Sunday, 24 October 2009

Steel Horses Ride Report Sunday 24-10-2009

So there I was with Ynot sitting at Mt Gravatt Maccas at 8.55 am and just him and I. Suddenly my phone rang and it was Debbil enquiring why I was not at Goodna to take the ride! It then dawned on me that the email, changing the meeting point to Mt Gravatt, which I sent to my brand new contact list for the Club, might not have reached all recipients. (When I got home I checked and Sugar had not set the mailing list up correctly)

We immediately leapt onto our Bikes and headed for Goodna, at no more than the legal limits all the way.

On arriving at Goodna I was greeted by a crowd of smiling Steel Horsemen wondering why they were in the right place and Ynot and I were not. No explanation would have been accepted so I took it on the chin, blamed Ynot and Sugar, and said let's ride!

I had planned a wonderful ride through Beaudesert and surrounds but due to the fact that everyone else was at the wrong meeting place I decided that we would go west (sort of). So we headed off along the Ipswich Motorway until we came to the Toowoomba turn off. Along the Toowoomba highway we went until just past Blacksoil where we turned onto the Rosewood, Grandchester and Laidley road.

I took the crew past the Laidley turnoff and noticed a headlight approaching fast from my right, it turned out to be Sam and daughter waving furiously and telling me that I was going the wrong way, in fact I was intentionally heading out to a little Pub that I have not been to for many years and is well worth a stop. The second I mentioned Pub, Sam knew its name and location and was HAPPY because Pub = BEER.

The road we were on would lead to nowhere so after a short stop, a cool drink, and some viewing of a lovely old vintage Triumph, we headed back towards Laidley to continue the trip. Before the town I took the turn off that Sam had suggested and then promptly got lost - heading to God knows where but not where we wanted to go. I indicated a U-Turn and lead the pack back towards the correct turn off, however Phil and Helen were so impressed with the road we were on they decided to keep going for a while longer after the rest of us turned back. On ya Phil!

We eventually reached the correct road and proceeded through Gatton to the Ma Ma Creek road. Now parts of this road are well-surfaced and gentle bends and other parts are just the opposite. I indicated a breakout just after the Ma Ma Creek town hall and hit the nice part at increasing speeds with the other Bikes decreasing in my vision. I had a very enjoyable ride along this enjoyable road and just before the road narrowed and bends became dangerous, throttled back to 40 kph to wait for the others. It was not long before Rowdy caught me and then a little while later the rest arrived. We took it easy for the remainder of the road until I turned towards the Toowoomba highway and despite this road being single lane kept the speed up to make up some time.

We eventually intersected with the Highway and turned towards Toowoomba. Just before Toowoomba we stopped at a small Roadhouse for Lunch and Fuel.

This is where Debbil approached me and enquired about our speed being a little high. As I mumbled something about "bloody Boulevards and they always drift up in speed if ya don't watch them"! It suddenly dawned that not everyone had seen the sign to Breakout and they had been trying to keep me in sight. DOH!

(Now that we have the ride rules drafted, this was my last breakout unless I can coerce someone to take over the ride while I participate in the next one)

After Lunch and Fuel we hit the road to Toowoomba where Sam parted company and went to visit a mate while the rest of us went on to ride down the range and head for Home.

We Stopped at Blacksoil for last goodbyes and let Helen rest the sore parts of her anatomy before hitting the road individually to go our respective way home.

Another Good ride and another day in good company

See Ya on the next one

Sarge



Gers with his strange (or should I say “rare” bike - aaahh what the hell; it’s a Triumph Thunderbird

The better looking one of the pair. Jewles with Triumph Thunderbird



How to wear your Patch and Insignia

NOTE: We’ve changed the position of some Insignia on your vest since the last newsletter.

These changes should NOT affect anybody but

