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We're in the News again!

Joined the club

WE read your article about the Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycle Club (Carsguide, December 12).

After recently purchasing a Honda Shadow Cruiser I was looking for a club to join and after reading your article I got in contact with them.

I would like to thank you for your article which led to me joining a great club that has assisted me in being a better rider. The club members have been very welcoming to me and my partner.

Kelly-Ann and Robert Hobson
(The club rides each weekend and meets at the Broadway Hotel at Woolloongabba every third Tuesday at 7pm. Call 0417 636425 or 0417 758 792. Visit: steelhorsesinc.com)

The Courier-Mail, January 30-31, 2010, Letters, Carsguide Supplement, p.11.

Monthly meeting—change of time

At the January meeting, a motion was carried to change the start time of monthly meetings.

Consequently, from 16 February monthly meetings will start at 7.30 pm.

Deadline
2nd Tuesday of every
month

Who's who

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See Event Calendar for details

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See Event Calendar for details

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See Event Calendar for details

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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 a once only joining fee on top of the annual membership fee. This covers the cost of Patch, Insignia, and other Club costs. The joining fee is \$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.

Once the Management Committee have completed the By-Laws you will be able to purchase a booklet of the Rules and By-laws at cost.

Monthly Meetings

Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc meets every 3rd Tuesday at Broadway Hotel, Woolloongabba, Brisbane at 7.30 pm. The Broadway Hotel is at the intersection of Logan Rd, Wellington Rd, and Balaclava St, Woolloongabba.

Club Merchandise

Please contact the **Merchandiser** (see **Other Roles** to the left) if you are interested in **Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc** merchandise .

Internet presence

THE CLUB WEBSITE IS:

steelhorsesinc.com

(steel horses inc dot com)

Disclaimer

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Sarge's Speil—February 2010

Taking extended holidays is not all its cracked up to be because from the day I got back to work I've been travelling interstate and it's not going to ease up in the foreseeable future.

This has resulted in me missing the last meeting and probably missing the next 2 as well, but I guess we all have to eat!

The rides are going smoothly except for a small event near Nimbin that is fast fading from my memory and everyone seems to be enjoying themselves. It is really important that everyone continues to get enjoyment from our Club and I encourage anyone with suggestions for rides or events and so forth to 'bring it on' and raise the idea.

I am very pleased that we now have enough Riders to justify a Riders' Delegate [Rule 19(7)(b) - Editor] and one of my favourite Pommies (Aussie for 'English Gentleman') has accepted the role. Good on ya Rowdy, I look forward to your ideas at the committee meetings and elsewhere. If you're wondering what the Riders' Delegate does, then have a look at the job description on the web on page 21 of the January Newsletter. Basically, if you're like me and a bit shy, you can make suggestions and raise ideas or issues about the Club by talking to the Riders' Delegate.

I hear a whisper that the amount of Rules and By-Laws is a slight concern to some and to all I offer this advice. Don't be concerned as our Club is set up to ensure that the rules and stuff are there to guide us and if the majority of members believe that any Rule or By-Law needs to be changed or thrown out, then they can be by a democratic vote and more than 50% of members agreeing at ANY monthly meeting. This was set-up to ensure that bad rules are changed and good rules are strong—not to provide a power base for any individual or committee.

Despite my travel schedule I will be actively joining the Club rides now the "Beast" is back on the road.

I would like to thanks Sparra for the very generous loan of his Bike for a couple of weeks and Sugar is also very grateful because she knows that I can get a little testy if I don't ride regularly, so thanks heaps mate!

See Ya on the next one

Sarge

Ynot's Blurb—February 2010

Hi all,

We are well into the New Year, and the club is going from strength to strength. There have been a wide variety of rides, which have been very well attended, and we are still attracting new members and visitors to our events.

With the imminent release of our By-Laws, several members have approached me informally with some concerns, so I would like to address those concerns and clarify some of the misunderstandings that may be occurring.

First of all, to become incorporated, Office of Fair Trading requires that we have a set of Rules for the club. These Rules must comply with the relevant act and be approved by Office of Fair Trading before we could gain incorporation. Once accepted by the Office of Fair Trading these Rules can only be changed by way of a special resolution carried at a monthly meeting. Any change must then be validated by registering it with the Chief Executive of the Office of Fair Trading. As we are now incorporated we have a set of Rules in place.

When we were writing the Rules, in addition to complying with the relevant act, we had make sure that the desired culture of the club could be fostered whilst simultaneously sticking to the Rules. The culture that we wanted to foster was one that encouraged at least the following;

- Participation by all members,
- Democratic decision making,
- Equality for all members,
- Freedom to express an opinion without fear of retribution or criticism,
- Transparency of processes,
- Fun and enjoyment for all,
- Election of office bearers,
- The ability to change as required by the membership.

The Rules, which must not be broken during the club's daily operations, provide general guidance for the club, and in many cases require much more detailed explanation so that they can be adhered to without ambiguity and misinterpretation.

Therefore, to ensure the desired club culture is maintained within the parameters of the Rules, it is necessary to add procedures, methods, guidelines, instructions, protocols and By-Laws to the Rules to assist in the daily operations. The use of these different titles for similar things often makes the resulting document very difficult to follow and leads to the problems of conflict, misunderstanding, ambiguity and confusion that we are trying to avoid. Therefore we have referred to them simply as By-Laws.

Rule number 42(1) states that, "the management committee may make, amend or repeal By-Laws not inconsistent with these rules for the internal management of the association". So long as any By-Law is not inconsistent with the Rules, the Management Committee can further refine the Rules to enhance the association's operations. So we have produced the By-Laws, and hopefully increased clarity, and eliminated any ambiguity.

The intention of the By-Laws is not to control and restrict members, but to provide guidance to all members so that we all achieve as much enjoyment from the club as we desire. If there is a fear that we are recreating the dictatorial, restrictive, controlling and confusing environment some of us have witnessed elsewhere, then you only have to refer to the desired culture identified above to see that this is not our intention.

If there is a By-Law that you want to change or remove, you can do this quite simply. Rule number 42(2) states, "A By-Law may be set aside by a majority vote of members at a monthly meeting of the association". The democratic, participative, transparent nature of our processes is protected by the Rules and this in turn is reflected in the By-Laws.

Here are a couple of examples to illustrate the user-friendly nature of the By-Laws.

- If you wanted to know what was involved in the role of Tail End Charlie, by searching the Index (or Directory) for Tail End Charlie you get referred to Roles, and Roles – Tail-end-Charlie currently refers you to By-Law 19(j) on page 19. This explains exactly what Tail End Charlie is expected to do.
- If you wanted to know what the ride rules are, you would look in the Index (or Directory) for Ride – Rules and currently this refers you to By-Law 17(b) on page 13, where the ride rules are detailed.

The By-Laws are intended to be a constant work in progress that can easily be changed during the process of continuous improvement. As previously stated they are intended to help, not restrict or impede your enjoyment of the club. We must never forget the purpose of our club as identified in Rule number 3. Objects. "The objects of the association are to encourage members to regularly meet, ride and join together for social enjoyment."

I request that you reserve judgement of the By-Laws until you have read them, then you are encouraged to discuss them and debate them as much as you want. Discussion and debate will be encouraged at all times.

On a different note, there was only one nomination for Riders' Delegate and that was Rowdy. Congratulations Rowdy, you officially take up the role at the commencement of the February meeting. As By-Law 19(g) states, "the purpose of the Riders' Delegate is to be the representative for all rider members on the Management Committee, and be the first point of communication for any issues of concern or clarification." Until we have Delegates for Pillions and Social members, the Riders' Delegate will represent them also.

On a lighter note, a special welcome to our latest member Baz, the man of great literary prowess.

I need a ride after all this heavy stuff, see you on the next one.

YNOT

VIP dates

- ◆ **1-4/4/2010**— Baked Beans Run
- ◆ **04/04/2010**—Easter Sunday
- ◆ **25/04/2010**—Anzac Day
- ◆ **09/05/2010**—Mother's Day
- ◆ **12-13/6/2010**—Hervey Bay
- ◆ **18/07/2010**—Laverda
- ◆ **05/09/2010**—Father's Day
- ◆ **27-29/9/2010**—Mild Hogs Ride
- ◆ **5/10/??** — Debbil's Birthday

Treasurer's Treasurer's Report January 2010

As at 1st February 2010

Balance Commonwealth Bank 22 nd December 2009			\$740.15
Plus Income			
(Paid for 2009/2010 year)	Membership	\$139.00	
Payment received for club apparel, 22 shirts, 10 caps.	Apparel	\$940.00	
	Raffle	\$77.00	
	Sub total	\$1,156.00	
Less expenditure			
Club insignia, Name patches, Original patches, 2010 year patches— Embroidery Excellence	Patches	\$185.35	
Re-imbusement to I. Nicholson for patches		\$9.90	
	Sub Total	\$195.25	
Balance Commonwealth Bank 29 th January 2010			\$1,700.90
Liabilities: cheques not yet presented			
Clothing apparel		TBA	
	Sub total	TBA	
Total Funds available			TBA

Kmac

Coordinator's report—February 2010

On the 14th of February our first official social event will be held at GREY GUM PARK - MT COOTHA as a Valentine's Day BBQ. By the number of responses a good turn out is expected.

The Raffle this month is being donated by YNOT and Apples. Also I would like to thank Jenny and Apples for their kind donations of sausages and onions for our Valentine's Day BBQ.

The next social event is 10 Pin Bowling on Saturday 6th March at Kessells Road, Macgregor at 6pm. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Don't forget the Baked Beanz ride at Easter! Please let me know if you are going, so planning can be finalized.

Don't forget! I need your ideas for future social events.

Regards

Sugar



If errors have been made, others will be blamed

Minutes of meeting—19 January 2010 @ Broadway Hotel

- Meeting Opened:** 7.05 pm by Ynot.
- Attendance:** 24 members attended. They were: Apples, Barney, Boots, Cougar, Debbil, Drastic, Ginger, Helen, Jenny, Kmac, Lace, Loges, Phil, Popeye, Princess, Rowdy, Shadow, Sparra, Steiny, Sugar, Tink, TT, Ynot, and Yogi.
- Visitors:** There were 4 visitors. They were: Baz, Bruce, Gillian, and Tanya.
- Apologies:** 4 people sent apologies. They were: Gers, Jewles, Kaz, and Sarge.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting:** **Cougar** moved that the minutes of the previous meeting published in the January Newsletter and distributed to all members be accepted as true and accurate. Sparra seconded the motion. 13 were in favour; 0 against: motion was carried.
- Business arising from minutes:** **Ynot** spoke about Public Liability Insurance and that he had contacted 2 more insurance organizations. Both had promised to get back to him but he was still waiting.
 Ynot explained that the By-Laws were now ready to be circulated to the Management Committee for their approval. This meeting should take place early February. Once the Management Committee has approved them, they will be circulated to financial members for perusal and comment.
- Correspondence in:** **Debbil** listed:
 an email from Springwood Suzuki concerning setting up a reciprocal link to our website.
 an email from Shannons inviting the Club to partake of free coffee at Mt Glorious Cafe on February 7.
 an email from Mt Glorious Cafe's webmaster informing that they have set up a reciprocal link to our website
- Correspondence out:** **Debbil** listed:
 an email to Springwood Suzuki concerning setting up a reciprocal link on our website.
 an email to Mt Glorious Cafe's webmaster asking that they set up a reciprocal link to our website.
- Business arising from correspondence:** Nil
- 1. GM's report:** **Sarge** was not present so there was no report.
- 2. Ride reports:** **Yogi** told the meeting about the South ride to Nimbin and other places on 17 January.
 Debbil spoke about his mid-week ride to Mt Glorious and the RAIN.
 Debbil also spoke about the 2-day he took to Grafton, Ebor, and home.
 Ynot made comments about a ride he was recently on and how he was pleased to see a number of riders change positions with Tail-End-Charlie and the Ride Leader to give them a break.
- 3. Treasurer's report** **Kmac** told the meeting that the club's account balance was \$694.10. Cougar moved that the report be accepted. Popeye seconded the motion. 16 were in favour; 0 against: motion was carried.
- 4. Coordinator's report:** **Sugar:**
 called on members to donate for raffles. She asked for members to let her know if they were doing so.
 asked for numbers for the BBQ on 14 February, and circulated a form for people to add numbers to if they were attending.
 announced there would be Lawn Bowls on 24 April at 9.30 am.
 announced there would be 10-Pin Bowls on 6 March.
 Ynot said that members should ensure they consulted the Event Calendar.

5. Merchandiser's Report:

- ❑ **Loges** spoke about Tee shirts and caps. He asked members to complete the order forms being circulated and to pay for them at this meeting.
- ❑ **Ynot** said that the long-sleeve men's shirts and the Women's three-quarter-length-sleeve shirts were \$35 each.
- ❑ **He** said that the Caps were \$17.00 each.

6. Riders' Delegate:

- ❑ **Ynot** asked for nominations for Riders' Delegate and confirmed that the deadline for such nominations was 2 February 2010.

7. Change to Event Calendar:

- ❑ **Debbil** proposed a change of ride on February 7 to include a visit to the Cafe on Mt Glorious. Princess seconded the motion.
- ❑ Debbil explained that Shannons had invited the Club (along with other bikers) for free coffee. Shannons would be there from 7.30 am until 11 am, so the ride would need to include Mt Glorious EARLY in the ride.
- ❑ He thought this contact was recognition that the club has become part of the main stream bike fraternity, and should be supported., Shadow suggested swapping the ride with another date. When Debbil's motion was put there were 0 in favour: 13 against: the motion was denied.
- ❑ **Shadow** proposed swapping the Central ride of 24 January with the South ride of 7 February. Debbil seconded the motion. Yogi (South Ride Captain) was OK with the change. Sarge (Central Ride Captain was not present). When the motion was put there were 18 in favour: 0 against: the motion was carried.

8. Change of meeting venue:

- ❑ **Princess** suggested changing the meeting venue to Southern Cross Sports Club at Klump Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt as it was a friendly place and welcomed visitors. The case for making the change was incomplete and no motion was proposed.

9. ID Cards:

Debbil said that members could now obtain:

- ❑ 10% discount on clothing from Bikers World;
- ❑ 10% discount on Parts and Accessories from Springwood Suzuki;
- ❑ 10% discount on Accessories from Pro Motorcycle Accessories, (opposite Pro Yamaha) in Moss St.
- ❑ However, he said, in each case, members had to be able to identify themselves as members.
- ❑ He then spoke about the new Membership ID cards which were Jenny's idea, and made them available for members to collect at the end of the meeting.

10. New members:

- ❑ **Ynot** welcomed Shadow, TT, and Tink as new original members and presented them with Patches and Insignia. Rowdy donated a vest to new member Shadow.

Other Business

(without notice):

- ❑ **Yogi** proposed a motion that the meeting start time be moved to 7.30 pm. Steiny seconded the motion. When the motion was voted on, there were 19 in favour; 0 against. The motion was carried.
- ❑ The Coordinator and Secretary were reminded to change the times on the Website and in the Event Calendar.

Raffle:

- ❑ **Lace** won the \$50 Bunnings Voucher that Jenny had donated.

Next meeting date:

- ❑ 16 February 2010 **AT 7.30 pm** --- **NOTE NEW TIME**

Meeting closed at:

- ❑ 8.27 pm



Laugh alone and the world will think you're an idiot

Ride— West—Sunday, 10 January 2010

The editor did not receive a ride report for this WEST ride which, according to the event calendar was scheduled for Rosewood, Gatton, Murphys Creek, Hampton, Esk, and Fernvale.

Ride— South—Saturday, 17 January 2010

We all met at Yatala in hot weather ready for a pleasant outing. This was my first time as RIDE CAPTAIN and as I arrived early I was off to a good start. We left at 9ish, 12 bikes in all, being led by the Triumph.

We went out through the back of Beenleigh to Beaudesert where Sarge led us to the start of the Lyons Road, as I was worried I would miss the 10 ft sign.

We had a nice ride along the Lyons Road, which I had not travelled for 30 years. (Bitumen is a good thing.) We soon came to Kyogle where we stopped for refreshments.

After Kyogle we headed for Nimbin for lunch. As we proceeded leisurely along the road I was startled as I was overtaken by Boots and nearly overtaken by Sarge. It was here I noticed that Sarge, on this particular overtaking manoeuvre was (I would say at a guess) awestruck at the sight of my beautiful Triumph Rocket 3 Classic, and momentarily had a lapse in concentration and ran off the road. (I would like to take this opportunity to remind all fellow members that the Club does not have Public Liability insurance and everyone is responsible for their own actions.)

We all stopped to render assistance and were pleased to see that Sarge had received only dents (to his pride) while his Suzuki had minor cuts and abrasions.

We then arrived in Nimbin where we had lunch. It was here to my surprise, that the local feral wildlife have progressed to walking upright and some were attempting to use eating utensils. (I digress)

After lunch we proceeded to Murwillumbah for fuel and it was here we said our goodbyes, as some went up the highway and four of us went over the mountains. Well done to Gers, and Bruce on the little Honda [Little! It's a Honda Blackbird! – Editor], for keeping up on the mountain stretch.

A special well done to Shadow, who improves his skill level on every ride.

Till next time,

YOGI. (Ride Captain)

Ride— South—Sunday, 24 January 2010

Once again we met at Yatala to enjoy another ride to the south in perfect but very hot weather.

Princess, who originally rode down to say “hi” and have breakfast with us, decided to do the trip making her the club's first Lady Rider.

Sarge also turned up, but this time on a borrowed steed, compliments of Sparra. It was also good to see everyone else. I think there were five of us.

We rode south down the highway to Chinderah where we said goodbye to Sarge who was suffering from an alleged sore arm. (read previous report. Nimbin Indiscretion) But really missing Sugar, he tearfully left.

Princess, Shadow, Drastic and I continued along the coast road enjoying the ride. We rode to Byron Bay but due to the traffic and crowds we decided to continue on to Ballina where we had lunch, at the pub overlooking the water.

After Ballina we decided to head for home. A slight detour was made to obtain fuel. As I didn't have a clue where the servo was we found some interesting places before stumbling into Kingscliffe.

After fuel and a chat we headed for home, Drastic peeled off around Loganholm and Princess led Shadow and I the rest of the way.

Till next time

YOGI. (Ride Captain)

Ride— West—Saturday, 30 January 2010

The editor did not receive a ride report for this WEST ride which, according to the event calendar was scheduled as a Pillion's Choice.

Ride— Central—Sunday, 7 February 2010

I woke up and the heavy rain during the night had turned to a light drizzle. "Hmmm", I thought "maybe I can do a ride today". This idea changed very quickly after I looked at the weather link on our web page and saw the amount of rain developing over Moreton Bay and heading directly across SE Qld.

At about 7.30 am it started to rain again and didn't stop. I called Sparra and Ynot and told them that the ride was not going to happen and they told me that they were also getting a downpour in their respective locations.

I kicked the missus out of bed and started the Car and headed off to Maccas just in case someone showed for the ride. As I turned into the Maccas Car park I spied the "Plastic Pony" parked and dripping water. I dropped the missus at the door so her Hair did not get wet and parked the Car. As I entered the restaurant I was greeted by Shadow who told me he had just called TT to bring the WET GEAR. To say I was impressed by Shadow's commitment would be an understatement.

After a chat and a Bacon muffin I told Shadow that the weather wasn't going to let up so the ride was not going to happen. I must admit he didn't look very surprised!

Just then TT turned up with his wet gear so we said 'so long' and headed home.

It was a shame we could not make it to Mt Glorious for the Shannons presentation but these things happen
SEE YA on the next one.

Sarge

[Shannons cancelled the event due to heavy rain anyway - Editor]



Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed!

Event Calendar

Where it says "**Rider's Choice**" or "**Pillion's Choice**" or "**Member'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 relevant 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 relevant 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
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Central	McDonalds, Logan Rd & Norton St, Upper Mt Gravatt	Sarge —sarge44@bigpond.net.au Mob: 0417 636 425; Ph: 07 3272 5981

February 2010

Sun 7	Central	9.00 am	Samford, Mt Glorious (SHANNONS before 11 am), Splyard Creek, Esk, Fernvale, Blacksoil, Home	300 km 6.5 hours
Sat 13	Central	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Boonah, Harrisville, Rosewood, Blacksoil, Home	320 km 6 hours
Sun 14	All	10.30	Valentine's Day – Family BBQ (Sausage Sizzle) Grey Gum Park, Mt COOTHA Gold Coin donation— NO RIDE! This is the Park next to Channel 7.	Roses
Tue 16	ALL	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sun 21	West	9.00 am	Peak Crossing, Boonah, Queen Mary Falls, Aratula, Ipswich	220 km
Sat 27	South	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	

March 2010

Sat 6	All	6.30 pm	Ten Pin Bowling, Kessels Rd, McGregor, \$25 / game including gear. Drinks etc available	
Sun 7	Central	9.00 am	Grandchester, Laidley, Esk, Kilcoy, Home	280 km 6 hours
Sat 13	West	9.00 am	Brekkie Ride. Redbank Plains, Greenbank, North MacLean, Jimboomba, Muddoolun, Canungra	150 km
Tue 16	ALL	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sun 21	South	9.00 am	Yatala, Cleveland, Redland Bay, (tourist drive)	150 km 5 hours
Sat 27	Central	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Rathdowney, Queen Mary Falls, Killarney, Maryvale, Home	380 km 7 hours

April 2010

Thu-Sun 1-4	Central	9.00 am	EASTER – Sarge's Baked Bean run. Starts Thursday 1: returns Sunday or Monday; going SOUTH	About 500 km / day
Sat 10	West	9.00 am	Peak Crossing, Boonah, Queen Mary Falls, Aratula, Ipswich	350 km
Sun 18	South	9.00 am	Tweed Heads, Kingscliff, Byron Bay, Lennox Head, Alstonville Pub (Lunch), Teven, Bangalow, Coomera	314 km
Tues 20	ALL	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sat 24	Central	9.30 am	Barefoot Lawn Bowls—Sausage Sizzle Lunch. Coorparoo Lawn Bowls Club, Cnr Wakefield St and Harries Rd, Coorparoo. \$12—NO RIDE	
Sun 25	West		Anzac Day	

May 2010				
Sun 2	South	9.00 am	Mudgeeraba, Neranwood, Springbrook, Ingleside, Tallebudgera, Dungay, Murwillumbah, Tumbulgum, Coomera	204 km
Sat 8	Central	9.00 am	Grandchester, Laidley, Esk, Kilcoy, Home	280 km 6 hours
Sun 9			Mother's Day	
Sun 16	South	9.00 am	Yatala, Advance Town, Natural Bridge, Byron Bay, Home	306 km 5.5 hours
Tues 18	ALL	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sun 23	Central	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	
Sat 29	West	9.00 am	Pillion's Choice	
June 2010				
Sat 6	South	9.00 am	Yatala, Cleveland, Redland Bay, (tourist drive)	180 km 5 hours
Sat-Sun 12-13	Central	9.00 am	Hervey Bay Weekend away	500 km 2 days
Tues 15	ALL	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sat 20	West	9.00 am	Gatton, Toowoomba, Oakey, Goombungee, Hampton, Esk, Fernvale	278 km
Sun 27	South	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	
July 2010				
Sat 3	Central	9.00 am	Samford, Dayboro, Mt Mee, Maleny, Burpengary, Home	210 km 5 hours
Sun 11	West	9.00 am	Aratula, Maryvale, Allora, RUDDS Pub, Ma Ma Creek, Laidley, Walloon	280 km
Sun 18	South	Early	Laverda	
Tues 20	All	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sat 24	Central	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	
Sun 01	West	9.00 am	Pillion's Choice	
August 2010				
Sun 8	South	9.00 am	Mt Tambourine, Canungra, O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse, Canungra, Coomera	122 km
Sat 14	Central	9.00 am	Samford, Mt Glorious, Esk, Kilcoy, Home	300 km 6.5 hours
Tues 17	All	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sun 22	West	9.00 am	Flagstone Creek, Cambooya, Pittsworth, Oakey, Toowoomba, Gatton	352 km
Sun 29	South	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	
September 2010				
Sat 4	Central	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Mt Lindsay, Kyogle, Lions Road, Beaudesert, home	350km 6 hours
Sun 5	West		Father's Day	
Sun 12	South	9.00 am	Mullumbimby, Montecollum, Rosebank, The Channon, Koonorigan, Nimbin, Blue Knob, Kunghur, Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads, Coomera	317 km
Sun 19	Central	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Boonah, Harrisville, Rosewood, Black soil, Home	300 km 5.5 hours
Tues 21	All	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sat 25	West	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	
Mon-Wed 27-28-29	Debbil	9.00 am	Mild Hogs Ride	1,500 km 3 days

October 2010				
Sun 3	South	9.00 am	Short Ride: Breakfast at Springwood Suzuki then onto Moss Street for a bike shop crawl. Springwood Hotel for Lunch	50 km
Sat 9	Central	9.00 am	Esk, Yarraman, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kumbia, Bunya Mountains, Bensenville, Maidenwell, Blackbutt, Esk	550 km
Sun 17	West	9.00 am	Peak Crossing, Boonah, Queen Mary Falls, Killarney, Yangan, Clintonvale, Aratula, Ipswich	295 km
Tues 19	All	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba *** AGM ***	
Sun 24	South	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	
Sun 31	Central	9.00 am	Pillion's Choice	
November 2010				
Sat 6	West	TBA	Dinner Ride - Fernvale, Wivenhoe Dam, Esk, Lowood	123 km
Sun 14	South	9.00 am	Yatala, Beaudesert, Kyogle, Lismore, Bangalow, Coomera	350 km
Tues 16	All	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sat 20	Central	9.00 am	Landsborough, Nambour, Cooroy, Noosa, Caloundra, BP Service Centre Burpengary	295 km
Sun 28	West	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	
December 2010				
TBA			Christmas Party !!!!! on a date to be decided	
Sun 5	South	9.00 am	Mudgeeraba, Neranwood, Springbrook, Ingleside, Tallebudgera, Dungay, Murwillumbah, Tumbulgum, Coomera	204 km
Sun 12	Central	9.00 am	Mt Nebo, Glorious, Somerset, Kilcoy, Toogoolawah, Esk, Hampton, Toowoomba, Murphys Creek	400 km
Sat 18	West	6.00 pm	Christmas Lights ride and Dinner	
Tues 21	All	7.30 pm	Broadway Hotel Woolloongabba	
Sun 25			Christmas Day	Prezzies
Sun 26	South	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	

Why do you Ride?

Whether you ride once a month, once a week, or once a day; whether you ride 10 km or 10,000 km; whether you ride a cruiser, a tourer, a sports bike, a classic, a naked, a motard, or a dirt bike; whatever the size motorcycle or engine capacity; whether you're young, old, or somewhere in between; whether you're male or female, be it as a rider or pillion; once you start riding, once you cross that line, there is just about nothing that will ever make you stop.

Every time you ride you'll be the better for it, the thrill will never diminish, each and every ride will once more set you apart from the whole, yet bring you closer in and bind you once more with all of us who do ride.

And even when or if you become physically unable to participate in the adventure, you'll always feel it in your blood; when you hear that distinctive sound of a steel horse passing you'll strain your neck to catch a look, and from somewhere deep inside once more you'll smell the smells, feel the wind on your face, feel the throb, the heartbeat, of that machine down to your very core. And you'll smile that secret smile that sets you apart from the crowd, that only another biker would recognize; and your soul will rush out and ride the road right along with that passing machine until its sound fades in the distance, and once more you'll think to yourself, "damn, that was a good ride!".

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History of Motorcycles—part 1

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Throughout the centuries man has striven to expand his capabilities through the use of machines. His ever inventive mind has constantly devised ways to use tools to increase his abilities to explore the world around him, to go faster, deeper, higher and further than before. Coupled with his need to find new thrills, new adventures and new modes of transportation, the invention and refinement of the motorcycle seems an inevitable outcome.

The early years of the development of the motorcycle are especially fascinating as they hold of some of mans most bizarre experimental machinery. Before we get started on the history of the motorcycle itself, a short review of it's predecessor, namely the bicycle, is in order, an invention without which the motor bicycle, as they were first called, may well have never come about.

It's claimed that Michelangelo conceived of the bicycle as early as the 14th century and this drawing supposedly by him, has a remarkable resemblance to the modern day bicycle. It had wheels of similar size and pedals and a leather "chain", but no apparent means of steering. Others however, claim this drawing was added later and is a hoax.



Though never built, it was a remarkably clever design, and early bicycle makers would have done well to study this concept. There have, in fact, been 4 machines built based on this drawing, attesting to the viability of his design.

The first attempt at actually producing any sort of 2 wheeled conveyance fell on the shoulders of one Comte de Sivrac in the late 1791, though hardly a bicycle as we understand the meaning today. It was crude affair made entirely of wood with no pedals, brakes or even steering. This early machine was referred to as a hobbyhorse and was considered nothing more than a curiosity, or rich mans folly, an attitude that remained for a number of years, until the late 1800's. A person simply sat upon it and pushed it along with their feet in a sort of gliding walk.

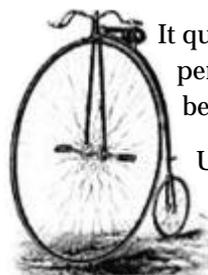


Then in 1816-17 (depending on the source) Baron van Drais revised the concept to include a steerable front wheel, but his machine still lacked pedals or brakes, so wasn't much of an improvement.

Weighing 23 kg it was not much better than walking and could not have been fun on any sort of hill, either going up or down! The lack of comfort and condition of roads at the time gave rise to the term "boneshaker" which stuck with two wheeled vehicles for

some time.

Then in 1869 a William van Anden in New York added pedals directly to the front wheel. Now at last we approach what can be called by modern terms, a bicycle. It also had free-wheeling pedals that allowed the wheel to turn while the pedals remained stationary and had a friction brake on the rear wheel operated by twisting one of the hand grips. Oddly enough these innovations did not appear on many other machines for quite some time.



It quickly became apparent however that the only way to increase speed or distance travelled, per rotation of the pedals, was to increase the size of the front wheel, leading to what became known as the High Wheeler.

Unfortunately because of the high centre of gravity and forward position of the rider, not only was some skill required to mount and dismount this contraption, but should the front wheel suddenly stop, the rider was thrown forward on his head, thus giving rise to the term "Taking a Header".

To be continued



Techy stuff- Yamaha XVS950A



Specifications:	Engine:	942cc, liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, 4-stroke, 4-valve, OHC V-twin	Wet weight	278 kg
	Transmission	5-speed, wet clutch, belt drive	Tank / Fuel	17 litre / ULP
	Length	2435 mm	Tyre front	130/70-18
	Width	1000 mm	Tyre rear	170/70-16
	Height	1080 mm	Brake front	hydraulic single disc
	Wheelbase	1685 mm	Brake rear	hydraulic single disc
	Seat height	675 mm		
	Clearance	145 mm		

How to wear your Patch and Insignia

