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# The Steel Horse

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Call me a wuss...call me old fashioned...whatever.

However, I can't help thinking that, going for a leisurely cruise on our flash motorcycles, while everyone around us has lost loved ones, their homes, and in some cases, every single thing they own in the whole world --- and are **still** facing **more** devastation --- is maybe just a little bit .... thoughtless ?

Where-ever we go, we are going to look like sightseers, and I wouldn't like someone to think that I'm getting off on their tragedy.

Sorry, but I think I'll pass on this one.

Hope you understand.

Steiny

To everyone experiencing the effects of the Floods our best wishes are with you. Keep your spirits high!

NOTE : no ride this weekend out of respect for the current events being experienced by our neighbours, friends and fellow Queenslanders.

Sarge

## VIP dates

- ◆ 26/01/2011—Australia Day
- ◆ 25/04/2011—Anzac Day
- ◆ 19/02/2011—Calamvale Hotel—  
Dinner
- ◆ 19/06/2011— BBQ—  
Mt Coot-tha
- ◆ 22/04/2011—Good Friday
- ◆ 17/09/2011—AGM (Saturday)

### Deadline

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month

## Who's who

### Management Committee

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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.

Currently, the annual membership subscription is \$36 for Riders, \$24 for Pillions, and \$12 for Social Members. This is applied monthly pro-rata for new members.

For new 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.

Currently, 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.

Members can purchase a booklet of the Rules and By-laws at cost. Contact the Secretary to do so.

## Monthly Meetings

**Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane, Brisbane at 7.30 pm. Lord Stanley Hotel is at the intersection of Didsbury St, and Stanley St East, East Brisbane.

## Postal address

The Secretary

PO Box 319

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## 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. See the last page for NEW merchandise.

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See Event Calendar for details

**Ride Captain (North) - Boots**

See Event Calendar for details

**Ride Captain (West) -**

**Sam / Cosmo**

See Event Calendar for details

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## Internet presence

THE CLUB WEBSITE IS:

**steelhorsesinc.com**

( steel horses inc dot com )



## Disclaimer

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## Ynot's Blurb—January 2011

Hi all,

Despite the new year not starting on a happy note with regard to the terrible weather and the floods, I would like to wish you all the very best for the new year. I hope you have all managed literally to weather the recent storms and have emerged unscathed.

Because of the weather there hasn't been much motorcycle riding activity in the club since my last report, however there are a couple of administrative issues that you should be aware of.

First of all, Sarge has requested a leave of absence from the role as GM and Central Ride Captain, commencing immediately. His new employment conditions don't allow him the time to fulfil the duties required of these two positions.

I'd like to thank Sarge for his vision, leadership, support and friendship during the foundation period of our club, and wish him all the best in his new venture. I'm sure we will see him again on future rides if he has a spare hour or two. Rowdy has kindly offered to act as GM in the short term until a more permanent appointment can be made. Rowdy will also continue in his role as Riders' Delegate. Thank you Rowdy.

During the December meeting, Boots volunteered to be the new North Ride Captain. As all rides must go either north, south or west, the need for a central ride is now not required. Therefore central rides on the calendar will now become north rides, and be led by Boots. A revised calendar including all the relevant changes is currently being prepared by Sugar and will be broadcast as soon as it is completed. The new meeting point will be Caltex (Woolworthths) Servo, 1746 Gympie Rd., Carseldine, north of Aspley. Thank you Boots and Sugar.

Debbil has responded to the feedback from members to jazz-up the Home Page of our website and added some photos of members and their bikes. If you haven't already done so, I suggest you visit the website and see for yourself. I've noticed that Debbil responds promptly to constructive criticism of the website since Drastic suggested that it was "boring". So now you know his achilles' heel. Thanks Debbil.

Drastic is still holding a large inventory of club shirts that were purchased prior to Christmas. The club has paid for these shirts, so it is within the interest of club finances that those who placed orders for the shirts take delivery of them and pay for them in the immediate future. Drastic is waiting with open receipt book.

For those that don't already know, the December raffle was donated by Steiny, and comprised of an outing to the shooting range to use a couple of Steiny's firearms. It was decided at the monthly meeting that this prize be auctioned on-line for members. The auction recently closed and Drastic was the winner with a bid of \$55.00. Thank you Steiny and Drastic.

I look forward to the weather clearing in the near future so that the flood clean up can commence and that Steel Horses can start riding once again.

Safe Riding,

Ynot.

## Ride Report—West — 18 December 2010

The sun was out, the birds were chirping-----Bullshit.

Due to the never ending rain my yard has turned to slop, which is not good as the bike lives in the shed in the back yard, and it was a combination of motocross and speedway to get out to the road, and I have to tell you a road bike is not the best for doing the above.

Rowdy arrived at Maccas and was only there to offer moral support, so after coffee and a chat we went our separate ways, and I have to say I don't begrudge any one of you not going on the dinner ride.

See you round like a rissole

Cosmo

## Ride Report - West—2 January 2011



**A new club member  
I think he's riding a VTX Honda!**

The weather was overcast so I put on my leather jacket expecting rain but what a mistake that was. On the way to Goodna the sun came out and I cooked inside the jacket all day.

There was a good turn out for the ride and we had two guests, Tony and his partner Jenny whose company we enjoyed for the day. The two naughty kids Rowdy and BC turned up which reminds me I must get a leash and muzzle for BC when we have guests. Then Boots and Shadow arrived then so did Scouse.

We headed off towards Peak Crossing and unfortunately my back rest parted company with my bike and cartwheeled across the road. So after picking it up and tossing it into Shadow's saddle bag we set sail to Beaudesert for a bum break and a beer. Then we went on to Canungra for a feed which was the end of the ride.

Tony and Jenny headed back home from there to attend to house hold chores while the rest of us wanted to dodge that, so Boots suggested we go up to a pub he knows well at Tamborine Mountain.

Well I'm glad he knew it well as it took a few goes to find it but it was worth going there.

From there we headed down the mountain and back to Browns Plains were we said our good byes.

See you round like a rissole.

Cosmo

## This won't happen to Us—will it?

Two elderly bikers were out riding on their cruisers--both could barely get on their bikes without help. As they started off the second rider had said "I'm having a bit of a problem making out the traffic lights quickly so I'll just do whatever you do."

As they were riding along, they came to an intersection. The traffic lights were red, but they just went on through. The second rider thought to herself, "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light".

After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red. Again, they went right through. The second rider was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. Now, she was getting nervous about her own ability.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red but they went right on through. So she managed to get the first rider to pull up and said, "Linda, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!"

Linda turned to her and said, "Oh, hell, am I the Ride Captain?"

## Classified Advertisements from a UK newspaper

JOINING NUDIST COLONY!

Must sell washer and dryer - £100.

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

8 years old.

Hateful little bastard.

Bites!

FREE PUPPIES.

Mother, a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.

Father, Super Dog... able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

# Event Calendar 2011

Where it says "**Member's Choice**",

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

If you want to suggest the route or even take the Ride, 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).

If you are a Rider or a Pillion **YOU** should 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

<b>North</b>	<b>Caltex (Woolworth's), 1746 Gympie Rd, Carseldine</b>	<b>Boots—ozcruise@bigpond.com.au Mob: 0416 034 886</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>M1, Exit 38, Yatala (BP Service Centre)</b>	<b>Yogi — 11yogi11@gmail.com Mob: 0418 692 277</b>
<b>West</b>	<b>McDonalds, 2 William St, Goodna</b>	<b>Sam—samhobden@hotmail.com Mob: 0419 174 201 Cosmo—cutidea@bigpond.com.au (contact Sam)</b>

## January 2011

<b>Sun 2</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>New Year's Day: Redbank Plains, Greenbank, North Maclean, Jimbour, Muddoolin, Canungra</b>	<b>Hangover ?</b>
<b>Sun 9</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Advancetown, Natural Bridge, Byron Bay, Home</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Sun 16</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Samford, Dayboro, Mt Mee, Maleny, Burpengary, Home</b>	<b>210 km 5 hours</b>
<b>Tue 18</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane</b>	
<b>Sun 23</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Member's Choice</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Wed 26</b>			<b>Australia Day</b>	
<b>Sat 29</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Rosewood, Gatton, Murphys Creek, Hampton, Esk, Fernvale</b>	<b>?</b>

## February 2011

<b>Sun 6</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Blacksoil, Fernvale, Esk, Splyard Creek, Mt Glorious, Samford, Home</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Peak Crossing, Boonah, Queen Mary Falls, Aratula, Ipswich</b>	<b>220 km</b>
<b>Tue 15</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane</b>	
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>All</b>		<b>Dinner at the Calamvale Hotel</b>	<b>Adults Only</b>
<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Yatala, Cleveland, Redland Bay (Tourist Drive)</b>	<b>180 km 5 hours</b>
<b>Sat 26</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Beaudesert, Boonah, Rosewood, Blacksoil, Home</b>	<b>320 km 6 hours</b>

## March 2011

<b>Sun 6</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Beaudesert, Lions Road, Kyogle, Nimbin, Murwillumbah, Home</b>	<b>289 km 6 hours</b>
<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Member's Choice</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Tue 15</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane</b>	
<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Advancetown, Natural Bridge, Byron Bay, Home</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Sat 26</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Member's Choice</b>	<b>?</b>

<b>April 2011</b>				
Sun 3	South	9.00 am	Member's Choice	?
Sat 9	West	9.00 am	Rosewood, Gatton, Murphy's Creek, Esk	
Sun 17	North	9.00 am	Samford, Dayboro, Mt Mee, Malaney, Burpengary	5 hours 210 km
Tue 19	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Fri 22			Good Friday	
Sat 23	South	9.00 am	Easter Saturday—Member's Choice	?
Sun 24			Easter Sunday	
Mon 25			Anzac Day & Easter Monday	
<b>May 2011</b>				
Sun 1	West	9.00 am	Member's Choice	?
Mon 2			Labour Day	
Sat 7	North	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Boonah, Rosewood, Blacksoil	320 km 6 hours
Sun 15	South	9.00 am	Member's Choice	?
Tue 17	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sat 21	West	9.00 am	Mt Tamborine, Canungra, Boonah	200 km 4 hours
Sun 29	South	9.00 am	Advancetown, Byron Bay	300 km 4 hours
<b>June 2011</b>				
Sat 4	West	9.00 am	Peak Crossing, Queen Mary Falls, Aratula, Ipswich	350 km
Sun 12	South	9.00 am		
Mon 13			Queen's Birthday	
Sun 19	North	9.00 am	Short Ride—BBQ—Mt Coot-tha, Children welcome	?
Tue 21	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sat 25	West		Gatton, Toowoomba, Oakey, Hampton, Fernvale	280 km

## **Coordinator's Report—January 2011**

Well there was not much happening over Xmas and New Year—in case you hadn't noticed it was very wet!

However, the new ride calendar is up and running with good rides and social events.

The 19<sup>th</sup> February dinner at the Calamvale Hotel will be Adults Only.

In March there will be bowling.

Please let me know of any ideas you have for Social Events.

Drastic won the auction for the shoot out (onya Drastic) and will be donating this month's raffle.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

I've got to go as I hear Sarge crying for his 3pm drink and sponge bath.

Regards

Sugar - he ha - ride em !

## **Member's Birthdays**

Happy birthday to all members who celebrate their birthday this month. Members include Baz.

# History of Motorcycles—part 7

## Engine Orientation

When describing reciprocating piston (non-rotary) motorcycle engines, the words longitudinal and transverse are often used to refer to the engine orientation. However, while most manufacturers use the words to describe the direction of the crankshaft axis, others such as Moto Guzzi, use the words to describe the direction of cylinder axis.

In general however, it's normally assumed that a motorcycle with a "transverse" engine has a crankshaft running from side to side (a typical V-engined cruiser) while a motorcycle with a "longitudinal" engine has a crankshaft running from front-to-back (Triumph Rocket III).

## Engine Configuration

Motorcycles are also described in terms of the number of cylinders and their layout. If there is only one cylinder it is generally called a "single" or "single cylinder", or even occasionally a "thumper"). Single cylinder motorcycles have been around since there have been motorcycles. It seems that every motorcycle manufacturer that ever existed produced at least one model with only one cylinder.



Multi cylinder engines (more than one cylinder) may have a parallel, V, flat, U, H, or even a W layout. This article ignores H engines (Brough Superior Golden Dream of 1938 shown on the left), and W engines (Fueling W3 of 2000 shown on the right) as both are rare.



## Parallel engines

Motorcycle engines with all cylinders in line (and next to) each other may have 2, 3, 4, or 6 cylinders.

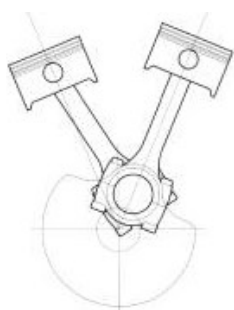
Two cylinder engines may be called parallel twins, vertical twins, straight-twins, or inline twins. They generally have transverse engines.

Three cylinder engines are generally called triples and may be either transverse or longitudinal, but are less common than other designs. However, manufacturers such as Triumph and Benelli produce motorcycles with triple engines while Triumph has made the design their signature.



If they have four or six cylinders (Honda CBX shown on the right) they are generally transverse as they become too long to fit across the frame.

## V engines

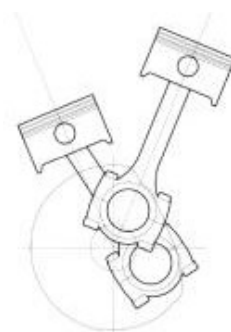


If your bike has an engine with the cylinders arranged in a V, it is generally called a V engine. V-engines motorcycle may have two, four, five or even eight cylinders.

### "True V-twin" vs. "V-2"

If your bike has a two cylinder V-engine, is it a V-twin or a V-2 engine? **Answer**—it doesn't really matter as both are usually called a V-Twin.

Some people claim that a "V-twin" has a crankshaft with a single crank pin shared by each of the cylinders - shown on the left. Typical examples include Harley Davidson air-cooled engines. These same people claim that a "V-2" uses a crankshaft with two separate crank pins—one for each cylinder as shown on the right. Typical examples include Suzuki Volusia, C50 and M50.



This differentiation only applies to two cylinder V-engines.

*to be continued*

# Merchandising—contact Drastic—see p. 2 for details



**Steel Horses Caps \$17.00**



**Chopper sunglasses \$15**

LADIES  
Jeni B  
3/4 Sleeve  
Black



LADIES  
Jeni B  
3/4 Sleeve  
White



## Tee-shirts \$36

The club does not stock these but will put your name on a wait-list.

MENS  
Johnny Bobbin  
Long Sleeve  
Black



MENS  
Johnny Bobbin  
Long Sleeve  
White



When the Merchandiser decides there are enough for a bulk order, you will then pay for your order.

# How to wear your Patch and Insignia

