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The Steel Horse

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Hi everyone,

Stating the obvious, the club is now two years old and I'd like to start by wishing all the ex-Steel Horses that have left the club this year all the best and we hope to see you on the road at some stage.

Welcome to all the new faces that are intending or have joined Steel Horses, we look forward to sharing many a winding road.

The original idea of Steel Horses was conceived by Sarge, who felt the need for a club that was run by members for the members, so this was the basis for the club culture.

Within Steel Horses it is the members who vote on all major decisions which include changes to the Rules, voting in Management Committee members and so forth.

Which brings me to a subject I have covered before and cannot emphasise enough and that is "volunteering".

Everyone in Steel Horses who has had a role to play (past and present) has volunteered their time and efforts, Members who put their hands up to help out at our events are not paid. The club continues along because of the efforts of all its members. So on behalf of the club, a big 'Thank You' to everyone.

Two management positions will be voted on this AGM, they will be "President" and "Secretary". The amount of work the retiring President and Secretary have done over the last two years cannot be underestimated, which leads me to Service to Club awards.

The Delegate had received nominations for three candidates for service to club awards; the majority of nominations went to Debbil and Ynot. Congratulations to you both. The other nomination was for Sugar.

Congratulations to Pedro who will now take on the duties of Riders' Delegate, The purpose of the Delegate is to represent all rider members on the Management Committee, and attempt to resolve any issues requested by riders. I'm happy to announce that Sugar and Drastic are staying on in their respective roles. Sarge stays on 'forever' as Founder. Good luck to those contesting the remaining management positions on the 17th September.

See you all at the AGM.

Cheers

Rowdy

Deadline
2nd 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 3rd 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

Mt Gravatt Plaza, Qld, 4122

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.

Other roles

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Avachat

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 AT:

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Disclaimer

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Ynot's Blurb—September 2011

Hi all,

As there will be a new President after the AGM on September 17, this is my last Blurb. The club has now been in existence for two years and members are just as enthusiastic as they were when its formation was merely an idea initiated by Sarge. Since formation we have successfully conducted in excess of one hundred rides and social events. None of this would have been possible without the support of our members, and the tireless efforts of the Management Committee and Ride Captains.

As previously broadcast by Debbil, the new President will be either Boots or Yogi, the new Secretary will be either Peaches or Steiny. Elections at the AGM will decide who will assume each position. Because there were uncontested nominations for the positions of GM, Coordinator, Treasurer, and Riders' Delegate, these positions will go to the only nominees, Rowdy, Sugar, Drastic and Pedro respectively. Congratulations to the new appointees, and best of luck for the candidates standing for election.

The management of the club is being handed over to the new committee in good health. We are financially solvent, have continual flow of visitors and new members joining in our events, and have some exciting events to look forward to. We also have in place a robust set of rules and operating guidelines to assist the Management Committee with decision making, and the day to day running of the club. The rules are those required by the State government in order to operate a club such as this. The Operating Guidelines have been compiled by the Management Committee to assist in the interpretation and implementation of the Rules. I hope that these rules and guidelines will be seen as tools to assist in the running of the club, and not as a limiting and punitive instrument. The guidelines clearly identify the intention that the club is run democratically with full disclosure of decision making to all financial members. I'm sure the new Management Committee will uphold these important values.

My last two years as President has at times been challenging, but simultaneously rewarding, and my job has been made easier by having the full support of the Management Committee, so I would like to express a few words of thanks to each one of them.

Sarge was the founding GM and the Founder of our Club. He provided the vision and strategic direction for the club, contributed to the writing of the rules and guidelines, but more importantly always supported the Management Committee in all decisions. He has also led more rides than any other member of the club, especially during our formative months.

Debbil was our first Secretary, and was the one who successfully navigated the tangle of red tape provided by the State government, allowing us to incorporate the club. Debbil also provided a major contribution to the writing of the Operating Guidelines, and was always my first port of call when an interpretation of the Rules, or a polishing of the Guidelines was required. Debbil also edited and distributed our monthly newsletter, set-up, constructed and updated our Internet site, liaised with the Office of Fair Trading, lodged our annual returns and took meticulous minutes of our meetings.

Sugar is our tireless coordinator who is responsible for producing the variety of events conducted by the club every week. She is the one who relentlessly pursues the Ride Captains to provide updates for the ride calendar, and organises the social events for the benefit of members. She always had something worthwhile to contribute at our Management Committee meetings. She is also a font of information about some of the behind-the-scenes activities of the club, and always provided moral support to me as President. I hope now that I'm retiring as President, I will still receive regular updates of the goings-on.

Drastic volunteered to become our Treasurer when the founding Treasurer ceased to be a member. He stepped into the job and immediately and with a little guidance, set up the spread-sheets and reports required to satisfy the government, Management Committee and the membership requirements. He also took on the role of Merchandiser and organiser of the raffles. Drastic's reports are always on time and accurate.

Rowdy is the multi-skilled member of the Management Committee. He was the first Riders' Delegate to be appointed when our rider numbers reached twenty, and also volunteered to be the acting GM when Sarge could no longer perform the role due to work commitments. As Riders' Delegate Rowdy was the first point of contact for members who wished to discuss issues concerning the club. As President, a performance indicator I had for the Riders' Delegate was that if there were not many complaints coming through to me then the Delegate was doing a good job. I had very few issues that reached me as President, therefore Rowdy's performance was excellent. As Acting GM, Rowdy said he would continue in the same way as Sarge, and not do anything to jeopardise the progress of the club. This he did, and I am sure he will continue to do as the new GM.

Ride Captains, have been Sarge, Boots, Cosmo, Sam, Avachat, and Yogi. I have always asserted that even though they are not on the Management Committee, (unless they also hold a management position), they are the backbone of the club. They are the ones who plan, organise and lead the variety of rides we all enjoy, and then write entertaining reports for inclusion in our newsletter. Your efforts will be recognised via a Ride Captain patch being awarded upon the completion of twelve rides. As President, I often included Ride Captains in the Management Committee meetings, and even though they had no voting rights, their input was invaluable and helped the Management Committee make some major decisions. I hope this practice continues.

Members. Without members there would be no club. Thank you for your participation on rides, at social events and at meetings. Your repeated attendance tells me that we must be doing something right. I have always asserted that if you have to compel members to attend the club events, then the President is not doing a good job. Attendance at our club events is voluntary, and I'm sure that whoever assumes the role as President will continue with this philosophy.

Lastly, I would like to thank Apples for her unfailing understanding tolerance and support over the last two years.

Thank you all.

Safe riding

YNOT

OCTOBER's Newsletter

There will NOT be an October Newsletter from me as Jenny and I will be on the Ocean Wave.

Debbil

Members' Birthdays

Happy birthday to all members who celebrate their birthday this month. Members include BC, and Lace.



Forget world peace. Think about using your indicator!

Ride Report— South— 14 August 2011

“Steiny’s ride”

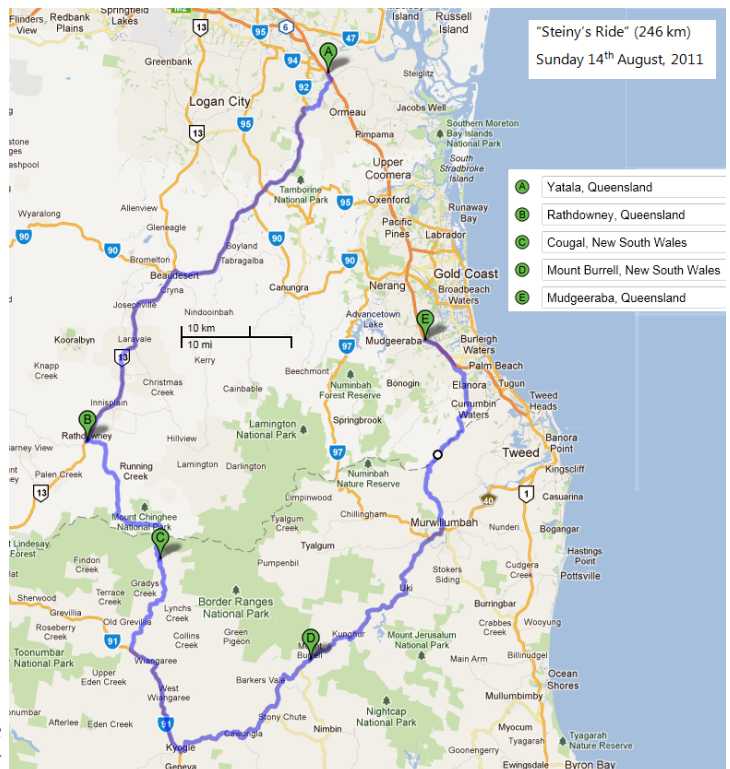
It warms the cockles of my heart to see so many visitors and return visitors coming on our rides. Today was no exception. We had visitors Tony, Mark and Jeremy (the smile on Jeremy’s face has not dimmed since he got his VN900). Quite a tidy unit actually. We had Steiny of course, Sarge, Cosmo, Ynot, Pedro and Mozzi, Loges, Peaches and me. A good ride.

We headed to Beaudesert and onto Rathdowney Pub for a cleansing ale in front of a warm fire. The early morning’s winter chill hasn’t left us just yet. We proceeded onto the Lions ride despite Ynot’s trepidation, in particular the 50 million wooden bridges on the NSW side (we counted 3). The road conditions were actually not too bad. There were however a few ride in-ride out potholes on the NSW side. Didn’t they just get a new government promising the Sun, the Moon and the Stars and Good Roads ?

After a brief stop at the Cougal lookout to take in the vista, we headed onto the Summerland Way where I signalled a breakout. Strangely enough this was only taken up by the M109 riders amongst us. We gathered again in Kyogle, and onward to our lunch break at the Sphinx Rock Café, where the food was good, the ambience relaxing and the beer was cold. Above the sound of the live music, there were mutterings at lunch of “maybe we should just stay here”. It was also noted that Mozzi and Pedro went for a romantic stroll down to the river, just before their meals arrived. It’s obvious the honeymoon isn’t over yet.

We rode onto Murwillumbah where we bid farewell to Mark on the Harley and Loges. They would return home via the Pacific Motorway. We rode over Tomewin back into Queensland and onto the Pacific Motorway at West Burleigh. The pack split around Robina for various fuel stops. We said our farewells and a good ride was had by all.

Avachat



VIP dates

- ◆ 17/09/2011—AGM (Saturday)
- ◆ 16/10/2011—SIA Backbone Run
- ◆ 25/12/2011—Christmas Day
- ◆ 01/01/2012—New Year’s Day



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Thanks Rowdy

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).

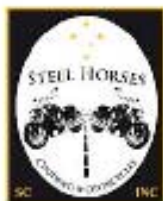
If you are a Rider or a Pillion YOU should then lead the ride.

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				
North	McDonalds, 290 Enoggera Rd, New-market		Boots—ozcruise@bigpond.com.au Mob: 0416 034 886	
South	M1, Exit 38, Yatala (BP Service Centre)		Avachat — t_adams@tpg.com.au Mob: 0488 099 137	
West	McDonalds, 2 William St, Goodna		Sam—samhobden@hotmail.com Mob: 0419 174 201 Cosmo—cutidea@bigpond.com.au (contact Sam) IF you can't contact either SAM or COSMO, contact SHADOW—shadow-tt@bigpond.com Mob: 0407 151 302	
September 2011				
Sat 3	South	9.00 am	"Hippie High-way" – Tallebudgerax Currumbin Valleyx Murwillumbahx Mooballx Billinudgelx Mullumbimbyx Goonengerryx Clunesx Dunoonx The Channonx Nimbinx Ukix Murwillumbahx home	350lm
Sun 11	North	9.00 am	Bruce Hwy through to Sunshine Coast, Nambour, Mapleton, Kenilworth, Connondale, Maleny, Peachester, Woodford, Mt Mee, Dayboro, The Gap and home	328 km
Sat 17	All	6.00 pm	AGM at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sat 24	South	9.00 am	"Hinterland Hop" – Canungra, Binna Burra, Advancetown, Springbrook, Mudgeeraba, Mt Nathan, St Bernards Mt Tamborine, home	280 km
October 2011				
Sat 1	West	9.00 am	Blacksoil, Esk, Hampton, Crows Nest, Yarramin, Blackbut, Moore, Harlen, Kilkoy, Home	
Sun 9	All	8.00 am	Laverda	
Sun 16	North	9.00 am	S.I.A. Backbone Run (Charity Ride)	400 km
Tue 18	All	7.30 pm	Monthly meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sat 22	South	9.00 am	"6 Figure ride" - Beaudesert, Mt Lindsay, Woodenbong, Canungra, Cunningham's Gap , Boonah, Home	300 km
Sun 30	North	9.00 am	Bruce Hwy through to Sunshine Coast, Nambour, Mapleton, Kenilworth, Connondale, Maleny, Peachester, Woodford, Mt Mee, Dayboro, The Gap and home	328 km
November 2011				
Sat/Sun 11/12	South	9.00 am	Riders' Rest weekend away	?
Tue 15	All	7.30 pm	Monthly meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sun 19	North	9.00 am	"Hard Arse Ride" - Woodford, Yarrmen, Cooyer, Crows Nest, Hampton, Toowoomba, Gatton, Brussels, Home	400 km

Donate and Ride!



The Steel Horses
Cruising Motorcycles
Social Club Inc presents the
inaugural

BACKBONE RUN

in support of



Ride departs at 9.00am
from Harry's Diner 104 Newmarket Road Windsor
Sunday 16th October*
(Off Street parking available)

Have an unforgettable day as a pillion passenger on a country ride to the Sunshine Coast Hinterland while supporting the Spinal Injuries Association.

The Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc proudly present this unique fundraiser where you have the best time on a cruiser- with a hearty BBQ lunch provided at our destination.

Your \$200 donation (fully tax deductible) to the Spinal Injuries Association will allow for much wanted equipment to be purchased for needy patients.

Only 30 seats available!

Call now to reserve your seat!

Telephone: Sugar 0417 636 158

SHOW SOME BACKBONE!



*Should the weather not be fine for the 16th October, the ride will take place on the following weekend - Sunday 23rd October.

History of Motorcycles—part 13

4-stroke Lubrication systems

Motorcycle lubrication systems use oil. This lubricating oil has to do many things.

- ◆ It lubricates moving parts to minimize wear by sealing the clearances between moving parts such as bearings and shafts. Thus, the parts move on layers of oil, and not in direct contact with each other, which could cause power loss.
- ◆ It removes heat from moving parts. The oil performs the function of a cooling agent. Some engines have oil nozzles which spray oil at the underside of the pistons, thereby removing heat from the pistons as well.
- ◆ It fills the clearances between rotating journals and the bearings. When heavy loads are abruptly placed on the bearings, the oil acts as a cushioning agent, reducing wear.
- ◆ It creates a seal between the cylinder walls and the piston rings, reducing exhaust gas blowby.
- ◆ It performs the function of a cleaning agent by picking up dirt particles. Large particles remain at the bottom at the bottom of the engine while smaller particles are removed by the oil filter.
- ◆ It neutralize acids that can build up and destroy polished metal surfaces.
- ◆ It coats all engine parts. Oil should have the ability to leave a protective coating on all parts when the engine is turned off to prevent rust and corrosion.
- ◆ It resists sludge and varnish buildup. Oil must be able to endure extreme heat without changing in physical properties or breaking down.
- ◆ It must stay fluid in cold weather; yet remain thick enough to offer engine protection in hot weather.

In a two-stroke motorcycle, the oil is mixed with the fuel, but in a four-stroke engine, the lubrication system is separate from the fuel. In an air-cooled engine, the oil is cooled by the engine's cooling system. But in liquid-cooled engines, the oil cooler is separate from the engine's cooling system.

Four-stroke engines are both lubricated and cooled by oil which is circulated throughout the engine feeding the various bearings and other moving parts of the engine; and thereafter allowed to drain to the sump at the base of the engine under gravity.

Modern four-stroke motorcycles use either a wet-sump system or a dry-sump system. In both systems, after the oil has passed through the engine's lubrication galleries, gravity returns it to the bottom, or sump, of the engine.

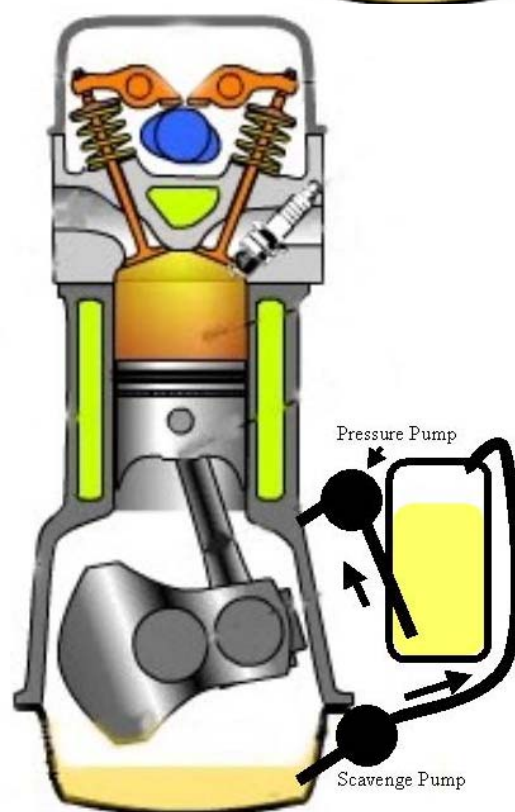
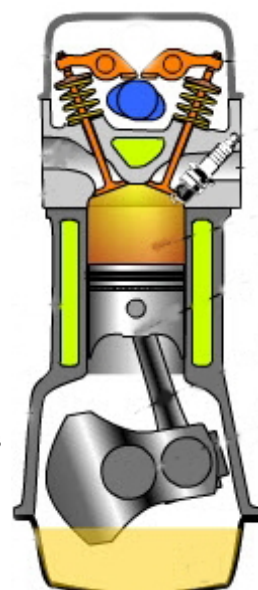
Wet-sump system

In a wet-sump system oil is circulated from a deep sump and back through the engine by a pressure pump as shown above right.

Dry-sump system

In a dry sump system, the oil still falls to the base of the engine, but rather than being allowed to collect in the sump it falls into a shallow sump where it is pumped into an external reservoir by a scavenge pump to be both cooled and de-aerated. Oil is then drawn from this external reservoir by a pressure pump and circulated through the engine.

With a dry sump system, the oil is stored outside the engine in a tank, instead of an oil pan. A dry sump has at least two pumps: one to send oil from the sump to the tank and one to send oil from the tank to the engine as shown on right.



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

