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The Steel Horse

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Rowdy's Rant—October

Hi everyone,

The SIA ride is just around the corner and I'd like to start with congratulations to the new president on his achievement, Boots has had many obstacles thrown at him and has managed to negotiate through them all, many thanks to everyone who has worked on this, if you're wondering if it was worth it look at it this way, somewhere out there is a person lying on a hospital bed or in a wheelchair whose quality of life may have improved just that little amount due to your help or donations.

The sun shone for us on Sunday at Laverda, I always enjoy a day out looking at the many different bikes and stalls, and I certainly enjoyed the company of steel horses, Pedro and Mozzi not only bring the marquee, tables and chairs, but supplied free beer and BBQ for everyone, how good is that! Thanks to everyone who turned up to help and especially Pedro and Mozzi.

Sugar will give us an update on the Christmas party at the October meeting, also anyone who attended the mild hogs ride to Dorrigo in August the patches will be available @ \$8 each. Our west ride captain "Cosmo" has reached his aggregate 12 calendar rides and will be receiving his award at the meeting.

For the new members who will be receiving their patches at the October meeting please be aware of positioning on your vest.

I would like to mention the big fella "Steiny" who has put his heart and soul into his new role as secretary and deserves a pat on the back.

Cheers everyone, ROWDY.....

Come along to the next Club

Meeting : 7:30pm at The Lord

Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane (cnr

Didsbury & Stanley St East), every

3rd Tuesday of the month.

Turn up early and meet for dinner!

Deadline
2nd Tuesday of every
month

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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.

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 merchandise.

Internet presence

THE CLUB WEBSITE IS AT :

steelhorsesinc.com

(steel horses inc dot com)

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Laverda Concours 2011

Well, after all the waiting to see what the weather was going to do, and not knowing if Laverda was on or off, I finally got the phone call from Sugar to say it was definitely ON.

After a final heavy downpour on Saturday night, I awoke Sunday morning to a beautiful fine clear sky. I hurriedly donned the riding gear and cruised up to mackers at Cleveland to meet lucky J for a quick coffee and then off to the show grounds before 6.30 to reserve our spot...

It wasn't long before our troops started to arrive and Mozzie showed up in the ute with the club marquee and Pedro on his bike. So, with Pedro, lucky j, Scouse, and Mozzie, and I think Grumpy was there by then too, we soon had the marquee on proud display. Avachat and Peaches were there, but they had to get a hot drink as they took over an hour just to get there.

As the morning progressed we ended up with the following members present Pedro, Mozzie, Lucky J, Yogi, Scouse, Pyro, Rowdy, Tink, Avachat, Peaches, Boots, Drastic, Robyn, Ynot, Sarge, Sugar, and Grumpy.

During the day we had a lot of interested people asking questions about the club, our rides, and all things biking and it was good to see so many of our members taking part in this so enthusiastically.



Later in the morning, Pedro got Mozzie to do a shopping run in the ute, and she was soon back with beer, soft drinks, sausages and all the necessary gear for a lovely bbq fry up. When I asked him for the receipt so that the club could reimburse him for his cost, he insisted that it was his shout for the members. So, a big "thank you" for your generosity, Pedro and Mozzie

One of the things I noticed throughout the day was how many people were impressed with the fact that we have weekly rides, and also the detail of the rides in our ride calendar. I've surfed the web myself, looking for a club to possibly join for a ride when our own club has had a Saturday ride, and I've had to work. There are very few clubs that have the frequency of rides that we have. I think this reinforces the need for ride captains to stick to the ride that they have outlined and advertised in the ride calendar.

I spoke to four or five people who have been away from riding for quite a few years, and are just coming back into it after a long spell, and looking for a group or club to ride with, and to others who are already riding, but are not really happy with the club they are riding with now, and are looking for something better. In any event, the ones I spoke to indicated that they will be happy to join us for a ride or two to see how they like us.

I got positive attitudes from everyone I spoke to, and I wouldn't be surprised to see us getting some new members out of our efforts today. By about 2.00 pm everything started to slow down, with people starting to pack up, so we decided it was time to call it a day too.

Apart from a few members who had to leave early due to work commitments, we still had a good number of helpers loading all the gear up.

All in all, I think we had a very successful day and I thank all the members for their participation.

Cheers

Steiny

West Ride—18th September, 2011

Well here I was thinking that no one would want to go for a ride the day after the A.G.M and bugger me a herd of people turned up. There were 4 guests, Paul, Jeff, Max and Darryl then Steiny and his mate Steve, Haveachat and the lovely Peaches, Ninja Turtle and his better half, Ynot, Shadow and TT, Jerney and Paul plus yours truly. Steiny was wanting a good feed so it was off to Rudd's Pub at Nobby for lunch via Gatton, Flagstone creek road and stopping at Cambooya for amber refreshment before going on to Nobby for lunch. With full bellies we took the easy way home via Ma Ma creek back to Gatton and saying our good byes at the servo on the hi way.

See you round like a rissole

Cosmo



West Ride—1st October, 2011

Sam and Joe joined us at the Coffee Club for breakfast but left us at black soil, the ninja and his lovely partner were there as was Boots, Paul, Tony AKA Pyro and his daughter, Pedro and your's truly. The route was changed as the Air Museum at Oakey was having an open day so we headed up through Fernvale, Esk, Hampton and stopping at Goombungee for lunch. Once again with full bellies we set sail for Oakey and arrived in time to see the Rouletts perform above our heads. After checking out the displays we travelled through Toowomba to Withcott for fuel and an un eventful run home.

See you round like a rissole

Cosmo



Hurricane on Route 66

Well I survived!!!!

Actually, while I would describe my recent USA motorcycle trip on Route 66 as a 'real' adventure, it actually is very 'survivable' and I would recommend it to anyone.

I hope you enjoy the following account of my trip and haps it will encourage you to someday enjoy the same rience:

On the 8th of September, 2011, I embarked on a fully guided Eagleriders - one epic journey lasting 15 days and 14 nights. The lowed the original Route 66 or 'Main Street of America'; a challenging stretching 4394km from Chicago to Los Angeles, crossing three time zones Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Califor-



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Route 66 was the route of migrants and desperadoes discovering the way west to California, and in the 1950's thousands of cars rode bumper to bumper behind each other to experience the Western frontier. Hotels, motels, gas stations, classic restaurants and the rest of the "New" America sprang up everywhere along the road, and many of these nostalgic landmarks are today preserved just as they were in the 1950's. In fact, the Eagleriders describe the route '*as the road created in heaven for motorcycle touring*'.

I started the tour at the Holiday Inn in Chicago, with the usual registration and handing out of our Eagleriders jackets. Then, it was off to dinner and a get-together at the famous Hard Rock Hotel. All together, there were 30 riders and 15 passengers consisting mainly of NZders, Aussies, POMs and a couple of Irish lads; but as a pretty lively bunch, we were soon split into 2 groups of 15 riders to make things a little more manageable. There was one particularly obnoxious POM who later proved to be a W.nk.r, but more about him later.

Our real adventure started the following day, when we headed off to Eagleriders to get our motorbikes. After a few administration issues, we were soon on route to Springfield, Illinois - our first overnight stop. I rode a Harley Fatboy and while you had a number of bikes to choose from, including Goldwings and BMWs, you really just ended up with what you were given.

It was about an hour into our first day when I realised I had made my first error in judgement - no full face Helmet, no wet weather gear - yeah, you guessed it, it poured down!!!!!! It all seems a bit of a blur now but I recall sucking in about 20 mil's of water every time I took a breath and, coupled with doing 130km an hour on the freeway with trucks passing you, it was a great introduction. It was also on this leg that I saw one Kiwi rider going down the wrong side of the road, but luckily the massive SUV coming the other way saw them first and there was no collision - this didn't happen again.

It didn't take long to realise that this was not going to be a laid back holiday, but once you realised it was a real adventure, everything seemed to make sense - it was all about the ride and the history of Route 66. From then on we all started to concentrate on riding as a group and enjoying such an amazing experience. Over the next few days, we travelled along the old (and new) Route 66, stopping along the way to meet various colourful characters and see places that have formed part of American folk law; that is visiting the home of the 'corn dog' and crossing over the mighty Mississippi River into St Louis, Missouri.



Hurricane on Route 66—contd...

The Motherroad then meandered through the wide open state of Oklahoma and straight through 'Tornado Alley'. We were going to stop in a town called Joplin, but our hotel had been destroyed by a tornado that had hit about a month before (thankfully none were around when we went through).

After saying goodbye to Oklahoma we, settled back into our saddles and eased our way across the northern stretch of America's largest state, Texas. Rolling green meadows and cattle ranches faded to the start of desert country and that traditional barren landscape that makes up the mystique of Texas. Upon arrival in Amarillo, we parked the bikes and jumped into luxurious limousines to visit The Big Texan Steakhouse, a place where you can sit at the big table and try your hand at finishing their world famous 72 ounce Rib Eye (2kg+) and all the trimmings, in under an hour. I didn't try it, but believe me some did without success!!!



Once we hit Texas, the scenery really changes and you truly are in 'John Wayne' country. It's something straight out of a Western movie and is fantastic motorbike country.

One of my favourite places was Santa Fe, New Mexico. It has an amazing town centre with Spanish/Mexican architecture and is bustling with a sea of Navajo and Apache Indians selling handmade jewellery and crafts to the tourists. We had a day's rest there so it was the perfect place to recharge the batteries.

After Santa Fe, we stopped overnight in the city of Gallup before riding through

the Arizona desert to the mighty Grand Canyon. If you have not been to the Grand Canyon before, it is one of those 'OMG' moments when you first see it. It is truly incredible and pictures do not do it justice. We stopped overnight and took a half hour helicopter ride in and around the Canyon - organised by Eagleriders at an extra cost, but well worth it.

After staying the night at the Grand Canyon, we headed off through the Nevada Desert to the city of Laughlin. We stayed there for the night and the next day arrived at the Hoover Dam just outside Las Vegas. After a quick ride over the Dam, we headed on into Las Vegas and took a cruise down the famous Las Vegas Strip. We actually arrived there in the early afternoon, so we had the opportunity to have a bit of a look around and a 'play' in the Casino's. The next day, we packed up and headed back out into the Mojave Desert - destination L.A. After a night in Victorville and a quick tour of Hollywood and Beverley Hills, we made our way down to the Santa Monica Pier - the end of Route 66.

Along the journey we saw a number of iconic places and it would be impossible to mention them all in this article. One place that was fantastic, however, was Winslow, Arizona. You may remember it from the famous Eagles song 'Take it Easy' remember the words "*I'm standing on the corner, in Winslow Arizona*"?



Hurricane on Route 66—contd...

In a place called Miami, Oklahoma we meet up with the local chapter of BACA, (Bikers Against Child Abuse) as our guides are associated with them. They rode with us and escorted us out of town, blocking the intersections as we went. There must have been 40 to 50 bikes and it was great fun. Another famous stop we made was Madrid, New Mexico, which is the town where they filmed "Wild Hogs"!!

Most of the old Route 66 has now been replaced by freeways and the parts that aren't are quite rough in places. You were off and on the road all the time, and at times I was happy to be on the freeway as it was much smoother; however there is still enough of the old road left to get the idea.

As I indicated at the start, it was a real adventure and you definitely had a ride on your hands - we would average about 90km per hour on the country roads, but on the freeways were doing 110-150km per hour. Even at that speed the trucks were still passing you! The shortest day we had we covered 188km and the longest was about 526km.

All of the people we meet along the way were very friendly and hospitable. Strangers would come up to us and want to know all about the trip and what it was like. We would even pull alongside massive freight trains and they would blast their air horns at us in support.

Eagleriders is a large worldwide company that takes similar trips all over the world and the tour leaders were very professional and passionate. The trip I did was all inclusive of professional tour leaders, a support vehicle equipped with spare bikes, drinking water, bikes to ride, accommodation, fuel and oil, unlimited mileage, a riding jacket, pre & post tour dinner, daily breakfast and lots more.

It didn't include lunch, snacks, dinner and beverages, or return Airfares. You also needed to be 21 years of age or older, have a valid motorcycle license and minimum of one year of riding experience on heavyweight motorcycles, although I don't think this was particularly necessary. Not that you were indoors for long, but the accommodation we had was excellent - we stayed in really nice hotels including Marriott Hotels and Hampton Inns, and most importantly, there was always a beer at the end of the day.

What would I change? Not much - perhaps I would change my bike for a Roadking or ElectriGilde next time, as after 4000km, the rear-end started to get a bit sore. It was a bit of a laugh in the group that the partners on the back of these bikes used to fall asleep and would only wake up when their head hit the rider's helmet in front.

Well, that is the end of my little spiel, but if you would like to know more or want any more details please do not hesitate to chat with me at anytime or look up Eagleriders.com - click on the Facebook symbol to see my ride and others like it.

Ohh, and remember the story about the POM, well apart from being a big noter, it turned out he had won lotto and paid for his girlfriend and a few mates to go on the trip. He was apparently going to propose to his girlfriend in Vegas but they had a bust-up and he abandoned her and the bike ride - the last I saw of him he was loading his bike on the trailer and flying off to Vegas by himself. I am not sure what he will do about the tattoo on his arm that says he did Route 66???

Takes all sorts I suppose.

Hurricane



Event Calendar

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, Newmarket	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	Coffee Club, 12 Queen 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-ff@bigpond.com Mob: 0407 151 302

October 2011

Sat 1	West	9.00 am	Blacksoil, Esk, Hampton, Crows Nest, Yarraman, Blackbut, Moore, Harlen, Kilcoy, 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 Finger ride" - Beaudesert, Mt Lindesay, Woodenbong, Canungra, Cunningshams 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 5	West	9.00 am	Esk, Yarraman, Crows Nest, Hampton, Fernvale, Home	?
Sat/Sun 12/13	South	9.00 am	Riders' Rest weekend away	?
Tue 15	All	7:30 pm	Monthly meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sun 20	North	9.00 am	"Hard Arse Ride" - Woodford, Yarraman, Cooyer, Wattael, Crows Nest, Hampton, Brussels, Home	400 km
Sun 27	West	9.00 am	Toowoomba, Oakey, Pittsworth, Cambooya, Gatton, Home	?

December 2011

Sun 4	South	9.00 am	"Hinterland Hop" - Canungra, Binna Burra, Advancetown, Springbrook, Mudgeeraba, Mt Nathan, St Bernards—Mt Tamborine, Home	280 km
Sun 11	North	9.00 am	Bay Run—Bruce Hwy, Scarborough, Deception Bay, Bribie Island, Steve Irwin Way, Maleny, Home	?
Sat 17	West	9.00 am	Gatton, Clifton, Layburn, Lora, Aratula, Home	?
Tue 20	All	7:30 pm	Monthly meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sat 24	South	9.00 am	Riders Choice TBA	?

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

