

# THE STEEL HORSE

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## ROWDY'S RANT!

### Hi everyone and welcome to the May newsletter.

Just a quick reminder that Ynot's proposal to change or update certain rules of the club will be voted on at the next meeting, (May) This is necessary to satisfy the office of fair trading. Details can be found in the April newsletter.

There was a good turnout for the MRAQ rally into the city, all went well until yours truly became lost walking up the hill instead of heading down, still I made it in time to get the gist of why we were there.

The government is attempting to introduce some poorly thought out and pointless laws, if we do nothing then the results are obvious, the MRAQ offer yearly membership of approx. \$15.00 which will add numbers and help in having voices heard. Head for the MRAQ website where you can find all the details.

I'd like to say that I enjoyed everyone's company on the ride away to Warwick, especially those who handed me beer and wine outside the cabins, Barney's car came in handy for the Disco, great fun. Good on ya Steel Horses!

Drastic spoke on the subject of batteries at the last meeting, so to follow up I thought if I were to share a problem I'd had, hopefully it may save someone I'd had, hopefully it may save someone from having to call a tow truck. I'll keep this short and sweet.

A stator is a device that produces voltage which in turn charges your battery; it lives inside the engine submerged in the oil. When it fails it stops producing voltage and the battery runs down and you stop. Stators can fail anytime without any warning which brings me to the point.



If you have a voltmeter fitted you will be able to see if your charging circuit is working, with the engine running a healthy voltage should read between 14 and 15 volts. Anything less and I'd recommend pulling the head light fuse and head for home.

After contacting Kawasaki they advised me the part would be \$820 and labour at \$800. I found a brand new upgraded stator on the net for \$250 and a tiny digital voltmeter for \$38. So an advanced warning will not fix your problem but may at least get you home.

Cheers everyone,

**Rowdy**

# WEST RIDE REPORT

## Saturday, 21th of April.

A perfect day for bike riding! There were six bikes in total there was follows: Ynot, Drastic and Chilli, Cherri, Churub or better known as Robin and if you speak French she goes weak at the knees so start practicing Drastic, Boots, Grumpy and a guest Adrian riding a ABB (another bloody boulevard) and yours truly.

I changed the route for the day as I thought 4000klm was a bit too far for one day so I told all present that it was an adventure ride because I wanted to travel a piece of road that I have never been on before.

After everyone had stopped rolling

their eyes at me we headed off to Rosewood then Grandchester and Laidley towards Gatton and on to Esk for a well deserved beer and bum break.

While we were enjoying a beer Drastic met a new best buddy who seemed to be suffering substance abuse or mental illness but either way Drastic was glad when I said it was time to go.

We headed up to Ravensbourne and then on to the the above mentioned road not travelled before we made it to Lake Perserverence.

Now I must tell you if you ever travel this road that the sign posts are right at the turns and you cannot see the

other road because of the height of the grass, so after a few u turns we headed to Crows Nest for lunch.

Across the road from the pub the Ariel club were having a rally so we went over after lunch and there were bikes from 1915 onwards and man have bikes progressed since then.

Time to go, so we headed off to Toowoomba for fuel and down through Murphys Creek to Gatton to say our farewells before going our different ways home.

Another good day with good company. See you round like a rissole!

**Cosmo**



# SOUTH WEEKEND AWAY REPORT

The day started out excellently with everyone turning up packed and waiting at the South meeting point and only Blue Sky as far as the eye could see..

After a chat and explanation that the run down had been changed by Sarge (because he can) and a very detailed explanation of the rules we mounted up and headed off.

In deference to the 'Girls' we stopped at Peak Crossing for a brief rest after a very good ride from Yatala through Beaudesert and turning right at Boonah. The little Pub at Peak Crossing is always grateful of the business and the Beer is cold.

I rang young Sam from the Pub and gave him a heads up we were heading his way. 30 minutes later we arrived at Rosewood with an eager Sam and Jo joining the bunch and we did not even stop for Sam as he was already revving the Bike by the time we saw him.

In deference to the 'girls' (did I already say that) we stopped at the Grandchester Pub for a Dance to the Juke Box and another cold Coke. After a half hour stop we mounted up and headed towards Gatton where we stopped for some fuel and then straight through Ma Ma Creek and no stop until we arrived at Warwick.

At the insistence of our Lace we stopped at the little eatery to grab some of her favorite Pancakes only to be told that they no longer were a Pancake restaurant. No worries however as they had Steak sandwich on the menu so I was right. We were running about an hour late to the schedule I had in my head and after a quick sprint into the local Bottle shops we headed for Cherribah.

Arriving at Cherribah we were greeted by a lovely friendly Lady

who took our money and smiles at each of us individually to make sure we felt welcome. A little concerning to be told don't drink the water in your room but heck we thought who needs water.

After unpacking and settling in a few drinks at the front of the Cabin were undertaken. At 6pm sharp we were instructed to attend the restaurant where we were provided a pretty good buffet meal, don't be late were the instructions and we were exactly on time for fear they would lock the doors.



After Tea we returned to the Barroom where Sam proceeded to take permanent possession of the pool table and a few of us including Sugar took over the entertainment duties by turning the Karaoke machine to full volume and belting out some tunes.

After a few hours of high volume Steel Horse singers and Sam never losing a game I think someone had had enough and found the main switch for the power, darkness descended (in reality a Car hit a pole in Warwick and took out the mains).

I have to say that this really f@!#ed

the remainder of the night especially due to the fact that the lovely happy hostess offered a solution by stating - you lot need to go to bed see ya in the morning.

This did not go down well with the crowd and Drastic let it be known that there was a general feeling on unhappiness at this suggestion.

We spent a few hours in the Dark by the fire and then everyone drifted back top their rooms. I was woken about 11.30pm by the blaze of light and the TV starting - low and behold the power was back.

Next morning we all lined up to collect our refund cheques and headed into Warwick for Brekky.

We stopped at the BP Roadhouse and had some nice coffee and bacon etc. After about an hour we headed off towards Queen Mary Falls. Near the highway turn off I got a tap on the shoulder and when I pulled over Sugar informed me with a green tinge to her cheeks that we needed to return to the BP where we spent the next 2 hours waiting for the old tummy to settle.

Sam was kind enough to lead the rest of the ride for me and everyone made it home safely.

Sugar and I passed the Peaks crossing Pub on the way home and spotted an Orange Bouelly, sure enough Pedro and Mozzie had waited there for us (Thanks Kids appreciate you doing that)

About 4pm we arrived home. I enjoyed it an I hope you all did as well it turned out to be a cheap weekend away.

Note to self NO MORE CHERRIBAH!!

**Sarge**

# NEW MERCHANDISE!



#### **MENS SHORT SLEEVE T- SHIRT:**

Black Or White – Sizes S to 5XL or Yellow S to 3XL – **Price \$15.00 each**

#### **MENS SINGLET:**

Black & White – Sizes S to 5XL – **Price \$15.00 each**

#### **UNISEX HOODED TOPS:**

Black only with print on sleeve – Sizes S to 3 XL – **Price \$50.00 each**

#### **UNISEX LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS:**

Black, White and Navy with print on sleeve – Sizes S to 3XL – **Price \$ 25.00 each**

#### **LADIES SINGLET:**

Black or White only – Sizes S to XL ( 8 To 14 ) – **Price \$ 15.00 each**

#### **LADIES T - SHIRT:**

Black, White, Yellow, Red and Light Blue – Sizes S to 2XL ( 8 to 16 ) – **Price \$ 15.00 each**

#### **LADIES V-NECK T-SHIRT:**

Black, White, Red and Light Pink – Sizes S to 2XL ( 8 to 16 ) – **Price \$ 15.00 each**

#### **STUBBIE COOLERS:**

Fluro - Yellow, Green, Gold, Orange and Pink . **Price \$ 5.00 each**

# MEMBERSHIP INFO

## WANT TO JOIN ? ...

*"THE CLUB IS BRISBANE BASED, SO COME ALONG FOR A RIDE OR ATTEND A MEETING"*

Membership is open to Riders and Pillions of Cruiser and Tourer motor-cycles, as well as Social Members. The club focuses on Cruiser and Tourer Style motorcycles of more than 250 cc, regardless of rider's age, or riding skills. You will meet other people who share your interest in Cruisers and Tourers and Motorcycling in general.

- ✓ Rides every weekend
- ✓ Weekends away
- ✓ Barbecues
- ✓ Children friendly events
- ✓ Social Outings

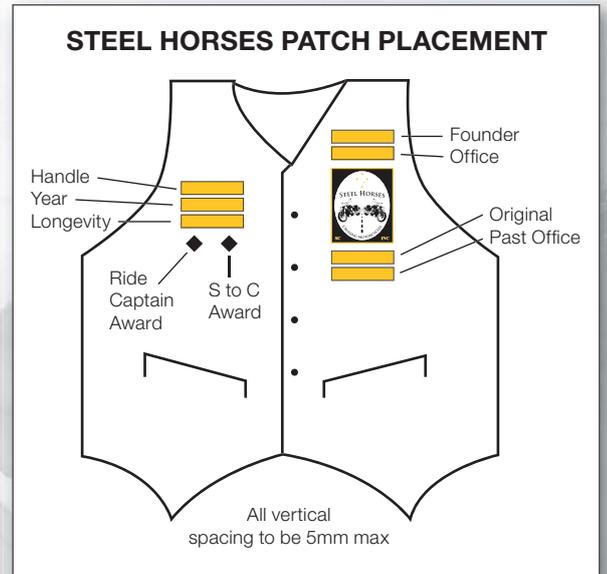
We also have Monthly Meetings — These monthly club meetings are an opportunity to exchange ideas and information. Prospective members and visitors are always welcome to come along on a ride or attend a meeting. Refer to the Event Calendar for details.

### Membership Fees:

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.



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## RIDE CALENDAR 2012

### MEETING POINTS

South	Exit 38 Yatala	Yogi, Steiny, Sarge	0417 636 425
North	Gloria Jean's Casledine	Lucky J / Hurricane	0401 253 879
West	Coffee Club Goodna	Cosmo / Sam	0405 737 085

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

### JULY 2012

Sunday	8	South	Mt Tamborine, Canungra, Orielly's, Canungra, Coomera, Yatala (150km)
Saturday	14	West	Aratula, Maryvale, Allora, Rudds Pub (lunch), Ma Ma Creek, Laidley, Walloon ( 280km)
Sunday	22nd	North	Obi Obi Run, Cooroy, Kenilworth, Mapleton ( Lunch), Montville, Landsborough, Home via Steve Irwin way. (254km)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>LORD STANLEY HOTEL - GABBA – 7.30PM</b>
Sunday	29	South	Riders Choice (Steiney)

### AUGUST 2012

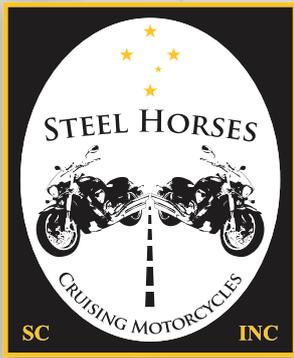
Saturday	4	West	Gatton, Flagstone Creek, Cambooya, Leyburn, Karara, Warwick, Home (295km)
Sunday	12	North	Around the Bays – Sandgate. Woody Point, Bribie Island (Lunch), Donnybrook, Home (200km)
Saturday	18	South	Yatala, Mt Nebo, Mt Glorious, (coffee), Fernvale (Lunch), Blacksoil. (Sarge)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>LORD STANLEY HOTEL - GABBA – 7.30PM</b>
Sunday	26	West	Riders Choice

### SEPTEMBER 2012

Saturday	1	North	Shark and Spuds ride with Elvis – Noosaville, (stop by the River with Elvis), Ettamooga Pub, Home (260km)
Sunday	9	South	Yatala, Canungra, Advance Town, Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads, Home (420km) (Yogi)
Saturday	15	West	Riverview, Amberley, Rosewood, Talgalla Lookout, Maden, Lowood, Home
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>LORD STANLEY HOTEL - GABBA – 7.30PM</b>
Sunday	23	North	Bum Hop – North Pine Dam, Clear Mountain, Mt Glorious, Woodford (Lunch), Mt Mee, North Pine Dam.
Saturday	29	South	Yatala, Beaudesert, Lions Rd to Kilcoy (Lunch), Mt Lindsay to Rathdowney, Greenbank, Home (Sarge)

### IMPORTANT DATES

- August 15th – Show Day Public Holiday
- September 2nd Fathers Day



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See Event Calendar for details

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## Funny Photos!

