



Official Newsletter of the Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycle Social Club Inc.

VOL 7, ISSUE 11A festive collage for a Christmas greeting. It features Santa Claus riding a motorcycle, a close-up of a motorcycle headlight, a 'MOTORBIKE' sign in a comic book style, and other holiday-themed elements like a reindeer and a Christmas tree. The text 'Happy Christmas Seasons Greetings to all Steel Horses members!' is overlaid in a large, white, outlined font.

Happy Christmas
Seasons Greetings
to all Steel Horses members!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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

Website:

www.steelhorses.com.au

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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:

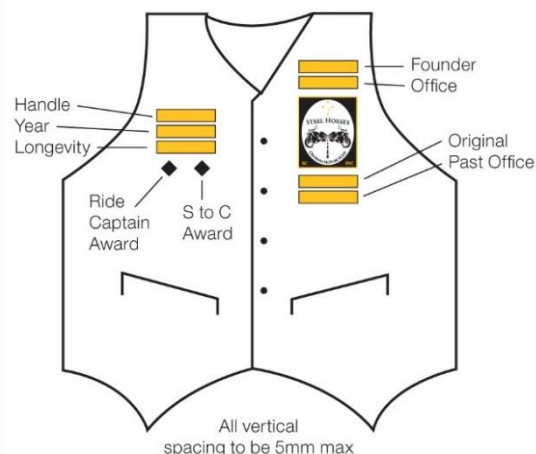
Membership is open to Riders and Pillions of Cruiser and Tourer motorcycles, as well as Social Members.

Currently, the annual membership subscription is \$36 for Riders, Pillions, and Social Members. This is applied 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 \$40 for all Members. All Members must wear a vest and Club Patch.

Members can view the Rules and By-laws at our monthly meetings. Just let the Secretary know.

STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT





- * West Ride - Sunday 13th November 2016.
- * Hippy & Roach's BBQ - Saturday 19th November 2016.
- * North Ride - Sunday 20th November 2016.
- * Riders Choice Ride - Sunday 27th November 2016.
- * West Ride - Sunday 4th December 2016.
- * Some recent Mount Glorious photos!
- * Amazing local roads (and some amazing not-so-local roads).
- * Birthdays.
- * Riding tips: Understanding Motorcycle Tyre Grip.
- * December & January Ride Calendar.
- * Some jokes! :-)

Hmmm ... This feels good! Maybe I should've bought one of these beasts!





**The West Ride that was to be held on
Sunday 13th November 2016 was**

CANCELLED

HIPPY & ROACHE'S BBQ - Saturday 19th November 2016

Hippy & Roach put on a BBQ at their place for all Steel Horses members. What a totally fantastic event it was! There was an amazing spread of food for all. Everyone had an awesome time. Thank you Hippy & Roach! :-)



STEEL HORSES NORTH RIDE

Sunday 20th November 2016

Ride Captain: Hurricane

Riders: Ynot, Jak, Kim, Mac, Lucky J, and visitors Glenn & Marian Stephens.

The ride left on time from Caseldine and it was great to see a couple of visitors join us, Glenn and Marion Stephens, they were made welcome by those present which included Ynot?

We headed up the highway and took the Caboolture turnoff to Beerburrum Road. The ride then travelled along this road until it joined Steve Irwin Way before eventually joining up with the Bruce Highway. The first stop was the Old Ettamogah Pub where we enjoyed a cold ale. Then the route took us up to Nambour Connection Road and the turn off to Woombye. After this we meandered our way back to Landsborough, however, as it was a bit early for lunch we did a circle up the hill to Bald Knob Road and then back down and into Landsbrough the back way for lunch at the Landsborough Hotel, one of our favourite watering holes. After lunch we took Old Gympie Road back to Brisbane and the end of the ride.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the day out and it was an early finish, so plenty of time to relax before the start of the new week.

Hurricane



STEEL HORSES "RIDERS CHOICE" RIDE

Sunday 27th November 2016

Ride Captain: Jak.

Riders: Kim, Sam, Rusty, Hippy, Roach, Mac, Yogi, Ynot.

Attending by cage: Sarge & Steiny.

As there were reports of a police blitz on the M, I decided to run an alternative ride up Mounts Nebo/Glorious. We had a good attendance at The Gap BP and left around 9 and had an uninterrupted ride up the mountain where Hugh had reserved the Steel Horses pergola and parking for us. Weather reports were iffy but we had no rain all day.

Steiny and Sarge had driven up and met us there. After the usual fine breakfast and much discussion we left to go our separate ways. Mac, Ynot, Sam and Rusty headed back separately down the western side of Glorious, Yogi, Sarge and Steiny went back the way they had come up and Hippy, Roach, Kim and I extended the day by travelling on to Somerset dam area where we chatted till about 3 then headed back over Glorious/Nebo and home.

Cheers ... Jak.



STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 4th December 2016

Ride Captain: Yogi

Riders: Kim, Rosie, Drastic, SuziQ, Hippy, Roach, and we had a visitor Brad on a Suzuki DR650SE. Also Mac joined us for breakfast.

We left Goodna and headed to Walloon then onto the Blenheim district where we ventured along different road with a bit of a view of the surrounds.

After a short discussion we went back down the road and headed on a couple of different back roads to the Tenthill Hotel for a nice airconditioned break.

On leaving Tenthill we went through Ma Ma creek and on to Clifton where we had lunch. Just before we left the pub we saw Kim soak himself with the garden hose to cool off. Such a great idea we all did it.

We left Clifton and went back to Gatton for fuel, then stopped at the highway Maccas for another cool break. We said our goodbyes and left at about 4.15pm.

Cheers ... Yogi



**Steel Horses has a weekly pilgrimage to Mount Glorious (every Tuesday).
Here's some photos taken on some recent rides up there.
Join us if you can!**



Amazing motorcycle roads not far from Brisbane.

Putty Road Twisties!

ROADS WE RIDE

THE PUTTY ROAD

The **Putty Road** is a good quality road between Singleton and Windsor in NSW. It was built with a most excellent collection of twisties. It's about 150 km long, and provides a whole lot of fun for motorcycles! It has a bit of everything, from fast sweepers to tight switchbacks and blind hairpins. As well, it's also an extremely scenic area.

Historically, the Putty Road was the first road constructed from Sydney to the north, being opened to traffic in 1823. Back then it had a reputation as quite a treacherous route.

The **Oxley Highway** is another good quality road between Nevertire and Port Macquarie in NSW. The bit that interests motorcyclists is when it starts to ascend into the Great Dividing Range and you begin 45km of winding road. Here you climb and climb and twist and turn for a dizzying hour through the tall-timber forests. At the end the urge to turn back and do it again is almost irresistible! The highway passes through numerous interesting places, including Wauchope.



Mount Glorious is listed in almost every motorcycling almanac around the World as a must see, must do motorcycle trip! Indeed, the fact that this ride is such a short hop from Brisbane is almost hard to comprehend. When you finally arrive up "on top" of the mountain you could be mistaken for thinking that you have taken a wrong turn and ended up somewhere more like the The Daintree or Kuranda in Far North Queensland! These roads are definitely not high speed; but it is a magnificent ride, with a fantastic array of bends and winding bits.



Another great bike road that's a bit further away from Brisbane ...

This is the "**Transfagarasan**", also known as "Ceausescu's Folly". It's a paved mountain road crossing the southern section of the Carpathian Mountains of Romania. This is possibly the World's most famous road for motorcyclists! It's 90 kilometres long, and is between the highest peaks in the country. The road climbs to an altitude of 2,042 metres. It is a winding road, dotted with extremely steep hairpin turns, long S-curves, and sharp descents. It is both an attraction and a challenge for motorcycle enthusiasts. Due to the topography, the average speed is around 40 km/h. The road is usually closed from late October until late June because of snow.





Grumpy & Pyro are having birthdays in December!

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to you both! :-)

OK ... You're a year older, and older than you've ever been before. But you're a year younger than you'll be next year at this time, and in fact younger than you'll ever be again! So it's all good! :-)





Riding Tips

Understanding Motorcycle Tyre Grip

by Mark McVeigh (a former International 250GP Racer and MotoGP Engineer)

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http://motodna.net/get-a-grip/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=motoDNA%20eNews&utm_content=motoDNA%20eNews+CID_ccf7ae487ca71f1e658091b6d73325bb&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=READ%20MORE

A motorcycle tyre is an extraordinary piece of engineering.

These black round sticky things are able to keep our motorcycles in control at extreme speed and lean angles, relying on only two small patches of rubber in contact with the asphalt.

However, most riders underestimate the high level of grip available from their tyre's. This misperception of available grip can be a negative for the rider resulting in reduced riding pleasure.



A big contributor to rider trauma on the road is the survival reaction.



Survival reactions are primarily caused by the rider's lack of understanding of their limit and the limit of their machine.

More precisely, the rider doesn't sufficiently understand the grip that is available from their tyres.

This survival reaction will often cause the rider to overreact and panic to a small problem, such as mid corner gravel or an oncoming car cutting the corner, resulting in a bigger problem that could have been avoided if the rider understood the available grip.

For example, a corner tightens unexpectedly. The rider panics and grabs the front brake overloading the front tire and slides across the road. A more experienced rider may have rolled off the throttle; trail braked or simply leant the bike over more.

Some may say prevention is better than cure and the rider should have approached the corner slower, however this is the reality of what's happening on our roads.

Understanding the overall grip that your tires can supply at a given time means you can ride that much closer to the limit on the track, or with a greater safety margin on the road.



GRIPPING

Assuming the road surface is free from debris, the main contributor to grip is the weight or load on each tyre.

Try sliding an eraser across your kitchen table. Now try the same thing pushing down hard on the eraser. You will notice the difference in grip with more vertical load.

To apply this understanding to your bike, we can use the dollar analogy.

Imagine your front tyre has a dollar's worth of grip. You could spend 60 cents on braking which leaves 40 cents for cornering or 10 cents on braking and 90 cents on cornering.

The more spent on one, the less you have to spend on the other, and there's a big penalty for overspending!

Awareness of bike balance is also an important factor. Weight distribution between front and rear tyres is constantly changing as you corner, accelerate and brake.

THE PITCH

Obviously when you brake, the bike pitches forward applying load to the front tyre. When you release the brakes, weight comes off the front tyre and starts transferring to the rear.



The key is to load the tyre progressively to build pressure on the contact patch. This applies to braking, acceleration and cornering.

Your tyre contact patches may be small but the level of pressure at that point is high when the vertical load is high.

Problems arise when a rider overloads the tyre by grabbing the throttle or brake, rather than applying the input smoothly and gradually.

Go to <http://www.steelhorses.com.au> for the latest updates to the Ride Calendar.

Ride

Calendar

DECEMBER 2016

Sun	4	West	Complete information about this ride will be detailed here about 5 days before the event. Check this space during the week before this ride!
Sun	11	North	Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Kenilworth (lunch at the Kenilworth Hotel) - Home. 246km.
Sun	18	South	<i>Ride Captain: Jak.</i> BP Servo at Yatala - Mudgeeraba - Home. 180km.
Tues	20	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel . 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane . The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!
Sun	25	West	Christmas Day! Complete information about this ride will be detailed here about 5 days before the event. Check this space during the week before this ride!

JANUARY 2017

Sun	1	North	Complete information about this ride will be detailed here about 5 days before the event. Check this space during the week before this ride!
Sun	8	South	<i>Ride Captain: Jak.</i> BP Servo at Yatala - Tumbulgum (lunch at the Tumbulgum Tavern) - Home. 195km.
Sun	15	West	Complete information about this ride will be detailed here about 5 days before the event. Check this space during the week before this ride!
Tues	17	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel . 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane . The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!
Sun	22	North	Complete information about this ride will be detailed here about 5 days before the event. Check this space during the week before this ride!
Sun	29	South	<i>Ride Captain: Jak.</i> BP Servo at Yatala - Tyalgum - Home. 236km.

A FEW JOKES :-)



- * I got invited to a party and was told to dress to kill. Apparently, a turban, beard and a backpack wasn't what they had in mind.
- * Since the snow came all the wife has done is look through the window. If it gets any worse, I'll have to let her in.
- * Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.

A chicken farmer went to a local bar, sat next to a woman, and ordered a glass of champagne.

The woman perks up and says, "How about that? I just ordered a glass of champagne, too!"

"What a coincidence" the farmer says. "This is a special day for me ... I'm celebrating."

"This is a special day for me too, I'm also celebrating!" says the woman.

"What a coincidence!" says the farmer.

As they clinked glasses the man asked, "What are you celebrating?"

"My husband and I have been trying to have a child and today my gynaecologist told me that I am pregnant!"

"What a coincidence," says the man. "I'm a chicken farmer and for years all of my hens were infertile, but today they are all laying fertilized eggs."

"That's great!" says the woman. "How did your chickens become fertile?"

"I used a different cock," he replied.

The woman smiled and said, "What a coincidence."

Last week, I was driving the golf cart on the path. A storm was approaching so I was hurrying to finish the round, when a squirrel dashed across the path. Swerving to avoid it, I turned the cart over.

Laying on my back, I look up and Evelyn, a beautiful 20-something is leaning over me. She asked "Are you OK? What's your name?"

"I'm Jack. A little dazed but I think I'll be fine."

"Well, Jack, my villa is right there. You should just come over there, I'll fix you a drink, and we'll make sure there are no injuries".

"I appreciate the offer, Evelyn, but I don't think my wife would like it. Besides I need to take care of the cart".

"Don't be silly, We'll take care of the cart later. And your wife will never know. So, come on."

Well, I was weak. But, oh my, she was stunning. So after a few glasses of wine and some very creative putting lessons, I said

"I really need to get going. I'm sure my wife is wondering where I am."

"Why are you so worried about her? Where is she?"

"Under the cart."

Morris Schwartz is on his deathbed, knows the end is near, is with his nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons.

He says to them: "Bernie, I want you to take the Beverly Hills houses."

"Sybil, take the apartments over in Los Angeles Plaza."

"Hymie, I want you to take the offices over in City Center."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings downtown."

The nurse is just blown away by all this, and as Morris slips away,

she says, "Mrs. Schwartz, your husband must have been such a hardworking man to have accumulated all this property".

Sarah replies, "Property? The a-hole has a paper route!"

* Something for the ladies: If you ask a man to do something, he will do it. There is no need to remind him every 6 months!

* A boy asks his granny, "Have you seen my pills, they were labelled LSD?" Granny replies, "f@@k the pills, have you seen the dragons in the kitchen?!"



MORE JOKES!! 😊

A man staggered into a hospital with a concussion, multiple bruises, two black eyes, and a five iron wrapped tightly around his throat. Naturally, the Doctor asked him "What happened to YOU?"

"Well, I was having a quiet round of golf with my wife, when at a difficult hole, we both sliced our golf balls into a field of cattle. We went to look for them and while I was looking around I noticed one of the cows had something white at its rear end. I walked over, lifted its tail, and sure enough, there was a golf ball with my wife's monogram on it - stuck right in the middle of the cow's fanny."

"Still holding the cow's tail up, I yelled to my wife, 'Hey, this looks like yours!'"

"I don't remember much after that!"

The FBI had an opening for an assassin.

After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done, there were 3 finalists; two men and a woman.

For the final test, the FBI agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun.

"We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her!!"

The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife."

The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about 5 minutes.

The man came out with tears in his eyes, "I tried, but I can't kill my wife." The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet.

The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, wiping the sweat from her brow. "This gun is loaded with blanks" she said. "I had to kill him with the chair!"

A 75-year-old man was told by his doctor that he needed a sperm count as part of his physical exam. The doctor gave the man a jar and said, "Take this jar home and bring back a sample tomorrow."

The next day the man reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and empty as on the previous day. The doctor asked, what happened and the man explained.

"Well, doc, it's like this ... first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Arleen, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezin' it between her knees, but still nothing." The doctor was shocked!

"You asked your neighbor?"

The old man replied, "Yep; but none of us could get the jar open."

Jim and Bob, two friends, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems.

One day Jim didn't show up. Bob didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something. But after Jim hadn't shown up for a week or so, Bob really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Bob didn't know where Jim lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him.

A month had passed, and Bob figured he had seen the last of Jim, but one day Bob approached the park and - lo and behold! - there sat Jim!

Bob was very excited and happy to see him and told him so.

Then he said, "For crying out loud Jim, what in the world happened to you?"

Jim replied, "I have been in jail."

"Jail!" cried Bob. "What in the world for?"

"Well," Jim said, "you know Sue, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?"

"Yeah," said Bob, "I remember her. What about her?"

"Well, the little gold-digging witch figured I was rich and she filed rape charges against me; and, at 89 years old, I was so proud that when I got into court, I pleaded 'guilty'."

"The judge gave me 30 days for perjury!"

