



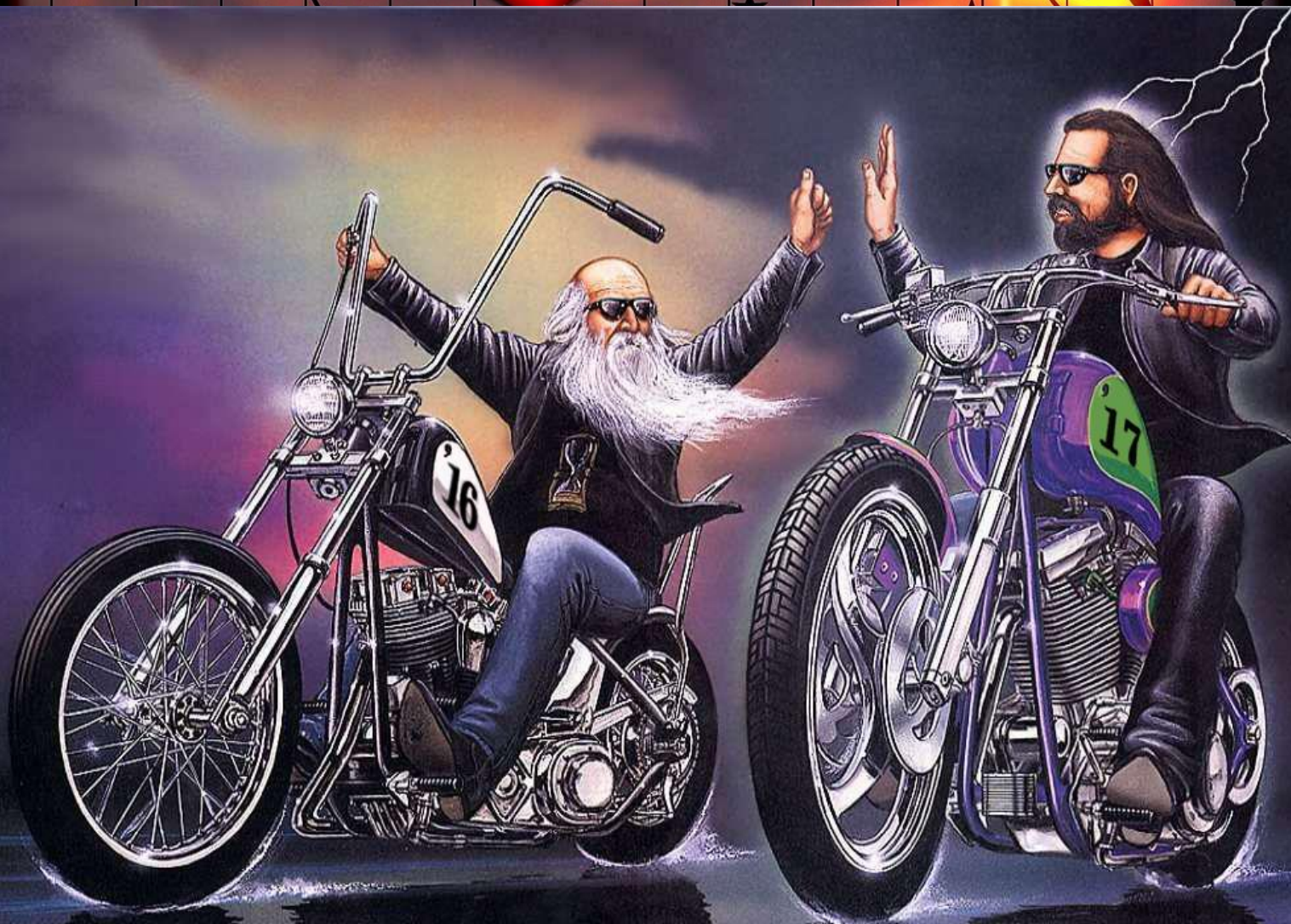
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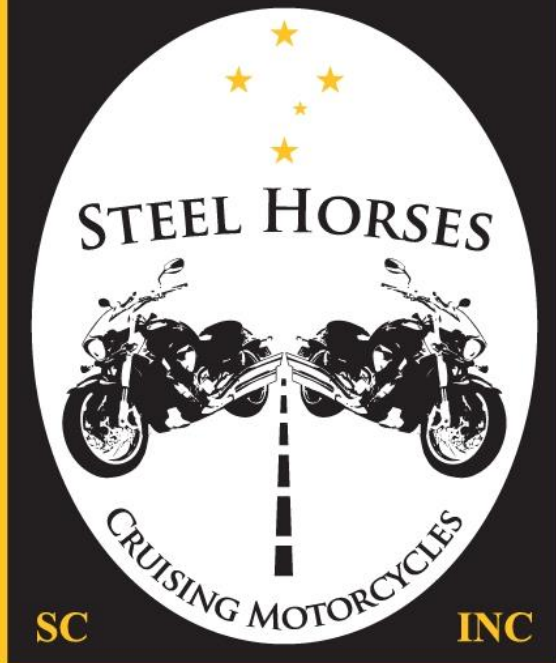
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Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc meets every 3rd Tuesday at: Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane, at 7.30 pm. Lord Stanley Hotel is at the intersection of Didsbury St, and Stanley St East, East Brisbane.

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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:

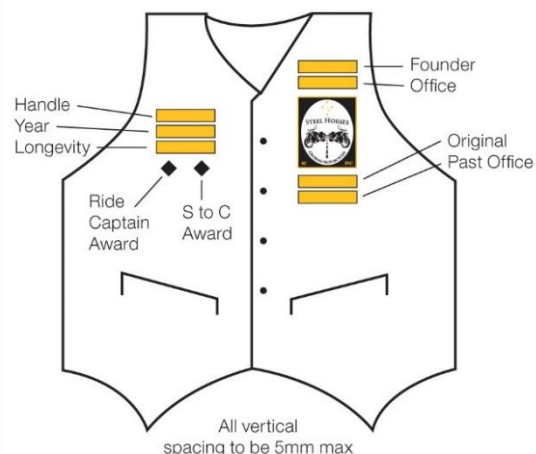
Membership is open to Riders and Pillions of Cruiser and Tourer motorcycles, as well as Social Members.

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





- * Steiny's Spiel (the President's Report).
- * South Ride Report 18th December 2016.
- * South Ride Report 8th January 2017.
- * West Ride Report 15th January 2017.
- * North Ride Report 22nd January 2017.
- * South Ride Report 29th January 2017.
- * West Ride Report 5th February 2017.
- * President Trump meets Harley.
- * Who's that in this photo?
- * Are expensive motorcycle helmets safer?
- * Another amazing Russian bike!
- * Birthdays.
- * From the Archives: Ride Rules from the Club's By-Laws.
- * Riding tips: How to handle a decreasing-radius corner.
- * February and March 2017 Ride Calendar.
- * Some jokes! :-)

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





STEINY'S SPIEL

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi all ...

Well, here we are in mid February, and we now have the Newsletter and the Website back up and running.

The "Members and their Bikes" section of our website has been updated (http://www.steelhorses.com.au/members_bikes.html), and the Ride Calendar is just about up to scratch.

The ride attendances over the last month have been awesome. Thanks to everyone who has been making the effort. We've had between 6 and 13 members enjoying each ride over the last few weeks, even though it has been a bit warm.

Some interesting rides are coming up soon:

- Pyro has taken on the job as a North Ride Captain, so you can expect some pretty adventurous rides in the future, as he is very familiar with the area up there.
- Princess has got what looks like a very interesting "Riders Choice" mapped out for us on the first Sunday in April, with bum breaks, lunch stops, and other events all booked and organised! Yogi will be leading it for her. (Check out her entry in the Ride Calendar: http://www.steelhorses.com.au/ride_calendar.html#1704)
- Barney's Bathurst ride is cancelled, and he did mention that he might do an overnighter down to the Northern New South Wales area somewhere, but I haven't heard back from him yet.
- Boots has got his traditional annual pilgrimage to Bowraville for our Christmas in July (29/30) run. We always have a good time on this one. If you haven't been to one yet, just do it!

I would like to see many more "Riders Choice" and "Pillions Choice" rides organised in the future. I would also particularly like to see more weekends away organised, as these are usually a lot of fun for everyone. So if anyone has any ideas for anything along these lines, please let me know.

As you're probably aware by now, I've taken delivery of my new motorcycle: a CanAm Spyder. It's a great machine, and, most importantly, it has enabled me to once again be out riding with Steel Horses after my accident last July. I bought the Spyder from a dealer in Newcastle just after Christmas, and we rode it straight back to Brisbane without any problems whatsoever.

Another little bit of news on the homefront: We recently ran into Avachat up at Mount Glorious, who had a coffee with us and a chat, and he and Peaches will be joining us on Pyro's North Ride as visitors, so it should be a good turnout. Lets just hope it isn't too hot .

So, just generally, I'm looking forward to some cooler weather, lots of riding and, as always with our club, enjoying the company of good friends.

Cheers ... Steiny.



STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 18th December 2016

Ride Captain: Jak.

Riders: Kim, Scouse, Hippy & Roach.

It was threatening to shower so the only brave souls to turn up were Kim, Scouse and I (yes I said Scouse). We left Yatala and headed past the Bearded Dragon hotel, over Mt Tamborine to Canungra via the Goat track. After a coffee at the Hub cafe in Canungra we headed down through the Numinbah Valley to the Springbrook road which we took down to the Wallaby hotel in Mudgeeraba for lunch.

We had just ordered our lunch when we were joined by Hippy and Roach who had not been sure of the weather in the morning and had waited and come down to join us for lunch. After lunch we hit the highway and travelled back to Coomera for our farewell chat and coffee.

Another day on the road with dubious weather but good fun all the same.

Cheers ...

Jak.

STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 8th January 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny

Riders: Drastic, Suzie Q, Boots, Jak, Ace, Mac, Ynot, Kim, Sam, Rusty, Hippy, Roach, Pyro, Harley, Phoenix and TEC was Yogi.

Ride Report by Roach.

Our Sunday ride with the Steel Horses from the BP at Yatala to The Mount Warning Pub in Yuki.

This was Steiny's first club run being back on deck as the South Ride Captain. We had a very impressive turnout with 13 bikes on board and Steiny lead the way with his new beastie - the CanAm Spyder.

Our first pit stop (bum break) was at the Advancetown Hotel. After our catch up and light refreshments we bid our farewells to Sam, Rusty, Pyro, Harley & Phoenix.

Second stop was for lunch at the Mount Warning Pub in Yuki. After lunch we said our goodbyes to Yogi.

Third stop for fuel and refreshments was at the BP servo in Coomera. Here we bid our farewells to Boots, Drastic, Suzie Q and Ynot.

Another big day. Thanks for leading a fab ride Steiny, we all had a fantastic day.

Cheers from Roach & Hippy.



STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 15th January 2017

Ride Captain: Sam

Riders: Steiny, Kim, Lucky J, and Specs. Boots saw us off at the start; but wasn't riding.

The planned ride was my favourite to Queen Mary Falls. Our first stop off on this very warm day was at Flavours Cafe at Boonah, where we were beckoned into the air conditioning by the owner. Some thought was given to whether we stay in the comfortable friendly surrounds or continue our journey.

The love of riding got us up and on the road again.

The ride to the Falls was the usual route with water over two of the crossings adding a little excitement. A short pit stop and drink at the Falls and away again. I noticed the drop in temp up over the Head was ten degrees cooler than at Boonah, a pleasant change indeed.

Our lunch break was had at the Yangan Hotel, quiet, good meals, well priced, will do it again.

Riding out onto the Cunningham Highway, over the Gap, we pulled in at Aratula for fuel, a drink and to say our goodbyes.

Another great ride, good company. Cheers ... Sam.



STEEL HORSES NORTH RIDE

Sunday 22nd January 2017

Ride Captain: Axel.

Riders: Mac, Jak, Ace, Pyro, Phoenix, Ynot, Steiny, Kim & Hoffy (visitor).

The North Ride taken by Axel was a bit of a mystery of where we would end up.

Started off from Carseldine headed out through Samsonvale to Dayboro, over Mount Mee, on to Woodford for a bum break. From Woodford out through Kilcoy where turned off and headed out past Somerset Dam down to Fernvale.



STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 29th January 2017

Ride Captain: Jak.

Riders: Mac, Kim, Ynot, Pyro, Phoenix, Kat, Hippy, Roach, Steiny, Yogi, Ace and Ned (visitor).

The south ride today had a good roll up and left the BP Yatala shortly after 9am. It was a humid day and that fact was not lost on anyone. The sort of day that is enjoyable while you ride but not so comfortable at the breaks. We travelled down past the Woldene dam and had our first break at the Hub cafe in Canungra. After 40 mins or so there we mounted up again to head to our lunch destination at Tyalgum via Currumbin valley and the Mount Tomewin Road.

We arrived at the Tyalgum pub just after 1 NSW time and had lunch and a couple of beverages. We then headed back to our final break at the Coomera servo via Numinbah valley. After another cold drink and a chat we said our goodbyes and headed home.

Another great day in the saddle.

Cheers ...

Jak.

See all the photos at: http://www.steelhorses.com.au/club_photos.html#170129



STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 5th February 2017

Ride Captain: Sam.

Riders: Steiny, Jak, Pyro, Rusty, Kim, and Rowdy (for breakfast).

From the meeting point at McDonalds Goodna we headed out to Hampton for lunch (via Forest Hill, Murphys Creek, and stopping for a break at the interesting Scotty's Garage at Upper Flagstone). Then back home via Esk and Blacksoil. A great day!



Harley-Davidson execs meet President Trump

by Mark Hinchliffe

3rd February, 2017

<https://motorbikewriter.com/harley-execs-meet-president-trump/>

Harley-Davidson executives have ridden motorcycles to the White House to meet with President Trump in what can only be seen as a risky and controversial move for the American company.

Trump was scheduled to visit Milwaukee on Thursday, including a visit to the Harley Museum, but the trip was cancelled.

After social media criticism and planned protests, Harley quickly moved to say no invitation had been issued to the President.



Both Harley and White House sources say the trip was called off because of the planned protests.

There's an old saying: "If the mountain will not come to Muhammad, then Muhammad must go to the mountain." But that's probably an inappropriate analogy in this situation!!

However, Harley executives, including the supreme boss Matt Levatich, did ride to the White House to meet with the President and Vice-President Mike Pence.

It makes for great vision, but is it a politically dangerous move for the company?



Harley-Davidson is suffering from a domestic sales slump and is pinning its hopes on international sales as stated by Matt just a couple of days before.

Bikers for Trump

Trump claims he had a lot of support from bikers during the campaign and a **Bikers for Trump** group was formed and attended most of the rallies.

There seems a lot of biker support domestically for the Don and the Republican Party.

Harley claims "nine out of 10" of their American customers support Trump.

Many rider groups attended Trump rallies and the states with the highest motorcycle ownership – mainly the mid-west – are Republican states. Donald Trump Jr is also a motorcycle rider.

And it has to be remembered that Harley owes a lot to Republican President Ronald Reagan for increasing tariffs against imported motorcycles. Maybe they are hoping for more of that same tariff protection.

The White House meeting appears a rather strange move given Harley has, for the past few years, claimed its sales growth will come from reaching out to Black African Americans, women and Hispanics.

As part of their plan to increase international sales, Harley has also just opened a new dealership in Jakarta, Indonesia, the world's most populated Muslim country.

While there may be big support at home among white Americans for Trump, none of those outreach groups, nor Muslim or other countries, would be expected to be a big Don supporter.

The White House South Lawn meeting looked pleasant enough and no big business was obviously addressed in the three minutes they were there.

Trump said at a later sit-down meeting with Harley execs and union officials: "Harley-Davidson is a true American icon. One of the greats. You've given me tremendous support, your workers in particular."

However, in the past few years, Harley has started building Street 500 and 750 models in India and bought a large parcel of land in Thailand where it is rumoured they will build an assembly plant.

Harley has also handed over its IT department to Indian company Infosys. The Indian tech company has been criticised for employing highly skilled immigrants instead of Americans and is facing class action over discriminatory employment practices.



You all know someone in this photo!

Who is it? And which one is it?



Does helmet safety match cost?

Do you get more protection with a more expensive helmet?

<https://motorbikewriter.com/helmet-safety-match-cost/>

17th January, 2017

by Mark Hinchliffe

Does helmet safety match how much money you spend on the helmet? It's an often-asked question that we try to verify with statistics.

The Bell helmets ad campaign of 50 years ago "If you've got a \$10 head, wear a \$10 helmet!" may have been true then, but is it now?

We could not find any empirical evidence of the correlation between cost and safety, only anecdotal. For example, I can attest that my Shoei Hornet DS saved my head after I was run over by another bike, but I wouldn't know how a cheaper or more expensive helmet would have coped.

Since you often pay more for special graphics for the same helmet in a solid single colour, we can assume cost isn't always related to safety.



So we have gone to statistics to see if they show any safety/cost correlation.

HELMET SAFETY

It's very difficult to assess all the helmets on the market, so we have used data from two websites: the NSW Transport Accident Commission "Crash" ratings (<http://www.crash.org.au/ratings.php>) and the British SHARP helmet safety scheme ratings (<https://sharp.dft.gov.uk/>).

Both have comprehensive testing systems that provide overall helmet safety ratings out of five for each model.

The Crash site doesn't give prices and only lists 157 helmets, but it shows that full-face helmets are safer (<https://motorbikewriter.com/crash-statistics-motorcycle-helmets/>), and they are usually more expensive.



Nineteen full-face helmets scored four stars, 56 scored three and 16 two stars, while only 12 open faces scored three stars, 16 scored two and seven scored just one star.

Crash also rates helmet safety on "dual-purpose" models with nine scoring four stars, 13 scored three and one rated two stars.

The more comprehensive SHARP helmet safety scheme is now relevant to our market as these helmets are European UNECE22.05 approved which are allowable across Australia.

So it should cover a range of helmets available here, as well as some that aren't. However, you can still legally buy them over the internet.

Not every helmet is tested and rated, but it gives a good cross-section of open, full-face and modular helmets.

An initial impression of the market is that most are reasonably safe, with 57% scoring four stars or more and 15% scoring one or two stars.

PRICE CATEGORIES

We then divided the helmets into three price categories up to £150 (about \$A240), £150-£450 (about \$A720) and £450 and above. The most expensive was the five-star AGV Pista GP at £799 (\$A1300).

Most helmets were in the cheap category with 209, followed by 150 in the midrange and just 15 in the top sector.



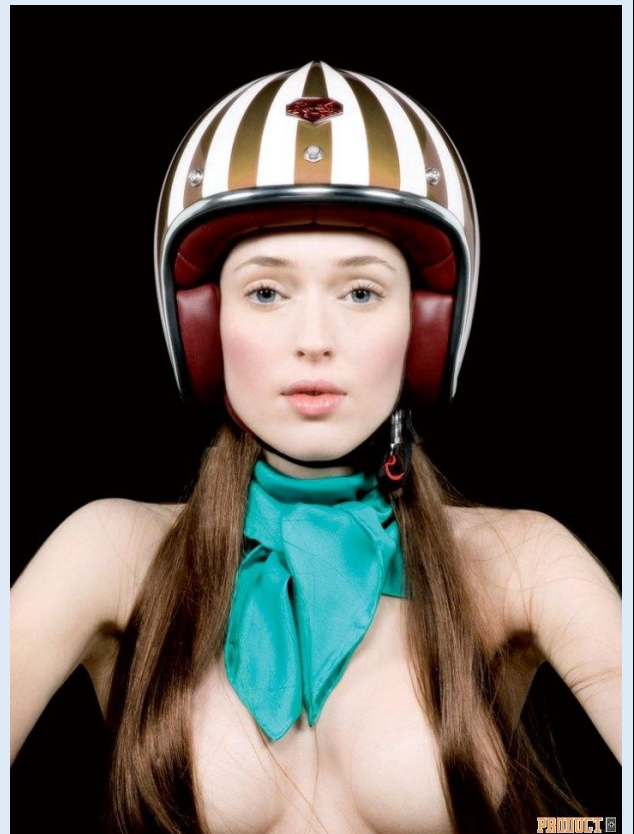
And, as expected, the old Bell advertising slogan is true: The more money you spend, the safer the helmet, at least according to the SHARP ratings.

There were no one-star helmets in the top price category, while 46% top-scored, 20% rated four stars, 26% three stars and just one helmet, the £450 Schuberth S1 Pro, rated two stars.

So you can still pay a lot of money and not get great safety.

But while the statistics show the more you spend the more safety you get, there are some anomalies.

Thankfully, there are 17 helmets under £150 that top score (seven of which are Caberg), plus a whopping 42% with four stars and 29% with three stars.



In the midrange, there are 32% that top-scored, 46% with four stars, 26.5% with three stars and 7.2% with two or one star.

BEST AND WORST BRANDS

It is more difficult to assess which are the best and worst brands, as it depends on how many models they have.

For example, BMW helmets are not necessarily bad because they only have one helmet with five stars. There are only three helmets featured.

The most prolific helmet brand in the survey is Shark with 24 helmets and all but one scored four or more stars, making it the safest, statistically.



It marginally pips AGV with 20 out of 21 helmets rating four and above, then Caberg with nine out of 10, Bell with nine out of 12 and Shoei with eight out of 11.

CHOOSING YOUR HELMET

However, you can't use statistics to buy your helmet.

Every helmet needs to be evaluated by the rider for a solid mix of price, purpose and safety.

So we encourage riders to check the above websites to check for safety star ratings.

Then it's a matter of getting an affordable helmet that fits your head. Remember, every rider's head is a different shape and helmets also have different shapes that present varied pressure points.



**They do things differently in Russia!
This is the amazing Russian Taurus 2x2.
Probably not a "touring" bike (and thus
ineligible for Steel Horses); but then again I
guess that depends on where you're planning
on going touring!! :-)**

The best foldable fat-wheel 2WD Russian motorcycle you'll see all day. The Taurus 2x2

by Loz Blain

August 1st, 2016

http://newatlas.com/taurus-2x2-2wd-fat-wheel-motorcycle/44616/?li_source=LI&li_medium=default-widget
<http://www.moto2x2.com/en/>

With 12-inch wide, 25-inch diameter fat wheels and a simple two-wheel drive system, this unique and "distinctive" Russian agricultural bike can crawl its way through all kinds of mud and slush. The Taurus 2x2 is a lightweight, simple, two-wheel drive motorbike that pulls apart in minutes to fit in the trunk of a car – as long as you have enough room for those tires.



Taurus 2x2: uniquely Russian approach to off-road motorcycling

Taurus 2x2: disassembles quickly to fit in the back of the car

Taurus 2x2: decent off-road capability

Taurus 2x2: two wheel drive system makes it very capable in boggy mud



It's not glamorous. It's ... really not glamorous. But as a kind of weird ag motorcycle, this just might have a few things going for it. Engine-wise, the company seems happy to put whatever you want in there, from the recommended Honda GX210 to an ultra-lightweight chainsaw motor, depending on what mix of performance vs weight you want to go for.

And that's a relevant thing to think about with this one, because even with that

210cc engine in it, it weighs in at just 82 kg (181 lb). With a smaller motor you can get it under 60 kg (132 lb), making it reasonably easy to haul the bike up and over any obstacles you can't ride over with those giant 25x12-inch fat tires.

Tire pressures need to be kept low, not much higher than 3 psi, since the bike's designed for extremely rough and muddy terrain and there's no suspension at either end.

The rigid front end geometry makes it easy to implement two-wheel drive, with a second chain drive running down to the front wheel, but the Taurus website gives no details on how that system chooses to proportion power to the front and rear wheels. The gearbox appears to be a two-speed, which should be adequate given the top speed of just 35 km/h (22 mph).

Utility racks on the front and rear are handy for carrying things about, including other Taurus bikes at a pinch. And since the bike is so light and the tires have so much air in them, you can wash it off by floating it in a river and giving it a bit of throttle.



When it's time to head home, the bike comes apart in about five minutes into a series of bits that fit easily in the back of a four wheel drive or station wagon. The wheels pop out, the front end hinges off with the

release of a single bolt, and you're ready to throw it in the car. Mind you, it's gonna be absolutely filthy by that point, because it's a mud demon.

The cost, as far as we can tell, is around 75,000 Russian roubles, or a little over US\$1,100 per bike, and it seems the Taurus is already in production with at least several dozen already made. The company isn't shipping internationally yet but says it's on the cards.





**Ace and Ynot had birthdays in January.
Roach and Boots are having birthdays in February!**

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

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! :-)





A note about Ride Rules that appeared on page 9 of the November 2009 Steel Horses newsletter:

By-Laws—Ride Rules

"SAFETY OVERRIDES ALL RULES"

1. All members should contact the Ride Captain the day before a ride to advise they would be attending.
2. All riders must meet at the appointed meeting area at least 10 minutes before the specified departure time with a full tank of fuel.
3. The Ride Captain is the only person who will alter the destination on a given ride day.
4. All members must comply with the Ride Captain's instructions concerning safety or behaviour.
5. Position yourself in the front, middle or back of a ride where you feel the most comfortable.
 - ♦ Try not to keep changing positions.
 - ♦ Ride in a staggered formation.
 - ♦ Try to keep the group together, as long as you are not exceeding your level of skill and comfort.
 - ♦ However, always put your personal safety above any other consideration such as ride formation or meeting point times.
6. Always keep the rider behind you in view whenever possible.
 - ♦ If you lose sight of following riders, pull over in a safe but visible position.
7. The designated "Tail End Charlie" must always remain at the back of the ride.
8. The Ride Captain must not leave the ride without nominating a backup ride leader, and ensuring that everyone is aware of the substitution.
9. Never pass the Ride Captain unless you have their specific permission to do so.
10. Riders may leave the ride on a nominated "breakout" that the Ride Captain will indicate by waving their left arm over their head.
 - ♦ If you pass the ride captain on a breakout you have formally left the club ride, and may rejoin the group later.
11. When overtaking a vehicle, riders must ensure that they do so safely, and allow sufficient room for following riders.
12. If you have any issues with the conduct of the ride, make sure you discuss these with the Ride Captain at the first opportunity, and if possible before the ride commences.
13. Always wear your vest to Club rides.
14. Always remember you are on this ride for the primary purpose of having fun and a good time, so enjoy the ride and join in all the activities on the day.

"SAFETY OVERRIDES ALL RULES"

Although published way back in 2009, all these Ride Rules still apply today!



Riding Tips

How to handle a decreasing radius corner

30th April, 2016

by Mark Hinchliffe

<https://motorbikewriter.com/handle-decreasing-radius-corner/>

It's one of those heart-in-the-mouth moments when the corner suddenly tightens up and you're running out of cornering clearance and room to complete the turn.

We've all had that moment which can lead to running off the road, into oncoming traffic or low-siding the bike.

How you deal with the corner really comes in three parts: avoiding being caught by surprise, positioning your bike correctly and dealing with a tightening radius.

AVOID BEING CAUGHT

Don't ever get in the situation where a bend surprises you.

If you've ridden the road before, you should file a mental note of which turns tighten up so you are better prepared next time.

A mental note could consist of a sign on approach, an unusual tree or some other landmark.

However, if it's a new section of road you've never ridden before, survey the line markings or the road edges for clues of the radius.

If the outside line or edge of the road is getting closer to the centre line or inside edge of the bend, then it is tightening.

Don't commit your lean angle and speed to this corner until you see the road edges moving further apart again, which is the clue it is opening up again.

Some corners can be blind and you may need to look for other clues such as the brake lights of the vehicle in front, overhead lines that suddenly turn or a diminishing tree, hedge or fence line.



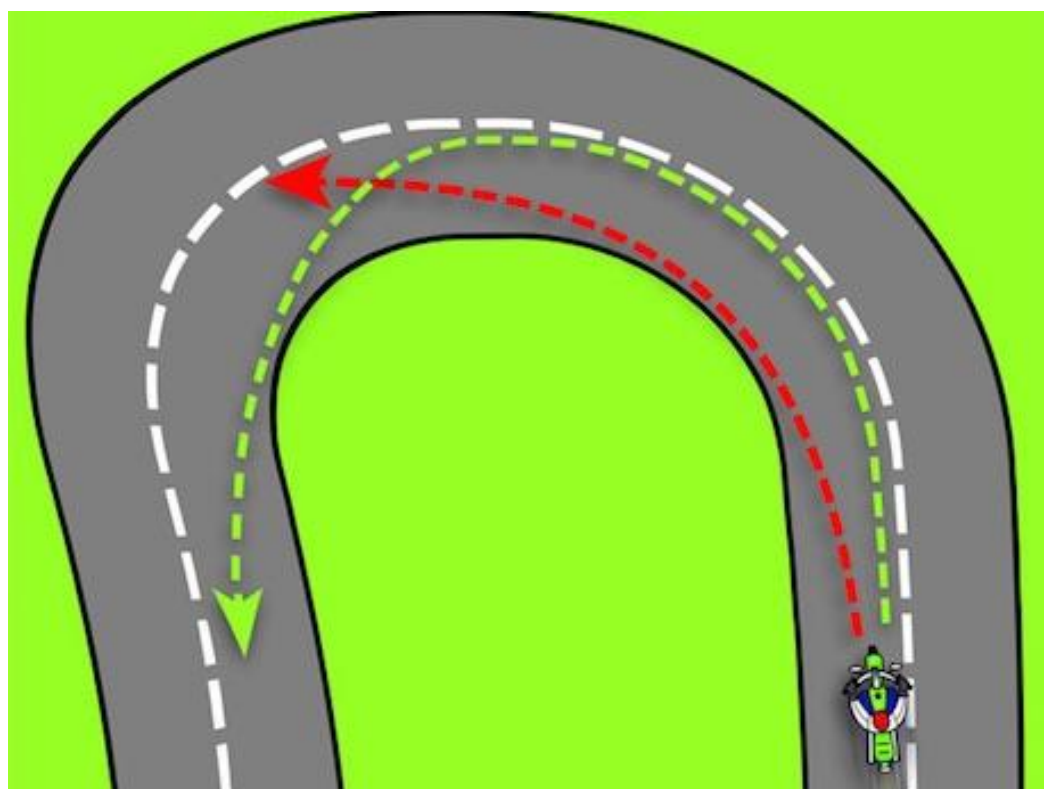
Survey all corners

POSITION YOUR BIKE

If you've determined the radius is tightening, position your bike as wide as possible while washing off speed with brakes and downshifts.

A wide approach to the corner will make your apex further around the bend and alert you earlier to a tightening radius.

Keep looking at the end of the corner, that point where the "lines" are close together. Don't look at the other side of the road or the bushes where you think you might end up ... or you will!



Green is good, red bad!

HANDLING THE CORNER

Even so, you might still get caught out by long bends that tighten unexpectedly toward the end, so you may need to make some mid-corner corrections.

If you've been holding some throttle, don't shut it down. Hold it neutral or slightly decrease throttle.

Don't try downshifting, either, unless you are really smooth at matching engine and ground speeds or the rear wheel may lock up and flick you over the high side.

Instead, push a little more on the inside handlebar which is a counter-steering input that will lean your bike further. You'll be surprised how far you can lean the bike without sliding or falling off.

You can also add a little more rear brake which will pull the bike into a steeper lean as well as slow it down.

Don't touch the front brakes as well unless you are really smooth as it may cause a low slide or stand the bike up again which will run you wide.



Road edges getting closer

OVER-COMMITTED

If you've overcommitted and have run out of ground clearance, you may be in a fair bit of trouble.

The only thing to do is to smoothly squeeze more front and brake to slow you down as much as possible while keeping your lean angle stable.

Keep looking at the corner exit and you just may wash off enough speed to make it around the corner. And then you can set up for the next one!

Set up wide for the next corner



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

Ride

Calendar

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	5	West	Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - Forest Hill - Murphys Creek - Hampton for lunch - Esk - Blacksoil - Home.
Sun	12	North	Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141) Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - stop at Ricks Garage at Palmwoods for a break - D'Aguilar Hotel for lunch - Home via Mount Mee and Clear Mountain . About 230km round trip.
Sun	19	South	Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216). BP Servo at Yatala - Canungra - Advancetown Pub (break) - Tomewin Mountain Road - Murwillumbah (Lunch) - Numinbah Valley - Nerang - Coomera - BP Servo at Yatala . Route map is here . Approx 220 km.
Tues	21	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel . 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane . The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!
Sun	26	West	Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - Ma Ma Creek - Nobby (where we'll have lunch at Rudd's Pub) - Allora - Maryvale - Aratula - Home.

MARCH 2017

Wed	1	Ride to work!	Today is "Ride to Work" day!! Ride your motorcycle to work! See the Motorcycle Riders' Association of Queensland website for more details.
Sun	5	North	To be advised.
Sun	12	South	Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216). BP Servo at Yatala - Tamborine Village - Beaudesert - Rathdowney (break) - Summerland Way to Kyogle (lunch) - Return the same route. Approx 300 km.
Sun	19	West	To be advised.
Tues	21	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel . 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane . The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!
Sun	26	North	Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141) Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Mount Mee lookout - lunch at the Landsborough Pub - Bald Knob - Peachester - goodbye stop at the BP south bound at Burpengary. Approx 200km

A FEW JOKES :-)



A little boy was sitting on the footpath with a bottle of Turpentine. He was shaking it up and watching all the bubbles.
A Priest came along and asked the little boy what he had. The little boy said, "This is the most powerful liquid in the world; it's called Turpentine."
The Priest said, "No, the most powerful liquid in the world is Holy Water. If you rub it on a pregnant woman's belly, she'll pass a healthy baby."
The little boy replied, "If you rub this on a cat's ass, he'll pass a Harley-Davidson!"

A petrol station owner in Dublin was trying to increase his sales, so he put up a sign that read, "Free Sex with Fill-Up!" Paddy pulled in, filled his tank and asked for his free sex. The owner told him to pick a number from 1 to 10. If he guessed correctly, he would get his free sex. Paddy guessed 8, and the proprietor said, "You were close. The number was 7. Sorry. No sex this time."

A week later, Paddy, along with his friend Mick, pulled in for another fill-up. Again he asked for his free sex. The proprietor again gave him the same story, and asked him to guess the correct number. Paddy guessed 2. The proprietor said, "Sorry, it was 3. You were close, but no free sex this time."

As they were driving away, Mick said to Paddy, "I think that game is rigged and he doesn't really give away free sex at all."

Paddy replied, "No, no, it's genuine enough Mick. Me wife won twice last week."

Paddy & Mick flew to Canada for an adventure.

They chartered a small plane to take them into the Rockies for a week hunting moose.

They managed to shoot 6. Loading the plane to return, the Pilot said the plane could take only 4 moose.

The two lads objected strongly. "Last year we shot six. The pilot let us take them all and he had the same plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded.

The plane took off. However, while attempting to cross some mountains even on full power the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down.

Miraculously, surrounded by moose bodies, Paddy and Mick survived the crash.

Climbing out of the wreckage, Paddy asked Mick, "Any idea where we are?"

Mick replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."

As a senior citizen was driving down the highway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Vernon, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 401. Please be careful!"

"Hell," said Vernon, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

How Women Think:

Husband's text message to his wife:

"Honey, I got hit by a car outside of the office. Paula brought me to the Hospital. They have been making tests and taking X-rays. The blow to my head, though very strong, will not have any serious or lasting injury. But, I have three broken ribs, a broken arm, a compound fracture in the left leg, and they may have to amputate the right foot."

Wife's Response:

"Who is Paula?"



MORE JOKES!! 😊

A first-grade teacher, Ms Brooks, was having trouble with one of her more precocious students. The teacher asked, 'Harry, what exactly is your problem?' Harry answered, 'I'm too smart for the 1st grade. My sister is in the 3rd grade and I'm smarter than she is! I think I should be in the 3rd grade too!'

Ms. Brooks finally had enough. She took Harry to the principal's office. While Harry waited in the outer office, the teacher explained the situation to the principal. The principal told Ms. Brooks he would give the boy a test. If he failed to answer any of his questions he was to go back to the 1st grade and behave. She agreed.

Harry was brought in and the conditions were explained to him and he happily agreed to take the test.

Principal: "What is 3 x 3?" Harry: "9."

Principal: "What is 6 x 6?" Harry: "36."

And so it went with every question the principal thought a bright 3rd grader should know. The principal looks at Ms. Brooks and tells her, "Y'know I reckon Harry can go to the 3rd grade". But Ms. Brooks is still sceptical of the little bugger and says to the principal, "Not so fast, let me ask him a few questions."

The principal and Harry both agree.

Ms. Brooks asks, "What does a cow have four of that I have only two of?" Harry, after a moment: "Legs."

Ms Brooks: "What is in your pants that you have but I do not have?" The principal wondered why would she ask such a question! Harry replied: "Pockets." To the Principal's great relief!

Ms. Brooks: "What does a dog do that a man steps into?" Harry: "Pants."

By now, the principal is sitting forward with his mouth hanging open.

Ms. Brooks: "What goes in hard and pink then comes out soft and sticky?" Now the principal's eyes open really wide and before he could intervene, Harry replied, "Bubble gum".

Ms. Brooks: "What does a man do standing up, a woman does sitting down and a dog does on three legs?" Harry: "Shake hands."

The principal is now trembling with apprehension as Ms. Brooks asks the last question: Ms. Brooks: "What word starts with an 'F' and ends in 'K' and indicates a great deal of heat and excitement?" Harry: "Firetruck."

The principal breaths a huge sigh of relief and tells the teacher, "Put the little bastard in 5th-Grade, I got the last seven questions wrong myself!"

Paddy O'Riley and Mick, his brother, were walking along a street in London. Paddy looked in one of the shop windows and saw a sign that caught his eye. The sign read, "Suits £5.00 each, Shirts £2.00 each, trousers £2.50 per pair".

Paddy said to his brother, "Mick look at the prices! We could buy a whole lot of clothes and when we get back to Ireland we could make a fortune. Now when we go in you stay quiet, okay? Let me do all da talking 'cause if they hear our accents, they might think we're thicko's from Ireland and try to screw us. I'll put on my best English accent."

"Roight y'are Paddy, oi'll keep me mouth shut, so I will. You do all da business" said Mick.

They go in and Paddy said in a posh voice, "Hello my good man. I'll take 50 suits at £5.00 each, 100 shirts at £2.00 each, and 50 pairs of trousers at £2.50 each. I'll back up me truck ready to load 'em on, so I will."

The owner of the shop said quietly, "You're from Ireland, aren't you?"

"Well yes," said a surprised Paddy. "What gave it away?"

The owner replied, "This is a dry-cleaners."

