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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

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.

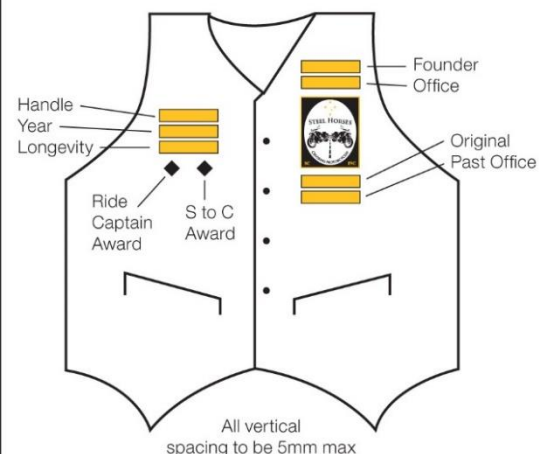
Currently, the annual membership subscription is \$36 for Riders, Pillions, and Social Members. This is applied once only joining fee on top of the annual membership fee. This covers the cost of Patch, Insignia, and other Club costs.

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.

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are personal opinions and are not necessarily those held by SHCMSC Inc.

STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT





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From the February 2010 Steel Horses newsletter:

Why do you Ride?

Whether you ride once a month, once a week, or once a day; whether you ride 10 km or 10,000 km; whether you ride a cruiser, a tourer, a sports bike, a classic, a naked, a motard, or a dirt bike; whatever the size motorcycle or engine capacity; whether you're young, old, or somewhere in between; whether you're male or female, be it as a rider or pillion; once you start riding, once you cross that line, there is just about nothing that will ever make you stop.

Every time you ride you'll be the better for it, the thrill will never diminish, each and every ride will once more set you apart from the whole, yet bring you closer in and bind you once more with all of us who do ride.

And even when or if you become physically unable to participate in the adventure, you'll always feel it in your blood; when you hear that distinctive sound of a steel horse passing you'll strain your neck to catch a look, and from somewhere deep inside once more you'll smell the smells, feel the wind on your face, feel the throb, the heartbeat, of that machine down to your very core. And you'll smile that secret smile that sets you apart from the crowd, that only another biker would recognize; and your soul will rush out and ride the road right along with that passing machine until its sound fades in the distance, and once more you'll think to yourself, "damn, that was a good ride!".



STEINY'S SPIEL

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi all ... here comes some cooler weather and it's about time too, I say!! We have had some **hot** days, I know but the hottest one I can recall for a long time was on a recent north ride where the temp was over 50. When we left the D'agular hotel after lunch, we had gone no further than 100 yards than I was actually looking down to see if my bike was on fire ... and I'm not joking. The heat was incredible!!

So! Bring on the winter ... In a couple of months I suppose I will be complaining about how cold it is, probably on the way to Bowraville. Which reminds me: don't leave it too late to book your accommodation with Boots, if you don't get in early you will miss out.

Ride attendances have been pretty good, even considering the heat. This is one of the reasons I have altered my next ride and tried to keep it fairly local, so that if someone wants to just have a short one they can pull out any time and head home, which you can't do if you are half way to woop woop, but with the cooler weather coming on now, I expect to see an even bigger increase in riders. However, some people like to ride all the time ... and others don't. That's the way it is, and will always be. I can live with that.

We should have a Poker run happening in the not too distant future. We have a couple of great prizes that have been donated by *Bikers World* and Hippy and Roach. A leather jacket and a leather vest.

One of our lovely ladies (Roach) recently had a short stay in the Logan Hospital, but is now at home recovering. We all wish her a speedy recovery, but we may not see her on the back of Hippy's bike for a little while yet.

We were all shocked at the sudden passing of Pedro, another former Steel Horses Club Member. Pedro rode a burnt Orange M109 Boulevard, he was our Riders Delegate for quite a while and Mozzie, his wife, was the best Merchandiser we ever had. They were regular riders, and Mozzie was usually at the meetings early to set up her extensive display of Club Merchandise ready for sale.

They were true-blue Steel Horse Members. They got married at Cleveland, in the park on the waterfront, and the Bride was delivered to the Groom on Rowdy's bike. All members who attended wore their vests, as requested.

Sadly, we have lost four former members over the last few years - Gem, Shadow, Catfish and now Pedro.

When someone you know fairly well, suddenly goes, it seems to remind you of your own mortality.

See you on the next ride.

Steiny

"A man has got to know his limitations"

VALE PEDRO!

DIED 11TH FEBRUARY 2017

RIP



STEEL HORSES NORTH RIDE

Pyro's Purgatory Ride!

Sunday 12th February 2017

Ride Captain: Pyro.

Riders: Kim, Steiny (TEC), Mac, and Hoffy & Ned (visitors).

Well Sunday started off as expected, very hot, and it just got hotter as the day went sweltering by. We had six diehard's, Kim, Steiny (TEC), Mac, Hoffy, Ned and me, Pyro (RC).

We left Carseldine on time and travelled up the freeway to the Steve Erwin turnoff. Taking the back way through Old Gympie Road up to Landsborough and then on to Palmwoods was a pleasant run, some good turns and the heat was OK. We left Ricks garage about 10.45 and took the twisty route up to Montville. There we turned left and headed for Maleny.

Now here is where we ran into a hiccup in the boys in blue pulling over anyone who in their opinion did not stop fully at a stop sign. I have been told that for us motorcycle riders we have to come to a full stop and place at least one foot on the ground to be considered a full stop. If you do not place your foot down it does not count. And you must be close to the full line as well.

We turned right onto Mary Cairncross Way and onto some more twisters heading for the Woodford turn off. Coming into Woodford was not just hot, it was smouldering goddam hot! Lucky for us the D'Agulia Hotel was aircon so lunch was refreshing and relaxing. After some food and drink we braved the heat again for Mount Mee and Dayboro, where we had to stop before our bikes caught fire.

Kim has an ambient temp gauge on the F6B and it was reading 50 degrees! Coming over the mountains I hoped the temp would be better; but in some places I thought we had ridden into a microwave. My hands felt like they were on fire and I am used to heat, but nothing like this. We spent some well earned time rehydrating and trying to work out who the mad one's were, to be out in those kind of temperatures, mad just mad. I can only say that my hottest day on the bike is better than my coolest day at work. All I'm saying.



After leaving Dayboro we headed over Clear Mountain and down to Eaton's Hill for another stop and refreshment intake.

The ride was a short one of about 220km. I must say I don't blame anyone for not showing up when we were in 40 plus heat. We were the crazy one's. But I enjoyed the good company and I hope those who braved the heat enjoyed the ride as well.

I look forward to seeing you on the next Pyro adventure. Hopefully the temp will be more bearable.

Pyro.

STEINY'S BBQ

Saturday night 18th February 2017

Steiny hosted a BBQ/party at his place. It was an excellent night, and everyone seemed to have a great time.



STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 19th February 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny.

Riders: Kim & Rosie, Sam, Pyro, and Robbin (visitor).

We had 4 starters: Me, Kim & Rosie, Sam, Pyro and 1 visitor, Robbin, on a M90 Boulevard.

We weren't surprised at the poor roll up as there were a few hangovers from the party at my place the night before, and the threat of another stinker of a day, with an early afternoon storm to top it off.

So we headed off out through Tamborine Village ... Canungra ... had our first bum break at the Advancetown pub.

We no sooner got there than half of the New Zealand Maoris on motorcycles arrived. After a nice break we decided to get going again, and so did they. We asked them where they were headed and they said they were going back to Logan Village pub for lunch and calling it a day. Hmmm ... I thought, that's probably not a bad idea, so I put it to the crew and they were all OK with the idea of shortening the ride.

Luckily, Pyro knew a little shortcut down the highway a bit where we did a little loop and came back to the Canungra pub for lunch ... then we came back over the goat track to check out the new bitumen that has been recently laid, and then down Mount Tamborine. We called in to the car park at the Bearded Dragon and said our good byes and all went our merry way home.

I was totally knackered and was in bed and out to it by 7.30.

It was a great day, with good friends, as always.

See you on the next one: Sam's "Rudd's Pub" West Ride.

Cheers ... Steiny

"A man has got to know his limitations"



STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 26th February 2017

Ride Captain: Yogi.

Riders: Kim, Steiny, Jak, Pyro, Ned (a visitor) and Mac (for breakfast).

Hello readers ... This west ride was attended by Kim, Steiny, Jak, Pyro, Ned (a visitor) and myself. Mac was good enough to join us for breakfast as he had other commitments.

The ride started exactly just after nine o'clock and proceeded along the highway a little then to Walloon, Rosewood, Grandchester to the Laidley area. From here we travelled some nice back roads at a leisurely pace to arrive at Tenthill Hotel for a refreshment.

We then headed off to Rudd's pub for lunch; but hit a road closed at Ma Ma Creek. We then had to go a different route to which I was unfamiliar so after a few navigational indiscretions in 500 meters, Pyro then led for a while. After recalibrating my compass I then led us to Rudd's pub.

After a pleasant lunch we left for home via Drayton for a fuel stop, then though Toowoomba down the hill to BP Blacksoil where we all had an ice cream and said our goodbyes.

All up a lovely day. Cheers ... Yogi.



STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 12th March 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny

Riders: Ace, Kim, Pyro, Phoenix, Jak, Hippy, Mac, Yogi, Princess, Scouse, and visitors Col and Ned.

It started out a bit cloudy, but at least it was cool enough. Soon after we left, Yogi and Princess peeled off to do a dry run on Princess' coming "Riders Choice" ride (on Sunday 2nd April). We headed out to Tamborine village, through Canungra to the Advancetown Pub. Had a lengthy stay there so as not to be too early getting back to Canungra for lunch, where Mac caught up with us. We were still early, but just as well. We ordered, and the place almost filled up straight away, so it turned out to be a good thing, as we got our lunch almost immediately, although I think Pyro and Phoenix weren't quite so lucky.

We had our leisurely lunch then headed off up the goat track, again ... down the mountain to the Bearded Dragon Pub, out past the Canungra turn off again ... Mundoolan Road ... Camp Cable Road, and finished at the BP at Logan Village for our goodbyes. In other words, as per the ride Calendar. 👍



Everyone seem to enjoy the ride, particularly the twisties, so I'm going to arrange a few more local type rides around that area, going every which way, in future.

We got home at a reasonable time. I think it was about 2:00pm at the BP, and we could have made it earlier if we tried.

Anyway, it was a great day with great company. Hope to see you on the next one.

Cheers ...

Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"



EDITORS NOTE: Our newsletter has a new feature!
 Members can sell any of their stuff in this *For Sale* section.
 Simply email photos and details to the Editor for listing here!

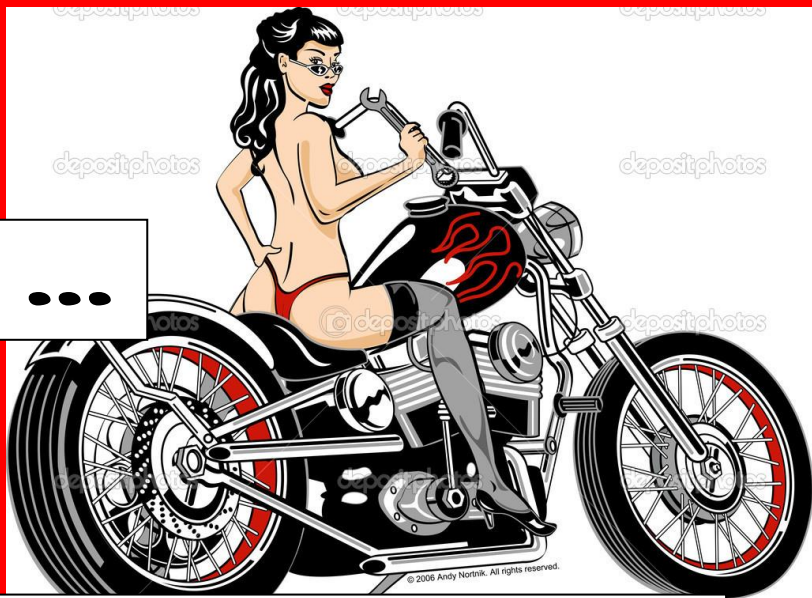


Brand new. Unused. Harley Davidson *Windshielder* Gauntlet Gloves (Part Number 98158-95VM). Size 2XL.
 New price AU\$118.03. Selling for \$80.00. Contact Steiny 0419 672 216.



Harley Davidson motorcycle boots. As new. Girls size 8/Guys size 6. New price AU\$220.00.
 Selling for \$120.00. Contact Princess 0412 738 700.

Why go topless ...



**... when you can wear Steel
Horses merchandise instead!**

Stock that's left:

**1 x white long-sleeve Steel
Horses T-shirt size XL \$28.00**

**1 x black long-sleeve Steel
Horses T-shirt size XL \$28.00**

**16 x Steel Horses caps (one
size fits all) @ \$18.00 each.**

**5 x Steel Horses window
stickers @ \$3.00 each.**

Contact Steiny to purchase:

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Get it on now!

A review: The 2017 Harley-Davidson *Street Glide Special*

<https://motorbikewriter.com/2017-harley-davidson-street-glide-special-review/>

by Mark Hinchliffe
25th February, 2017

The most popular of the Harley-Davidson Touring range is the *Street Glide Special* and it is easy to see why, with the new Milwaukee Eight engine adding to its attraction.

The FLHXS *Street Glide Special* (\$34,995 + ORC) features the famous batwing fairing, a slammed rear end and a very aggressive stature for a bike touted as a touring machine.

For 2017, the bike gets the 107-cube (1745cc) Milwaukee Eight engine like the rest of the Touring range.

The new engine is more refined, has less vibration, runs cooler, has a deeper rumble and features loads more grunt.



In fact, with 152Nm of torque from just 3250 revs, you can now describe the acceleration as “snappy”. That’s saying something for a bike that weighs in at 376kg fully fuelled.

At just about any revs, you simply wind on the throttle for instant acceleration.

I recall at the launch of the new Touring frame in 2008, the Harley tech guru said sixth gear was pointless until you were riding at over 110km/h.

Now, the Milwaukee Eight (M8) engine delivers so much usable grunt you can click through to sixth gear at 80km/h and still have plenty of effective roll-on acceleration.

It’s that good.

After riding several of the M8 range now, I have found I don’t rev them as much and short-shift more.



Without losing any acceleration performance, it has made the cruise a little more relaxed and also improved the fuel economy.

Coupled with the latest updates to the suspension, the M8 tourer now cranks through the twisties at a much smarter pace than a bike this size deserves to.

It will startle many riders on smaller and more nimble bikes.

I rode it over several tight and twisty mountain passes and kept pace with many other riders on sportier machinery.

The suspension upgrades include Showa Dual-Bending Valve forks with bigger pistons for improved damping.

It makes the front end more compliant, taking away that jackhammer affect through the grips, yet retaining a sharp and light steering feel.



It's a big and heavy touring bike, but it still has the ability to change direction in a corner without upsetting the ship.

At the back, Harley has moved from air shocks to emulsion shocks with 15-30% more preload adjustment using a single hand-adjustable knob behind the left pannier.

However, with just 54.6mm of travel, it does tend to hit the bump stops a fair bit, no matter how much I wound it up.

I rode it with and without a pillion and the back end feels a bit abrupt, especially over the bumpier roads around the Sunshine Coast.

It's not too bad for the rider but the pillion sits right over the rear shocks and has a narrow and thin seat cushion that slopes backwards to mirror the rear fender shape.

It's more about looks that comfort for the pillion, however the addition of an optional quick-release sissy bar does improve comfort.

The new M8 engine is claimed to run cooler on the rider's legs, but it seems to be hotter for the pillion.

Harley advanced the ignition, dropped the rear header down from the exhaust port and moved the catalytic converter rearwards.

This makes it cooler for the rider, although in slow traffic you do get some scorching on the outside of the right leg.



But the pillion's right leg cops a lot of the hot air that has been moved backwards.

For 2017, it comes with the Boom! Box 6.5GT audio system as standard. It is loud and clear and easier to hear as the mechanical noise of the engine and transmission has been reduced.

The exhaust also sounds quieter at cruising revs, but under load it develops a beautiful deep trombone baritone.

The audio system includes a GPS with all functions able to be conveniently controlled via toggle switches on the left and right handlebars.

For Touring solo in aggressive style with the occasional short stint two-up, the *Street Glide Special* is the ultimate machine.



- **Price:** \$34,995 +ORC
 - **Warranty:** 24 months, unlimited mileage
 - **Service:** 1600/8000km
 - **Engine:** Twin-Cooled Milwaukee-Eight 107, eight-valve, V-twin
 - **Torque:** 152Nm (112ft-lb) @ 3250rpm
 - **Power:** N/A
 - **Transmission:** 6-Speed Cruise Drive
 - **Length** 2425 mm (95.4 in.)
 - **Overall Width** 960 mm (37.8 in.)
 - **Overall Height** 1335 mm (52.6 in.)
 - **Seat Height (unladen)** 685 mm (27 in.)
 - **Clearance** 125mm (4.9 in.)
 - **Lean angle:** 31° (right), 29° (left)
 - **Wet weight:** 376kg (829lb)
 - **Suspension:** Show forks, twin rear shocks
 - **Brakes:** 300mm twin discs, 4-piston callipers, single 300mm disc (rear), with ABS
 - **Fuel:** 22.7-litre tank, 5.2L/100km
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Confusion grows over helmet attachments

<https://motorbikewriter.com/confusion-grows-helmet-attachments/>

28th February 2017

by Mark Hinchliffe

A South Australian rider has been warned about wearing a motorcycle helmet camera, as confusion reigns over the laws on helmet cameras and bluetooth units.

Adelaide rider Erica Aria went to the Sturt Police Station to submit video of drivers cutting him off in traffic; but was surprised when he was instead given an official warning for an "illegal helmet camera". Eric Aria says he is planning to fight the warning and has engaged motorcycle rights legal experts Maurice Blackburn Lawyers. "I wanted to help them, but walked out with a ticket in my hand," he says. "I was really surprised." The police warned he could cop a \$450 fine if he is caught again with the camera.

Police comment:

South Australian police say the rider was issued a caution for breaching Australian Design Standards. "Cameras on motorcycles are legal as long as they don't interfere with the structural integrity of the helmet," a police media spokesperson says.

"The officer was of the opinion the rider was in breach due to the manner in which he had attached his camera (double-sided tape!). "If someone receives an expiation notice (fine) and they are disputing the facts, they can elect to have the matter heard before a court. When someone is cautioned, there is no fine attached to the expiation, and hence, there would be no court hearing. If the man is disputing the facts with his caution, he is quite within his rights to lodge a complaint with the Police Ombudsman. Attaching a camera to a helmet is a personal choice however, the manner in which that camera is attached should not interfere with the structural integrity of the helmet."



Eric says his helmet camera was attached by double-sided tape and he had not tampered with the integrity of the helmet.

Confusion over laws:

He says the law is not specific and causing confusion among riders. The incident follows a recent Facebook claim by a rider that a NSW police warned him electronic attachments to motorcycle helmets would become an offence from March 31 with three demerit points and a \$430 fine. However, NSW police tell us there is no such ruling.

In fact, last year NSW police were instructed by the Police Commissioner to stop issuing infringement notices for helmet accessories.

The Facebook post is either "fake news" or the work of a rogue cop trying to scare a rider. Either way, it only adds to rider confusion and concern about different police interpretations of the rules across state boundaries.

The ACT government last year ratified the legality of helmet cameras and Bluetooth units, while states such as Queensland and Western Australia do not see it as an issue. In fact, Queensland police actively encourage cyclists to wear them yet bicycle helmets are covered by the same design rules as motorcycle helmets.

 Courtesy of VholdR



In Victoria last year, a rider's (Max Lichenbaum) helmet camera fine was waived after several court appearances. However, the judge made the ruling to waive Max Lichenbaum's fine based on the Maurice Blackburn defence argument that the laws were not accessible. That still leaves the validity of the laws untested in Victoria, further adding to rider confusion.

Police misinterpretation:

It all stems from police interpretations of the Australian Design Rule AS1698 on helmets that says nothing can be attached to a motorcycle helmet and that a helmet shell cannot be modified such as by drilling holes.

However, now that helmets do not need to have Australian specification and Euro-approved helmets are allowed, it has heightened confusion among riders. The UNECE 22.05 rule now includes a clause which effectively places the onus on a manufacturer to ensure that any attachment fitted internally or externally to a helmet is safe, this effectively moves the responsibility to the point of sale.

As Eric says, the rules need to be made clear one way or the other.



NSW, Victorian and South Australian police seem to interpret the AS1698 specification to determine accessories are illegal on the basis they are rigid external projections protruding more than 5mm beyond the helmet shell.

Yet bike cops in all states have cameras and Bluetooth units attached to their helmets. So it's a case of one law for riders and another for police. Is there any wonder there is not only confusion but some anger among riders! Police have cameras on their helmets, so why can't we?

Lawmakers struggle to keep up:

It seems that law makers around the world are at odds on the safety and benefits of helmet technology and are unable to keep up with some of the emerging technologies (such as HUD - head-up display).

In France, they even ban riders from wearing earphones under their helmets! In some countries a rider's intercom is only allowed to have one speaker operating!

If the cops are allowed to do it ...



Some interesting Harley Davidson paintings by David Uhl

<http://www.uhlstudios.com>



DEHYDRATION

Note from the *Steel Horses* newsletter editor:

This information was distributed in February 2017 by the *Ulysses Club Road Safety Committee*.



Water makes up the largest component of the human body representing 45% to 70% of our body weight. For example, a 75 kg person would contain 45 litres of water, representing 60% of body weight. Any excessive change in the normal body water balance, such as fluid loss causing dehydration can be a serious outcome for the motorcyclist.

We lose body water daily through normal tasks such as breathing, sweating, urinating and some medications for example. A reduction of only 1% can start to impair our body's normal temperature regulation system and dehydration will kick in.

During heat exposure, body water is primarily lost as sweat. Individuals can sweat anywhere between 800 mL to 1.4 litres per hour. People normally do not perceive thirst until a deficit of approximately 2% body weight loss has resulted from sweating. Thus, thirst provides a poor indicator of body water needs during rest or physical activity.

When individuals are encouraged to drink fluids frequently during heat exposure, the rate at which we can replace the fluids by mouth is limited by the rate at which fluids can be absorbed from the stomach to the intestines (where the absorption process starts to take place).

Fluids can only empty from the stomach at a maximum rate of approximately 1 to 1.2 litres per hour.

The important message is that once dehydration occurs, it becomes more challenging to rehydrate adequately by drinking water.

The key to preventing dehydration for the motorcyclist is to begin consuming water before going on a ride and to maintain hydration by taking frequent drinks of water during the ride.

Just remember that you can sweat more per hour on a hot day than what your body is capable of absorbing. That is why it is critical to maintain your water intake before, during and after the ride.

FIRST AID

Keep an eye out for common signs (*something you see*) and symptoms (*something you hear or the patient tells you.*) of dehydration. Also keep in mind that each person may experience symptoms differently, they include;

- + Less frequent urination & dark in colour
- + Thirst
- + Fatigue & light-headedness
- + Confusion
- + Dry mouth
- + Frontal headache

DRINK, DON'T SIP

Cool the individual down and get them to drink as much water as possible (may include electrolytes). Be aware that large amounts of oral fluids may increase bloating, nausea, and vomiting due to the delays in stomach → intestine absorption rate. In this case, the individual needs urgent medical attention and intravenous (I.V) fluid replacement. Please remember that the volume of oral fluids ingested typically must at least equal the volume of fluid lost.

References include ILCOR CoSTR document and NAEMT, PHTLS.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**SuziQ is the only member having a
birthday in March.**

Happy Birthday SuziQ! :-)

*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! :-)*



**Happy
Birthda**



From the front page of the January 2010 Steel Horses newsletter.

We're in the News again!

Joined the club

WE read your article about the Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycle Club (Carsguide, December 12).

After recently purchasing a Honda Shadow Cruiser I was looking for a club to join and after reading your article I got in contact with them.

I would like to thank you for your article which led to me joining a great club that has assisted me in being a better rider. The club members have been very welcoming to me and my partner.

Kelly-Ann and Robert Hobson
(The club rides each weekend and meets at the Broadway Hotel at Woolloongabba every third Tuesday at 7pm. Call 0417 636425 or 0417 758 792. Visit: steelhorsesinc.com)

The Courier-Mail, January 30-31, 2010, Letters, Carsguide Supplement, p.11.

We're famous—we made the newspaper!

Kings of the road
CRUISER and tourer motorcycle riders are invited to join a Brisbane-based club. Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club has three grades of membership: rider, pillion and social non-rider members. They ride each weekend and meet at the Broadway Hotel at Woolloongabba every third Tuesday at 7pm. Call 0417 636425 or 0417 758792. Visit: www.steelhorsesinc.com

The Courier-Mail, December 12-13, 2009, Carsguide Supplement, p.11.

From the February 2010 Steel Horses newsletter:
Yogi's Ride Report from his first ride as a Ride Captain!

Ride— South—Saturday, 17 January 2010

We all met at Yatala in hot weather ready for a pleasant outing. This was my first time as RIDE CAPTAIN and as I arrived early I was off to a good start. We left at 9ish, 12 bikes in all, being led by the Triumph.

We went out through the back of Beenleigh to Beaudesert where Sarge led us to the start of the Lyons Road, as I was worried I would miss the 10 ft sign.

We had a nice ride along the Lyons Road, which I had not travelled for 30 years. (Bitumen is a good thing.) We soon came to Kyogle where we stopped for refreshments.

After Kyogle we headed for Nimbin for lunch. As we proceeded leisurely along the road I was startled as I was overtaken by Boots and nearly overtaken by Sarge. It was here I noticed that Sarge, on this particular overtaking manoeuvre was (I would say at a guess) awestruck at the sight of my beautiful Triumph Rocket 3 Classic, and momentarily had a lapse in concentration and ran off the road. (I would like to take this opportunity to remind all fellow members that the Club does not have Public Liability insurance and everyone is responsible for their own actions.)

We all stopped to render assistance and were pleased to see that Sarge had received only dents (to his pride) while his Suzuki had minor cuts and abrasions.

We then arrived in Nimbin where we had lunch. It was here to my surprise, that the local feral wildlife have progressed to walking upright and some were attempting to use eating utensils. (I digress)

After lunch we proceeded to Murwillumbah for fuel and it was here we said our goodbyes, as some went up the highway and four of us went over the mountains. Well done to Gers, and Bruce on the little Honda [Little! It's a Honda Blackbird! – Editor], for keeping up on the mountain stretch.

A special well done to Shadow, who improves his skill level on every ride.

Till next time,

YOGI. (Ride Captain)



Riding Tips

HOW TO PERFORM A TIGHT, FEET-UP U-TURN

by Mark Hinchliffe

<https://motorbikewriter.com/perform-feet-u-turn/>

How many of us have dropped a bike, run wide or simply messed up a tight, feet-up u-turn? Or resorted to paddling like a crippled duck?

Small bikes are easy to u-turn, but the heavier and longer the bike, the more difficult it becomes. Some bikes also have a wide turning circle, such as the new Indian Scout and many sportsbikes.

However, with a little practice, the following tips will help you perform tight, feet-up u-turns on just about any bike.



There are two types of u-turn: moving and static. **THIS ARTICLE IS ABOUT THE MOVING U-TURN.**



Position:

Obviously you will have more chance of completing a full turn if you give yourself space, so you need to position yourself close to the edge of the road. However, don't go too close for fear of gravel and broken edges. Stay about half a metre from the edge and slow down.

Pace:

Slow down to the speed at which you are going to perform the manoeuvre. Make sure you are in first gear. Don't forget to have a good look forward and back for traffic before turning.

Flick:

Even though you are about to turn right (or left in Europe and the USA), the first part of the manoeuvre is a slight flick to the left. It's

more of a slight weave, followed by the turn to the right. It helps by giving the bike some pendulum-style momentum to lean further right than if you just turned right.

Look:

As you start to do the u-turn, look down to the ground about 2-3m to your immediate right. You go where you look, and if you look hard right, your body will follow, pulling your arms as well which helps steer the bike. Some instructors say to keep your head up, eyes level with the horizon and turning your head and torso around to look further down the road where you're turning into. Looking down 2-3m to your immediate right will help your bike lean over more and the u-turn will be tighter. Looking at the horizon will help you keep your balance. Use whichever works best for you! However, in all cases, fully twist your body, head and eyes to always look in the direction where you want to go.

Steer:

Don't counter-steer! At this slow pace, you need to turn the bars in the direction you want to go.

Lean:

You need to lean the bike into the turn while keeping your body upright. Don't lean with the bike. You physically lean the bike and your body should remain upright.

Brake:

Keep your right hand off the front brake as it will compress the forks and make the front wheel tuck. Use the right foot on the brake pedal to govern your speed, NOT the throttle. Throttle use will also slightly change the steering geometry as the forks compress and unload. Keep the throttle constant and feather the clutch a little to maintain a smooth speed. A bit of rear brake will also govern the speed and tighten the arc as needed.

Temptation:

Do not be tempted to look at the outer edge of the road as you will go there. As you turn, keep your head



looking as far right as possible all the time, shifting your vision further around as you go. As the manoeuvre is completed, lift your gaze in the direction you want to head.

Practise:

Find a quiet carpark with a level surface and start practising. Try doing a u-turn within three or four carpark bays and gradually bring it down to two bays. The white lines are good guides and not as intimidating as the rough edge of a road.



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

Ride WANNANNA Ride Calendar

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	Ride Captain: Axel (0409 544 767). Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - smoko at Kilcoy - lunch at Yarraman - Home.
Sun	12	South	Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216). BP Servo at Yatala - Tamborine Village - Mundoolun Connection Road to Canungra - over the top - turn right into Clagirab Road - Advancetown Pub (break) - back up Clagiraba Road - right then left into Henry Roberts Drive - to the top - down the goat track to Canungra Pub (lunch) - back up goat track - Tamborine Mountain - Bearded Dragon Hotel - turn left then right into Mundoolan Road - on to Shell servo on Mount Lindesay Highway - right then left into Camp Cable Road - on to Logan Village Pub for our goodbyes. There is a ride route map here .
Sun	19	West	Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - Kalbar - Rathdowney (lunch) - Kerry - Beaudesert - Home.
Tues	21	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel . 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!
Sat&Sun	25&26	North	PYRO'S WEEKEND AWAY! NB: DEPARTURE TIME IS 8:00am (NOT the usual 9:00am)! Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141) SATURDAY: Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Peachester - Kenilworth (break) - Gympie (fuel & break) - Kilkivan (lunch) - Kingaroy (overnight). Total distance for Saturday is about 370 km. Stay overnight at the Pepper Tree Cabins (7 Evelyn Street Kingaroy. Phone 07 4162 8008). Their cabins are air conditioned, and have ensuite. Cost is \$105.00 per cabin. We'll take a courtesy bus up to the local Kingaroy RSL where we'll have tea. SUNDAY: The ride home is straightforward from Kingaroy - Nanango - Yarraman - Kilcoy - Fernvale - Blacksoil - Home. Total distance for Sunday is about 220 km.

APRIL 2017

Sun	2	South	RIDER'S CHOICE! Today is a "Rider's Choice" event, and this time the ride is being organised by Princess . Start at the usual South Ride meeting point at the BP Servo at Yatala - down Terranora Road to the Tumbulgum Tavern for a break - we go through Kingscliff - then on to Cabarita - and Condong - stop for another break at the biker-friendly Moo Moo Cafe at Mooball (to have a look at their "motorcycle museum" and a photo shoot with their "Big Bike") - arrive at the Billinudgel Hotel about noon for lunch - and finally our goodbye stop is at McDonald's Coomera . About 250km.
Sun	9	West	Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - A run to Crows Nest for lunch - Home.
Sun	16	North	Ride Captain: Axel (0409 544 767). Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - smoko at Aussie World Pub - lunch at Rick's Garage - Home.
Tues	18	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel . 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!
Sun	23	South	Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216) BP Servo at Yatala - Tamborine Village - Tamborine Mountain - Henry Roberts Drive - Advancetown Pub - Tyalgum (Lunch) - Numinbah Valley - Coomera - Home.
Tues	25	Anzac Day Dawn Service at the VV&VMC bunker.	The Vietnam Veterans and Veterans MC are having an Anzac Day Dawn Service around their Cenotaph in the grounds of their bunker at 132 Meakin Road, Kingston . As we've done on Anzac Day for the last couple of years, Steel Horses will be attending (as a group). The service starts at 5:30 AM, and they are locking the entry gates at 5.15 AM sharp. So we can't be late! Steel Horses members are to meet at McDonalds at Calamvale (678 Compton Road, Calamvale) at 4.30 AM (or earlier if you want coffee and such). We will leave McDonalds at 4.45 AM and ride off to the bunker. The Vietnam Veterans and Veterans MC's Anzac Day Dawn Service is a very moving event, and one that definitely shouldn't be missed. During the service, Steiny will be laying a wreath on their Cenotaph on behalf of our club. FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY: After the ceremony, we will be riding back to Steiny's place for a BBQ breakfast. The club will be providing all the food, etc. See you there!
Sun	30	West	Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - Forest Hill - Esk - Kilcoy (lunch) - Somerset - Fernvale - Blacksoil - Home.



A FEW JOKES :-)

Phil had been feeling pretty miserable for quite some time and finally went to the doctor to be checked out. What follows is the conversation that took place upon the doctor re-entering the exam room with Phil's test results.

"Phil, I'm afraid that these results aren't very good."

"How bad are they, doc?"

"Bad. Your organs are basically all shutting down, and you are going to die."

"Oh my God! How long do I have?"

"Ten."

"Ten what? Months? Weeks?"

"Nine.... Eight.... "

A farmer went out one day and bought a brand new stud rooster for his chicken coop. The new rooster struts over to the old rooster and says "OK old timer, time for you to retire."

The old rooster replies, "Come on, surely you cannot handle ALL of these hens. Look what it has done to me. Can't you just let me have the two old hens over in the corner?"

The young rooster says, "Beat it! You are washed up and I am taking over."

The old rooster says, "I tell you what, young stud. I will race you around the farmhouse. Whoever wins gets exclusive domain over the entire chicken coop."

The young rooster laughs. "You know you don't stand a chance, old man. So, just to be fair, I will give you a head start."

The old rooster takes off running. About 15 seconds later the young rooster takes off running after him. They round the front porch of the farmhouse and the young rooster has closed the gap. He is only about 5 feet behind the old rooster and gaining fast. The farmer, meanwhile, is sitting in his usual spot on the front porch when he sees the roosters go running by. He grabs his shotgun and - BOOM - he blows the young rooster to bits.

The farmer sadly shakes his head and says, "Damn ... that's the third gay rooster I bought this month."

Moral of this story?

- 1) You don't get old being a fool!
- 2) Age, skill, and treachery will always overcome youth and arrogance!
- 3) Don't mess with OLD TIMERS!

3rd grade class, and the teacher has just explained the concept of a "theory". She invites the class to think about it over the weekend, and come to school on Monday with a way to demonstrate a theory they've come up with.

Monday morning, and all is going well, with several children demonstrating well thought-out theories. Finally, it's little Johnny's turn. The teacher is apprehensive - little Johnny has proven to be a challenge.

Little Johnny marches up to the front of the class, takes a matchbox out of his pocket, extracts a cricket, and puts it on her desk. He then gets really close to the cricket, and jells "JUMP!" and, of course, the cricket jumps. He does this twice more, and the teacher says "Okay, but what's your theory?" Little Johnny replies "Hold on, I'm not done yet", grabs the cricket, pulls all its legs off, and sets it back on the desk. He again leans in really close, and yells "JUMP!". Of course, the cricket does nothing.

He looks up earnestly at the teacher and says "My theory is that when you pull all the legs off a cricket, it goes deaf."

An old cowboy goes to the pharmacy to buy some condoms:

Cowboy: "Give me 3 packets of condoms, please."

Cashier: "Do you need a paper bag with that, sir?"

Cowboy: "Nah ... She's purty good lookin".

An Irishman is in a pub about as drunk as its possible to get.

A group of guys notice his condition and decide to be good Samaritans and take him home. First they stand him up to get to his wallet so they can find out where he lives, and he keeps falling down. He falls down eight more times on the way to the car, each time with a real thud.

After they get to his house, he falls down another four times while getting him to the door.

His wife comes to the door and one of the guys says, "We brought your husband home".

The wife asks, "Where's his wheelchair?"



MORE JOKES!! 😊

A man and a woman were sitting beside each other in the first class section of an airplane. The woman sneezed, took out a tissue, gently wiped her nose, then visibly shuddered for ten to fifteen seconds. The man went back to his reading.

A few minutes later, the woman sneezed again, took a tissue, wiped her nose, then shuddered violently once more. Assuming that the woman might have a cold, the man was still curious about the shuddering. A few more minutes passed when the woman sneezed yet again. As before, she took a tissue, wiped her nose, her body shaking even more than before. Unable to restrain his curiosity, the man turned to the woman and said, "I couldn't help but notice that you've sneezed three times, wiped your nose and then shuddered violently. Are you OK?"

"I am sorry if I disturbed you, I have a very rare medical condition; whenever I sneeze I have an orgasm."

The man, more than a bit embarrassed, was still curious. "I have never heard of that condition before" he said. "Are you taking anything for it?"

The woman nodded, "Pepper."

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"

"Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?"

He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!"

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

"Where's my toast?"

The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident, an Anchorage man answered his door to find two grim-faced Alaska State Troopers.

"We're sorry Mr. Wilkens, but we have some information about your wife", said one of the troopers.

"Tell me, did you find her?", Wilkens exclaimed.

The troopers looked at each other. One said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which would you like to hear first?"

Fearing the worst, Mr. Wilkens said, "Give me the bad news first."

The trooper said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but early this morning we found your wife's body in Kachemak Bay."

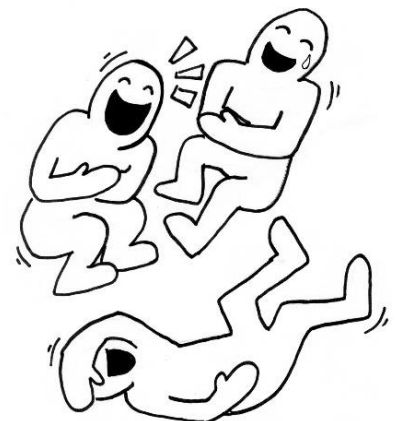
"Oh my God!", exclaimed Wilkens.

Swallowing hard, he asked, "What's the good news?"

The trooper continued, "When we pulled her up, she had 12 twenty-five-pound king crabs and 6 good-sized Dungeness crabs clinging to her, and we feel you are entitled to a share in the catch."

Stunned, Mr. Wilkens demanded, "If that's the good news, then what's the great news?"

The trooper replied, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow."



- * What happens when a duck flies upside down? ... It quacks up!
- * Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- * Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- * Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- * If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.