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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

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.

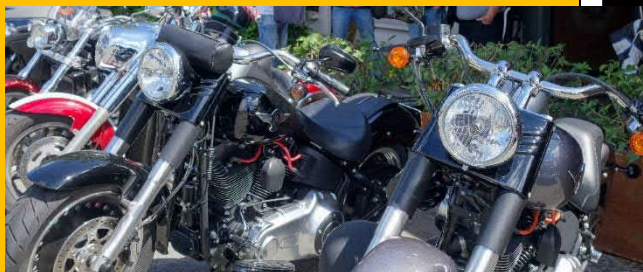
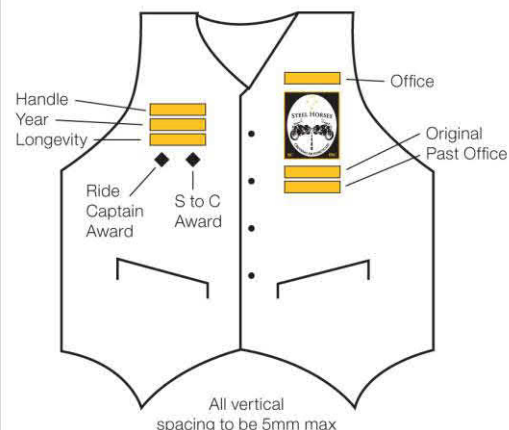
Currently, the annual membership subscription is \$36 for Riders, Pillions, and Social Members. This is applied once only joining fee on top of the annual membership fee. This covers the cost of Patch, Insignia, and other Club costs.

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.

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STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT

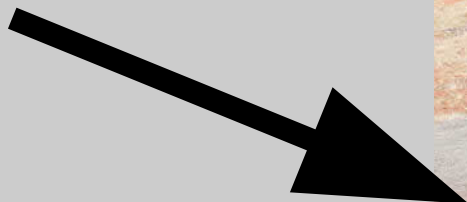




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Could this be Steiny's
next 3-wheeler??



STEINY'S SPIEL

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi fellow Members,

Break out the warm gear Guys and Girls! Here comes the cold weather. I can feel it already. I'm already freezing at the thought of the dawn service at the "Bunker", and Christmas in July at Bowraville. It seems like only a couple of weeks ago that I was complaining about the heat.

Speaking of the dawn service on Anzac day, I will be ordering a wreath from a local lady, where I usually get one for our presentation on the morning. As it gets closer to the time, I will email out full details about the meeting place and time etc. so that there will be no confusion on the day. I have mentioned this before, and I will do so again: if one of the members would like to lay the wreath on behalf of the Club, please let me know. Some of you must have fathers or relatives who have served, and I'm sure you would love the opportunity to do the honour of laying a wreath in memory of them. If so, this is the perfect time to do it. In the meantime, see our Ride Calendar for more information and links to everything: <http://tinyurl.com/2017-Anzac-Day>

Poker Run coming up at the end of April. We haven't had one of these for a while, so we are hoping for a good roll up. It will be a roll of the dice affair, as we have found that a lot easier and quicker than using cards. There's a flyer for our Poker Run in this newsletter, and more information on our Ride Calendar: <http://tinyurl.com/30-April-Poker-Run>

Club Trailer: With the cooler weather coming on now, we might have a better chance to use our club BBQ gear on some of our rides. I'm thinking about hooking up the trailer behind my car (NO, not my bike) and probably meeting everyone at Moogerah Dam and having a Club lunch there for a bit of a change. BBQ and a beer/soft drink ... that's the plan.

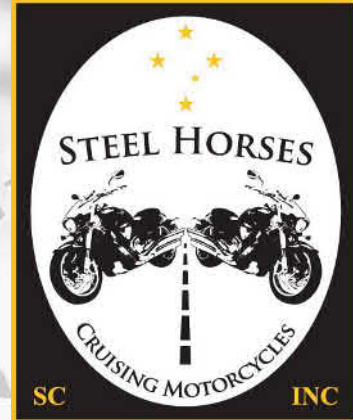
Club Promo: There is a big fishing comp on at the Copeton Dam NSW 21/22 April. The **2017 JJ's Plague Topwater Invitational Weekend**. There will be about 80 fishermen and women there, a fishing magazine will be covering the weekend. My mate and his son make fishing lures and they are involved in the organisation of the comp. My mates other son, who works at Ipswich Holden, will be taking a fully fitted out 4x4 down there towing our club trailer and we will be listed more or less as "sponsors". I will be wearing our vest, have our club banner up, doing the cooking with my mate etc. and hopefully getting our pics in their mag. We probably wont get any new members out of it, but we will get our name out there.

See you all at the meeting on the 18th.

Cheers ...

Steiny

"A man has got to know his limitations"



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Poker Run

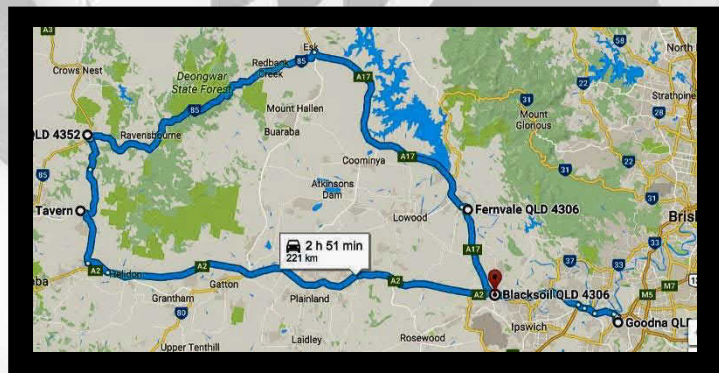
Sunday 30th April 2017

Meet at the regular West Ride meeting point.

- * So the 1st roll is at McDonalds Goodna**
- * 2nd stop: Fernvale**
- * 3rd stop: Esk**
- * 4th stop: Hampton**
- * 5th stop & final roll: Murphy's Creek Pub**
(We'll have lunch at the Murphy's Creek Pub)

Cost is \$5.00 per hand.

Great Prizes for the winners!!



For more details, and links to everything, go to the April section of the Ride Calendar:

<http://tinyurl.com/30-April-Poker-Run>

A MOUNTAIN MEN RIDE

Tuesday 14th March 2017

Riders: Jak, Steiny, Ynot, and Kim.

Tuesday the 14th March looked to be a standard overcast day for a trip up "The Mountain"; but the rain, that had been predicted for weeks, seemed to be gathering in Esk and headed to Mt Glorious. Kim got a text from Rosie who had seen a weather warning; but the panel of experts (Jak, Kim, Ynot and Steiny) looked at the weather radar and said "we can beat it up there", and we did ... just.

As we arrived at the Mount Glorious Cafe other bikers were putting their mounts under the cafe's umbrellas and warned us that hail was predicted. The lovely Leah said we could put our bikes down under Hugh's carport, which we managed to do just before the skys opened up.

It rained really heavily a couple of times while we had breakfast and coffees, then, using our expert skills at BOM radar reading, we managed to make it down the mountain and home again with no rain falling on us all day.

When I arrived home I saw that a super cell in Esk had ripped the roofs off houses, so we had been lucky to miss it.

Another successful mountain trip.

Cheers ...

Jak



STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 19th March 2017

Ride Captain: Sam

Riders: Steiny, Kim, Pyro and Phoenix.

Showers were predicted, and that is what we got. Leaving Goodna after a rain delay were, Steiny, Kim, Pyro, Phoenix and myself.

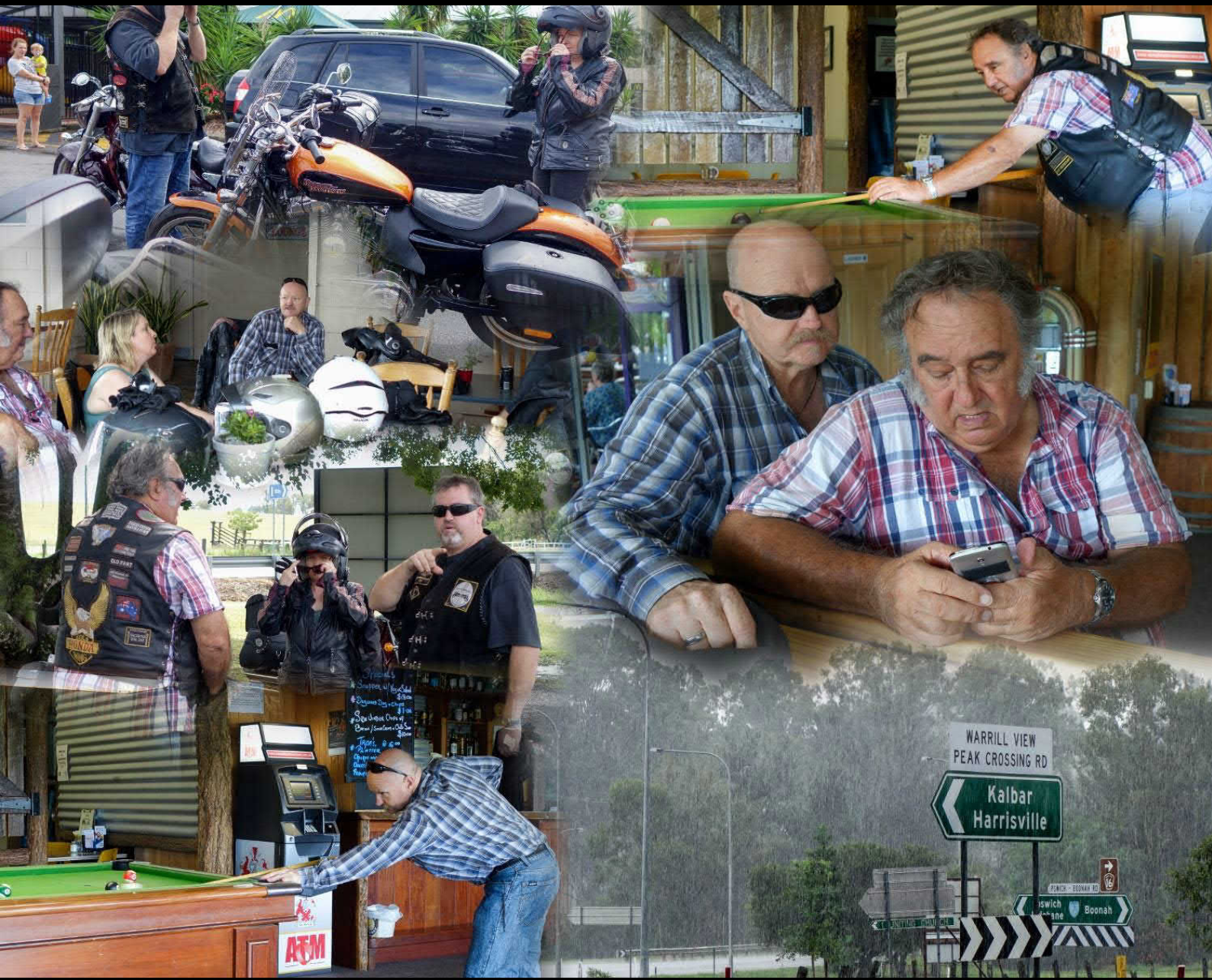
Our first part of the ride was dry but a passing shower saw us pull up at Peak crossing pub. After the downpour passed we saddled up and pushed on to Rathdowny pub for lunch.

Due to the continuing showers we decided to head straight for home.

Despite more showers along the way around Beaudesert I arrived home reasonably dry.

Cheers ...

Sam.



STEEL HORSES NORTH RIDE

PYRO'S WEEKEND AWAY TO KINGAROY

25th & 26th March 2017

Ride Captain: Pyro

Riders: Kim, Rosie, Steiny, Ned, Princess, Phoenix and Yogi. Mac and Hoffy met us for breakfast.

Hi all Pyro here ...

The North two-day ride was looking most of the week that it would be a very wet one and Saturday morning was looking like it might be. We all met at our north starting point at Carseldine at around 7.30 am for our early 8 am start. We were surprised with two riders at the meeting point in Mac and Hoffy. Those on the ride going to Kingaroy were Kim, Rosie, Steiny, Ned, Princess, Phoenix and myself. We were to be met at Kingaroy by Yogi who was riding up by himself and meeting us at our night's accommodations at Pepper Tree Cabins on Evelyn Street.

On Saturday the ride up to Kingaroy might have set a new club precedent in that there were more girls on the ride than guys!!

We left Carseldine on time and Hoffy stayed with us until Dohles Rocks Road and Mac turned off at Bribie Island. We travelled up the freeway to Steve Irwin Way and turned left at Beerburrum and right onto Old Gympie Road.



At the top of Peachester we stopped for a coffee or cold drink at Aces Cafe. The weather was looking a bit grim but we decided to keep going without our wet weather gear on. But when we got to the Maleny turn off it was very overcast and vision was only 15/20 meters ahead so it was slow going and it was just getting thicker the further we went. I looked for a safe place to stop and put our WWG on, better to be safe than soaked I think. We were in no rush so we travelled below the speed limit and stayed close together going through to Kenilworth for a quick bum rest and drink, but most were eager to keep going so back on the bikes and up to Gympie for our first fuel stop. Another short break and back on the bikes and through Widgee and up to Kilkivan for lunch at the local.

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After lunch we left Kilkivan and turned right onto Kilkivan Tansey Road and travelled for 10 minutes or so before turning left for Goomeri and Wondai and then into Kingaroy and onto our accommodation. We arrived at around 3.40 pm and began to settle in. Yogi arrived a short time after, and we arranged a Courtesy bus from the local RSL.

The food and company was great, the stories were huge and the laughter contagious. A couple of hours and then it was time to head back to the cabins for a well deserved sleep. We travelled approx. 350 km on day one and apart from a little sprinkle in the morning we had nice cool weather and the ride was a calm pace.

Sunday morning we awoke to a beautiful sunny and cool day and it stayed that way until we arrived home. We had brekkie at a local cafe where our stories were tall and the food was great. Refuelled and fed we left sunny Kingaroy around 9.30 am and headed home via a little road called Kingaroy Cooyar Road and travelled through Maidenwell and back out to the New England Highway and down to Crows Nest for our first stop. Here Steiny had an interesting story to tell us about when he was passing a Cattle truck (I will let him tell you, but you need to ask him about it, trust me it's funny).

We left Crows Nest and went up to Hampton and turned for Esk and then for Fernvale where we had lunch at the Bakery. A short trip to Blacksoil for our first fuel stop and our goodbyes after a traditional ice cream at the BP servo.

Thank you to all who made the trip with us, its you who make these rides so memorable and worth the effort to plan.

We travelled approx. 570 km from start to Blacksoil and then the ride home so all would have done 600 + for the two days. Kim and Princess took many photos so you will get plenty of proof of the awesome two days we had and perhaps you can make the next one. Stay upright and we will see you on the next club ride.

Pyro.
Light em up.



STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE PRINCESS' RIDERS CHOICE

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Ride Captain: Princess.

Following a week of heavy rain and storms in South East Queensland and Northern NSW (caused by cyclone Debbie) many roads were flooded and cut everywhere. Bridges were washed away. Roads had 10 foot deep washouts. Tumblegum and Condong, some of our intended stops, had to be evacuated because of flooding. The hotel where we were going to have lunch went under water. Our meeting point at BP Yatala was surrounded by water and was totally inaccessible. It was chaos out there this weekend, no matter where you went!

**Because of all this, today's ride was cancelled!
Princess' ride will be re-scheduled to a future (but soon) Sunday.**

JAK'S POST-DEBBIE IMPROMPTU RIDE

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Ride Captain: Jak.

Riders: Steiny, Pyro, Phoenix, Ace, Kim, Hoffs, John (Jak's brother), and we caught up with Hurricane.

The path of ex Tropical Cyclone Debbie had made a mess from the southern suburbs of Brisbane through to Northern NSW. Princess's Rider's Choice ride had to be postponed as it was intended to travel through the area most badly damaged. The lunch destination had been under water.



The view from the Pitstop Cafe



Looking on the internet I thought that the northern suburbs and the area north of Brisbane had not been too badly hit so I sent out an email with the suggestion of a ride over Mount Mee then see where to from there. I have not seen so many bikes on the road and then realised that anyone around the Brisbane area would be giving the Southside a miss as we were.

I met Steiny and Kim at the BP on Waterworks Rd and we travelled to Dayboro to meet up with Hoffs. Hoffs had seen Ace come through earlier

and Hurricane had stopped and said he was meeting Ace up at the Pitstop Cafe. We went to the Pitstop, had a drink and caught up with Hurricane while Hurricane and Ace had breakfast.

Pyro rang to say he and Phoenix would like to catch up with us for lunch. Although Hurricane was not coming with us he suggested the Yandina pub. I rang my brother, John, as he lives up that way and arranged to meet him at the pub. So we headed to Yandina via Maleny and Mapleton.

At the pub with Pyro, Phoenix and John there were 8 of us. After lunch I decided to head back through Maleny, John headed home and Hoffs left us to go home down the highway. We rode back, had a coffee and said our goodbyes at the Morayfield BP.

Another fun day on the road.

Cheers ...

Jak



STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 9th April 2017

Ride Captain: Sam

Riders: Ace, Jak, Pyro, Phoenix, Kim, Mac, Steiny, Boots, Drastic & SuzieQ.

Meeting me at Goodna were, Ace, Jak, Pyro, Phoenix, Kim, Mac, Steiny, Boots, Drastic & SuzieQ. Hope I got everyone!



With weather perfect for riding we headed off. Our destination was Crows Nest.

Our ride took us up through Fernvale to Esk for our first break, then a run up the mountain to Hampton, and on to Crow's Nest. The pub had a \$12 roast special which was good value.

From here, we doubled back along the highway then down the range to Murphys Creek pub for a drink. Our last leg was for a fuel stop at the roadhouse outside Gatton, then a goodbye stop at BP Blacksoil.

Great day, fantastic ride, can't wait to do it again.

Cheers ... Sam

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Nifty <Nifty@qu-aus.bacaworld.org>

Date: Thu, Mar 23, 2017 at 7:47 PM

Subject: BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE - Ride

G'day,

The B.A.C.A. Qld Chapter would like to invite your club on our annual fundraiser ride. The ride is called the 100 mile ride, but whilst we ride more than just 100 mile, this day is to create awareness of our organisation, globally, as every Chapter of BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE around the world ride on the same date to create awareness and as our yearly fundraiser.

I have attached a copy of our flyer of which can be shared. The event at the (Vietnam Vets) Bunker is open to all as we have two great musicians playing at a licensed venue. All monies raised assist B.A.C.A. Qld Chapter in their mission of empowering the victims of child abuse.

Regards ... Nifty - President, Queensland Chapter, B.A.C.A. www.bacaworld.org



100 Mile Ride

20th May 2017

Departs:-10:30am sharp from
Gasoline Alley Harley Davidson
3445 Pacific Hwy, Slacks Creek
- \$15 Donation per Motorcycle-

All makes and models welcome

After Party:- VVMC & VMC Bunker, 132 Meakin Rd, Kingston

-Live Music-

"THE BOOGIEMAN" - 5pm

Foot Stompin Blues with "4 STRING PHIL" - 7pm until Late

-FREE CAMPING - BAR ON SITE (No BYO)-

Proceeds assist **B.A.C.A.®** Qld Chapter in

"BREAKING THE CHAINS OF ABUSE"



www.bacaworld.org

Info: 0412 607 360

The legend of the Guardian Bells ... and why they are very important!

By Kim.

https://www.google.com.au/#q=legend+of+the+guardian+bell&*

Many of us have heard the story about "Evil Road Spirits", also referred to as "Gremlins". These stories are absolutely true! There are tiny little gremlins that live on your bike, often in large numbers. They're very small critters, and usually you can't see them. They absolutely love to ride on motorcycles, and often there will be many of them, all yahooing and laughing, sitting on the handlebars of your bike as you ride along. Unfortunately, they're responsible for most of your bike's problems. Sometimes your turn signals refuse to work; your battery goes dead, the clutch needs adjustment, you



drive too fast through a speed trap, or any of several hundred things that can go wrong. The gremlins do this, and they actually enjoy causing troubles for bikers. They sometimes cause us to fall over, have accidents, drop tree branches on our bikes, heat the tar under our kickstands causing our bikes to fall over (even when no-one is even around the bike), causes our engines to stall, and cause mechanical troubles on the road ... miles from help. They can cause every kind of mischief imaginable!

To keep these gremlins at bay, and to keep yourself and your bike safe, all you need to do is to ride with a very small silver or pewter bell hanging from your bike. These bells are called "Guardian Bells". The bell should be attached to the bike as close as possible to the ground. The constant "tinkling" and "clinking" of the little bell causes the gremlins to become curious as to where the ringing comes from, so they put their little heads up in the bell to discover the source of the sound, and then they get trapped in the hollow of the bell. Once they do so, the constant "tinkling" quickly drives the little gremlins crazy, they lose their grip, fall out of the bell, hit



the ground with great force, killing themselves, and creating a pothole in the road! This is why the bells should be mounted very close to the ground!



Because of all this, guardian bells (sometimes called gremlin bells) have become more and more popular. They are produced with tons of different designs; skull heads, Viking symbols, inscriptions, Irish Celtic symbols, religious symbols, military symbols, and so on. A Saint Christopher symbol is very popular as he is also

the patron saint of travellers. It all comes down to personal preference. However, no matter what design is on the bell, it still works as a guardian bell.

According to legend, the power and magic of the guardian bell increases immensely when the bell is received as a gift from a dear friend or a loved one. There is nothing wrong with buying one for yourself, but the power will not be as strong as a bell that has been gifted to you.

So, if you have a friend who doesn't have a bell, why not give them one? It's a nice feeling for the recipient to know you care. A guardian bell will help keep the gremlins off your bike!



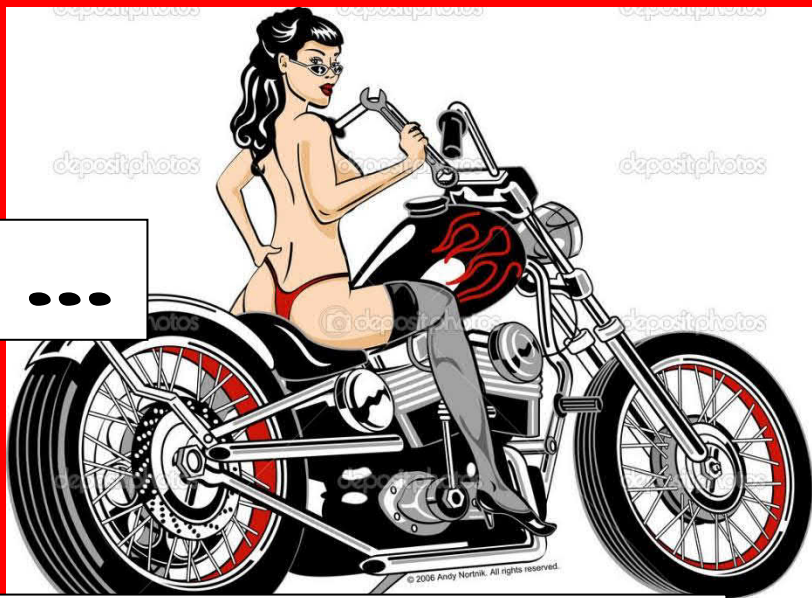
Note that if you steal a bell from a biker, you steal all the gremlins and the evil that comes with them. It is ill advised that you steal a bell, as the consequences could be dire and even fatal.



Of course, all this could be just a silly, senseless, pagan superstition! Maybe. Maybe. But then again, maybe not! In fact, probably not! It sounds completely logical and true to me! Why take the chance?



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.

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Get it on now!

Some Obscure Facts You May Not Know About Harley-Davidson!

Collated by Kim.



Harley-Davidson wasn't always just big, heavy, and tough cruisers and touring bikes. In 1917, Harley Davidson was manufacturing bicycles as well. Harley was known to produce quality bicycles, but the only problem was their price tag, as they were more expensive than most others. This boy must have been very lucky! In 1922, the bicycle operations stopped, and Harley-Davidson focused on creating their legendary motorcycles.

Although we all associate Harley-Davidson with the V-twin engine, that isn't all they have made. From 1919 to 1923, Harley used a unique 584cc boxer twin powered bike, which featured cylinders arranged inline with the wheels. The model-W engine produced only six horsepower, however, the low center of gravity from the engine set so low made its handling top-notch. In 1919 a model-W was the first motor vehicle to summit Mount St Antonio in California, and Harley factory riders set records for Canada to Mexico, and Chicago to the New York. Years later, during WWII, Harley would produce another boxer twin for the military, in an effort to make a bike as good as the BMW in desert situations. This was the Harley-Davidson model-XA.



During WWII, the U.S. Army asked Harley-Davidson to design a specification of a motorcycle much like the BMWs used by German forces, with shaft drive, a boxer engine, and several other features that made the BMWs exceptionally reliable and low-maintenance machines. Harley was already producing the WLA, based on its traditional 45-degree V-twin but the army specifically wanted the one feature that the WLA didn't have: shaft drive. So the company produced the XA, whose engine and drivetrain were based on the flathead BMW R71 (1938-1941).



Photo Courtesy: ultimatemotorcycling.com

In the mid 1970's, Harley-Davidson produced their Nova motorcycles prototypes, with Porsche designing the motor, transmission and final drive. This was to be the first of a new line of Harleys with modular 2, 4 and 6 cylinder engines, all with a 60 degree V, balance shaft, and liquid cooling with a radiator hidden under the seat, and ducts under what looks like the fuel tank. It was designed to feature future options of 4 valves per cylinder, like the new Milwaukee 8, fuel injection, and up to 1500cc. American Machine & Foundry invested nine million dollar in the Nova project, but it was put on hold to sell the Harley-Davidson company, and the new management did not pursue the design.



Rikuo Internal Combustion Company was one of the first motorcycle manufacturing companies in Japan. In the early 1930s Rikuo operated under the license and name of Harley-Davidson, using their tooling, and later under the name Rikuo until 1958. Harley-Davidson themselves did not publicize this Japanese connection because the Japanese were helped in developing mass-production techniques by the introduction of this factory into Japan just prior to the Second World War. The Society of Automotive Engineers of Japan (Japanese) rates the 1935 Rikuoh Large Motorcycle as one of their 240 Landmarks of Japanese Automotive Technology.

Malcolm Forbes, founder of Forbes Magazine, was a huge Harley Davidson fan. Although he didn't start riding Harley Davidson motorcycles until he was 40 years old, he owned around 50 Harley motorcycles, and he even gave a great number of them away as gifts. In the 1980s, when Harley-Davidson was just starting to rebuild their image, he rode all over the world on his, often times with some of his celebrity friends.



Photo Courtesy: wikipedia.com



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 \$110.00. Contact Princess 0412 738 700.



**Mayhem, Barney and Axel are
having birthdays in April.**

Happy Birthday 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! :-)*



Tips!

The "4psi rule"

https://www.google.com.au/#q=The+%224psi+rule%22+for+tyres&*

It's the air (at whatever pressure) inside your tyre that effectively carries the load your vehicle puts on it, while the tyre itself works to contain this load bearing air, helps the air cushion bumps etc, & does a lot towards providing the ride, handling, etc, while the warmed up tread compound provides traction once the tyre & the air inside it gets to the correct operating temp. How do you know that this 'warming up' has occurred? How do you know what is the optimum tyre pressure for your bike, your weight, the weight the bike's tyres are carrying, and all those other variables?

There's a dead easy way to find out what your optimum tyre pressure is (for you and your particular bike). You only need a good-quality tyre pressure gauge. It's a "rule of thumb" about pneumatic tyres that's been around the tyre industry since it's inception; but very few know about it!

It's the "4psi rule". It seems that this rule applies to all types of tyres, and all types of vehicles, including motorcycles.

Many tyre manufacturers recommend it and use it, it's built into the "over temp/pressure" & "low pressure" algorithms used in most TPMS devices, and it's also been fairly common knowledge to those "in the know" in the tyre industry for many years. And despite the disbelief & scoffing from some, it remains one of the few readily accessible ways for the "general user" of motor vehicles to easily and consistently check, and,

over time, confirm that their tyre pressures are at or near the correct psi to return the optimum balance in terms of ride, handling, traction, longevity etc that takes into account ALL the multitude of variables that can impact on your tyres and their use.



Primarily, you want your tyres to heat up to the optimum temperature once you start riding, & one way of confirming this has happened is to look for a 4psi increase from your cold tyre starting pressure after an hour or so of riding.

- If your tyre pressure increases by 4psi, it's all good.
- If it has increased by **LESS** than 4psi, your start pressure was too **HIGH** and you risk wearing out the centre of the tread & tyre damage due to the inability of the tyre to flex and conform to road bumps, rocks, and debris as well as giving yourself a rock hard ride, hammering the suspension, reducing traction, and generally increasing tread and vehicle wear & risking hydroplaning & loss of traction in the wet. To fix this you need to drop your cold start pressure by 1-2 psi.
- If it has increased by **MORE** than 4psi, your start pressure was too **LOW** and you risk damaging the tyres through over-heating the rubber bits, wearing out the sides of the tyre & tyre damage by pinching the sidewalls between the rim and the road as well as giving yourself a really spongy ride, sloppy handling, risking rolling the tyre off the rim and loss of traction by not keeping the appropriate bits of tread in contact with the road as you corner and brake etc. To fix this you need to increase your cold pressure by about half the difference between what it IS hot, and what it should have been if it only went up 4psi!



It's actually easier to do this than it is to describe it, although you might need to check your tyres fairly often for a few weeks before you get the hang of it, then you might only check them cold once a week or so and maybe hot a few times more often, and you'll be able to **KNOW** that your tyres are still at the right pressures to look after you properly!! Look for a 4psi increase after an hour or so of riding. If the increase is **LESS** than 4psi, your start pressure was too **HIGH**, drop a couple of psi from your cold start

pressure. If the increase is **MORE** than 4psi, your start pressure was too **LOW**, add a couple of psi to your cold start pressure. Repeat as necessary until you've got it right, adjust your cold start pressures up or down if warranted as your load or the ambient temp changes and your pressure checks after an hour or so of riding indicate it's warranted, and **ALWAYS** check your tyre pressures at least once a week or before you head out on a ride.

After all, your tyres are the **ONLY** thing sticking you to the road and keeping you the right side up, braking etc, look after them and they can look after you; ignore them at your peril!





The Ride Calendar

for April & May 2017

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

APRIL 2017

Sun	2	South	<p>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") (see some photos of Princess near their "Big Bike" here) - arrive at the Billinudgel Hotel about noon for lunch (see some of their great burgers here!) - and finally our goodbye stop is at McDonald's Coomera. About 250km.</p>
Sun	9	West	<p>Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - A run to Crows Nest for lunch - Home.</p>
Sun	16	North	<p>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141) Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - - over Clear Mountain - Kurwongbah - Morayfield - Wamuran (for our first stop) - Peachester - Bald Knob Road to Landsborough - back down to Peachester again - lunch at the Ace's Place Cafe at 24 Coochin Street in Peachester - Woodford - Kilcoy (fuel stop at Kilcoy 195km) - Fernvale - finish at Blacksoil. Total ride length to Blacksoil is approx. 290km. The reason for lunch at Peachester is for those who wish to call it a day can turn right and head back to Steve Irwin Way and the freeway for home. Those who wish to continue to the end of the ride: we turn left.</p>
Tues	18	MEETING	<p>Lord Stanley Hotel. 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>
Sun	23	South	<p>Ride Captain: Jak (0402 263 920) BP Servo at Yatala - Tamborine Village - Tamborine Mountain - Henry Roberts Drive - Advancetown Pub - Tvalgum (Lunch) - Numinbah Valley - Coomera - Home.</p>
Tues	25	Anzac Day Dawn Service at the VV&VMC bunker.	<p>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.</p>
Sun	30	POKER RUN	<p>THE FAMOUS STEEL HORSES POKER RUN!! Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216) Meet at the regular West Ride meeting point: McDonalds Goodna.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st roll is at McDonalds Goodna 2nd stop: Fernvale 3rd stop: Esk 4th stop: Hampton 5th stop & final roll: Murphys Creek Pub. (We'll have lunch here too.) <p>Cost is \$5.00 per hand. Great Prizes for the winners!!</p>

MAY 2017

Sun	7	North	<p>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141) Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Mount Glorious Cafe for a break - Glamorgan Vale Hotel for lunch. Just a short run approx. 130km to lunch; but it'll be a twisty fever run for the strong. Come prepared for the ride of your life!</p>
Sun	14	South	<p>Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216) BP Servo at Yatala - Beenleigh - Logan River Road - left into Gardiner Road - right into Dairy Creek Road - left into Waterford - Tamborine Road - right at Tamborine Village Roundabout - left into Mundoolun Connection Road - Canungra - straight through to Advancetown Pub (bum break) - back up Clagiraba Road - left into Henry Roberts Drive to the top - down the Goat Track Road to Canungra Pub for lunch - back over the Goat Track Road to Tamborine Mountain - down past the Bearded Dragon Hotel - back to Yatala via Stanmore Road and goodbyes. There's a ride route map here.</p>
Tues	16	MEETING	<p>Lord Stanley Hotel. 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>
Sun	21	West	<p>Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - Forest Hill - Esk - Kilcoy (lunch) - Somerset - Fernvale - Blacksoil - Home.</p>
Sun	28	North	<p>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141) Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Jinker Track - Clear Mountain - Dayboro - Dahmogah Lookout Mount Mee (coffee break) - Wamuran - Glasshouse Mountains lookout - Woodford - Peachester - Landsborough Pub (lunch). After lunch we will discuss a return route of either straight home, or through Maleny - Kilcoy - Fernvale - Blacksoil (for our goodbyes).</p>

A FEW JOKES :-)



A blonde lady walks into the local Library and slams a book on the counter. She proceeds to tell the library clerk that that was the dumbest book she has ever read. There is no plot and too many characters!

The library clerk looks at her and says....so you're the one that took our phone book!

Two priests decided to go to Hawaii on vacation. They were determined to make this a real vacation by not wearing anything that would identify them as clergy. So as soon as the plane landed they headed for a store and bought some really outrageous shorts, shirts, sandals, sunglasses, etc.

The next morning, they went to the beach dressed in their 'tourist' garb. They were sitting on beach chairs, enjoying a drink, the sunshine and the scenery when a 'drop dead gorgeous' blonde in a topless bikini came walking straight towards them. They couldn't help but stare.

As the blonde passed them she smiled and said "Good Morning, Father ~ Good Morning, Father," nodding and addressing each of them individually, then she passed on by. They were both stunned. How in the world did she know they were priests?

So the next day, they went back to the store and bought even more outrageous outfits. These were so loud you could hear them before you even saw them!

Once again, in their new attire, they settled down in their chairs to enjoy the sunshine. After a little while, the same gorgeous blonde, wearing a different coloured topless bikini, taking her sweet time, came walking toward them. Again she nodded at each of them, and said "Good morning, Father ~ Good morning, Father," and started to walk away.

One of the priests couldn't stand it any longer and said, "Just a minute, young lady." "Yes, Father?" "We are priests and proud of it, but I have to know, how in the world do you know we are priests, dressed as we are?"

She replied, "Father, it's me, Sister Kathleen!"

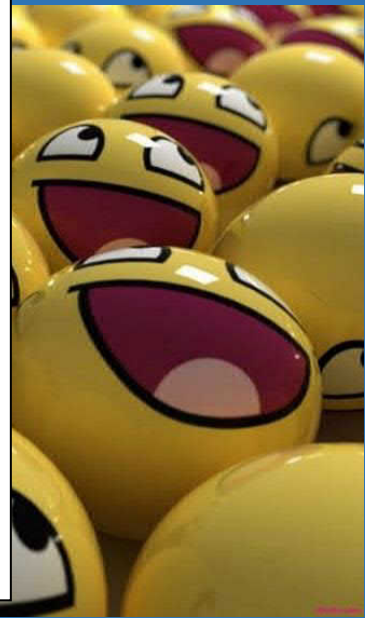
A man wakes up one morning in Alaska to find a bear on his roof. So, he looks in the yellow pages and sure enough, there's an advert for 'Bear Removers'. He calls the number and the bear remover says he'll be over in 30 minutes.

The bear remover arrives in his van. He's got a ladder, a baseball bat, a shotgun and a mean old pit bull. "What are you going to do?" The homeowner asks.

"I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof and then I'm going to go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van."

He hands the shotgun to the homeowner. "What's the shotgun for?" asks the homeowner.

"If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog!"



MORE JOKES!! 😊

Two Middle East mothers are sitting in a cafe chatting over a plate of tabouli and a pint of goat's milk. The older of the two pulls a bag out of her purse and starts flipping through photos. They start reminiscing.

"This is my oldest son, Mujibar. He would have been 24 years old now."

"Yes, I remember him as a baby" says the other mother cheerfully.

"He's a martyr now though" the mother confides.

"Oh, so sad dear" says the other.

"And this is my second son, Khalid. He would have been 21."

"Oh, I remember him," says the other happily, he had such curly hair when he was born."

"He's a martyr too" says the mother quietly.

"Oh, gracious me!" says the other.

"And this is my third son. My baby. My beautiful Ahmed. He would have been 18", she whispers.

"Yes" says the friend enthusiastically, "I remember when he first started school."

"He's a martyr also," says the mother, with tears in her eyes.

After a pause and a deep sigh, the second Muslim mother looks wistfully at the photographs and, searching for the right words, says ...

"They blow up so fast, don't they?"



An extremely modest man was in the hospital for a series of tests, the last of which had left his bodily systems extremely upset. Upon making several false alarm trips to the bathroom, he decided the latest episode was another and stayed put. He suddenly filled his bed with diarrhoea and was embarrassed beyond his ability to remain rational.

In a complete loss of composure he jumped out of bed, gathered up the bed sheets, and threw them out the hospital window.

A drunk was walking by the hospital when the sheets landed on him. He started yelling, cursing, and swinging his arms violently trying to get the unknown things off, and ended up with the soiled sheets in a tangled pile at his feet.

As the drunk stood there, unsteady on his feet, staring down at the sheets, a hospital security guard, (barely containing his laughter), and who had watched the whole incident, walked up and asked, "What the heck is going on here?"

The drunk, still staring down replied: "I think I just beat the crap out of a ghost."



EVEN 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."

A man escapes from a prison where he's been locked up for 15 years. He breaks into a house and inside, he finds a young couple in bed.

He ties him to a chair. While tying the wife to the bed, the convict gets on top of her, kisses her neck, then gets up and goes into the bathroom.

While he's in there, the husband whispers over to his wife, "Listen, this guy is an escaped convict. Look at his clothes! He's probably spent a lot of time in jail and hasn't seen a woman in years. I saw how he kissed your neck. If he wants sex, don't resist, don't complain. Do whatever he tells you. Satisfy him no matter how much he nauseates you. This guy is obviously very dangerous. If he gets angry, he'll kill us both. Be strong, honey. I love you!"

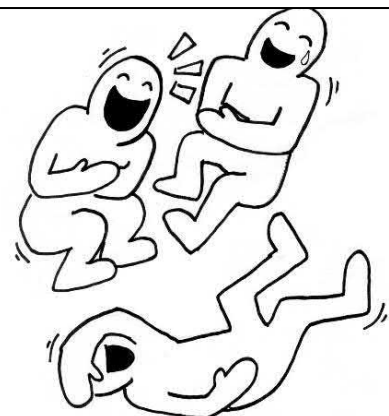
She responds: "He wasn't kissing my neck. He was whispering in my ear. He told me that he's gay, thinks you're cute, and asked if we had any Vaseline. I told him it was in the bathroom. Be strong honey. I love you, too."

Do you ever get drunk?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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There is this guy that's down on his luck, out of a job and desperate. He talks to the management at a local Golf Course about being allowed to scrounge around in the roughs and water traps for unrecovered balls that he might take home and clean them up to try and sell. He get the OK and after a few hours his pockets are bulging with recovered golf balls. After confirming that the Pro shop might buy them once he cleaned them up, he catches a ride on the local bus back to town. At the next stop a blonde gets on and sits down next to him. He notices that she is sneaking peeks at his oddly shaped bulging pockets.

Hoping to put her at ease he says "Golf balls".

To which she replies: "Is that as painful as Tennis Elbow?"