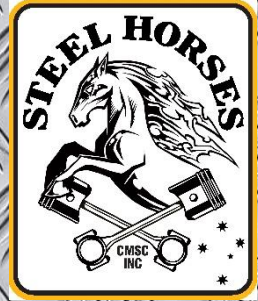


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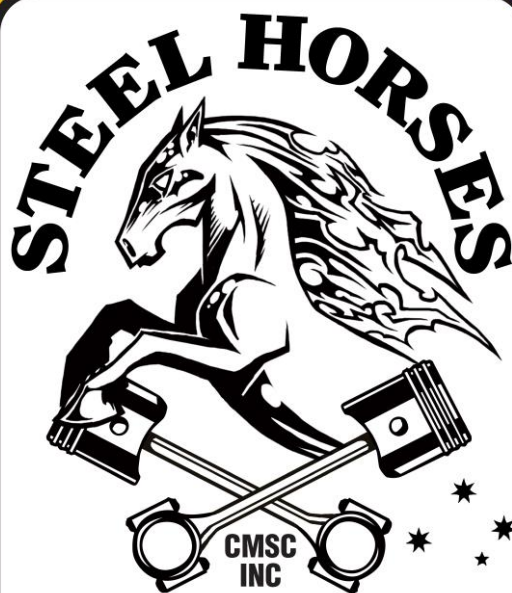
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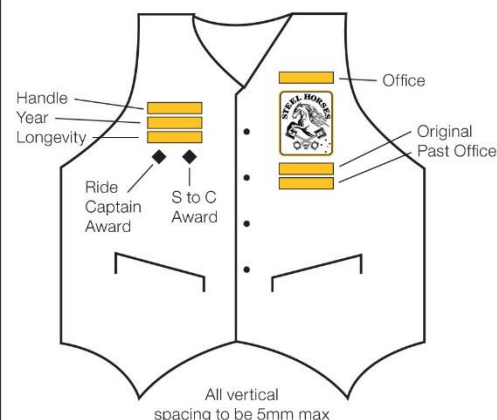
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know.

COVER PHOTO: Gathering for a
South Ride - January 2017.

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A very intelligent motorcyclist who's obviously practising for the Darwin Awards!



STEINY'S SPIEL

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi all,

It's all happening. We have Laverda on us now and I received the Laverda bike stickers in the mail on Friday 6th. So we are all good to go with a 10 bike display on the day. We will have our usual setup, with food on the go all day from the club BBQ and plenty of cold drinks for all.

The Christmas party venue has been decided on (details in the web site) on the first Sunday in December at noon. Pyro will lead a ride in the morning and lead the crew to the site. I will do the shopping on Saturday afternoon, ready for an early start with the early volunteers to start setting up.

It looks like we have Kim back in our ranks again, with him joining us on our South ride today on his new Triumph.

Everyone seems to be happy enough with no complaints being lodged about anything.

We are considering having an "East" ride, not actually added to our calendar, but being thrown into the mix. It will probably just be one of my south rides, and led by Yogi, and only on the odd occasion ... just to add something different. These will probably be short rides, which will be welcomed with the coming summer months ahead. This has yet to be discussed with the rest of the committee, but there seems to be a reasonable support for this idea, which was Yogi's.

Look forward to seeing you at the Laverda Concours at Cleveland showgrounds on Sunday.

Cheers ...

Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"



PYRO'S WEEKEND AWAY TO RAINBOW BEACH

Saturday & Sunday 16th-17th September 2017

Ride Captain: Pyro.

Riders: Steiny, Ned, Phoenix, and some friends: Neil & Robin and Colin & Hayley.

Hi All Pyro here,

I was asked for a short story about a two day ride a few of us did on the 16/17 of September. Riders included Steiny, Ned, Phoenix, myself and some friends: Neil and Robin who are on a Spider, and Colin and Hayley who ride a Triumph Tiger explorer. Steiny had a pillion with him, a young lady named Joy. Hippy and Roach were coming until Hippy came down with the deadly MAN flu, for a short time it was touch and go and we weren't sure he was going to make it but true to form being the big tough bikie he pulled through. We were glad to hear he made it as that may have put a damper on the weekend away.

We met up at the BP North Caboolture servo around 9am for a 9.30 departure but true to form we were a little late, not leaving until closer to ten. We headed straight up the freeway for Steve Irwin Way and the Peachester turn-off. We headed towards Maleny and turned left for Kenilworth, stopping shortly for a bum rest and a cool drink. Some of the girls did the whole shopping thing and then it was back on the bikes and off to Cooroy for lunch. After lunch we pulled into a BP servo for fuel and that's where Ned's bike decided to play up. Her alarm would not turn off. We changed the battery in her fob and the little Sportster started and we were on the road again. From here it was all new, taking back roads. The landscape was well worth the detour, our country is so beautiful when you travel and look around. We arrived at our destination, the Sands Resort at Rainbow Beach about 3.30 pm, got our rooms and unpacked. For some reason Ned and Steiny didn't like the room I got them, apparently they did not want to share a queen bed, who knew? I will have to remember that for next time, or I could book them a queen bed each time for fun. The people running the place were very helpful in giving them a suite, a very nice room indeed.

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PYRO'S WEEKEND AWAY TO RAINBOW BEACH (Cont.)

Saturday night we went across the road to the Rainbow Beach Sports Club and the food was great, most of us could not finish our meals they were that big. We were seated front row for the footy game with the big screen right in front of us. Some thought this was great but those like me who do not follow any code of football as soon as our meals were done it was a quick seat change. I for one was looking forward to a good night's sleep, I was in la la land as soon as my head hit the pillow. Some wanted to rise early and see the sunrise, and then proceeded to chat outside the rooms and awoke some of their neighbours. Apparently there were harsh words exchanged and the neighbour was told to stick it. Very politely of course.

Breakfast was at the local cafe and then it was back on the bikes and down the freeway.

I was planning to stop about 1hr 20min from our start but it was over 1hr 50 min to the first petrol station after Gympie. I had some riders talking about mutiny and just not too happy, butts were sore. When you leave Gympie there are service stations on the other side of the road and I would advise to stop there. It is about an hour down the road to the next one and with the wind factor a rest before taking that on would have helped.

It was a short 40 min run to the BP Caboolture where we had a bum rest and said our goodbyes before heading for home. We arrived home about 1.30pm feeling exhausted but very happy with the weekend away with good friends. I can't wait till the next one. Hope more can make it next time.

Pyro.

Lite em up



STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 17th September 2017

Ride Captain: Jak.

Riders: Specs, Boots, Lucky J, Rob and his son Jackson. Mac and Yogi joined us for breakfast.

At BP Yatala I met up with Specs, Boots, Lucky J, Rob and his son Jack to go for a ride. Mac and Yogi joined us at the BP for breakfast and a chat but had other commitments and could not join us on the ride. Mac was riding his newly bobberised Sportie now painted Moroccan white.

It was a crisp morning and got colder as we went up Mount Tambourine for the first break at St Bernards hotel. After a drink there, we headed down through Henri Roberts Drive and Numinbah valley to the Tyalgum hotel for lunch. By lunchtime it had warmed up and it was pleasant to sit in the beer garden to eat lunch and have a beer.

After lunch we established that the goodbye stop for most of us would be at the Coomera servo, except for Lucky J, who had things to do. So we said our goodbyes to Lucky J and all headed to Coomera via Mt Tomewin. After a quick stop we all headed home from Coomera. After the others left I ran into a guy who was riding a demo 114 cubic inch version of the new softball Fat Bob. He was very impressed.

All in all a very good day.

Cheers ... Jak.





STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 24th September 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny.

Riders: Boots, Jak and Ned.

Hi all,

I got to Mackers at Goodna and Boots and Jak were already there. A bit later Ned turned up on her little sporty.

I had already booked a table for us at Rudd's pub, but as there were only 4 of us, and Boots and Jak wanted to finish early so they could go to the local pub where there was going to be a blues band playing, (and Ned was up for that as well) I decided to change the route to a shorter one. i.e Fernvale ... Esk (bum break) ... Hampton ... Murphy's Creek Tavern for an early lunch, then back to Blacksoil for our goodbyes.

We had had enough, well and truly by then. It was starting to get hot.

It was still a good ride with great company.

See you on the next one!

Cheers ...

Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"

STEEL HORSES NORTH RIDE

Sunday 1st October 2017

Ride Captain: Pyro.

Riders: Jak, Ace, Steiny, and Phoenix.

Hi All Pyro here.

Today's North ride started at Maccas Newmarket at 9am with four bikes and five members: Jak, Ace, Steiny, Phoenix and me. After breakfast we headed up and over Mount Glorious via Samford and we had a good run with few slow cars, down the west side and turning right for the dam wall cafe at Somerset. A short break and back onto the bikes and onto Kilcoy and through Neurum Road to Woodford and the D'aguilar Hotel for lunch. After lunch it was up to Wamuran and the back roads to Narangba and then over Clear Mountain and down to Eatons Hill for our goodbyes. Today's ride was short because of the expected heat which turned out to be a cool day with rain showing up after the ride. Most of us would have been home before 4pm with rain hitting about 4.30pm. It was another good ride with great friends, what this club is all about. Jak came all loaded up ready for his Long Ride, we wish him a safe and enjoyable ride. Today Phoenix took some pictures to keep our out of action photographer in some happy shots. It was overcast and threatening to rain all day but who's kidding, raining cold and getting lost on my bike is still better than any day at work. We have our Xmas party and morning ride coming up on the 3/12 hope to see you if not on the ride then at the BBQ. Till the next one keep it upright.

Pyro.

Lite em up



STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 8th October 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny.

Riders: Kim, Yogi, Hippy, Ned, Ynot, and Boots.

I didn't think there would be many at the starting point today, the weather looked lousy, even though the weather man said "no Rain" ... and we've all heard THAT before; but as it turned out, it was a great day with plenty of cloud cover to keep things cool for us. Kim is back on deck and joined us on his new Triumph T120. Good to have you back riding with us mate.

It was just a little wander around the bay suburbs, Carbrook, Mt.Cotton, Vicky point. We stopped for a bum rest at the "Hoya Garden Centre" for our first break and had a leisurely coffee and chat there before moving on to do a big loop around Mt.Cotton West and Mt.Cotton Road and had lunch at "Brooks Fish 'n Chips" at Vicky point and called the ride there at about 1.00pm

Boots talked me into sharing a "Deep fried Mars bar" !!?? with him, just for the hell of it. It was ... different. Ned had a go at some Haggis, and offered it around, but had no takers. Another great day riding with good company.

Cheers ... Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"



Three Beasts: which one to choose?

by Jak



I had the opportunity to ride 3 new Harleys in the last couple of days. An 883 Iron as a loan bike, a new Softail Fat Bob and a rather Special 2018 Street Glide as demos. The 883 was an overnight loaner while my bike was in for some service items needed and I arranged for a friend, Colin, and I to have a 2 hour ride on the other two.

I will rate them in my order of preference.

The Fat Bob has good power and handles well but the new Softail format has a lot of vibration coming through the 'bars. The one we tested had the new 114 cubic inch engine option which was nice and delivered power evenly. It handled well and if that sort of bike is of interest to you it would be nice but it only verified that I am a tourer rider now and this one was not my cup of tea.



I didn't think I would like the 883 Iron but was surprised that I did. The Evo engine on this little beast is a classic and although you have to rev it hard, it appears to love it and is very responsive. It is a very nimble little thing and the combination of good suspension and light weight makes it fun to throw into the corners. Being very narrow also means it is an ideal lane splitter and does that job brilliantly. Good off the mark acceleration also helps with lane splitting. As it is a small looking bike I had a couple of cage drivers try to beat me off the mark ... they were

left well and truly in the dust. I loved riding the 883 but only around town. I don't think that it has the level of comfort that I like so would only rate it highly as a second bike.

On to my favourite of the bunch. Yes ... surprise, surprise it was a Street Glide. But like I said earlier, it was a rather Special Street Glide. A 2018 stage 4 which they advised was dyno'd and delivers 135 hp at the rear wheel. I don't know if that figure is true but it sure was a beast. I know the power delivery made my stage one 103 seem very sedate. My only complaint was that being the Friday of a long weekend the traffic didn't allow me enough opportunities to open it up. The other thing I liked about





this bike was that the Harley publicity about the 2018 model handling better is definitely true. The suspension all around is much firmer and makes the bike handle much better than my 2014 version. All up a brilliant ride in my opinion ... but like I said I am biased toward the tourers. If it wasn't for the ridiculous amount of money they want for this bike, I would own it in a heartbeat.

Cheers ... Jak.



Top 5 Custom Triumph Bobbers

The best of the custom scene

<http://www.fortherride.com/bikes-and-customs/top-5-custom-bobbers/>



Triumph Bobber by Southsiders

These days, you don't often see hardtails getting thrashed around dirt tracks. But this Triumph T120-based machine is not only a daily rider, but also throws up rooster tails on a regular basis.



"Dirty Rascal" Triumph America Bobber – Wenley Andrews

Formerly of *Mean Machines*, Wenley Andrews, is flooring the competition with another unlikely custom candidate. It's a brilliant old-school styled bobber based on a 2010 Triumph America. He calls it the "Dirty Rascal".



Triumph Bobber - Ric & John Pudney

Here's Ric and Johns Pudney's Triumph Bobber, which they originally found in pieces in their neighbour's garage.



Bike Brothers - Bonneville Bobber

This unit was built by the German-based Bike Brothers.



1969 Triumph Bonneville bobber

Some consider that low-key, vintage bobbers are irresistible, and this 1969 Triumph Bonneville from Johannesburg is a classic in more ways than one. It belongs to Justin Steyn, who started the project way back in 2009. The style is utterly timeless, and like many of the best bikes, deceptively simple. The build process was anything but, however!

TRIUMPH

Harley-Davidson classics become more modern

12th September 2017

by Mark Hinchliffe

<https://motorbikewriter.com/harley-classics-become-modern/>



Harley-Davidson's biggest research and development program yet has revolutionised the 33-year-old Softail family converting classics into modern machines. The three classic models in the line-up – Heritage Classic, Deluxe and Slim – receive a thoroughly modern cosmetic and performance update including LED headlights and even a USB charging port in the steering head. Even the "chrome cowboy" Heritage Classic gets a dose of modern "dark custom" reality with

weatherproof, lockable, leather-wrapped saddlebags. The cowboy tassels are gone and the chromed studs have made way for smoked nickel. Gone also are the white-wall tyres. We're not sure what the Heritage classic fans will make of the bike's more modern looks, but they certainly can't complain about its improved performance. Harley-Davidson Australia says the new models will arrive late September or early October.



Handling improved



The classic Softails get much-improved suspension with dual-bending-valve forks and an improved rear shock. The frame that dated back to 1984 has been replaced by an all-new modern frame with a 50% reduction in components and 20% fewer welds that makes it 20% lighter. That equates to a 17kg weight reduction in the classic models. It also means the frame is 34% stiffer. Suspension and frame upgrades make these lighter and more nimble handlers with about one degree more static lean angle. Cornering clearance has also

been improved by tilting the transmission up to raise the primary cover and clutch pump, and squeezing the swingarm. More importantly, the dynamic lean angle is improved even more as we found at the world launch event in Los Angeles last week, carving up and down the twisting roads of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Engineering program manager Brad McIlwee says they still list the SAE standard angle lean angles, but pointed out that riders will experience a better dynamic "real world" lean angle. "We didn't design to a number, but to rider usage," he says. A lighter bike also improves braking performance and makes the bikes easier to lift off the side stand. Making them feel even lighter is the lower centre of gravity thanks to moving the oil tank from under the seat to under the engine.

More power



Brad says the weight saving not only improves handling but also the power-to-weight ratio for improved acceleration and fuel economy. They are now powered by the more-powerful Milwaukee Eight 107-cube engine from the Touring models. However, it has been 100% balanced with a second balancer to hard-mount the engine to the frame, rather than the rubber-mounted Touring engines.

Harley doesn't mention power, but torque in the Softail 107 is slightly down from the 152Nm at 3250rpm in the

Touring models to 145Nm at 3000 revs, thanks to the extra balancing. The Heritage Classic gets a choice of a 114-cube engine in standard and 115th Anniversary trim. The 114-cube engine in the Softail has 155Nm of torque at 3000 revs which is down from 168Nm at 3250rpm in the CVO Touring models. However, Brad says that compared with the previous Twin Cam engines, the 107 bikes would be three bike lengths ahead in a 0-100km/h race while the 114 would be five bikes ahead. They also come with an assist clutch for reduced lever effort.



Heritage Classic



The hard, lockable saddlebags may look a little confronting for fans, but they are far more serviceable and even weatherproof. They have a simple button lock on the top and the lid opens out so you can access them while sitting on the bike, just like the Touring models. Another interesting feature is the two-tone detachable windshield that looks like the old leather-wrapped windshields of the '70s. While it may not look as classic, it has more retro attitude. Softail styling manager Kirk Rasmussen says it's more like the young and lithe, black-leather-clad Elvis of the 1960s

than the fat and sequinned Elvis of the '70s.

While performance, handling and lean angles are greatly improved, it seems strange that it doesn't get the handy external rear shock preload adjuster they have fitted to the Breakout and Fat Bob. We would have thought it would be more important on a model like this that is more likely to carry loads and rear passengers. However, Kirk says that was done for aesthetic reasons as it makes the faux oil tank look cleaner.

Slim

The Slim was the base model used by the development team for the new Softail family. It's a bare-bones classic that has always been a very attractive bike, but substantially limited by a lack of lean angle. Now, it is the most improved handling bike of the lot and is quite a joy to punt around the hills with its lighter steering and improved clearance. Apart from the suspension and frame improvements and tilted transmission, lean angle has also been improved by shaving the floorboards. They are now thinner in depth and width, and are moved forward and tilted up. The hot-rod bike features a classic tuck-and-roll seat and "Iron Man" front end with sculptured triple clamps.



Deluxe



The modern LED lighting is no more impressive than on this art deco model. It is the only Softail with a full complement of LEDs in its three front lights, indicators and tail lights. While it retains white-wall tyres, it has lost the rear seat and rack and been stripped back to a solo seat with pullback bars. It now feels much lighter and more nimble, a real joy to wind through mountain roads.


Harley-Davidson Softail “classics”		
FLSL	Slim (107)	\$26,250 (was \$25,495)
FLDE	Deluxe	\$29,495 (was \$28,995)
FLHC	Heritage Classic® (107)	\$31,750 (was \$30,250)
FLHCS	Heritage Classic® (114)	\$33,995
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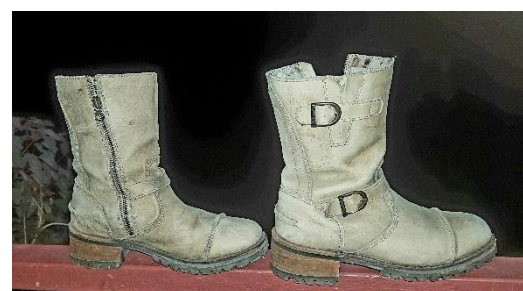
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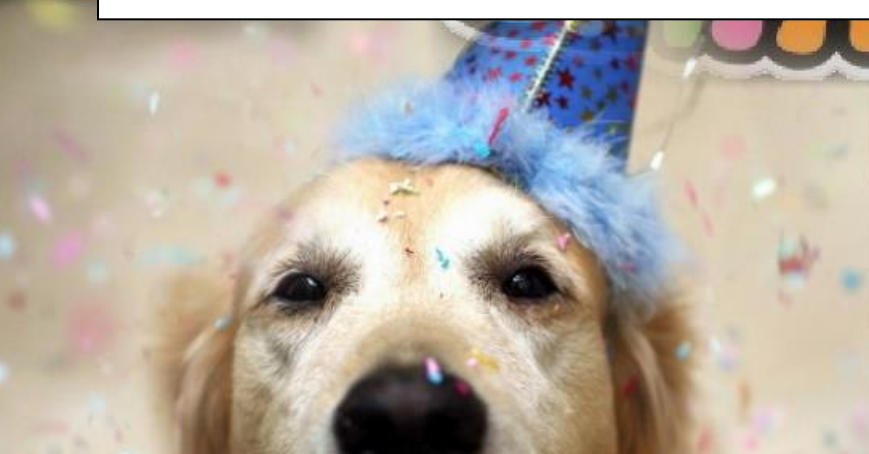


Scouse

is having his birthday in October!

Happy Birthday Scouse! :-)

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! :-)



Libra

Personality traits of Libra's (Sept 23 to Oct 22nd):

Symbolized by the Scales of Justice, Libra epitomizes balance and fairness. This sign's influence helps restore equilibrium to all affairs, no matter how big or small. From settling a major legal or ethical conflict to determining the best place to hang a painting, Libra energy will stop at nothing to establish interpersonal and aesthetic consonance. The essence of Libra energy is charming, fair, sincere, sharing, and hopelessly romantic!



LIBRA



From the Archives

Rowdy was the Acting General Manager of the Steel Horses club when the July 2011 newsletter was published. In Rowdy's report in that newsletter, he noted that ...

"Ynot has threatened to burn his passport and never travel overseas again"!!



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Rowdy's Rant - July

Hi all,
Firstly the club welcomes back Ynot and Apples from their holiday, which unfortunately didn't finish the way they had planned due to illness. Ynot has threatened to burn his passport and never travel overseas again.
It's been a busy month for the Steel Horses with the Poker run, tour de Tweed, Pedro and Mozzi's wedding, the Night Ride (show and pose) and Laverda just around the corner, with lots more to look forward to (not to mention the warmer weather).

Ynot's Blurb—February 2011

Hi all,

Now that the weather has started to become a bit more motorcycle-friendly, we are able to participate in our regular rides once again. Most of our rides are well attended. The Ride Captains are providing a wide variety of destinations to the Coordinator - Sugar, to include in the Event Calendar, and we are attracting visitors to our rides once again.

Boots led the first ride from our new North meeting point at Carseldine. You can read the details of the ride in Boots' ride report. The allocated south ride was led by Sparra, and the west rides by Cosmo and Sam. See below for their reports.

For as long as I have been participating in group-rides, there has been constant discussion by participants about the way rides are conducted. Some people think they are too slow; some think they are too fast; some think they are too short; some think they are too long; some think there are too many bum breaks; others say there are not enough. The club tries to cater for most tastes via the variety of rides on the ride calendar, and by appointing Ride Captains with the leadership skills and ability necessary to ensure an enjoyable event. However, the speed of rides always seems to be a contentious issue.

There is no answer to the question about the suitable speed for a ride, other than to remind everybody that we are a club of individuals each with their own needs, wants, preferences and beliefs. There are legal speed limits that all licensed riders are aware of, and there are safe speeds that all riders should be aware of, and there are comfortable speeds that people prefer to ride at. The safe speed and comfortable speed differs for each rider according to their ability, experience, perception and preference.

The club tries to accommodate most of these variables and they are clearly addressed in Guideline (by laws) 20b. Examples of these guidelines in action are when we ride as a group via the staggered formation, keeping a rider in your mirror, marking corners for slower riders, and riding within one's own capabilities. The Ride Captain explains the ride rules before the ride commences, and it is important that all riders listen carefully. It is also important that the location of the bum breaks and eating destinations are clearly identified. Having regular breaks not only relieves fatigue, but also allows slower riders to catch up.

Regardless of the efforts of the Ride Captain and Tail End Charlie to keep the group together, there will be instances when this is impossible without jeopardising rider safety. Therefore there has to be a conscious effort by those who may be separated from the group to catch up. They should attempt to do this in a safe manner. Slow riders are encouraged to ride at the rear of the group with an experienced Tail end Charlie to look after them, and if the Tail End Charlie is fully briefed as to the destination of the next stop, they will eventually catch up.

Fast riders can also satisfy their need for speed when the Ride Captain signals that it is OK to leave the ride. Those who choose to leave the ride are expected to wait for the slower riders to catch up at an appropriate place, usually a pre-agreed destination or a change of direction, where they will rejoin the ride. It is the responsibility of the Ride Captain to ensure that these things happen.

The issue of "what is the ideal ride speed to satisfy all riders" is not solvable. All I can say is that as we ride as a club, we should all be aware of the varying riding styles, abilities and preferences of other riders, be patient and tolerant. Each member is just as entitled to enjoy his or her ride as much as you are.

Safe Riding,

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Riding Tips

Mick Doohan preaches sixth sense

by Mark Hinchliffe

<http://motorbikewriter.com/mick-doochan-preaches-sixth-sense/>

Five-time world motorcycle champion Mick Doohan features in a series of Queensland Government videos teaching riders to recognise and exercise their sixth sense when riding.

These are links to the Queensland Government videos:

<http://jointhedrive.qld.gov.au/motorcycles/motorcycle-skills>

<http://tinyurl.com/bikers-6th-sense>

Controversially, Mick does **NOT** recommend advanced rider training with professionals! He suggests riders already have an innate sixth sense; "that unique instinct all riders share that helps us read the road, the conditions, the potential hazards and stay focused and in control".



He refers to the sixth sense as perceiving the correct speed for corners, being aware of erratic movements of other vehicles and knowing when peer pressure puts you out of your comfort zone and skill level.

"The more you develop and hone your (sixth sense), the better your chances are of surviving to ride another day," he says.

The videos are included on a government website called "Join the drive".

After his intro video explaining his sixth sense theory, there are four more videos:

In "*Cornering*", he says if you "start looking short or fixating on that gum tree at the side of the road the chances are you're gonna be shaking the koalas out of it real soon".

In "*Group Riding*", Mick says it's "always a good idea to swap over at rest breaks to share the load".

In "*Returned Riders*" he recommends buying a new bike rather than "dusting off the old one" because they are "safer, more rideable and more reliable than ever".

In "", he suggests you give yourself more time in the wet. "Set off earlier and take it easier on the ride. Or choose not to hit the road at all, that works every time."



bike should handle the corner no worries," he says.

Mick has featured in several rider safety advertising campaigns before, including one in 2014 with the RACQ and Motorbike Writer.

He has some interesting and thought-provoking theories in these videos. A few may actually surprise some riders: invest in a helmet intercom; ride in staggered formation in groups and do not trail brake through a corner.

"Try to stay off the brakes as much as you can. If you've got your turning-in point and your approach speed right you'll be in control and the

The riding sequences in the videos are performed on some of the most scenic and challenging roads in South East Queensland.



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

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Calendar

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	1	North	<p><i>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141)</i></p> <p>Start at McDonalds NEWMARKET (290 Enoggera Road, Newmarket) (for a change). Lunch at the D'Aguilar Hotel near Woodford on the Mount Mee turn off. After lunch we will be heading home via Wamuran, then the back roads to Clear Mountain via some twisties - finally to Eatons Crossing for our goodbyes.</p> <p>The ride will be 220km back to Eatons Crossing.</p>
Sun	8	South	<p><i>Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216)</i></p> <p>Something different today ... a cruisy bay run!</p> <p>BP Servo at Yatala - Norwell Road - up the highway to Loganholme - Carbrook - Victoria Point - Hoya Garden Plaza (coffee) - then all around, ending up at Wellington Point (lunch) - then Capalaba - Caltex servo near Gateway Arterial for goodbyes. Reasonably early finish.</p> <p>Route map is here.</p>
Sun	15	LAVERDA CONCOURS at Cleveland, Brisbane.	<p>LAVERDA CONCOURS</p> <p><small>Gates Open 8.00am - Trophies 2.30pm</small></p> <p>Staged at the Cleveland Showgrounds: Long Street, Cleveland, Brisbane.</p> <p>Club Laverda is once again putting on its Concoeurs show. This is an excellent annual event that's now in its 29th year!! Once again, Steel Horses will have a strong presence there, complete with our big marquee (and BBQ), promoting our club to potential new members. As well, it's a great day out for all our existing members!</p> <p>This is a pretty big event, and about 8000 people usually attend. Concoeurs attracts large numbers of motorcycle trade stalls, numerous motorcycle enthusiast club displays (including Steel Horses), and motorcycle enthusiasts both local and interstate. There's plenty of free parking for motorcycles. Entertainment includes a wide variety of food vendors, free face painting, kiddie's rides, and live music provided by the popular local act, The Dave Ritter Band. Admission is free to children under the age of 15 years and \$10 for all other patrons. Admission includes on-site motorcycle parking.</p>
Tues	17	MEETING	<p>Lord Stanley Hotel.</p> <p>994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane.</p> <p>The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>
Sun	22	North	<p><i>Ride Captain: Mac (0439 444 655).</i></p> <p>Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - through to Woodford (first bum break) - Woodford to Blackbutt Pub (lunch) - Blackbutt to Yarraman then onto Hampton (bum break) - Hampton down the range to Esk and onto the T-Intersection where I will call the ride.</p> <p>For those who want to go home via Mount Glorious, follow me, or home via Fernvale and the highway.</p> <p>Total ride kms from Castledine to T-Intersection = 327 kms.</p> <p>Ride time = 4 hrs + bum breaks and lunch. (Plan for a longish day.)</p> <p>Route map is HERE.</p>
Sun	29	South	<p><i>Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216)</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>There's a ride route map here.</p>

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	5	West	<p><i>Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201)</i></p> <p>McDonalds Goodna - Nobby via Ma Ma Creek - lunch at Rudd's Pub - Allora - Maryvale - Home.</p>
Sun	12	North	<p><i>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141)</i></p> <p>Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Warner - Narangba - Moorina - Glasshouse Mountains lookout (bum break) - Landsborough - Palmwoods - Montville - Maleny - Wootha - Peachester (lunch at Ace's Place Cafe) - after lunch Woodford - Mount Mee - Dayboro - Clear Mountain - Eatons Hill for our goodbyes.</p> <p>Approx. 240km</p>
Sun	19	South	<p><i>Ride Captain: Steiny</i></p> <p>BP Servo at Yatala - Kvogle (lunch) - Home. About 200km.</p>
Tues	21	MEETING	<p>Lord Stanley Hotel.</p> <p>994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane.</p> <p>The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>

A FEW JOKES :-)



- * When I found out that my toaster wasn't waterproof, I was shocked.
- * When I told the doctor about my loss of memory, he made me pay in advance.
- * I asked my North Korean friend how it was there, he said he couldn't complain.
- * I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

How the Internet Started ... according to the Bible!

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began.

- * Strong people don't put others down. They lift them up and slam them on the ground for maximum damage.
- * Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving.
- * I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me "Nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace" So I bought her nothing.



MORE JOKES!! 😊

I was sick last year and in the hospital. There was one nurse that just drove me crazy. Every time she came in, she would talk to me like I was a little child. She would say in a patronizing tone of voice, "And how are we doing this morning", or "Are we ready for a bath", or "Are we hungry?" I had had enough of this particular nurse.

One day, at breakfast, I took the apple juice off the tray and put it in my bed side stand. Later, I was given a urine bottle to fill for testing. So you know where the juice went! The nurse came in a little later, picked up the urine bottle and looked at it. "My, it seems we are a little cloudy today." At this, I snatched the bottle out of her hand, popped off the top, and drank it down, saying, "Well, I'll run it through again. Maybe I can filter it better this time."

The nurse fainted ... I just smiled.

DON'T MESS WITH OLD PEOPLE!

**SOMETIMES
I PRETEND TO BE
NORMAL.
BUT IT GETS BORING...
SO I GO BACK TO BEING ME.**

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- * I can totally keep secrets. It's the people I tell them to that can't.
- * Two wrongs don't make a right, take your parents as an example.
- * The worst part about working for the department of unemployment is when you get fired you still have to show up the next day.
- * A straight face and a sincere-sounding "Huh?" have gotten me out of more trouble than I can remember.
- * A clean house is the sign of a broken computer.
- * If you see me smiling it's because I'm thinking of doing something evil or naughty. If you see me laughing it's because I've already done it.

Confucius Say ...

- * Man who wants pretty nurse must be patient.
- * Passionate kiss, like spider web, leads to undoing of fly.
- * Lady who goes camping with man must beware of evil in tent.
- * Squirrel who runs up woman's leg will not find nuts.
- * Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.
- * Man who runs in front of car gets tired, but man who runs behind car gets exhausted.
- * Man who eats many prunes get good run for money.
- * War does not determine who is right; it determines who is left.
- * Man who fights with wife all day get no piece at night.
- * It takes many nails to build a crib, but only one screw to fill it.
- * Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.
- * Man who stands on toilet is high on pot.
- * Wise man does not keep sledge hammer and slow computer in same room.
- * Man who lives in glass house should change clothes in basement.

And, Confucius really did say ...

- * A lion will not cheat on his wife, but a Tiger Wood!

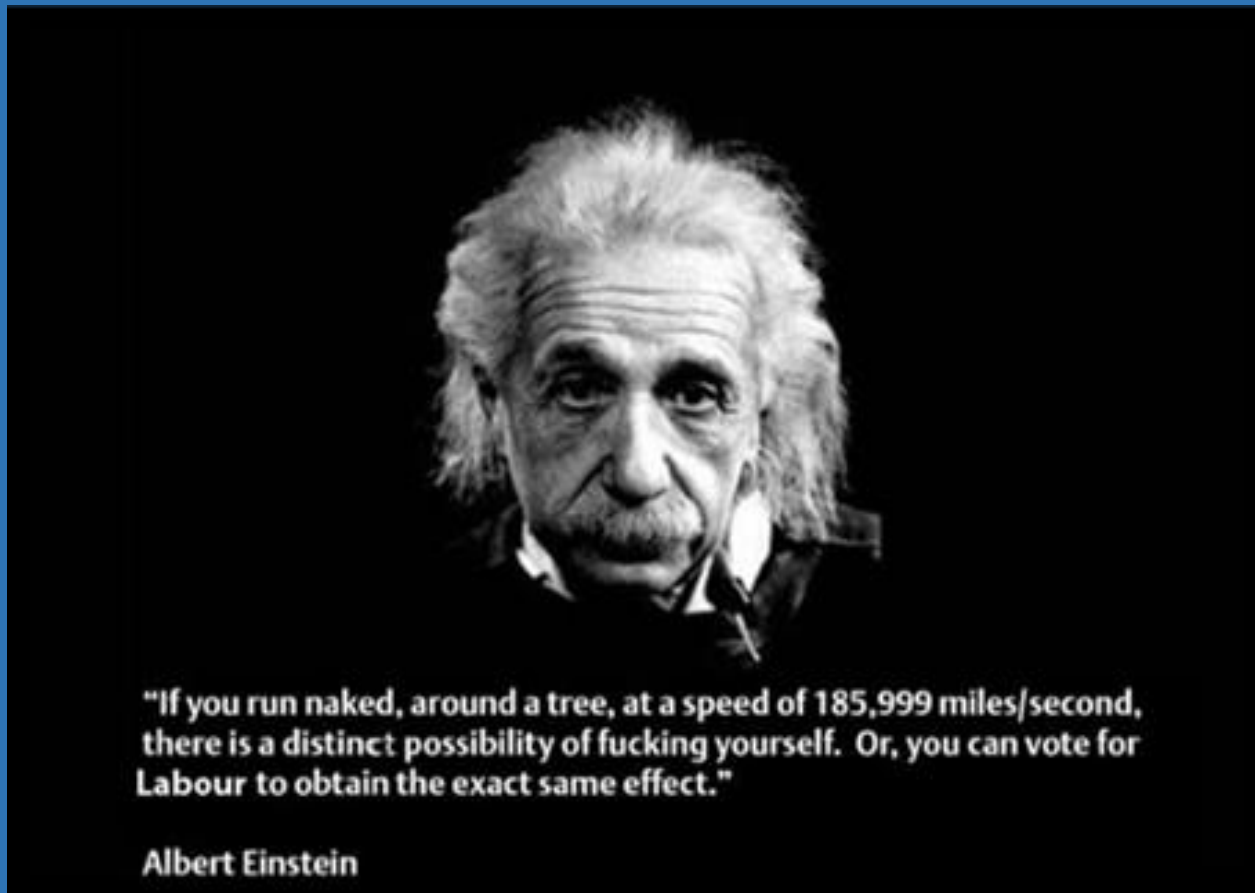


EVEN MORE JOKES!! 😊

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said one, "but we don't have a ladder." The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her pocketbook, took a measurement, announced, "Twenty one feet, six inches," and walked away.

One engineer shook his head and laughed, "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length !"

Both those engineers have since quit their jobs and are currently serving in the Australian Parliament.



"If you run naked, around a tree, at a speed of 185,999 miles/second, there is a distinct possibility of fucking yourself. Or, you can vote for Labour to obtain the exact same effect."

Albert Einstein

Beer contains female hormones! Yes, that's right, FEMALE hormones!

Last month, Montreal University scientists released the results of a recent analysis that revealed the presence of female hormones in beer. The theory is that Beer contains female hormones (hops contain Oestrogens) and that by drinking enough beer, men turn into women. To test the theory, 100 men each drank 8 large drafts of beer within a one hour period.

It was then observed that 100% of the test subjects - yes, 100% of all these men —

- 1) Argued over nothing.
- 2) Refused to apologize when obviously wrong.
- 3) Gained weight.
- 4) Talked excessively without making sense.
- 5) Became overly emotional.
- 6) Couldn't drive.
- 7) Failed to think rationally, and
- 8) Had to sit down while urinating.

No further testing was considered necessary!