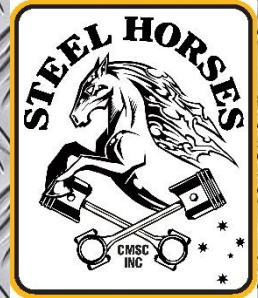


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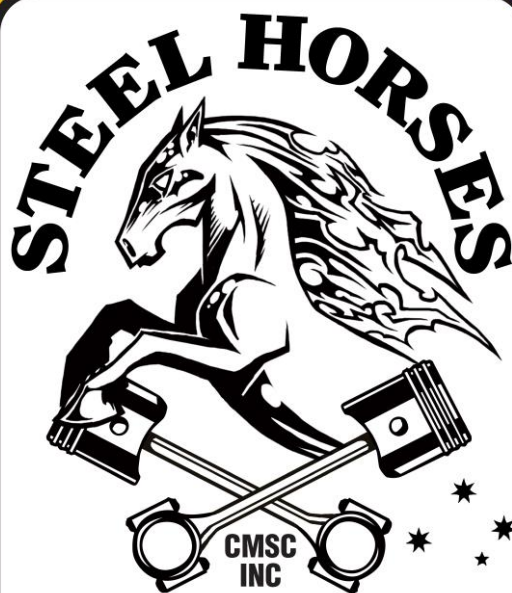
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- Kwaka Stone retro released.
- Bikers in State Parliament?
- Emergency braking.

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Club Objectives:

The objectives of the club are to
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social enjoyment.

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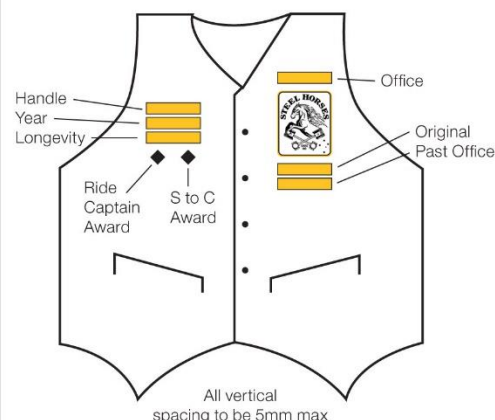
The annual membership
subscription is \$36 for Riders,
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There is a once-only joining fee
(\$40) on top of the annual
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the cost of Patch, Insignia, and
other Club costs.

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.

COVER PHOTO: Steel Horses at
the *Club Laverda Concours* 12th
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STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT





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STEINY'S SPIEL

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi all ...

A little bit of repetition here; but I started off last months report with ... "Well, Laverda is on us again" and I'm saying it again.

It turns out that while Jak was on his long ride to Tassie, he admitted to doing a bit of serious rain dancing, in the hope that Laverda would be postponed last October, as he really wanted to be here for it.

Fortunately this time it was all systems **GO**. The weather on the day was perfect. I did some last minute food shopping the day before (for the BBQ), and we arrived there early on Sunday morning with a fully loaded club trailer. Kim was at the gate handing out stickers for the bike entries, and the other earlybirds helped put up our marquee, etc. Those who were there included Jak, Yogi, Kim, Ynot, Rowdy, Mac, Ace, Rosie, Hippy, Roach, Drastic, and myself.

I mentioned a while ago that I was planning on having some early (reasonably early) starts with the hotter months coming on rather quickly. I mentioned it to a couple of other ride captains and it seems they also plan on doing the same thing. Pyro's thinking about a breakfast run to Woodford. Sam is checking out a venue for a similar run to the west, and once he has come up with a suitable place to go, it will be on the calendar. It sounds like the early starts might appeal to some, and those who want to keep on riding after brekky are free to do so.

Keep well and ride safely.

Cheers ...

Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"



JAK'S "LONG RIDE" TO TASSIE
A charity ride to raise funds for the
Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

From 11th October 2017

Ride report by Jak.

My Long Ride 2017 journey commenced Yamanto at 8am on the 11th October where we set off for a 3 day trip to Melbourne camping overnight in Tamworth and West Wyolong. On the night of Friday 13th we sailed to Tassie on the Spirit of Tasmania.

First day in Tassie we arrived at 6 and headed straight to Burnie to set up camp and lighten the load on our bikes . From there we went up Cradle Mountain and back. Awesome day and awesome roads.

Day 2 we left Burnie and went to a little fishing village, Stanley, for breakfast. Then rode to Murrawah in the northwest of the island before backtracking to Wyndham for lunch. After that we headed south to Strahan where we set up camp for the night. The field of tulips was at a place called Flowerdale.

Long ride day 3 started in Strahan and wound up through the hills to Queenstown. Then out through Derwent bridge, Tarraleah and Ouse, ending near Hobart. Drinks were arranged in downtown Hobart that night.

Had a rest day on day 4 so decided to ride from Hobart to Port Arthur. The weather and the roads were perfect. I had an awesome day looking at the ruins and doing a couple of tours.



JAK'S "LONG RIDE" TO TASSIE (Cont ...)

Day 5 was Hobart to St Helens and was pleasant and uneventful with stops for views and the Bicheno blowhole then up Mt Elephant and a stop to have their famous pancakes. (A detour to ride up an extra windey mountain road especially to have pancakes ... what biker could resist them.)

Day 6 the ride was from St Helens to Launceston and was not quite so pleasant. Only a short ride of 120 odd kms but with rain and fog on mountain roads the fun was diminished. All in all though we were very lucky with the weather as this was the only day with rain. Especially lucky with the weather as we had camped all the way and were not cold during the trip.

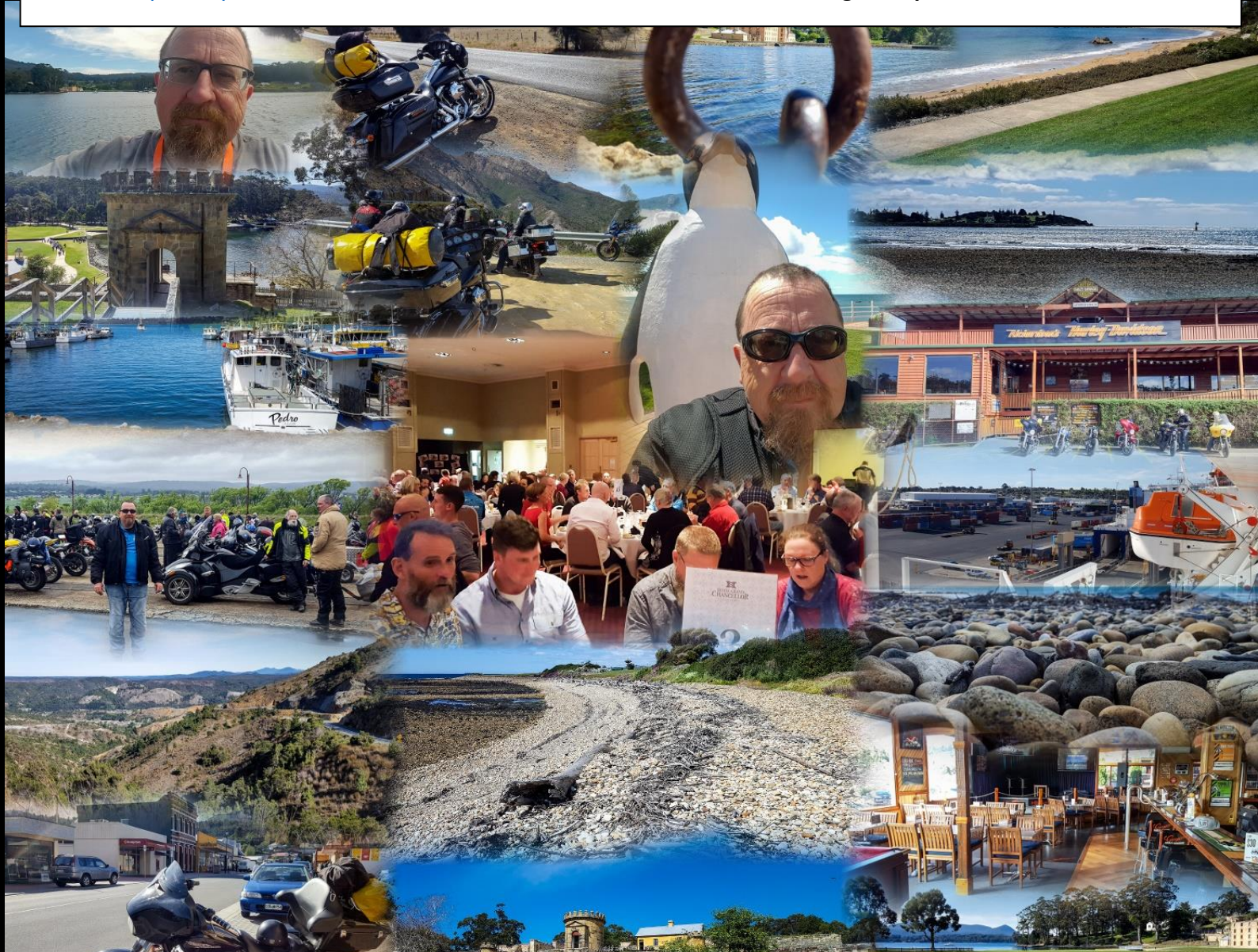
After a final night dinner in Launceston at the Grand Chancellor hotel, I left the next day bound for Devonport with a stop in at Richardson's Harley which is one of the most interesting Harley dealers in Australia, with an on site cafe and bar.

My first Tassie trip was awesome. I certainly hope to get back there some day.

On a more serious note, thank you to all the Steelhorse members who made donations on my behalf to Prostate Cancer Australia, the charity supported by the Long Ride. During the course of the 10 Long Rides so far there has been \$2,000,000 raised for PCA.

Cheers ... Jak.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/Jak-Tassie-171011> to have a look at ALL Jak's *Long Ride* photos.



STEEL HORSES AT THE LAVERDA CONCOURS

Sunday 15th October 2017

Laverda Concours at the Cleveland Showgrounds

EVENT CANCELLED *(just as the gates were about to open!!)*

Despite the atrocious weather, a few very hardy stalwarts from Steel Horses turned up at the Cleveland Showgrounds to help set up our marquee and BBQ for the Laverda Concours event. In fact, Ynot was the first and only bike present at the showgrounds for a while!

Then, literally minutes before the gates to the showground were due to open, it was announced that the event was cancelled, and would be rescheduled to Sunday November 12th.

So instead we all went back to Steiny's place for a hearty BBQ breakfast, which was great.

Hopefully the replay of the Laverda Concours event in a couple of weeks on November 12th will be a bit drier!



STEEL HORSES FRIDAY RUN TO *SCOTTY'S GARAGE*

Friday 20th October 2017

Ride Captain: Ace.

Those Steel Horses members who regularly attend the breakfast at Springwood Suzuki each Friday morning decided instead to go for a ride to *The Barn & Scotty's Garage* at Upper Flagstone (south of Helidon).

It was a good run, and it was very interesting seeing the fantastic museum that is *Scotty's Garage* with its extraordinary collection of cars, bikes and other memorabilia from the 50's & 60's.

Of course, those years were way before our time; but it was educational to see how people lived way back then! :-)

Cheers ... Kim.



STEEL HORSES NORTH RIDE

Sunday 22nd October 2017

Ride Captain: Mac. **Riders:** Steiny, Ace, Stephen, Hoffs, and Kim (for a pre-departure coffee).

The weather was perfect for a promising Sunday North Ride. Then, shortly after leaving the starting point (on arrival at Wamuran), the clutch cable on Mac's Sportster broke, which completely put his machine out of action.

Mac's bike was towed home by the bike towing specialists **Mo-Tow** (<http://motowmotorcyclerecovery.com.au/>).

They were extremely careful with his Sportster, and Mac recommends them to anyone in need of this service.

A number of riders had said, before they left, that they would be peeling off at the smoko break because of home commitments. So by the time everyone else arrived at Woodford it was decided to call the ride there.



STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 29th October 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny.

Riders: Ynot, Rob, Drastic, SuziQ, Ned, Jak, Hippy, Roach, Kim, Yogi, and Princess for a brekky visit.

9 riders and 2 pillions. That is a pretty good roll up.

The weather was great. We had our usual chin wag and coffee and headed of toward Waterford, into Gardner Road, Dairy Creek Road, Tamborine Village and Canungra "OutPost" for a bum break. We then did a big loop around and came back up Henry Roberts Drive and then back to the OutPost for an early lunch.

Back up the goat track, down the mountain to the BP at Beenleigh for cold drinks and ice creams and then our goodbyes. A reasonably early finish, which no one complained about.

Great Ride ... great company.

Cheers ... Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"





STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 5th November 2017

Ride Captain: Sam.

Riders: Mac, Jak, Ned, Yogi, Princess and Steiny.

Meeting me at Goodna were, Mac, Jak, Ned, Yogi, Princess and Steiny.

Our destination was Rudd's Pub at Nobby for lunch.

We headed out the Cunningham Hwy turning at Amberley to head out through Rosewood.

Our first stop was at the railway crossing at Rosewood where we got caught by an empty coal train heading west. Our NEXT stop was at the Grandchester railway crossing where we were caught by the same west bound coal train.

We had our first official break at the Forrest Hill Hotel. Steiny was starting to settle in and asked if we could just stay there, with no viable means of getting drunk riders and bikes home I pried him out of his seat and onto his bike.

Out through Gatton, Grantham and onto the Ma Ma Creek road (which by the way I am taking off the ride list until some serious road works are done, it has become too rough to enjoy)

Rudd's Pub served up a great feed as usual, enjoyed by all. As the day was slipping away in conversation we decided to skip Maryvale pub and headed straight to Aratula to fuel up and say our goodbyes. With 37 drops of rain and a wet road coming over The Gap, and a storm to our east we said our goodbyes and headed for home.

Another great ride!

Cheers ... Sam.

STEEL HORSES AT THE LAVERDA CONCOURS

Sunday 12th November 2017

Attendees: Steiny, Jak, Yogi, Kim, Ynot, Rowdy, Mac, Ace, Rosie, Hippy, Roach, and Drastic.

Fortunately it was a fine and sunny day that dawned for our second attempt at the Laverda Concours event (the last one being a month ago on Sunday October 15th that was rained out).

Many members reported for duty very early in the morning to help erect our club marquee and banners, and they were rewarded with a hearty BBQ breakfast of perfectly cooked eggs, bacon, onions, sauce, etc, all jammed into bread rolls. Very tasty! Thanks to our masterchef Steiny for cooking all that!

There weren't as many visitors and exhibitors at this Club Laverda Concours bike show as in previous years. That's probably a result of the show being rescheduled. However, there were more than enough vendors and bikes on show to make it all worth the effort. It's always interesting to see the antique, older, and new, show bikes on display.

The Steel Horses presentation consisted of our big marquee with its large and very imposing banner out the front, and all our bikes parked together in a row outside the marquee. All very impressive. There's no doubt our new club logo on the big new banner looked fantastic. As it turned out that we had, by far, the largest and best club display at the show!

Some of the reasons our club has a presence at the Club Laverda Concours include:

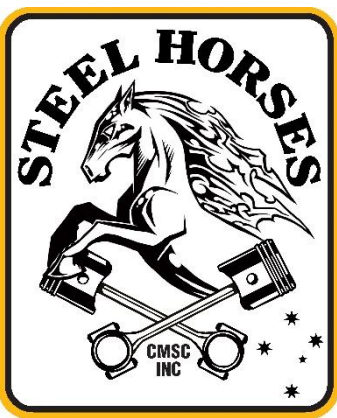
- It's a tradition. We've had a club display there for many years now.
- To provide an pleasant day out for those of our members who are able to attend.
- To maybe attract new members. We certainly gave out a LOT of our "Invitation to Ride" business cards, and something might come of that in the future.

Overall it was an interesting and enjoyable day. ... Kim.



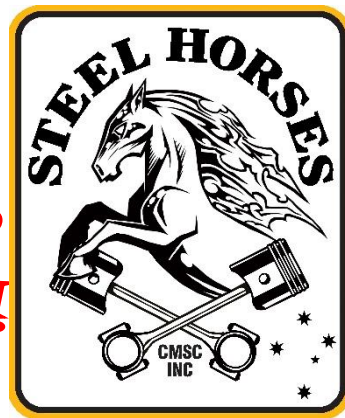
SOME MORE PHOTOS FROM THE 2017 LAVERDA CONCOURS BIKESHOW.





THE STEEL HORSES CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Sunday 3rd December 2017



Because 3rd December is a North Ride Sunday, Pyro has arranged a ride in the morning for those who would like to go for a run before the Christmas Party: Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse (departing at the usual time - 9:00am) - Narangba - Wamuran - Mount Mee lookout (bum rest) - Dayboro - Mount Glorious - and then to White Cedar Park. Total distance about 165km, and arriving at White Cedar Park around 12:00 Noon for the Steel Horses Christmas Party.

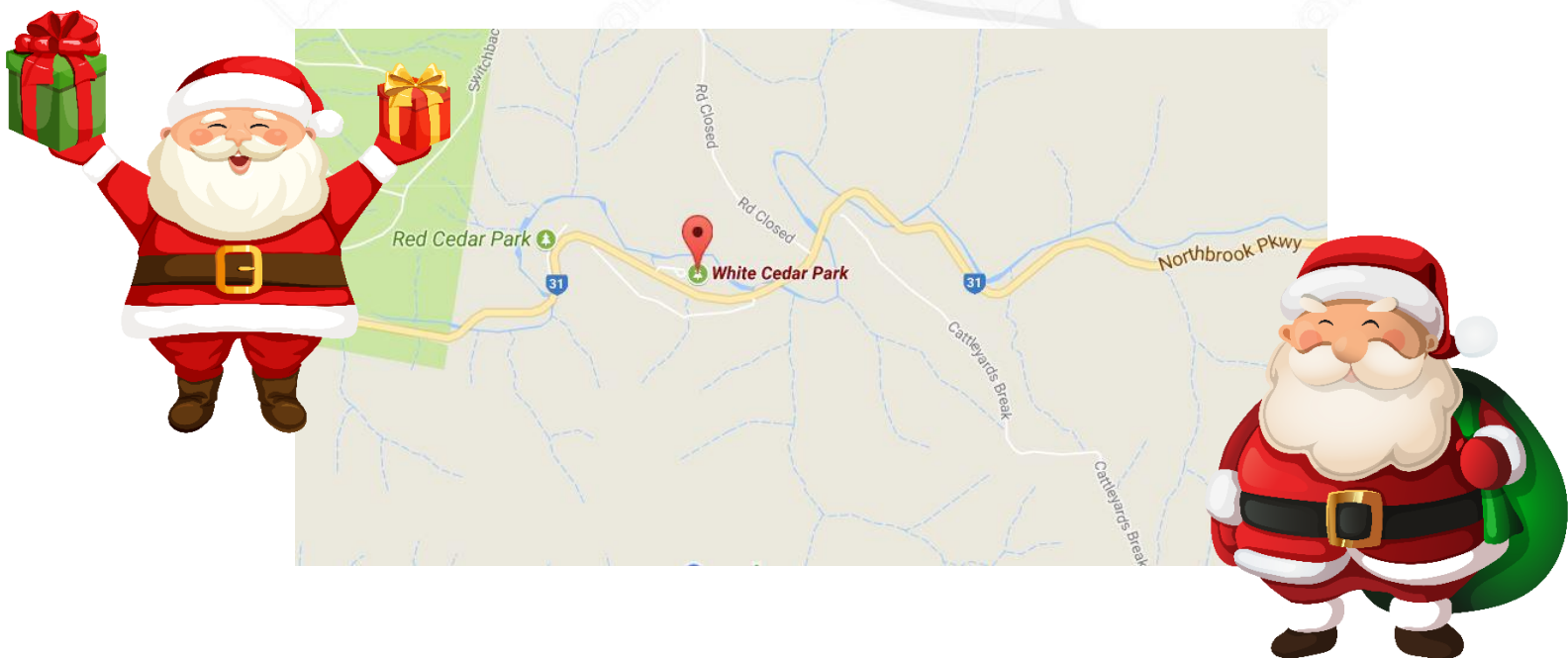
**Alternatively, you can ride/drive direct to the location of our Christmas party.
It starts at midday.**

The Steel Horses Christmas Party is being held at **White Cedar Park on Northbrook Parkway, on the west side of Mount Glorious**, just before the D'aguiar State Forest. It's about 16km (as the crow flies) down the far side of Mount Glorious from Hugh's Mount Glorious Cafe (which most of us know well).

Go here to see a Google map for directions: <http://tinyurl.com/white-cedar-park>

White Cedar Park has toilet amenities, big shelters, etc. As well, we'll be erecting our big Steel Horses club marquee, and we'll be using our own club BBQ systems. **This is a club event, so everything will be provided at no cost to Steel Horses members.**

Keep this Sunday free! Don't miss our Christmas Party!



"THE BIKERS CODE"

-Revised-

It used to be that all bikers shared a common bond, an unspoken code of respect, ethics, and integrity that transcended words and was built on actions. There was never a bible written on "The Bikers Code" and there was no need for such. But the times are a-changin', and there seems to be a lot of new riders out there. These days the riders you see cruisin' or blastin' down the road are just as likely to be clad in shorts and sneakers as jeans and engineer boots.

And the roughest, toughest-looking biker you pull up next to could be your doctor or lawyer and may be wearin' a Rolex or pink Cartier watch under his or her leathers. There's nothing wrong with that, so long as these new riders learn "The Code" just as we old-timers did.

Being a biker used to be about using your creativity to take a basket case old hawg and using only grit and ingenuity, turning it into a one-of-a-kind eye dazzler, then risking your life on the asphalt on a bike you built yourself out of pride.

You wrenched your own bike, cause no one else was gonna do it for ya.

Bikers wore leather and grease because they knew cagers would just as soon run them down as look at them, so they had to be intimidating.

We were a breed unto ourselves with no union, no support group, and in many cases no family (they threw us out), other than one another we had no one, and when we called a man brother we meant it.

We made it in a world of our own, against all rules, mainstream society, and against all odds.

We survived and prospered because we had a code, the bikers code, and we never took disrespect from anybody. As an "old scooter bro" once said, "It's every tramp's job to school the young, and teach 'em to never disrespect the brotherhood/sisterhood, or they'll never live long enuff to figure out how to change the oil on their brand new motorcycle"

With that in mind, we bring you a primer on the basic Bikers Code.

Take heed, brothers and sisters, for our Code is a hallowed one filled with respect, honor, and loyalty, a bond between our brothers and sisters, the likes of which have not been since the days of knighthood:

Don't take any disrespect, be kind to elderly people, women, children and animals, but don't put up with any disrespect.

This is an essential part of being a biker. It has to do with personal honor. Anyone can be a quick-tempered fool...

be cool, stand tall and backup what you say with action.

Never cheat, lie, or steal. Another way of saying this is to always be honest with your brothers and sisters.

Bikers know his or her word is their bond. Your word is all you have in life that is truly yours. Guard it carefully and be something noble, for you are a member of a family that will stand shoulder to shoulder with you through all hardships and struggles.

Snitches are the lowest life forms on earth, right up there with bike thieves.

Don't snitch, unless it involves someone harming a child, and then only if you can't handle it yourself. Otherwise if you see a wrong, fight it yourself, if you are about anything you'll take care of problems yourself, and never feel the need to snitch someone off.

Don't Whine. Absolutely no one likes or respects a whiner, and no one cares to hear it. Another way to say this is "take charge and get on with life". Still another way to think of it is, "Don't sweat the small stuff" most of life's little inconveniences

work themselves out whether you whine or not. Keep your chin up, dammit! You're a biker, not some lowly snail.

Never say die and never give up. Whether it's in a fight, a debate, or a curve too tight, no matter how bad it gets, a biker never shows weakness and a biker never gives up.

Help others. When a brother or sister is broken down by the side of the road, always stop and help them.

Even moral support, if that is all you can give, is better than riding on by.

And never ride off and leave anyone you rode out with, if they break down you pull over and wait, come hell or high water bikers do not abandon a brother or sister.

Remember life is about the journey, the ride, not getting there. You already are there.

And don't just help bikers; show the world that we are better than our image portrays us. Courtesy costs you nothing and it brings honor and respect to the biker family.

Stick to your guns. Do what you say you'll do, be there when you say you will. This is called integrity.

This also goes back to standing for something. Old school brother once said "We are all going to die, so make sure you die for something worth dyin' for, if you are right, stand your ground." Life is not a drill. Yeah, this ain't no dress rehearsal.

This is life, so go out and take big bites of it. You've got no time to lose and bikers don't stand around waiting for the party to come to them.

You only go around once. Tomorrow you could be road kill, thanks to a cell phone user texting at the wheel of his or her cage.

Live life now, make the most of each moment 'cause as a biker this moment could be the rest of your life.

All right, now let's review. You are a biker, a modern-day knight of the road. Never trust anyone, not even the family, unless proven.

Women and children are not to be abused. Never talk down to the poor, and never suck up to the rich. Protect the weak. Walk tall and stand proud. Your word is your bond. Stick to your guns. Don't put up with disrespect. Life is not a drill, and the code

is not about a brand, it's about the brotherhood and sisterhood.

Now go forth and ride. When in doubt, ride. That's what we do... bikers ride. If you want to ride around in a Day-Glo Hawaiian shirt and sandals, go for it, but if you intend to look like an idiot, at least don't act like an idiot.

These commandments are just a few of the broad strokes of The Bikers Code, there is a lot more to being a biker than buying a bike.

If you just buy a bike, you are a motorcyclist. Being a biker is a way of life, a proud way of life we hold in high regard with a burning passion for the open highway, and we carry the bikers code within our hearts

wherever we ride.

The Bikers Code

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STONE REPLAY

Kawasaki to unveil Z900RS
at 2017 Tokyo Motor Show on October 25th 2017

by Kim

<https://www.bikesales.com.au>

<https://motorbikewriter.com/kawasaki-z900rs-tribute-z1/>



If, way back in 1974, you missed out on a part in *Stone*, the classic Australian biker movie, then you'll be pleased to know that you can try again by buying a brand-new version of the same bikes they used in the movie!

The Kawasaki Z900RS neo-retro machine is about to break cover, and there will be an Aussie unveiling in mid-November 2017. Kawasaki will formally take the wraps off this modern classic version at the Tokyo Motor Show, which kicks off on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

The Z900RS gets its design cues from the legendary 1970s Z1, particularly the tank and tail unit. Tribute retro styling also includes the ribbed bench seat, teardrop fuel tank, Z1 duck tail and dual analogue instrument pods. It even comes in similar brown and orange colours to the bike that won our hearts in the cult Australia biker film, *Stone*. Kawasaki has added traction control and a slipper clutch. There are also two riding modes for sport and wet road surfaces. Kawasaki has shortened first gear so it is more difficult to stall and lengthened sixth gear for smoother highway duties and fuel economy.



The Z900RS will mark a return by Kawasaki into the retro ranks followed the demise of the W800.

Due to go on sale in Australia in early 2018, the bike will hit its power peak at lower revs. The Z900RS's 948cc in-line

four-cylinder engine produces a claimed 111hp at 8500rpm and 98Nm at 6500rpm, and it has riding modes and traction control. Weight is 215kg.



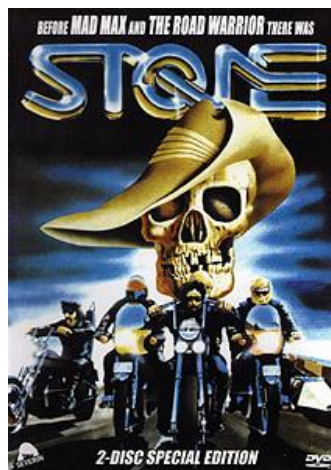


The styling is faithful to the 1970s Kawasaki Z1 look, with the DNA including the teardrop tank, slim tail unit and one-piece seat. Even the liveries – Candytone Brown/Candytone Orange, Metallic Spark Black, and Metallic Matte Covert Green/Flat Ebony – have that four-decade old look.

There are radial brake calipers, dual analogue gauges, a round headlight, LED illumination, oval brake light and a stainless steel exhaust with a hidden catalytic converter.

Suspension is a fully adjustable upside-down 41mm fork, and a gas-charged shock with rebound and preload adjustment.

The cast aluminium wheels are fitted with Dunlop rubber.



Queensland State Election Matters ...

This will be of interest to you if you live in the Pine Rivers electorate:

Mick Kosenko (*Rebels MC* Queensland President, aka "Little Mick") is standing as an independent candidate for the Pine Rivers electorate in the Queensland State Elections being held on 25th November. Mick's business is *Koolsville Studios* (<http://www.koolsvillstudios.com.au>), and the below statement is taken from there. He also has a Facebook page that's more directly related to his candidacy: <https://www.facebook.com/littlemickpolitician/>
If he wins the seat, Mick Kosenko **MP** would certainly be a cat amongst the pigeons!! It would be great to watch! :-)

Oct 30, 2017

Elections/Open Day/Political Rally

Well as most of you know by now the Qld State Election was called on the weekend and we are due to head to the polls on Nov 25th. I have decided to run as an Independent for the Pine Rivers Area. After the way myself and many other Queenslanders have been treated by both the current government (Labor) and the previous government (LNP) I think that we need a change and the only way to get that happening is to get rid of the big two parties and vote in as many Independents as we can. Koolsville Studios has never been interested in politics until something happened to us and that is where the problem lies. As Australians, we are too laid back and happy for someone else to take care of things for us. Unless it happens directly to us we don't do much about it. Well that is playing perfectly into the hands of these corrupt governments. There is a lot more of us than there is them and if we all put our differences aside and unite as one we can stand up against the corruption and injustice and bring back our Human Rights and Freedoms and make all Australians equal.

We are going to have an Open Day/ Political Rally at the shop in the next few weeks so keep an eye on this page for a confirmed date. We will be printing shirts on the day for you to wear and show your support, there will be a huge sale in the shop as we need to clear a lot of stock so we can start fresh in the new year with a whole new range of shirts, singlets, long sleeves and hoodies. There will be heaps of raffles and plenty of give aways and all the usual fun of a Koolsville Open Day. We are also in the process of getting signs printed for people in the Pine Rivers area to put up on their fences etc to help get the word out there that there is a new Independent in town and I am going to fight to make sure what happened to me never happens to anyone else. Be sure to jump on over and like my Political page and follow me on my campaign. <https://www.facebook.com/littlemickpolitician/>




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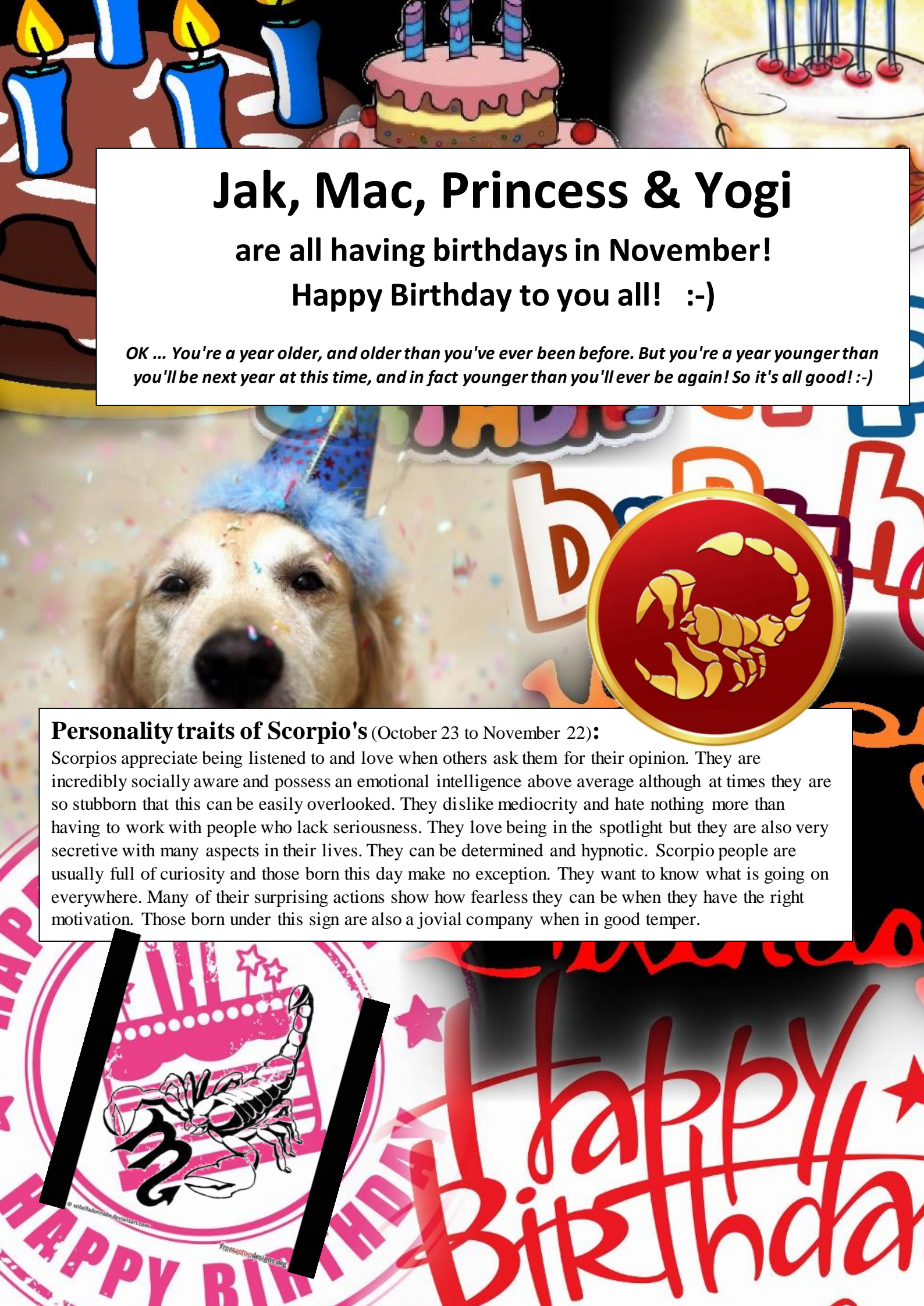


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Jak, Mac, Princess & Yogi are all having birthdays in November! Happy Birthday to you all! :-)

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! :-)

Personality traits of Scorpio's (October 23 to November 22):

Scorpios appreciate being listened to and love when others ask them for their opinion. They are incredibly socially aware and possess an emotional intelligence above average although at times they are so stubborn that this can be easily overlooked. They dislike mediocrity and hate nothing more than having to work with people who lack seriousness. They love being in the spotlight but they are also very secretive with many aspects in their lives. They can be determined and hypnotic. Scorpio people are usually full of curiosity and those born this day make no exception. They want to know what is going on everywhere. Many of their surprising actions show how fearless they can be when they have the right motivation. Those born under this sign are also a jovial company when in good temper.





From the Archives

Classified Advertisements from a UK newspaper

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Must sell washer and dryer - £100.

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.
8 years old.
Hateful little bastard.
Bites!

FREE PUPPIES.
Mother, a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.
Father, Super Dog... able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

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Rendering Assistance on a ride

From the January 2013
Steel Horses newsletter.

Sometimes when on a ride, a participant may encounter problems which make it difficult for them to continue with the ride. In this instance it should be clearly understood that they are not to be abandoned to fend for themselves, and your attention is drawn to By Law (Guideline) 02 9. which says:

"In addition to the ride guidelines referred to above, it is expected that if any participant on a ride experiences mechanical problems with his/her motor cycle, or for any other reason cannot continue with the ride, then accompanying members will stay with that participant and render all possible assistance. One of the benefits of belonging to a club such as this is that support is provided when any participant experiences difficulties. For example, if a participant's motor cycle breaks down during a ride, other participants will provide assistance and support until arrangements are made to ensure

the safety of the participant and their motor cycle. It is not acceptable for any participant to be abandoned by roadside to fend for him/herself."

In accordance with By Law (Guideline) 22g, the Ride Captain is the controller of the ride and will organize the appropriate assistance to be given, and all participants are expected to comply.

Recently there have been instances involving participants requiring assistance, and there was some confusion as to what action to take. Safety is always paramount for all our events and once this is ensured the ride can continue if required. The Ride Captain will lead this process.

Here's hoping there are not too many of these instances on our future rides.

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Riding Tips

How to improve emergency braking

by Mark McVeigh (CEO *motoDNA Motorcycle Training*)

Emergency braking causes more confusion and trepidation for riders than anything else.



- How hard can I brake?
- Will the front wheel lock?
- Will I go over the handlebars?
- How far can I lean over on the brakes?

As a motorcycle instructor I am continually amazed at how many of our students, who have generally had some training and are licensed, come to us with inadequate emergency braking skills.

It's super important to understand and regularly practice emergency braking on your bike. Normally I recommend a quiet carpark with a slight up hill.

Maximum grip

To understand braking we must first understand grip. The main contributor to grip is the weight or load on each tyre. The ratio between the maximum possible grip and the vertical load is called the co-efficient of friction.

Slide an eraser across your kitchen table. Now try the same thing pushing down hard on the eraser.



This same thing happens when you brake on a motorcycle. The bike pitches forward transferring weight on to the front wheel, increasing front tyre grip. More so with sports bikes, tall with short wheelbase compared to cruisers, which are long and low.

Also consider the significant increase in grip experienced as the front tyre contact patch pressure multiplies due to the load transfer when braking.

To understand this, simply push a tyre with your hand and see how it flattens out. This is happening between the tyre and the road as weight transfers to the front tyre, increasing the contact patch and grip as you brake.

Also, as the brake is applied, torque is transferred through the wheel to the tyre contact patch, which creates a horizontal force at the road surface. The road pushes back on the tyre and equally the tyre pushes forward on the road. You can thank Newton for this mechanical grip; as for each force there is an equal and opposing force.

Front or rear or both



On a motorcycle, the major braking power comes from the front. Consider how much power the rear brake contributes to a sports bike when the rear wheel can be in the air. Zero.

Other bikes like cruisers don't pitch as much on the brakes and the rear wheel will not come off the ground. Thus the rear brake has some braking performance. However, the lion's share remains with the front brake.

The majority of *motoDNA* students will lock the rear brake in initial emergency braking drills. This can put the machine out of control and the rider will be required to regulate the rear brake to regain control. Why bother with the rear brake if it's easy to lock up and contributes little braking performance?

It depends on your bike. Good training and practice is the best way to understand your braking performance, your own reaction times and improve your skill.

Shifting

Obviously in an emergency the primary goal is to stop as quickly as possible. However what about the distracted car driver behind texting on their phone? Make sure when you have stopped that you are in first gear and ready to get out of the way of any four-wheeled chaos that might come your way.

Engine braking

Nothing will slow you down faster than the front brake. Make sure you get the clutch in nice and early. Another good reason for whipping the clutch in is the tendency to keep the throttle on in a state of panic. I regularly reassure guilty *motoDNA* students that as long as the clutch is disengaged this doesn't matter as the bike will not drive forward.

Trail braking

Trail braking is a technique which is generally reserved for racers, used to slow the bike as quickly as possible from one speed (on the straight) to another (corner apex speed).

In applying this technique, a racer will approach a turn and at their braking marker apply full braking force, normally with the bike being upright. As they begin to turn in, they reduce brake pressure, easing off the brakes, decreasing or trailing the brake lever force as the bike lean angle increases until they get to the apex when they release the brake and apply the throttle.

Sounds easy enough in theory, but proper execution is complicated because it comes down to feel and remember these guys are doing this seamlessly, every lap on the limit! Trail braking is a handy skill to have and can be useful on the road in an emergency. Get training before you try this one.

Braking and turning

When emergency braking, you are asking a lot from the front tyre. If you need to swerve, best to get off the brakes and on them again. Again this is a highly skilled manoeuvre. Seek training and practise hard.

Ergonomics

I have seen plenty of examples of the front brake lever not properly adjusted or simply too far away from the rider's hands. This means the rider has to stretch to reach the lever delaying the braking process. This is especially important for women who generally have smaller hands. Make sure your front brake lever is in the ideal position.

Road surface

Other factors such as road surface characteristics and other elements between the road and the tyre such as water, gravel and oil play an important part in braking efficiency. In the real world it's a big ask to emergency brake on these surfaces. Experience, skill or ABS will define your outcome. Improve the first two with training.



Anti-lock brakes

It's questionable whether anti-lock brakes can out-perform a skilled rider. However on the road, with the unknowns in grip levels, anti-lock brakes are simply one of the best safety additions for riding a motorcycle.

Real world

In the real world you don't know when you will need to emergency brake.

Thus, your total stopping distance will include a couple of extra elements such as perception and reaction times.

Perception time is the time taken to realise you need to react to a potential hazard. Reaction time equates to the distance travelled from the time you become aware of a hazard until you apply the brakes.

Perception and reaction times can vary with age and are typically 1-2 seconds.

Higher speed equals more distance travelled. At 100km/h, one second equates to nearly 30 metres! That's almost 60m before you even start braking.

Tips for braking



It's possible to lock the front tyre by grabbing the brake lever too quickly, before the bike has had time to pitch.

So first get off the throttle and initiate braking; this causes the bike to pitch transferring weight and grip to the front tyre. Then squeeze the front lever progressively until you come to a stop. At the same time you will whip in the clutch, tapping down the gears until you are in first gear ready to escape from following four-wheel hazards, all this while applying light

pressure on the rear brake.

It's best to practice using the front brake and clutch to begin with, then introduce the rear brake and downshifts.

Emergency braking is a must-have skill that motorcyclists should regularly practise.

Ride Calendar

NOVEMBER 2017

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| Sun | 5 | West | <i>Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201)</i> McDonalds Goodna - Nobby via Ma Ma Creek - lunch at Rudd's Pub - Allora - Maryvale - Home. |
| Sun | 12 | LAVERDA CONCOURS at Cleveland, Brisbane. | LAVERDA CONCOURS NOTE: This event was originally scheduled to be held last month on Sunday October 15th 2017; but bad weather caused that to be cancelled. It was re-scheduled to TODAY. Staged at the Cleveland Showgrounds: Long Street, Cleveland, Brisbane . Club Laverda is once again putting on its Concoers 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! This is a pretty big event, and about 8000 people usually attend. The Laverda Concoers 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. |
| Sun | 19 | South | <i>Ride Captain: Steiny.</i> BP Servo at Yatala - Kyogle (lunch) - Home. About 200km. |
| 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 | QLD ELECTION WEEKEND AWAY!! | PYRO'S QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTION WEEKEND AWAY! <i>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141).</i> On the 25th November there is a Queensland State Election; but do not stay in town to vote! Instead, come for weekend away to Tenterfield! There are plenty of pre-polling voting locations in Brisbane where you can easily vote early during the week before you go (or alternatively arrange a postal vote). Saturday 25th November: McDonalds Goodna at 8:00am for an early start - Aratula (break) - Warwick - Stanthorpe - Tenterfield . Saturday's ride to Tenterfield is about 260km from Goodna. Saturday night 25th November: We plan to stay at the Roval Hotel where the rooms have been renovated. The rooms are \$105.00 for a queen and \$115.00 for twin share. Option two: there is also the Tally Ho Motor Inn - it says there is a restaurant on site and the rooms look great and the price is good to. There is a Chinese restaurant around the corner where we will have dinner. Sunday 26th November: Tenterfield - travel along the Bruxner Highway to Drake (breakfast at the Lunatic Hotel) - Casino - Kyogle - Mount Warning Hotel at Uki (lunch) - Numinbah Valley - Advancetown - Home. Sunday's ride home will be approximately 350km. It will be a gentle ride both days, with plenty of stops, and good roads, so as they say be there or be square. Phone Pyro (0413 905 141) to let him know you're going, and he will try to arrange accommodation for all at the same location. Also phone Pyro if you have questions about this weekend away. |

DECEMBER 2017

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| Sun | 3 | CHRISTMAS PARTY! | THE STEEL HORSES CHRISTMAS PARTY! Because this is a North Ride Sunday, Pyro (0413 905 141) has arranged a ride in the morning for those who would like to go for a run before the Christmas Party: Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse (departing at the usual time - 9:00am) - Narangba - Wamuran - Mount Mee lookout (bum rest) - Dayboro - Mount Glorious - and then to White Cedar Park . Total distance about 165km, arriving at White Cedar Park about 12:00 Noon for the Steel Horses Christmas Party. Alternatively, you can ride/drive direct to the location of our Christmas party. It starts at midday ... The Steel Horses Christmas Party is being held at White Cedar Park on Northbrook Parkway, on the west side of Mount Glorious, just before the D'aguilar State Forest. It's about 16km (as the crow flies) down the far side of Mount Glorious from Hugh's Mount Glorious Cafe (which most of us know well). White Cedar Park has toilet amenities, big shelters, etc. As well, we'll be erecting our big Steel Horses club marquee , and we'll be using our own club BBQ systems. This is a club event, so everything will be provided at no cost to Steel Horses members. Keep this Sunday free! Don't miss our Christmas Party! |
| Sun | 10 | South | TODAY'S RIDE WILL START AT 7:00 AM! ESCAPE THE HEAT! Be at BP Yatala at about 6:30am for a 7:00am start. (Sunrise today is at 4:45am.) <i>Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216).</i> BP Servo at Yatala (7:00am START!) - Canungra (Brekky) - Goat Track Road - Tamborine Mountain - Tamborine Village - BP Beenleigh . |
| Sun | 17 | West | <i>Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201)</i> McDonalds Goodna - Fernvale - Esk - Hampton - Crows Nest (lunch) - Murphys Creek - Blacksoil - Home. |
| Tues | 19 | MEETING | Lord Stanley Hotel . 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane . The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner! |
| Sun | 24 | North | <i>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141).</i> This CHRISTMAS RIDE starts at Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - then on to ... PYRO'S MYSTERY RIDE!! We'll finish somewhere! Come along to find out where! However, it will be a short ride for those with family commitments. |
| Sun | 31 | South | <i>Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216).</i> BP Servo at Yatala - Canungra - Advancetown Pub (break) - Tomewin Mountain Road - Murwillumbah (Lunch) - Numinbah Valley - Nerang - Coomera - BP Servo at Yatala . Route map is here . Approx 220 km. |

A FEW JOKES :-)



- Why is the day that you do laundry, cook, clean, iron and so on, called a day off?
- Any room is a panic room if you've lost your phone in it.
- The lesson of Halloween is that pretending to be something you're not will lead to a sweet reward.
- Refusing to go to the gym counts as resistance training, right?

Camila, Duchess of Cornwall wore a pair of new shoes for her wedding.

That night, when the celebration was over and they retired to their room, she flopped on the bed and said, "Charles darling, please remove my shoes, my feet are killing me."

Her ever-obedient Prince of Wales tried the right shoe but the shoe would not budge. "Harder!" yelled Camilla, "Harder". Charles yelled back: "I'm trying, darling! But it's just so bloody tight!" "Come on! Give it all you've got!" she cried.

Finally, when it released, Charles let out a big groan and Camilla exclaimed, "There! Oh God, that feels so good!" In their bedroom next door, the Queen said to Prince Phillip, "See! I told you with a face like that, she had to be a virgin!"

Meanwhile, as Charles tried to remove her left shoe, he cried, "Oh God, darling! This one's even tighter!"

At which Prince Phillip said to the Queen, "That's my boy! He served in the Navy. Once a Rear Admiral, always a Rear Admiral!"

THE TOILET SEAT

My wife, Julie, had been after me for several weeks to paint the seat on our toilet. Finally, I got around to doing it while Julie was out. After finishing, I left to take care of another matter before she returned.

She came in and undressed to take a shower. Before getting in the shower, she sat on the toilet. As she tried to stand up, she realized that the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the toilet seat.

About that time, I got home and realized her predicament. We both pushed and pulled without any success whatsoever. Finally, in desperation, I undid the toilet seat bolts. Julie wrapped a sheet around herself and I drove her to the hospital emergency room.

The emergency room Doctor got her into a position where he could study how to free her (Try to get a mental picture of this.).

Julie tried to lighten the embarrassment of it all by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before."

The Doctor replied, "Actually, I've seen lots of them ... I just never saw one mounted and framed."

- I saw two guys wearing matching clothing and I asked if they were gay. They quickly arrested me.
- How come "you're a peach" is a complement but "you're bananas" is an insult? Why are we allowing fruit discrimination to tear society apart?
- A wise man once said ... Nothing, he only listened.
- People who write "u" instead of "you". What do you do with all the time you save?
- I saw my dad chopping up onions today and I cried. Onions was a good dog.



MORE JOKES!! 😊

- Why is it everything I love is either unhealthy, addicting or has multiple restraining orders against me?
- Top 3 situations that require witnesses: 1) Crimes 2) Accidents 3) Marriages Need I say more?
- Take my advice ... I'm not using it.

Dear Employee:

As a result of the reduction of money budgeted for department areas, we are forced to cut down on our number of personnel.

Under this plan, older employees will be asked to take early retirement, thus permitting the retention of younger people who represent our future. Therefore, a program to phase out older personnel by the end of the current fiscal year, via retirement, will be placed into effect immediately.

This program will be known as SLAP (Sever Late-Aged Personnel). Employees who are SLAPPED will be given the opportunity to look for jobs outside the company.

SLAPPED employees can request a review of their employment records before actual retirement takes place. This review phase of the program is called SCREW.

SCREW (Survey of Capabilities of Retired Early Workers). All employees who have been SLAPPED and SCREWED may file an appeal with upper management.

This appeal is called SHAFT (Study by Higher Authority Following Termination).

Under the terms of the new policy, an employee may be SLAPPED once, SCREWED twice, but may be SHAFED as many times as the company deems appropriate.

If an employee follows the above procedure, he/she will be entitled to get: HERPES (Half Earnings for Retired Personnel's Early Severance) or CLAP (Combined Lump sum Assistance Payment).

As HERPES and CLAP are considered benefit plans, any employee who has received HERPES or CLAP will no longer be SLAPPED or SCREWED by the company.

Management wishes to assure the younger employees who remain on board that the company will continue its policy of training employees through our: Special High Intensity Training (SHIT). We take pride in the amount of SHIT our employees receive.

We have given our employees more SHIT than any company in this area. If any employee feels they do not receive enough SHIT on the job, see your immediate supervisor.

Your supervisor is specially trained to make sure you receive all the SHIT you can stand.

And, once again, thanks for all your years of service with us.

- I wondered what my parents did to fight boredom before the internet. I asked my 17 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.
- How do Asians name their kids? They throw them down the stairs and see what kind of sounds they make.
- If I wanted to kill myself I'd climb your ego and jump to your IQ.
- My doctor told me that jogging could add years to my life. He was right - I feel ten years older already.
- I named my dog 6 miles so I can tell people that I walk 6 miles every single day.
- My buddy set me up on a blind date & said, "Heads up, she's expecting a baby." Felt like an idiot sitting in the bar wearing just a diaper.



EVEN MORE JOKES!! 😊

The Lone Ranger and Tonto walked into a saloon and sat down to drink a beer. After a few minutes, a big tall cowboy walked in and said "Who owns the big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stood up, hitched his gun belt, and said "I do ... why?"

The cowboy looked at the Lone Ranger and said, "I just thought you'd like to know that your horse is about dead outside!!"

The Lone Ranger and Tonto rushed outside and sure enough, Silver was ready to die from heat exhaustion. The Lone Ranger got the horse water and soon Silver was starting to feel a little better.

The Lone Ranger turned to Tonto and said, "Tonto, I want you to run around Silver and see if you can create enough of a breeze to make him start to feel better."

Tonto said, "Sure, Kemosabe" and took off running circles around Silver.

Not able to do anything else but wait, the Lone Ranger returned to the saloon to finish his drink.

A few minutes later, another cowboy struts into the bar and asks, "Who owns that big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stands again, and claims, "I do, what's wrong with him this time?"

"Nothing, but you left your injun runnin!!"

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

A Scotsman and his wife walked past a swanky new restaurant. "Did you smell that food?" she asked. "It's smells absolutely incredible!"

Being a 'kind-hearted Scotsman', he thought, "What the heck ... I'll give her a treat!"

So, they walked past it again!