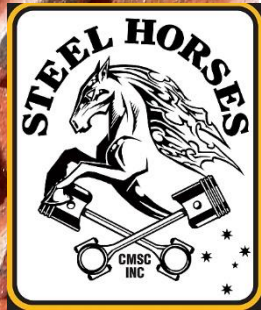


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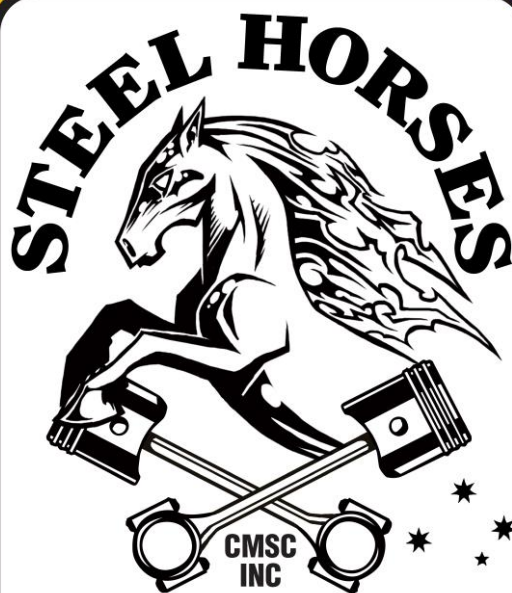
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**Happy Christmas 2017
to all Steel Horses
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The objectives of the club are to
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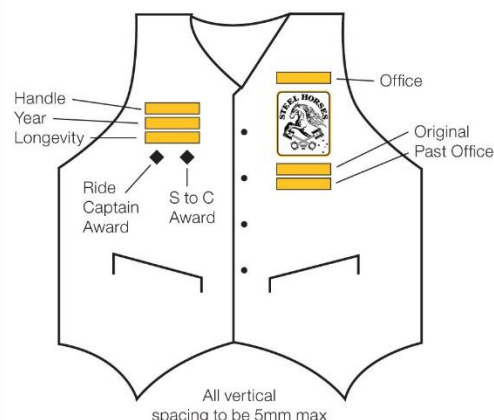
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All Members must wear a vest
and Club Patch.

Members can view the Rules and
By-laws at our monthly
meetings. Just let the Secretary
know.

COVER PHOTO: The Christmas
Party on December 3rd 2017.

STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT





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STEINY'S SPIEL

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi all,

I don't know about you guys, but I have had a fantastic year, riding with great friends, taking the (you know what) out of everyone, and getting more than my share back, I might add.

We've had some good gatherings over the last year, the most recent being of course, the Club Christmas Party at White Cedar park. We had every single member attending, with the exception of those working shift, out of town, or sick and they all expressed regret that they couldn't be there. Drastic and SuziQ had a very long drive from NSW to be there with us.

We have had no issues at all over the year. We had our rule changes approved by OFT without any hitch, new rule books printed and everything generally seems to be going along smoothly.

I would like to especially thank all the Committee members, all the Ride Captains, the Newsletter Editor, and the Webmaster for contributing their time and effort to keep our club running smoothly.

We have a good club, with great members, and for me, it has been a real pleasure riding and associating with every single one of you throughout the last twelve months, and I look forward to doing it all over again next year.

So, on behalf of the committee, we thank you all for your support, and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Cheers ...

Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"





WHEN LIFE GETS
YOU DOWN REMEMBER

ITS ONLY ONE DOWN
AND THE REST IS UP

STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 19th November 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny.

Riders: Pyro, Phoenix, and Kim.

The weather wasn't looking too good; but I went down to BP Yatala to see who would show up. We ended up with Kim, Pyro, and Phoenix.

The plan was to go to Kyogle for lunch and back, with a bum rest at Rathdowney Pub, but when we got there the weather was looking even worse so we decided to can Kyogle and go back to the Glen Hotel for lunch.

By the time we got back to Beaudesert we were starting to get wet, so we decided on an alternative lunch stop. Phoenix came up with the Versdale pub, which is only a few K up the road, and that was it.

We had a leisurely lunch ... donned our wet gear again, called it a day and we all headed off home.

Even though the weather wasn't great, we still had a great ride.

See you on the next one.

Cheers ... Steiny.

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PYRO'S WEEKEND AWAY TO TENTERFIELD

Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th November 2017

Ride Captain: Pyro.

Riders: Steiny, Neil and Robyn, Colin and Hayley, Kim, Jak, Ned and Phoenix.

Hi all Pyro here,

Our ride this weekend was to Tenterfield. We started at Maccas Goodna with eight bikes and ten brave souls. Steiny, Neil and Robyn on Can Ams, Colin and Hayley on a Triumph, Kim on his new Triumph, Jak on his Harley, Ned on her Harley, Phoenix also on a Harley and me riding the Suzuki. Meeting at Maccas for Brekkie and others showed up with enough time for a coffee, leaving on time at 8.00 am.

We headed up the Cunningham towards Aratula for our first bum rest. This was always going to be a nice easy ride with each leg being only about 50 minutes. The next rest was the truck stop just outside of Warwick for coffee, tea or a cold drink. Some of us filled up with fuel and then it was back on the road. We had a surprise when the lady behind the fuel desk came looking for a drive off. No name given but the forgetful individual knows who he or she is. We arrived in Stanthorpe about 12.00 and parked our bikes in the street behind the pub. Just as we were parking the local boys drove past very slowly giving us a friendly wave. Got to love em. A nice relaxing lunch and good old chat and then back on the bikes about 1.30 pm.

As we were going south we lost an hour going over the border and arrived at our accommodation at the Tally Ho Motor Inn about 3.00 pm local time. The next hour and a half was for getting refreshed and cleaned up, then it was a short walk for some to the local Tavern up the road and a cab ride for those who did not want to walk the distance.



PYRO'S WEEKEND AWAY TO TENTERFIELD - *Continued...*

A few drinks later and it was time to walk to the Chinese Restaurant for dinner. Ten rowdy bikers all talking full noise was very loud. Dinner was great and plenty of it. After, it was decided to head back to the Tavern for another drink, by this time it was late and we had an early start the next day so back to the rooms for an early night. Some guys on sports bikes were staying at the same inn and came back to their rooms after us. Full of drink they were just as loud as we were and kept some of us up with their loud talking into the night. Some of us have the ability to hit the pillow and go out like a light and not hear a thing. Ha Ha.

Early to bed and early to rise, we were off on the Bruxner to Drake where we were having breakfast at the Lunatic Hotel. The weather was clear and the road was dry so Jak jumped ahead of me and a few minutes later he was out of sight. Breakfast was a gentle affair and then it was onto Casino for fuel, a short stop and then back on the bikes and then it was onto Uki for lunch at the Mount Warning Pub. I found the road between Kyogle and Uki to be much better than the last time we travelled that route, they have done a lot of road works. After lunch we went up the Numinbah Valley to Advancetown for our last stop and a cold drink before heading for home. Other than a very dead parrot who flew into me and then covered Kim with its feathers the ride was smooth and calm.

I believe all enjoyed the run and are looking forward to our next two day ride on March 17 & 18 going this time to Kingaroy. Last year we had eight on that run and we are hoping to increase the numbers this year.

Hope to see you all at our Xmas BBQ this weekend.

Pyro.

Lite em up



STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 26th November 2017

Ride Captain: Yogi.

Riders: Yogi.

TEC: Yogi.

Hello readers,

This Sunday's ride was a small affair with about one bike in attendance.

The group consisted of Yogi (Ride Captain), Yogi, and Tail End Charlie was also Yogi.

The ride left Goodna at about 9.05 after waiting for stragglers and the pre ride talk.

The small group headed west to BP Blacksoil where we said our goodbyes.

To this point there were no complaints and no one got lost.

Although short everyone enjoyed the ride.

Cheers ... Yogi



THE STEEL HORSES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 3rd December 2017

Hi all,

Thanks to all the members for the kind words about our Christmas Party. It was great to have early helpers to assist with unloading the trailer and just generally getting things organized.

It turned out to be a great day, weather wise, and that funny noise you could possibly hear throughout the day was Pyro grinding his teeth in disgust that he had called off the ride. Who would have known that it would end up such a beautiful day.

I can't tell you how happy I was to see such a fantastic attendance.

I don't know if anyone noticed, but every member of our club was there, with the exception of those who were working shift work, out of town, or sick, as was the case with our elder statesman, Ynot. Even LuckyJ, who had had a BIG night before, made the effort to come. Drastic and SuziQ came all the way from NSW to be there.

(Continued next page ...)





THE STEEL HORSES CHRISTMAS PARTY (Cont ...)

It was an absolutely fantastic effort on everyone's part. I couldn't help thinking as I looked around at all those present, that it just seemed like a big happy family gathering, and why not? Because I think that's exactly what we are.

A big thank you to all our lovely ladies for helping to clean up all the stuff at the end of the day, Hippy and Ned for entertaining us throughout with their guitar playing and singing, and everyone who loaded up the trailer for me at the end of the day.

When I got home, I backed the trailer into the garage, unloaded the perishables, had a shower and crashed.

In my opinion, these sort of gatherings are much better than going to a pub for dinner. I don't think we would have had anywhere near as good a time. We all had a chance to catch up with each other and just generally hang out together, as friends.

I'm glad everyone enjoyed themselves and we will start having barbies on some of our rides in the near future.

Cheers ... Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"

STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 10th December 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny.

Riders: Kim, Rob & son Jackson, Mac, Pyro and Phoenix.

Hi all,

6 starters - Steiny, Kim, Rob & son Jackson, Mac, Pyro and Phoenix.

This was my first early start with the hot weather coming on.

I know it doesn't suit everybody, but we ended up with 6 bikes.

We headed off at 7 sharp, straight up Stanmore Road, over the new bridge ... Tamborine Village ... Canungra ... (leisurely breakfast) ... over the mountain, down to Beenleigh BP for our goodbyes, and home before 11.00am.

Cheers ... Steiny.

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**STEEL HORSES CRUISING MOTORCYCLES SOCIAL CLUB
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Queensland police performance measured on number of tickets issued

Madura McCormack & Thomas Chamberlin, The Courier-Mail

December 1, 2017 1:41pm

COURIERMAIL.COM.AU FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 2017

Police enforce quotas system

THOMAS CHAMBERLIN

POLICE performance will be measured on the number of tickets issued and arrests they make in a controversial move likened to the notorious "kill sheet" where quotas are set.

Officers at a major Brisbane station were told a "monthly performance sheet system" would be issued to "assist in identifying any shortfalls, failings or weaknesses" so they could be addressed before performance development reviews.

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The memo asked for feedback from officers as to what should be measured.

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But Commissioner Ian Stewart said today he did not believe the memo was anything more than an officer being a good leader and supervisor. Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart rejects comparisons with 'kill sheets'.

"We don't use 'kill sheets'; what we do have is some very innovative and very good officers who are managers of other staff, and we give them licence, we allow them to manage their staff appropriately, and that's what's happened on this occasion," he said.

"We don't believe it is anything more than a good officer who is a leader and a supervisor, who we hold accountable for the performance of the unit.

"That officer has simply been doing their job to the best of their ability, and I back them a 100 per cent.

"What they put out

was not a 'kill sheet', it was simply a way of trying to manage disparate staff."

Mr Stewart admitted the memo, which he had seen, may have been poorly worded, but said it had been misinterpreted.



“What I’m saying very very clearly is I back my officers-in-charge; they’ve got a very tough job to do, as do our frontline police,” he said.

“Quotas are out; they’ve never been part of the organisation since way way back. I really believe this is just a misinterpretation of what was intended.”

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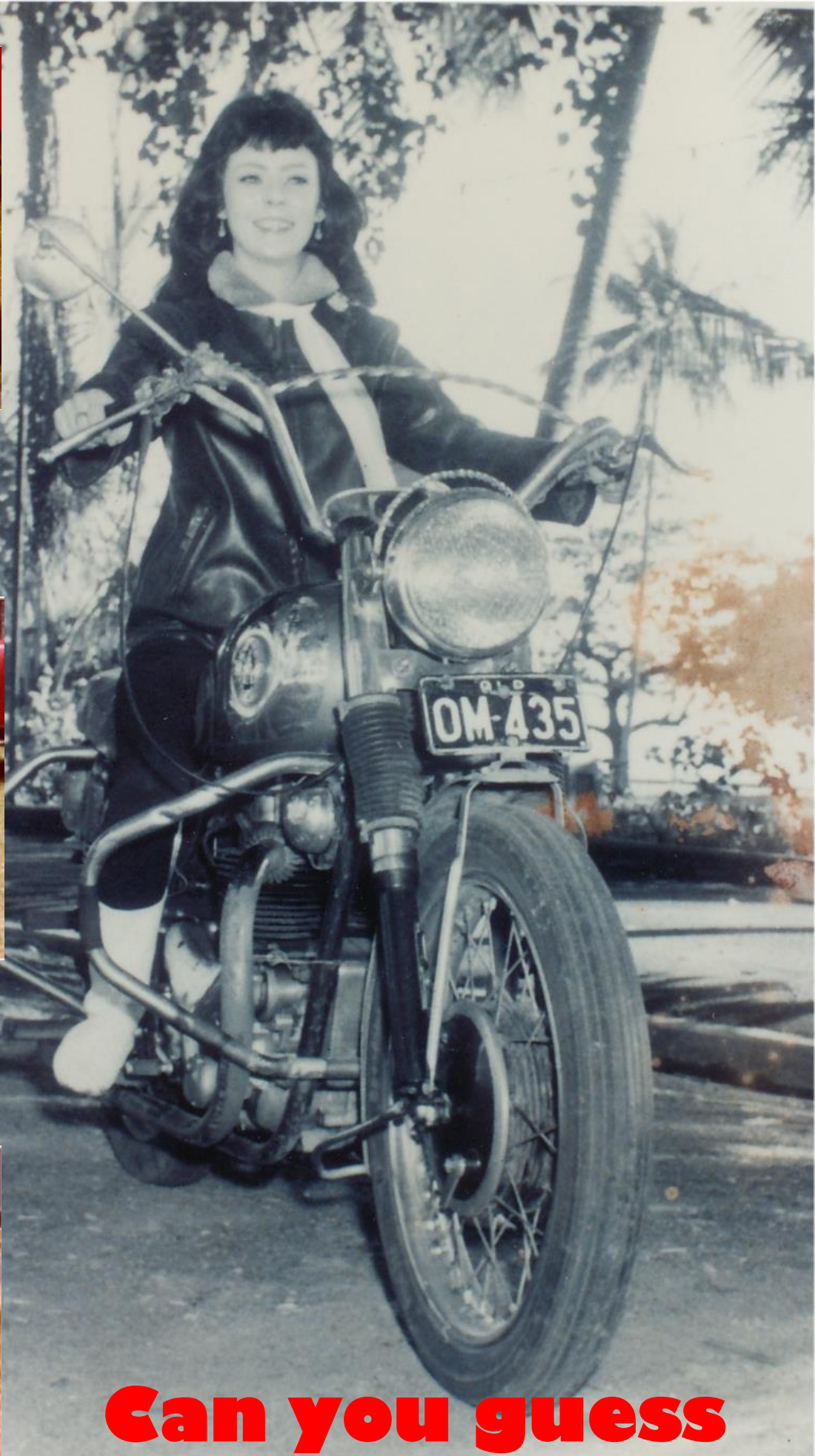
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**Can you guess
who this is??!!**

Do carbon wheels match hype?

30th November, 2017

by Mark Hinchliffe

<https://motorbikewriter.com/carbon-wheels-match-hype/>



There is a lot of hype about carbon wheels improving handling and braking, but do they really live up to that hype? I've ridden many bikes with carbon wheels, but never been able to compare them back-to-back to a bike with heavier standard wheels. Until now.

South African carbon manufacturer Blackstone TEK supplied a set of Black Diamond wheels for our 2006 Ducati GT1000 project bike. The BST wheels weigh in at 3.2kg for the back and 2.4kg for the front. That compares with the standard wire spoked wheels (discs and sprocket removed) at a whopping 10.5kg for the rear wheel and 6.8kg for the front. That's a 70% less on the rear wheel and 65% less up front for a total weight saving of 11.7kg!

Feel the hype

The difference in feel was immediate as I rode away from Oliver's Motorcycles where they fitted the beautiful wheels using gloves and rags to protect them from any scratches. My Ducati felt instantly lighter through the handlebars. It tipped so deftly I had a little "moment" at the first turn when it tipped more than I expected. Countersteering becomes such a feather-light experience and the bike responds instantly by tipping and changing direction.

After riding the bike through the hills, I can say that the carbon hype is warranted. In fact, I'd say it is the single biggest change you can make to your bike's performance.

Ride Improved

Before fitting the wheels, I updated the suspension with Ikon shocks and progressive forks springs. There was still some "jackhammer" effect through the bars and I was considering some valve work in the forks. However, that harshness has now disappeared with the 65% lighter front wheel.

As an engineering friend of mine explains, the lightweight wheel means less unsprung weight and therefore not as much stress on the suspension. On hitting a bump, the initial part of the compression stroke should be the same. However, there should not be as much impetus on either the compression or rebound strokes with the lighter wheel.

That means the suspension works quicker which prevents a pogoing effect and keeps the wheel on the ground for more mechanical grip. That helps with acceleration and braking.



Steering, braking and acceleration



The rotating mass of a heavy wheel makes it difficult to change direction. A lighter wheel is much easier to turn. That means the steering is light and change of direction through a series of tight esses becomes quick and responsive to the lightest of counter steering input.

A light wheel will also start spinning and stop with less effort than a heavy wheel. Our tech Zac noticed this when he was spinning the wheel to balance it. The ramifications should be faster acceleration, improved braking and slightly better fuel economy, especially in

stop-start city traffic.

However, I wasn't expecting the effects to be so dramatic!

The bike seems more responsive to the throttle. Together with the lighter front wheel this results in the only drawback of carbon wheels – wheelies! While they are fun to execute, I found the bike wanted to wheelie over bumps in the first three gears, so I now have to weight the front wheel by moving forward in the saddle.

Braking is not only more effective, but also better controlled with a more sensitive feel in the levers. This makes trail braking with the rear brake much more controllable, even when wearing a big motorcycle boot. There is also more initial bite through the front lever.

I haven't noticed any difference in fuel economy. In fact, I probably won't because I think I'll be riding this harder!

Shattering experience

As for the hype about carbon wheels shattering on big impacts, I have not tested it and hope not to! However, one rider has commented on the BST website about hitting a kerb head-on at 80km/h and surviving. Not only did the wheel not shatter, but the tyre held its air.

Styling up

I was conflicted about the styling of the wheels and losing the retro feel of the GT1000. Most wire wheels on road bikes have a single disc on the right of the wheel so you can view the whole wheel when it is on its side stand. That's all about style, not performance.

However, Ducati is performance oriented, so they fitted dual discs to the GT1000. Unfortunately, it not only hides the beautiful spoked wheels, but makes



them look cluttered. I think the BST carbon wheels actually clean up the look of the bike. Ok, it's not as retro, but I'm willing to forgo that for the improved performance. Besides, carbon is to Ducati as chrome is to Harley!

I love the fact that the wheels come with horizontal valve stems for easy access. It was previously impossible to use a conventional air hose with the gauge on the fitting. I had to go searching for those automatic air hoses with the smaller fitting which are not as accurate. Another advantage of going from wire wheels to solid wheels is that I don't need tubes. The advantage of tubeless tyres is being able to quickly and cheaply fix a puncture on the side of the road.

These slanted five-spoke wheels are also much easier to wipe clean. The wire wheels were so difficult to clean that they were starting to develop rust where the spokes crossed over as it was difficult to access them with a rag or toothbrush.

There will also be no need to "tune" the spokes to keep the wheel a true circle.

If you love great great craftsmanship you'll love these BST wheels. When they first arrived they spent several days on the dining table where I could examine and admire them. They became a conversation piece with guests until Mrs MBW finally ordered them into the garage!

Conclusion

These carbon wheels cost \$3600 plus fitting. That's a lot to spend on any one motorcycle modification.

However, the benefits are so great and varied, affecting many aspects of the bike, that **they are worth every cent!**



Available from Phil Russell of Red-Mist Motorcycle Accessories Australia (0425 604 630).

From the "Comments" section:


I totally agree with everything mentioned in your article. About 3 years ago I rode a modified and lightened Moto Guzzi Bellagio, equipped with a set of very expensive CF wheels, and couldn't agree more with the dramatic improvements to ride and handling mentioned in your article. The experience of punting this modestly powered motorcycle down the twisty and (then) somewhat poorly surfaced Mt Lindsay Hwy from Rathdowney to the Summerland Way turn-off (a distance of just under 100 kms) was absolutely mind-blowing and exhilarating. The lightness of turn-in combined with meaningful jolt-free feedback and a smooth, responsive throttle all added up to motorcycling bliss; an experience which I believe was almost entirely due to the effects of a significant reduction in unsprung weight. My ride was over all too quickly, but my memory is as vivid today as it was at the time. If I could afford it, I would equip every bike I owned with CF wheels before even considering suspension upgrades.

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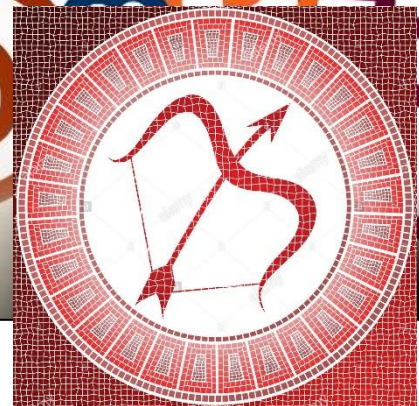


Pyro and Rosie

are having birthdays in December!

Happy Birthday to you both! :-)

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 Sagittarians (Nov 22 to Dec 21):

Those born under the Sagittarian zodiac sign are fun loving, generous and extremely friendly. They very rarely tell lies, in fact they're so open about everything, the whole world knows what they're up to. They have marvellous intuitions that they should take notice of. They're pretty clever because they're so interested in everything. They're very honest and will say exactly what they think. They love travel, fast cars and horse riding. They also love spending money, so a credit card should be avoided.

Sagittarius are great company because they are interested in everything and everyone. Broad-minded and lacking in prejudice, they are fascinated by even the strangest of people. With their optimism and humour, they are often the life and soul of the party.

<http://www.kellystarsigns.com/star-signs/sagittarius/>





Riding Tips

4 Reasons Why You Need to Use Cornering Lines

March 15, 2015

by Ken Condon

<http://www.ridinginthezone.com/why-you-need-to-use-cornering-lines/>

A "cornering line" is the path you follow around a corner. Riding a narrow, single-track vehicle means we are able to select the left, centre or right positions within the lane. The "basic" cornering line starts by entering the turn at the outside edge of the lane and then continues to the inside or "apex" (near the middle of the corner), and ends with the motorcycle exiting toward the outside of the lane. This line is commonly known as the "outside-inside-outside" line.



Heading towards the apex.

Why Bother?

A lot of motorcycle riders don't understand the benefits of cornering lines, believing that it's good enough to simply keep their tires between the painted lines. This is fine when the road is predictable and speeds are low. But, as speeds increase and the road becomes more challenging, precise cornering lines become more important.

Cornering lines are a must when you ride on a racetrack, partly because the pavement is so wide that you would be silly to not use the available real estate. Riding from pavement edge to edge on the racetrack is the equivalent to using the whole width of the lane. Don't cross the painted lines (or lean into the opposite lane), but use the lane to your advantage. Here are the 4 primary benefits of riding cornering lines:

1. Straightens the Curve

Entering the curve from the outside, apexing near the inside and exiting toward the outside straightens the curve by increasing the corner radius, which requires less lean and preserves traction. It's important to have traction in reserve in case you have to increase lean angle or execute a mid-corner manoeuvre.

2. Gives a Better Angle of View

Entering a corner from the outside also allows a better angle of view into the corner so you can get an early look at the corner's characteristics and identify any mid corner hazards so you can adjust your corner entry speed for safety.

3. Increases Cornering Confidence

Actively thinking about and choosing a deliberate path into a through curves makes you a Corner Master who ride with a plan. The result is a more preemptive attitude that puts your eyes, mind and body ahead of the corner.

4. Increases Cornering Enjoyment

Riding cornering lines increases the engagement you have with your bike—and every corner you encounter. Riders who unconsciously stay in the middle of the pavement are passive about their riding and miss out on the opportunity for deeper involvement.

Delayed Apex Line

When you begin your turn (and how quickly you turn) has a significant impact on cornering precision and safety. New or nervous riders are anxious to get the turn over with, so they tend to turn in too soon. This places the bike at the apex too early, pointing the motorcycle toward the outside of the curve. To finish the turn and stay in the lane, the rider is forced to increase lean angle past the apex at the time when they should be reducing lean angle. This is a common reason for corner crashes.

Not only does the delayed apex point the bike safely toward the corner exit and not at the outside edge of the road, but it also provides the best angle of view into the corner.

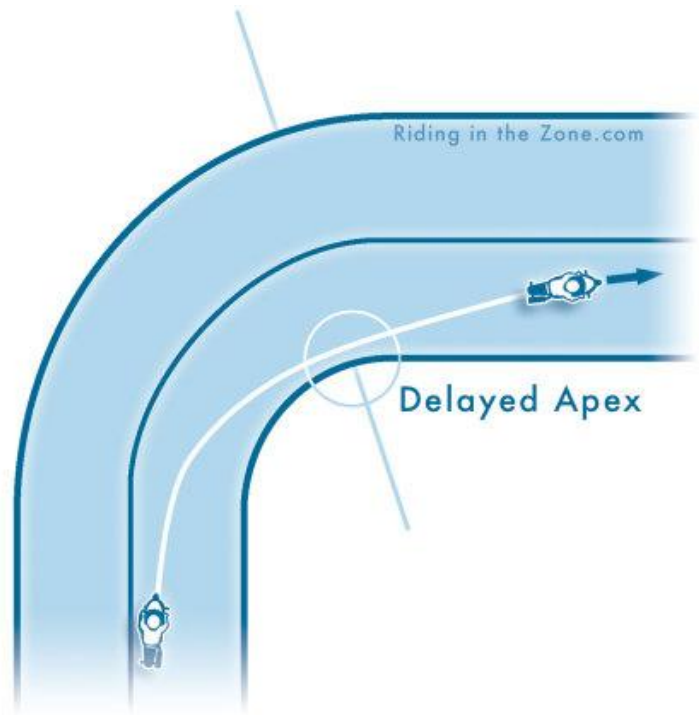
Wait, wait, wait ... now turn.



Quick Turn

To execute the delayed apex line requires a quick turn-in using firm countersteering. The harder you press on the inside handgrip, the quicker you will turn. Pull on the outside handgrip while pushing on the inside grip to turn in even quicker. Also, pre-position your body to the inside before the turn-in to help the motorcycle fall into the corner with even less effort.

Executing a precise cornering line requires coordination between the timing of your turn-in and the amount of countersteering intensity. Turning in too late and with not enough handlebar force can result in a "missed" apex, causing your motorcycle to stay in the middle or even outside portion of the lane, not near the inside as desired.



Sequential Turns

The basic outside-inside-outside cornering line is the obvious choice if the corner is isolated from other corners with a straight before and after the curve. But, multiple corners strung together can make the outside exit unusable and dangerous.

An outside exit that is appropriate for a single turn may prove too wide if the next corner bends in the opposite direction. In this situation, you have to ride an "outside-inside-INSIDE" line. This means you stay inside all the way to the exit where it becomes the entrance to the next corner. Depending on the relationship between corners, you may end up with an "outside-inside-MIDDLE" line.

The trick to seamlessly stringing together a series of corners is to look well ahead to identify each corner's radius and determine what the proper entry is for the following corner. The best riders interact with their bike and the corners in a way that turns the road into a dance floor, making the mastery of cornering lines not only safer, but also very satisfying.



Multiple corners require creativity!



Ride Calendar

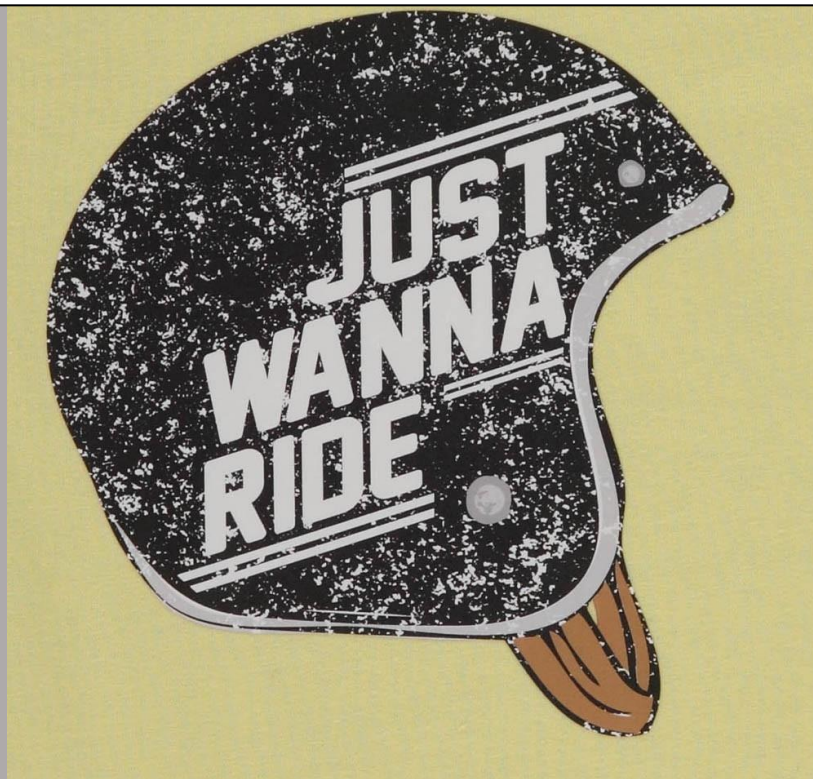
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Sun	3	CHRISTMAS PARTY!	<p>THE STEEL HORSES CHRISTMAS PARTY!</p> <p>OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS GOING TO BE ON REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER!! HAIL, RAIN OR SHINE, IT'S ON!! WE'RE GOING TO COMMANDEER A VERY LARGE PERGOLA THAT'S AT THE PARK, SO THE WEATHER WILL NOT WORRY US AT ALL.</p> <p>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 around 12:00 Noon for the Steel Horses Christmas Party.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can ride/drive direct to the location of our Christmas party. It starts at midday ...</p> <p>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 exactly 15.6 km down the far side of Mount Glorious from Hugh's Mount Glorious Cafe (which most of us know well).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Click HERE for a map to White Cedar Park. Click HERE for some photos of the park. Click HERE to see a photo of the amenities block. Click HERE to see a photo of the very large pergola that we'll be commandeering for the day! Click HERE to see a photo of a BCC noticeboard at the park about the area.</p> <p>This is a club event, so everything will be provided at no cost to Steel Horses members.</p> <p>Keep this Sunday free! Don't miss our Christmas Party!</p>
Sun	10	South	<p>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.</p> <p>Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216). BP Servo at Yatala (7:00am START!) - Canungra (Brekky) - Goat Track Road - Tamborine Mountain - Tamborine Village - BP Beenleigh.</p>
Sun	17	West	<p>Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - Fernvale - Esk - Hampton - Crows Nest (lunch) - Murphys Creek - Blacksoil - Home.</p>
Tues	19	MEETING	<p>Lord Stanley Hotel. 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>
Sun	24	North	<p>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141). 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.</p>
Sun	31	South	<p>Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216). BP Servo at Yatala - Canungra - Advancetown Pub (break) - Tomewin Mountain Road - Murwillumbah (Lunch) - Numinbah Valley - Nerang - Coomera - BP Servo at Yatala. Route map is here. Approx 220 km.</p>

IMPORTANT DATES

Christmas Day (Public Holiday): Monday 25th December 2017.
Boxing Day (Public Holiday): Tuesday 26th December 2017.



Ride Calendar

JANUARY 2018

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Sun	7	West	<p>Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201)</p> <p>A BREAKFAST RIDE!</p> <p>TODAY'S RIDE WILL START AT 7:00 AM!</p> <p>Be at McDonalds Goodna at about 6:30am for a 7:00am start.</p> <p>Sunrise today is at 5:00am.</p> <p>McDonalds Goodna (7:00am START!) - Willowbank - Peak Crossing - Harrisville - Kalbar - Rathdowney - Beaudesert - Beenleigh - Home.</p>
Sun	14	North	<p>Ride Captain: Mac (0439 444 655).</p> <p>Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Beerwah Pub (bum break) - Bald Knob - Montville - Kenilworth Pub (lunch) - Bellthorpe - Mount Mee - Dayboro (bum break) - Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Home.</p> <p>Longish ride so plan for an all dayer. 254 Kms. 4 hrs ride time. Lunch at the Kenilworth Pub.</p> <p>Click HERE for the route map.</p>
Tues	16	CLUB 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	21	South	<p>TODAY'S RIDE WILL START AT 7:00 AM!</p> <p>ESCAPE THE HEAT!</p> <p>Be at BP Yatala at about 6:30am for a 7:00am start.</p> <p>Sunrise today is at 5:11am.</p> <p>Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216).</p> <p>BP Servo at Yatala (7:00am START!) - Canungra (Brekky) - Goat Track Road - Tamborine Mountain - Tamborine Village - BP Beenleigh.</p>
Sun	28	West	<p>Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201)</p> <p>McDonalds Goodna - Yamanto - Amberley - Forest Hill - Helidon - Plainland - Lowood - Blacksoil - Home. 190km. Lunch will be at the Glamorgan Vale Pub.</p>

IMPORTANT DATES

New Year's Day: Monday 1st January 2018.

Australia Day: Friday 26 January 2018.

A FEW JOKES :-)



- A 3-year-old boy examined his testicles while taking a bath. "Mom", he asked, "Are these my brains?" "Not yet," she replied.
- If at first you don't succeed, we have a lot in common.
- Yesterday, I fell down from a 10 meter ladder. Thank God I was on the third step.
- "No, thanks. I'm a vegetarian." is a fun thing to say when someone hands you their baby.

A guy asked a girl in a library, "Do you mind if I sit beside you?"

The girl answered with a loud voice, "I DO NOT WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOUUU!!!!!"

All of the students in the library started staring at the guy. He was very embarrassed.

After a couple of minutes, the girl walked quietly to the guy's table and told him, "I study psychology and I know what a man is thinking. Let me guess, you were embarrassed, huh?"

The guy responded with a loud voice, "200 DOLLARS FOR ONE NIGHT?!?!?! THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH!!!" ... and all the people in the library looked at the girl in shock!

The guy leaned over and whispered, "I study Management, and I know how to screw people ..."

Two little boys are going to the hospital the next day for operations.

The older boy leans over and asks, "What are you having done?"

The second boy says, "I'm getting my tonsils out, and I'm afraid."

The first boy says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up, they give you lots of Jell-O and ice cream. It's a breeze."

The second boy then asks, "What are you going in for?"

The first boy says, "Circumcision."

"Whoa!" the smaller boy replies. "Good luck, buddy. I had that done when I was born. Couldn't walk for a year."

A couple of young dudes were chatting in the bar and one said, "No matter what kind of a girl I bring home to meet my parents, my mother disapproves of her."

"I'll tell you what to do," said the other guy. "Find a girl just like your mother. She's bound to like her."

A few days later, the two friends meet again at the bar and he asks him, "Did you do what I advised?"

"Yep, sure did, not only was she just like mum but even dressed and talked like her."

"So what happened when you took her home?"

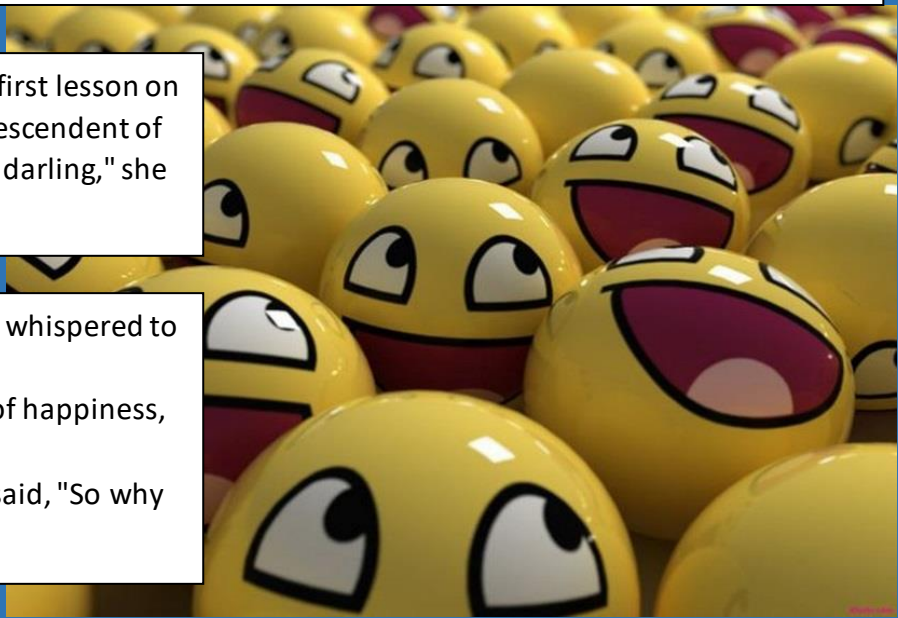
"My dad hated her!"

Young Simon arrived home from school after his first lesson on evolution and said, "Mum, is it true that I am a descendent of apes, monkeys, and gorillas?" "I don't really know darling," she said. "I never knew any of your father's family."


Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"



MORE JOKES!! 😊



I was standing in front of the full length mirror the other day and remarked to my wife: "After all these years, I still have the body of a Greek God." Do you have any idea what the cheeky broad said? "You idiot, Buddha wasn't Greek!"

An Alabama pastor said to his congregation, "Someone in this congregation has spread a rumor that I belong to the Ku Klux Klan. This is a horrible lie and one which a Christian community cannot tolerate. I am embarrassed and do not intend to accept this. Now, I want the party who said this to stand and ask forgiveness from God and this Christian family."

No one moved.

The preacher continued, "Do you have the nerve to face me and admit this is a falsehood? Remember, you will be forgiven and in your heart you will feel glory. Now stand and confess your transgression."

Again, all was quiet.

Then, slowly, a drop-dead gorgeous blonde with a body that would stop a runaway train rose from the third pew. Her head was bowed and her voice quivered as she spoke, "Reverend there has been a terrible misunderstanding. I never said you were a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I simply told a couple of my friends that you were a wizard under the sheets."

The preacher fell to his knees, his wife fainted, and the congregation roared.

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fell down when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up with him and said, "Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?"

Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like mine and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?"

Murphy replied, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."

With a tear in his eye the priest gave Murphy a big smile and said; "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in Hell?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' I remembered where I left me hat."

For older folks like me who struggle with technology ... I admit to being a Luddite!

Yesterday, I had a computer problem, so I called Georgie, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. Georgie clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an *ID ten T* error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An *ID ten T* error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again."

Georgie grinned. "Haven't you ever heard of an *ID ten T* error before?" "No," I replied. "Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down:

ID10T

I used to like Georgie, the little poophead ...

EVEN MORE JOKES!! 😊

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand.

He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?" She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again replied, "Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him."

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both attorneys to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, "If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair!"

While strolling around the Harbor this morning about 7am, I noticed a character shouting "Allah be praised" and "Death to all infidels", and suddenly he tripped and fell into the water. He was struggling to stay afloat because of all the explosives he was carrying.

If he didn't get help he would surely drown.

Being a responsible citizen, and abiding by the law of the land that requires you to help those in distress, I informed the Police, the Coastguard, the Immigration Office and even the Fire Department.

It is now 11am, the terrorist has drowned, and none of the authorities have yet to respond.

I'm starting to think I wasted those four stamps.

The road house was a pretty rough looking cafe, but this starving motorist was very hungry and decided to give it a try.

"What will ya have?" asked the waitress with a smoke hanging out of her mouth and chewing gum! "Ummm ... I'll have two hamburgers and a hot dog please."

She went to the fridge, got two meat patties and stuck them under her armpits.

"Hey" said the motorist, "What's that for?"

"Everything's deep frozen and the microwave's busted, this is the only way to thaw them out," she explained.

"Okay," said the motorist, "but forget about the hot dog."

Miss Lotsbussom goes in a sex shop and browses the dildo counter for quiet a while. "Can I help you?" said the shop assistant. "I'll have that one there, the Tartan one with the big white top."

"Thats not for sale," said the shop assistant, "Thats my thermos flask."

This morning I was sitting on a bench next to a homeless man, I asked him how he ended up this way. He said: "Up until this Last week, I still had it all !!! A cook cooked my meals, my room was cleaned, my clothes were washed, pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had TV, Internet, I went to the gym, the pool, the library, I could still go to school ..."

I asked him, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?"

"Oh No, nothing like that" he said. "No, no ... I got out of prison."

