

# THE STEEL HORSE

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Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc.**

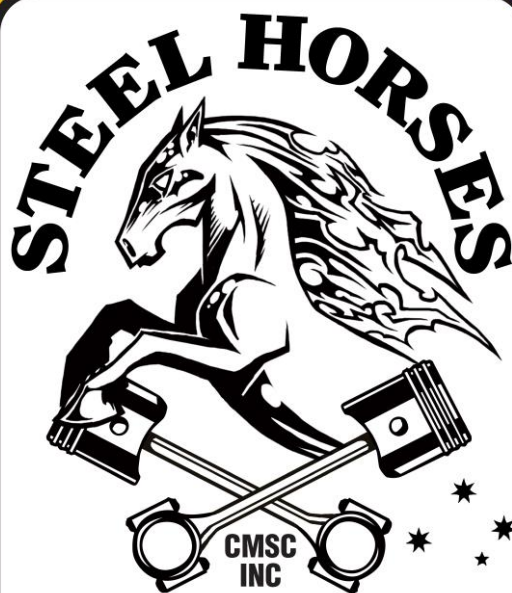
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- Mandatory ABS.
- Fuel Gauges.
- 2018 AGM at the Blackbutt Pub?





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Steel Horses Cruising  
Motorcycles Social Club Inc  
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The Lord Stanley Hotel is at the  
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newsletter are personal opinions  
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### Club Objectives:

The objectives of the club are to  
encourage members to regularly  
meet, ride, and join together for  
social enjoyment.

### Membership:

Membership is open to Riders  
and Pillions of Cruiser and Tourer  
motorcycles, as well as Social  
Members.

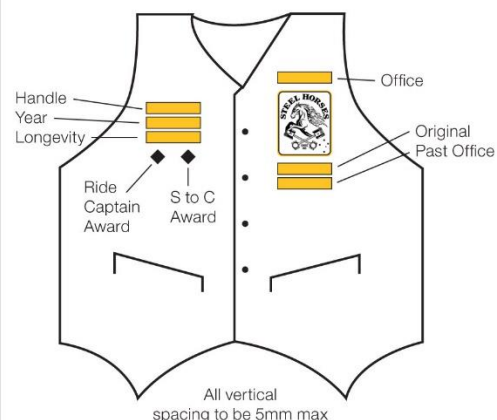
The annual membership  
subscription is \$36 for Riders,  
Pillions, and Social Members.  
There is a once-only joining fee  
(\$40) on top of the annual  
membership fee, which covers  
the cost of Patch, Insignia, and  
other Club costs.

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: Getting ready for  
a South Ride - 25th June 2017.

### **STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT**





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# STEINY'S SPIEL

## THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi all,

Welcome to 2018. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy new year. We've had a good start to the new year with Mac and Jak's two day ride to Quinalow, and that story is told elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have our Xmas in July to look forward to and no doubt Boots will be after bookings and deposits before too long.

We still have a couple of months of hot weather and then hopefully it will start cooling down. Just remind me I said this in a few months when I am complaining about how bloody cold it is.

We have some great prizes to give away for poker runs, and we will start organising one of those very soon.

We have a guy who might be interested in joining the club, so we'll see how that pans out. He has a Night Train and a Breakout? ... not sure who makes them ...

There was mention of another 3 day ride, possibly south, at some time in the near future. Still working on that.

We had a very relaxing 2017, with no issues or dramas whatsoever, and I am looking forward to the same in 2018.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting on the 16th January.

Take care.

Cheers ... Steiny.

*"A man has got to know his limitations"*





# STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 17th December 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny.

Riders: Jak, Mac and Pyro.

I got to the West Ride starting point and the gang were already there. Yogi couldn't lead the ride, but he and Princess were there for a chat and breakfast.

There was Jak, Me, Mac and Pyro on the ride. It was basically as per the Calendar.

First bum break was Esk Pub for a leisurely drink and a chat, then we decided to have lunch at the Murphy Creek Hotel instead of Crows Nest.

After lunch, straight out to the highway, then on to the BP at Blacksoil for our goodbyes, and then our separate ways home.

Cheers ... Steiny.

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# STEEL HORSES CHRISTMAS MEETING

19th December 2017

A good rollup, and lots of very important stuff was discussed!!

A *Black Label Johnny Walker* gift pack, donated by Ace, was won by Benelli Bill.

As always, a most enjoyable evening.





# STEEL HORSES NORTH RIDE

Sunday 24th December 2017

Ride Captain: Pyro.

Riders: Hoffy, Kim, Steiny, Rob, and Kat.

Hi All Pyro here.

Sunday's event was a hot one with six riders braving the heat, Hoffy, Kim, Steiny, Rob, Pyro, and my daughter Kat joined us for the run. We left on time at 9.00 am and we headed out to Clear Mountain and then up to Wamuran for our first stop. Hoffy had family to attend so he left the ride here. The rest of us travelled up Beerwah and into Peachester where we made it up the hill without being pulled up behind a slow car. We turned right into Bald Knob Road and on towards Landsborough. I tried to keep us in the shade as much as possible to guard us from the heat. We turned right and came back along Old Gympie Road and turned up Peachester again and again we got to the top without interruption from slow cars. We pulled into the little cafe at the top of the hill for lunch. Lunch was great with good stories and better friends.

It was decided at lunch we would all head for the freeway and for home. We headed back along the twisties of Peachester and again we got through without being slowed down, three runs in one day, I do love Peachester. We turned right for Brisbane and Kim turned left for the North Coast. Those of us who were going south pulled into the Twin BP for a drink and ice cream and our goodbyes, another good day's ride with good friends.

Looking forward to the next. See you all next year.

Pyro.

*Lite em up*







## STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 31st December 2017

Ride Captain: Steiny.

Riders: Pyro, Jak, Scouse + his son.

I didn't expect very many to turn up, being New Years Eve; but we ended up with Pyro, Jak, Scouse, Scouse's son, and yours truly. 5 riders.

I changed the ride a bit to suit the weather and the troops. so we went to Canungra, Clagriba Road, Advancetown Pub for our first bum break, then we went all the way around Beechmont Road to the Outpost Cafe in Canungra for lunch.

Then over the Goat Track , Tamborine Mountain to the BP in Beenleigh, where we had a quick ice cream and a drink in order to beat a "Super Storm" that was coming ... allegedly.

See you on the next one.

Cheers ...

Steiny.

*"A man has got to know his limitations"*



# JAK & MAC'S WEEKEND AWAY

Wednesday & Thursday 3rd & 4th January 2018

Ride Captain: Jak and Mac.

Riders: Steiny, Hoffy and Kim.

Five riders left Caltex Carseldine and headed for the Blackbutt Pub for lunch, then on to the very hospitable Quinalow Pub for the night. The next day we had a leisurely ride home via Esk.

An awesome overnighter and a great ride.





JAK & MAC'S WEEKEND AWAY TO QUINALOW  
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# STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 7th January 2018

**Ride Captain:** Steiny.

**Riders:** Pyro, Phoenix, Mac, Kim, Drastic, and visitor Steve.

Sam couldn't make the ride today, and Yogi was tied up, so I took it for them. We had Pyro, Phoenix, Mac, Kim, Drastic, Steiny, and visitor Steve.

It was an early start 7 am. First stop was the "Flavour's Cafe" at Boonah for a leisurely breakfast, then on to Boonah, where we intended to stop at the pub for a drink and then realised we were way too early for that, so we carried on to McDonalds at Beaudesert for a cold drink and our goodbyes.

Everyone went their separate ways. Some went home, others extended their ride, but everyone seemed happy with the early finish. I was home before noon.

Thanks for joining us.

Cheers ... Steiny.

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# STEEL HORSES AGM

September 2018

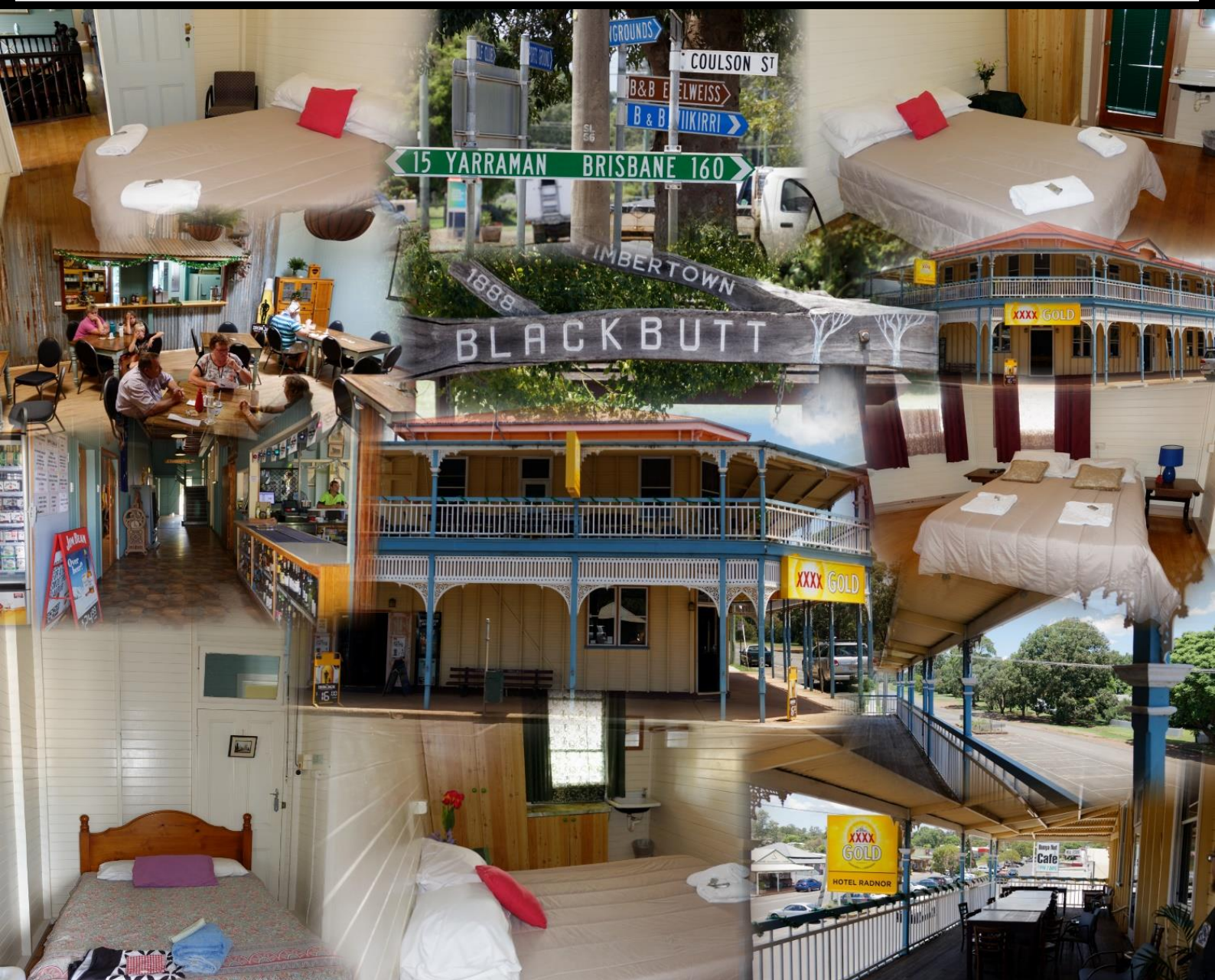
Although the next **Steel Horses Annual General Meeting** isn't being held until later this year (in September 2018), it's probably a good idea to start planning for it **NOW!**

It has been suggested that this year we have a "ride to" AGM, held at a biker-friendly pub in some nearby country town (rather than at a location in Brisbane).

One such place might be the *Hotel Radnor* in Blackbutt (**see the photos below**). It's only 160km from Brisbane, so not too far to ride. Owned by a biker and Harley enthusiast (who seems keen for us to have our AGM there), this pub has very clean, tidy, freshly-painted rooms for its accommodation, and these will cost a mere \$35 per head for the night. The pub has a large dining room that we could use for our AGM (or we could even have it on the pub's first-floor large and spacious verandahs). There's also a motel about 2 minutes walk from the pub for overflow and/or for those who prefer motel-type lodgings.

Above all, if we decide to have a "ride to" AGM this year, then it's very important to make location decisions, and start making accommodation bookings, without delay!

**This matter will be discussed at this month's January meeting on Tuesday night January 16th, so if you have any ideas/opinions about our AGM, then come along to the meeting.**





# Motorcycle sales collapse!

<https://motorbikewriter.com/motorcycles-discounts-new-year/>

5th January, 2018 by Mark Hinchliffe

Australian motorcycle, scooter and ATV sales continued to decline in the important Christmas quarter of 2017. Overall, the market was down a **massive** 9.3% from 114,770 to 104,111. It was the first full-year negative result since the GFC.

Every sector was down, but the usually steady road bike sector suffered the most with sales down a whopping 15.9% from 47,780 in 216 to 40,196. Off-road bikes were down 5.9% from 39,716 to 37,379 and scooters -13.2% from 4440 to 3852. Usually the official national sales data is accompanied by a positive spin from the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI), but it was absent this time. There is little positive spin that can be put on such an unexpected and dramatic downturn. Road bikes remain the most popular category with 38.6% of the market, followed by off-road bikes (35.9%), ATVs (21.8%) and scooters (3.7%).

Honda remains the market leader with 24,166 sales, down 8%, followed by Yamaha on 21,387 (-14.1%), Kawasaki (9986 -5.7%), Suzuki (9012 -9.2%) and Harley-Davidson (8903 -13.4%). Harley remained the top road bike brand for the second year in a row, beating Honda by 1286. The American company also had two of the top-10 bikes, beaten only by the Honda Postie bike with 1447, down 43.4% from 2558 in 2016. In the third quarter the \$30,000-plus Softail Breakout led the market. For the whole year, their learner-approved Street 500 was their best seller with 1182 sales, down 29% from 1664, while the Breakout sold 1150, down 23.8% from 1509.

**Below are the figures for 2017 from the FCAI:**

## 2017 road bike sales

	2017	2016	
<b>TOTAL</b>	40196	47780	<b>-15.9%</b>
Harley Davidson	8903	10282	<b>-13.4%</b>
Honda	7717	9651	<b>-20%</b>
Yamaha	5564	7768	<b>-28.4%</b>
Kawasaki	4516	4798	<b>-5.9%</b>
BMW	2927	3178	<b>-7.9%</b>
Suzuki	2591	3124	<b>-17.1%</b>
Triumph	2301	3125	<b>-26.4%</b>
Ducati	1968	2013	<b>-2.2%</b>
KTM	1758	1656	<b>6.2%</b>
Indian Motorcycle	769	640	<b>20.2%</b>
Other	314	465	<b>-32.5%</b>
Victory Motorcycle	284	274	<b>3.6%</b>
Aprilia	196	273	<b>-28.2%</b>
Husqvarna	186	116	<b>60.3%</b>
Moto Guzzi	146	217	<b>-32.7%</b>
Hyosung	56	165	<b>-66.1%</b>
Norton	0	35	<b>-100%</b>

## Top 10 Road Bikes

January – December 2017 compared to January – December 2016

Manufacturer	Model	Total		
		YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% CHAN
Honda	NBC110	1447	2558	-43.4%
Harley Davidson	XG500	1182	1664	-29.0%
Harley Davidson	FXSB	1150	1509	-23.8%
Honda	GROM	1086	1162	-6.5%
Yamaha	MT07L	1032	1382	-25.3%
Kawasaki	Ninja 300	1017	1375	-26.0%
Honda	CBR500R	996	1275	-21.9%
Yamaha	YZF-R3A	945	1522	-37.9%
Yamaha	MT-09	799	692	15.5%
Honda	CRF1000	753	740	1.8%

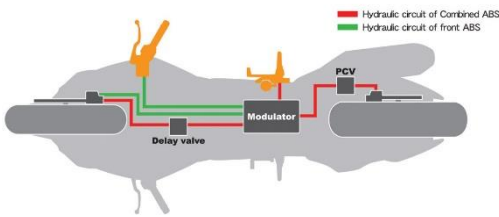


## ABS to be mandated in Australia!

### Anti-lock braking for all new bikes sold in Australia from November 2019.

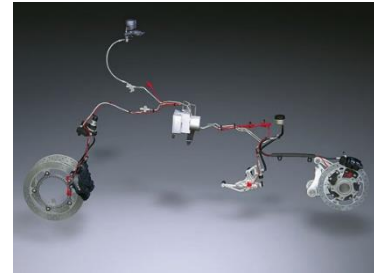
<http://www.bikesales.com.au/editorial/details/abs-to-be-mandated-in-australia-110055/>

Diagram of Combined ABS system



From November 2019, Australia will fall in line with the likes of Europe and Japan by mandating that all new road-registerable bikes sold **MUST** be equipped with anti-lock braking (ABS) as standard. In effect, the new rules are harmonising with the current EU standards. Federal Minister for Urban Infrastructure, Paul Fletcher, approved the Australian Design Rule this week. The new rule also makes references to combined braking systems (CBS) where the brake force applied at both wheels can be initiated by a single rider input, such as a brake pedal or lever.

"Research has shown that ABS and CBS (combined braking system) can reduce motorcycle related road trauma in Australia by more than 30 per cent," Mr Fletcher said.



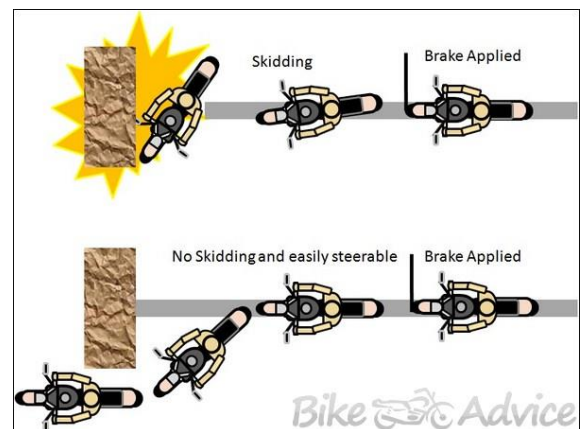
"With motorcycles currently the fastest growing vehicle type, widespread fitment of this safety technology will make a real impact on reducing fatalities on Australia's roads each year by ensuring that the safest motorcycles are made available to Australians at the lowest cost."

There will be exemptions for the new ADR law, which are as follows:

- Enduro and trials bikes;
- Under 250cc trail bikes, which are defined by having a solo seat, predominantly off-road usage, 21-inch front wheels – which means no exemptions for the likes of the Kawasaki KLR650 and Suzuki DR650, which are pillion equipped and can reasonably expect to be used on all road surfaces (at open road speeds etc.); and
- Adventure Tourers are able to have switchable ABS.

The introduction of advanced braking systems for motorcycles was agreed to under action items in the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020, and National Road Safety Action Plan 2015-2017. The formal process for the implementation of the new ADR began earlier this year when the government called for input on a motorcycle braking statement.

What impact will the new ADR have in Australia? Probably very little in a practical sense, as all the leading manufacturers already equip road motorcycles with ABS as standard, including KTM, BMW, Aprilia, Ducati, Indian, Harley-Davidson, Can-Am, Triumph, Yamaha, Honda, Kawasaki and Suzuki.





# How accurate are motorcycle fuel gauges?

4th October 2017 by Mark Hinchliffe

<https://motorbikewriter.com/accurate-fuel-gauges/>



Why are some fuel gauges and fuel-range indicators sometimes so inaccurate they leave riders stranded with an empty tank far from a service station? In fact, often the more hi-tech, sophisticated and expensive machinery can have the most fickle fuel gauges.

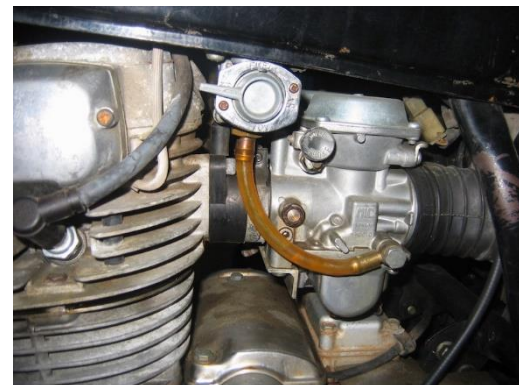
The most common error is that the fuel gauge and/or range-to-empty indicator fail to reset after refuelling. This often happens if

you don't refuel all the way to the top. Another problem is inaccurate readings after topping up a tank that was only partially empty. It seems the reason is that the fuel level "sender" does not go to the top of the tank. That means it can't properly measure the fuel because it doesn't account for the fuel in the top of the tank. It only works properly when the fuel level has dropped below the sender and the tank is then filled up completely. Anything else and it gets confused.



For example, if you top up the fuel before it gets to the sender or if you don't fill to the top when the fuel has dropped below the sender. Turning the bike off and on again makes no difference to the gauges or range indicator.

Most older bikes (even those as recent as 2006) didn't have any sort of fuel gauges! Instead, riders would reset the trip meter when filling up and use that as a gauge. There is something to be said about the old low-tech system of a petcock valve to switch to the reserve tank when the engine starves of fuel! (Just remember to return it to "on" after refuelling.) Or maybe an old unlockable fuel cap you can unscrew so you can see inside the tank!



While some people are suspicious about technology, one of the most convenient pieces of modern technology is the GPS unit that shows distance to the nearest fuel station!






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# Ace, Benelli Bill, and Ynot are having birthdays in January! 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! :-)*

**This month we have some members who were born under the zodiac star signs of Capricorn (22 December – 20 January), and Aquarius (21 January – 19 February).**

## Capricorn:

Capricorns are lucky. They are the ones who look younger as they get older. They are very neat and once they get over their shyness they are quite aggressive. They can be trusted to keep a secret and are really great in emergencies. Sometimes they are a little bit impulsive but as their intuition is pretty strong, they usually make the right decisions. They're creative, sensitive and patient. On a bad day they can be jealous, selfish and moody. They are very close to their family and are usually the last ones to leave home.

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

## Aquarius:

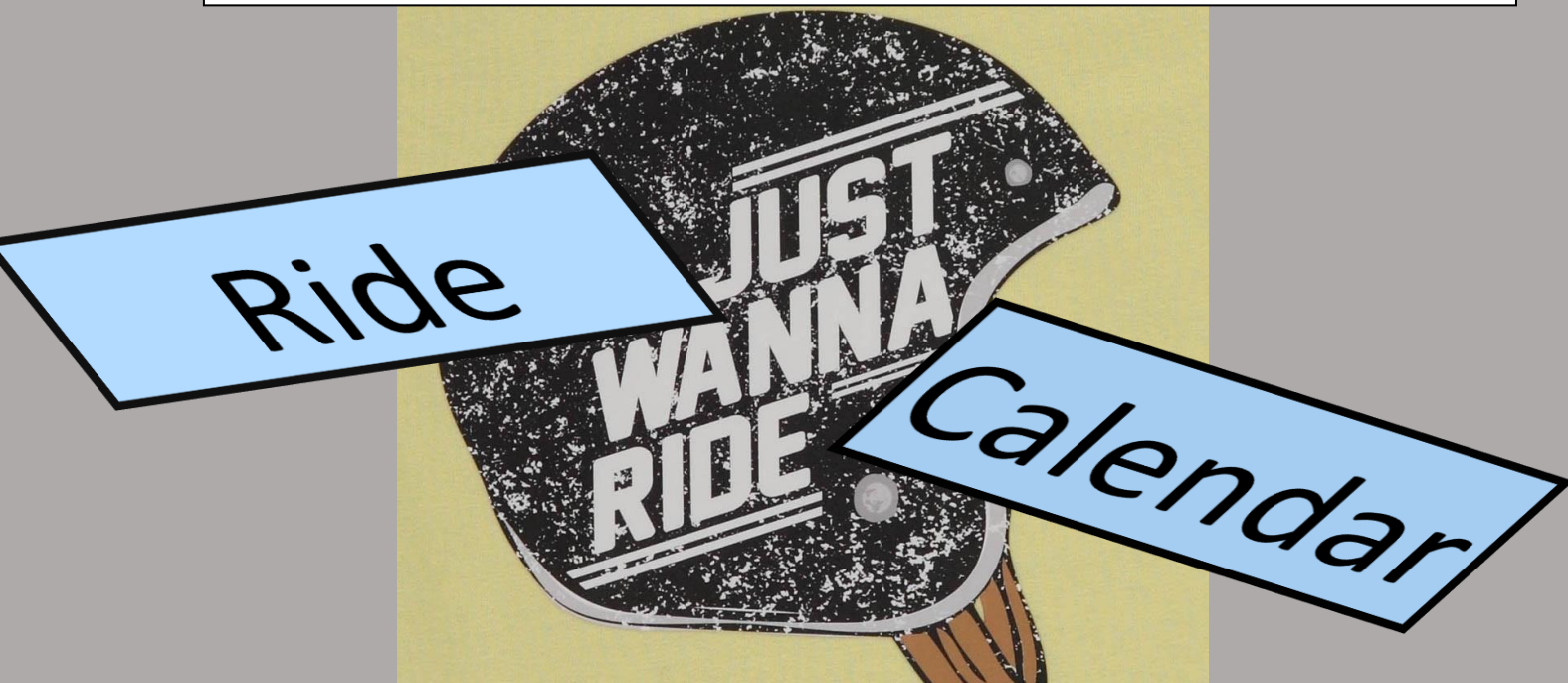
Firstly, you can't tell an Aquarius anything – they already know! In fact, they are the know-alls of the zodiac. They are original, inventive and very smart. They are nearly always late arriving anywhere because time means nothing. The telephone is their lifeline so they would rather ring their next-door neighbour than fraternise over the fence. They are so friendly even the dog down the street will find its way to the Aquarius house ... and stay!

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

AQUARIUS







## JANUARY 2018

Sun	Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th	North West	<p><b><u>JAK AND MACS NEW YEAR'S OVERNIGHTER TO THE QUINALOW PUB.</u></b>  <i>Ride Captains:</i> <a href="#">Jak</a> (0402 263 920) and <a href="#">Mac</a> (0439 444 655)  <b>Wednesday:</b>            Depart at 9:00am from the usual North Ride meeting point: <a href="#">Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse</a> - <a href="#">Caboolture</a> - <a href="#">Kilcoy</a> - <a href="#">Blackbutt</a> - <a href="#">Yarraman</a> Pub for lunch - <a href="#">Tarong</a> - <a href="#">Kumbia</a> - <a href="#">Quinalow Pub</a> for the night.            The <a href="#">Quinalow Pub</a> accommodation is \$50 per night. Basic but OK according to a <a href="#">this review</a> by another bike group. We picked this venue due to its remoteness and it is truly a one pub town on a cross road. Should be interesting :)  <b>Thursday:</b>            Ride east to <a href="#">Esk</a> for lunch - <a href="#">McDonalds Goodna</a> - Home.            Please contact <a href="#">Jak</a> (0402 263 920) or <a href="#">Mac</a> (0439 444 655) for any further details.</p>
Sun	7	West	<p><i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Sam</a> (0419 174 201)  <b>A BREAKFAST RIDE!</b>  <b>TODAY'S RIDE WILL START AT 7:00 AM!</b>            Be at McDonalds Goodna at about 6:30am for a 7:00am start.            Sunrise today is at 5:00am.  <a href="#">McDonalds Goodna</a> (7:00am START!) - <a href="#">Willowbank</a> - <a href="#">Peak Crossing</a> - <a href="#">Harrisville</a> - <a href="#">Kalbar</a> - <a href="#">Rathdowney</a> - <a href="#">Beaudesert</a> - <a href="#">Beenleigh</a> - Home.</p>
Sun	14	North	<p><i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Mac</a> (0439 444 655).  <a href="#">Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse</a> - <a href="#">Beerwah Pub</a> (bum break) - <a href="#">Bald Knob</a> - <a href="#">Montville</a> - <a href="#">Kenilworth Pub</a> (lunch) - <a href="#">Bellthorpe</a> - <a href="#">Mount Mee</a> - <a href="#">Dayboro</a> (bum break) - <a href="#">Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse</a> - Home.            Longish ride so plan for an all dayer. 254 Kms. 4 hrs ride time. Lunch at the <a href="#">Kenilworth Pub</a>.</p>
Tues	16	CLUB MEETING	<p><a href="#">Lord Stanley Hotel</a>.  <a href="#">994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane</a>.            The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>
Sun	21	South	<p><b>TODAY'S RIDE WILL START AT 7:00 AM!</b>  <b>ESCAPE THE HEAT!</b>            Be at BP Yatala at about 6:30am for a 7:00am start.            Sunrise today is at 5:11am.  <i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Steiny</a> (0419 672 216).  <a href="#">BP Servo at Yatala</a> (7:00am START!) - <a href="#">Canungra</a> (Brekky) - <a href="#">Goat Track Road</a> - <a href="#">Tamborine Mountain</a> - <a href="#">Tamborine Village</a> - <a href="#">BP Beenleigh</a>.</p>
Sun	28	West	<p><i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Sam</a> (0419 174 201)  <a href="#">McDonalds Goodna</a> - <a href="#">Yamanto</a> - <a href="#">Amberley</a> - <a href="#">Forest Hill</a> - <a href="#">Helidon</a> - <a href="#">Plainland</a> - <a href="#">Lowood</a> - <a href="#">Blacksoil</a> - Home. 190km.            Lunch will be at the <a href="#">Glamorgan Vale Pub</a>.</p>

## FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	4	North	<p><i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Pyro</a> (0413 905 141)  <a href="#">Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse</a> - stop at <a href="#">Ricks Garage</a> at <a href="#">Palmwoods</a> for a break - <a href="#">D'Aguilar Hotel</a> for lunch - Home via <a href="#">Mount Mee</a> and <a href="#">Clear Mountain</a>. About 230km round trip.</p>
Sun	11	South	<p><i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Steiny</a> (0419 672 216).  <a href="#">BP Servo at Yatala</a> - <a href="#">Tamborine Village</a> - <a href="#">Beaudesert</a> - <a href="#">Rathdowney Pub</a> (quick drink) - <a href="#">Summerland Way</a> - <a href="#">Kvogle</a> (lunch) - and then back the same way. This ride will be about 334km.</p>
Sun	18	West	<p><i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Sam</a> (0419 174 201)  <a href="#">McDonalds Goodna</a> - <a href="#">Nobby</a> - lunch at <a href="#">Rudd's Pub</a> - <a href="#">Allora</a> - <a href="#">Maryvale</a> - Home.</p>
Tues	20	CLUB MEETING	<p><a href="#">Lord Stanley Hotel</a>.  <a href="#">994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane</a>.            The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>
Sun	25	North	<p><i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Mac</a> (0439 444 655).  <a href="#">Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse</a> - <a href="#">Beerburum</a> (bum break) - <a href="#">Landsborough</a> - <a href="#">Rick's Cafe/Diner</a> at <a href="#">Palmwoods</a> for lunch.            Then a "mystery ride route" for the home stretch before saying our goodbyes at Twin BPs South. 200 clicks total. 3 hrs of ride time. Short day.</p>



## A FEW JOKES :-)



A friend of mine went to a shrink and said, "Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening, she goes to Larry's bar and picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anybody who asks her. I'm going crazy. What do you think I should do?"  
"Relax", says the doctor, "take a deep breath and calm down. Now, tell me, exactly where is Larry's bar?"

A store that sells new husbands has opened in Melbourne, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:

"You may visit this store **ONLY ONCE!** There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building!"

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

**"Floor 1** - These men Have Jobs." She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads:

**"Floor 2** - These men Have Jobs and Love Kids." "That's nice," she thinks, "but I want more." So she continues upward. The third floor sign reads: **"Floor 3** - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good Looking." "Wow," she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going.

She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads: **"Floor 4** - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help With Housework." "Oh, mercy me!" she exclaims, "I can hardly stand it!"

Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads: **"Floor 5** - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and Have a Strong Romantic Streak." She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads:

**"Floor 6** - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store."

### PLEASE NOTE:

To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opened a New Wives store just across the street.

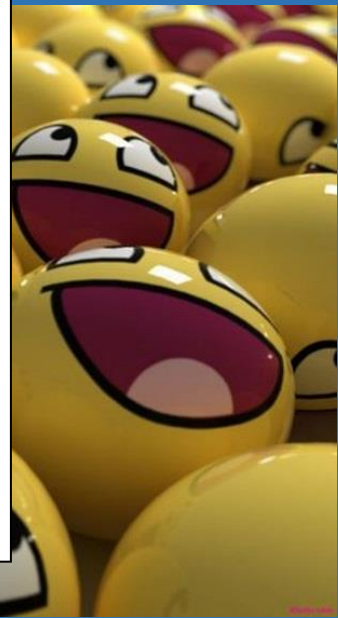
The first floor has wives that love sex.

The second floor has wives that love sex, have money, love motorcycles, and like beer.

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors have never been visited.

### Punography (just for ewe!)

- I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-O.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.





## MORE JOKES!! 😊

I always tell new hires, don't think of me as your boss, think of me as your friend who can fire you.

A man boarded an airplane and took his seat. As he settled in, he glanced up and saw the most beautiful woman boarding the plane. He soon realized she was heading straight towards his seat. As fate would have it, she took the seat right beside his. Eager to strike up a conversation he blurted out, "Business trip or pleasure?" She turned, smiled and said, "Business. I'm going to the Annual Nymphomaniacs of America Convention in Boston."

He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him, and she was going to a meeting of nymphomaniacs!!

Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked, "What's your business at this convention?"

"Lecturer," she responded. "I use information that I have learned from my personal experiences to debunk some of the popular myths about sexuality."

"Really?" he said. "And what kind of myths are there?"

"Well," she explained, "one popular myth is that African-American men are the most well-endowed of all men, when in fact it is the native American indian who is most likely to possess that trait. Another popular myth is that Frenchmen are the best lovers, when actually it is men of Mexican descent who are the best. I have also discovered that the lover with absolutely the best stamina is the southern redneck."

Suddenly the woman became a little uncomfortable and blushed. "I'm sorry," she said, "I shouldn't really be discussing all of this with you. I don't even know your name."

"Tonto," the man said, "Tonto Gonzales; but my friends call me Bubba".

"Hello?"

"Hi honey. This is Daddy. Is Mommy near the phone?"

"No Daddy. She's upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Paul."

After a brief pause, Daddy says, "But honey, you haven't got an Uncle Paul."

"Oh yes I do, and he's upstairs in the room with Mommy, right now."

Brief Pause. "Uh, okay then, this is what I want you to do. Put the phone down on the table, run upstairs and knock on the bedroom door and shout to Mommy that Daddy's car just pulled into the driveway."

"Okay Daddy, just a minute."

A few minutes later the little girl comes back to the phone. "I did it Daddy."

"And what happened honey?" he asked.

"Well, Mommy got all scared, jumped out of bed with no clothes on and ran around screaming. Then she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all!"

"Oh my God!!! What about your Uncle Paul?"

"He jumped out of the bed with no clothes on, too. He was all scared and he jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know that you took out the water last week to clean it. He hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead."

\*\*\*Long Pause\*\*\*

Then Daddy says, "Swimming pool? ... Is this 486-5731?"



## EVEN MORE JOKES!! 😊

At a bar downtown they have this brawny bartender who offers up a challenge that he'll pay a thousand bucks to anyone who squeezes one drop of lemon juice from a lemon after he gets done squishing the thing. In walks this gangly fellow in suit and tie and he sidles up to the bar and orders an unsweet iced tea. He hears the patrons talking about the challenge and asks if he can participate. Amidst the roars and laughter of the crowd, the barkeep waggishly accepts the challenge and proceeds to wring the rind of what appears to be every last drop. The tender places an empty glass on the bar and hands the husk to the fellow and watches the young man extract six large drops into the vessel. All are amazed. The befuddled bartender reaches into his wallet and proceeds to hand the young man 10 crisp one-hundred dollar bills. Still amazed, the bartender asks "What do you do for a living? Are you some kind of weight lifter? An arm wrestler? A workout guru?" The man tucked the bills into jacket and said "No, I work for the Internal Revenue Service."

### **Why Sharks Circle Before Attacking:**

Two great white sharks swimming in the ocean spied the survivors of a sunken ship. "Follow me son" the father shark said to the son shark and they swam to the mass of people. "First we swim around them a few times with just the tip of our fins showing." And they did. "Well done, son! Now we swim around them a few times with all of our fins showing." And they did. "Now we eat everybody." And they did.

When they were both gorged, the son asked, "Dad, why didn't we just eat them all at first? Why did we swim around and around them?"

His wise father replied, "Because they taste better if you scare the crap out of them first!"

A woman walks into the downtown welfare office, trailed by 15 kids. "Wow", the social worker exclaims, "are they all yours?"

"They're all mine," the flustered momma sighs, having heard that question a thousand times before.

She says, "Sit down Terry." All the children rush to find seats.

"Well," says the social worker, "then you must be here to sign up. I'll need all your children's names."

"Well, to keep it simple, the boys are all named Terry and the girls are all named Terri."

In disbelief, the case worker says, "Are you serious? They're all named terry?"

Their momma replies, "Well, yes - it makes it easier. When it's time to get them out of bed and ready for school, I yell, Terry! An' when it's time for dinner, I just yell Terry! And they all come a running. And if I need to stop the kid who's running into the street, I just yell Terry and all of them stop. It's the smartest idea I ever had, naming them all Terry."

The social worker thinks this over for a bit, then wrinkles her forehead and says tentatively, "but what if you just want one kid to come, and not the whole bunch?"

"Then I call them by their last names."

