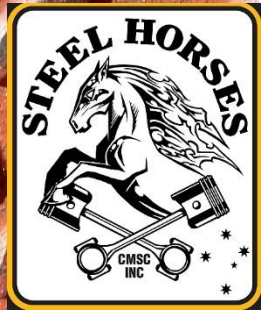




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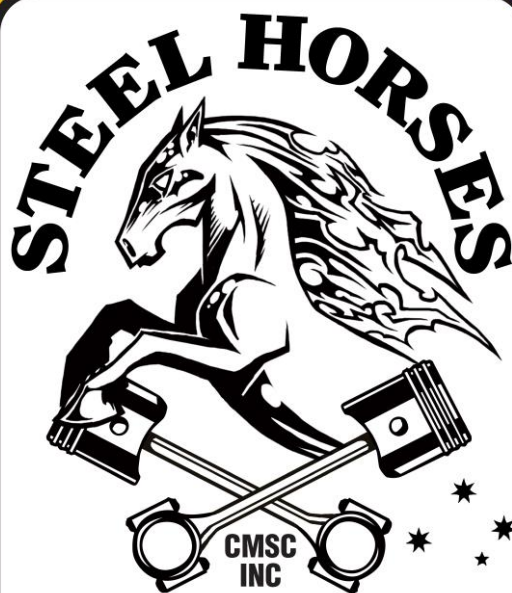
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The objectives of the club are to encourage members to regularly meet, ride, and join together for social enjoyment.

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

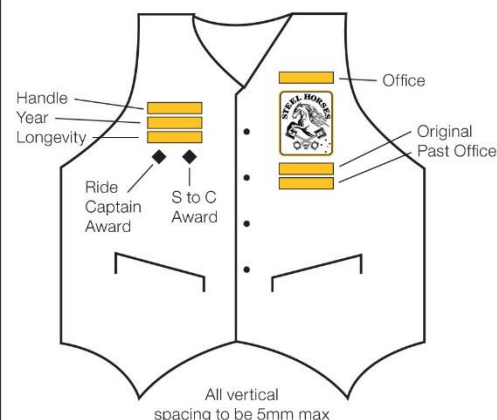
The annual membership subscription is \$36 for Riders, Pillions, and Social Members. There is a once-only joining fee (\$40) on top of the annual membership fee, which covers the cost of Patch, Insignia, and other Club costs.

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.

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### **STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT**





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**Will something like this be Steiny's next 3-wheeler?**







# STEINY'S SPIEL

## THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi Guys n' Girls ...

We are looking at some interesting activities coming up soon.

We have Pyro's weekend away (in Kingaroy) with about 15 riders taking part in that one. We are bound to have a great time, as we always do.

I'm told that we had a couple of visitors on Sunday's West ride who were nice people and look like they might be interested in joining us.

We have a poker run being organised by Phoenix for the 25th March with some fantastic prizes to be won.

Princess will be having her "Riders Choice" happening again after a few disastrous cancellations due to bad weather fairly soon.

Boots is taking deposits for our Christmas in July ride to Bowraville on the 28th. & 29th.

Kim pointed out to me that Mark Hinchliffe has honoured us with another mention and photo in his latest Web posting, including a direct link to his previous article about us. This can only be good for us and we appreciate his ongoing support for us.

Mark has also announced that some part of Summerland way will be closed during certain hours (both ways) while roadwork is being carried out, and we can forget about the Lions Rd. So, our South rides will be reasonably local for a while.

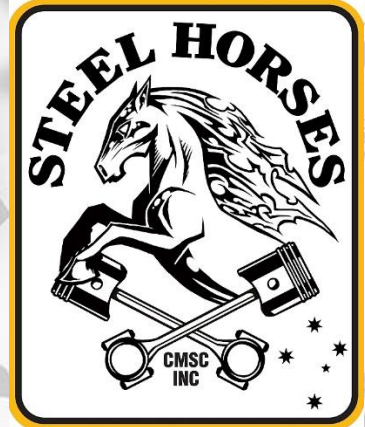
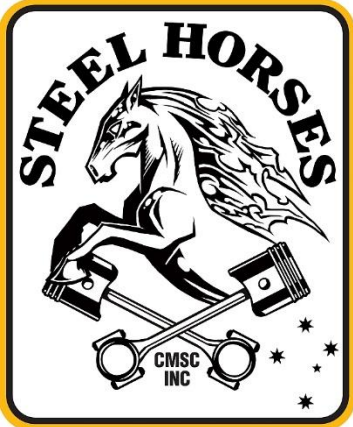
I hope everyone is well and happy and I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Cheers ... Steiny.

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







**Steel Horses**

# **Poker Run**

**Sunday 25th March 2018**

**Meet at the regular West Ride meeting point.**

- ✱ **So the 1st roll is at McDonalds Goodna**
- ✱ **2nd stop: Harrisville**
- ✱ **3rd stop: Grandchester**
- ✱ **4th stop: Gatton**
- ✱ **5th stop & final roll: Glamorgan Vale**  
(We'll have lunch at the Glamorgan Vale Pub)

**Cost is \$5.00 per hand.**

**Great Prizes for the winners!!**



**POKER  
RUN**



**For more details & links to everything, go to the March section of the Ride Calendar:**

**<http://tinyurl.com/25-March-Poker-Run>**



# STEEL HORSES NORTH RIDE

Sunday 25th February 2018

**Ride Captain:** Mac.

**Riders:** Steiny, Pyro, Jak, Ace, Kim, and Yogi.

What a different day we had today!!

We had a few things going against us this during the course of the ride. We had been contacted by a few cruiser riders to join us but the weather scared them off at the 11th hour this morning when the BOM told them heavy scattered showers were forecast for the arvo. They found us on the website and contacted me a few days before the ride. They advised they would join us when the weather looked more conducive to good riding conditions. Those of us that committed to the chance of getting wet found our way to the meeting point in glorious sunshine so the day looked promising at this point.

The ride route advertised on our website was changed today. We all agreed it would be pertinent to dodge the black clouds where ever possible and that's precisely what we did.

Steiny, Pyro, Jak, Ace, Kim, Yogi and myself were the riders. Yogi opted for the TEC position.

We rode through the leafy suburb of Cashmere out onto Wyn road and on to Dayboro. From there we had a good hill climb up and over Mount Mee and then onto Woodford for a bum break. Yogi and Pyro left at this point and headed home. It was here we checked the weather radar and saw the first of the rain building up in the North so we decided to do a quick loop out to Maleny then onto Landsborough for an early lunch where we though it would be rain free.

After a great meal at Landsborough and meeting the most delightful young lady who took our orders. She had the most lovely pommy accent!! It helped that she was a good looking young lady ... and she even talked to us!!

On walking outside to the bikes we noticed we had been flanked by some ominous weather building up all around us. At this point we decided to go check out a Triumph Speedmaster that Jak found for sale online and wanted to go have a look whilst in the area. The bike was in D'Aguilar. We left Landsborough and headed off.

It wasn't too long after this that we experienced some light precipitation followed by a big downpour. We pulled over too late and were all drenched as we pulled on our wet weather gear straight over our wet clothing as all bikers do. As if by magic, the rain eased off a few clicks up the road and we arrived at D'Aguilar where Jak's Triumph was. The guy selling it was a cool guy and we all had a good yarn whilst Jak took off on his test ride.

When Jak returned he was pleased with the performance and liked the bike but he has more to look at before committing to a purchase.

From here we left and Ace went home over Mt Mee and the rest of us headed off to Twin BPs for a coffee and a chat before heading home. Overall, a great day actually. We laughed a lot and got to ride our bikes. Thank you to all participants. Your all good mates and a pleasure to spend quality time, ride and meals with.

Until our next adventure ... Mac.





# STEEL HORSES SOUTH RIDE

Sunday 4th March 2018

Ride Captain: Steiny.

Riders: Rob, Kim, Mac, Pyro, Yogi, and Jak.

We headed out along Stanmore Road to Tamborine Village, over the top past Canungra and had our first bum break at the Advancetown Pub, then with a bit of guidance from Jak, down to Mount Warning hotel for lunch.

We then headed back up Numinbah Valley, Nerang, stopped at the BP at Coomera for coffees and a chinwag before heading off home on our separate ways.

Yogi left us at BP Yatala to take care of business, and Pyro left us at the Advancetown Pub, because he was bugged from an earlier ride.

A good ride had by all.

Steiny.

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





# STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 11th March 2018

**Ride Captain:** Sam.

**Riders:** Jak, Mac, Kim , Pyro & Phoenix, and visitors Kenny & Linda.

With plenty of cloud around I wasn't expecting too many to show for the ride, and was pleased to see, Jak, Mac, Kim, Pyro and Phoenix. Also along for the ride were first timers Kenny and Linda.

Leaving Goodna we headed out through Redbank, Springfield, Greenbank to Jimboomba and onto Beaudesert.

Many thanks to Pyro for leading us through this section as I very rarely venture into this area.

After a bum break at Beaudesert and being very lucky with the rain we headed for Rathy pub for lunch. We were a little early for lunch orders so we had a bevvie or two. I thought we might head to Dugandan for lunch but no-one was in too much of a hurry.

Lunch had, and the rain still holding off, we headed to Peak Crossing via Boonah and Kalbar.

Still no real rain!

While inside quenching our thirst and saying our goodbyes there was a small shower that wet the bikes.

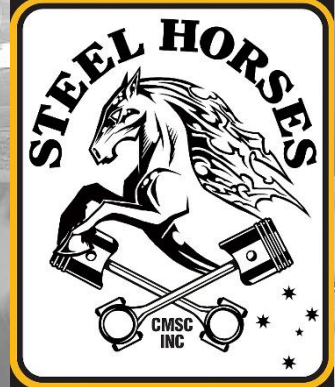
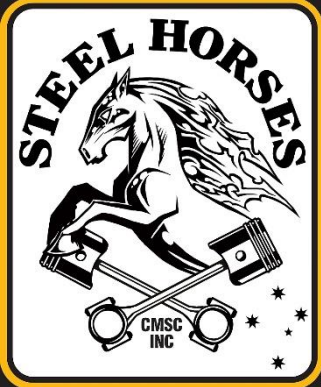
From there I made it home dry, got the bike away in the shed, settled down with a drink and the skies opened. So I hope my fellow riders had the same luck.

Another great ride.

Cheers ... Sam.







**Wednesday 25th April 2018**

# **Anzac Day**

The Vietnam Veterans and Veterans MC are having an Anzac Day Dawn Service around their Cenotaph in the grounds of their bunker at 132 Meakin Road, Kingston.

As we've done on Anzac Day in previous years, Steel Horses will be attending as a group.

Steel Horses members are to meet at McDonalds at Calamvale (678 Compton Road, Calamvale) at 4.30 AM (or earlier if you want coffee and such). We will leave McDonalds at 4.45 AM sharp and ride off to the bunker. Don't be late!

The Vietnam Veterans and Veterans MC's Anzac Day Dawn Service is a very moving event, and one that definitely shouldn't be missed.

During the service, the club will be laying a wreath on their Cenotaph.

After the ceremony, we will be riding back to Steiny's place for a BBQ breakfast. The club will be providing all the food, etc.

For more details, and links to maps and directions, etc, see the April section of our Ride Calendar:

[http://www.steelhorses.com.au/ride\\_calendar.html#1804](http://www.steelhorses.com.au/ride_calendar.html#1804)

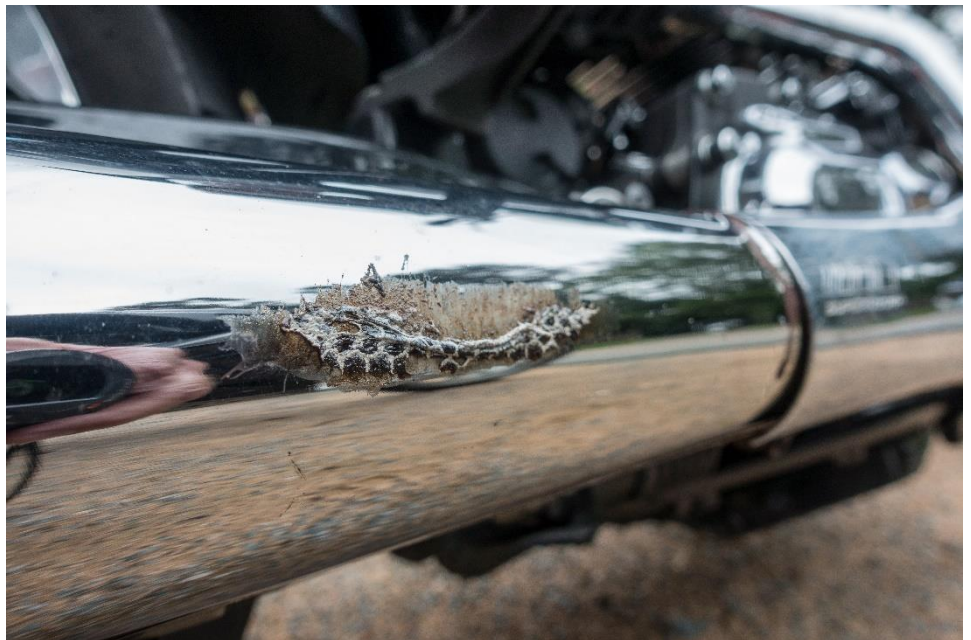
**"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."**



# Snakes Alive!

Whilst enjoying a calm, leisurely ride up to Mount Glorious recently, Ace's Harley was viciously attacked by a cantankerous, angry snake!

Fortunately, Ace and his Harley were victorious in the brief but bloody battle that followed, and some of the snake's skin was left on the Harley's exhaust:





# SPEEDING?

## Speed fiend Swiss billionaire slapped with \$320,000 ticket

17 January 2018

<https://www.rt.com/news/416215-speed-fine-billionaire-switzerland/>



Swiss pharmaceutical tycoon Ernesto Bertarelli has been fined 310,000 Swiss francs (US\$320,000), after being caught driving 88km per hour in a 50 zone (only 38km/hr over the limit), local media report. While a speeding ticket in most countries might set you back a few hundred dollars at most, that's not always the case in parts of Europe. Ernesto

Bertarelli was caught doing 88km per hour in Crans-près-Céligny, just north of Geneva, Switzerland.

Bertarelli was fined 10,000 francs, plus a daily penalty of 3,000 francs for a hundred days.

**The fine was calculated based on his wealth**, which is estimated by some sources as being up to \$16 billion. Bertarelli, a boating enthusiast and previous winner of the America's Cup yacht race, draws his fortune from the pharmaceutical industry, as well as medical equipment, property and biotech.

**Switzerland is not the only country in Europe to issue income-based speeding tickets, which are designed to punish both rich and poor proportionately.**

In Finland, for example, a former Nokia executive was fined the equivalent of \$103,000 for going 45 miles per hour in a 30 zone on his motorbike in 2002. More recently, in 2015 businessman Reima Kuisla was fined €54,000 for doing 65 in a 50 zone.



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## Top this for a speeding ticket!

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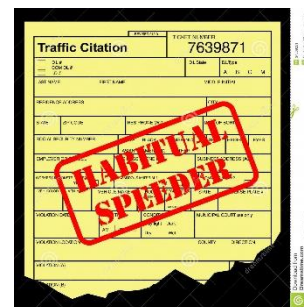
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Two police traffic officers were involved in an unusual incident while checking for speeding motorists on the A1. One of the officers used a hand-held radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill, and was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 300 mph. Their radar suddenly stopped working and the officers were not able to reset it.

Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact latched on to a NATO Tornado fighter jet which was engaged in a low-flying exercise over the Border district, approaching from the North Sea. Back at police headquarters the chief constable fired off a stiff complaint to the RAF Liaison office.

Back came the reply in true laconic RAF style: "Thank you for your message, which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Tornado had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it. Furthermore, an air-to-ground missile aboard the fully-armed aircraft had also automatically locked onto your equipment. Fortunately the pilot flying the Tornado recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile systems alert status and was able to override the automated defence system before the missile was launched and your hostile radar installation was destroyed. Good Day!"



# Christmas in July Bowra Hotel, 28th 2018

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# Is the Harley-Davidson Sportster Living On Borrowed Time?

By Bryan Wood - February 22, 2018

<http://www.hdforums.com/articles/harley-davidson-sportster-borrowed-time/>



No other bike has had as long a life. But nothing lasts forever.

I don't know how to break the news to you, but our beloved Sportster may not be long for this Earth. Once one of the fastest production bikes available, and truly sporty, the bloom has been off the rose for decades. For a long time now the smaller Harley has been skating by on goodwill and the need for a low-cost, entry-level bike, and slightly sportier Big Twin. There have been attempts at making it sporty again (XR1200) and some really good-looking factory customs (Seventy-Two), but Harley is at a

crossroads, and I don't think the Sporty is going to make it to the next mile marker.

First, a little history for those with a short memory ...

The Harley-Davidson Sportster first appeared in 1957, though it was based on Model K of five years earlier, and that bike evolved out of a pre-war design. Harley was trying to capture some of the magic of the lighter, quicker British bikes, but the cleanest sheet of paper they could come up with for the design already had an old V-twin doodle on it.

At the time though, the Sporty was the most modern bike Harley made, and one of the fastest anyone made. Then, with minor improvements and upgrades here and there, they made it the same for almost 30 years.

In 1986 the Evo motor brought alloy construction, modern cylinder heads, and eventually 1200cc, and 1991 brought five speeds to the unit-constructed gearbox. Fuel injection allowed more power with less pollution in 2007, and the whole recently.

The Sportster is sportier than any Big Twin Harley is making, but the Street Rod is sportier, and that is just one mark against it.



## Exhibit A: Tighter Euro 5 Emission Rules



The Sportster is popular for export markets because it has that unique Harley mystique, but is better sized for use in tighter urban areas.

Currently, under Euro 4 rules in effect since 2013, a Sportster can put out 1.14 g/km of CO, .09 g/km of NOx, and .17 g/km of hydrocarbons. Those numbers are already reduced from Euro 2, which were 2.0 g/km, .15



g/km, and .30 g/km respectively. Unfortunately, 2020 brings in Euro 5, and the limits drop again down to 1.0 g/km for CO, .06 g/km for NOx, and just .10 g/km for hydrocarbons.

Now, Harley officials have said that they have engineers that can get an air-cooled Sportster to meet Euro 5 emissions. And Ducati, Yamaha, and Moto Guzzi all have air-cooled models that they don't seem in a hurry to replace. But the Euro 4 rules have been given as one of the reasons for the elimination of the V-Rod from the lineup. The Ducati and Moto Guzzi Twins do have a long history, but unlike the Sportster, they have had constant and extensive revisions over the past 30 years. The Yamaha Star Bolt 950 was drawn up from a clean sheet of paper in the last 10 years, and their big V-twin debuted in the late 1990s, and it has been revised several times since.

In order for the Sportster to blow clean you have to assume it needs a substantial going over, top to bottom, to lower friction, lower engine noise, control heat, and burn cleaner.

### **Exhibit B: Labour Costs**

We've already established that the Sportster has been around for a long, long time, with just evolutionary changes. The Street 500 and 750 were designed in the 21st-century, specifically to be able to be produced at a low price point, even when made in America. Despite being a premium product, Harley-Davidson says one of the biggest pluses of the new 2018 Softails with the Milwaukee 8 is that they cost less to make. And we all



know the new Milwaukee 8 motor was designed for CNC machining and automated assembly, which likely makes it actually costs less than an old tech Sportster mill.

The most expensive part of any product made in America is the labor involved in making it, and it takes hundreds of people to screw together a Sportster. Despite the price difference, obviously it costs the same in labor to build an 883 as it does to build a 1200, so the Motor Company is likely losing money on every one of those \$8,999 Sportsters it sells.

One of the best things going for the Sportster has always been its performance reputation, borrowed from the XR750. Without the XR on the track anymore, the Sportster really is just a little brother trying to hang with the bigger kids.

In revamping the Big Twin chassis Harley got rid of 50 component parts and eliminated 22 percent of all welds, compared to the Dyna. A good portion of that was the elimination of the rubber mounting system. That old Dyna chassis only dated back to 2006, and the rubber mounted Sportster debuted in 2004, so you can see how the chassis needs an update too.

But in order to make the new, stiffer, lighter, cheaper Softail, the motor had to be solidly mounted and fully counterbalanced. You can assume, in order to meet emissions regulations, cost-cutting goals, and performance ideals, the Sportster motor will have to be updated more completely than even the Evo was.



## **Exhibit C: The XG750R Flat Tracker**



In 2017, Harley had a bad year in the racing debut of its new Street 750-based XG750R flat tracker. But many people think it already makes more power than the previous XR750 race bike. More than 50 years into the development of the Sportster-based XR750, it was making about 100 hp in the hands of a skilled tuner. From its first race, Vance and Hines managed to find 110 hp in

the 750cc XG motor.

One of the best things going for the Harley-Davidson Sportster has always been its performance reputation, borrowed from the flat track XR750 race bike. Without the XR on the track anymore, and with that coolness now conferred to the Street 750, the Sportster really is just a little brother trying to hang with the bigger kids.

Stock Street 750 examples (not the hotted-up Street Rod), make about five and a half fewer pound-feet of torque than a Sportster 883, at the same rpm. At the Sportster's power peak of 5,500 rpm, it outguns the Street by maybe 5 horsepower. So, you can see they are very close to equal, despite the extra 133 cc of displacement.

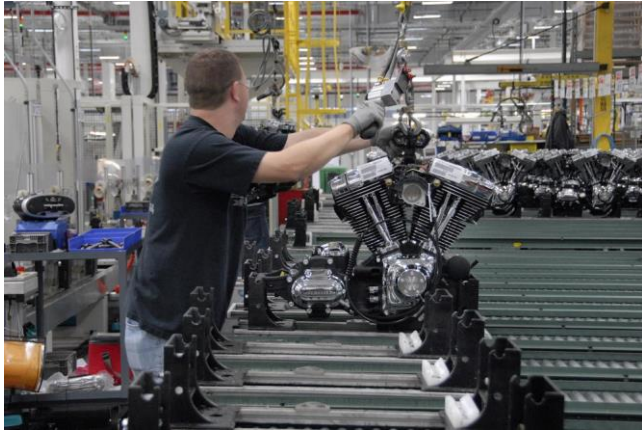
But the reason the new XG750R makes more power, and the reason the Sportster may be doomed, is that the Revolution X motor will just keep on revving. The Street 750 puts out 10 hp more than the Sportster 883 at its 8,000 rpm redline, or nearly 58 hp. The similarly-designed motor in the 1130cc V-rod was good for more than 100 hp at the rear wheel. Obviously, the Street is being hamstrung by the factory so it won't embarrass the more expensive Sportster.

## **Exhibit D: Kansas City Plant Closing**

At the end of January 2018, management announced that the Kansas City, Missouri, Harley-Davidson assembly plant would be closing by the end of 2019. Kansas City is one of just four factories that







Harley has in the U.S. that produces bikes and parts, with a fifth factory in India producing the Street 500 and 750 for Asian markets. There is also an assembly plant in Brazil for South American markets, and a wheel factory in Australia, which is also closing. The Kansas City factory previously had built the V-Rod and Dyna lines, and still produces the Street 500 and 750 and Sportster.

The new 2018 Softail/Dyna consolidated model lineup is now being assembled in the York, Pennsylvania, factory, where the touring bikes, trikes, and CVO models have been built for years. The new Milwaukee 8-powered cruisers were redesigned to be easier to assemble, and you can bet they were designed to be built up with the facilities at the York plant. The Street bikes are already being put together in India for many foreign markets, and a new Thailand factory is being built, so even if U.S. production falls, there is no chance of it stopping altogether, although U.S. content in them may go down a bit.

That leaves the Sportster without a home, and the major undertaking of shifting 100% of production to York and/or redesigning it to meet the new Euro 5 pollution standards. Oh, and there are new USA Tier 3 emissions rules coming about that time too, bringing the rest of the country into line with the rules California has imposed.

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***PS:*** In the humble opinion of your Editor, the Harley Sportster is easily the best looking Harley, if not the best looking bike in the World. It would be sad to see it go!  
Cheers ... Kim.

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I RIDE A BIKE  
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# WAZE

WAZE is a turn-by-turn navigation app that's available for both Android and Apple smartphones. It's free, and has an installed userbase of up to a massive 500 million users! As a navigator it's pretty good - as good as Google Maps. The big thing about WAZE is that it's "Wiki"-based. Ordinary users can (and do!) easily report on mobile and fixed speed traps, red light cameras, any heavy traffic, accidents, and absolutely anything else that's happening on the road.

Some other navigators warn you as you're approaching a fixed speed camera, or a fixed red light camera; but only WAZE can warn you about temporary speed cameras (that might only be set up for 30 minutes at a time). In particular, it usually will warn you about the presence of the notorious "autonomous speed camera trailers" that are so loved by our local constabulary.

By its nature, the Wiki-feedback and user reporting in WAZE works best in densely populated areas, and for that reason it's insanely popular in places like Europe; but it still works very well in Brisbane.

For example: as I was driving north along the Gateway Motorway a few weeks ago it warned me as I approached the location of the speed camera trailers that are usually set up somewhere along that road. As I drove further north along the Bruce Highway it warned me as I approached a couple of speed camera vans parked by the side of the road. Pretty good! Worth trying it out if you're interested.

Cheers ... Kim.

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# How to break in new motorcycle tyres

1st May, 2014. By Mark Hinchliffe

<http://motorbikewriter.com/break-new-set-motorcycle-tyres/>



Do you know how to break in new motorcycle tyres that come with a glossy and slippery surface? They deserve to be treated with respect and caution. It seems strange that new tyres have a glossy surface, but there are a few reasons for this. Some manufacturers use a slippery chemical called a release agent to get the rubber tyres to release cleanly from the mould. However, modern moulds have teflon coatings that obviate the need for a release agent. Even if they don't use a release agent, tyre manufacturers use chemicals in the curing process to make the rubber flow better and reduce defects in the surface and tread pattern. This results in slick or glossy surfaces.

Apparently riders also like to see a new tyre looking glossy in the showroom, even though they can be slippery. So even if a tyre manufacturer like Dunlop, Continental or Pirelli don't use a release agent, they still make their tyres look glossy for consumer appeal. So how do you break them in and get rid of the slippery gloss? Well, some tyre fitters use sanders to scuff up the surface or wash them with an acetone solution to neutralise the oily release agent or wipe them with a cloth to get rid of any slippery fitting lubricant they may have spilt on the tyre surface.

But tyre manufacturers do NOT recommend washing or sanding your tyres. They go to great lengths to design and engineer tyre treads, so the last thing you should do is attack the tread surface with a belt sander! It is also a bit risky using any chemical solution on a tyre as you do not know if it will be applied evenly and how it will react with the tyre. A wipe with a dry cloth is fine. Notice that race bikes leave the pits with shiny new tyres that have not been belt-sanded or washed with any chemicals.

The best way to break in a tyre, lose that gloss and become sticky is to heat it up and the most effective way to heat a tyre is over a long-distance high-speed highway ride. Racers don't have that luxury, so they use tyre warmers which they apply about an hour before a race to warm the tyre slowly and evenly.

Since most riders don't have access to tyre warmers, tyre manufacturers suggest a long ride of 160-200km to heat the tyres. Despite the fact that most racers weave around on warmed-up tyres, you actually don't need to lean the bike over on to the new and glossy surface to heat up that part of the tyre. Acceleration and braking is more effective as it puts stress on the tyre carcass which heats up the whole tyre, not just the bit touching the road. But again, you should get the tyre hot before any abrupt throttle or brake application.

Don't think in terms of "scrubbing in" your tyres, but think about heating them up. The distance required to get sufficient heat into them can be dependant on the type of bike, the ambient temperature, the temperature of the road and the road surface.

Before you can start to push the lean limits, get off your bike and feel the tyre temperature with your hand. If it's hot, you can gradually increase acceleration and braking to get it really hot. Then you should be right to start leaning it over.






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# SuziQ

is having her birthday in March!

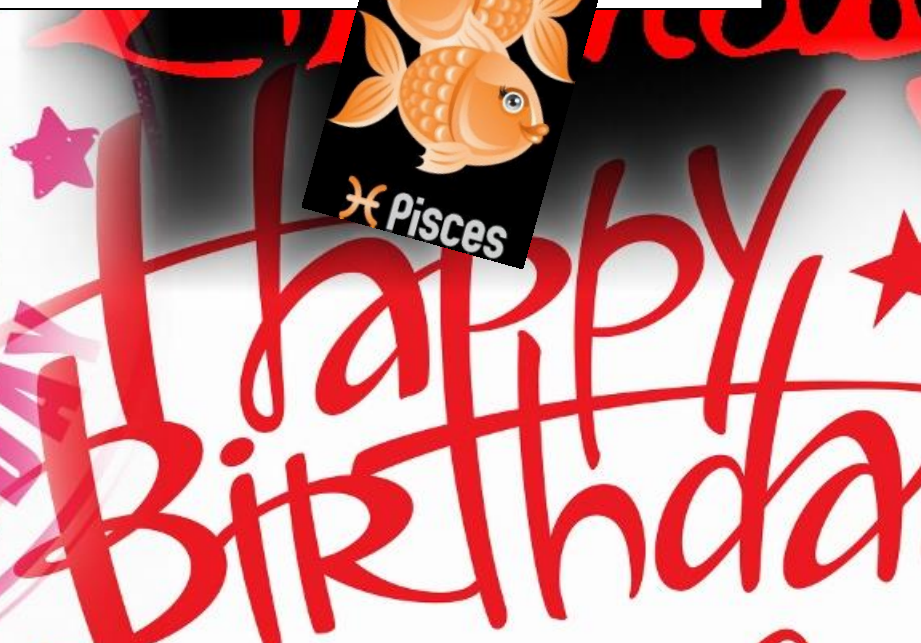
Happy Birthday SuziQ! :-)

*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! :-)*

**SuziQ's Zodiac sign is PISCES (1st to 20th March).**

Gifted with a wild imagination, Pisces have an unrivalled talent for story telling or anything artistic for that matter. Pisces are extremely psychic and can amaze people with their uncanny ability to predict things. They are usually gifted in anything creative from designing to music. They are also very clever when they want to be. They have the most stunning eyes. Nobody is more kind, thoughtful and caring, and when the going gets rough, they get going! Being creative, clever and resourceful, these people can achieve a great deal and really reach the top.

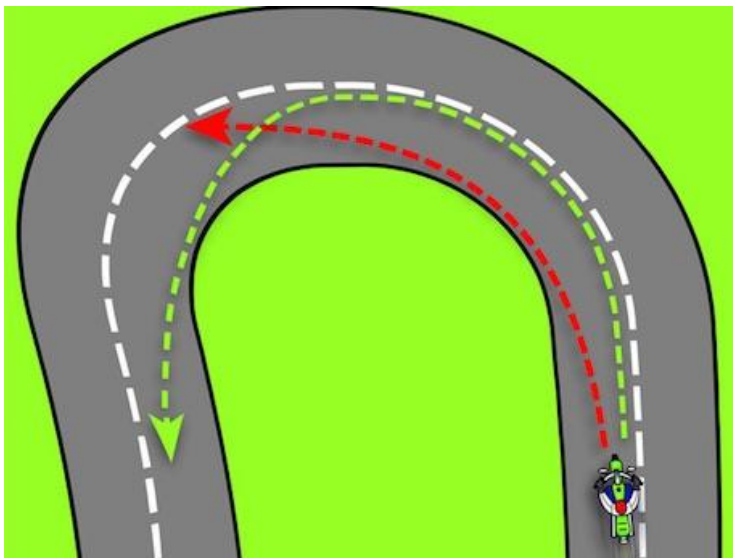
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# Riding Tips

## ARE YOU IN THE CORRECT TRACK WHEN CORNERING?



**Green arrow = GOOD.**

**Red arrow = BAD!**

Start a left hand corner with your bike in the right-hand track (of your lane), and stay there until you are almost through the corner and you can clearly see the corner's exit.

**For a right hand corner, do the opposite!**

When going around a **left-hand corner**, start the corner with your bike in the right-hand track (of your lane). That's the lane track closest to the road's centreline. Don't be in the left-hand track. Don't be in the middle of your lane. Be in the right-hand track (of your lane), and stay in the right hand track until you are almost through the corner and you can clearly see the corner's exit.

When going around a **right-hand corner**, it's the opposite: start the corner with your bike in the left-hand track (of your lane). That's the lane track closest to the road edge. Stay in the left hand track until you can clearly see the corner's exit.

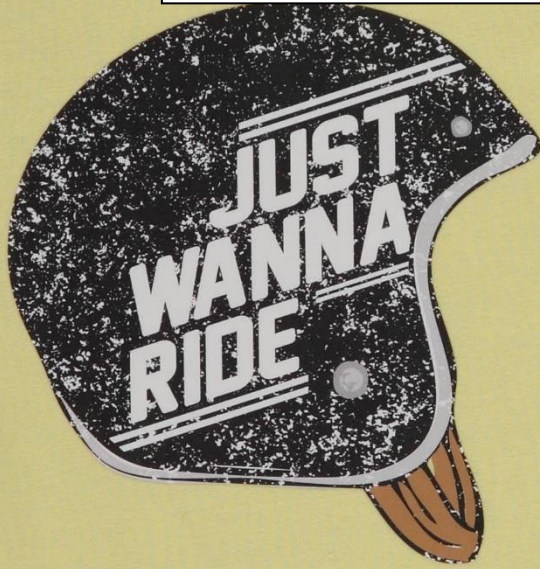
**LEFT HAND CORNER = USE THE RIGHT HAND TRACK CLOSEST TO THE ROAD'S CENTRELINE.**

**RIGHT HAND CORNER = USE THE LEFT HAND TRACK CLOSEST TO THE ROAD'S EDGE.**

By adopting the above approach you will be safer, your lean angle through the corner will be much less, you'll be able to go through the corner faster (if you want to), you'll be less likely to collide with oncoming traffic, and you'll be far less likely to crash.

**Practice this, and do it always!!**





# Ride Calendar

## MARCH 2018

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Sun	4	South	<p><i>Ride Captain: <a href="#">Steiny</a> (0419 672 216).</i></p> <p><a href="#">BP Servo at Yatala</a> - Uki (lunch at the <a href="#">Mount Warning Hotel</a>) - Home. About 250km.</p>
Sun	11	West	<p><i>Ride Captain: <a href="#">Sam</a> (0419 174 201)</i></p> <p><a href="#">McDonalds Goodna</a> - <a href="#">Springfield</a> - <a href="#">Greenbank</a> - <a href="#">Jimboomba</a> - <a href="#">Beaudesert</a> - <a href="#">Rathdowney</a> - <a href="#">Boonah</a> - Home.</p>
Sat & Sun	17 & 18	North	<p><b>PYRO'S WEEKEND AWAY!</b></p> <p><i>Ride Captain: <a href="#">Pyro</a> (0413 905 141)</i></p> <p><b>SATURDAY 17th March:</b>  Meeting at <a href="#">BP Caboolture Northbound</a> (one of the "Twin BP's" on the Bruce Highway, about 4km before the Caboolture and Bribie Island turnoff) at 8.30 am for a 9.00 am departure - <a href="#">Peachester</a> - <a href="#">Kenilworth</a> (break) - <a href="#">Gympie</a> (fuel &amp; break) - <a href="#">Kilkivan</a> (lunch) - <a href="#">Kingaroy</a> (overnight).  Total distance for Saturday is about 370 km.</p> <p>Stay overnight at the <a href="#">Pepper Tree Cabins</a> (7 Evelyn Street Kingaroy. Phone 07 4162 8008). Their cabins are air conditioned, and have ensuites. Cost is \$105.00 per cabin.  We'll take a courtesy bus up to the local <a href="#">Kingaroy RSL</a> where we'll have tea.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY 18th March:</b>  The ride home is straightforward from <a href="#">Kingaroy</a> - <a href="#">Tarong</a> - <a href="#">Coomba Falls</a> - Pimpimbudgee - <a href="#">Crows Nest</a> - <a href="#">Hampton</a> - <a href="#">Esk</a> - <a href="#">Fernvale</a> - <a href="#">Blacksoil</a> - Home.  Total distance for Sunday is about 220 km.</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	<a href="#">STEEL HORSES POKER RUN</a>	<p><b>THE FAMOUS <a href="#">STEEL HORSES POKER RUN</a>!</b>  <b>BE THERE FOR A GOOD RIDE AND GREAT PRIZES!</b></p> <p><i>Ride Captain: <a href="#">Pyro</a> (0413 905 141)</i></p> <p><b>STOP 1 &amp; THE STARTING POINT:</b> The usual West Ride meeting point - <a href="#">McDonalds Goodna</a>. Departure is 9:00am sharp.</p> <p><b>STOP 2:</b> <a href="#">Harrisville</a>.</p> <p><b>STOP 3:</b> <a href="#">Grandchester</a>.</p> <p><b>STOP 4:</b> <a href="#">Gatton</a>.</p> <p><b>STOP 5 &amp; THE FINISHING POINT:</b> <a href="#">Glamorgan Vale Pub</a> for lunch, and awarding of prizes!</p> <p>Cost is \$5.00 per hand.</p>



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# Ride Calendar

## APRIL 2018

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Sun	1	West	<p>[EASTER SUNDAY]  <i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Sam</a> (0419 174 201)  <a href="#">McDonalds Goodna</a> - <a href="#">Fernvale</a> - <a href="#">Esk</a> - <a href="#">Hampton</a> - <a href="#">Crows Nest</a> (lunch) - <a href="#">Murphys Creek</a> - <a href="#">Blacksoil</a> - Home.</p>
Sun	8	North	<p><i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Mac</a> (0439 444 655).  Route to be advised.</p>
Sun	15	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>
Tues	17	CLUB MEETING	<p><a href="#">Lord Stanley Hotel</a>.  994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane.  The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>
Sun	22	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>
Tues	25	ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE at the VV&VMC bunker.	<p>The <a href="#">Vietnam Veterans and Veterans MC</a> are having their Anzac Day Dawn Service around their Cenotaph in the grounds of their bunker at <a href="#">132 Meakin Road, Kingston</a>.</p> <p>As we've done on Anzac Day for the last couple of years, Steel Horses will be attending as a group and riding to the bunker together as a group.</p> <p>The service starts at 5:30 AM, and they are locking the entry gates at 5.15 AM sharp. So we can't be late!</p> <p>All Steel Horses members are to meet at <a href="#">McDonalds at Calamvale</a> (<a href="#">678 Compton Road, Calamvale</a>) at 4.30 AM (or earlier if you want coffee and such). We will leave McDonalds at 4.45 AM and ride off to the bunker.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Vietnam Veterans and Veterans MC</a>'s Anzac Day Dawn Service is a very moving event, and one that definitely shouldn't be missed.</p> <p>During the service, Steiny will be laying a wreath on their Cenotaph on behalf of our club.</p> <p>After the ceremony, we will be riding back to Steiny's place for a BBQ breakfast. The club will be providing all the food, etc.</p> <p>See you there!</p>
Sun	29	North	<p><i>Ride Captain:</i> <a href="#">Pyro</a> (0413 905 141)</p> <p><a href="#">Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse</a> -- over <a href="#">Clear Mountain</a> - <a href="#">Kurwongbah</a> - <a href="#">Morayfield</a> - <a href="#">Wamuran</a> (for our first stop) - <a href="#">Peachester</a> - Bald Knob Road to <a href="#">Landsborough</a> - back down to <a href="#">Peachester</a> again - lunch at the <a href="#">Ace's Place Cafe</a> at <a href="#">24 Coochin Street in Peachester</a> - <a href="#">Woodford</a> - <a href="#">Kilcoy</a> (fuel stop at <a href="#">Kilcoy</a> 195km) - <a href="#">Fernvale</a> - finish at <a href="#">Blacksoil</a>.</p> <p>Total ride length to <a href="#">Blacksoil</a> is approx. 290km</p> <p>The reason for lunch at <a href="#">Peachester</a> is for those who wish to call it a day can turn right and head back to <a href="#">Steve Irwin Way</a> and the freeway for home. Those who wish to continue to the end of the ride: we turn left.</p>



## A FEW JOKES :-)



I was walking through the park one day when I saw an old man sitting on a bench crying. "What is the matter" I asked. He looked up and said, "I just got married to a much younger woman and all she want is sex all day. Sometimes 3, 4 or 5 times."

"So what is the problem?"

With a tear in his eye he said, "I can't remember where I live!"

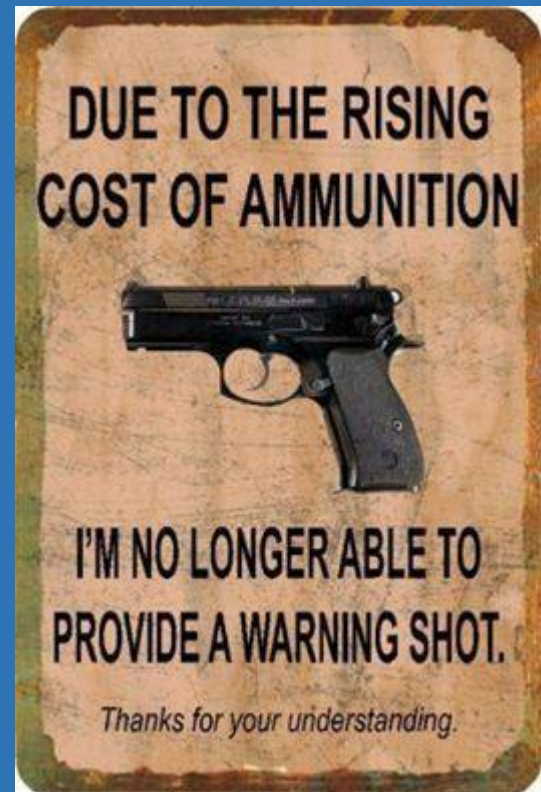
A little boy comes down to breakfast. Since they live on a farm, his mother asks if he had done his chores. "Not yet," said the little boy. His mother tells him no breakfast until he does his chores. Well, he's a little teed off, so he goes to feed the chickens, and he kicks a chicken. He goes to feed the cows, and he kicks a cow. He goes to feed the pigs, and he kicks a pig. He goes back in for breakfast and his mother gives him a bowl of dry cereal.

"How come I don't get any eggs and bacon? Why don't I have any milk in my cereal?" he asks.

"Well," his mother says, "I saw you kick a chicken, so you don't get any eggs for a week. I saw you kick the pig, so you don't get any bacon for a week either. I saw you kick the cow so for a week you aren't getting any milk."

Just then, his father comes down for breakfast and kicks the pussy cat halfway across the kitchen.

The little boy looks up at his mother with a smile, and says, "You gonna tell him or should I?"



When I first noticed that my THING was growing larger and staying erect longer, I was delighted, as was my wife! But after several weeks, my THING had grown fifty centimeters. I Became quite concerned. I was having problems dressing, and even walking. So the wife and I went to see a prominent urologist. After an initial examination, the doctor explained to us that, though rare, my condition (Donkey Doodle) could be fixed through corrective Surgery.

"How long will he be on crutches?" my wife asked anxiously.

"Crutches? Why would he need crutches?" responded the surprised doctor.

"Well," Said the wife, "you're gonna lengthen his legs, aren't you?"

## MORE JOKES!! 😊

At breakfast, the husband asked his wife, "What would you do if I won Lotto?"  
She replied, "I'd take half and leave you."  
"Great!" he said. "I won \$12 yesterday. Here's \$6 ... Stay in touch!"

A private Lear jet arrives at Heathrow international airport and Donald Trump strides to a waiting limousine which drives him to a warm and dignified reception from the Queen. From there, they are driven in a 1934 Bentley to the edge of central London where they change to a magnificent 17th century carriage hitched to six white horses. They continue on towards Buckingham Palace waving to the thousands of cheering Britons; all is going well. Suddenly, the right rear horse lets fly with the most horrendous earth-shattering fart ever heard in the British Empire.

The fart shakes the coach. The smell is atrocious! Both passengers in the carriage must use perfume-dipped handkerchiefs over their nose, but the two do their best to ignore the incident.

The Queen turns to Trump saying, "Mr. Trump, please accept my regrets. I am sure you understand there are some things that even a Queen cannot control."

Trump, with his usual diplomatic aplomb, replied, "Your Majesty, do not give the matter another thought. Until you mentioned it, I thought it was one of the horses."

Airborne approximately thirty minutes on an outbound evening Aer Lingus flight from Dublin, the lead flight attendant for the cabin crew in her lovely Irish brogue nervously made the following painful announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up one minute prior to take-off by our airport catering service ... I don't know how this has happened but we have 103 passengers on board and, unfortunately, only 40 dinner meals ... I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience."

When passengers' muttering had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat will receive free, unlimited drinks for the duration of our 5 hour flight."

Her next announcement came four hours later: "If anyone would like to change their minds, we still have 40 dinners available."



There are three engineers in a car on a road trip to a convention; an electrical engineer, a chemical engineer and a Microsoft engineer. Suddenly the car just stops by the side of the road, and the three engineers look at each other wondering what could be wrong. The electrical engineer suggests the electronics of the car be removed down to its parts and then try to trace where a fault might have occurred. The chemical engineer, not knowing much about cars, suggests that maybe the fuel is becoming emulsified and getting blocked somewhere. Then, the Microsoft engineer, not knowing much about anything, comes up with a suggestion, "Why don't we close all the windows, get out, get back in, open the windows again? Maybe it'll work!?"

A PASTOR, A PRIEST AND A RABBI WALK INTO A BAR....



## EVEN MORE JOKES!! 😊

A woman goes to the doctor, worried about her husband's temper.

The doctor asks, "What's the problem?"

The woman replies, "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason. It scares me. "

The doctor says, "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or calms down."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor, looking fresh and reborn.

The woman says, "Doctor, that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

The doctor replies, "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick."

A guy woke up one Sunday and noticed his wife hadn't come home the night before after telling him she was going shopping. The following was his frantic call to the Police:

**Husband:** My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home.

**Sergeant (at the Police Station):** What is her height?

**Husband:** Gee, I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

**Sergeant:** Weight?

**Husband:** Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

**Sergeant:** Color of eyes?

**Husband:** Sort of brown I think. Never really noticed.

**Sergeant:** Color of hair?

**Husband:** Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

**Sergeant:** What was she wearing?

**Husband:** Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

**Sergeant:** What kind of car did she go in?

**Husband:** She went in my truck.

**Sergeant:** What kind of truck was it?

**Husband:** A 2015 Ford F150 King Ranch 4X4 with eco-boost 5.0L V8 engine special ordered with manual transmission and climate controlled air conditioning. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, which has a matching aftermarket bed liner. Custom leather 6-way seats and "Bubba" floor mats. Trailering package with gold hitch and special wiring hook-ups. DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio receiver, 23-channel CB radio, six cup holders, a USB port, and four power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Michelins. It has custom running boards and indirect wheel well lighting.

At this point the husband started choking up ...

**Sergeant:** Don't worry buddy. We'll find your truck.

- \* We all love to spend money buying new clothes but we never realize the best moments in life are enjoyed without them on.
- \* Having a cold drink on a hot day with a few friends is nice, but having a hot friend on a cold night after a few drinks-PRICELESS.
- \* Arguing over a girl's bust size is like choosing between Budweiser, Milller, Guinness and Heinekens. Men may state their preferences, but will grab whatever is available.
- \* This has not been verified but it sounds legit. A recent study found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

