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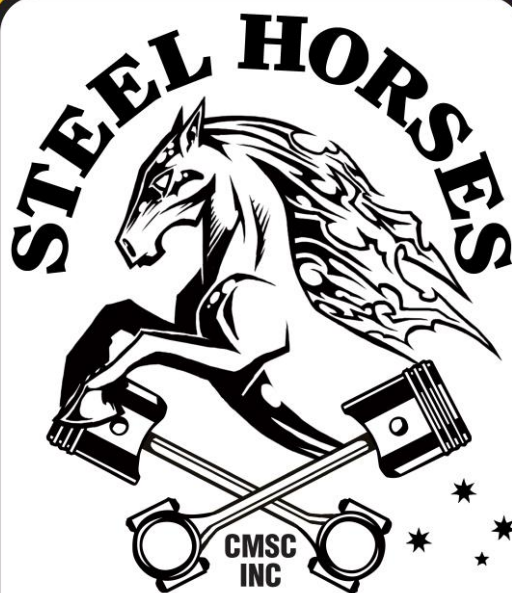
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- Motorcycle trivia.



REMINDER:

**We're riding on Anzac Day
Wednesday 25th April**



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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, & Social Members.

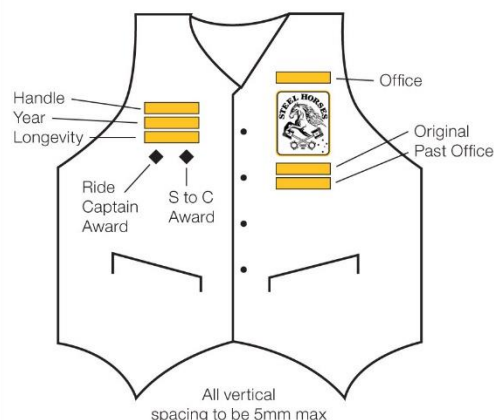
The annual membership subscription is \$36 for Riders, Pillions, and Social Members. There is a once-only joining fee (\$40) on top of the annual membership fee, which covers the cost of Patch, Insignia, and other Club costs.

All Members must wear a vest and Club Patch.

Members can view the Rules and By-laws at our monthly meetings.

COVER PHOTO: Steel Horses on the road to Kingaroy (17/03/18)
Photo by Roach.

STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT

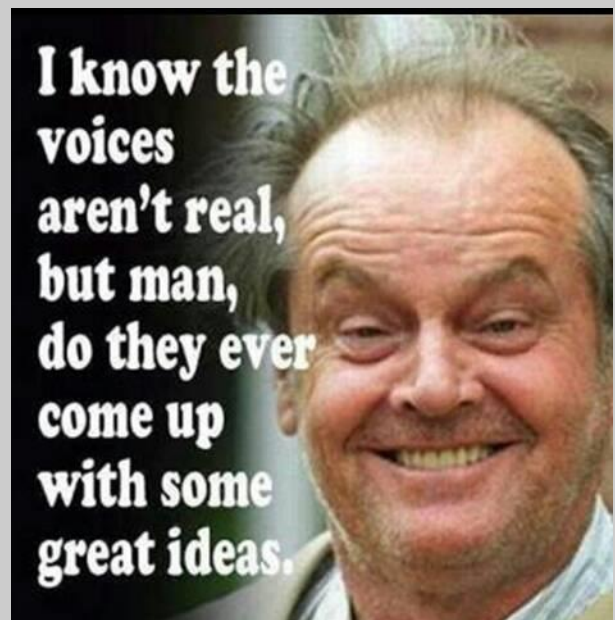




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STEINY'S SPIEL

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi everyone,

I'm glad to report that our Poker run was a terrific success, thanks to all who participated. It was probably the most successful run we've ever had, with \$240 raised by members, with about 20 of our members in attendance.

Some couldn't be there physically, but they supported us by buying hands in their absence.

We had a couple of visitors with us on the day. Kenny and Linda, both riders, and they seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day.

Thanks to all for making it a great success.

We are going to add a "Letters to the Editor" column to our Newsletter (have a look elsewhere in this issue), so if someone has something they want to get out there to other members, this will be a means of doing that.

I've had phone calls from people interested in coming for a ride with us, so we will just wait for them to contact us for a run.

Everything seems to be going along reasonably smoothly, and I don't think we have any issues at all that need addressing.

Winter is finally creeping in and it won't be long before we will be rugging up for Bowraville.

There are a couple of things to bring up at our next meeting, so be there or be square.

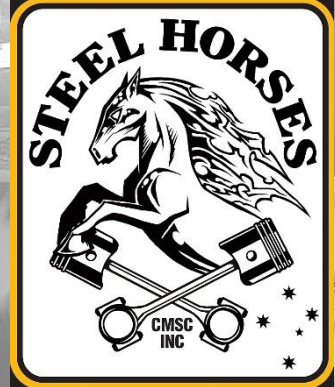
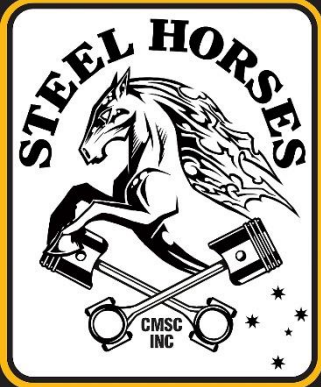
I should have our new stubby coolers in stock by then too, so I will bring them with me.

See you there.

Cheers ... Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"





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

**"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."**



A NEW NEWSLETTER FEATURE!!

Get your opinions published here!

A BIT OF HISTORY:

"Letters to the Editor" were not always a part of newspapers and magazines. Rumour has it that early in the 18th Century a disgruntled reader stomped into the office of an early American newspaper, asked to see the editor, and started to complain bitterly about an article the editor had published. The editor pulled out his pistol, and shot the reader dead! Ever since then, readers wrote letters to the editor rather than calling in to their offices!

Anyway, from now on there will be a "Letters to the Editor" column in the Steel Horses newsletter. It will be a place where you can write in about ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING! Just send an email to the Newsletter Editor (kimdowl@fastmail.com.au). It's OK to be anonymous if you want to - just ask the Editor to leave your name off.

This month, Jak has got the ball rolling with a review of a motorcycle website he recently made a purchase from ...

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Recommended cruiser parts and accessories supplier.

From: Jak. **To:** Kim.

Date: 21/03/2018

Hi Kim ...

Recommended cruiser parts and accessories supplier:

I have told several members about my recent purchase of a sissy bar bag from an American company. I just wanted to recommend the supplier. The local price of the bag was \$120 and their price was Aud\$56.00 plus Aud\$8.72 postage. Postage from the US for the same item from most other suppliers was Aud\$50 plus.

I ordered it on the 05th March and delivery was stated as 25 March to 24th April but it arrived on 21st March, 4 days earlier than predicted.

The company is **OEM Cycles** and well worth a look for bike parts and accessories. The down side is that their website is not particularly user friendly but well worth the effort for bargain prices.

<https://www.oemcycle.com/>

Cheers ... Jak.

A WEEKEND AWAY TO KINGAROY

Saturday & Sunday 17th - 18th March 2018

Ride Captain: Pyro.

Riders: Ace, Jak, Kim, Steiny, Ned, Princess, Yogi, Hippy & Roach, Phoenix, and Mac.

Visitors on the ride were Neil, Robin, Joy, Colin and Hayley.

Hi All Pyro here,

We had a two day ride on 17th & 18th March going to Kingaroy. We had a great turn out with eleven Club members and five visitors. In attendance was Ace, Jak, Kim, Steiny, Ned, Princess, Yogi, Hippy and Roach, Phoenix, Pyro, Neil, Robin, Joy, Colin and Hayley. We had Mac with us for the morning until our first stop at Kenilworth and Yogi was working so he meet us up at Kingaroy.

We all met up at BP Caboolture around 8am and left on time around 9.00 am, headed up to Steve Irwin Way and up Peachester and then to Kenilworth. We stopped for a drink and chat but not for long as Pyro had us on a tight schedule. Back on the bikes and it was up through to Gympie for our first fuel stop. Some one asked if we were going up the freeway to Gympie and I was insulted that anyone would think that. No we are going up through Brooloo along Mary Valley Road. After our fuel stop it was on to Widgee and Kilkivan for lunch at the pub. Most had an enjoyable time at lunch but Ned would not eat or drink at this pub as the owner and her have history, and Ace was surprised that his blue Salmon was actually white, but it tasted great.

Continued ...



A WEEKEND AWAY TO KINGAROY

Saturday & Sunday 17th - 18th March 2018

We stopped at Goomeri for an ice cream and drink and then we arrived at Kingaroy about 4.30 pm.

We had a booking at the local RSL for 6.00 pm and I arranged for a bus to pick some of us up at 5.30 pm and he was there right on time. Dinner was great and loads of fun, the place was full and we were the loudest, or perhaps I should say a few of us were the loudest. We had two tables for the sixteen of us and people kept changing seats to mingle. I am sure everyone had a good time.

We arranged to meet at 8.00 am for breakfast at the local cafe, after breakfast Steiny and Joy, Neil and Robin, Colin and Hayley chose to go straight through to Nanango, Kilcoy and the freeway where the rest of us headed for Crows Nest and Esk for lunch. Mac was going to meet us but got wet over Mount Mee and had to go home to get out of his wet clothes.

We stopped at Blacksoil for an ice-cream and our goodbyes and most of us would have been home by 3.30 pm or 4.00 pm. I hope everyone had a good time and I appreciate the great attendance. I look forward to the next weekend away.

Pyro.

Lite em up



THE STEEL HORSES POKER RUN

Sunday 25th March 2018

Ride Captain: Pyro.

Riders: Benelli, Steiny, Specs, Ace, Jak, Ned, Drastic, SuziQ, Yogi, Hippy, Roach, Phoenix, Hoffy, Sam, Kim, and visitors Kenny & Linda.

I was going to lead this ride, but I had a bad foot and wasn't sure if I was going to be able to make, so Pyro was good enough to lead it.

It was a great day. 18 people on the day and others who couldn't make it bought hands. First roll at Goodna, then Harrisville, Grandchester, Gatton, and finally the Glamorgan Vale Pub for the final roll.

We had 2 first places Ned & Princess. Second place was won by Kenny (visitor) and last was won by Ned as well. Ned has donated her Jacket back to the club as a raffle prize. (She like her own better.)

Pyro, as always did a great job of leading and Phoenix had it all organised perfectly.

Thank you all.

Steiny.

"A man has got to know his limitations"



STEEL HORSES WEST RIDE

Sunday 1st April 2018

Ride Captain: Pyro.

Riders: Mac, Steiny, Jak, Phoenix, and visitors Kenny & Linda.

Our Easter Sunday ride started at Maccas at Goodna. We had 7 riders.

First stop was at the Tent Hill Pub. Unfortunately it wasn't open. So we had a short bum break and then continued onto the Murphy's Creek Pub. Several riders commented that they hadn't been on some of these roads before.

We then continued onto the pub at Crows Nest for lunch. Where we met Sam, Rusty and a friend of theirs Colin. The pub was very busy and we settled in to wait for our food as the sign said waiting time was anywhere between 30 mins and an hour for food. I think most of us got our food in 30 mins though.

After lunch Mac decided to go a different way home so we said goodbye to Mac, Sam, Rusty and Colin.

We headed to Esk via a new road (for Pyro). We stopped at Esk for petrol and then continued to Blacksoil for the obligatory ice block.

Pyro.

Lite em up



STEEL HORSES NORTH RIDE

Sunday 8th April 2018

Ride Captain: Mac.

Riders: HOFFY, Jak, Pyro, Phoenix, and Kim.

From Carseldine we rode to the Pitstop Cafe at Mount Mee for smoko, then on to the Landsborough Pub for lunch, and finally we headed for home.



Our Ned!!

Some photos from Ned's life ...



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Should you do an oil filter change with every oil change?

From a Goldwing discussion forum: <http://goldwingdocs.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=16&t=41791>

Post by WingNutJC

Tue Mar 27, 2018

Conventional wisdom has it that the oil filter should be changed with every oil change. I thought so too, until I discovered that the Minneapolis police department had trialled an every-second-filter change approach. In a nutshell, they decided on this because of the idea that as a filter traps more particles, it becomes a better filter, up to a point.

Exactly the idea pushed by K&N. Their experiment showed a decrease in engine wear problems - ie longer mileage between teardowns - by changing oil filters only at every second oil change. Suzuki also recommend the same for their Hyabusas.



Basically, a new oil filter allows all the big bits through (up to 20-25 microns), but as it "clogs", it traps many more of this size particle, meaning there are now far fewer of these abrasive 'bits' circulating in the oil. So - replacing your oil filter at every oil change means you are allowing the maximum number of "big rocks" into your oil for the longest possible time. :-)

Post by DaveO430

Tue Mar 27, 2018

Most manufacturers recommend that. If K&Ns oil filters are like their air filters they would allow some big chunks through, until if & when a big enough particle came along to plug the hole.

Post by themainviking

Tue Mar 27, 2018



If a decent quality filter is used, this situation is minimized. Also, particles of 20 microns or less will not harm an engine. It is why decent quality filters aim to filtering all particles above 20 microns, which quickly diminishes when the filter picks up some dirt. If this quality of filter is used, fleets can probably get away with one filter per two oil changes, however, if the cheapest, poorest quality filters are used, one takes the chance of a filter coming apart and totally blocking oil flow. I have always changed the filter at every oil change. Fleets already extend their drain intervals to at least 10 to 15K miles because they get this within their six month standards, so 30 K miles would seem a bit much to me for an oil filter. I just know that I do not purchase ex fleet vehicles for my own use. I

also use 100% synthetic lubricants, and WIX or Amsoil absolute efficiency filters, and have done since 1976.

Post by minimac

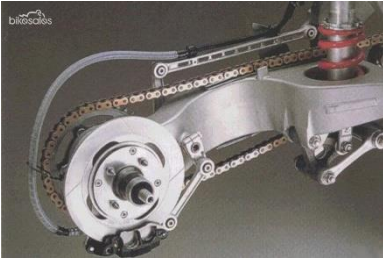
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Why would you want to run fresh oil through a dirty filter? That makes no sense at all. To save \$5-\$7 more at every oil change? As the filter "clogs" it will become much less efficient. I'll stick to changing my filter at each oil change, thank you.

What's the best swingarm design?

By Chris Pickett - March 24, 2018

https://www.bikesales.com.au/editorial/details/faq-whats-the-best-swingarm-design-111773/?utm_campaign=B2C_bikesales_2018_newsletter-290318&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eloqua



Is the best rear swingarm design the single-sided type seen on many newer designs, or the regular twin-arm setup? It's a complicated affair, and both types have their lovers and detractors. The general consensus is that twin-sided swingarms are inherently more rigid in their design than single-sided swingarms, but is it something you'd really notice in day-to-day riding on the road? Let's check out the facts.

Single-sided swingarms

Single-sided swingarms came to the fore in the late 1980s with Honda's VFR750R RC30. This was a race bike for the road, and it was a hugely successful machine. Shortly after, a very similar design became available on the regular road-going VFR750F, bringing single-sided trickery to the masses. Honda has stayed true to the cause since then, and still offers a single-sided swingarm on a number of its machines. Ducati did its own version on the 916, and the current Panigale still sports a single-sided rear setup. BMW has been on the single game for years, for both on- and off-road models, and KTM's Super Duke naked has one as well. Triumph's Speed Triple has sported one for years now, also. Other manufacturers have tried them before, nearly 100 years ago in the early days of two-wheeled motorised transport, but it took until the 1980s for the technology to catch up to alloy designers to make reliable versions.

Looks do matter

Aesthetically, there's not much to top a single-sided swingarm. No doubt the marketing positives of such a design is a major reason for manufacturers to introduce them. They are more complex and expensive to make and are heavier than regular twin-sided swingarms, but how many VFR750 Hondas have been sold on the basis of an easy to remove rear wheel? Lots we would think! Racing has long been an area where manufacturers push design boundaries. The Honda RC30 was built to race, especially on the endurance scene, so rapid rear wheel changes were big news. To be able to race the RC30, Honda had to build enough road versions to the public. Once this was achieved it wasn't a big stretch to bring it out on the regular road VFR750. The rest is history. There are many forces acting on a motorcycle's rear wheel, which is the reason a single-sided swingarm from just about any manufacturer is as substantial as it is. They need to be thicker, stronger and just plain bigger than a double-sided unit. You simply could not make a single-sided one out of the same thin-walled material as a double-sided job and expect it to perform the same.

Design parameters

So they look great, but what about serviceability and handling. On the handling side, most riders, if any, would never notice the difference. On the track, most probably wouldn't either. Ducati has run them for years in world superbike competition, so the design isn't flawed. For maintenance, the single-sided swingarm is easy to live with. Tyre



changes are a snack (yes, you will need a special wheel nut for most brands), and instead of sweating and swearing while you're trying to line up rear calipers and axle spacers on your double-sided rig, the single-sided rider is already riding down the road. Chain alignment is easy too, as it's usually done via an eccentric adjuster on the end of the swingarm. It's usually as easy as undoing a couple of nuts and using the right C spanner to rotate to eccentric adjuster in the direction you need. There's no lining up the rear wheel, it stays a constant in the whole affair. Now there is a downside to this – but only if previous owners had overlooked maintenance. The eccentric adjuster at the rear of the swingarm can seize and be a royal pain to move, necessitating the removal of the rotating assembly at the rear of the swingarm. Time consuming and costly.



Double-sided swingarms

Double-sided swingarms have been the dominant force over the years. They are cheaper to make, are lighter and do the job admirably. But the design has also changed markedly over the years. While some entry-level motorcycles have cheap and cheerful, thin-walled steel swingarms holding the rear wheel and suspension to the bike, high-end sportsbikes have things of substantial beauty doing the same job. In the late 1970s, a number of aftermarket swingarm manufacturers made trick-looking braced swingarms for the larger capacity Japanese motorcycles of the time, as the standard ones just did not cut it. The manufacturers got the idea eventually, and most aftermarket swingarm makers went the way of the Dodo. Top bracing, under-slung bracing, gull-arm, banana, tubular steel, alloy, double-sided swingarms just got better and better. The main advantage of the double-sided swingarm is its rigidity, and the relatively simple manufacturing process. Yes it's harder to get the rear wheel off, and chain adjustment and alignment is slightly more involved, but it doesn't have a heap of weight to one side of the bike like a single arm has either.

Does length matter?

The length of a swingarm has a massive impact on the way a bike handles, and in most cases, manufacturers will design the bike to suit most conditions their perceived rider will encounter. Even high-end sports bikes have some compromise factored in so they are not some flighty beast on the road for example. Swingarm length and pivot position in relation to the front sprocket has long been a headache for designers. This is a major area which determines how a bike handles, how it turns into corners and how it squats, or doesn't, under acceleration. Generally speaking, a shorter swingarm will shorten the wheelbase and make it handle "quicker", a longer one does the opposite making it more stable. But you can't just plonk a longer swingarm onto your road racer without contemplating how it will affect the front end. It's relatively common to see racers change the offset of their triple clamps, which affects the trail positively for the track, and then to compensate with a longer swingarm to reduce rear suspension squat and keep the front end on the deck and tracking straight, making for a sweeter handling and steering bike than before.

For the vast majority of riders it all comes down to personal preference of the styling and maintenance rather than any real benefit in road holding, if both are well maintained.

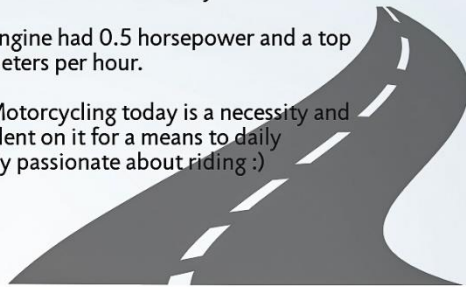
Motorcycling : Interesting Facts & Statistics



Motorcycles have come a long way since 1885, when Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach built the first one in Germany.

Called the reitwagen, or riding car, its engine had 0.5 horsepower and a top speed of 11 kilometers per hour.

Dramatically changed over the years, Motorcycling today is a necessity and fun. As much as they are dependent on it for a means to daily transportation, they are equally passionate about riding :)



Facts

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The first ever blind person to set the record in 2003 for riding a motorbike was Billy Baxter, who lost his eyesight when he was serving in Bosnia.

Forbes magazine founder, Malcolm Forbes owned 50 Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

The longest distance a man rode a motorcycle in 24 hours was 3,256.5 km (2023.5 miles). Matthew McKelvey of South Africa earned a name in the Guinness World Book of Records for this attempt.

The first-ever Harley-Davidson motorcycle only went 25 mph (40 kph). It also had a single-cylinder engine that initially used an empty tomato can for its carburetor.

Tom Wiberg built the smallest motorbike called Smalltoe. The bike's front wheel diameter is 16 mm (0.62 in), and its rear wheel diameter is 22 mm (0.86 in). He rode it for more than 10 meters in 2003 in Sweden.

Fourteen years later, the first production bike was made by Hildebrand and Wolfmüller featuring a two-cylinder engine that produced 2.5 horsepower and topped out at 45 kph.

Helmet use was actually mandated following Colonel T.E. Lawrence's (Lawrence of Arabia) death in a motorcycle accident. He was killed after he swerved to avoid two boys riding a bicycle.

What's the longest motorbike ever built? As per Guinness World Book of Records, the longest motorcycle ever built was 26.29 meters (86 ft 3 in) long. It was created by Bharat Singh Parmar of India in Gujarat, India, on January 2014.

A lot of famous Hollywood celebrities are fond of riding motorcycles. Tom Cruise, George Clooney, Justin Timberlake, Clint Eastwood to name a few.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The four largest motorcycle markets in the world are in Asia: China, India, Indonesia, and Vietnam.

India, with an estimated 37 million motorcycles/mopeds, was home to the largest number of motorised two wheelers in the world.

China came a close second with 34 million motorcycles/mopeds in 2002.

Stats

Today, around 200 million motorcycles, including mopeds, motor scooters, motorised bicycles, and other powered two and three-wheelers, are in use worldwide.



In developing countries, motorcycles are an effective means of utility due to lower prices and greater fuel economy. Of all motorcycles, 58% are in the Asia Pacific and Southern and Eastern Asia regions.



Motorcycles are mainly a luxury good in developed nations, where they are used mostly for recreation, as a lifestyle accessory or a symbol of personal identity.



Harley-Davidson accounted for 29.3% of all new motorcycle sales in the U.S. in 2015 which fell by 3.9% in 2016 and were down globally by 1.6%. Polaris Industries represented just 4.4% of total sales in 2015. They are now reporting 1% rise with its Indian Motorcycle enjoying mid-20% growth.



While helmet usage generally is increasing worldwide and 77% of the world's population is covered by extensive helmet laws, many countries still lack sufficient enforcement.



Speed draws many people to motorcycling because the power-to-weight ratio of even a low-power motorcycle is in league with that of an expensive sports car.



Modern motorcycles are as reliable as automobiles but many riders feel that their motorcycle is more than just a means of transportation which leads them to want to do maintenance on the motorcycles themselves.

Hunter S. Thompson's book *Hell's Angels* includes an ode to the joys of pushing a motorcycle to its limits ...

... "with the throttle screwed on there is only the barest margin, and no room at all for mistakes ... that's when the strange music starts ... fear becomes exhilaration [and the] only sounds are the wind and a dull roar floating back from the mufflers"


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WILL BE AVAILABLE ABOUT MID-APRIL.



Rob

is having his birthday in April!

Happy Birthday Rob! :-)

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! :-)



Rob's Zodiac sign is TAURUS



Taurus are easy to understand. What you see is what you get. They are the best mates you'll ever have. These people are practical and persevering, solid and reliable. Their virtues are common sense, loyalty, responsibility and a pleasant, non-hostile approach to others. It's hard to beat them in an argument because they usually know what they're talking about.

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





APRIL 2018

Sun	1	West	Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141) McDonalds Goodna - Fernvale - Esk - Hampton - Crows Nest (lunch) - Murphys Creek - Blacksoil - Home.
Sun	8	North	Ride Captain: Mac (0439 444 655). Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Mount Mee lookout - lunch at the Landsborough Pub - Bald Knob - Peachester - goodbye stop at the BP south bound at Burpengary. Approx 200km.
Sun	15	South	Ride Captain: Yogi (0418 692 277) YOGI'S MYSTERY RIDE!! Ride leaves at 9:00am sharp from the usual South Ride meeting point (the BP Servo at Yatala) for a magical mystery tour around secret areas in the Jacobs Well and Redlands areas. Don't miss this!
Tues	17	CLUB MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel . 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!
Sun	22	West	Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - Yamanto - Amberley - Forest Hill - Helidon - Plainland - Lowood - Blacksoil - Home. 190km. Lunch will be at the Glamorgan Vale Pub .
Wed	25	ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE at the VV&VMC bunker.	The Vietnam Veterans and Veterans MC are having their 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 for the last couple of years, Steel Horses will be attending as a group and riding to the bunker together as a group. 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! All 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 and ride off to the bunker. 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, Steiny will be laying a wreath on their Cenotaph on behalf of our club. 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.
Sun	29	North	Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141) Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - - over Clear Mountain - Kurwongbah - Morayfield - Wamuran (for our first stop) - Peachester - Bald Knob Road to Landsborough - back down to Peachester again - lunch at the Ace's Place Cafe at 24 Coochin Street in Peachester - Woodford - Kilcoy (fuel stop at Kilcoy 195km) - Fernvale - finish at Blacksoil . Total ride length to Blacksoil is approx. 290km. The reason for lunch at Peachester is for those who wish to call it a day can turn right and head back to Steve Irwin Way and the freeway for home. Those who wish to continue to the end of the ride: we turn left.

MAY 2018

Sun	6	South	Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216). BP Servo at Yatala - Uki (lunch at the Mount Warning Hotel) - Home. About 250km.
Sun	13	West	Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201) McDonalds Goodna - Nobby - lunch at Rudd's Pub - Allora - Maryvale - Home.
Tues	15	CLUB MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel . 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!
Sun	20	North	Ride Captain: Mac (0439 444 655). Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - Jinker Track - Clear Mountain - Dayboro - Dahmogah Lookout Mount Mee (coffee break) - Wamuran - Glasshouse Mountains lookout - Woodford - Peachester - Landsborough Pub (lunch). After lunch we will discuss a return route of either straight home, or through Maleny - Kilcoy - Fernvale - Blacksoil (for our goodbyes).
Sun	27	South	Ride Captain: Steiny (0419 672 216). BP Servo at Yatala - Canungra - Advancetown Pub - Tomewin Mountain Road - Murwillumbah (lunch) - Summerland Way - Numinbah Valley - Beaudesert - Home.

A FEW JOKES :-)



- If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive.
- I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.
- Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- Take my advice — I'm not using it.
- My wife and I were happy for twenty years; then we met.

A London lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by an Irish cop. He thinks that he is smarter than the cop because he is a lawyer from LONDON and is certain that he has a better education than any Irish cop. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Irish cop's expense!

Irish cop says, "License and registration, please."

London Lawyer says, "What for?"

Irish cop says, "Ye didnae come to a complete stop at the stop sign."

London Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming."

Irish cop says, "Ye still didnae come to a complete stop. License and registration, please"

London Lawyer says, "What's the difference?"

Irish cop says, "The difference is, ye huvte come to complete stop, that's the law. License and registration, please!"

London Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket."

Irish cop says, "Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir."

The London Lawyer exits his vehicle.

The Irish cop takes out his baton and starts beating the living daylights out of the lawyer and says, "Daeye want me to stop, or just slow down?"



An 18 year old Italian girl tells her Mom that she has missed her period for 2 months. Very worried, the mother goes to the drugstore and buys a pregnancy kit. The test result shows that the girl is pregnant. Shouting, cursing, crying, the mother says, "Who was the pig that did this to you? I want to know!"

The girl picks up telephone and makes a call. Half an hour later, a Ferrari stops in front of their house. A mature and distinguished man with grey hair and impeccably dressed in an Armani suit steps out of the of the Ferrari and enters the house. He sits in the living room with the father, mother, and the girl and tells them: "Good morning, your daughter has informed me of the problem. I can't marry her because of my personal family situation but I'll take charge. I will pay all costs and provide for your daughter for the rest of her life. Additionally, if a girl is born, I will bequeath a Ferrari, 2 retail stores, a townhouse, a beachfront villa, and a \$2,000,000 bank account. If a boy is born, my legacy will be a couple of factories and a \$4,000,000 bank account. If twins, they will receive a factory and \$2,000,000 each. However, if there is a miscarriage, what do you suggest I do?"

At this point, the father, who had remained silent, places a hand firmly on the man's shoulder and tells him ... "You a gonna try again!!!"

MORE JOKES!! 😊

- Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.
- Ever stop to think and forget to start again?
- He who laughs last thinks slowest.

A man who'd just died is delivered to a local mortuary wearing an expensive, expertly tailored black suit. The female blonde mortician asks the deceased's wife how she would like the body dressed. She points out that the man does look good in the black suit he is already wearing.

The widow, however, says that she always thought her husband looked his best in blue, and that she wants him in a blue suit. She gives the Blonde mortician a blank check and says, "I don't care what it costs, but please have my husband in a blue suit for the viewing."

The woman returns the next day for the wake. To her delight, she finds her husband dressed in a gorgeous blue suit with a subtle chalk stripe; the suit fits him perfectly. She says to the mortician, "Whatever this cost, I'm very satisfied. You did an excellent job and I'm very grateful. How much did you spend?"

To her astonishment, the blonde mortician presents her with the blank check. "There's no charge," she says.

"No, really, I must compensate you for the cost of that exquisite blue suit!" she says.

"Honestly, ma'am," the blonde says, "it cost nothing. You see, a deceased gentleman of about your husband's size was brought in shortly after you left yesterday, and he was wearing an attractive blue suit. I asked his wife if she minded him going to his grave wearing a black suit instead, and she said it made no difference as long as he looked nice."

"So I just switched the heads."

A Wyoming cowboy was meeting a friend at the bar in the Irma Hotel in downtown Cody, to celebrate his 65th birthday. He arrives early and see a chesty good looking redhead sitting alone at the bar, and thinks what have I got to lose. So he walks up and sits down beside her and offers to buy her a drink, which she accepts. The chat a while and he offers a second drink as he reaches over and puts his hand on her thigh.

She looks at him and smiles, and says "Cowboy, thanks for the drinks, but I don't want to lead you on. You aren't going to get any where with me, I'm a lesbian."

The old guy had never heard of a lesbian, and replies, "Huh, what the hell in a lesbian?"

The woman leans over to him and says "See that good looking Blonde Barmaid with the big boobs over there, well I'd just love to take her up to my room and make love to her all night long."

The old guy can only say "OK. Thanks for the chat". He gets up and sits at a table to wait for his buddy, who arrives shortly afterward.

His buddy walks up and ask how he's doing.

"Well I was doing OK up till a few minutes ago."

"What happened a few minutes ago?" asks his friend.

"Well, here I'm turning 65 years old today and I just found out I'm a lesbian."

Murphy approaches his friend Pat and says "I'm sleeping with the Pastor's wife. Can you hold him in church for an hour after services for me?" Pat doesn't like it but, being Murphy's longtime friend, he agrees.

After the service, he starts talking to the Pastor, asking him all sorts of stupid questions, just to keep him occupied. Finally the Pastor gets annoyed and asks Pat what he's really up to.

Pat, feeling guilty, finally confesses to the Pastor. "My friend is sleeping with your wife right now, so he asked me to keep you occupied."

The Pastor smiles, puts a brotherly hand on Pat's shoulder and says ... "You'd better hurry home. My wife died two years ago!"

EVEN MORE JOKES!! 😊

A cannibal was walking through the jungle and came upon a restaurant operated by a fellow cannibal. Feeling somewhat hungry, he sat down and looked over the menu:

Toasted Tourist: \$5.00

Broiled Missionary: \$10.00

Fried Explorer: \$15.00

Baked/Grilled - Labor, Liberal or Green politician: \$100.00

The cannibal called the cook over and asked, "Why such a high price for the politicians?"

The cook replied, "Have you ever tried to clean one? They're so full of shit, it takes all morning."

A big city lawyer went duck hunting in rural North Wairarapa. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing.

The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it."

The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in New Zealand and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes in North Wairarapa. We settle small disagreements like this with the 'Three Kick Rule.'"

The lawyer asked, "What is the 'Three Kick Rule'?"

The Farmer replied, "Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, I get to go first. I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up."

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel toed work boot into the lawyer's balls and dropped him to his knees! His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth. The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear end, sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and remaining strength and very slowly managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, you old fart. Now it's my turn."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Nah, I give up. You can have the duck."

A man goes into a restaurant and is seated. All the waitresses are gorgeous. A particularly voluptuous waitress wearing a very short skirt and legs that won't quit, came to his table and asked if he was ready to order, "What would you like, sir?"

He looks at the menu and then scans her beautiful frame top to bottom, then answers, "A quickie."

The waitress turns and walks away in disgust. After she regains her composure she returns and asks again, "What would you like, sir?"

Again the man thoroughly checks her out and again answers, "a quickie, please." This time her anger takes over, she reaches over and slaps him across the face with a resounding "SMACK!" and storms away.

A man sitting at the next table leans over and whispers, "Um, I think it's pronounced 'quiche'."

