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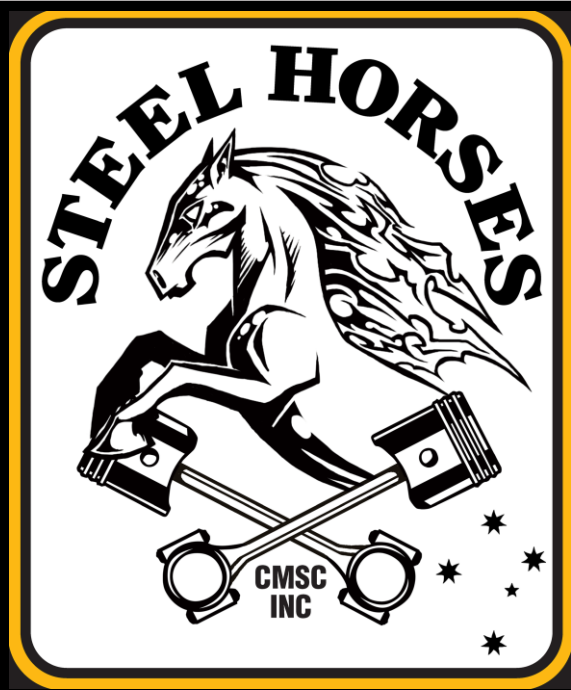
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Club Objectives:

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

Membership:

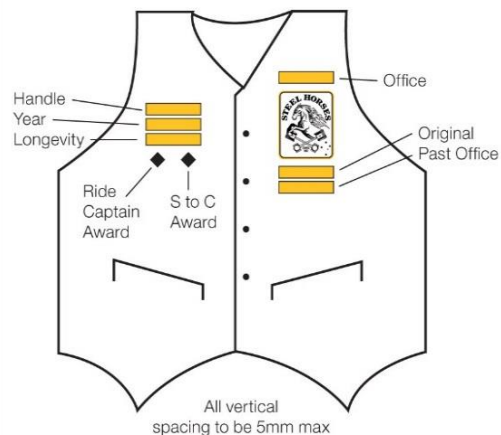
Membership is open to Riders and Pillions of Cruiser and Tourer motorcycles & Social Members.

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.

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JAK'S FACTS

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



My blurb this month is mainly about upcoming events. After a washout in March I would like to remind everyone about the Steel Horses (roll the dice) poker run taking place on the 14th April. The ride leaves from Goodna Maccas at 9.00am sharp so be there early to buy a hand or 2 before we set off. I would like to encourage as many members as possible to attend as not only is it a fund raiser for the club, it is also a great fun day.

Anzac day is fast approaching on the 25th April. We will meet up at the Calamvale McDonalds to leave by 4.45 to ride to the bunker as a group. Full details of this event are on the ride calendar on the webpage. The Vietnam Vets and Veterans MC run a great service on this day as it is obviously a day of remembrance close to their hearts. Unfortunately I will miss the event this year as I am out of town but encourage all those who can to attend the service and the breakfast afterwards at Hippy and Roach's place. Please all advise Hippy and Roach whether or not you will be attending the breakfast so they have numbers for catering.

Another upcoming event is the homeless Helper's ride on the 5th May. This is an event well worth supporting as 100% of money raised goes straight to the homeless in the local community. We will be meeting at Goodna McDonalds and riding to the start point of the ride shortly after 8am to complete registration. This year the ride will finish at the Saints clubhouse in Sheldon. I urge anyone able to support this worthy cause and attend the ride.

Cheers

Jak

wheels turnin' 'round and 'round ...you go back, Jak, and do it again





SUNDAY – 17th March 2019

Hi all,

This week's Poker Run unfortunately was called off due to bad weather. The Poker Run will now take place on Sunday 14th April. If you can make it I look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers

Lite em up



CANCELLED EVENT

Brekkie at Mt Glorious

19 March 2019

Photos by Fee

A few pictures taken at brekkie up at Mt Glorious. Our weekly meet up regularly attracts a few of our members to our Tuesday ride. Today's members attending were Ace, Benelli, Fee, Hippy, Hoffy, Jak, Mac & Specs with visitor Mags





West Ride to Laidley 24 March 2019



*wheels turnin' 'round
and 'round ... you go
back, Jak, and do it
again*

Trip Leader:

Jak

Riders:

Mac

Disco

Scouse

Ace

Hippy & Roach

Sam (for brekkie)

Pyro

Yogi

TEC:

Ynot

Photos by:

Roach

Being the first fine day for some time it was a good roll up at the Goodna Maccas for the west ride. Mac, Scouse, Ace, Hippy, Roach, Disco, Pyro, Yogi, Ynot and I all turned up for the ride and Sam came down to have breakfast with us before we left.

Just after 9am we headed off to the first bum break at the Grand Hotel, Esk. My plan was to keep the ride short with the unseasonal heat that had been around. It was still an exceptionally hot day for the time of year. Leaving Esk we said goodbye to Yogi as he had a few chores to do at home.

We headed down through Mount Hallen and Spring Creek and waved our goodbyes to Ynot at the Gatton-Esk Road and Warrego Highway junction as he headed home to do preparations for his upcoming cruise. I had planned to have lunch at the Eagle Rock cafe in Laidley but as it was not air-conditioned we decided on the Old Britannia Hotel instead. We headed in for lunch there after oggling a nice array of hot rods outside the cafe.

When we had finished lunch at 1pm, I gave everyone the option of heading straight home up the highway or coming with me over Mt Glorious. Ace, Scouse, Mac and I headed over the mountain, Disco & Pyro set off home via the highway and Hippy and Roach made their way back home via the highway with a stop off at Winnie & Workers.

Another great day on the road but I will be glad when the weather gods allow us to rug up for a ride.

Cheers

Jak

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North Ride Peachester

31 March 2019



Ride Captain:

Pyro

Riders:

Ace

Jak

TEC:

Phoenix

Photos by:

Pyro & Phoenix

Hi All Pyro here,

Mac had other plans for today and asked if I would take the ride for him. I told him it would be a chore but I would give it a go.

Today's ride was a beauty with the sun shining and the temp was pretty cool as well. Phoenix and I arrived at Carseldine to find Jak finishing his breakfast all by himself. We grabbed a couple of coffees and sat down for a chat. Ace arrived a few moments later. Today's ride was up the Jinker Track and over Clear Mountain past Old Petrie Town and up Mount Mee to our first stop at the look out. After a short break and drink we headed off to Wamuran and Steve Irwin Way and up Peachester. I always ride slow heading up to the twisties at Peachester to allow slow cars to get far enough ahead so they do not slow us down half way up the hill and ruin the experience. We then turned right at Bald Knob and down to Landsborough and back towards our Peachester twisties for a second bite at those most enjoyable curves. Again I travelled slow to the base of the hill and we were granted a free uninterrupted ride up both times. I love Peachester.

After lunch at the little Café Jak left for home down the freeway with Ace going to Woodford and over Mount Mee before going for home. Phoenix and I turned for Kilcoy and down past the dam to Fernvale and Blacksoil for our traditional ice-cream before heading for home ourselves.

Hope to see you on the next one.

Pyro

Lite em up







Overnighter to Tenterfield 6 & 7 April 2019



Ride Captain:

Pyro

Riders:

Jak

Mac

Kim & Sue

Winnie

Phoenix

TEC:

Neil & Robyn

Travelling by Car:

Steiny, Joy & Ned

Photos by:

Mac, Jak, Winnie

Pyro & Phoenix

Hi all, Pyro here,

Today we woke to a beautiful sunny day and a great ride ahead of us. Phoenix and I arrived at Beaudesert around 8.30 for our 9.00am start to find Neil waiting for us at the servo, as we passed Maccas we saw Mac, Jak, Kim & Sue, Winnie and Steiny, Ned, Joy and Robyn all having breakfast. We filled up and waited for everyone to show up at the servo and at 9am we were all there and ready to depart. Fee had cancelled on us the day before so we had 7 bikes and one car with three people in it. Our first stop was at Rathdowney for about 15 min just because it would be too far to Kyogle before a pee stop. Jak took the lead from Rathdowney and waited at the Summerland turn off where we all caught up and then kept going, arriving in Kyogle we found the main street to be closed off for some street function and had to stop up near the school to wait for our traveling cage. It was too far to walk back into the main street so we hopped back on the bikes and headed for Casino for lunch, arriving about 12.30 we enjoyed some good food and some tall stories. We refuelled across the road at the Caltex servo and then it was the Bruxner to Drake. This is a good stretch of road and except for a 4x4 towing a car trailer passing us like we were standing still it was pretty much uneventful. After a short break at Drake (ha ha that's funny) Jak took the lead again cause this was the twisty part and he did not wish to be held up by my slow riding. We all caught up again just outside Tenterfield so we could all head to our motel together arriving around 4.15 pm local time. We arranged dinner at Uncle Toms Chinese Restaurant at 6.30 pm so after getting all dolled up it was up to the pub and then over to dinner. Twelve very hungry and loud diners made for an interesting dining experience for the whole place. We have eaten there three or four times now and each time the food has been great, especially the Mongolian Lamb, very tasty just ask Mac the next time you see him, almost tears coming down his face it was so spicy and hot. After dinner we headed back to our accommodation for a little chat outside our rooms before hitting the sack and getting a good sleep before our long ride home.

Breakfast down the road at the Coachman Café and then back on the bikes heading for Stanthorpe for fuel and a short break with refreshments. It was decided to head over Cunningham's Gap to the new BP servo at Aratula for lunch and we arrived there about 12.30. After some food and chin wagging we all headed for our respective homes with most getting home about 2.30 - 3.00pm. The weather was great and the roads were mostly good, just going around Mount Lindsay is still shit but the rest was worth it. We are hoping to do another run to Kingaroy in May if possible so stay tuned for details. If you are bummed about missing this amazing weekend ride don't be discouraged cause you can always make the next one. After all we are a riding club and I can't think of a better way to spend a weekend than going for a long ride with good friends. Hope to see you on the next one.

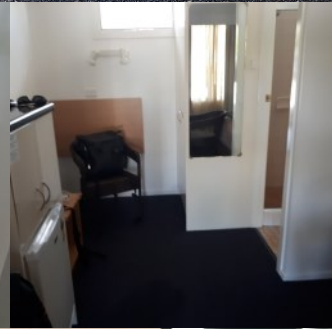
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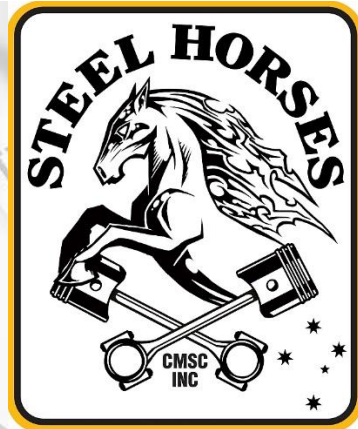
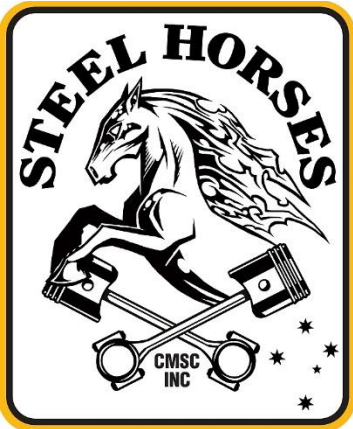
Lite em up











Steel Horses

Poker Run

Sunday 14th April 2019

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)

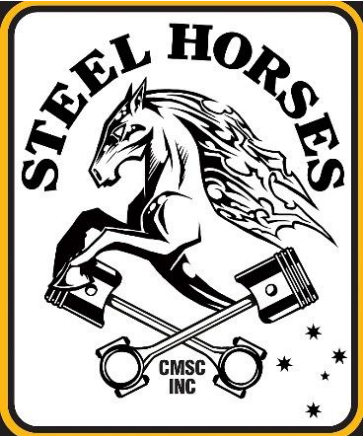
For more details & links to everything, go to the March section of the Ride Calendar:

http://steelhorses.com.au/ride_calendar.html#1904

Cost is \$5.00 per hand.

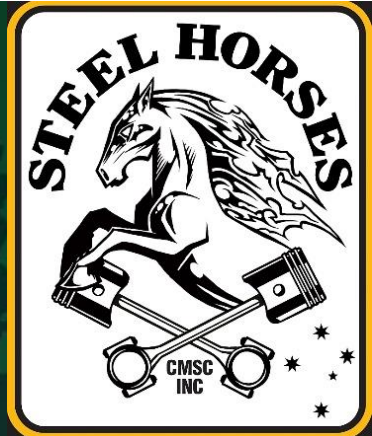
Great Prizes for the winners!!





THURSDAY 25th APRIL 2019

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 that are attending 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, Steiny will be laying a wreath on their Cenotaph.

After the ceremony, we will be riding back to Hippy & Roach'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#1904

**"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."**



Homeless Helpers Winter Run 2019

SUNDAY 5TH MAY

START:

HEIGHTS4HIRE

880 Boundary Road

Richarlands, QLD 4077

FINISH:

Saints Clubhouse

183 Duncan Road

Sheldon, QLD 4157

Muster 8am

Stands up 9am

Ride Fee is \$20

Includes:

Ride Patch

Raffle Ticket

Sausage Sizzle

A bottle of water at start

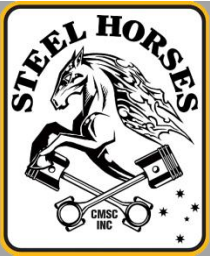
Should you wish to make an item donation on the day, Homeless Helpers are aiming to collect winter items for the homeless. Blankets, sleeping bags, swags, tents and good quality warm coats are a priority closely followed by ponchos, umbrellas, socks, beanies and gloves.

Their ALWAYS NEEDED items are toiletries, first aid kits, long life food items and in season clothing.

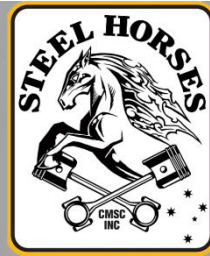
Ashton will be accepting these before stands up so you won't have to ride with the items all day.

You can also build a care pack of your own for a homeless person via their website www.homelesshelpers.org.au/donate and choose your care pack items. Ashton will do the rest.

The end venue will have beer and food. The ability to camp the night at no cost. More details will be shared for those who wish to stay following the formalities.



Fire Pit Night



HOSTED BY PYRO & PHOENIX

SATURDAY - 6 JULY 2019

6PM

The inaugural Steel Horses 'FIRE PIT NIGHT'

Sit around a classic campfire/fire pit this evening with your Steel Horses mates. Fantastic. Nothing fancy, just good company and a warm fire. What an awesome way to spend the evening.

- 6PM kickoff
- BYO Meat, salads alcohol marsh mellow and anything else you think you might need. Pyro & Phoenix are supplying the BBQ and Fire Pit.
- BYO fold up chairs to use while sitting around the fire.
- There is ample off street parking for bikes/cars.

Members please contact Pyro or Phoenix to let them know whether you are attending and for address details.

CLUB LAVERDA QLD.

CONCOURS 2019

Gates Open
8am

Trophies
2.30pm



\$2000
BEST IN SHOW

DYNO confirmed

Proudly sponsored by

**Cleveland Show Grounds,
Long St, Cleveland Qld.**

Sunday 21st July



SHARE THE PASSION

MAKE-A-WISH
Bringing magic and joy to children and young people
with a life threatening illness

Presented by Club Laverda Qld Inc. (CLQ), CONCOURS 2019 is a static motorcycle display offering some 60 trophies and \$2000 for the best machine entered on the day. A \$10.00 entry fee applies to patrons over 15 years and includes on-site motorcycle parking. An additional \$10.00 entry fee applies to enthusiasts wishing to enter their machines for judging and trophies. Machines entered for judging must be in running order. The event is alcohol free and is raising funds for the Make a Wish Foundation. Trade stalls, enthusiast club displays, Dyno, and entertainment plus food vendors and children's rides.



CONTACT THE EVENT MANAGER:

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www.clublaverdaqld.com.au

Christmas in July Bowra Hotel, 27th 2019

Departs McDonalds, Beaudesert.

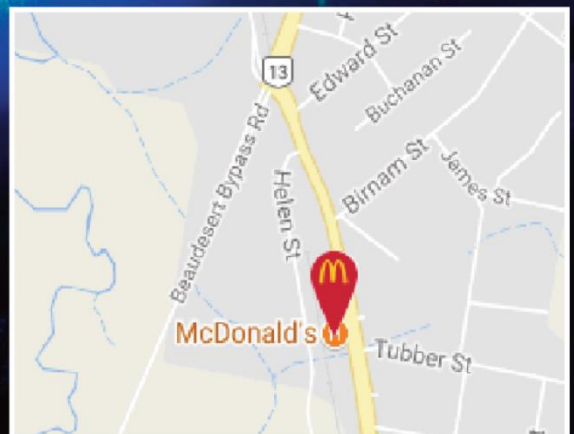
Stands Up at 8:00am, Early brekky first. Well, coffee at least!

\$80.00 per head. \$40 non refundable deposit to secure your room.

Accommodation, Dinner and Brekky included.

First in, Best Dressed.

**APPEARING ONE
NIGHT ONLY
for us!**



Steel Horses rides rise in small clubs

POSTED ON [24TH JANUARY, 2018](#) BY [MARK HINCHLIFFE](#)



With its emphasis on small membership, riding every Sunday, plenty of social meetings and “fun”, the Brisbane-based club is the antithesis of big, impersonal and “political” clubs.

“Most of our members have come from other clubs that are just too big,” says president “Steiny”.

“A big club is not necessarily a good thing. They can be too cliquey. You’re better off with a good core of members.”



Steel Horses was started in Brisbane in 2009 by members of other motorcycle clubs. They wrote some rules and immediately incorporated the club for insurance reasons, so members knew they rode at their own risk.

It now has about 26 members and while they are always interested in new members, they see the club stabilising around an “ideal” 30 members.

Steiny says they did get a little too political at one stage, so they moved “back to our roots of riding and social activities”.

He says the club is an ideal size because everyone knows everyone else in the club and “cliques” don’t develop like they do in bigger clubs.

Ride, ride, ride



Steel Horses has an emphasis on riding with a long ride (300-500km) every Sunday even if it falls on Christmas Day, plus unofficial breakfast rides to Mt Glorious every Tuesday and Springwood Suzuki on Fridays.

Club newsletter editor “Kim” is also a Ulysses member, but says they don’t go for rides often enough.

“As far as I know we’re the only club that rides every weekend including Christmas,” he says.

“That’s a big attraction. I know people who have tried to ride with Ulysses and haven’t been spoken to the whole ride.”

Ride captain “Rowdy” says there is no pressure on members to ride hard with an

emphasis on a cruisey ride in staggered formation with no overtaking.

“I trust everyone in this club not to do anything stupid,” he says.

“But we’re not squeaky clean, either.”



Steiny says safety is a big issue among members who believe that riding in a group creates more road visibility.

“Also, if you are out riding on your own and go off the road and no one sees you, you could be missing for days,” he says.

“And on the social side, when you ride in a small group you always have someone to talk to when you stop.”

Unlike large clubs which organise their own charity events, Steel Horses members say they are too small to organise such events.

However, they do attend some charity events on a voluntary basis.



Steel Horses members

Steel Horses has four female members and also allows pillions and social non-riding members.

Former Ekka Wall of Death and Globe rider, “Ned”, says she is not typically a club-joiner.

“I don’t like to be regimented,” she says.

“Steiny talked me into riding with the club and I rode around for a while and didn’t think I’d be a joiner, but here I am.”

She says there is no intimidation by male members.

“Most of the members are quite protective of the women,” she says.

“I’ve ridden with a lot of clubs, but this club is more social.”

Exception to the rule



Bonnevilles are classed as cruisers

Founding member “Ynot” says Steel Horses has a 20-page rule book and a seven-step grievance process to ensure there is no dispute over procedures, membership and other issues such as suitable bikes.

“We’re democratic, transparent, allow certain types of bikes and we have fun,” he says.

However, Steiny is an example of how the club can be flexible to accommodate good mates.



President Steiny

He crashed his Goldwing on a club ride and was several months in rehab. When he returned to riding, he moved to a Can-Am Spyder because of issues with his leg.

Although three-wheelers aren’t included in the club rules, he was allowed to remain because he had been a club member before his crash.

Web newsletter



Steel Horses has an **active website** which includes every newsletter they have produced.

You can also view their ride calendar, photos and join up.

Club prospects have to ride with the group four times and attend two meetings before they can be approved for membership. They also must own and ride a cruiser or tourer motorcycle.

It costs \$36 a year to be a member and \$40 to join which includes a patch and club name tags.

Their ride calendar also features weekend getaways, including an annual Christmas-in-July event at Bowraville on the Central NSW Coast.

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Harley Davidson doubles down on electric motorcycles with new Silicon Valley R&D center

Micah Toll

- Sep. 5th 2018 1:07 pm ET

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Harley-Davidson [has been dangling its electric motorcycle concept](#) in front of us for years, and has confirmed a 2019 release for the project.

While some have speculated about how committed the company is to an electric future, Harley-Davidson may be assuaging some of those concerns with news of their new Silicon Valley research and development center.

Harley-Davidson just announced today that it will establish its new R&D facility in Northern California in order to support its future product portfolio, including the company's first complete line of electric vehicles.

That portfolio comprises up to five different electric vehicles over the next few years, [including not just electric motorcycles but also an electric dirt bike and electric bicycle](#).

The electric vehicle portfolio is part of Harley-Davidson's larger plan to shift its focus towards a new market of younger, more urban riders – an inevitability considering the company's current aging ridership.



According to CEO Matt Levatich:

"Recently we shared with the world our accelerated plans to build the next generation of Harley-Davidson riders globally. This new R&D facility in the heart of Silicon Valley will help us deliver on those plans and demonstrate our commitment to lead the electrification of the sport."

he new Silicon Valley R&D center, which is slated to open by the end of this year, will function as a satellite facility for Harley-Davidson's current production facility in Wisconsin.

The facility's initial focus will consist of electric vehicle research and development including battery, power electronics and electric vehicle design, development and advanced manufacturing.

In the long-term, the company says that the new facility could be tapped for a broader range of development, including what the company describes as:

"...further advanced technologies that uniquely leverage the rich talent in the Silicon Valley and support its most comprehensive and competitive lineup of motorcycles across a broad spectrum of price points, power sources and riding styles."

Coded as that may be, the company isn't just all talk. Hiring has ramped up to staff the new facility. Harley-Davidson has been looking to hire engineers across various electrical, mechanical and software disciplines – all critical for electric vehicle development.



According to Levatich:

“This is an exciting time in Harley-Davidson’s incredible history, and it’s also an exciting time to join our company and help shape our future.”

Electrek’s Take

“Exciting” is one way to put it. These are likely going to be some awesome vehicles.

But I have to imagine that the execs in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin are sweating bullets too. This is effectively the 11th hour for Harley-Davidson. It’s time to put up or shut up, as they say.

The company coasted for too long on chrome and cc’s. They’ve since seen that the writing was on the wall as their customer base has been swapping hogs for mobility carts at an alarming rate, though some believe that realization occurred too late to save the company. Other US-based motorcycle companies are [already breathing down Harley-Davidson’s neck](#), and we’ve seen a lot more [physical progress from those companies so far](#).

Time will soon tell if Harley-Davidson can pivot towards a future of familiarly high power (albeit quieter) American-made electric motorcycles, or whether they’ll be just another auto industry casualty on the road to clean, efficient electric vehicles.

I firmly believe that 2019 will be the year that Harley-Davidson will either reinvent itself or become just another piece of nostalgic American memorabilia, a symbol of a by-gone time and a reminder of where we came from.

So if you’re listening, Harley-Davidson, then please make us proud. The world still needs ridiculous, big and powerful motorcycles. We just need them to come with a plug

Triumph reportedly bringing back Trident, is this Triumph's first electric motorcycle?

Micah Toll

- Mar. 26th 2019 10:36 am ET

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<https://electrek.co/2019/03/26/triumph-reportedly-bringing-back-trident-is-this-triumphs-first-electric-motorcycle/#more-88126>



Triumph has reportedly filed a number of trademarks for an upcoming Trident line of motorcycles. Multiple sources are reporting that the new line could be Triumph's first ever electric motorcycle.

Triumph reportedly bringing back the Trident

Triumph's original Trident was the company's first superbike.

They nearly beat [Honda](#) to the first ever production superbike, but design delays repeatedly pushed the final release date back.

The Trident ultimately disappeared to history, but perhaps not forever. At least not for the name.

Triumph has apparently filed European trademark documents for the Trident name in a wide range of product classes, including for electric two-wheelers.

The original Trident was similarly trademarked in classes as broad as "land vehicles; sports utility vehicles; side by side vehicles; motorcycles; mopeds; scooters;

tricycles; bicycles; powered 2-wheeled vehicles; and structural parts for land vehicles”, according to [MoreBikes](#).

But the outlet is reporting that Triumph has added “electric motorcycles” to the list this time, indicating that the brand is at least considering the possibility of an electric two-wheeler.



That would make sense based on the electric motorcycle feelers that Triumph has been establishing. A couple of months ago the company [sent out an email survey](#) to Triumph customers to gauge their interest in an electric motorcycle.

The questionnaire included questions such as “have you ever ridden an electric motorcycle?”, “how did you like it?”, and “Would you be interested in an electric motorcycle from Triumph?”

While none of these signs indicate a firm commitment from Triumph, they don’t show a company that is entirely disinterested in electric motorcycles either.

If Triumph were to begin developing an electric motorcycle now, they’d already be coming late to the party.

Harley-Davidson has been working on its own [LiveWire electric motorcycle](#) for years. H-D’s flagship electric motorcycle [went on sale earlier this year](#) and will be delivered to customers this summer.

The bar-and-shield motorcycle manufacturer has already rolled out [two more electric bike concepts](#) including a light electric dirt bike and an electric scooter.



Harley-Davidson LiveWire electric motorcycle at EICMA Milan Motorcycle Show 2018

Plus they've got [one more lighter electric motorcycle and an electric bicycle](#) on the way.

And if that wasn't enough to demonstrate Harley-Davidson's commitment to electric bikes, they've gone and [bought a children's electric bicycle company](#) as well.

But it isn't just traditional motorcycle manufacturers that are building electric motorcycles.

California-based [Zero Motorcycles](#) has been building electric motorcycles for over a decade. The company recently debuted its newest and fastest electric motorcycle, the [Zero SR/F](#).



2019 Zero SR/F electric motorcycle

And fellow Californian company [Lightning Motorcycle](#) is launching its own new electric sport bike this week. The [Lightning Strike is highly anticipated](#) based on its purported \$12,998 starting price and combination of 150 mph (241 km/h) top speed and 150 mile (241 km) range.

With a number of other smaller brands also in the mix, the field is crowding ahead of a potential entry by Triumph. If the company is planning its own electric motorcycle, will there be any room left when it arrives?



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Queensland Safety Certificates

If you're buying a used motorcycle you need to ensure there's a current Queensland safety certificate displayed. A safety certificate identifies the authorised inspection station (AIS) that's issued the certificate, and it must be displayed on the motorcycle from the time it's offered for sale.

If you're selling a registered motorcycle, you'll need to obtain and display a Queensland safety certificate from the moment you offer the motorcycle for sale.

What is a safety certificate?

A safety certificate's issued after a motorcycle passes an minimum safety standard inspection. A safety certificate covers basic things that could affect the safe operation of the vehicle, including:

- tyres
- brakes
- steering
- suspension
- rust or damage
- lights

The safety certificate offers buyers better protection and makes sure vehicles being offered for disposal or being re-registered are safe - reducing the likelihood of crashes caused by defective vehicles.

When is a safety certificate required?

You're required to display a safety certificate on any registered motorcycle from the moment you offer the vehicle for sale, including when you:

- list the vehicle for sale online; or
- place the vehicle in public offering it for sale; or
- ride the vehicle while displaying a sign such as *For Sale - Phone 1234 5678*

Note: You're required to obtain and display a safety certificate on a registered motorcycle when it is being offered for sale, even if you plan cancelling the registration when the motorcycle's sold.

Unregistered second hand and registered interstate motorcycles must have a safety certificate as part of the Queensland pre-registration process (unless exempt).

Safety certificates must be displayed on a motorcycle in a conspicuous place, i.e. front forks or guard.

Failure to display a Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads Safety Certificate on the motorcycle from the time it's first offered for sale can carry an on-the-spot fine penalty of \$550.

When is a safety certificate not needed?

Selling a motorcycle without a safety certificate

Motorcycles that are unregistered or are traded to, or between, licensed motor dealers do not require a safety certificate. Motorcycles can still be sold for parts but they must be de-registered before being offered for sale.

Transferring a vehicle without a safety certificate

You don't need a safety certificate if the motorcycle meets one of the exemption criteria. Some exemption situations may include:

- the disposer being in an exempt area
- a beneficiary of a deceased estate
- between spouses, including separated spouses
- remote locations

For more information on exemptions, phone 13 23 80.

How long are safety certificates current for?

The time a safety certificate is valid for varies depending on who is selling the vehicle:

- licensed motor dealers: certificates are valid for 3 months or 1000km (whichever comes first) from date of issue
- all other sellers: certificates are valid for 2 months or 2000km (whichever comes first) from date of issue

The same safety certificate can be used to register an unregistered vehicle and to transfer the registration of that vehicle, provided it is within the limits set out above.

A new safety certificate is needed each time you sell the vehicle even if it is within the limits above. A single safety certificate cannot be used for two transfers.

Who issues safety certificates?

Safety certificates can only be issued by approved inspection stations. **Motorcycle Roadworthys** is an approved inspection station and will travel to your home, your place of work, or wherever your motorcycle happens to be to undertake an inspection and issue a safety certificate.

Minimise the chance of your motorcycle failing first inspection

A failed safety certificate inspection is inconvenient and time consuming, and more often than not it's only minor and easily rectifiable faults that prevent a pass; faults you could've identified and fixed prior to inspection.

For a better understanding of what a vehicle inspector looks for and to help identify possible reasons for inspection rejection, visit www.safetycert.info to access the *Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads Code of Practice - Vehicle Inspection Guidelines*.

Although vehicle inspection is subjective and inspection guidelines are open to varying interpretation from inspector to inspector, if you follow the guidelines section by section whilst carrying out your own inspection, you should be able to identify and remedy any existing faults prior to a safety certificate inspection.

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ROB

is having a birthday in April!



Personality traits of Taurian's (Apr 21 to May 20)

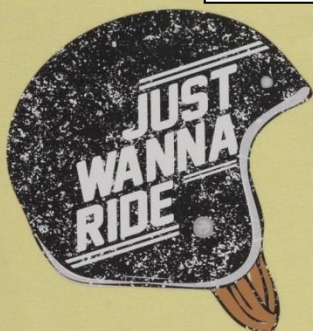
Taurus are easy to understand. What you see is what you get. They are the best mates you'll ever have. These people are practical and persevering, solid and reliable. Their virtues are common sense, loyalty, responsibility and a pleasant, non-hostile approach to others. It's hard to beat them in an argument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

www.kellystarsigns.com/star-signs/taurus/

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! :-)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ROB



Ride Calendar

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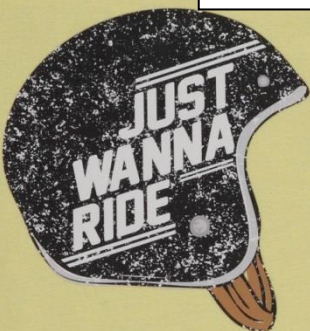
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Tues	2	Mt Glorious	Ride the twisty road to the magnificent Mount Glorious ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click HERE for complete details.
Sat&Sun	6&7	South	<p>PYRO'S WEEKEND AWAY TO TENTERFIELD!</p> <p>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141)</p> <p>Day 1 We'll meet at up at 8.30am Caltex South servo at 2 Telemon St, Beaudesert Stands up and on the road by 9am. We will be heading over Mt Lindsay and around to Kyogle, down to Casino then on to and Drake then on to Tenterfield</p> <p>Day 2 From Tenterfield we'll ride to Stanthorpe, Warwick, Cunningham's Gap, Aratula, Peak Crossing then home</p>
Tues	9	Mt Glorious	Ride the twisty road to the magnificent Mount Glorious ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click HERE for complete details.
Sun	14	STEEL HORSES POKER RUN	<p>The Poker Run was cancelled last month due to wet weather. The Poker Run will be held today.</p> <p>THE FAMOUS STEEL HORSES POKER RUN! BE THERE FOR A GOOD RIDE AND GREAT PRIZES!</p> <p>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141)</p> <p>STOP 1 & THE STARTING POINT: The usual West Ride meeting point - McDonalds Goodna. Departure is 9:00am sharp.</p> <p>STOP 2: Harrisville.</p> <p>STOP 3: Grandchester.</p> <p>STOP 4: Gatton.</p> <p>STOP 5 & THE FINISHING POINT: Glamorgan Vale Pub for lunch, and awarding of prizes!</p> <p>Cost is \$5.00 per hand.</p>
Tues	16	Mt Glorious	Ride the twisty road to the magnificent Mount Glorious ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click HERE for complete details.
Tues	16	MEETING	<p>Lord Stanley Hotel. 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>
Sun	21	North	<p>Ride Captain: Mac (0439 444 655)</p> <p>We'll meet at 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</p>
Tues	23	Mt Glorious	Ride the twisty road to the magnificent Mount Glorious ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click HERE for complete details.
Thur	25	Anzac Day Dawn Service at the VV&VMC bunker.	<p>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 for the last couple of years, Steel Horses will be attending (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>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.</p> <p>The Vietnam Veterans and Veterans MC'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>FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY: After the ceremony, we will be riding back to Hippy & Roach's place for a BBQ breakfast. The club will be providing all the food, etc.</p> <p>See you there!</p>
Sun	28	South	<p>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141)</p> <p>We'll meet at BP Servo at Yatala - Ride route for the today - Bum break at Canungra on to Beechmont then St Bernards Hotel for lunch. A bum break at Bearded Dragon on our way home</p>
Tues	30	Mt Glorious	Ride the twisty road to the magnificent Mount Glorious ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click HERE for complete details.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Good Friday (Public Holiday): Friday 19th April 2019.
 Easter Saturday (Public Holiday): Saturday 20th April 2019.
 Easter Sunday (Public Holiday): Saturday 21st April 2019.
 Easter Monday (Public Holiday): Monday 22nd April 2019.
 Anzac Day (Public Holiday): Thursday 25th April 2019.



Ride Calendar

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Sun	5	CHARITY RIDE	<p>Ride Captain: Jak (0402 263 920) HOMELESS HELPERS WINTER RUN 2019.</p> <p>Starts at "Heights4Hire" - 880 Boundary Road, Richlands, QLD 4077. Muster at 8am. Stands up at 9am Show your interest in this event through their sign up button. You can select how many people in your group will be attending with no pre-payment needed at this time. \$20 ride fee payable on the day. Ride fee includes - Ride Patch, Raffle Ticket, Sausage Sizzle & a bottle of water at the start. The ride will finish at The Saints Clubhouse - 183 Duncan Road, Sheldon, QLD 4157.</p> <p>Should you wish to make an item donation on the day, Homeless Helpers are aiming to collect winter items for the homeless. Blankets, sleeping bags, swags, tents and good quality warm coats are a priority closely followed by ponchos, umbrellas, socks, beanies and gloves. Their ALWAYS NEEDED items are toiletries, first aid kits, long life food items and in season clothing. Ashton will be accepting these before stands up so you won't have to ride with the items all day. You can also build a care pack of your own for a homeless person via their website www.homelesshelpers.org.au/donate and choose your care pack items. Ashton will do the rest.</p> <p>The end venue will have beer and food. The ability to camp the night at no cost. More details will be shared for those who wish to stay following the formalities</p>
Tues	7	Mt Glorious	<p>Ride the twisty road to the magnificent Mount Glorious! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click HERE for complete details.</p>
Sun	12	North	<p>Ride Captain: Mac (0439 444 655) We'll leave Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse at 9am. Then twisties ride for the first leg (Surprise route) Lunch at the D'Aguilar Hotel near Woodford on the Mount Mee turn off. After lunch we will be heading home via Wamuran, then the back roads to Clear Mountain via some twisties - finally to Eatons Crossing for our goodbyes. The ride will be 220km back to Eatons Crossing. -</p>
Tues	14	Mt Glorious	<p>Ride the twisty road to the magnificent Mount Glorious! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click HERE for complete details.</p>
Tues	14	MEETING	<p>Lord Stanley Hotel. 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!</p>
Sun	19	South	<p>Ride Captain: Pyro (0413 905 141) Well meet at BP Servo at Yatala - Ride route for the today - Bum break at Advancetown Pub then on to Tyalgum for lunch. We'll head home via Murwillumbah, Tomewin, Advancetown and Coomera</p>
Tues	21	Mt Glorious	<p>Ride the twisty road to the magnificent Mount Glorious! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click HERE for complete details.</p>
Sun	26	West	<p>Ride Captain: Yogi (0418 692 277) We'll meet at McDonalds Goodna - Ride route for the day to be confirmed</p>
Tues	28	Mt Glorious	<p>Ride the twisty road to the magnificent Mount Glorious! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click HERE for complete details.</p>

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IMPORTANT DATES

Labour Day (Public Holiday): Monday 6th May 2019.
Mothers Day: Sunday May 12th 2019.

