

The Official Newsletter of Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc

The Steel Horse

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This will be Steel Horses first appearance at LAVERDA, in Captain Bourke Park, Holman St, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane.

The STORY BRIDGE CONCOURS 2010 will be the 22nd Concours de Elegance hosted by CLUB LAVERDA QUEENSLAND INC. at Captain Bourke Park.

The arrangements for setting up at our Marquee at Laverda this year are as follows:

- ⇒ Steiny and Sparra will transport Marquee, Banner and Furniture to the site on Saturday 17 July at approximately 3.30 pm.
- ⇒ Sarge, Yogi, Rowdy and Ynot, who volunteered to erect the marquee, will meet Steiny and Sparra at the venue and claim a suitable position to erect the marquee.
- ⇒ The club is not permitted to stay overnight as previously planned, so we will secure the marquee for the night and return early Sunday morning to set up our exhibit.
- ⇒ Only ten motorcycles (with stickers) are permitted in our exhibit and those who assist with setting up and removal of the exhibit will receive these stickers. Ynot will allocate surplus stickers on a first come first served basis.

Additionally, Ynot will have the receipt book with him, so please pay your membership renewal fee to him, at Laverda.

STOP PRESS! URGENT....

A fire occurred at Broadway Hotel. Until further notice meetings will be at 7.30pm at Lord Stanley Hotel, cnr Didsbury St and Stanley St East, East Brisbane.



\$\$ Renewal \$\$\$ Renewal \$\$\$ Renewal \$\$

It's that time of year again and your membership is due for renewal. Some members have renewed already.

To be able to vote at the July meeting, remember that you will need to pay your membership renewal to the acting Treasurer before the start of the meeting.

If your membership is not paid by the end of August you will, unfortunately, no longer be deemed a member.

Steel Horses is a democratic club and you have the right to voice your opinions and vote on all aspects of the club – but you need to be a financial member to do this.

Riders \$36; Pillions \$24; Social members \$12.—Cheques or CASH.

Deadline 2nd Tuesday of every month

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See Event Calendar for details

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Club objectives

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

Membership

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

Currently, the annual membership subscription is \$36 for Riders, \$24 for Pillions, and \$12 for Social Members. This is applied monthly pro-rata for new members.

For new members there is also a once only joining fee on top of the annual membership fee. This covers the cost of Patch, Insignia, and other Club costs.

Currently, the joining fee is \$30 for Riders and Pillions, and either \$20 or \$30 for Social Members depending on whether they elect to wear a Badge or a Vest.

Members can purchase a booklet of the Rules and By-laws at cost. Contact the Secretary to do so.

Monthly Meetings

Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc meets every 3rd Tuesday at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane , Brisbane at 7.30 pm. Lord Stanley Hotel is at the intersection of Didsbury St, and Stanley St East, East Brisbane.

Club Merchandise

Please contact the **Merchandiser** (see **Other Roles** to the left) if you are interested in **Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc.** merchandise . See the last page for NEW merchandise.

Internet presence



Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are personal opinions and are not necessarily those held by SHCMSC Inc.

GM's July Report

Not much to say this month besides stating that I am enjoying the Club and I hope each of you are as well. Just thought some history of the patch would be of interest. The patchs below show how our current one evolved, and thanks to Loges we have what we have today.



Patch Draft 1



Patch Draft 2



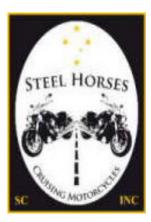
Patch Draft 3



Patch Draft 4



Patch Draft 5



Patch Draft 6

See how much we owe Loge's and his artistic ability. The first 3 drafts were my attempt! Drafts 4 to 6 were from Loges.

Regards Sarge

Coordinator's report—July 2010

The Poker run went off extremely well with 17 Bikes and 22 people attending. First prize went to Cosmo, donated by Springwood Suzuki. Barney won a \$50 voucher from Bikers World as second Prize, and worst hand went to Shadow.

We made over \$130 dollars from the day with a carton of beer already paid for in Sarge's Fridge ready for the next event. We will have another Poker run later this year due to the number of requests that I received from members.

Laverda is on Sunday 18th of July and let's all turn up and make this a good turn out for the Club at our first major event.

A social dinner is to be held on Saturday 24th of July. Please let me know if you are coming.

Anyone who is having a Birthday in July a BIG Happy Birthday

Regards

Sugar

Ynot's Blurb—July 2010

Hi all.

We are still enjoying good riding weather, albeit a bit chilly in the mornings, and the variety of rides conducted by the Ride Captains has been first class. Those who have not participated in a ride lately are really missing out. We had our first club poker run during the past month. This event was very successful and produced a surplus of \$118.00 for the club. Thanks to Sugar, Sarge, Ginger and TT for organising and conducting this event, and a thank you to Sam for again demonstrating his BBQ prowess at the end of the ride. You can read the details of this event in the reports included elsewhere in the newsletter.

As I have already informed you all, we have changed our meeting venue from the Hotel Broadway to the Lord Stanley Hotel in East Brisbane. This decision was forced on us because the Broadway was seriously damaged in a fire. Several members have asked me how I managed to secure a replacement venue so quickly, given that we have been looking for an alternative meeting place for some months. I must confess it was after some assistance from one of our friends in a blue uniform. On the Sunday afternoon I visited the Broadway to assess for myself the extent of the damage. The place was bound in police tape preventing entry. I approached a friendly policeman watching from a nearby patrol car. He informed me that it would be quite a while before anybody was conducting meetings from the Broadway again, and suggested that the Aussie National Hotel, or the Lord Stanley, would accommodate us. Thank you Mr Plod!

I immediately went round to the Lord Stanley and headed for the functions room where I met the events coordinator as she was leaving for the day. I presented our case to her and she was pleased to allow us to use their facilities for our meetings. She booked us in her events diary for the remainder of the year. It is a better venue than the Broadway with a variety of food available, a bigger meeting room, and plenty of parking. I think it will suit us perfectly.

We also have a new Treasurer. Drastic has nominated for the position and his appointment will be announced at the July meeting. He will commence duties when he returns from the UK. In the meantime I have been doing the Treasurer's duties along with the President's duties. Thankfully I have just retired from paid employment so it has helped me make the transition from employment to retirement. I will work with Drastic to ease him into the role as soon as he returns.

Whilst we are talking about things financial, I'd like to again remind members that annual membership fees are due. As I mentioned in a recent email, the fees must be paid by 31st August, but you cannot vote at a meeting until your fees are paid. Payment can be made by cash or cheque to myself during Laverda, prior to any ride, and prior to and during the monthly meetings.

As we are a not for profit club, our accumulated surplus funds will be used to finance the various events chosen by members. With this in mind we have booked a venue for our annual Christmas party. The party will be held at the Carina Leagues Club on Creek Road Carina on 4th December 2010. We have used this venue previously and found the service, food, and venue to be first class and good value for money. The menu and details of the event will be released closer to the date. We have paid a deposit to secure this venue, as leaving it any later we would probably miss out.

I'd like to welcome three new members to our club, Cobb, Specs and Scouse. I hope you enjoy the club and take advantage of the events we offer. If you have any queries about the club and how it operates please contact the Riders' Delegate, Rowdy who will be pleased to offer his assistance.

Safe Riding,

Ynot

VIP dates

- **05/09/2010**—Father's Dav
- ◆ **27-29/9/2010**—Mild Hogs Ride
- **5/10/??** Debbil's Birthday
- 4/**12/2010** X'mas Party

Treasurer's Report July 2010

As at 1st July 2010

Balance Commonwealth Bank 1st June 2010		\$790.52	
Plus Income 15th June Meeting			
Raffle		\$73.00	
Membership			
BC	\$36.00		
Shadow & TT	\$48.00		
Sparra & Ginger	\$48.00		
Steiny	\$36.00		
Rowdy	\$36.00		
Kaz	\$12.00		
Ynot & Apples	\$48.00		
Sub Total	\$264.00	\$264.00	
			\$1,127.52
Less Expenditure			
Office Supplies Debbil	\$84.98		
Sub total		\$84.98	
Balance Commonwealth Bank 30th June 2010			\$1,042.54
Liabilities:			
Cheques not yet presented, Embroidery Excellence	\$105.60		
Income:			
Proceeds from Poker Run	\$118.00		
Total Funds available			\$1,054.94
Stock			
Caps 10 of Value \$150.00			
Patches Value \$ 34.50			
Ynot—acting Treasurer			

Member's Birthdays

Happy birthday to all members who celebrate their birthday this month. Members include Loges, Mozzi, Pedro, Rowdy, Tink, and TT.



Gold Lotto:

A tax on people who are bad at maths

Minutes of meeting—15 June 2010 @ Broadway Hotel □ 7.32 pm by Ynot. **Meeting Opened:** ☐ 17 members attended. They were: Apples, BC, Boots, Debbil, Drastic, Gem, Jenny, **Attendance:** Kmac, Rowdy, Shadow, Sparra, Steiny, Sugar, Tink, TT, Ynot, and Yogi There were 3 visitors. They were: Cobb, Scouse (Peter), and Specs (Rhys). **Visitors:** □ 8 members sent apologies. They were: Cougar, Ginger, Kaz, Lace, Loges, Princess, **Apologies:** Sam, and Sarge. **Minutes of Previous** □ **BC m**oved that the minutes of the previous meeting published in the June Newsletter and distributed to all members be accepted as true and accurate. TT seconded **Meeting:** the motion. 16 were in favour; 0 against; 1 abstained: motion was carried. **Business arising from Jubilee Tavern**. **Boots** reported that there is another activity at the Tavern on the 3rd minutes: ☐ **Pineapple Hotel. Apples** reported that it was even more expensive and that they charge for a room. □ **NSW branch. Ynot** explained the Management Committee's decision that people elsewhere could join but they would not be another "branch". Yogi mentioned the possibility of members "living more than 100km away" forming their own branch. BC mentioned that a Sydney person had suggested that SHCMSC Inc. advertise in motorcycle magazine for new members. □ Nil **Correspondence in:** □ Nil **Correspondence out: Business arising from D** Nil. correspondence: □ **Sarge** was in Melbourne so there was no GM's report. 1. GM's report: ☐ **Ynot** explained the changes to the format of Ride Reports – written ones go to the 2. Ride reports: Secretary for inclusion in the monthly newsletter, while the oral ones given at the monthly meeting are to promote the future one. This will allow members to have input to the NEXT ride. ☐ **Yogi** then talked about his future Poker Run. Action: Yogi will inform Sugar of the details, and in turn Sugar will distribute these to members. ☐ **Ynot** asked the meeting what they thought of the Management Committee's decision about Ride Reports. The meeting decided there should be a combination of both – a short report of the past ride for those who weren't on it, plus the details of the future ride. □ **Steiny** gave the meeting an overview of his "Steiny's Treat" ride. □ **Rowdy** congratulated Sam on honouring his Ride Captain's duties on the RAIN -NO RIDE occasion (and Cosmo who turned up by car). ☐ **Kmac** delivered the Treasurer's report. Rowdy moved that it be accepted. Shadow 3. Treasurer's report seconded the motion. 16 were in favour; 0 against; 1 abstained: motion was carried. Sugar spoke about the Poker Run. She described the prizes, and that there would be 4. Coordinator's Reno charge for the Sausage Sizzle. She also collected names/numbers of those participort: □ **Loges** wasn't present so there was no Merchandiser's report. 5. Merchandiser's Report: 6. Distribution of Mer- □ Members paid fees for Renewal of Membership & Raffle Sales were carried out during the break. Rowdy - as Rider's Delegate - verified Licence numbers. chandise & Raffle Sales: 7. Welcome to new ☐ **Ynot** said that Specs should be a new member at the next meeting. members:

8. Laverda:	_	Ynot updated members on Laverda. So far he has not received any stickers for Bike entry.
		Those interested in spending the night before in the Marquee include: Sparra (taking his Van), Sarge, Yogi, Steiny, and Rowdy. Ynot will be there at approx. 4pm but will not be spending the night.
9. Succession Planning	g:□	Ynot presented the views of the management Committee on this topic. He reminded members that all Management Committee positions would be vacated at the 2011 AGM. The Management Committee wants to encourage other members to consider nominating for positions. Ynot suggested a form of "work experience" so that when office bearers were not available, interested members could try that duty to see if they wanted to do it.
		Jenny said that anyone interested in being Secretary could try it at the August meeting.
10. Rules & By-Laws for sale:		Debbil showed members a bound hardcopy of the Rules and By-Laws and said that if any financial member wanted their own copy, he would produce one after it was ordered it and \$10 was paid to the Treasurer.
11. Changing Rides:		Ynot presented the problem of some rides not being the ride advertised in the Event Calendar.
		Shadow asked for an explanation of how Rider's Choice operated. Debbil explained and emphasised that "new" riders could ask the Ride Captain to take the ride but follow their proposed route.
		The meeting agreed that rides stay as per the Event Calendar but that the Ride Captain should retain some flexibility on the day after discussing changes with prospective riders.
12. Explanation of Rules & By-laws:		Debbil spoke about how to use these. He explained how the Directory worked and used the role of Secretary as an example.
13. Mild Hogs Ride:		Debbil spoke about the Mild Hogs Ride and gave details, then asked for members to notify their interest on a form he circulated.
Other Business (without notice):		Ynot pointed out that Drastic was no longer BORED with the website as plenty of people have added their photos.
(William House)		Debbil spoke about BC'S video on the website and that there will possibly be a link to YouTube in the future.
		BC spoke about his Video glasses and what he was doing on rides. Yogi suggested the club consider a North meeting point. BC said that as the club grew, there might be a need but the current system of "picking up" north based riders at north points seemed to be working well.
Raffle:		Cobb won the Boubon and the Bronze Bust donated by Yogi.
Next meeting date:		20 July 2010
Meeting closed at:		9.15 pm
Chairperson's Signature:		

Ride— West —20 June 2010

A beautiful cool clear winter's morning, (1 degree on the old thermometer out my way).

After a little sleep in, my boy, Luke and I made it to Goodna in time for a quick brekky.

Waiting patiently was Sarge, Shadow and Ynot. Then Sparra showed and Stieny turned up begging enough time to have a coffee. Permission granted.

The ride was as per calendar. I was planning our first stop at Withcott, but the crisp air through the valley prompted me to pull up at Forrest Hill for a break. There were a few hotrods and old classic cars there, one of which was a 55 Plymouth, the same model and colour as the family car from childhood. Ahh the memories.

From Forest Hill out through Gatton, Helidon, a stop start episode through the traffic lights of Toowoomba and out to Oakey for a cuppa.

A quick (quicker for some than others) run up to Goombungee for a lunch break at the Pioneer Arms Hotel. What a

great country pub it is, fireplace and all.

From there we headed up to Haden, across to Crow's Nest, onto Hampton and down to Esk. Here we said our goodbyes and headed back down the Brisbane Valley Highway.

A Fantastic ride.

If you didn't ride because it was cold, sell your bikes and by a cardigan

Cheers Sam



L to R: Sparra (disguised), Shadow, Sam, Steiny, Ynot, Sarge

Ride— South —27 June 2010

We met at Macca's Upper Mt.Gravatt on a cool overcast morning, 17 bikes at that stage and about 20 fellow members. After I expertly read the 11 commandments contained within By-Law 17a we set off on our first Poker Run.

The ride took us on some good back roads through Mt.Cotton the long way via some dirt road which had not been planned, and on to the Redland Bay Hotel for the first stop where we met Pedro and Mozzi.

We then headed back to the M1 and on in past the city to J.C. Slaughter Falls for our second stop.

As Gem was low on fuel, we waited a short while as she, escorted by Shadow on the Honda (without a reversing beeper) to the servo.

After leaving stop 2, Sarge then led the ride to his house where Sugar had been busy all morning in readiness of our arrival. We finished the day with a big BBQ.

I would like to thank all who took part, which made it a real good day.

Also thanks to Sarge and Sugar for their usual excellent hospitality.

Cheers Yogi

[Members who took part were Barney, BC, Boots, Cosmo, Debbil, Gem, Loges, Pedro and Mozzi, Rowdy, Sam, Sarge, Scouse, Shadow and TT (on Yogi's bike), Sparra and Ginger, Steiny, Ynot, and Yogi: *Editor*]

Event Calendar

Where it says "Rider's Choice" or "Pillion's Choice" or "Member's Choice"

We would like you to volunteer to lead a ride along your favourite roads.

If you want to take a Riders Choice, email the relevant Ride Captain at least two weeks before to let him/her know the meeting point (you decide), the route, the distance, and approximate ride duration.

If everything is OK, the Ride Captain will approve it and let you know ASAP.

When the Ride Captain lets you know, you MUST then email all members to give them advanced notice of the ride details. (if you can't do that, ask the Secretary to do it ASAP).

YOU must then lead the ride.

If nobody volunteers, the relevant Ride Captain will take the ride as usual.

You must phone the relevant Ride Captain by 7.30 pm the night before a ride to confirm you wish to do that ride.

			Meet	ing Points & Ride Captains		
South	M1, Exit 38, Yatala (BP Service Centre)			Yogi — 11yogi11@gmail.com Mob: 0418 692 277; Ph: 07 3206 0440		
West	McDonalds, 2 William St, Goodna			Sam—samhobden@hotmail.com Mob: 0419 174 201; Ph: 07 5464 1066 Cosmo—cutidea@bigpond.com.au Ph: 07 5464 5275		
Central	McDonalds, I Upper Mt Gr		& Norton St,	Sarge —sarge44@bigpond.net.au Mob: 0417 636 425; Ph: 07 3272	5981	
				July 2010		
Sat 3	Central	9.00 am	Samford, Dayb	oro, Mt Mee, Maleny, Burpengary, Home	210 km 5 hours	
Sun 11	West	9.00 am	Aratula, Maryv	vale, Allora, RUDDS Pub, Ma Ma Creek, Laidley, Walloon	280 km	
Sun 18	South	Early	Laverda Conco	ourse—Captain Bourke Park, Kangaroo Point	ALL	
Tues 20	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lor	rd Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane		
Sat 24	Central	9.00 am	Rider's Choice		?	
				August 2010		
Sun 1	West	9.00 am	Pillion's Choice	e	?	
Sun 8	South	9.00 am	Mt Tambourine Canungra, Coo	e, Canungra, O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse, mera	122 km	
Sat 14	Central	9.00 am		lorious, Esk, Kilcoy, Home	300 km 6.5 hours	
Tues 17	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lor	d Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane		
Sun 22	West	9.00 am	Flagstone Creel	lagstone Creek, Cambooya, Pittsworth, Oakey, Toowoomba, Gatton		
Sun 29	South	9.00 am	Rider's Choice		?	
				September 2010		
Sat 4	Central	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Mt	Lindsay, Kyogle, Lions Road, Beaudesert, home	350km 6 hours	
Sun 5	West		Father's Day			
Sun 12	South	9.00 am		Mullumbimby, Montecollum, Rosebank, The Channon, Blue Knob, Kunghur, Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads, Coomera		
Sun 19	Central	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Bo	onah, Harrisville, Rosewood, Black soil, Home	300 km 5.5 hours	
Tues 21	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lor	rd Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane		
Sat 25	West	9.00 am	Rider's Choice		?	
Mon-Wed 27-28-29	Debbil (West start)	8.30 am	Uralla, Tamwo	le—ALL GENDERS—Leyburn, Texas, Inverell (overnight) rth (Powerhouse Museum), Walcha, Dorrigo (overnight) rmboida, Grafton, Woodburn, Casino, Beaudesert, Home.	1,400 km 3 days	

			October 2010	
Sun 3	CENTRAL	9.00 am	South but Central start —going north: Caloundra, Mooloolaba, Noosa, Home	?
Sat 9	Central	9.00 am	Esk, Yarraman, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kumbia, Bunya Mountains, Bensenville, Maidenwell, Blackbutt, Esk	
Sun 17	West	9.00 am	Peak Crossing, Boonah, Queen Mary Falls, Killarney, Yangan, Clintonvale, Aratula, Ipswich	
Tues 19	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane *** AGM ***	
Sun 24	South	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	?
Sun 31	Central	9.00 am	Pillion's Choice	?
			November 2010	
Sat 6	West	9.00 am	Fernvale, Wivenhoe Dam, Esk, Lowood	123 km
Sun 14	South	9.00 am	Yatala, Beaudesert, Kyogle, Lismore, Bangalow, Coomera	350 km
Tues 16	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sat 20	Central	9.00 am	Landsborough, Nambour, Cooroy, Noosa, Caloundra, Burpengary	295 km
Sun 28	West	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	?
			December 2010	
Sat 4	All	6-6.30 pm	Christmas Party !!!!! Carina Leagues Club.	
Sun 5	South	9.00 am	Mudgeeraba, Neranwood, Springbrook, Ingleside, Tallebudgera, Dungay, Murwillumbah, Tumbulgum, Coomera	204 km
Sun 12	Central	9.00 am	Mt Nebo, Glorious, Somerset, Kilcoy, Toogoolawah, Esk, Hampton, Toowoomba, Murphys Creek	400 km
Sat 18	West	6.00 pm	Christmas Lights ride and Dinner	
Tues 21	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sun 25			Christmas Day	Prezzies
Sun 26	South	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	?
			January 2011	
Sat 1	West	9.00 am	New Year's Day: Redbank Plains, Greenbank, North Maclean, Jimbour, Mundoolin, Canungra	Hangover ?
Sun 9	South	9.00 am	Advancetown, Natural Bridge, Byron Bay, Home	?
Sat 16	Central	9.00 am	Samford, Dayboro, Mt Mee, Maleny, Burpengary, Home	210 km 5 hours
Г ue 18	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sun 23	South	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	?
Wed 26			Australia Day	
Sat 29	West		Rosewood, Gatton, Murphys Creek, Hampton, Esk, Fernvale	?
			February 2011	
Sun 6	Central	9.00 am	Blacksoil, Fernvale, Esk, Splityard Creek, Mt Glorious, Samford, Home	?
Sat 12	West	9.00 am	Peak Crossing, Boonah, Queen Mary Falls, Aratula, Ipswich	220 km
Tues 15	ALL	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sun 20	South	9.00 am	Yatala, Cleveland, Redland Bay (Tourist Drive)	180 km 5 hours

	March 2011			
Sun 6	South	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Lions Road, Kyogle, Nimbin, Murwillumbah, Home	289 km 6 hours
Sat 12	Central	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	?
Tues 15	ALL	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane	
Sun 20	West	9.00 am	Advancetown, Natural Bridge, Byron Bay, Home	?
Sat 26	Central	9.00 am	Rider's Choice	?

Ride— Central —3 July 2010

COLD _ COLD _ COLD _ COLD and Bloody Cold! Despite this I arrived at Maccas to be Greeted by Ynot who was enjoying a little sit down in the Sunshine waiting for the Ride to start.

I stated that, if this was not my ride, there would be NO WAY I would be here, but rather still in be my warm bed.

After a coffee I felt better, and Rowdy, Pedro and Mozzi had arrived. We headed off at about 9.05 (just in case there were any late comers) and took the Freeway to Milton and then across through some minor traffic to Samford via a little back road.

We rode onto Dayboro and stopped on the side of the road in the sunshine to get a quick warm up before heading up Mt Mee. Mozzi and Pedro disappeared at this point back to Dayboro for some reason to do with the weather and getting older I think. We waited a little while and it was not a problem at all as the Sun was quite good, they finally returned, but as Mozzi stepped off Pedro left again doing a quick u-turn. "Look Out," I thought, "they have had a tiff and he is leaving". No, young lovers like them don't fight; he had just lost his Glasses and needed to go back and get them.

We mounted up and headed off up to Mt Mee. A little traffic was encountered on the way up and I seemed to lose the rest behind me after overtaking a couple of 4 wheel drives. No worries, I waited for them at the Café at the top of the mountain that also has a nice fireplace that was burning furiously when we entered. Needless to say we lingered at this Café for a while just to thaw out. Did I mention it was COLD _ COLD _ COLD _ COLD and Bloody Cold!

We eventually mounted up and headed down the mountain to Woodford and then across and up to MALENY! Yep Rowdy finally made it to MALENY and it was so good we stopped and had Lunch at the Pub. After a leisurely Lunch we headed down the range and stopped for Fuel at the bottom. We then rode across to the Highway and stopped at the BP at Burpengary for final Goodbyes.

Despite the cold it was a good ride.

See Ya on the next one

Sarge



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History of Motorcycles—part 6

Oddity or Innovation?

Throughout the history of machinery there have always been those who felt the need to break the mould or stretch the boundaries set by others. Of course, the world of motorcycles is no different. While most designers have been satisfied to copy or attempt to improve on the designs of those that have come before, some were driven to attempt to alter the machines of their predecessors with some rather radical design concepts and "variations". Some were well thought out and useful and some not. Some designs were simply too far ahead of their time to be accepted while others simply died a quick and quiet death.

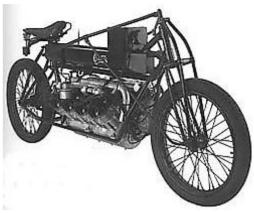
One of the first attempts to deviate from the norm was Glen Curtiss, with his attempt to build a machine that would break the land speed record. In 1907 he produced this *Curtiss V8* with its V8 engine, based on a then current Curtiss aircraft engine. It had a shaft drive.

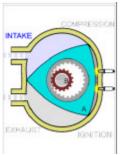
In 1922 the Megola had it's engine inside the front wheel. This too was a

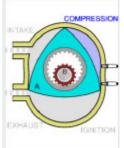


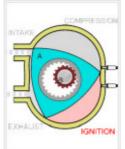
concept based on an aircraft engine, the famous Gnome Rotary. In this engine design, the engine, cylinders, wheel and all, rotated around a crankshaft which was the fixed axle. Just image trying to ride around a

corner when the front wheel had that momentum.









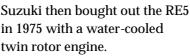


Prevailing engine designs used reciprocating pistons (see the diagrams in Part 4). However, there have been a number of attempts at other designs. These include the Rotary (or Orbital) engine. In this engine design the four strokes of a typical Otto cycle occur in the space between a

three-sided rotor (A) and the inside of a housing. The output is transferred through the eccentric gears to the eccentric shaft (B) or crankshaft. While this engine design has some outstanding features in regards to simplicity it made little impact for many years. The problem was that the "apex" seals (located at the tips of the triangular rotor) separating the rotor chambers tended to fail requiring a complete engine rebuild. A number of companies tried to adapt this design to motorcycles, unfortunately none were very successful.



The first was the DKW W2000 in 1974. This machine used a single rotor air-cooled design.





In 1977 Van Veen bought out its OCR 1000. It also used a water-cooled twin rotor engine.

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