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The Official Newsletter of Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc.

The Steel Horse

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Deadline 2nd Tuesday of every month

Rowdy's Rant - May

It's 10 minutes to 9 on a beautiful sunny morning. Boots has finished his ride brief and we are ready to ride when Sparra announces he has a puncture, and strangely it's in exactly the same location as Boots had a few weeks before.

After moving the bike to a more suitable spot out of the traffic, the man went to work on the offending tyre, in my estimates the tyre was repaired in about 10 minutes which led me thinking, why don't I have a repair outfit carried on my bike? I don't think twice about buying shiny bits, after all as demonstrated here a puncture can happen at any time and anywhere. These repair kits have been around for a while and two of the most common systems available are the key and the rope types.

Once you have removed the offending object from the tyre you simply screw the key all the way into the puncture, then break the head off and use the Co2 cartridges to reinflate the tyre.

Rope type plugs need to be inserted using special tools. Remove the offending object from the tyre; you then prepare the puncture with the reaming tool. Thread the rope

plug on the insertion needle and push the plug half way through the tyre, then as you remove the insertion needle the plug will be captured in the tyre effectively sealing the puncture. Use the Co2 cartridges to reinflate the tyre. Trim the excess plug with a knife.

One advantage with the rope type is you can repair larger punctures. Maybe the club could buy one for each ride captain to carry, and maybe a first aid kit, and some spare tools and parts, oh and some coffee and sandwiches, and spare fuel of course and and

At what point does it stop being "good for the garden"?



Rowdy

VIP dates

- 12/06/2011- Poker Run & BBQ
- 17/07/2011—Laverda Concourse (Cleveland Showgrounds)
- 22-23-24/08/2011—Mild Hogs Ride
- ♦ 17/09/2011—AGM (Saturday)
- 05/10/???? Debbil's B'day
- 25/12/2011—Christmas Day
- 01/01/2012-New Year's Day •

Who's who

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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

THE CLUB WEBSITE IS AT:

steelhorsesinc.com

(steel horses inc dot com)

Disclaimer

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

Ynot's Blurb—May 2011

Hi all,

Things are progressing steadily with rides and meetings being well attended. The club has a variety of events constantly happening or about to happen. If you do not take advantage of these you are missing out. Sugar, our coordinator is always looking for new ideas to add to the variety of our Event Calendar, so if you have any event you think is a good idea, let Sugar know. Specs recently organised an overnight ride that was well attended and enjoyed by all participants. Thank you Specs for all your work in organising this event. Keep the ideas flowing.

Boots is well down the path of organising a charity fund raising event to benefit the Spinal Injuries Unit. The outline of this event was presented by Boots at the April meeting, and was supported by members. Boots will be seeking volunteers to assist in making it a success. He will keep us all informed of progress via emails and at the monthly meetings. He is optimistic of raising several thousand dollars for this charity, and simultaneously increasing the exposure and profile of the club.

As the end of financial year is approaching, it is timely to remind all members that memberships expire on 30/06/11. To renew membership, annual fees must be paid no later than 31/08/11. Currently membership annual fees are: Rider \$36.00, Pillion \$24.00, Social \$12.00. The club Treasurer, Drastic will be accepting annual fee renewals from now until 31/08/11.

I'd like to remind members once again that all Management Committee positions will be declared vacant at the September AGM, so any member who is interested in nominating for ANY position should make themselves aware of the process. There are strict deadlines and requirements to be adhered to when nominating. The Secretary, Debbil has included an article in this newsletter which outlines the roles and procedure to be followed. If you have any questions regarding this process either raise them at the monthly meetings, or contact a member of the Management Committee. The role descriptions for all Management Committee positions are given in detail in the guidelines. Please see the Secretary if you want a copy of these.

Yogi has expressed an interest in the President's position and has asked me if he can chair the monthly meetings for May and June. As I will be overseas from 15/05/11 until 28/06/11 and will not be able to Chair these meetings, his offer has been gratefully accepted. Thank you Yogi for volunteering. I hope you will all support Yogi at the coming meetings.

That's all for now. Have fun, ride safely, and I'll see you all at the end of June.

YNOT

Coordinator's Report

THINGS to remember.....

June 12th is a SOUTH ride and it will be another POKER run for the Club. I will let everyone know the start point and Route soon, but the intention is that we finish at Mt Coot-tha with a BBQ lunch. Lace, Shadow and I will have set this up by the time everyone arrives.

The Poker hand will be \$5 per hand and we have some donated Prizes from Springwood Suzuki and Bikers World for the winning hands on the day.

Please attend if you can and make it a fun day / ride. I will be asking for numbers at the next meeting and Yogi can tell everyone where the ride is going.

There is also another Ladies ride coming up in Late August so there will be more details on this soon.

Don't forget the Night Dinner ride on July 10th. Boots will be taking us to Redcliffe to a nice restaurant on the Peninsular, so look forward to this one!

Regards

Sugar

Ride Report— South— 24 April 2011

Present were, Sarge, Ynot, Steiny, BC, Drastic, Shadow, Tink, Scouse, Boots, Rowdy, Bill a visitor and myself.

We all decided to stay away from the coast due to the holiday traffic and went in the other south direction: Beenleigh, Beaudesert, and the first bum break was at a pub at Boonah for morning tea. This is where Miss Drastic left the ride.

We then headed off via Kalbar, Warrell View and Rosewood. Sarge led this little bit to show off his slight knowledge of these back roads.

It was on this part of our relaxing cruise that there was a breakout and most of the pack took off. As I crested a small rise, I saw to my astonishment a motorcycle angle-parked on the side of the road and the rider standing there with arms outstretched, perhaps hailing my arrival.

I then saw that it was none other than BC our very own horse whisperer and that he had just taken control of a wild stallion which had just moments before, jumped the fence and was causing mayhem on the road. Had it not been for BC (horsewhisperer.com) I'm sure the wild beast would have started the other wild brumbies to stampede. The way he closed the gate was awe inspiring. (You had to be there).

We then continued on to the Plainlands Hotel for lunch. After lunch we headed off home via Lowood where Ynot tried to trick us by following the road signs and turned off.(Oh ye of little faith). However due to the cunning of our Ride Commander the rest of the fleet bypassed the Lowood CBD and avoided the hectic Sunday traffic.

Then on to Fernvale and the Servo at Blacksoil where we said "see ya".

I would like to thank those who participated and made it a great day out.

Yogi

Ride Report—North — 30 April—1 May 2011

No report received.

Ride Report—North — 7 May 2011

If you put your order in for a nice day early enough, you get one! A fabulous day for the run: Cool in the shade but very warm while riding.

Scouse, Rowdy, Pedro, Mozzie, Steiny, Sarge, Ynot and Sparra were all ready to rock 'n roll at 9.00am after the usual coffees, chats, run brief.

I'm beginning to think this meeting point maybe jinxed as one members' bike had a nail wedged in his tyre leaving it awfully flat on the bottom. Fortunately he was well prepared with his puncture kit and within a half hour of finding the flat, was ready to roll.

We commenced by not going up the Bruce Hwy, taking the route through to Lawnton, Petrie, over Mt Mee to D'aguilar and on to Dayboro where we pulled over for a "one pot stop".

From Dayboro we went north, taking the Beerwah Road towards Peachester. This is where the turn off was (in my mind at least) to look for the Clear Water Markets, which are only open on the 1st Saturday of each month.

My email to you all said we were going to look for the Clear Water Markets and that the remainder of the ride will be a mystery run.

Turns out that statement was arse-about face. The entire day's ride was fine but where the @#%!\$&# markets are is still a bloody mystery to me!

So, heading up towards Maleny I took a lefty at a road marked Bellthorpe in hope of finding these elusive markets. Well, this wasn't it!

It was an interesting goat track, and fortunately sealed, offering some brilliant views of the countryside. The road

was temporarily closed a few km in so we U-turned and proceeded up to Maleny and on to Monteville for lunch.

We stopped at the Montville Bar and Grill where we ordered lunch and refreshments whilst being "entertained" by a pretty young lady on guitar. She was amazingly talented: The whole time we were there she sang song after song and they all sounded exactly the same.

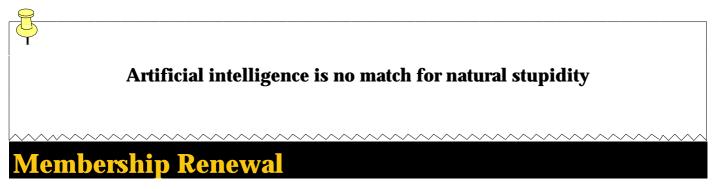
After taking in the spectacular view from across the road we were back on horses and headed off to Mapleton, a left hand turn there and down Obi Obi Rd to Kenilworth, back to Maleny where we re-fueled (and for one rider to get his Mother's Day card) on to Landsborough, the freeway and home.

All in all about 350 km. Hope everyone enjoyed the run!

Cheers, Boots: (These boots ain't made for walking)

Ride Report— South— 15 May 2011

No report received.



As Ynot mentioned in his Blurb, your membership expires at the end of June. So to remain financial please pay the Treasurer for membership renewal.

Remember, if you wish to be nominated for a Management Committee or non-committee position, or Sponsor somebody, or Second somebody's nomination, you need to be financial at the time you sign the Nomination Form, otherwise the nomination will not be valid.

The membership fees are shown on page 2 of this newsletter and in Ynot's Blurb.

Spoken like a celebrity

So-called famous people say the stupidest things. You don't have to be a card-carrying member of Mensa to make it big in the entertainment business.

Actress Laura Dern found the special effects of Jurassic Park very convincing. "You can hardly tell where the computer models finish and the real dinosaurs begin."

Hollywood movie producer Samuel Goldwyn liked to state the obvious. "Obviously a verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on."

He man Arnold Schwarzenegger is vague on his distinctions. "I think that gay marriage is something that should be between a man and a woman."

Nicole Richie is always fashionable. "When I picture heroin, I picture some crazy crack head with no shoes under a bridge. You never think that's going to be you. And it never was me. I was never under a bridge, and I alway had shoes."

Members' Birthdays

Happy birthday to all members who celebrate their birthday this month. Members include Gers.

It's time to think about the AGM—VIP !!!!

At the AGM on Saturday 17th September, all club positions will be declared vacant. Each position will then be filled by a financial member elected by the meeting. If you are not present you will not be able to vote.

Before you nominate, remember that communication between positions is by EMAIL. If you can't or don't use email, nomination might not be a good idea.

Management Committee positions

Note: All management committee members are eligible, on nomination, for re-election.

- □ **GM**—the club figurehead and has overall authority to ensure that the club functions according to the Rules of Association. GM sets the overall club agenda and is the main influence for setting the club culture and vision. Only a financial Rider may hold the position
- □ **President**—the principle club organiser and in consultation with the GM, has overall responsibility for ensuring that the club is run in accordance with the Rules of Association, the Guidelines, and the desired club culture. Only a financial Rider or Pillion may hold the position.
- □ **Coordinator**—responsible for ensuring that all events are planned, programmed, and presented to all members in a timely manner. Any financial member may hold the position.
- □ **Treasurer**—principal club financial and commercial officer and has overall responsibility for all club financial and commercial dealings. Any financial member may hold the position.
- □ Secretary—principle club administrator, public officer, and has overall responsibility for the club administration, and is the club contact person for the Department of Fair Trading. Any financial member may hold the position.
- □ **Riders' Delegate**—represents all members on the management committee, and is the first point of communication for any issues of concern or clarification. Any financial Rider may hold the position. Only financial Riders may vote on this position.

Non-Committee positions (may be co-held with a committee position)

- □ **Ride Captain (3 positions)**—plans, organises, leads and controls rides under his or her jurisdiction, and provide details of these rides to the Coordinator for further action and reporting. Any financial Rider may hold the position.
- □ **Merchandiser**—is responsible for purchasing, acquiring, and distributing club merchandise at a profit for the club, and regularly reporting the financial and inventory status to the Treasurer. Any financial member may hold the position.
- □ Webmaster—responsible for maintaining the Club's website under the directions of the Secretary. Any financial member may hold the position.
- **Editor**—is responsible for producing and distributing the Club's newsletter as directed by the Secretary. Any financial member may hold the position.

Nominations and Voting

- □ Official Nomination forms are available on the club's website under *Forms > Nomination Form*, or on Page 11.
- □ It doesn't matter how long you have been a member—please consider nominating!
- □ Completed official Nomination forms MUST be in the Secretary's hands by close-of-business on 3rd September **to be valid**. No emails will be accepted BUT scanned attachments are OK. It is strongly suggested that they be handed to the Secretary (or nominee) at the August meeting.
- □ If there is **only one valid nomination** for a position, the nominee will automatically take the position.
- □ If there are **two valid nominations** for a position, there will be a "first past the post" vote by all financial members present.
- □ If there are **more than two valid nominations** for a position, there will be a "exhaustive" vote by all financial members present. Members will cast a single vote for their favourite candidate. However if no candidate receives a majority of votes then the candidate with the fewest votes will then be removed from the nominations and a further round of voting will take place. This process will be repeated as many times as necessary until one candidate has a majority.
- □ If there is **no valid nomination** the management committee will later appoint a person to fill the relevant position.

Event Calendar 2011

Where it says "Member's Choice",

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

If you want to suggest the route ot even take the Ride, 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). If you are a Rider or a Pillion YOU should then lead the ride.

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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.

Meeting Points & Ride Captains							
North	McDonalds, 290 Enoggera Rd, New- market		era Rd, New-	Boots—ozcruise@bigpond.com.au Mob: 0416 034 886			
South	M1, Exit 38, Yatala (BP Service Centre)		Service Centre)	Yogi — 11yogi11@gmail.com Mob: 0418 692 277			
West	Coffee Club, 12 Queen St, Goodna Temporay until McDonalds, 2 Wil- liam St, Goodna is back in business			Sam—samhobden@hotmail.com Mob: 0419 174 201 Cosmo—cutidea@bigpond.com.au (contact Sam) IF you can't contact either SAM or COSMO, contact SHADOW— shadow-tt@bigpond.com Mob: 0407 151 302			
May 2011							
Sat 7	North	9.00 am	mystery to me	of a mystery ride 'cause where we're going is still a bit of a but we'll NOT go up the Bruce Highway so we'll head north to arkets and then we'll go up Postmans Track through to Mon- h	?		
Sun 15	South	9.00 am	Member's Cho	Member's Choice			
Tue 17	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lor	d Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane			
Sat 21	West	9.00 am	Australian Mot	torcycle Museum, Haigslea —\$15 entry	?		
Sun 29	South	9.00 am	Advancetown,	Advancetown, Byron Bay			
			-	June 2011			
Sat 4	West	9.00 am	Peak Crossing,	Queen Mary Falls, Aratula, Ipswich	350 km		
Sun 12	South	9.00 am	Poker Run & BBQ on Mt Coot-tha—details to follow				
Mon 13			Queen's Birthday				
Sun 19	North	9.00 am	Samford, Mt Glorious, Somerset, Kilcoy Landsborough for lunch, Maleny and home.				
Tue 21	All	7.30 pm	Meeting at Lor	d Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane			
Sat 25	West		Gatton, Toowo	omba, Oakey, Hampton, Fernvale	280 km		
				July 2011			
Sun 3	West	9.00 am	Rosewood, Ga	tton, Murphys Creek, Esk, Hampton, Toowoomba, Home	?		
Sun 10	North	4.00 pm		NIGHT RIDE— Show and Pose ride. A leisurely run around the Brisbane locale then heading North to Redcliffe for dinner			
Sun 17	South	? am	Laverda Conc	Laverda Concourse 2011, Cleveland Showgrounds			
Tue 19	All	7. 30 pm	Meeting at Lor	d Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane			
Sun 24	North	9.00 am	Bruce highway, Scarborough, Deception Bay, Bribie Island for lunch, Steve ? Irwin Way, Maleny, home.				
Sun 31	West	9.00 am	Beaudesert, Kerry, Rathdowney, Mt Alford, Moogerah Dam, Kalbar, Peak Crossing, Yamanto, Home				

Laverda 2011

The club will be taking part in The Laverda Club of Queensland's CONCOURS 2011. This year it will be Cleveland Show Grounds on Sunday 17th July.

Members will be needed on the Saturday to help erect the Club Marquee.



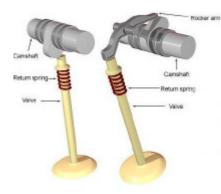
History of Motorcycles—part 11

Valve mechanisms

Valves let the fuel-air mixture into an engine's cylinder, and let the exhaust gas out. Most 4-stroke engines use valves called poppet valves. These valves may be located in the cylinder block (called side valve or flathead), or in the cylinder head (called overhead valve). Most modern engines use overhead valves. An engine may have two, three, four or even five valves per cylinder. If there is an odd number, there will be more intake valves than exhaust valves.

A camshaft which turns at half the crankshaft speed opens the valves. It is driven by the crankshaft through a chain, gears toothed belt or eccentrics, and may be located in the engine block (OHV) (shown on right—note this shows the camshaft in the wrong

Rester arm



place so it fits into the image. The camshaft is really located near the crankshaft).

An OHV engine uses pushrods and rocker arms to connect the camshaft and valves (shown above).

An overhead cam engine (OHC) has one or two camshafts in the cylinder head (shown on left). A single camshaft engine is known as a SOHC while a two (or double) camshaft engine is known as a DOHC. "V" engines with one camshaft in each cylinder head are still SOHC designs, and "V" engines with two camshafts per cylinder head are still DOHC designs, but informally they may be called 'quad cam' engines.

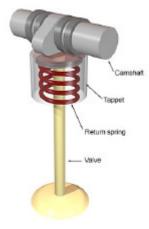
Spring-return valves: In all these valve mechanisms the valve is either directly or indirectly opened by the camshaft but a spring puts pressure on the valve and returns it to the valve seat or closed position. The operation is simple but there are a number of variations.

The basic premise is that a turning camshaft operates the valves by pushing them open, and valve return springs force them closed. The camshaft lobes either operate directly on the top of the valve itself (shown above left), or in some cases, on a rocker arm which pivots and pushes on the top of the valve (shown above left).

Desmodromic valves: Desmodromic valve systems are unique to Ducati motorbikes. A Desmodromic engine has valves that are also positively closed by a camshaft system, instead of a more conventional spring. The basic layout is shown on the right. With this system, the camshaft has two lobes per valve, and as the camshaft turns, the opening lobe moves the upper rocker arm which pivots and pushes the valve down and open. As the camshaft continues to turn, the closing lobe moves the lower rocker arm which pivots and pushes the valve back up, closing it. The return spring is merely there to hold the valve closed for the next cycle and doesn't provide any springing force to the closing mechanism.



Tappet Valves



Tappet valves aren't a unique type of valve but a variation of spring-return valves. For the most part, the direct spring return valve wouldn't act directly on the top of the valve itself, but rather on an oil-filled tappet. The tappet is basically an upside-down bucket that covers the top of the valve stem and contains the spring. It's normally filled with pressurised engine oil through a small hole. The purpose of tappets is two-fold. The oil in them helps quiet down the valve train noise, and the top of the tappet gives a more uniform surface for the camshaft lobe to work on. From a maintenance point of view, tappets are the items which wear and are a lot easier to change than entire valve assemblies. The tappet (shown on left) is slightly transparent so you can see the return spring inside.

To be continued

Merchandising—contact Drastic—see p. 2 for details



Steel Horses Caps \$17.00



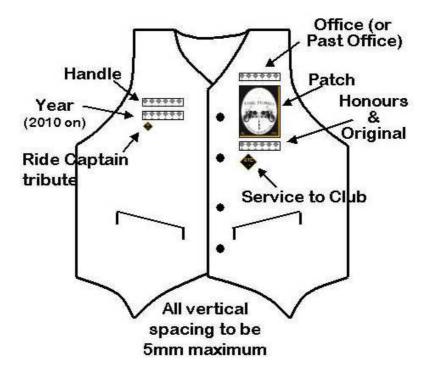
Tee-shirts \$36

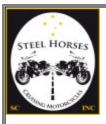
Chopper sunglasses \$15

The club does not stock these but will put your name on a wait-list.

When the Merchandiser decides there are enough for a bulk order, you will then pay for your order.

How to wear your Patch and Insignia





Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc.

Nomination Form

For this to be a valid nomination

the Secretary MUST receive it completed at least 14 days before the relevant meeting date.

Position being nominated:								
Handle of person nominated:								
I (person nominated)								
□ declare that I am a financial member of the club								
□ state that I understand the roles relating the position above								
□ state that I agree to perform those roles to the best of my abilities.								
Signed:	_ Member #:	Date signed:						
Proposed by:	Member #:	Date signed:						
Seconded by:	_ Member #:	Date signed:						
Administrative use only								
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