

# THE STEEL HORSE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE STEEL HORSES CRUISING MOTORCYCLES SOCIAL CLUB INC.

#### April 2013

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## **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.



#### April 2013

Great to see new members joining us and a few new faces as guests on our rides recently. The weather remains a Pain in the proverbial but as no one can control the weather I can only recommend that if a weekend ride day arrives and the forecast is for fine weather or only a few showers that you take the opportunity presented and GET ON YA BIKE!

I thought that I would talk about our ride rules and the reasons why we have them just to refresh everyone's memory and help any newer member get to grips with what they are. In no particular order here goes

 Attend the ride with a full tank of Fuel by the starting time. The poor old ride Captains try very hard to make the rides enjoyable and work out stops based on the lowest range Bike on the day. There is nothing worse than being informed at the first bum rest that we need to find a fuel



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station because someone forgot to Fuel up.

- Ride in staggered formation. Why I hear you ask? Well for a couple of reasons. A) It allows for stopping space in front of you if you need to hit the Brakes. B) You can move left or right in your lane to avoid bumps and potholes and take a good line into corners. If someone is directly beside you are forced to use only half the lane.
- 3. Keep the person behind you in your mirror. This rule was set so that we do not loose anyone it does not mean that you need to have the rider behind you in sight all of the time just be comfortable that they are there by viewing them every 5 to 10 minutes on a clear stretch where it is safe for you to do so. If someone comes off we want to know and help them (hope this never happens).
- 4. If leading a ride when you overtake pretend you are



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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, \$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 all Members. All Members must wear a vest and Club Patch.

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

#### Sarge's Slant Continued

towing a long trailer and keep going until there is enough space for everyone following to fit in front of the vehicle you have overtaken. It is scary when the leader overtakes and then pulls up without a space for the rest to fit in and they can get trapped in the oncoming lane.

- 5. Try and keep the ride together as much as it is safe to do so. There is nothing more frustrating and distracting than a rider in the pack continually falling behind because they are riding well below the speed limit. It takes a lot of effort to continually fall back and wait for these riders to catch up. We do not want anyone trying to ride beyond there capability so in these situations the ride captain can make a decision and if confident that the slower riser is OK and knows where we are going they can take the ride ahead and wait at the next nominated stop for the slower person.
- 6. Mark the corners. It is very important that when a ride turns from one road to another that the last person to reach the corner stop and wait until the person riding behind them come into view and know that the ride is turning off onto a new road.
- 7. Leaving the ride mid way The ride leader will signal by waving their hand above their head during a ride and this indicates that anyone who wants to may leave the ride and meet us at the next stop. This is to enable riders some flexibility in deciding to take a different route and try different roads etc. The ride will always follow the set route and legal pace or slower so leaving the ride and rejoining later provides the opportunity to ride freestyle unencumbered by formation and checking mirrors etc. Of course the Club does not and will not condone any breaking of road rules and is not responsible for the behaviors of individual riders. As this is free country we support your right to choose and be responsible for your own choices!

These ride rules are not exhaustive and if you would like to see the full list then please just ask a committee member for a look at the rules and guidelines. Stay safe, have fun and lets all enjoy our rides Best regards **Sarge** 



She's real fuel-efficient ... I average 150 decibels per gallon."

### South Ride

#### Sunday 7th April

#### Hi all,

I was a bit dubious at first if there was even going to be a south ride, going by the weather reports. they didn't sound too good at all, but even though Sunday morning turned out fairly cloudy, it was certainly worth a chance.

So ! off to the meeting point where I met Grumpy Pyro , Phoenix, Sarge, & Visitors, Adrian and Kev, and we picked up Ned at her gate on our way to Beaudesert at around 9.30.

We stopped there for a top up of fuel and a quick bum rest, then off down the lions road, stopped off at the cafe' over the border for a coffee, then off to the T junction, then north towards Woodenbong, then cut back through all those nice bends to Rathdowney for lunch and a drink and another bum rest.

Not once during all this time, although there was quite a bit of cloud around, did we even look like getting wet. Stopping for lunch at Rathdowney was a bit of

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fancy footwork, because that was all that saved us from getting us a very wet clacker, as the evidence was there when we resumed our journey after lunch.

We all headed off to Beaudesert where some of us topped up with fuel. from here we split up. some headed home, some of us went to the bearded dragon for a drink, after which we went our separate ways home.

All in all, another great days riding with great friends. As far as i know, we all stayed dry. Hope you all enjoyed your day.

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Cheers

Steiny.

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# **West Ride**

#### Sunday 14th April

Hi All Pyro here,

Well, I must say that after a horrible Saturday of heavy rain I was worried that today would be cancelled due to the wet.

But upon waking this morning the sun was shining and not a cloud in the sky, I looked at Phoenix and said bye I'm going for a ride and see you late this afternoon.

I arrived at Maccas around 7.30 am to find in attendance for our ride: Sarge, Drastic, Boots, Big Kev, Barry, Jak, Lucky J, Steiny,

a Visitor Pete riding a Triumph Rocket and Me. Drastic rode with us until Black Soil and then left for home and his family but it was nice

to have him with us for a short while, so Nine bikes for the day ride, and ten at the start.

Because of the rain yesterday I changed the ride and we headed off to Black Soil and turned right and headed off to Fernvale and Esk where we turned left and went up the range to Hampton where we stopped for a bite to eat and some refreshments. The run to Esk is a bit boring but the run up to Hampton was quite worth it. After our short break it was back on our Steel Horses and on to Yarraman for lunch at the Royal Hotel Yarraman. Out the back of the pub they had a fire going in a 40 gallon drum. I was home right away but when you take a close look at the drum someone has cut out the Bundy Rum Logo in the sides Bear and all, I want one, I am thinking of going up there for an evening just to see it at night, the hostess said it is a spectacular sight in the dark.

After Lunch it was off to Kilcoy and right at the Somerset Dam turn off where we stopped at the Dam base for a bum rest and snack.

Steiny and Pete nearly missed that stop and had to turn around and come back. We left the Dam wall and headed back to Black soil via Fernvale. We were going around Esk but Pete missed that turn as well and Steiny had to get him back on track.

We stopped at Black soil for our good byes with a trip of approx. 357 km from start to finish, a good day with beautiful weather and great friends,

**Pyro** Light em up

# Waterfall Run

#### Sunday 14th April

Hi All Pyro here,

#### Phoenix and I met our fellow Waterfall runners at the Maccas at Beaudesert at 7.30 am.

In attendance we had Hurricane, Steiny, Grumpy, Lucky J, and Jak who was riding with us until Kyogle. Thank you Jak for joining us for the first part of our trip, it was great to have you with us for awhile.

Drastic & Cheri joined us at Maccas at 7.50 am. We were all there and the day was looking sunny and clear.

We all thought what a shame Ynot wasn't there. He was my inspiration to organise this ride. My last attempt to ride the Dorrigo met with the most horrific objections that I just had to do it and the sooner the better.

We left Maccas and headed out to Rathdowney and around Mt Lindsay Forest and down into Kyogle for our first stop and to say our goodbyes to Jak. Most of us refuelled and then it was off again going down through Casino and into Grafton for lunch at the local on Prince street. The food was just what the doctor ordered. We left Grafton around 1.00 pm local time and took off to Glen Innes via the Gwydir Hwy. Boy what a beautiful stretch of road that is. We stopped again and took many snap shots and Steiny and Phoenix filmed as often as they could to get the feel of this great adventure for you all.

After a short break we headed towards Glen Innes only to find that Phoenix's helmet had a malfunction and I had to go back to retrieve the missing piece.



5 minutes repair and we were off again. Lucky J was running on fumes by this point. He was very lucky to make it to Glen Innes hence the name (Lucky J).

We made Glen Innes by about 3.30 pm local time, and it was decided to stop at the Celtic rocks to honour Ynot's request to always stop there.

How could we refuse him? As we were leaving the rocks Hurricane decided that the day needed some excitement so now it is decided that Hurricane will be known as Dozer. He can explain that rib. All I know is my shorts needed a change at that point.

We filled up on coffee and fuel and maybe a few snacks but then it was off again to Guyra and this was interesting as we saw a member of the police talking to a nice young man on a bike and to insure we all new it he put on his lights so the world could see. It was a good thing that we had not just passed a slow poke on the road and were not going too fast when we saw him cause then my weekend may have been very different, my sleeping arrangements for one may have changed with a my new room mate by the name of Bub or Hank or big mike. Cheri and Drastic were right behind me and when I pulled into pray and be thankful for that nice young man they were gone. We waited just outside Guyra until they caught up only to find Cheri was throwing her clothes away on the freeway. OK it was just her sunnies. I am still amazed they found them intact.

We also had a near miss along this stretch as we were coming into Guyra. There was a Turtle taking a stroll across the freeway. Yes you read that right a Turtle, I just missed it, Drastic passed it on the other side, and if it had not pulled in its head Lucky would have squashed it. Its probably still crossing now.

We got into Armidale about 5.45 pm local time and approx. 520 km from Beaudesert, got our rooms and cleaned up and at 7.00 pm it was off to dinner at the Trax's restaurant at the Highway hotel and a well earned drink and meal. Steiny, Phoenix and I called it a night after dinner to get some sleep but the more adventurous people of our crew went into the town centre and stayed till very late I here. The next morning Lucky was saying after meeting some very nice ladies he was thinking of moving to Armidale for the view.

#### Day Two

All up and off to breakfast at 8.00 am to a place called Caffiends on March street across from the White Bull pub. Very nice food and great service with a smile.

We stopped at the local servo for fuel and some repairs were called for on our two Vulcan riders with Lucky's risers coming a little loose and Drastic's fuel management system playing up again. He decided very quickly to just remove it and run the bike on its



standard system and apart from a little power lose the bike rode beautifully.

From Armidale we jumped on to the Waterfall Way and salivated at the road ahead as it was the most beautiful day for a ride, the sun was high and not a sign of rain anywhere.

The road from Armidale into Cathedral National Park was fantastic and here we turned into the road going to Dorrigo and it just got better. I have not seen a more picturesque scenery anywhere. I do not think the mountains in New Zealand could be more picture perfect. We stopped to bathe in the sun (yes Ynot sun lots of sun) and purely soak in the view.

But we were behind on time so off again we went to Juan's Cafe in Dorrigo for morning tea our time. Steiny met a young chap who warned us of the boys in blue patrolling the road ahead so it was all best behaviour from there. The road from Dorrigo is everything you could hope for in a windy mountain road.

We turned onto the freeway at the bottom and straight up to Coffs Harbour where we turned left at West Street and onto the Orara Way and up to Grafton.

As we left Coffs we were worried by what had the potential to ruin our day of good riding but it stayed on our left and the wet weather gear stayed in the bags.

By the time we hit Grafton it was 2.15 pm local time and our choice for a meal was closed, so to the Hungry Jacks and Subway next to the freeway it was.

By this time most did not care where we ate, we just needed food now. Phoenix was feeling the ride by here so Steiny very kindly offered the rear seat of the



Goldwing to her and that was the last I saw of her, dam those Goldwing's and their armchair rear seats (no Phoenix I will not be buying a Goldwing, not yet anyway).

But seriously thank you Steiny for probably saving my marriage. I am looking at getting my rear seat modified for Phoenix for the next ride.

It was here Grumpy checked his phone and saw the weather ahead and the freeway all the way home looked our best bet. I don't know who but someone said earlier in the day (I don't care if it pours down after lunch as long as we can do Dorrigo and the Waterfall Way in good weather ) So sorry guys, I jinxed it with my big mouth and God chose

to keep me at my word and open up the heavens he did. Grumpy took lead from Grafton and he took us straight up the freeway into Ballina where we almost made it dry.

Grumpy saw the rain ahead of us and we just got our gear on in time. From here we travelled in rain, light rain, heavy rain and more rain all the way to Ballina. Drastic and Cheri had to stop again to fix his wet weather gear, I stopped and Steiny stopped but in turning his bike around in the emergency bay Steiny's knee gave out and he dropped the Enterprise. No damage to the battle ship but Steiny thinks he may have tweaked his knee. We hope not too bad, we would miss his great demeanour.

A short stop at the local tavern in Ballina for a refreshing beverage and more fuel before back onto the wet, very wet freeway.



To say it rained on us is to say it mildly, not only did it pour down but the lightning show was spectacular. I loved the whole ride home in the wet, it was better than dinner and a show.

We called into the BP across from Dreamworld for our goodbyes and coffees. Here Drastic, Cheri and Lucky J headed home straight away. The time was about 6.00 pm Queensland time when we got there so it was very dark especially with the weather. Steiny, Grumpy, Hurricane, sorry (Dozer), Phoenix and I stayed to let the weather pass us and it did for a bit.

We were only 10 min on the road and again back in the thick of it and all the way home was in the blackest heaviest down pour we have ridden in to date.

Steiny peeled off at Mount Gravatt-Capalaba Road and we took the Old Cleveland Road turn off. Dozer and Grumpy still had a long way to go to there respective places. Phoenix and I travelled about 1155 km for the weekend to get home and pulled in around 7.15 pm local time.

I must say I enjoyed the whole weekend, even the ride home in the wet, good friends always make a damp occasion sunny.

To my fellow Waterfall Runners thank you for joining me on my first weekend away club ride of my making. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

I hope to see you all again on the next Pyro and Phoenix adventure ride going to a town far, far from here.

**Pyro** *Light em up* 



# **Event Calendar**

# 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 or 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.

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.

			April
Sun	7	South	Redbank, Kalbar, Moogara, Barney View, Woodenbong, Granville, Rathdowney, Beaudesert, Home (lots)
Sun	14	West	Beaudesert, Kerry, Rathdowney, Mt Alford, Kalbar, Roadvale, Home (224km)
Tues	16	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm
Sun	21	North	Around the Dams via Woodford, Esk and back over Mount
			Glorious Rd returning via Eaton's Crossing Rd.

**IMPORTANT DATES** Easter 29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April

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Sun	5	West	Fernvale, Esk. Somerset, Kilcoy, Woodford, Dayboro, Samford, Home (232km)
Sun	12	North	Up the highway and onto the Sunshine motorway, then up to Buderim and out to the Coast. Back around to Bli Bli and returning via the Mooloola Valley – 280km
Sun	19	South	Peaks Crossing, Maryvale, Sandy Creek, Clifton, MarMar Creek, Gatton, Home (315Km)
Tues	21	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm
Sun	26	West	Riders Choice

			June
Sun	2	North	Carseldine, Mooloolah Valley, Nambour, Yandina, Noosa heads, Coast Road to Mooloolaba and return to Brisbane
Sun	9	South	<b>POKER RUN</b> - Yatala, Canungra, Advance Town, Murwillumbah, Yuki, Tweed Heads, Home (420km)
Tues	18	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm
Sun	16	West	Goodna, Mulgowie, Tent Hill, Murphys Creek, Hampton, Esk (240km)
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			July
Sun	7	West	Beaudesert, Kerry, Rathdowney, Mt Alford, Kalbar, Roadvale, Home (224km)
Sun	14	North	Around the Dams via Woodford, Esk and back over Mount Glorious Rd returning via Eaton's Crossing Rd.
Tues	16	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm
Sun	21	South	Mullumbimby, Montecollum, Rosebank, Channon, Koonorigan, Nimbin (for a smoke), Blue nob, Kunghur, Murwillumbah, Tweed heads, Coomera
Sun	28	West	Gatton, Flagstone Creek, Cambooya, Leyburn, Karara, Warwick,

*IMPORTANT DATES Mothers Day 12 May.* 

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	August				
Sun	4	North	Mt Mee, Cove Road to Maleny, Mary Cairn cross Reserve, Crohamhurst, home Via Steve Irwin Way		
Sun	11	South	Yatala, Canungra, Advance Town, Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads, Home (420km)		
Sun	18	West	Fernvale, Esk. Somerset, Kilcoy, Woodford, Dayboro, Samford, Home (232km)		
Tues	20	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm		
Sun	25	North	Obi Obi Run, Cooroy, Kenilworth, Mapleton (Lunch), Montville, Landsborough, Home via Steve Irwin way. (254km)		

			September
Sun	1	South	Riders Choice)
Sun	8	West	Riverview, Amberley, Rosewood, Talgalla Lookout, Madden, Lowood, Home (??)
Sun	15	North	Lake Ivanhoe, Kilcoy, Malaney, Kandanga, Noosaville, Beerwah, Home
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Tues	17	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm
Tues Sat Sun	17 21 & 22	MEETING South	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm AGM Weekend away

			October
Sun	6	North	Bum Hop — North Pine Dam, Clear Mountain, Mt Glorious, Woodford (Lunch), Mt Mee, North Pine Dam.
Sun	13	South	Redbank, Kalbar, Moogara, Barney View, Woodenbong, Granville, Rathdowney, Beaudesert, Home (lots)
Tues	15	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm
Sun	20	West	Beaudesert, Kerry, Rathdowney, Mt Alford, Kalbar, Roadvale, Home (224km)

**IMPORTANT DATES** Fathers Day 1 September AGM 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September Queens Birthday 7<sup>th</sup> October

	November				
Sun	3	South	Mullumbimby, Montecollum, Rosebank, Channon, Koonorigan, Nimbin (for a smoke), Blue nob, Kunghur, Murwillumbah, Tweed heads, Coomera		
Sun	10	West	Fernvale, Esk. Somerset, Kilcoy, Woodford, Dayboro, Samford, Home (232km)		
Sun	17	North	Sandgate and over the Houghton Hwy to Woody Point and Redcliffe. Out to Bribie Island for lunch and then onto Donnybrook before returning via Beerburrum Rd** 280km		
Tues	19	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm		
Sun	24	South	Yatala, Mt Nebo, Mt Glorious,(coffee), Fernvale ( Lunch), Blacksoil. (Sarge)		

			December
Sun	1	West	Fernvale, Esk, Summerset, Kilcoy, Woodford, Day borough, Samford (232km)
Sun	8	North	250 Km -Mt Glorious, Kilcoy, Neurum Rd, Wamuran, Campbell Pocket Rd, Mt Mee, Home
Sun	15	South	Yatala - BBQ Mt Cootha via Peaks Crossing and toll roads
Tues	17	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba – 7.30pm
Sun	22	West	Goodna, Mulgowie, Tent Hill, Murphys Creek, Hampton, Esk (240km)
Sun	29	North	A straight dash to Pomona via the Sunshine Motorway, lunch at the pub and returning via Nambour Connection and Steve Irwin Way – 300km

			January 2014
Sun	5	South	Redbank, Kalbar, Moogara, Barney View, Woodenbong, Granville, Rathdowney, Beaudesert, Home (lots)
Sun	12	West	Beaudesert, Kerry, Rathdowney, Mt Alford, Kalbar, Roadvale, Home (224km)
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Sun	26	South	Mullumbimby, Montecollum, Rosebank, Channon, Koonorigan,

**IMPORTANT DATES** Christmas day 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Boxing Day 26<sup>th</sup> Dec New Years Eve 1<sup>st</sup> Jan

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# How to wear your patch and insignia

#### STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT

