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Rowdy's Rant

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Guess who has a new Bike???

Hi everyone and welcome to the January newsletter,

Happy New Year to all, hope it is a safe one,

The New Year is starting well with some new riders in the pipeline and some old members returning to join us once again. Keep an eye on the calendar as the ride captains and Sugar have spent hours arranging entertainment for us over the coming year. Poker runs, bike shows etc. will all be included. Thanks to BC for updating the web for us.

Before Christmas I felt it may be a good idea to explain the difference between MC and SC when it comes to wearing patches on vests, after doing some research and coming to the conclusion that the subject actually gets quite complicated, I am going to keep it very simple and to the point,

What we have is MC (outlaw 1%) Generally these guys wear a three piece on their backs, a top rocker (denotes club name) a bottom rocker (denotes territory) a centre patch (registered club logo) other patches include rank etc.

SC (social club) all social club patches are worn as breast patches and worn on the front of the vest, they include registered logo, office

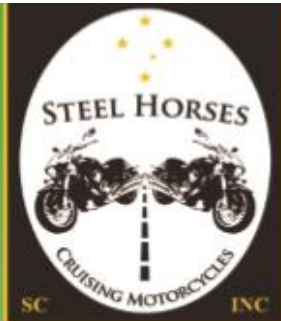
etc. Now we come to the most important point out of the whole subject and one that all motorcyclist need to understand, social clubs BUY the patches for members were as outlaw's have to EARN theirs, this is why they demand respect when it comes to patches. Wear something that resembles a rocker or patch on your back and there will be consequences', which brings me to another point, if a social club member made a mistake in this area, 1%ers have been known to bring it down on the whole club, so it's important to understand what to wear and what not to wear for the sake of other members. Most Steel Horse members are fully aware of the culture and the "etiquette" that's required and have read nothing new in my explanation, if we all understand then the harmony between clubs remains secure.

Cheers Rowdy.....

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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, Pillions, and 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 \$40 for all Members. All Members must wear a vest and Club Patch.

Members can view the Rules and By-laws at our monthly meetings. Just let the Secretary know.



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Sarge's Slant

Honda Fury Unveiled

When Honda announced its 2009 lineup last fall, many, including us, scratched our heads at the scarcity of new models from this motorcycle giant. It turns out that Big Red was holding at least one valuable card up its sleeve, as we can now report on one of the coolest-looking cruisers ever offered by a Japanese manufacturer.

You're looking at the 2010 Honda Fury, an inspired design built around a familiar motor. Featuring chopper styling cues such as the high headpipe and the largely exposed backbone frame tube, the Fury is Honda's attempt at creating a mass-produced "custom" chopper.

First seen in public today at the IMS show in New York, journalists got a sneak peek last month in American Honda's high-security R&D center in Torrance, CA. Company reps say customers want a "radical" looking chopper with Honda durability, quality, reliability and affordability.

"To say that we got jazzed was an understatement," said media-relations good-guy Jon Seidel about when he saw the Fury in person for the first time. Reaction from Honda dealers was reportedly "over the moon."



Scheduled to hit dealers this spring, the 2010 Honda Fury is the biggest streetbike news for Honda this year.

The most expensive component of any motorcycle is its engine, so Honda was fiscally responsible and fitted a modified version of the 1312cc V-Twin seen in the VTX1300 variants. It retains the 52-degree Vee angle and single-pin crankshaft, but it differs in its cylinder heads, cams, port shapes and exhaust system. Most important is the addition of fuel-injection to the VTX's carbureted mill. We expect slight increases from the VTX's rear-wheel numbers of 59 hp and 71 ft-lbs of torque



The Fury uses a newly fuel-injected version of the VTX1300 motor. A compact radiator sitting between the frame downtubes in front of the engine gives little clue to the assistance of liquid cooling.



While the fuel tank on the lean Fury is eye catching, it does come at a cost as it only holds a modest 3.4 gallons.

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It does have a different feel, character and sound,” said Steve Paulos, a senior test engineer at Honda. Single-overhead-cam cylinder heads retain the three-valve, dual-plug design, while a stacked and blended shotgun exhaust appears appropriately butch. Chromed engine covers add bling to the air/liquid-cooled powerplant, but their plastic construction loses a bit of authenticity points.

Paulos said the bike’s biggest engineering challenge was integrating an unobtrusive yet effective radiator (set neatly inside the frame’s dual downtubes) that met Honda’s tough standards.

Like the VTX, the Fury has a five-speed transmission and utilizes a shaft-drive system. A color-matched aluminum swingarm with revised styling spices up the back end. Honda gave some consideration to using a belt-drive arrangement on the Fury, but it was cheaper to stick with what was already developed. There isn’t one belt-driven bike in Honda’s catalog.

But the mechanical bits play second or third fiddle to the outlandish (for Honda) styling of the Fury.

Company reps emphasized that cruisers appeal to a rider’s

emotions, so Honda stepped a bit outside its typically wide comfort zone to create a bike that initially appears could’ve been built in a small fabrication shop. “Welcome to the wild side – of Honda,” reads the PR materials.



The flowing lines of the Fury’s fuel tank look good at any angle.



Its body-colored frame tubes look elegant, given extra spotlight by an artful fuel tank that exposes the triangulated headstock and horizontal backbone frame tube. The mid-tank crease that arches downward to the seat is another styling success. Fashion has its price, and here that cost comes in the tank’s modest 3.4-gallon capacity. You’ll note the lack of Honda badges on the bike’s flanks; the bike’s origins will remain a mystery to the general public.

A lovely front fender wraps neatly around the skinny 90/90 front tire, highlighted by a handsome 21-inch front wheel. A 200/50-18 rear tire resides under a traditionally shaped rear fender with a tidy brake light slid under its tail. Blame pesky federal regs for the large turnsignal lamps that look bulky alongside the bike’s lean design. More appealing is the shape of the chrome headlight arching forward from between the 45mm fork tubes. As for how the Fury will ride, Honda reps assure us the bike isn’t at all awkward to handle. A 32.0-degree rake angle is quite chopperish, but it’s balanced by a modest 3.5 inches of trail. At 71.2 inches,



Internally wired bars and a clean instrument panel offer both style and function. Seen here is an optional windscreen, just part of a large selection of Fury accessories in Honda's catalog.

the Fury's wheelbase is the longest of any production Honda. The Fury will be offered in four colors, including blue, silver and burgundy. We think this flat silver version with pinstriped wheels looks cool – it's not something we've come to expect from play-it-safe Honda.

"Destined to become a milestone machine, the Fury captures the pure, undiluted chopper essence, places it within easy reach of nearly every rider and then backs it up with the same quality and reliability built into every Honda.

HMMMM! Sounds like an alright Bike – I wonder who has ONE!!!

Next Month read all about my favorite Bike. The Harley Davidson Fat Bob. A Bike Close to my HEART!



See Ya on the next 1

Sarge

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from the Coordinator's Desk



"Hi All

Welcome to the new year everyone. The new ride Calendar has been produced and is on the web page for the next 12 months. This will let members plan for rides, social events and activities throughout the year.

The first social night is the 14th of February at Easts Rugby League Club for dinner and drinks, more will be explained at our next meeting. It will be good to catch up and celebrate the new year together. Please let me know as soon as practical when you have decided if you will be coming.

The first Poker run is scheduled for February, specifically the 8th of February. Please put this time aside so that you can support your Club at this event.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on Jan 20th.

Sugar



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West Ride Report

December
2014

Hi All Pyro here,

Well Sunday morning arrived and the day looked great, Phoenix and I met Steiny for brekkie at the coffee club at 7.00 am and after a great feed we went down to Maccas for our early 8.00 am start.

We met Ynot, Specs and a special visit from Lucky J and his young charge. It was good to see him again after all this time, even if it was a short visit.

We left on time at 8.00 am and headed for Mount Crosby for a little detour, then on to Walloon and Rosewood. From there we went the back way through Rosedale and then left to the freeway and the Boonah turn off for our first stop at the Café at Boonah.

It was decided by those who showed up that we would make it a short run and after a cool drink we took off for Beaudesert, and then Jimboomba where we stopped and said our goodbyes at about 11 am.

A short run for me but we all had other places to be and a short run with good friends is better than no run at all. See you on the next one.



PYRO



LIGHT
'EM UP

Pyro

Light Em Up

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West Ride Report

December
2014

WEST RIDE REPORT 14/12/2014

ATTENDED -

Drastic, Ace, Yogi, Sarge, Sugar, Rowdy, Ynot, Pyro, Grumpy, Steiny.

I decided to change the ride from the Calendar when I found out there was a custom motorcycle - car show on at Yatala drive in theatre.

We all met at Goodna McDonalds and the weather looked great so we headed off from Goodna through Redbank Plains down to Springfield through Greenbank and up to Tambourine Mountain.

The road heading up the mountain was fantastic and the front riders had a chance to give it a squirt up the hill. Unfortunately the rear end of the group got stuck behind some slow moving vehicles and had a leisurely run to the top.

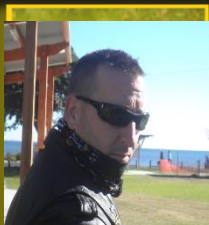
We stopped for a beverage at Eagle Heights with views to the Gold Coast.

After about half an hour we headed down the other side which was slow going due to heavy traffic and arrived at the Yatala drive in at around 11.30am.

Gold coin donation to enter and we all had a wander around the show - which didn't take that long as the turnout of show cars and bikes was not as great as we had expected.

We then ended the ride and everyone went their separate ways.

Overall it was a good morning out and the weather gods were kind.



DRASTIC



Regards

Drastic

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SOUTH RIDE REPORT



DECEMBER

2014



After forecasted weather threatened to stop the ride this weekend, the day arrived and good weather seemed to be showing on the BOM radar. So at Yatala I met up with Sarge, Rowdy, Ace, Hurricane, Ynot, Yogi, Princess, Pyro, Phoenix, Hoffs and Drastic.

The ride was to end with a BBQ at Mt Coonah, but as the gear was at Sarge and Sugar's place and Steiny had a minor leg injury, the end venue was changed to their place.

We headed off for the first leg of the ride to Boonah and the weather gods were kind to us with no rain. On arrival at Boonah, I discovered that the pub I had chosen didn't open till 11, so we split up with some going to other pubs and some going to a cafe.

As I was unsure of the best way to Sarge's house, I asked him to lead the second part of the ride and we arrived there shortly after 12. Steiny and Sugar had commenced the Barbie and so food was ready shortly after we arrived. Also at Sarge's place we were met by Boots, Mayhem and Barney, with Big Kev and Mac arriving shortly later.

After eating, drinking and speaking some fair volume of BS we said our goodbyes and headed off.

****Special thanks to Steiny for sacrificing his ride to set up and cook the BBQ and Sugar for her assistance as sous chef.

Cheers

JAK

NORTH RIDE REPORT

Christmas north lights ride: Sunday 22 December 2014

Ride Captain: Hurricane

Members, Grumpy & Angel, Jak, Drastic & Sue (visitor), Boots, Mac, Sarge & Sugar, Ace & Jemma (visitor), Pyro & Phoenix



It is that time of the year again so a Christmas lights ride was planned for the last Sunday in December. We had a good turnout of members with a promise of a nice meal at the Alderley Arms Hotel to start the night off. We have eaten at the Hotel a couple of times before and it did not disappoint us this time, we also had the added bonus of buy 1 and get the second meal for \$5!!!! While it only related to the set menu there was something for everyone and most either took advantage of it or the \$13.90 steak. A bargain all round I thought?

After the meal we headed off on a carefully planned route, I had previously lead the Christmas lights ride without the necessary preparation and missed most of the prime locations, something I didn't want to happen again. In saying that, I don't reckon there are the same amount of houses lit up as previous years, perhaps it's a sign of the times or they knew we were coming!

The ride for the night took us along Appleby Road and onto Maundrell Terrace, we first stopped at a residence in Coleridge Street where the local kids were more interested in the bikes than the lights, it was nice to see them waving to us and I am sure Steiny wished he was in a Santa suit. We then headed off on Maundrell Terrace to the St Gerard Majella Catholic Church which was light up like a Christmas tree. This church was a winner in the 4KQ lights competition and it was obvious why, a very impressive display. We negotiated the carpark along with half the residents in Brisbane but I decided not stop, the slow procession around the carpark and out onto the road allowed us all time to view the lights without the need to explore on foot, at least that's what I thought at the time!

We then road out towards Bald Hills along the motorway where we encountered a frustrated motorist who was not displaying the Christmas spirit, I did not notice all the kerfuffle until he drove past us and then I only noticed him when Drastic yelled at him to 'fuck off', thanks Drastic!!!!

Then it was onto 14 Paladin Place to view another winner of the 4KQ lights competition, it was a great display but it would have been nice to see a few more houses in the street get in the mood, speaking of mood, Sarge and Sugar left us at this stage, something about Sarge getting hot, or was it Sugar getting hot, something was hot, anyway those Christmas lights can have that effect on you.

It was then onto the Indian Motorcycle Museum in Newman Road, I had not been there before but it was recommended by Grumpy as a good stop. After a slight wrong turn we pulled up at the Museum and were greeted by a number of Santa's helpers wishing us Christmas greetings, we were able to wonder around looking at the displays and enjoying the lights that lit up the dark industrial area where the museum was located. For those that wanted, there was coffee and a chat with the owner as well as the opportunity to take a group photo, I jumped in that photo at the last minute after giving the photographer some instructions only to block Boots, however he is represented by his hands-refer photo

Anyway, it was a nice way to finish the ride and after everyone wished each other Merry Christmas we went on our merry way

Hurricane

NORTH RIDE REPORT- Sunday 30 November



Members

Pyro & Phoenix, Grumpy & Angel, Sarge, Mac, Ynot

Ride report

The ride took us out to the glorious Redcliffe Peninsula and the beautiful Morton Bay. We then headed towards the Bruce highway and out to the small town of Wamuran. We turned left onto Campbell Pocket Rd for dash up the hill to the Mt Mee Road. I gave the 'break out' single but there were no takers, I presume it was because they were intimidated by the power of the mighty boulevard!!!! Just as well anyway as there were a few grumblings that we didn't mark the corners for the tail-enders, sorry to those effected.

Once we hit Mt Mee Road we rode down to the Daguiar Tavern for a well-earned rest stop. I don't know what was in the air that day but the ride captain (me) was taking a few 'hits', I did recall a discussion about some sort of punishment for those not showing respect, but I can't remember the outcome though?. It was all friendly banter and good natured, which made the stop entertaining.

After the break we rode out past Woodford and turned off onto Commercial Flat Road. I again singled a break out and a few took the option, it is a great little piece of road that meanders through some farmland and has some twists and turns so it provides a bit if excitement at high speed. We regrouped rode out to the Toorbul Hotel were we once again doubled the numbers on our arrival.

On the way out I noticed my petrol light come on but I could tell anyone as Pyro with would 'get up me' for not 'topping up' before I left, so I decided to risk it and get petrol at Toorbul. The only problem was, there is no petrol at Toorbul.

After a hearty lunch and a bit more banter we headed back to town, I made up a story that we should call into Donnybrook on the way home as it was a beautiful place, the truth was I had call the local tackle and bait shop to confirm they had petrol. When we arrived there I drove straight to the petrol bouser and filled up, luckily I made it and unluckily I still copped a bit!

After leaving Donnybrook we called into the Twin BP's at Caboolture to say our goodbyes.

Once again, a god day out with a good bunch of guys.

Hurricane



"NO I'M NOT GOING TO WRITE YOU A TICKET, I JUST WANTED A BETTER LOOK AT YOUR BIKE."



THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID IT'S A RICE BURNER.



"WE'RE NOT TAKING HIS BIKE ON VACATION THIS YEAR... HE NEEDS A FEW MINUTES ALONE WITH IT."



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Event Calendar

2015

Meeting Points

South

Exit 38 Yatala

Jak

0402 263920

North

Caltex Servo Castledine

Hurricane / Grumpy

0406 383306 / 0418 793062

West

McDonalds Goodna

Pyro

0413 905141

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.



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January 2015

Sun 4	West Redbank, Kalbar, Moogara, Barney View, Woodenbong, Granville, Rathdowney, Beaudesert, Home (lots)
Sun 11	North Around the Dams via Woodford, Esk and back over Mount Glorious Rd returning via Eaton's Crossing Rd.
Sun 18	South Riders Choice
Sun 25	West Fernvale, Esk, Hampton, Crows Nest, Yarraman, Backbutt, Somerset, Mt Iorlous, Mt Nebo, The Gap, (375km)

IMPORTANT DATES
 Grandparents Day 2nd Nov
 Christmas day 25th Dec
 Boxing Day 26th Dec
 New Year's Eve 1st Jan

Steel Horses CMSC Ride Calendar 2015

Meeting Points

South	Exit 38 Yatala	Steiny / Jak	0419 672 216 / 0402 263 920
North	BP Carseldine	Hurricane / Mac	0406 383 306 / 0439 444 655
West	McDonalds Goodna	Pyro / Drastic	0413 905 141/ 0438 785 662

YOU MUST PHONE THE RIDE Captain BY 7.30PM THE NIGHT BEFORE A RIDE TO CONFIRM YOU WISH TO DO THEIR RIDE.

February 2015

Sun	1	North	Carseldine, Buderim, Bli Bli, Moolah Valley (210km)
Sun	8	South	POKER run
Sun	15	West	Goodna, Springfield, Greenbank, Jimboomba, Tamborine, Beaudesert, Kerri, Rathdowney, Lunch, Moogerah Dam, Boonah, Peaks crossing, (240km)
Tues	17	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba - 7.30pm
Sun	22	North	Carseldine, Bald knob, Mapleton, Noosa Heads, Mango Hill (275km)

March

Sun	1	South	Yatala, Advance Town, Gilston, Tomewin, Taigum, Coomera.
Sun	8	West	Goodna, Rosewood, Laidley, Tent Hill, Rudd's Pub (Lunch), Ma Ma Creek, Grandchester, Amberly (280km)
SAT	14	BIKE SHOW	Vietnam Veterans, Kingston
Sun	15	North	Cooroy, Kenilworth, Mapleton, Montville, Landsborough (254km)
Tues	17	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba - 7.30pm
Sun	22	South	Yatala, Beaudesert, Rathdowney, Summerland Way, Murwillumbah, Tomew Road, Home. (328km)
Sun	29	West	Goodna, Fernvale, Somerset, Gregor Creek Road, Toogoolawah, Esk, Gatton, Laidley, Grandchester, Willow Bank, Goodna. (270km)

April

Sun	5	North	Easter Sunday - Riders Choice.
Sun	12	South	Yatala, Mt Tamborine, Canungra, Advance Town, Numinbah, Uki. (230km)
Tues	21	MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel - Gabba - 7.30pm
Sun	19	West	Goodna, Springfield, Greenbank, Beaudesert, Kerri, Grady's Creek, Summerland way, Rathdowney, Boonah, Peaks Crossing. (350km)
Sun	26	North	Pomona, Nambour connection Rd and Steve Erwin Way, Home (255km)

IMPORTANT DATES
 Easter 3rd - 6th April
 Anzac Day 25th April

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Price \$15.00 each

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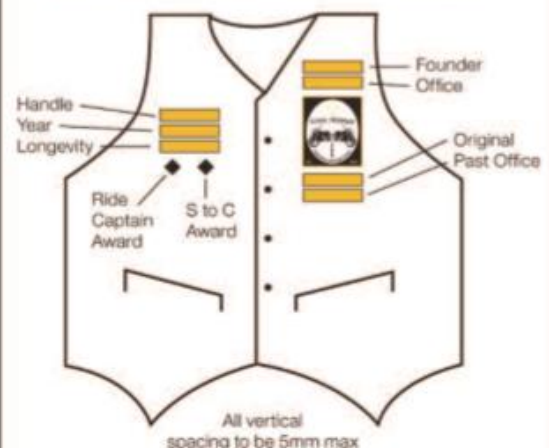
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How to wear your patch and insignia


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A festive New Year's Eve scene featuring two champagne flutes filled with bubbly, surrounded by swirling gold streamers and scattered confetti on a dark surface.

*May every day of the
New Year glow with
good cheer & happiness
for you & your family.*

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North Christmas lights ride.

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