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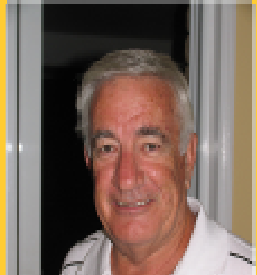


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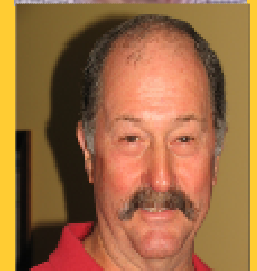
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From the editor



Membership remains of primary importance. While a steady flow of new members obviously balances the outflow; a surfeit in the inwards motion is always desirable.

With this edition we make new members welcome. The club rides to have fun, and there's little shortage of the latter with some of the characters we have in our midst. So come along newbies and we'll extend the usual warm CY welcome.

There's also comment within this edition whether on an organised ride, it's a preference for coffee over 'drinkies'; always a contentious issue considering the official HOG policy on the subject. At our HOT training, this topic received a great deal of discussion. While the guidelines are specific, there's nothing in that rulebook to deny that one cannot imbibe, albeit in moderation.

It therefore seems opportune that in this issue, we take a look at the deleterious effects of the evils of coffee and the goodness of beer, in a light hearted manner.

I'd also like to thank all those members who so enthusiastically contributed photos to this issue.

The volume submitted by so many CYHOG members has been overwhelming, in no short reason than because of the number of activities that have occurred since publication of the last edition. It's also representative of the motivation behind having a magazine that supports it's members and acknowledges their contribution to such a large extent.

Thank you to the Woodys, the Coburns, Jan Neilsen and 2Beers without whose submissions these pages would not have been possible (if I've forgotten anybody, my sincere apologies. My mailbox has reached saturation point.)

There's also sufficient material to expose the antics of some members who seem to lose certain inhibitions with the consumption of some sort of beverage.

If those members feel embarrassed by their behaviour, I can only say "well done!"

See you on the road.

Wassy



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FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR



AND A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORING DEALER

Well here we are with the 3rd edition of the e-York Torque. (I wonder if that name might catch on?). I'm sure you will all agree that the e-format is proving popular with all members.

The last few months have been a bit of a blur. It seems hard to believe that the Reef to RiverCity Rolling Rally to the Qld State Rally has come and gone. In the pages that follow is an in-depth article on the event from Woody, whom I must congratulate on a fantastic job organizing the ride. What I am proud of is the large number of attendees from ours, the most distant Chapter, only bettered by the hosting Brisbane Chapter.

If not already have passed, our own Chapter is hosting its 20th Anniversary and Chapter Challenge at the Cairns Showgrounds. This will be the culmination of many months of planning & preparation by the Committee.

Events like this just don't happen, and I hope all our members appreciate the tireless and fantastic job done by a few. A sizeable number of attendees from other Chapters will have ridden north to support and celebrate our milestone 20th year.

I'm confident (or hopeful), that in this edition we may very well be reporting that Cape York HOG were successful in winning back our Chapter Challenge trophy from Townsville.

Ride safe and have fun

Cheers

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The New Harley Magic Destination

It has been an interesting experience designing a new motorcycle store from the ground up. We started with an old hardware shop 500m2 on a 1327m2 block with a 58 metre frontage. The location on Sheridan Street, just south of the airport turnoff, will prove in time to be an ideal location.

There is a bus stop in front and 2 openings in the centre dividing gardens to allow U-turns for easy access to the shop.

To fit in with Council rules we will be providing 10 covered motorcycle parks and 8 car parks within the property. We will also be providing an invalid car park with plenty of room next to it for easy access for impaired customers.

The showroom will be all new - with roof, floor and glass being re-done in line with providing an excellent showcase for the premium motorcycle brand. The new concrete floor will be a foot higher than at present to comply with the 100 year flood level.

This location will be a stand alone Harley Davidson facility, catering to genuine Harley Davidson licensed products only.

In the plan which we have submitted to Harley Davidson Australia, we are catering for an area for the Cape York HOG chapter to use for meetings, lounge area and to start rides from. Coffee, Tea, Water and a Refrigerator will all be in this room. New toilets with separate male, female and wheelchair accessible will also be provided.

We hope to be in the new premises by May 2013. I'll keep you all posted as we go.

Much discussion has occurred among club members over a period regarding the club's penchant for a good 'latte stop'. Indeed, it has become a cliché in many respects, both revered and disfavoured by more than a few within the club.

Various rides may profit as a consequence of a belief that the journey will contain one, if not maybe two, stops along the way for that essential fix of caffeine. Others may elect to not participate being disenchanted with the fact that the journey may by-pass the immediate vicinity of many a favoured watering hole, often with a multitude of bikes of the Japanese persuasion parked in front.

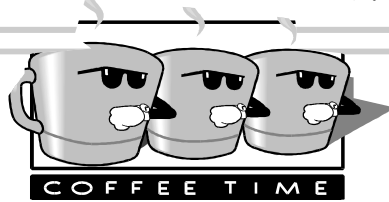
It seems timely therefore to settle this question once and for all. Hence the title of this article,

To latte or not to latte

(apologies to Shakespeare for the poetic licence.)

Argument 1. The evils of coffee

by Jean Bodeau, L.Ac.



"I'll have a double tall skinny half-caf foamy please...."

Is there any beverage more exalted and reviled than coffee? In many circles, coffee is viewed as poison, and drinking coffee an unhealthy vice indicative of moral weakness. Is this truth – or urban myth? For many people, drinking moderate amounts of [preferably organic] coffee (1 to 3 cups a day) can provide significant health benefits, according to numerous recent papers. People with certain conditions, however, are not well-served by coffee, and should avoid it. This includes people with bowel disorders, gastric problems, hypertension, and women who have painful fibrocystic breasts, among others. People with extreme blood deficiency (in the Chinese medical sense) should also restrict their coffee-drinking.

According to a spate of such recent studies, moderate coffee drinking may lower the risk of colon cancer by about 25%, gallstones by 45%, cirrhosis of the liver by 80%, and Parkinson's disease by 50% to as much as 80%. Other benefits include 25% reduction in onset of attacks among asthma sufferers and, at least among a large group of female nurses tracked over many years, fewer suicides. In addition, some studies have indicated that coffee contains four times the amount of cancer-fighting antioxidants as green tea.

Argument 2. The Drinking of Alcohol and it's Benefits

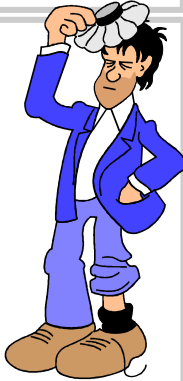
To refute any possible argument to the harmful effects, let's consider a really important question: do intelligent people drink more beer?"

I believe that the answer was aired in an episode of that great 1982 "documentary" on bar life named "Cheers" in an exchange between the proverbial "font of knowledge" Cliff and bar fly Norm-

"Well ya see, Norm, it's like this. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members."

"In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine."

"That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."



And thus endeth the sermon. Be your own judge.

Do you want a ride that covers all the essential watering points along the way; a journey covering such vast distance as the round trip; Smoko – Ellis Beach, Lunch – Port Douglas and an afternoon stopover at the Nard in Cairns, each stop commanding a lengthy refreshing coffee, or a pub crawl (tongue in cheek) encompassing Smoko – Innot Hot Springs (Hotel), Lunch – Pearamon pub, then home via Mount Molloy visiting the good old National, thence via the twists and turns of the Captain Cook Highway.

OhIf only! And we haven't even explored the stimulating benefits of a decent cup of tea!!

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Hi everyone,

While normally I do find it hard to find something to talk about that doesn't sound like I am just repeating everyone else, this time I have a couple of things that I don't think anyone else will say

Firstly I would like to mention the Brisbane Rally, and to congratulate Woody for the well run ride. No easy feat I must say. I am sure like myself it was a bit of an eye opener to see just how the other clubs do function and to have a look at all the other dealers, including Morgan and Wacker.

I would also like to give a big thanks to our dealers Wayne and Rhonda, for not only attending but running back-up with the van and trailer, but also Rhonda riding and being out there and mixing it with the best, and of course I have to mention Magic (Wayne) in the slow race. He got all of us wimps in the stands to our feet and yelling as loud as we could.

Congratulations as well to all those club members who participated in the games, and of course all those that attended the rally.

We nearly all got there & back safe and sound with the exception of Ed's big crash on the way home. I don't know what would be giving Ed more pain, the loss of the new bike, or the new six million dollar left arm. I hope you get well soon Ed.

Mal Blythe
Assistant Director

THE ESSENTIALS OF EFFECTIVE BRAKING (FROM MY EXPERIENCE)

An aspect I would like to share with other club members is about is a problem I had recently with my 2008 Softail Custom.

I started out on Ben's ride, however I had only got a block or two down the road from the BP when I noticed my back brake feeling a bit funny. I gave the pedal a couple of pumps, only to find to my amazement that the pedal went all the way. Now I have no rear brakes at all.

I peeled off from the ride and gingerly rode straight home where I got on the ground to investigate what the problem was. I pumped the pedal a couple of times before I noticed a stream of fluid coming from the brake light pressure switch. It turns out that the pressure switch had failed completely.

This came as a surprise, but in my limited experience I have never seen them fall apart, so I got straight onto the net where I discovered that this problem is not new. There is a recall announcement for some model bikes manufactured from 2009 onwards. You would need to check this out for yourself to see if any of this applies to your own bike.

However the point I am trying to make here is that you need to check your rear brake light more frequently. In my case I knew that the rear brake light was not working and thought it could wait until my next service. That was the wrong thing to do. When the switch first fails, get it replaced. The brake light not working is the first sign of bigger problems ahead.

The end result was that I bought a new up-graded pressure switch, for under \$30. Fitted it on the bike, bled up the brakes and all is well now.

I just thought this story may be of interest to all, as I was lucky that it happened where it did, and not down some range somewhere while being a little aggressive on the road. I might have ended up scratching the paint work or worse, scratching the wife on the back.

Hope to see you all on the road soon.



Several days ago as I left a meeting at a hotel, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down.

I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot.

My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them.

His theory is that the car will be stolen.

As I burst through the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right.

The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police.

I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered; I always call him "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen." There was a period of silence.

I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard his voice. He barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car."

Yep, it's the golden years.



BOB THE CHICKEN

Bob came home drunk one night, slid into bed beside his sleeping wife, and fell into a deep slumber...

He awoke before the Pearly Gates, where St. Peter said, 'You died in your sleep, Bob.'

Bob was stunned. 'I'm dead? No, I can't be! I've got too much to live for. Send me back!'

St. Peter said, 'I'm sorry, but there's only one way you can go back, and that is as a chicken.'

Bob was devastated, but begged St. Peter to send him to a farm near his home.... The next thing he knew, he was covered with feathers, clucking, and pecking the ground.

A rooster strolled past... 'So, you're the new hen, huh? How's your first day here?'

'Not bad,' replied Bob the hen, 'but I have this strange feeling inside. Like I'm gonna explode!'

'You're ovulating,' explained the rooster. 'Don't tell me you've never laid an egg before?'

'Never,' said Bob.

'Well, just relax and let it happen,' says the rooster. 'It's no big deal.'

Bob did, and a few uncomfortable seconds later, out popped an egg!

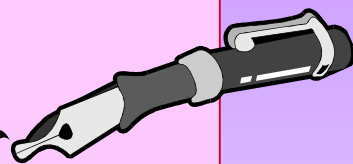
Bob was overcome with emotion as he experienced motherhood. He soon laid another egg...his joy was overwhelming.

As he was about to lay his third egg, he felt a smack on the back of his head, and heard his wife yell...

'BOB, wake up. You just shit the bed!'



Secretary's Report



It has been an extremely busy two months since my last report. As the organiser for the Reef to the River City Rolling Rally I was kept busy with an endless stream of emails both going out and coming in from members all over the state.

Straight after returning from the rally it was into the 20th anniversary party and chapter challenge. There was a lot of organising and accounting for all the money that was flowing in. The party might even be all over before the magazine goes out and I am sure it will be a great success. The response from the Townsville Chapter members has been sensational with over forty registered as I am typing up this report.

At the general meeting in September club members asked if the committee would distribute the minutes from the committee meetings so that they could be better kept up to date. This has commenced with the minutes of the October meeting already distributed.

On top of all that there has been plenty of time to get out and ride. The September ride to Herberton was well supported until the rain came down and several riders made the decision to have an early day and headed off home after morning tea. As soon as they were gone the sun came out and we had a great ride across the tablelands.

The ride to Tarzali Lakes in October was also a good ride albeit a little slow going into Innisfail. After lunch Bully gave us an entertaining diversion into the piggery. I have never been to a piggery before and it just blew me away and I am not talking about the smell. I am sure Bully got sick of me asking questions.

This will be my last report before Christmas so I hope you all have a very happy and safe break over the festive season, get out and ride and put some miles on your bike before the wet season hits.

Treasurer's Report

Our editor wants all committee reports in by **the end of October** so my report reflects the finances of the club a few days before the end of the month. The receipts are very high with all the money coming in for 20th anniversary registrations. Most of it will all be gone next month.

	September	October
Opening balance	89,77.58	7,043.11
Income	736	6,325.37
Expenditure	2,670.47	917.70
Closing Balance	7,043.11	12,450.78
Bank book balance	73,29.31	12,640.78
Outstanding deposits	—	—
Outstanding cheques	286.20	190
Closing balance	7,043.11	12,450.78
Ride easy, ride often		Woody



HEAD ROAD CAPTAINS' REPORT

HOG Cape York Chapter Inc.



ROAD CAPTAINS' RIDE ROSTER

**IF YOU CAN NOT DO THE RIDE ALLOCATED YOU WILL
NEED TO SWAP WITH SOMEONE ON THE LIST.**

- **11TH NOVEMBER / BULLY**
- **9TH DECEMBER (4 RANGES RIDE)**
- **13 JANUARY / BLUE**
- **10TH FEBRUARY / FELIX**
- **10TH MARCH / TBA**
- **14TH APRIL / MAL**
- **12TH MAY / BEN**
- **9TH JUNE (APRILS RIDE)**
- **14TH JULY (DIRECTORS RIDE?)**

Cheers

Head Road Captain

Bear

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THE CHOPPER REPORT

The practice session for the Cape York club proved invaluable with the Chapter Challenge Trophy again returning to its rightful home after an absence of 7 years. Obviously dodging the potholes up here on our daily ride, as opposed to the pristine road conditions evident in Townsville, put us in good stead.

Competition was fierce but Wayne rallied the troops proving victorious in the slow race. This has become his signature event following his debut at the Brisbane Rally. It's obviously all a matter of balance, despite our understanding of his 'Magic' reputation acquired in his early years.

Of the 5 events, CYHOG were successful in 4 staged in the afternoon. Overall, it proved a well-fought competition in the true spirit of inter-club rivalry.

Well done to Bully in the Barrel Race (another fine example of counter balance by positioning most of his weight above the fuel tank), Mal & Shaz in Stab the Toad, Dan & Sue-ellen in Postmans Drop with Townsville Chapter winning the Balloon Toss.

It will be a hard act to follow next year, but elated with their success, I am sure CY Chapter will again rise to the forefront and excel under demanding circumstances.

We have it on good authority that victory celebrations continued well into the night. Thanks to Ed Porter who acted as MC and dispensed the trophies with true aplomb.

The 20th Anniversary/Chapter Challenge should prove something that may very well prove to be a badge that we can wear with club pride for some time to come.

Ride on Chopper

Membership Officer's Report

Our membership drive has been a success, so much so that we now have eighty members. It's great to see new members joining and some old members renewing their membership.

It would prove a rewarding effort to see our ranks again swell to the maximum membership ever recorded of just over 100 financial members.

In this edition we welcome newbies; Allan Aumuller, Daniel Sharp, Jim Fitzpatrick, Brad McMillan and Owen Young . When these guys join us for our first club ride, please extend a typical Cape York welcome and assist towards inducting them into our club and to continue their participation in the future.

The draw for the \$100 open order at Harley Magic took place at the 20th Anniversary milestone on Saturday night 3rd November. Each member who renewed their membership this year and each new member was eligible to go into the draw. Furthermore, each member who introduced that new member was eligible for an additional entry. Congratulations to Louis Bonome who is now the delighted recipient of the \$100 open order. Louis, contact the Treasurer for your gift voucher.

Even though the incentive may have finished, it would assist the club greatly if all members would actively continue to introduce others to our ranks.

Please note - For members renewing their membership the renewal form has changed and we now require a copy of your current licence to accompany the form.



Some sentiment emerged in the past regarding the loss of the financial benefit to HOG members upon the withdrawal of the generous 10% discount through Harley Magic. Obviously that has been replaced in the form of HD Reward Miles and is no reflection on our supporting dealers' support of our club or its members.

However, to offset the loss of what some see as a direct or advantageous reason to maintain the club membership, Mitre 10 Smithfield has agreed to offer all CYHOG members 10% discount store wide on production of a current CYHOG card. ([this offer does not apply to Trade products, already on sale lines, concrete & cement.](#))

This offer is available in both the Smithfield and Mareeba Mitre 10 stores affording our Tableland contingent an equivalent benefit, in addition to the offer now having been extended to Mitre 10's Tully and Mission Beach stores for the benefit of our southern constituents.

I trust members will support Mitre 10 in recognition of their generous support and avail themselves of this significant discount on offer to financial HOG members.

Wassy

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I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

'This is the 21st century, old man,' he said.

'We don't waste money on newspapers.

Here, you can borrow my iPad.'

Well I can tell you, that bloody fly never knew what hit it...

At the pearly gates again, a taxi driver and minister are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

St. Peter next greets the minister saying, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." "Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter.
"While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

FROM THE HISTORIAN



Depending on the timing of this publication, our 20th Anniversary should be upon us, if not having immediately passed.

I'm sure everyone enjoyed celebrating this milestone. Certainly it was a pleasure to pour through the countless photos of activities and members past, and recall the halcyon days of long ago.

But on reflection, one aspect that came to mind was the void in our archives of more recent years. That left a vital gap in our chronicles, which I would be keen to repair for the sake of future years.

This is not the only milestone that should be celebrated. Our 25th will be along before you know it, in 2017. I trust many current members will join us in celebrating our 50th in 2042 with more than a few being quite capable of slinging that leg over their trike, or motorised wheel chair as the case may be, longing to join us in a glass of some digestic or other geriatric beverage as we toast that milestone.

All jokes aside, if any past editor or member has a small collection of photos from around mid 2005 to June 2012, it would be appreciated if you could pass them along, so that not only I may catalogue them for future reference, but also to hand them across to whomever may be Historian at that juncture, and thereby maintain this essential link to our past (in)glorious history.

My thanks go to those many members who were able to assist in providing photos for our slide-show on the night.

Ed.



Harley-Davidson introduces its Nine-Spoke Cast Wheel in Black Ice for its touring motorcycles.

The new Nine-Spoke Cast Wheel in Black Ice (P/N 43300114 17-inch front, P/N 40900111 16-inch rear) is the latest custom wheel set from [Harley-Davidson](#) Genuine Motor Accessories. Black Ice is a proprietary treatment that combines incredible depth with a highly reflective surface. While Black Ice may look like it is black chrome, it is not a chrome process. Styled to match the popular Nine-spoke design featured on traditional Touring models, these wheels are manufactured with special tooling developed specifically to give a near-perfect finish without the waves created when polishing the Original Equipment cast wheel. The rib on the Original Equipment wheel spoke has been removed to provide a smooth uninterrupted look and countless hours of polishing result in a superior finish. Fits 2009-later Touring models (except Trike). It also fits 2009-2011 Sidecars.

The Black Ice finish is also now offered on the Airstrike custom wheel for many Harley-Davidson Touring models, and on the Reaper custom wheel for many Harley-Davidson Dyna models.

All Genuine Motor Accessory wheels have been certified by Harley-Davidson to perform to tough vehicle standards for quality and durability. Wheels require separate purchase of a model-specific Wheel Installation Kit, Sprocket Hardware and Brake Rotor-specific Hardware. Installation may also require separate purchase of a model-specific tire. See an authorized Harley-Davidson dealer for fitment details.

The concept of making the ride to the Brisbane State Rally emerged as early as 18 months ago. Our past Director, Crack, gave it his thumbs up as did Wayne & Rhonda Leonard who even back then, made a commitment to provide a back up support vehicle. From there it was just a matter of contacting all the other Qld Chapters and the response was immediate and quite positive.

Fast forward a year and it is getting close to the real thing. The Bundaberg and Sunshine Coast Chapters were not in the original design but their enthusiasm warranted their inclusion. It didn't prove difficult to amend the plans while sticking to the same over-night stopping places with the exception of Maroochydore.

Nearing the eve of our departure, southern chapters began reporting on the condition of the Bruce Highway and the numerous road works. This demanded a slight diversion to avoid what did eventuate as significant delays.

21 intrepid souls departed Cairns in the .am of Tuesday, collecting two from Innisfail and another pair waiting beside the highway at Tully. Airlie Beach was to be our first destination with a stopover at Townsville to collect their Chapter and partake of the first of many sausage sizzles laid on by the respective Sponsoring Dealers along the way. A friend of Woody's who rode from Brisbane to join the group in Townsville was T-boned in Townsville, and his extensive injuries saw him hospitalised for three weeks and subsequently will be absent from work for another 3 months.

The Townsville Chapter led the ride to Airlie Beach and set a cracking pace. Following drinks at that night's motel, most adjourned to the Hogs Breath Café where they enjoyed a different "HOGxperience" at reduced prices. All in all an excellent ending to our first of 4 days on the road.

Day two. Our group now mustered at the local BP before heading onto the Mackay dealership where another sausage sizzle awaited. 2Beers was suffering bike trouble and it was a credit to the dealer's mechanics who attended to his not insignificant problem poste haste. Liz was also suffering from ignition problems but caught up with the group enroute to Rockhampton. Mal & pillions stayed with 2Beers and after a 4 hour delay, arrived Rockhampton much later that night. The Rockhampton Chapter entertained us at their bar at the local dealership, aptly named "the Rumble Inn" in what can only be described as a party atmosphere. The "Screaming Eagles" provided the music for the 100 or so attendees during which a raffle was drawn for prizes of a leather jacket, helmet and HD wall plaque. Rebecca Porter was successful in bringing the wall plaque back to FNQ. even if it did prove an exercise in logistics.

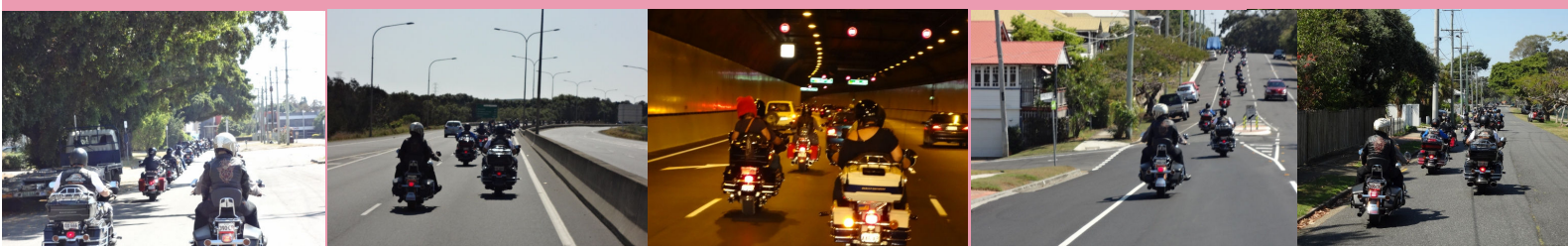
Day three was a short run to Bundaberg and to avoid the previously mentioned road works, the group was met at Miriam Vale by the Bundaberg contingent who led us out to Agnes Water for lunch. The 'back road' into Bundaberg that afternoon proved far less demanding avoiding the Stop/Go men who obviously were so intent in disrupting the 'flow' of our journey as much as possible.

The Bundaberg Chapter organised that night's meal at their preferred local watering hole where the food was not only delectable but reasonably priced. The Bundaberg Dealer also provided an ample breakfast prior to our departure for a modest fee of only \$5 per head. Typical HOGspitality in its renowned form.

Day four. Departing Bundaberg with the 'Berg Chapter in the lead, we soon encountered an unsealed section under repair, having only been recently watered. Trevor Gordon, one of the leading riders and from Wide Bay Chapter, lost control ending up spending the morning in hospital with three broken ribs and a fractured sternum. Road works continued to be the rule rather than the exception but the group, by now numbering around the 100 mark, made it to Maroochydore for the mandatory sausage sizzle. A 1.00pm departure saw us regroup, after surviving the motorway and it's kamikaze drivers, at the BP Morayfield where we were met by the Brisbane Chapter who lead us through the streets of Brisbane to the Eagle Farm rally site.

Certainly and without who's guidance it would have proved far more daunting, their organisation in providing so many corner markers was notable in their introductory welcome. The Brisbane Chapter has endeavoured over recent years, to 'get back to basics' and their rally proved an unqualified success. Check-in was seamless, the T-shirts looked good and the venue was well set out and spacious enough for the 600 registrants. Friday night's meal was excellent and the entertainment top-shelf. The venue didn't miss us though at \$9.50 for a rum and cola and \$4.50 for a can of softdrink.

Sunday's highlight was the thunder run out to Shorncliffe returning via the Airport link tunnel. With over 500 bikes all with "non standard" mufflers, the effect of 'thundering' through the tunnel proved unforgettable as did the momento of the excursion on our return with an unpaid toll fee with fine awaiting us in the mail.



With the ride home, various groups chose their own departure times and routes, with some preferring to do battle again with those stop/go men on the Bruce Highway, while others elected to take the long way round through Emerald. An unfortunate aspect of this detour was Ed Porters' run in with a car in Charters Towers that apparently wasn't manufactured with indicators. The prognosis of that encounter was his hospitalisation with a broken arm. Potentially, it would seem his beloved CVO has suffered a more terminal fate.

Our thanks go out to our Chapter's members who chose to participate; by far the best number of attendees outside the host Brisbane Chapter, and our sponsoring dealers, the Leonards, who unselfishly provided their back-up vehicle.

Thanks too, go to Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Wide bay and Sunshine Coast Chapters for their support, hospitality and provision of meals, tea and coffee.

Kevin & Sandy Woodhouse.

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QLD STATE RALLY—OVERNIGHT @ AIRLIE BEACH



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BRISBANE RALLY—FRIDAY NIGHT

Finallyno one's watching !!!
and it's dark too.



Now, the
Macarena
goes like
this

You put your left
foot where?



RALLY SATURDAY —AND LET THE GAMES BEGIN



Aren't you supposed to pullnot push?



NOW I'VE GOT THE IDEA



THUNDER RUN—SUNDAY



MEMBERS BEHAVING OUTRAGEOUSLY. - A CREDIT TO THE CLUB.



SOCIAL NITE 16TH SEPTEMBER



I would like to share an experience with you about drinking and driving.

As you well know, some of us have been lucky not to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the various social sessions over the years.

A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many beers and then topped it off with a margarita. Not a good idea.

Knowing full well I was at least slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before: I took a taxi home. Sure enough I passed a police road block but because it was a taxi, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise.

I have never driven a taxi before and am not sure where I got it.

I was in bed with a blind girl last night and she said that I had the biggest 'member' she had ever laid her hands on. I said "You're pulling my leg."

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker.
Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend, yet.

A wife says to her husband you're always pushing me around and talking behind my back.
He says what do you expect? You're in a wheel chair.

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst.
So, I returned to the thrift shop and got all of her clothes back.

A blonde man's dog goes missing and he is frantic. His wife says "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?"
He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing.
"What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks.
"Here boy!" he replies.

Mackay Oncology Ride



TARZALI LAKES RIDE 14TH OCTOBER





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CAIRNS SHOW 2012





I took these pictures at the Kuranda Bike Show held Sunday some weeks ago. Geoff went on the organised ride, which started off at the Pier, wound its way to Julatten then down to the Billabong at Kuranda. There was every type of bike there, one bike was made in 1925 and cost 45.00 Pound to buy. It was still in original condition, with its little wicker carrier basket on the back. It looked like a bicycle but with a motor and a bike stand.

Some of the bikes were unbelievable, the paint work some guys put on their bikes is fantastic, some of their tattoos matched their bikes. The people who came to look were from every walk of life, and the Billabong put on a reasonably priced food venue, there was a band, a DJ and several other acts, on a whole the day was fantastic.

We ran into Chopper and Annie, Des and Sandra from Brisbane and Blue was there as well. On a whole the day was great and if you wanted to camp there as well the \$20.00 entrance fee included the camping costs for the Sunday night.

I am not really a bike person, but I took my 92yr old Dad as he loved bikes and bike racing in his younger days, and he had a ball on Sunday, that picture on the top line is off him, finally sitting down and having a rest, and he told me he had not had so much fun in years, so even at his age it was great, and I must say I would go again.

Anyway, just thought other Hogs would be interested if you wanted to print it in the magazine.

Jan Nielson

Harley-Davidson VR1000

Plenty of potential, but few victories



Feature Article from Hemmings Motor News
August, 2007 - [Craig Fitzgerald](#)

It's American-made, has two wheels, and a V-twin engine. That's where the similarities between Harley-Davidson's VR1000 and every other bike produced by the Milwaukee titan end. The VR1000 was Harley-Davidson's lone entry into AMA Superbike racing, and in its tenure there, saw top riders like Miguel Duhamel ride, if not to victory, at least to lead the race for several laps. It was the anti-Harley, yet it was also the anti-Superbike, muscling through a pack of high-tech Japanese and Italian motorcycles like William "the Refrigerator" Perry at a ballet recital.

In 1988, fuel-injected V-twins were the engines to beat in AMA Superbike racing. By racing V-twins instead of inline-fours, Ducati was able to bump displacement up to a limit of 1,000cc, where fours were limited to 750cc. The V-twin also represented a weight advantage, and allowed the engine to nest within the rider's legs, providing an aerodynamic advantage. Harley had racing experience, of course. Its stalwart XR750 was the bike to beat in Grand National flat-track races around the country. But racing against competitors from around the world suddenly put Harley in the unfamiliar position of underdog.

The VR1000 was the product of a Harley-Davidson skunkworks, which produced Harley's first from-the-ground-up road-racer, using no existing Harley-Davidson parts and sourcing what it did use from outside parts suppliers, some that had no experience in racing. The project began at Roush Racing, but once a running engine was developed, it came back behind the walls at Harley.

What the VR1000 did was lay the groundwork for an all-new Harley. H-D's core customer buys air-cooled, carbureted, push-rod V-Twins, but Harley saw the handwriting on the wall with new EPA regulations for motorcycles coming down the pipe. It would be evolve, or die. So with the VR1000, Harley's racing development team took everything Harley was known for and jettisoned it. Overhead cams replaced pushrods. Fuel injection replaced carburetors. And suddenly (gasp!) water was cooling a Harley-Davidson engine.

But the VR1000 never truly lived up to its promise. While Ducati was working diligently on successive versions of its V-twin race bikes beginning in 1988, Harley didn't have its first real race test until 1993, a lifetime in terms of racing development. Engine troubles hobbled the bike early on, but by 1996, Harley actually won a race at Mid-Ohio with Tom Wilson on board, but a red flag at the finish put the race back a lap, and the win went to Pascal Picotte. By 2001, Harley had enough, and disbanded the program.

Harley made enough road-going versions of the VR1000 to homologate the bike for racing. Dealers were offered one, at a price of \$50,000. It's not uncommon to see these bikes sell for \$80,000 today. The bike shown here is a legitimate racer, ridden by Tripp Nobles, a privateer AMA racer. The bike is currently on display at the AMA's Motorcycle Hall of Fame in Pickerington, Ohio.

This article originally appeared in the August, 2007 issue of Hemmings Motor News.

Ladies, if a man says he will fix it, he will. There is no need to remind him every 6 months about it.

My mother-in-law's coming... I had to clear out half my closet so she could have a place to hang upside down and sleep.

I'm writing a book about reverse psychology... Please don't buy it.

I want one of those jobs where people ask, "Do you actually get paid for doing this?"

If there was a way to read a woman's mind, I am not sure I would want to. I hate shoes, shopping, gossip, and I already know I am annoying.

It is funny when my girlfriend gives me the "silent treatment." She thinks it is a punishment.

Judging by the frying pan that just flew by my head, I did something wrong.

I can't wait to find out what it was.

My sex life is like a Ferrari... I don't have a Ferrari.

I heard a guy complaining about how expensive his wedding is. He is going to be real pissed when he finds out how much his divorce is going to cost.

NASA's robot Curiosity landed on Mars. Early pictures show no signs of ESPN, beer, or porn. This makes it very clear that men are not from Mars.

My ex is living proof as to how stupid I can be.

If your wife or girlfriend ever asks, "If I was to arrange a threesome for your birthday, which of my friends would you pick to join in?"

Never give two names.

Men have feelings too. For example, we feel hungry.

A rust-encrusted Harley-Davidson motorcycle that was swept away by the Japan tsunami in March 2011 was found by Peter Mark in April, washed up on an island off the coast of British Columbia. It's now headed to a Harley museum.

A Japanese man's Harley-Davidson motorcycle that washed up on the shores of western Canada more than a year after it was swept away by the devastating tsunami will be preserved in a Harley museum in the U.S.

The 2004 FXSTB Softail Night Train motorcycle will be permanently housed in the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, Wis., as a memorial to the victims of the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, which swamped several coastal towns in northeastern Japan and left more than 15,000 people dead.

"It is truly amazing that my Harley-Davidson motorcycle was recovered in Canada after drifting for more than a year," said the bike's owner, Ikuo Yokoyama, in a press release issued Friday by Deeley Harley-Davidson, the Canadian distributor of Harleys. "I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to Peter Mark, the finder of my motorcycle. Due to circumstances caused by the disaster, I have been so far unable to visit him in Canada to convey my gratitude."

Mark found the motorcycle, still bearing its Japanese license plate, while driving his ATV on an isolated beach on Graham Island on the west coast of British Columbia on April 18. The bike, along with several other items, was inside a rusted cargo van container that apparently drifted more than 4,000 miles across the Pacific Ocean.

"You just never know what you're going to stumble upon when you go for a drive, and lo and behold you just come across something that's out of this world," Mark told CBC at the time.

The motorcycle was eventually traced to the 29-year-old Yokoyama.

The tsunami destroyed Yokoyama's home in Miyagi prefecture and also claimed the lives of three family members, according to Japanese media reports. Yokoyama currently lives in temporary housing in Miyagi prefecture.

He said the motorcycle was being kept in a storage container behind his house when the tsunami struck.



Motorcycle sayings and quotes:

I won't wear an airbag jacket, I want to die like a man.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Accidents hurt - safety doesn't.

A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel.

Always replace the cheapest parts first.

Asphalt. The world's fastest tattoo remover.

Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.

Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.

"Faster, faster, faster, until the thrill of speed overcomes the fear of death..." (Hunter Thompson)

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.

I want to leave this world the same way I came into it: Screaming and covered in blood.

I would rather be on my motorcycle thinking about God, than in church thinking about my motorcycle.

Keep the paint up, and the rubber down!

Keep your bike in good repair: Motorcycle boots are not comfortable for walking.

Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 110 kph!

Living long depends on fate, living a fulfilled life depends on yourself.

Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly.

Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

People ask me, "Do you have a girlfriend?" Yeah. Her name's Harley. She lives in the garage.



Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

There are old bikers and there are bold bikers - but there are no old, bold bikers.

There are only three sports: mountain climbing, bull fighting, and motorcycling. All the rest are merely games." (Ernest Hemingway)

There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles, and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.

There's something ugly about a new bike on a trailer.

Thin leather looks good in the bar, but it won't save your butt from "roadrash" if you go down.

You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.

"You live more in 5 minutes on this kind of bike than some people do their whole lives." (Burt Munro)

You never see a motorcycle parked in front of a psychiatrists office.

Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they can hold everything you need.

WHY MEN SHOULDN'T WRITE ADVICE COLUMNS

Dear John.

I hope you can help me. The other day, I set off for work, leaving my husband in the house watching TV. My motorbike stalled and then it broke down about a mile down the road, and I had to walk back to get my husband's help. When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor's daughter.

I am 32, my husband is 34 and the neighbor's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted they had been having an affair for the past 6 months. He won't go to counseling and I'm afraid I am a wreck and need advice urgently. Can you please help?

Sincerely Sheila.

Dear Sheila.

A bike stalling after being ridden a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking there is no blockage in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the warning lights on the speedo indicating that the battery has power, and also check the earth cable. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors. I hope this helps.

John

RIDE CALENDAR

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Sunday 11th November .

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Saturday 24th November

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So you think you know your motorcycle:

Harley-Davidson Quiz

1. In what year did William S. Harley and Arthur Davidson make the first Harley-Davidson motorcycle available to the public?

1901

1903

1905

2. In what city did the first Harley-Davidson dealership open?

Detroit, Mich.

Chicago, Ill.

Milwaukee, Wis.

3. Which of these organizations has not used Harley-Davidson motorcycles?

the U.S. police

the U.S. military

the FBI

4. Which of the following is the longest running Harley-Davidson production motorcycle?

Dyna

Sportster

Softail

5. Harley-Davidson motorcycles have been big hits with some celebrities in the past. Which star is famously associated with the Harley?

Steve McQueen

Brad Pitt

Elvis Presley



6. The famous V-twin, a two cylinder engine first featured in 1909, is part of the Harley-Davidson's iconic look. At what angle are the cylinders configured on a Harley?

33 degrees

45 degrees

60 degrees

7. Launched in 1993 for the company's 90th anniversary and dubbed "The Ride Home," this party prompts Harley owners to ride into Milwaukee from all over the U.S. every five years to celebrate Harley-Davidson. What is the gathering's unofficial title?

Harleypalooza

Harleyfest

Harleyroo

8. During the 1920s, a group of farm boys began racing and winning with a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. They placed the team mascot on the bike after wins for victory laps -- what was the animal?

A pig

A rabbit

A cat

9. In 1987, Harley-Davidson was listed on the New York Stock Exchange for the first time. What is its current ticker symbol?

HDI

HAR

HOG

10. The Harley-Davidson Motor Company took the famous nickname "hog" and created a club for owners and enthusiasts, using the acronym H.O.G. What does it stand for?

Harley Owners Group

Harley Organizational Guild

Harleys Of Great Britain

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Although William S. Harley completed his first blueprint for a motorcycle in 1901, the first production model of the Harley, essentially a racing bicycle powered by a single-cylinder engine, was ready in 1903
2. Even though William Harley and the Davidson brothers were neighbours in Milwaukee, Wis., the first dealership actually opened up in Chicago, Ill., where it sold one of the first three production models.
3. As early as 1908, Harley-Davidson motorcycles were bought for the Detroit, Mich., police force, and civilian production nearly halted in order to build motorcycles for the U.S. military during the first and second World Wars. Harleys might be a little too loud for the FBI's purposes, though.
4. The Sportster, known as the first of the "Superbikes," first revved up in 1957, while the Softail and the Dyna debuted in 1984 and 1991, respectively.
5. Elvis Presley posed for the May cover of "Enthusiast" on a 1956 KH Harley-Davidson. Steve McQueen was more a fan of Indian racing motorcycles, longtime competitors of Harley, while Brad Pitt is loyal to Ducati.
6. The "V" shape on a Harley V-twin is set at 45 degrees and has been ever since 1909.
7. Riders commonly refer to "The Ride Home" as Harleyfest. In 2008, Harleyfest ended with a 3 1/2 hour Bruce Springsteen concert, complete with E Street biker classics like "Sandy" and "Gypsy Biker" and covers like "Wooly Bully" and "Born to Be Wild."
8. The racing team -- also known as the "hog boys" -- put a pig on their Harley-Davidson after winning each race, inspiring the "hog" nickname.
9. Harley's original ticket symbol was HDI, but on Aug. 15, 2006, the company changed it to HOG to acknowledge the nickname for its bikes and riders.
10. H.O.G. stands for Harley Owners Group. A group located in the United Kingdom is officially called the Harley-Davidson Riders Club of Great Britain.

Score

- 0 – 5 Best sell your bike and visit <http://www.victorymotorcycles.com.au/en-au/Victory/>
- 6 – 8 perhaps it might be best to enrol in the next 'Garage Party'
- 9 Better, but keep on studying HARD
- 10 Consider yourself a real HOG, and hum the words "Bad to the Bone" as you log off.



THE BEGINNING OF DEALER NETWORKS

The motorcycle marketplace in the first decade of the 20th century was a crowded one. In 1907, more than 40 manufacturers in the United States were producing and selling motorcycles. Among these was Indian motorcycle maker Hendee Manufacturing, which was well on its way to establishing itself as an industry superpower. The founders of Harley-Davidson and their thirteen employees knew what they were up against.

GOING PLACES

1907 was a critical year for Harley-Davidson. William A. Davidson came on board to help his brothers Arthur and Walter along with William S. Harley. The Company incorporated on September 17th, and sold its first stock to employees and board members. But a far more pivotal decision was made to begin recruitment of dealers on a large scale. Harley-Davidson enjoyed dealer support since Charles Lang set up the very first operation in 1904 in Chicago. And certainly, the wiser and more successful manufacturers recognized that visible and accessible dealerships operated by trained and dedicated people could make the difference between small and large sales figures. The years following 1907 would prove that in many cases, the size and strength of a company's dealer network could mean the difference between survival and bankruptcy.

The Board of Directors voted to rent space at the Chicago Auto Show in November of 1907 in order to recruit dealers. To entice potential dealers, price breaks were offered at a rate that increased with each motorcycle purchased. (At the 5th machine bought, the dealer earned a \$30 rebate.)

A FOUNDATION OF DEALERS

Company founder and now Sales Manager Arthur Davidson departed on a single cylinder Harley-Davidson® motorcycle for New England to begin more formal and aggressive dealer recruitment. By the end of 1908, dealerships were established in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Newark among many other cities.

At the end of 1912, over 200 Harley-Davidson® dealers were in operation in the United States, and the first overseas distributorship was established in Japan. European sales were established with the London office in 1914, which was commonly referred to as the Foreign Branch. London eventually took over all sales outside of North and South America.

A CUSTOMER CENTRIC PHILOSOPHY

By 1916, Arthur already had to divide the nation into districts, with a factory representative as liaison to each district, later known as district managers. It was also the years 1912 to 1916 that the Company published the magazine The Harley-Davidson Dealer, whose articles ranged from the basics of store layout to the intricacies of piston wear. Most importantly, the Harley-Davidson Dealer stressed that customer loyalty had to be earned.

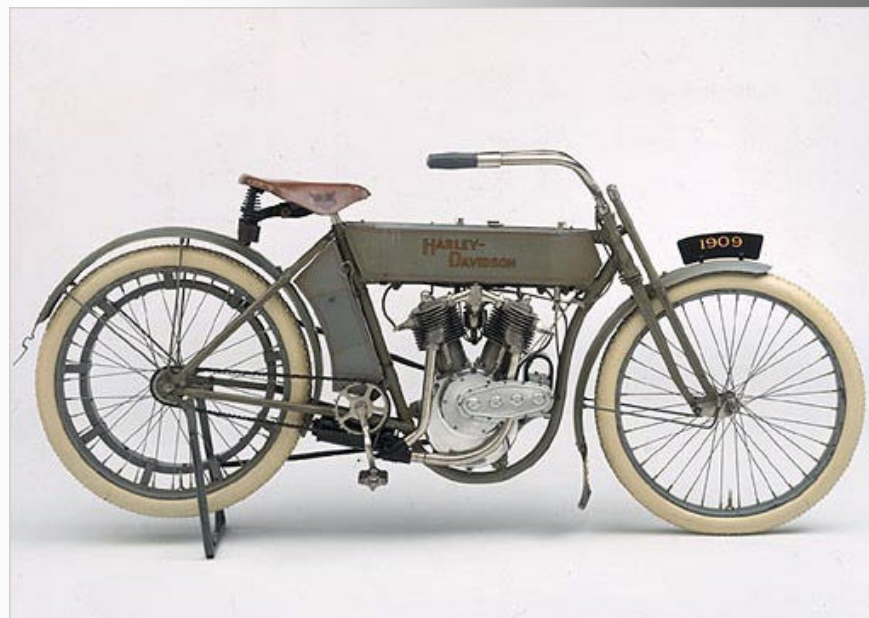
A GLOBAL MINDSET

By 1920, there were already about 2,000 Harley-Davidson® dealers worldwide in 67 different countries, just 16 years after C.H. Lang first took a chance on a little company from Milwaukee. During the 1920's, overseas sales made as much as seventy-five percent of the amount earned by domestic dealers. Harley-Davidson still remains a global presence in the motorcycle industry.

A RELATIONSHIP THAT DEFINES A BRAND

Without a network of enthusiastic dealers, Harley-Davidson would not have survived the Great Depression, and possibly would have foundered in the challenging days of the late 1960's on through the early 1980's.

It's a relationship that didn't merely stand the test of time, but defined a shared heritage. Without the existence of a network of dealers, Harley-Davidson may well have ended up a footnote to motorcycle history.



Harley Owners Group – Tasmania Chapter

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Friday 1st February 2013 –
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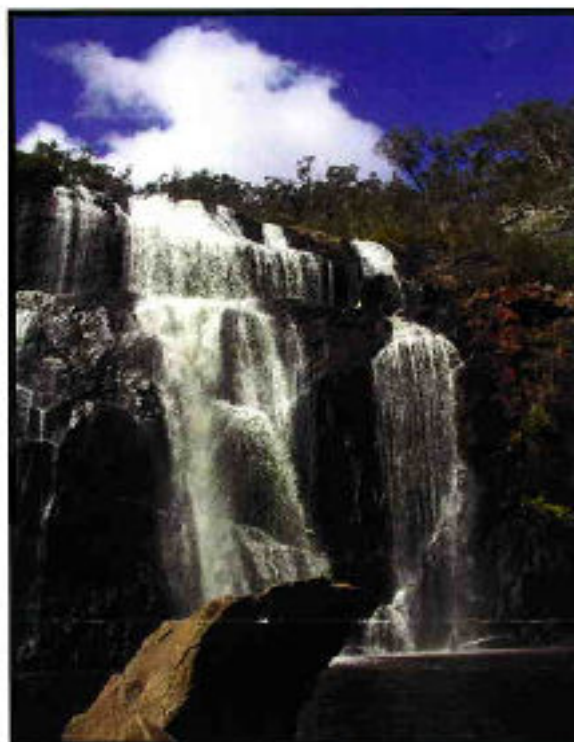
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CAPE YORK CHAPTER

Ride Rules

1 Harley Davidson motorcycles only may participate. Exceptions to this rule are accompanying support vehicles and invitation rides allowing other brands of motorcycles. These bikes must ride at the back of the group

2 Make sure your bike is mechanically ready for a run. If you are having problems sort them out before the run, otherwise you will just inconvenience others, or even the entire group

3 Be prompt and make sure you have fuelled up prior to coming together for the ride. No bald tyres please

4 Arrive early and make sure you listen to the Road Captain's instructions before each ride. The directions and any changes will be detailed at this meeting. If you have any questions ask them at this time.

5 Never - ever - pass the Road Captain. The Road Captains have been given the responsibility to set the pace and get to the final location as a group safely.

6 Stay in the same lane as the Road Captain, riding in a staggered formation where appropriate, not side-by-side. Frustrated drivers, blocked by a group of bikes spread across several lanes, are dangerous.

7 Try to maintain the 2-4 second gap. Gaps of more than 4 seconds can cause the "elastic band effect" where riders at the rear find themselves well in excess of the speed limit trying to catch up

8 On winding roads formation riding is not necessary. This will normally be indicated by the Road Captain holding one arm directly above his head with the appropriate number of fingers raised

9 You must also keep within your section of the lane, in line with the rider directly in front of you. Take care not to weave unnecessarily

10 It's always your own decision to make any manoeuvre. Just (for instance) if some bikes overtake you, you are not obliged to follow. You are responsible for your own safety

11 Constantly check on the position of the rider behind you. If you're the last rider in a group that has split from the main group, wait at any turn-off to direct the following group. Adherence will prevent people becoming lost and resultant unnecessary group stoppages

12 When overtaking slower vehicles, maintain speed until all following riders have completed the overtaking manoeuvre. Don't cut sharply in front of the overtaken vehicle. This leads to surprise and aggressive behaviour from the driver

13 Road Captains are permitted to move along the group when necessary. If a group is "left behind" by traffic lights, etc, the remaining Road Captain in this group will move to the lead. This prevents the group becoming lost and also settles some riders who may travel too quickly



14 If the Lead Road Captain stops to allow everyone to regroup, keep position and be ready to move off when indicated

15 Slow or inexperienced riders will ride at the rear of the group, in fairness to the other riders. A Road Captain will always accompany them.

16 At a fuel only stop, fuel up as quickly as possible, then move your bike out of the way. Enough time will be allocated for fuel and food at our designated meal stops. It's your responsibility to ensure your bike has been fuelled and your refreshments taken during the allotted time.

17 If your bike breaks down, indicate clearly to the rear Road Captain and get off the road as soon as possible. We ask that members don't stop immediately to assist. You may mean well, but this can (and does) cause accidents. The Road Captains will render assistance, if required. This keeps the group flowing smoothly, preventing confusion. . If you break down, Tail end Charlie will stop and assist you

18 Upon arrival at the final run location, a leaving time will be advised for the main group going back. If you wish to travel in this group, please be ready to depart on time

19 If you intend to break from the group while travelling, always notify the Road Captain. He takes a head count of bikes and is responsible for their control and safety during the day. We don't need the worry of any "disappearing" riders.

20 Persons skylarking, participating in dangerous road practices or any activity deemed to be to the discredit or danger of the group could be disciplined.

21 The consumption of alcohol on an official HOG ride is discouraged. On some runs, the destination may well be a hotel, restaurant, or licensed club that serves alcohol. Although these are traditional Australian social gathering places and most people enjoy a beer, we would suggest a "light", a soft drink, or a tea or coffee if you are to complete the ride. Anyway, a beer's better enjoyed at the completion of a run, when you can "put your feet up and really relax"

Your adherence to these simple guidelines will improve the safety & comfort of all participants of our runs.

HOG Cape York Chapter Safety Officer



CAPTION COMPETITION

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