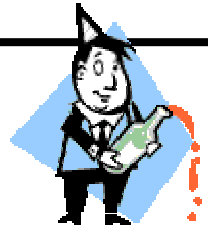




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BETWEEN THE LINES

2008 has now been done and dusted and can be laid to rest. All the worries of that year should now be put behind you. Your achievements which you have done or undone, plans which you have completed or not are now reassessed.

You can now pat your self on the back for all positive outcomes of 2008. Also in dealing with the not so good things which life tended to throw at you and you dealt with and moved on.

Now you can focus on this new year of 2009. A fresh new year which can give us the opportunity to plan, set some goals, make new plans and achievements which are at the back of your mind.

I hope every one had a great Christmas and new Year. It is good to see every one's friendly faces after the end of year break. Even though most of us have met up over the break for the odd ride or two or three.

We have a great calendar ride set out for the next six months. Remember if you have some ideas for rides or social dates please let us know as all ideas are most welcomed as it is your club and your input is important.

To night is very important for the club as we are to elect a new committee. So I hope you have forwarded your election forms to Ian for collation. Remember you need to provide your membership number to be able to vote.

Logan Ulysses has great members from all walks of life and your support will help the club to grow not only with new members but in friendships which will be shared with each other, fond memories which will not be easily forgotten.

So with the New Year well and truly here we can now enjoy a fresh start.

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THANK YOU

I wish to say thank you to the people who visited me in hospital Laura, Les, Bob Cat, Carolyn and Ian and Michael. Your visits were most welcomed especially when my stay in hospital was two weeks longer than anticipated.

A special thank you to Les (Big Daddy) for offering to mow my lawn and take a trailer load to tip. Your blood is worth bottling.

Also to every one who made my sister Leahanne and my daughter Michelle most welcomed at the Christmas party. They had a great time. Also thank you for the flowers they did brighten up my day.

Vibes

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

At work, the authority of a person is the number of pens that person is carrying.

What was Camelot famous for? Its Knight life

What are the three words guaranteed to humiliate men everywhere? Hold my purse.

If there is a will there are 500 relatives.

Blame Storming: Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

The differences between dogs and cats is that a dogs have owners and cats have slaves.

A little boy went to the dentist who told him, “ You’re going to have a filling today” And the little boy replied, “Can it be chocolate?”

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MOTORCYCLING BEHAVIOUR



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Summary of Findings: Testing the Motorcycle Rider Behaviour Questionnaire with Australian Motorcyclists research project

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The study aimed to investigate how various motorcycle riding behaviours (e.g., wearing protective gear, riding at night) were related to involvement in a motorcycling accident, as well as how riding behaviour and crash risk varies with age, sex, whether you live in the country or city, your feelings about your motorcycle, and some personality characteristics, one of which was psychological need for control.

As the team was lucky enough to collect a large amount of data, we're still analysing it all. However, here's some preliminary information about respondents to the questionnaire, and what was found.

Who completed the questionnaire?

Our online questionnaire was completed by 1365 motorcycle riders, made up of 1168 men and 195 women. Respondents ranged from 18 to 86 years of age, with an average age of 43.53 years, and were employed in a wide range of occupations.

Respondents came from across all states and territories in Australia, with about a third coming from each of NSW and Victoria. They mostly lived in cities of 100,000 people or more (72%), with 23% from regional areas and 4% from rural areas, which is similar to the spread of the Australian population across these areas.

They rode a range of bikes, with about 28% riding sport/touring bikes and 25% riding sport or supersport. Riding experience ranged from less than one year to 70 years (18 years on average),

And annual kilometers rode ranged from 50 to 200,000km (12,816km on average)

So what was people's riding behaviour like?

We found that, on average, respondents reported:

- Nearly always wearing protective clothing (an average score of 5.5 out of 6),
- Occasional speeding (average score 3 out of 6), and
- Hardly ever committing control errors (cornering too fast or too wide) (average score 2 out of 6), traffic errors (e.g., failing to notice pedestrians or signs) and stunts (wheelies and wheel spins) (both 1.5 out of 6 on average).

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How does behaviour relate to crashes?

Respondents reported being involved in very few accidents over the last three years, with 70% of people being involved in none at all. About 58% of these involved the rider hitting another road user or an obstacle, and 52% were due to the rider being hit by another road user. Most of the crashes caused damage only, though nearly 3% caused serious or fatal injury.

As you'd expect, more risky riding behaviour was associated with involvement in crashes over the last three years. Those reporting more traffic errors, control errors, speeding and stunts were involved in more crashes in total, and in more crashes in which they hit another road user or obstacle. Those wearing protective clothing less frequently were also involved in more crashes in total.

Were there any differences by age and sex?

The younger the rider, the more they reported speeding while on their bike, regardless of the amount of riding experience they had. However, more riding experience was associated with fewer control errors (less cornering too fast or too wide).

Male riders reported performing more stunts and wearing less safety equipment than did female riders, with younger male riders performing more stunts and wearing less safety equipment than did older male riders. Younger male riders were also more involved than older male riders in crashes where they hit another road user/obstacle, and in crashes where they were hit by another road user.

What about by region?

Riders living and riding in urban (metropolitan) areas reported significantly more accident involvement and speeding than those living and riding in regional areas. Accident severity didn't differ in urban, regional and rural area, though crashes in which the rider was hit by another road user were more frequent in urban areas

What about psychological need for control?

We've not yet done all the analyses in relation to personality, though we have some interesting findings in relation to psychological need for control. For both men and women, higher need for control was associated with fewer traffic errors. For men, higher need for control was associated with more wearing of protective clothing.

However, and unexpectedly, higher need for control was also associated with more performance of stunts. This is really interesting, and we plan to do some interviews to look at this issue, later this year.

In conclusion...

We'd like to thank all our respondents for their enthusiastic response to the survey – we were overwhelmed by your eager participation! And we really welcome your feedback on our survey questions – they'll be very useful in revising our questions.

We're hoping to present some of these findings at the 9th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, being held in Melbourne over July 26-28 (see <http://www.injuryprevention2009.com/index.php>), if they accept our paper. We're also aiming to present papers at forthcoming road safety conferences, as well as write up the results for publication in some academic journals.

If you'd like more detailed information on anything we've reported here, or would like to be sent copies of any journal articles or conference papers we publish down the track, please email Patrick Wig at patwig@deakin.edu.au or ring him on (03) 5227 8489. Patrick's a fellow rider, so he's familiar with many of your experiences and concerns, and happy to satisfy your curiosity!

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SNOWY MOUNTAIN RIDE 2008



It is most inspirational to see some of our members supporting fund raisers on a regular basis.

One member is Big Daddy (Les) who takes the long ride to Tredbo each year for the charity ride with the Gold Wing Club.

I wish to talk about the Snowy Mountain Ride which was held on the weekend of 7th November. For those who do not know about the back ground of this ride. It is an annual motor cycle event held in the Alpine Region, It is now in its 8th year and has attracted over 15,000 riders and raised over 1.5 million.

It is organized by the Steve Walter foundation to raise funds for childhood cancer. Steve was 19 and fought cancer for 8 years of his life. His love was motor cross and then changed to road bikes as his fight with cancer spread. The foundation was formed as Steve did not want children to suffer with cancer as he did.



In the past four years a group of children are treated to a 3 day weekend of activities.

This year 14 children from 18 months to 18 years as well as their carers were treated to the 3 day weekend centered around

Tredbo and Charlotte pass and Sawpit Creek where the children were treated to bike rides and helicopter rides and many other activities to give them a couple of days to have fun to help keep their minds off their health problems.

With out help and support from people whether it is a bike ride or buying an item for support is going to great cause for the young and the old.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2008



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BREAKFAST 2009



Well what a turn out for our first official breakfast and ride for 2009. 18 people turned up which just about the entire club. It was the one of the most elegant surroundings for a breakfast. The decor was in roman/creek style with columns placed out in the pagola area. A flowing cascading waterfall into a pond created a relaxing atmosphere. Lovely vegetation setting off the breakfast setting at Acacia Ridge Hotel.

The breakfast pretty well covered all your breakfast needs. Even though it was not an all you could eat set up. I am sure we had our fill without getting that over full feeling which we get when we over eat. This would have then been a good start for those who are watching their weight.

Thumpa arrived late saying he slept in but I think I will have to check on Laura on that point. Unfortunately Laura needed to work and was missed.

Conversation flowed freely and topics were varied and interesting . After every one had their breaky it was decided to have a ride to Esk and check out the dam.

Some of us went their different ways. Big Daddy and Vibes, Troll went to the rocklea markets. Del had an appointment on the coast. Rob and Liz went home.

Kaylene had the worse job of all cleaning out her son's room we did not envy her one bit after she described what his room was like. It sounded like a gas mask was going to be used as holding breath would not have been an option. I have withdrawn his name for fear of any future consequences which may occur in the future.

Jamie had his priorities and played it safe by going on the ride.

It was great to see everyone had survived the Christmas and New year fairly unscaved.

Looking forward to great year with the Club and making more friends along the way.

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ANYTHING GOES PAGE



Willie Nelson on turning 75

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So simple, yet so profound. Words of wisdom from that famous philosopher Willie Nelson, on his 75th birthday:

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"I outlived my dick"

MY LIVING WILL

Last night, my wife and I were sitting in the living room and I said to her, 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and being fed fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

She got up, unplugged the Computer, and threw out my beer.

She's such a bitch.....



CAN YOU SEE ME?

DO I HAVE ENOUGH LIGHTS. ?

I WONDER HOW BIG THE BATTERY IS?

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GOOD JOKE PAGE

BULLFROGS

A woman went into a store to buy her husband a pet for his birthday.

After looking around, she found that all the pets were very expensive.

She told the clerk she wanted to buy a pet, but she didn't want to spend a fortune.

'Well,' said the clerk, **'I have a very large bullfrog. They say it's been trained to give [bl@wjobs!](#)'**

'[Bl@w jobs!](#)' the woman replied.

' It hasn't been proven but we've sold 30 of them this month,' he said

The woman thought it would be a great gag gift, and what if it's true...no more [bl@w](#) jobs for her!

She bought the frog.

When she explained froggy's ability to her husband, he was extremely sceptical and laughed it off! ..

The woman went to bed happy, thinking she may never need to perform this less than riveting act again.

In the middle of the night, she was awakened by the noise of pots and pans flying everywhere, making hellacious banging and crashing sounds. She ran downstairs to the kitchen, only to find her husband and the frog reading cookbooks.

'What are you two doing at this hour?' she asked.

The husband replied, **'If I can teach this frog to cook.....you're gone.'**

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Ride Etiquette

Ride Leaders

1. Before leaving, advise riders of the destination and where designated stops are to be.
2. Be aware that you are leading a convoy of many bikes and stay in one lane as much as possible.
3. Minimise lane changes
4. When at rest stops, give 10 minutes notice of leaving to riders.

Riders

1. Keep at least 2 bikes in view of your mirrors
2. Notify tail end Charlie if you are leaving the ride
3. NO overtaking on corners/ bends
4. Bikes to be fully fuelled before start of ride
5. Remember – Always ride safety and within the law

Ride Leaders are advised to restrict their pre-ride instructions to the job specification

i.e. timings, directions, distance, coffee or lunch stops etc. Any further advice would be outside the limit of a ride leader's authority and should not include advising members on how they should ride their bikes.

There is a statutory requirement that each rider be licensed to operate a motorcycle

and do so in accordance with the rules of the road and in a safe manner. This would imply that a rider must rely on his/her own abilities and senses, under all conditions and not rely on the comments and judgement of others, such as a ride leader.



RIDE CALANDER

FEBRUARY

8TH MYSTERY RIDE
22ND TANK'S BUM NUMB RIDE

MARCH

8TH DELS DERIERS RIDE
29TH BOOREEN POINT

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