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#### PILLION PASSENGER GUIDLINES

Even though my experience in riding has not been as varied as others in the club. Having ridden a number of years back in the 80's my experience of both being a pillion and rider has given me the insight to the difference which we all take for granted.

Pillion believe it or not does not have the best of both worlds of being on bike and also to be able to look at the scenery as it passes you by. The pillion passenger does have his or her duties to perform while mounting, sitting and dismounting the bike.

##### Mounting the bike..

One needs to manage to manipulate ones right leg up and over the bike and in doing so not to run your boot across the panniers, to be able to lift your leg and bend your knee enough to rise above the seat without getting dirt on the sheep skin cover. Also at the same time to lift your self without taking the rider out who is holding the bike in the upright position without squashing him or his private parts against the tank. Ouch or causing him to loose balance of the bike another Ouch

Once in your comfy sitting position and every thing is order the riding regime begins.

##### Riding on the bike

Now that is a tricking one I must admit. To be able to ride on the bike with out being intrusive to the rider is not an easy task. You must be able to read the road and anticipate when a pothole is in contact position. Bracing yourself so you do not leave the seating position too much, gauging the impact so when you return to your seat you are as graceful as you can be. As your girls rise to the occasion and rearrange themselves to a less desirable position under your jacket.

You must carefully sort the girls out into a more desirable position as not to cause attention to your self. Your tail bone feels like it has slid up to become part of your neck, so you manage to reink it with a gentle roll of the head. Voiding the helmet contact of the rider in the process.

The other manoeuvre which should be avoided at all costs the helmet connection of both the rider and pillion. This is basically called a head butt. This may happen when the rider decides to stop in a hurry without giving any warning of the pending stop manoeuvre. So we need to be on point duty at all times.

One must always be aware of any sharp corners so making sure you are leaning with and not against the rider and bike. As this can cause dire consequences to all concerned.

Last but not least watch you do not leave any rubber burn marks from your boots on the exhaust pipe as this does take some time to remove off the chrome.

These qualities do take time to achieve and the tasks do alter from one bike to another.

##### Dismounting the Bike

This is basically the reverse of the mounting. Though it is just as dramatic in the execution of the knee and the right leg lift. Not dragging the boot on the seat. Leaning gently against the riders back or shoulder area to dismount. The gentle twisting of the left foot in the peg as you dismount to the ground. . You smile gracefully and say that was a great ride and then head to the loo for a water break which had been pending for the last half hour.

There you do a quick calculation of your body parts making sure everything is where it is suppose to be. You smile at your self in the mirror at your helmet hair which is never the same from one ride to the next and think to your self you would not have it any other way.

I hope these guide lines have been helpful and entertaining as it was to write. Vibes

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

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There is no report for this month as Gadget's head is swimming with health and safety procedures and assignments which need to be done before he forgets the information.

We know how hard it is to retain information especially when you spend every weekend on the bike with the wind blowing through into your ears therefore scrambling the thought process of memory.

So I let him off the hook for this month. We have been busy this month. We have had something on each weekend and we are still rolling up for more.

The Samford ride is not in the newsletter as there is not enough time for this edition. I have requested photos from Trivia night as we did not have a camera between us. So next month I will hopefully have photos on that very special night. It was an unexpected outcome to come second on the night.

I would like to thank all the members who came and supported the Brisbane branch at Jandowae. We had an excellent time and you would have been hard pressed not to have enjoyed the weekend. Looking forward to next year.

I think the locals had a great time and enjoyed having us there to show our skills in the art of Bowling. I think they will be talking about us for some time to come.

September is a lot quieter with rides but remember if you want a ride some one usually turns up or you can do a quick ring around and see who is free for the morning.

Keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

Vibes



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## TRIVIA NIGHT

**2ND 2ND 2ND 2ND 2ND**

WE ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED. WE CAME 2ND IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY GUESSED. OUR PLANS WERE RATHER DASHED FROM TRYING TO BE LAST TO ACTUALLY COMING SECOND. IT DAWNED ON US THROUGH THE EVENING WE WERE ONLY 3 POINTS AWAY FROM THE FIRST PLACE.

WE DID NOT HAVE A HOPE IN HELL IN BECOMING LAST NOW. WE WERE DOING BETTER THAN WE HAD EXPECTED SO NOW IT WAS ALL OR NOTHING. WE DID HAVE SOME HELP THOUGH HIS NAME WAS FRANCIS (KESTRAL) HE WAS A WIZZ ON THE TRICKY QUESTIONS. BUT IT WAS THE IMPUT OF THE TEAM WHICH PUSHED US TO BE AS GOOD AS WE WERE.

THERE WERE FIVE TEAMS.

LOGAN HEROS, THE COASTERS, SMARTY PANTS, INVINCIBLES, V8'S.

THE QUESTIONS WERE MUCH BETTER THAN LAST YEAR WHICH WAS A BONUS FOR ALL.

IT WAS BASICALLY BRISBANE AND LOGAN WHO ATTENED THE TRIVIA WITH THE ROUGE TEAM CALLED THE V8'S WHO WON. THEY FLOUNDED ON THE MOTORCYCLE QUESTIONS BUT WERE GREAT ON THE OTHER QUESTIONS. I THINK THEY WERE PROS ACTUALLY WE GAVE THEM A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY AND WE ALL HAD A GOOD NIGHT IN DOING SO.

THERE WAS A PERPETUAL RAFFLE WHICH HAD VARIED PRIZES FROM ( PINK HELMET WHICH WAS DONATED, GROG, CANDLES, PHOTO FRAMES, CAMERA TOOLS ETC.

OUR TABLE WON CAPS YES DAMM CAPS SO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY WILL BE RECYCLED LOL

CARDS, T SHIRTS YOU GUESS IT A HARLEY ONE NOT SURE WHAT THE OUT COME OF THE T SHIRT AS YET. SOCKS, NAIL POLISH, WINE. SO WE DID NOT LEAVE EMPTY HANDED.

THANKS TO FRANCIS, JAMIE AND KAYLEEN, AMAMDA, CAROLYN AND IAN, MICHAEL AND SUE FOR ATTENDING WE ARE NOW A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH. GOD HELP US NEXT YEAR AS THEY WILL BE WATCHING US LIKE HAWKS.

IT WAS A GREAT NIGHT THANKS TO BRISBANE BRANCH FOR ALL THE WORK WHICH WAS PUT INTO THE NIGHT. VIBES

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The Ulysses Memorial Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in September. This year it falls on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2009. Again this year there will be a memorial service held at the South East Queensland Ulysses Memorial Garden at The Spit at Somerset Dam at 11:15 am.

Our Memorial Garden is really something we can be proud of; there is no other like it anywhere on public land for both our use and the use of the general public. This year our garden is to be expanded with the planting of more trees, shrubs and other plants to improve its' appearance.

Our garden is funded by the sale of Ulysses Memorial Day SE QLD badges with the extra funds left over going to UCARF. These badges will be on sale on the day at the garden and if possible at some Branches before the day.

I would like each Branch Secretary to advise me in the middle of August of the members who have 'ridden on' during the previous 12 months. (I need few weeks lead time to have the signs made for installation on the Memorial Day at The Spit.) The standard format for the information is membership number, members Name and date of "riding on". E.g.

REDCLIFFE

#26626

David COX T.B.A

To ensure uniformity of signage I would appreciate that I be responsible for obtaining all plaques for the bollards. The cost of the members' names will be requested from the individual Branches. (Approximately \$15/member).

No amount of thanks can repay the staff of SEQWATER who have been very cooperative from when the idea was first put forward, they have provided the trenches, the top soil, the irrigation system, the water, the bollards and all of the care of the gardens.

**HOPING TO SEE YOU ALL AT OUR GARDEN FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT 11.15 ON SUNDAY THE 13<sup>th</sup> OF SEPTEMBER.**

David Cox (aka. DOC)(aka The Gardener)

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### BREAKFAST RIDE ROYAL MAIL EXCHANGE HOTEL



THERESA

Our day was perfect yeh yeh yeh heard it all before you say to your self. But if you had been on the ride you would agree with me. We had 14 people turn up for the breakfast ride to Royal Mail Exchange. We had a new rider on the day her name was Theresa riding a 750 Honda Shadow. First time on a group ride so the nerves were kicking in as she followed in behind the lead rider Vibes.

Our breakfast was pretty well catered for and more for the \$8.95 we paid. We could have stayed there all morning doing what we do most talk. Kayleen and Tod met us there as they needed to do things for the Engagement party.

Keith headed off on his own for a ride as his feet were itching to move.

Bernie stayed behind and played the pokies not sure what the outcome was there. Tinkles led the ride from the breakfast to Wellington Point, Cleveland to take in the views of the islands. Bobcat left us there and went home for the races. By the time we got to Cleveland Theresa was starting to settle in with the group mode. Except after a small deter on her own missing the turn on a round about all went well. She recovered gracefully with a smile on her face defending herself that Tinkles indicators were not easy to see.

We fuelled up at the BP on the high way heading south. Holler and Carolyn headed home. Then Gadget took over for the run to Jacobs well. We bought some munchies and found a tree to sit under. After half and hour Brian settled down to eat his lunch.

We were wondering where he got to. He seemed to take for ever for his lunch order so it was decided a 5 minute warning was appropriate to stir up Brian.

We sat there and many stories were exchanged talking about Brothels of all things and it was surprising the info which was given freely by our members. Tinkles had us in fits of laughter with his stories. It was a great afternoon under the tree. We decided we would call it a day about 2.15. Gadget led us through to Pimpama and on to the high way.

It turned into a mystery ride with three ride leaders for the day.

Thanks for every one who turned up on the day it was an excellent turn out for the day.

Rowdy, Gadget and Tinkles, Bobcat and Brian, Theresa and Vibes, Diesel and Cathy, Bernie and Keith, Holler and Carolyn, Bernie, Kayleen and Tod.

Vibes

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# JANDOWAE BOWLS WEEKEND



I must write this before I forget about all the good stuff which happened on this weekend. But I needed to put my feet up for the afternoon first as the weekend had caught up with me somewhat.

We left Goodna about 8.30 to find that our secretary had missed both turnoffs to Maccas and decided to continue on

his way to Jandowae where we met up with him for lunch.

We arrived at Jandowae about 12.15 after a quiet windy and hot ride. Some members got busy putting up their tents while others went to the Pub to their rooms and a few of us just put our things in the cabins and had cool showers to wash off the ride.

The Bowling Club excelled in their hospitality and looked after us as celebs.

The games began after lunch stopped for a afternoon tea and continued to after five by that time I think we had mastered the sport much to the surprise of the locals.



Vibes team consisting of Madonna, Gavin team captain Bazza won the trophy. Ooh Ha

Also vibes was on a roll and won a six pack on the raffle. Thanks to Gadget for bringing it home for me.



We had about 26 Ulyssians turned up for the weekend which was a great roll up.

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Now to quickly recall the weekend.

1. Sak rolled up fully laden to the hilt and forgot his tent. So ended up in a cabin for the night.
2. Gadget and Kayleen had a moment and thought they had forgotten the tent pegs. Part of their camp blew down in the process of erection but quickly rectified.

3. Ian was sporting a new cut. He actually had them all cut for the weekend. Very smooth.

4. Tinkles has a comfort pillow called have a guess Trevor I am beginning to wonder about that boy.

Tinkles went to wrong Maccas because he did not ring and confirm the meeting place.

5. Gadget was keen to get going for the weekend and arrived at 6.30 at Goodna.

6. Ian was feeling lonely for Caroline but said the bike handled better OUCH. Slap your wrist.

7. Ian left 6am Sunday to have a clean up but we thought he may of needed to kill a tree.

8. We thought we had lost Rowdy on way home we pulled over and waited and he finally arrived he had taken his jacket off as he was cooking I must admit it was a hot ride home.

9. Found out that is good to ride on the wrong side of the road for a change to wear the tyres more evenly so we did that on the long straight stretches which was different.

As you can see no one is safe when I have my notebook

I wish to thank everyone who attended on the weekend. It is also important to mention the closeness which our members show towards each other and



look out for each other on the rides.

It is a comforting feeling to know that everyone is checking their mirrors to make sure every one is safe etc.

This is what makes our club unique and we should be commended as individuals and as a club as a whole.

Vibes

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## LIFE IN THE FIFTY'S

THE WEALTHY HAD SLATE FLOORS THAT WOULD GET SLIPPERY IN THE WINTER WHEN WET, SO THEY SPREAD THRESH (STRAW) ON THE FLOOR TO HELP KEEP THEIR FOOTING. AS WINTER WORE ON, THEY ADDED MORE THRESH UNTIL, WHEN YOU OPENED THE DOOR, IT WOULD ALL START SLIPPING OUTSIDE. A PIECE OF WOOD WAS PLACED IN THE ENTRANCEWAY. HENCE THE SAYING THRESH HOLD.

LEAD CUPS WERE USED TO DRINK ALE OR WHISKY. THE COMBINATION WOULD SOME TIMES KNOCK A PERSON OUT FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS. SOMETIMES SOME ONE WALKING ALONG THE ROAD WOULD TAKE THEM FOR DEAD AND PREPARE THEM FOR BURIAL. THEY WERE LAID OUT ON THE KITCHEN TABLE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS AND THE FAMILY WOULD GATHER AROUND AND EAT AND DRINK AND WAIT AND SEE IF THEY WOULD WAKE UP. HENCE THE CUSTOM OF HOLDING A WAKE.

ENGLAND IS OLD AND SMALL AND THE LOCAL FOLKS STARTED RUNNING OUT OF PLACES TO BURY PEOPLE. SO THEY WOULD DIG UP COFFINS AND WOULD TAKE THE BONES TO THE BONE-HOUSE, AND REUSE THE GRAVE. WHEN REOPENING THESE COFFINS. 1 OUT OF 25 COFFINS WERE FOUND TO HAVE SCRATCH MARKS ON THE INSIDE AND THEY REALIZED THEY HAD BEEN BURYING PEOPLE ALIVE. SO THEY WOULD TIE A STRING ON THE WRIST OF THE CORPSE, LEAD IT THROUGH THE GROUNDS AND TIE IT TO A BELL. SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO SIT OUT IN GRAVE YARD ALL NIGHT ( GRAVE YARD SHIFT) TO LISTEN FOR THE BELL, THUS SOMEONE COULD BE, SAVED BY THE BELL OR WAS CONSIDERED A.... DEAD RINGER

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### GOOD JOKE PAGE

#### THE DAY THE PENIS ASKED FOR A RAISE

I THE PENIS BEQUEST A RAISE IN SALARY FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS.  
I DO PHYSICAL LABOR.I WORK AT GREAT DEPTHS  
I PLUNGE HEAD FIRST INTO EVERYTHING I DO.

I DO NOT GET WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OFF.

I WORK IN A DAMP ENVIRONMENT

I WORK IN A DARK WORK PLACE THAT HAS POOR VENTILATION. I  
WORK IN HIGH TEMPERATURES.MY WORK EXPOSES ME TO CONTAGIOUS  
DISEASES

SINCERELY

P.NISS

DEAR PENIS:

AFTER ASSESSING YOUR REQUEST AND  
CONSIDERING THE ARGUMENTS YOU HAVE RAISED

THE ADMINISTRATION REJECTS YOUR REQUEST  
FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

YOU DO NOT WORK 8 HOURS STRAIGHT.

YOU FALL ASLEEP AFTER BRIEF WORK PERIODS

YOU DO NOT ALWAYS FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF THE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM.

YOU DO NOT STAY IN YOUR DESIGNATED AREA AND  
ARE OFTEN SEEN VISITING OTHER LOCATIONS.

YOU DO NOT TAKE THE IITIATIVE YOU  
NEED TO BE PRESSURED AND STIMULATED  
IN ORDER TO START WORKING.

YOU LEAVE THE WORK PLACE

RATHER MESSY AT THE END OF YOUR SHIFT

YOU DON'T ALWAYS OBSERVE NECESSARY SAFETY  
REGULATIONS , SUCH AS WEARING THE PROTECIVE  
CLOTHING. YOU WILL RETIRE WELL BEFORE YOU ARE 65.

YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK A DOUBLE SHIFT.

YOU SOMETIMES LEAVE THE DESIGNATED WORK AREA  
BEFORE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ASSIGNED TASK.

AND IF THAT WERE NOT ALL YOU HAVE BEEN SEEN CONSTANTLY  
ENTERING AND EXITING THE WORK PLACE CARRYING  
TWO SUSPICIOUS- LOOKING BAGS

SINCERELY

V. GINA

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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



### SEPTEMBER

13th Memorial Ride  
26th Sausage Sizzle  
26th/27th Blue's Rally

### OCTOBER

3rd Twilight Ride  
17/18th Drake  
24th Sausage Sizzle

### NOVEMBER

1st lake Moogerah  
6th Queen Mary Falls  
15th Ladies Choice  
21st Imbil Rally  
29th Dels Ride