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Hello again,

The John Nesbit memorial ride was well attended and it was good to catch up with Julie Nesbit. Thanks to Joan and Bill for putting on the ride and providing their house for the sausage sizzle afterwards. The pool was an added bonus, and many enjoyed a cooling dip after a sausage in a bun.

Mike Smith has not been well of late and has spent a week in Murdock hospital on strong anti biotic. I will leave the tale behind this hospital visit to Mike to tell. Get well soon Mike the Plod needs you.

On last weeks Plod one of the participants rolled up on a new bike. This was the latest Kawasaki 2011 W800, a retro reproduction of a 70's classic. Even though they were released in Australia in October 2010, I did not know that this model existed until I saw it and therefore went home to do my homework. You can find out more about this bike at

http://www.kawasaki.com.au/index.php?category=motorcycles&sub_category=5&product=202

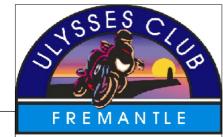
I was very impressed as this retro is true to its roots in nearly every respect (even has a drum rear brake) with the modern touches such as fuel injection skilfully disguised. Would love to have a ride on one of these bikes.



Until next month Ride safely

Douglas





We don't care....We ride there

FREMANTLE BRANCH MEETING 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT SWAN YACHT CLUB.

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RIDE CALENDAR

Note: Next meeting Wed 9th Feb 2011

Wed 9th Feb 2011

Monthly social Meeting 8pm Swan Yacht club Come earlier for a great meal and drinks at the bar.

Sat 12th 2011

Bye Bye Shani Wine and cheese night farewell To Shani. 6pm at Bloomfields 45 Falstaff Cr. Spearwood. Jeff Bloomfield 94341117

Sun 13th Feb

WA Model truck & big rig club. 9-30am Gateways For short ride to Bayswater Drinks and Sausage Sizzle \$2.50 Spence 0405060201

Frid 18th Feb

3rd Friday dinner ride 6-30pm Gateways.

Sat 19 Feb

Sausage and Mash night 58 Vincent st Nedlands BYO bangers, chair and drinks. Mash, peas and gravy provided. Tony Collins 93864154

Sun 20th Feb

Ravenswood pub. 9am Gateways Rob Chapman 64689291

Sun 27th Feb

Bakers Hill for pies. 9am Maccas Midland Mike Smith 0429904822

Sat 5th Mar

Manjimup O/night. 8am Gateways (SATURDAY) John Hilton 0434943152

Wed 9th Mar Monthly meeting

And as always

Wednesday morning Plod from South beach kiosk at 9-30am for a 10am start. If you're an early riser, some members meet for breakfast at Douro rd cafe at 8am before the plod.

The Saturday morning coffee get togethers at 10:00 AM at the DOURO Rd cafe!

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NATCOM MUTTERINGS

Announcing the National Committee for 2010

National President: Denis Paulin
National Vice President: Helena Gritton
National Secretary: Robert Toshack
National Treasurer: Leo Farrelly
Committee Members:
Jennifer Woods
Peter Maguire
Chris Glover

Waiver of Late Booking fee for the AGM Event 2011

The National Committee has decided to waive the late booking fee which would normally apply from the 18th of February 2011. The reason for this is a compassionate one bearing in mind the upheaval caused to many members in the flood disaster areas of Queensland, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania including the floods and fire areas in WA.

This action will enable those members who right now are unable to determine whether they will be able to attend the AGM Event and now they will not be penalised for making a decision much closer to the event. This decision also means that all registrants will be included in the Saturday night prize draw for the Triumph bike.

Queensland Floods

"We Are Thinking of You"

To all our Ulysses friends living in the flood ravaged areas of Queensland and New South Wales we are thinking of you and those of us who believe in divine help are also praying for your well being.

Although we have no experience with the trauma you are enduring the daily press and TV reports are giving us some idea. It is evident that the endurance level of many Australians is a virtue and the assistance from the SES and those neighbours in drier parts is both welcome and heart-warming.

We all hope this disaster ends soon and you can reclaim your peaceful existence to discover the roads not yet ridden. You are foremost in our thoughts and prayers.

For and on behalf of the National Committee Denis Paulin National President UC#16672

On behalf of the National Committee and the Administration Office

QUARTERMASTERS RAMBLINGS



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material to make summer riding more comfortable.

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Men's singlet with Old Man Logo on the left.

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I hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the holiday break.

With summer in full swing, I'm sure there are many members looking for a way to keep just that little bit cooler. The Cobber neck coolers are great while riding or even just lazing around in front of the tv.

For those of you going to the AGM Event in Newcastle this year, pop into the Gear Shop and say hello to the hard working volunteers and maybe even pick up a bargain or two.

Regards Chris Glover A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Here are some good Motorcycle web sites. Just move your mouse pointer over the item and it will show web address, then CTL Click to go to the site. (For some reason this doesn't work on the printed version.)

Asian M/C Tours

Aussie Bike Tours QLD

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Bad Penny Customs

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TAC Mortorcycle News (Spokes.com.au)

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Women's International M/C Assn.

Yamaha Bikes

CHOOK DROPPINGS

Stick E Beak

CHOOK DROP-PINGS

By Stick E Beak's apprentice

Doug has made mention of Stickies enforced stay in Murdoch. I'm sure Mike will want to tell the story himself, but suffice it to say, I suspect a new ADR banning belts and mandating the use of braces will be on the cards. (you'll find out what all that means in good time). As a result of his absence there won't be any chook droppings this month, which is a bit of a blessing really, because Doug just sent me some items for inclusion and for the first time ever I'd finished the Wheezy on Friday night.....so, not being one to look a gift horse in the mouth, I'll fill up Stickies space.

Friday Night Summer Rides

Yes they are on again this year. We set out from the Gateways start point at 6:30pm (note new start time) for approximately an hours ride to a destination with a reasonably priced meal.

So why not join me on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month for a pleasant evening ride and socialising over a meal.

One of the great pleasures of owning a motorcycle in Perth is riding on a warm summers night. I fell in love with this pleasure in the 70's before home air-conditioning. I have spent many a summer's night riding until the heat of the day has eased. Quite often along the coast or the river.

The dates for this Summer's rides are;

18 February

Friday 4 March NO Ride due to Manjimup weekend 19 March—**NOTE:** change of day to coincide with branch social event

1 April 15 April

6 May 20 may

So if you find yourself at a loose end after work on a Friday, why not start the weekend with a short ride and a meal with friends. If you do not feel like a ride contact me on 0409291485 and I will let you know the destination and you can join us for a meal.

Branch Social Get Together

Saturday 19th March 7pm

Please join us for an evening under the stars at Jackadder Lake Woodlands and enjoy a sausage sizzle.



Sausage in a bun will be provided and all you need to bring is your nibbles and drinks.

The Friday night ride this week will be moved to Saturday night. So if you want to have a short ride before the event please join Douglas.

Don't forget to place your orders for the new shirt. The badge size has been reduced to the same as the sew on patches previously for sale.

They are an excellent buy for \$28, please give your order, and your money to James a.s.a.p The order is going in soon.

Fremantle Branch (ASTER WANDER 2011

Friday 22 April to Tuesday 26 April

What do we have planed?

We are going to have a weekend away riding and enjoying each others company. We will start from the Gateways Start Point at 9am on Friday 22 April. Brian Lowther will lead the easy paced ride to lunch along the way before arriving at our accommodation.

We will spend 4 nights relaxing and having a good chin wag. Each day a ride will be organised to a different lunch spot.

This long long weekend will be similar to the Wave Rock weekend run last year but without the organised games.

Where are we going?





1960 timber workers cottages which have been modernised and converted to tourist accommodation

What will it cost?

The 4 days of enjoyment will cost is \$200 per head. A \$50 deposit is required at the time of booking with the balance payed by the 1st of April.

What do I get?

You will be provided 4 nights accommodation in a shared room, Towels, Sheets, blankets, 4 breakfasts and 4 evening meals.

What do I need to bring?

You will need to bring your clothes for 4 days, toiletries, any special food requirements, drinks and nibilies.

How do I get on board?

See Douglas Brown and hand over your \$50 per person deposit.

Well, it's the time of year when some of the Freo chooks minds turn to thoughts of Moto GP. Joan and Pippa have both obtained quotes, and at the moment it looks as though Pippa's is the best one. There will be no formal branch organisation so its up to the individual to do their own thing.

If you want to go, then hi tail it to the travel agent and get booking.

This is the email to Pippa from the travel agent.

Hi Pippa,

I have a price for you for Kuala Lumpur - 6 nights at The Melia with breakfasts and transfers for 19-25 Oct...

They have a free night offer, so you only pay for 5! \$1250 per person.

Flights are with Malaysian Airlines as follows -

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Regards,

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Yamaha's 2010 FZ8 is now available in Australia as a naked (N) and semi-faired (S). With the naked priced at \$12,990 and the semi-faired priced at \$13,990 they enter the competitive naked market with guns blazing.

The new FZ8 series is built on a new 779cc engine and all-aluminium frame that presents a sportier option than the more relaxed XJS yet won't step on the toes of the big-bore FZ1, finding a middle ground that Yamaha hope to dominate.

Yamaha were keen to ignore category precedent and set out to create an engine that provided them with the right balance of power and torque with the emphasis on road usability, hence the obscure 779cc capacity.

The new fuel injected engine highlights include a throttle valve and an electronically controlled sub throttle valve to provide additional control over intake airflow volume, real time ECU processing, a large-capacity 7.8 litre airbox featuring two different funnel lengths to produce a better spread of torque, four-valve cylinder heads and more.

The engine acts as a stressed member in the all aluminium frame with a CF aluminium die-cast swing arm. The 4-into-2-into-1 exhaust clears EU3 exhaust emission standards.

The suspension features upside-down forks, running 43mm inner tubes while the rear is taken care of by a Monoshock unit.

Front brakes are twin four-piston monobloc calipers, gripping 310mm floating front discs with surrounding five-spoke cast aluminium rims – the front tyre is a 120/70 ZR17, and the rear is a 180/55 ZR17.

The seat height of 815mm is what you would expect of a sports bike however the FZ series is aimed at a more comfortable experience.

There are two colour schemes per 'S' and 'N' model.

But it's the engine that really is the focal point of the FZ8 series, potentially bringing a unique balance and ride to the naked market.

Specs next page.









Model Yamaha FZ8N & FZ8S

Price RRP (inc GST) \$12,990 (FZ8N); \$13,990 (FZ8S)

Website www.yamaha-motor.com.au

Engine

Engine type Liquid cooled 4-stroke, DOHC Forward-inclined parallel 4-cylinder

Displacement 779 cc

Bore x stroke 68.0×53.6 mm

Comp ratio 12.0: 1

Lubrication Wet sump

Fuel System Electronic Fuel Injection

Clutch type Wet, multiple-disc coil spring

Ignition system Transistorized coil ignition

Starter system Electric

Transmission Constant mesh, 6-speed

Final drive Chain

Fuel tank cap 17 L

Oil tank cap 3.8 L

Chassis

Chassis: Diamond

Front suspension Telescopic fork, 43mm inner tube

Front travel 130 mm

Rear suspension Swing arm, linked mono shock with spring preload adjustment

Rear travel 130 mm Caster angle 25°

Trail 109 mm

Front brake Hydraulic dual disc brake, Ø 310 mm **Rear brake** Hydraulic single disc brake, Ø 267 mm

Front tyre 120/70 ZR17 M/C(58W) Rear tyre 180/55 ZR17 M/C(73W)

Dimensions

Length 2140 mm

Width 770 mm

Height 1065 mm (1225 mm FZ8S)

Seat height 815 mm **Wheel base** 1460 mm

Min ground clearance 140 mm

Wet weight 211 kg with 17 litres of fuel (FZ8N); 215 kg with 17 litres (FZ8S)

Other

Colour options Competition White; Midnight Black (FZ8N)

Yamaha Blue; Midnight Black (FZ8S)

Warranty 24 months, unlimited kms, parts and service.

All of the above taken from the Yamaha web site. I took one of these for a test ride on the plod last Wed. and was very impressed. Makes my R80 feel big and cumbersome, and despite the 815mm seat height, I can put both feet flat on the ground. Ed.

Five Englishmen in an Audi Quattro, arrived at an Irish border checkpoint. Paddy, the officer, stops them and tells them: "It is illegal to put 5 people in a Quattro. Quattro means four!"

"Quattro is just the name of the car," the Englishman retorts disbelievingly. "Look at the papers: this car is designed to carry five persons."

"You cannot pull that one on me," replies Paddy "Quattro means four. You have five people in your car and you are therefore breaking the law."

The Englishmen replies angrily, "You idiot! Call your supervisor over, I want to speak to someone with more intelligence!"
"Sorry," responds Paddy, "Murphy is busy with 2 guys in a Fiat Uno."

A train hits a bus filled with Catholic

schoolgirls and they all perish.
They are in heaven trying to enter the pearly gates when St. Peter asks the first girl 'Tiffany, have you ever had any contact with a male organ?' She giggles and shyly replies, 'Well, I once touched the head of one with the tip of my finger.' St. Peter says, 'Okay, dip the tip of your finger in the Holy Water and pass through the gate.' St. Peter asks the next girl the same question, 'Jennifer, have you ever had any contact with a male organ?' The girl is a little reluctant but replies, 'Well, once I fondled and stroked one.' St. Peter says, 'Okay, dip your whole hand in the Holy Water and

All of a sudden, there is a lot of commotion in the line of girls. One girl is pushing her way to the front of the line.

pass through the gate.'

When she reaches the front, St. Peter says, 'Nicola, What seems to be the rush?'
The girl replies, 'If I'm going to have to gargle that Holy Water, I want to do it before Sharon sticks her arse in it.'

A tough looking biker was riding his Harley when he sees a girl about to jump off a bridge so he stops. "What are you doing?" he asks.
"I'm going to commit a suicide," she says.

While he did not want to appear insensitive, he didn't want to miss an opportunity he asked "Well, before you jump, why don't you give me a Kiss?"

So, she does.

After she's finished, the biker says, "Wow! That was the best Kiss I have ever had. That's a real talent you are wasting. You could be famous Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl....."

A man is watching a game of golf on TV. But he keeps switching channels to a X rated movie featuring a lusty couple having sex.

"I don't know whether to watch them or the game", he says to his wife.

"For Heaven's sake, watch them," his wife says.

"You already know how to play golf!"





Some of the jolly crew who enjoyed a very good meal at the Wembley food hall after the Friday night ride. It should be mentioned that some riders rode in cars, but that's their choice. In all there were 12 of us there, and it was a great night, even for the nong who ran low on petrol on the way there.





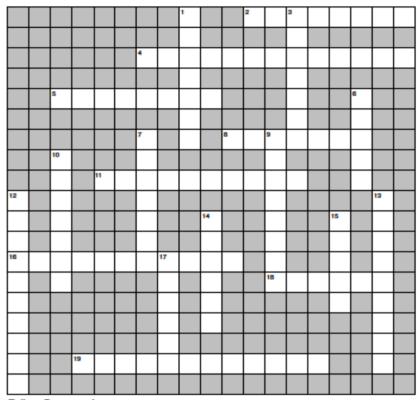
There have been some new bikes around lately, the one Mike and Pauline are trying on for size, is Simon Beattie's new pride and joy, a Kawasaki Voyager.

Brian arrived at the morning coffee today on this brand new Honda CB1000. Brian has just returned from a race meeting at Philip Island where he was apparently running well until his gearbox seized. Expect to hear more next month.

Of course not to forget Dick Berry's new BMW R1200RT. I believe there is a photo somewhere in the ether, and suppose it will surface in the fullness of time. I suspect Sticky is saving it for his column.

This is courtesy of El Presidente'. The plan is to produce one each month. The answers are in next months, that way I get to have a go as well. For the time being you'll have to print the page to do the crossword. Next issue it will Be formatted so you can fill it in on the screen. Enjoy. Ed.

Have a Go



EclipseCrossword.com

Across

- They produced aircraft before their first motorcycle in 1949
- It is how we grow old.
- He won 15 World Motorcycle Championships
- We have a couple in the Fremantle Branch.
- 11. Where they made motorcycles and guns.
- They have a song titled "Born to be Wild"
- The XS1 was their first 4 stroke motorcycle.
- He was the first American to wing the 500cc World Road Racing Championship.

Down

- It was the two stroke motorcylce relesed by Honda in 1973
- You should not do this on your motorcycle.
- We have these bits at meetings.
- It is a Suzuki.
- He is number one.
- It happens every year.
- 12. Who goes on the plod?

- In 1903 the first Harley Davidson was produced in this city.
- 14. Every rider should have one.
- 15. It was the name of the first Honda motorcycle.
- 17. I am in the.



Motorcycle Riders Association of Western Australia Inc.



RIDE FOR FLOOD RELIEF

SUN, 27TH FEBRUARY 2011



Please come and join us in doing our bit for the National Relief Effort

Assemble in the carpark of Ranger Inn, Cnr Gt Eastern Hwy & Farrell Rd, Midvale (Bottom of Greenmount)

Registrations from 9am @ \$10 per head Departing 10am for Greenhills Tavern where there will be a Sausage Sizzle lunch.

Lets all get together to help our fellow Australians in a time of desperate need!!

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