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Well now, isn't the Calendar looking healthy?! I said to Steve Z at our Committee meeting last week that I should lead a ride soon. He said "Pick a date next year!" So I did - in case next week he says "Pick a date in 2015"! Fantastic job, Steve. Well done for your drive and also well done to those who have nominated - this is what Ulysses is all about and what attracted me to Freo when I joined. Looking forward to seeing you on a ride soon - so make sure you all support the effort by joining the rides.

Speaking of supporting rides - I have to comment on Colin and Ali's Tanglefoot ride. What a turn out! For a moment at 8.50am when I arrived I thought we'd recruited members from another branch to join! But no - all were Freo troops. I made a point of marking the corner where we left Brookton Hwy so I could accurately count the participants - 30 people on 22 bikes. Morning Tea at Pingelly had the locals wondering if they'd found themselves on a Mad Max remake set because, aside from us, a Goldwing troupe had descended on the village and gleaming metal abounded!

Rumour has it that the person chosen by you lot to be out the front of this Branch again this year took it to heart and was markedly out the front on that ride - even overtaking the Ride Leaders. Pretty sure Kim and Craig are spreading that rumour - be careful what you believe! Ask yourself "Would any of our people be that 'disgraceful' and ride like that?" Really!?

Am writing this from a friend's place in Jurien Bay on Saturday afternoon. Rode here last night after work finished. Just a lone bike on Indian Ocean Drive - except for the 5 bikes I caught up with bearing Austrian plates - which got me to thinking about our Branch motto (We don't care - We just ride there!) and what it means to me and, possibly, us as a group.

"Tranquility": It's about being 'in the zone', on your favourite bike, on your favourite road, heading to your favourite destination, for your favourite overnighter and, if you're very lucky, with your favourite pillion. Alternatively, it's being like those Austrians finding new roads and places to revel in with your close mates. Wonderful!

Some of our troops are packing for the grand US tour as I type and I know that they will each relate to most, if not all of those sentiments!

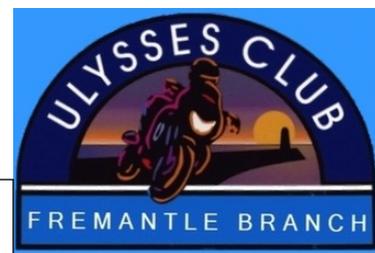
Bon Voyage, Guys. Have a great trip, bring back loads of memories, be safe and enjoy - but hurry home!

Will catch the rest of you on a ride or at social gathering soon (make sure you say "Hello" if I don't get to you) and - as always



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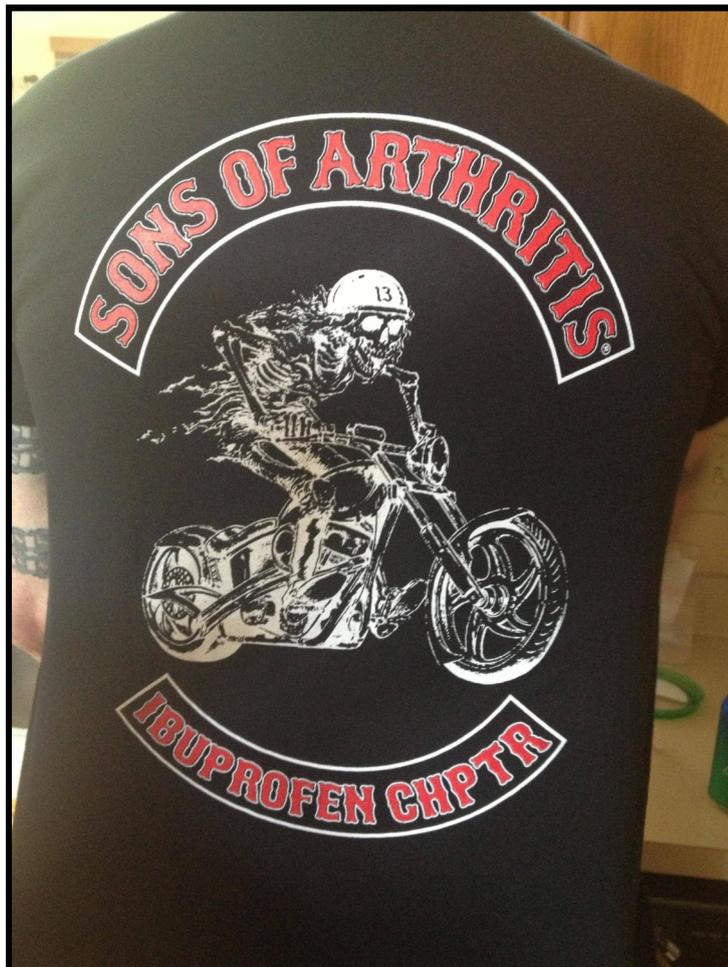
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Note: Next meeting, Wed 11th September 2013

And as always

Wednesday morning Plods from South beach kiosk assemble at 9:00am for a 9:30am start. If you're an early riser, some members meet for breakfast at 8:00am before the Plod.

The group will meet at the Ill Capriccio Café Bar corner of South Terrace and Commercial Street South Fremantle. There is 2 hour parking across the road and also behind the Indian restaurant on the opposite corner of Commercial Street.

The Saturday morning coffee get togethers commence at 10:00am. at the Victoria Café. This café is located at the eastern end of the Fremantle 'E' Shed Markets. Great Coffee, come and give it a try.



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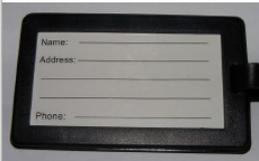
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The Office Staff have asked me to remind you about your Christmas orders. The office will be open up to & including 21st December 2012, but to guarantee delivery before Christmas, the cut off date will be 30th November 2012. Orders will still be processed after this date but may not be delivered in time.



Have very Merry Christmas!

*Chris Glover
National Purchasing Officer*



First Ride Motor Guzzi Californian 1400 Custom

Saturday morning arrived cool, sunny, great for bikes. Decision time! Meet up with the Fremantle Saturday E Shed coffee guys or test ride another different bike. Some days you have to make tough decisions. So off to Causeway Victory dealer to test a Victory Cross country tour. Cross country tour as a plan cross country has to be brought without a test ride as they only bring in the Cross Country tour for tests.

When I arrived at Victory Causeway out in front was a new Guzzi 1400 custom. It stood gleaming in silver with those massive cylinders and heads protruding out from under the fuel tank. Closer inspection revealed gas reservoirs for the rear shocks, cali tourers have different rear shocks, different bars, windscreen seat and trim, other than that a similar ride. The thought of test riding the Victory went out the window, so after talking to the salesman a ride was organized. First I had to wait for the dealers plate to arrive, which was duly attached to the bike.

Having never ridden the older Californians or even a Guzzi before, I was somewhat surprised when I fired it up and EVERYTHING shook. However when it was revved it all settled down and was smooth.

After a brief rundown on the various controls and a warning that the tyres were new (4 kms) I eased out the clutch (single dry plate) and I was on my way. Threading my way through traffic to get to the Poly pipe I realised that the balance at low speed was great, feet up slow turns, no probs.

Entering the 80 km the legendary pull of the V twin was soon apparent, even with a new motor it was quickly through its gears and I was soon in 6th I think. Push down yep 6th. This bike likes to be above 3000 rpm. Torque starts at 2,700 rpm.

After leaving the Poly pipe, decision time, north or south, north won. Rats 60 km speed restrictions, should have gone south. Have not been north for a while. Finally 100 km limit, time to go. Gearbox very light to change, soon sitting on 100 km 6th gear, 3,100 revs, slow cars, squirt, gone, 6th pulls and feels like to 5th gear. Bike is smooth with all the vibes gone, suspension smooth, road reflectors hardly felt, wind flow smooth over the full face Shoei

All too soon I was approaching Erindale Road turnoff, back through the gears, brake, dam lever set too low have to roll off the throttle to reach, brakes good, rear independent from front, both ABS, Brembo.

Arrive back at the dealers, exhaust pipes have a wisp of smoke from burn in, engine at idle with a mechanical sound to be heard from the single overhead cam, 4 valve heads, Guzzi A typical I am told.

A new punter and salesman waiting for my return with "where the hell have you been?" from the next eager rider, 36 km there and back I tell him and then he is gone.

Summing up – (after a short straight line ride)

The bike has the feel of a sportsbike to me, albeit without the power of one.

It needs revs to be comfortable, redline at 7000 rpm

It will change other cruisers because what it offers is not on other cruisers

- 3 stage engine mapping – Veloce – performance
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2. Traction control, 3 stage selectable.

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Test ride one, I am sure you like me will find it a good ride, different, but from what I have been able to find out, thoroughly heart and soul a Moto Guzzi.

Alan I wonder how much you will get for your Moto Guzzi as a trade on a Cali Tourer

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STICK E BEAK HAS A WAFFLE ABOUT CORNER MARKING

Over the last couple of years there has been a pretty significant change in membership at the Fremantle Branch. This is great however a side show of this is beginning to show up on rides. We seem to have a number of breakdowns in the corner marking system.

The system has been in use in Ulysses for many years and works well in the main. It is certainly the best we can come up with. This uses the principle that the rider following behind the Ride Leader stops and marks the corner before the corner. The marker is then required to remain there until the "Tail End Charlie" (TEC) arrives.

The last bit is the most important. The most important person on the ride is the TEC as once he/she arrives at a corner it means that all the riders are safe and have passed that check point. Essentially the corner marker, as well as directing the ride direction, acts as a check point ensuring the welfare of all the riders including the TEC.

The ride will fall apart if the corner is vacated before TEC arrives as there will be riders at the end of the ride who do not where to go. The most important thing is that the TEC will become separated from the ride and corner markers further on will be staying at their corners until the non arriving TEC does not appear!

The message is loud and clear.....

Stay at the corner until TEC arrives.



FIFTY SHADES OF GREY -

(a husband's point of view)

By Pam Ayres

*The missus bought a Paperback,
Down Shepton Mallet way,
I had a look inside her bag;
T'was "Fifty Shades of Grey".
Well I just left her to it,
And at ten I went to bed.
An hour later she appeared;
The sight filled me with dread...
In her left she held a rope;
And in her right a whip!
She threw them down upon the floor,
And then began to strip.
Well fifty years or so ago;
I might have had a peek;
But Mabel hasn't weathered well;
She's eighty four next week!!
Watching Mabel bump and grind;
Could not have been much grimmer.
And things then went from bad to worse;
She toppled off her Zimmer!
She struggled back upon her feet;
A couple minutes later;
She put her teeth back in and said
I am a dominator !!
Now if you knew our Mabel,
You'd see just why I spluttered,
I'd spent two months in traction
For the last complaint I'd uttered.
She stood there nude and naked
Bent forward just a bit
I went to hold her, sensual like
And stood on her left tit!
Mabel screamed, her teeth shot out;
My god what had I done!?
She moaned and groaned then shouted out:
"Step on the other one"!!
Well readers, I can't tell no more;
About what occurred that day.
Suffice to say my jet black hair,
Turned fifty shades of grey.*



I think more about running
away now than I did as a kid..
but by the time I put my teeth in,
my glasses on and find my keys
I forget why I'm going..



CHOOK DROPPINGS

A QUIET MONTH AT FREO

Stick E Beak

It has been a quiet month at Fremantle Branch, although I am pleased to see that there are ride leaders appearing from the woodwork at last. Well done those people that have rallied to the flag do to speak.

I have been dragged out of retirement to do the next two Wheezy's while Hon Hed has a wander around the US of A. Have a great trip Mick and watch those left turns!

Firstly a big thank you to Eileen for organising the weekend away at Yanchep Inn. It was great fun and as it was one of the first weekends I have been to for a few years it was good to be there. The weather was to say the least cold, more like Scotland in mid summer however that just meant we ate and drank more. Eric and I had the coldest room in the place, a little fibro box at the end of the upper floor with two walls (uninsulated) and no heating. There were not too many blankets either however the staff soon managed to fix that. The shower in the morning was lovely and hot and got a good work out too! Page 12 has some pictures per favour of Tony Collins and there was little doubt that a good time was had by all.

I have been unable to front on any of the Sunday rides sadly until the last weekend, however the Plod continues to prosper and the ancients are still fronting up for the rides to somewhere via some where else. The breakfast venue has closed on us without warning and most seem to be meeting at the South Beach Kiosk now.

Sundays ride was great even is there were only 6 bikes with the threat of rain. Many thanks Rob and Bev Chapman in particular the delicious cake that Bev produced for morning tea. OK , so you lot missed out, we the did enjoy the seconds and thirds! *Stick E Beak*

A husband and wife are sitting quietly in bed reading when the Wife looks over At him and asks the question.....

WIFE: "What Would you do if I died? Would you get married Again?"

HUSBAND: "Definitely not!"

WIFE: "Why not? Don't you like being married?"

HUSBAND: "Of Course I do.."

WIFE: "Then why Wouldn't you remarry? "

HUSBAND: "Okay, Okay, I'd get married again."

WIFE: "You Would?" (with a hurt look)

HUSBAND: (makes Audible groan)

WIFE: "Would You live in our house?"

HUSBAND: "Sure, it's a great house.."

WIFE: "Would You sleep with her in our bed?"

HUSBAND: "Where Else would we sleep?"

WIFE: "Would You let her drive my car?"

HUSBAND: "Probably, it is almost new."

WIFE: "Would You replace my pictures with hers?"

HUSBAND: "That Would seem like the proper thing to do."

WIFE: "Would You give her my jewelry?"

HUSBAND: "No, I'm Sure she'd want her own."

WIFE: "Would You take her golfing with you?"

HUSBAND: "Yes, Those are always good times."

WIFE: "Would She use my clubs?"

HUSBAND: "No, she's left-handed."

WIFE: -- Silence --

HUSBAND: "sh-t"



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After camping overnight under the stars, Day Two will lead you further through the inspiring landscape, as you make your way towards the Finish Line — a high energy celebration of your epic Ride and the amazing impact you've made in the quest to conquer cancer.

Support crew on motorcycles are needed to look after the ride. This will not be like the ride that we tackled last time however if you are interested in helping out on the ride contact Shinean Nolan on the website below and she will point you in the right direction.

www.conquercancer.org.au/Perth



*(Top left) Latest nomination for the Fremantle **Pixie of the Month** award.*

Tony and Colleen looking resplendent and two of our ladies playing a game on the I pad.....

I leave you dear reader to work out what game they are playing...no I do not know either!

Ed



A different way of getting home in the event of a breakdown

Give me a penny I'm soft!.....

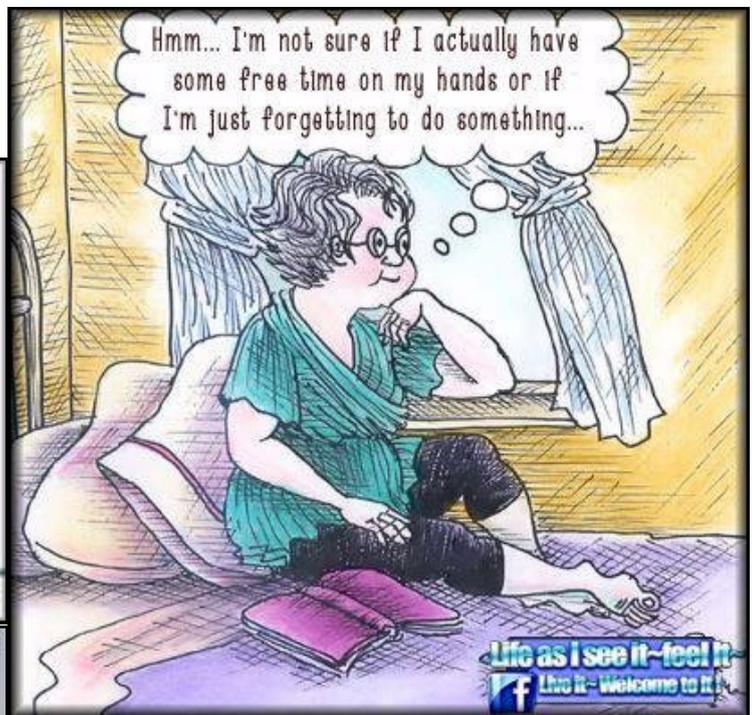


Some pictures of the ride to the Tanglefoot Winery a couple of weeks ago. Reports say it was a great ride and looking at the happy smiling faces every one had a great time. Not sure what the President is doing with those crutches however I guess what happens on the ride stays on the ride!

....and now for something a little lighter...



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Life as I see it - feel it
f like it - welcome to it

Three Holy Men & A Bear!

A Catholic Priest, a Baptist Preacher and a Rabbi all served as Chaplains to the students of Northern Michigan University at Marquette in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

They would get together two or three times a week for coffee and to talk shop. One day, someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard, a real challenge would be to preach to a bear. One thing led to another, and they decided to do an experiment. They would all go out into the woods, find a bear, preach to it, and attempt to convert it to their religion. Seven days later, they all came together to discuss their experiences.

Father Flannery, who had his arm in a sling, was on crutches, and had various bandages on his body and limbs, went first. 'Well,' he said, 'I went into the woods to find

me a bear. And when I found him, I began to read to him from the Catechism. Well, that bear wanted nothing to do with me and began to slap me around. So I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him and, Holy Mary Mother of God, he became as gentle as a lamb. The Bishop is coming out next week to give him first communion and confirmation.' Reverend Billy Bob the Baptist, spoke next. He was in a wheelchair, had one arm and both legs in casts, and had an IV drip.

In his best fire-and-brimstone oratory, he exclaimed, 'WELL, brothers, you KNOW that we Baptists don't sprinkle! I went out and I FOUND me a bear. And then I began to read to my bear from God's HOLY WORD! But that bear wanted nothing to do with me.

So I took HOLD of him and we began to wrestle. We wrestled down one hill, UP another and DOWN another until we came to a creek. So I quickly DUNKED him and BAPTIZED his hairy soul. And just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb. We spent the rest of the day praising Jesus. Hallelujah!

The Priest and the Reverend both looked down at the Rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and traction with IVs and monitors running in and out of him. He was in really bad shape.

The Rabbi looked up and said: "Looking back on it, circumcision may not have been the best way to start."