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A little boy was sitting on the footpath with a bottle of Turpentine. He was shaking it up and watching all the bubbles.

A Priest came along and asked the little boy what he had.

The little boy said, 'This is the most powerful liquid in the world; it's called Turpentine.'

The Priest said, 'No, the most powerful liquid in the world is Holy Water. If you rub it on a pregnant woman's belly, she'll pass a healthy baby.'

The little boy replied, Ah, but if you rub turpentine on a cat's arse, he'll pass a Harley Davidson !'

And on that note of 'political incorrectness' I should recount what another fantastic month we've had at Freo.

The C&CCRs have been excellent and as the dates work we've had three instead of the usual pair since our last Wheezy. "The Mighty Quinn" in Tuart Hill, the "Kalamunda Pub" and lastly the "Curry Club" in Hilton last Friday night have all proved to be great successes with between 8 and 17 bods sampling the various culinary offerings! It is truly amazing the value that's to be had in this city when you want to eat out and are prepared to hunt.

Apart from those rides the indomitable cherry ST1100 hasn't seen too much bitumen of late and hasn't appeared on any rides over the last month - save the Memorial on Sept 9th - all I can put it down to is the "W" factor - weather, work and wedding! The 1st is obvious, the second is a pain in the .... at times and the last was wonderful! Our eldest daughter, Myrle, got married at Bather's Beach on the 1st day of Spring and what an awesome day that was - a special thanks to our Ulysses family members, Eric, Alan, Jeff & Alan for invaluable assistance to make the day very memorale. Old #1 said it best when he said we are family. If you're interested there are some images in a sideshow on my own website: go to <u>www.basics.net.au</u> then click on the "C" in my business title.

This year''s Memorial Ride saw well over 100 bikes depart from opposite Macca's in Midland for the run up to Lake Leschenaultia where we all gathered for the Service. Yours truly performed the task of TEC and I was pleased to observe a very orderly, respectful ride. The celebrant did a good job and this year was marked as special with Vale Notices for Old #1 read from the National President and from the Riding On editor. At the conclusion some balloons were released to mark the occasion. I understand there are mixed views on these occasions but, for me, I was proud to represent our Branch in remembering those of us who have "ridden on".

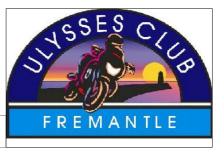
There are some great rides coming up not the least of which is the Odyssey - can't wait! (Work already knows DCM - "Dont Call Me") - so do keep an eye on the Calendar.

Hope you all enjoy the Social Meeting this week - I'll be thinking of you. I have to go to Melbourne for work and good old Andy will run the meeting for me - you'll have to tell your own Irish joke this month, mate!

Till next time - "Keep the paint up and the rubber down"

Spence 53780





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

#### <u>FREMANTLE BRANCH MEETING</u> 2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT SWAN YACHT

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## Note: Next meeting, Wed 13th September 2012

#### 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.

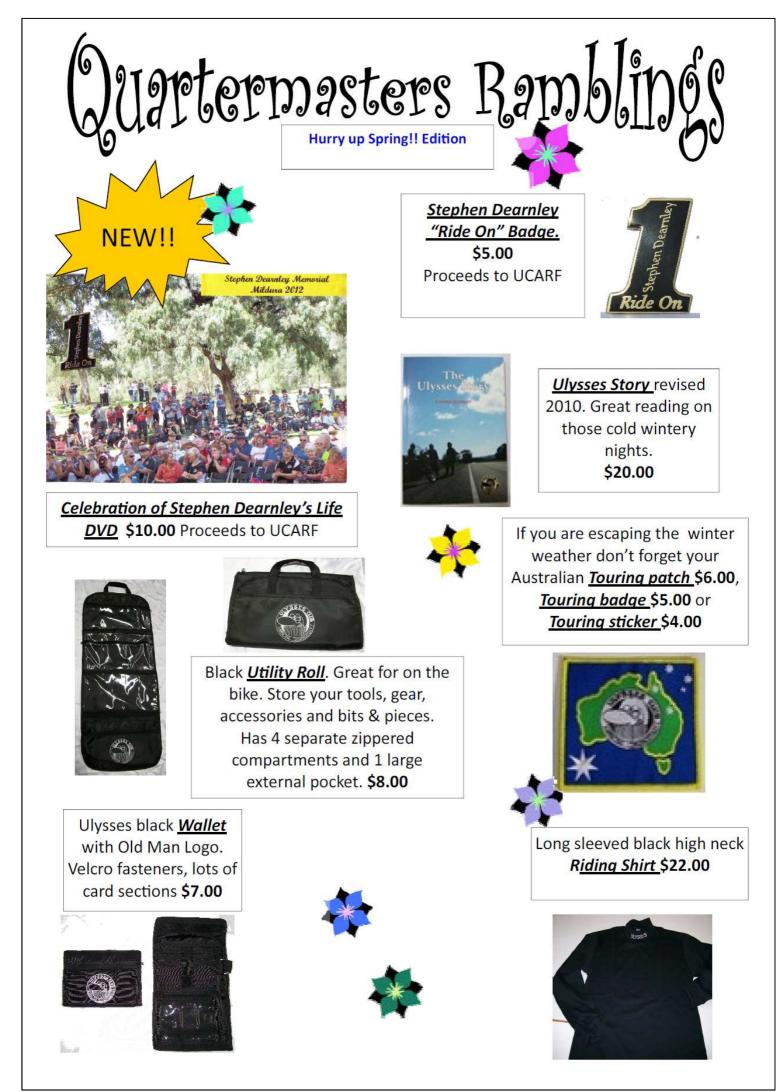
The group will meet at the Ill Capriccio Café Bar corner of South Terrace and Commercial Street South Fremantle. There is 2 hour parking across the road and also behind the Indian restaurant on the opposite corner of Commercial Street.

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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# History Mystery



Have a history teacher explain this if they can.



Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846. John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860. John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights. Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

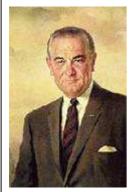
Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both Presidents were shot in the head.

Now it gets really weird.

Lincoln 's secretary was named Kennedy.. Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln ..

Both were assassinated by Southerners. Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.



John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.



Both assassins were known by their three names. Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Now hang on to your seat.

Lincoln was shot at the theatre named 'Ford'. Kennedy was shot in a car called ' Lincoln ' made by 'Ford'. Lincoln was shot in a theatre and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse.

Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theatre.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

# WHO FIGURED THIS OUT?

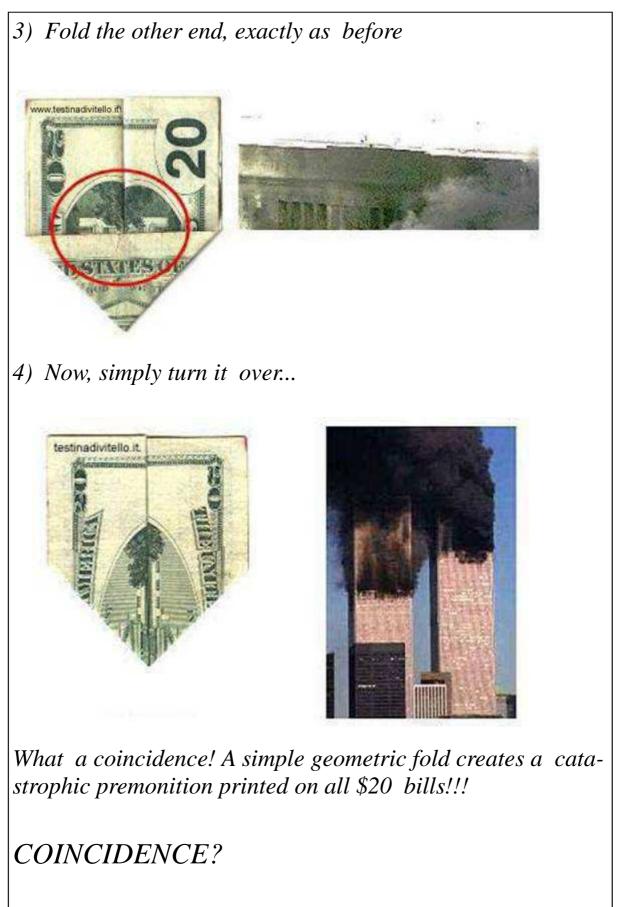
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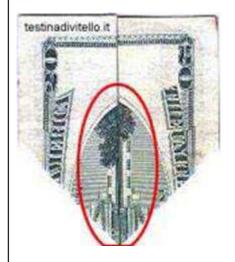
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YOU DECIDE

As if that wasn't enough... Here is what you've seen... Firstly The Pentagon on fire....



Then The Twin Towers. ....And now .. Look at this!



TRIPLE COINCIDENCE ON A SIMPLE \$20 BILL Disaster (Pentagon) Disaster (Twin Towers) Disaster (Osama)??? It gets even better 9 + 11 = \$20!

Creepy huh? Send this to as many people as you can, cause: Hey, this is one history lesson most people probably will not mind reading!

## New Zealand on Two Wheels...

Most of us have undertaken a tour of some sort on a motorbike whether it's a couple of days with your mates somewhere for the weekend, or a couple of weeks around the country. For motorcyclists more often than not its the journey which is more interesting than the destination. How many of you though, have shipped your bikes to a pre-determined destination, ridden for a few weeks and then shipped them back home again? One or two I'm sure, but an increasing number of motorcyclists are doing just that to experience motorcycling in New Zealand, or taking the easier option and renting a motorcycle on arrival in 'The Land of the Long White Cloud' to commence their touring experience.

For many New Zealand is the land of sheep and the mighty All Blacks rugby team, but for those in the know NZ also represents motorcycling nirvana. New Zealand is roughly the same size as the US state of Colorado, and slightly bigger than the Aust. state of Victoria – big enough to see plenty of varying terrain and small enough not to have daunting distances. Both the North and South Islands are roughly of similar size and there are regular inter island car-ferry (similar in size to the English Channel car-ferrys) sailings traversing the three hour journey of Cook Strait. Foreign motorcyclists are always pleasantly surprised how readily kiwi motorcyclists return a wave, or to receive help from fellow motorcyclists if they involved in a breakdown on the side of the road.

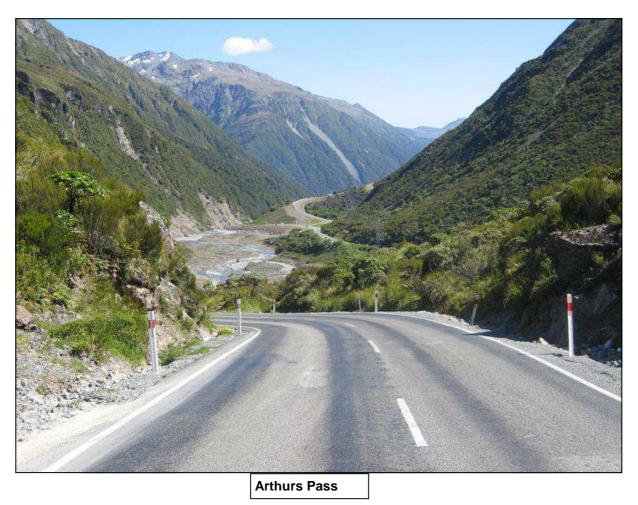
If you have ever considered motorcycling in New Zealand, you will be in for a treat. The North Island has the volcanic activity, great beaches with many awe inspiring coastal roads, whilst the South Island has the majestic mountains, sweeping forests and relatively uncongested roads and wide open spaces. If one is pushed for time, two weeks motorcycling can adequately cover the major points of interest throughout New Zealand. Summer is the main touring season from November through to March, and indeed in the month of February both islands are jam-packed with touring motorcyclists. Highways in New Zealand are classified by a State Highway (SH) numbering system and virtually all are tarsealed. Many of New Zealand rural tar-seal roads are undulating and windy, so it is relatively easy to approach a corner with too much speed. South Islands roads are of a better quality tar-seal than the North Island roads due to a ready supply of river shingle for seal chip. Whilst there are thousands of kilometres of gravel roads in the rural parts of New Zealand, nearly all arterial roads are tar-seal, though in the more remote areas motorcyclists do have to pay attention to the locality of fuel stations - petrol is currently (Sept 2012) about \$NZ2.18/litre. Also to factor in are many one-lane bridges throughout the country, and each bridge with their own give way protocol which can easily catch out an unsuspecting motorist. The maximum speed limit in New Zealand is 100kmh (62mph) and usually 50kmh in urban areas - speed cameras and traffic police are a common sight on kiwi roads.

There is an instant 28 day loss of your drivers licence if caught exceeding 140kmh, and a demerit points system is in place for other lesser infringments. Earlier this year New Zealand changed its right hand turn give-way (yield) road rule of the past 35years, to that of the commonwealth international community which brings the right hand turn rule in line with Australia.

Three recognized *must rides routes* within the New Zealand motorcycling community for the North Island both starting from Auckland are: the 1000km Northland three day loop and the four day 1200km Round East Cape Run. The third candidate is the Volcanic Plateau 250km day ride loop from Taupo passing the three central North Island volcanoes of Mount Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu. For the South Island the must ride routes are the world rating 120km State Highway 94 - The Milford Sound Road- which is hard to beat with majestic mountains and alpine scenery, along with SH6 which goes the length of the South Island and includes the remote Westland coastal forests and accessible glaciers. If your looking for New Zealand's motorcycling festival calendar show-piece then the four day Burt Munro Challenge held in mid November will be for you (Munro was a kiwi Bonneville Salt Flats motorbike speed king from the 1960s). The Burt Munro Challenge is a four day festival of all sorts of motorcycle racing located at the southern most city of Invercargill. One thing you can not escape in New Zealand is the drizzle and/or rain and even if your planning to ride in the height of summer expect to encounter wet weather at some point of your motorcycle vacation. It always surprises me than when kiwi motorcyclists regale their bike yarns from yester-year they always seem to remember the rides that involved inclement weather.

New Zealand is one of the few countries in the world where Suzuki is regularly the annual top selling motorcycle marque, and with Honda second, they both have dealerships in nearly all the provincial main centres of the country, should any problems be encountered. BMW, Yamaha and Kawasaki have dealerships dotted around the country whereas Harley Davidson dealerships are not quite as prolific. Like any tour, failing to plan is planning to fail, however having said that New Zealand is an easy country to 'wing it' and to motorcycle tour on a day to day basis. So the next time your having your mates around for a few drinks and a barbeque, consider raising the topic of a kiwi motorcycle touring experience next summer.

Robert Scott Mangawhai, Auckland, New Zealand www.twowheeltouring.co.nz





Te Anau Milford Sound Road



Waihau Bay East Cape North Island

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.)

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Honda Motorcycles	Two Wheels Magazine
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## INTERESTING MOTORCYCLE FACTS (DID YOU KNOW)

Evel Knievel holds the world record for breaking the most number of bones and surviving. His real name is Robert Craig Knievil. The nickname Evel is said to have been given to him by police when he was jailed alongside William (Awful) Knofel. Knievel used a double in the film Viva Knievil. During his stunt career, Knievil spent a total of three years in hospital. When Knievil came to Britain to jump 13 buses at Wembley in 1975, he refused to drive his Cadillac on the left-hand-side of the road, insisting on driving on the right.

The Fonz (aka Henry Winkler) couldn't actually ride a motorcycle.

In the 1970s cop show CHiPs, Larry Wilcox and Erik Estrada, who played bike patrolmen Jon and Ponch, were so dissatisfied when their Kawasaki Z1000s were swapped for BMWs that they put the BMW fairings on the Kawasakis and continued to use them.

Contrary to popular opinion, the motorcycles used in Easy Rider have not both been lost or destroyed. One of them, which was wrecked during filming, has been restored by Dan

Hagerty, who played Grizzly Adams in the TV show of the same name.

No one knows what became of the Triumph 6T ridden by Marlon Brando in The Wild One. its worth £500,000. Street Hawk only ran for 13 episodes.

Although BMW claims it has been making Boxer twins continually since 1923, production stopped for a few months in 1986 when the company decided its future lay in triples and fours. Customer outrage persuaded the Germans to restart the twincylinder engine production lines.

MZ invented two-stroke expansion chambers.

The current owners of Bimota-Lorenzo-Ducati is a direct descendant of the original founder of Ducati. Cagiva is a shortening of the words Castiglioni - the founder - and Varese - the town where the company is based.

Triumph also makes golf balls.

Magnesium wheels are porous, and allow tyres to deflate if the protective paint is scraped off. The same process occurs with alloy wheels, only much more slowly.

Dynos only measure torque and engine speed. Peak power is then calculated using a mathematical equation.

Titanium ore is abundant. The reason its known as an expensive material is because its strength and hardness makes working with it difficult and costly.

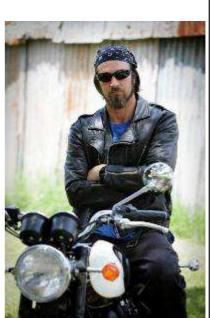
Early bike helmets were lined with cork

Before becoming famous for bike helmets, ARAI made helmets for building sites.

## Why do you wear what you wear? It's YOUR choice ... but what drives your choice?

The purpose of this article is NOT to tell you what you should do. It's NOT to say who is right and who is wrong. The purpose of this article is simply to encourage you to ask yourself some serious questions about your choices of riding gear.

I've talked with many riders about riding skills, techniques, training, and gear. In our conversations, I often hear them say "I never really thought about it that way before ..." If that's your response by the end of this article, then I consider it a success. Ask yourself—'Why do I choose the riding gear that I wear?'



Whether you ride in a bandana, a t-shirt and leather chaps; a half-



shell helmet, leather jack-

et and jeans; an open-face helmet, textile/ armoured jacket; a full-face helmet and riding suit (or motorcycle jacket and pants combination); or something in between—you are choosing that gear. I encourage you to ask yourself "What is it that drives my choices?"

Maybe one or more of these will resonate with you:

- "I like the feel of wind on my skin and through my hair."
- "I want to stack the odds in my favour for surviving a crash with minimal injury and without a long hospital stay."
- "I don't like anyone telling me what to wear."
- "All my riding buddies wear full gear, so I do too."
- " All my riding buddies wear bandanas and t-shirts, so I do too."
- "My loved ones need me and want me to come home in one piece."

• "I know that crashes happen and sometimes those crashes are the fault of car drivers. I want to be prepared to survive if/when I am in a crash."

"The law doesn't say I have to wear gear, so I don't."



- "If I crash without gear on, my wife will KILL me!"
- "You either have been down, or you will go down ... I dress to survive it when it happens to me."
- "I'm a good rider; I don't need to wear gear."
- "I don't know which day or which ride might end up in a crash, so I am prepared with full gear on every ride."
- "I like to look like a 'biker' so I dress in a leather jacket and a bandana to look cool."
- "When I trip and fall while walking, it rips my jeans—I can only imagine how much more they

would rip in a motorcycle crash. I wear riding pants and a jacket to minimize road rash."

• "Head injuries and road rash can take months or even years to heal. I don't want to put my family through the heartache of watching me in the hospital. I gear up for them."

• "I know someone who was in a motorcycle crash. Their injuries were severe—they



couldn't work for months, they were in the hospital for a long time, the medical bills were huge, and even now, they are still feeling the effects (both physically and financially) years later. I don't want my family or myself to go through that."

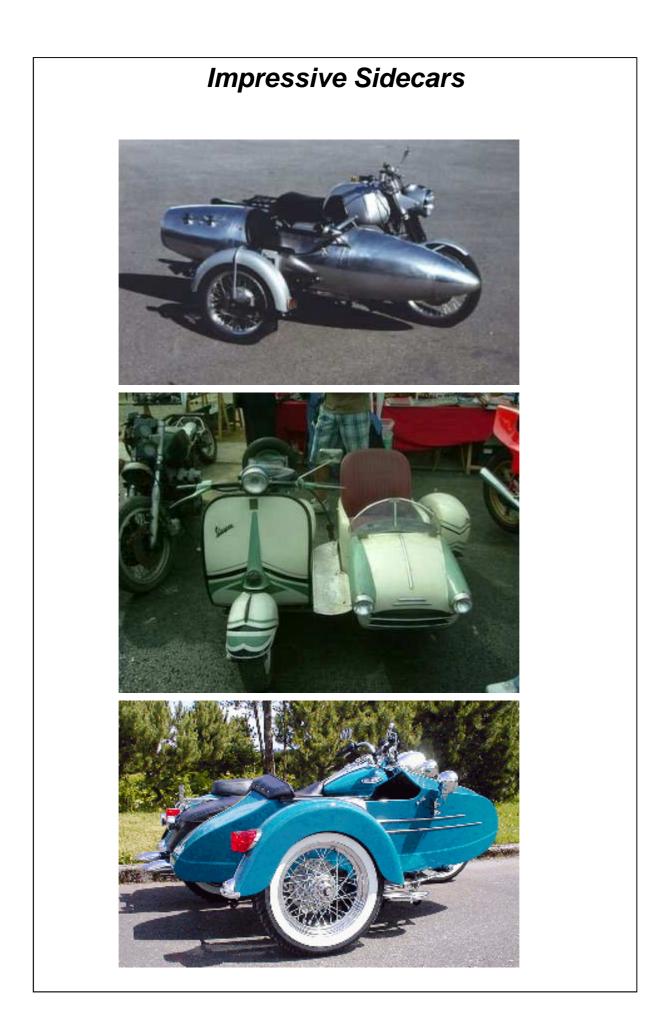
What you wear when you ride is up to you. Just make sure it is a choice that is right for you, your fami-



ly, your values, and your future. If you want to learn more about riding gear, visit your local motorcycle shop, or you can visit the "Gear 101" page at <u>RockTheGear.org</u>.

Ride safe, ride well, ride lots ... and make choices that help you to come home to your loved ones after each and every ride.

This article was written by Stacey Axemaker who heads up the <u>Idaho Star</u> motorcycle safety training program.





## A LITTLE LIGHT HUMOUR

Seniors' Medical Tip



If you can't afford a doctor, go to an airport - you'll get a free x-ray and a breast exam, and; if you mention Al Qaeda, you'll get a free colonoscopy.

How do you breathe through that little thing??

