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Hi Troops,

The phone was ringing the other day. I picked it up and said "Who's speaking, please?" and a voice said, "You are!" Boom Boom! Plenty more where that came from - just wait for Wednesday night!

Another month has slipped by and here we are on the cusp of the best riding weather we get in WA! Don't know about you but I'm pretty sure most of us like Spring & Autumn for our ventures on 2 wheels. This brings me to the usual plea "Ride Leaders PLEASE!!!" There's too many GREEN boxes on the Ride Calendar for Sundays - why not put your hand up and change at least one of them to RED! Give Tony a call or follow the link from the Calendar page.

Recently, we've had some great outings and a couple of which yours truly managed to catch albeit not on 2 wheels! Hope to fix that soon!

Bailup Farm Museum was a fantastic event with 54 bikes in attendance - from Freo, Armadale and WSW. I won't steal Mick's thunder as I know he has a piece planned for elsewhere in this edition but I have to go on record and say "Bloody well done, Mick!" - a most enjoyable venue.

Then we had the annual Manjimup March Week-end ride - usually courtesy of John Hilton but this time, although he planned the ride, no little Scouser was present. Never mind John given the choice of a cruise or a week-end in Manjimup we'd have chosen the same as you!

Thanks for planning it John, and thanks to Steve for the rest of the organising and being the Ride Leader. I believe we had 24 for dinner at the Motor Inn and if you weren't there - you missed a fantastic meal! This week-end sees the 3rd of the Coffee And Spanner meetings at Tony's in Nedlands. Don't forget to let him know if you are attending to do some work on your wheels. Coffee available at Tony's and some good delis nearby for lunch.

Next Sunday will see the long awaited "Spyderman Returns Ride". We know you've been restored to automobile motivation for a few weeks now, Andy but I'm sure there are lots of us looking forward to seeing you out front again.

Also, on the 17th March (St Patrick's Day don't you know so I'll be imbibing some of the good black stuff as well as maybe cracking the seal on a recent birthday present - 18 year old produce from Middleton Co Cork no less!!) Ian Dix from WSW is assisting with Marshalling Duties at a Moto-X in Byford and has extended an invitation to Freo to participate. Anyone assisting will get \$100, plus catering - full details on the calendar.

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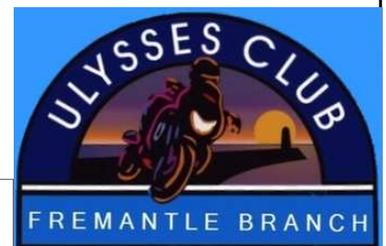
I'm going to 'tootle' off to bed now - looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday.

Cheers

Spence 53780



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Note: Next meeting, Wed 10th
April 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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Quartermasters Ramblings

Dec 2012



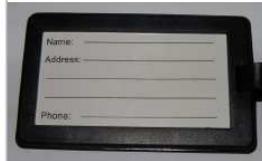
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Some exciting news this month is that Ulysses Club has had the opportunity to purchase some leather vests and leather jackets that will be available for sale at the Fraser Coast 2013 AGM Event. These have the Old Man Logo embroidered on the back and are stock from XDC who had a licence agreement with us but is now closing his business.



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*



Bailup Farm Ride 27 February 2013

As previously, the Bailup farm ride could not have occurred on a better day as far as the weather was concerned. (perfect riding conditions)

Many thanks to the Armadale and Warnbro clubs for your support in ensuring the numbers were within the desired quota to open the museum. A big thank you to any other clubs that I have missed to mention.

Although the museum requires a minimum of 40 people to make opening viable, we had a turn out of approximately 53 motorcycles and 2 cars with an estimated clientele of 80 people.

This number would have enabled Tony to contribute around \$400 to the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Some of the exhibits:



2007 Ford GT40

Bailup Farm Ride (cont.)



A genuine Ford Gran Torino



An as-new Falcon GT Hardtop

Bailup Farm Ride (cont.)



Falcon GTs



Mustangs

Bailup Farm Ride (cont.)



One of many memorabilia cabinets

Tony advises that he is also in the process of developing another shed to display more Vehicles which is 1000 square metres.

Many thanks to Tony Pernichele and family for hosting a great day.

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5 Interesting Motorcycle Facts

by Sarah Manchester

I think most everyone is fascinated with motorcycles and wants one at one point in their life. From the way a motorcycle is made all the way to the way it feels to have [the wind](#) blowing through your hair (through a helmet of course), people seem to find something about a motorcycle that really is interesting and exciting. If you are one of these people, here are 5 interesting facts about motorcycles.

1. Slick tyres offer more grip on wet roads than treaded tyres, up to the point at which they hydroplane. The slick tyres have more velocity with a minimum amount of effort. They have more grip than other tyres when on asphalt, and other hard, even surfaces. Slick tyres sometimes have a V-shaped grip pattern which helps on wet roads. Because they have limited grooves in the tyres, water doesn't get trapped in the tyre which normally causes hydroplaning.

2. The Fonz (aka Henry Winkler) couldn't actually ride a motorcycle. Steve McQueen's motorcycle from the scene at the end of the movie "The Great Escape" (1963), was the same motorcycle that The Fonz rode on in "Happy Days" (1974). When he "rode" the motorcycle in the show, it was actually mounted on a piece of wood on wheels. For the action shots during the show, they would simply wheel the motorcycle to give the effect that he was riding it. The reason Henry Winkler wasn't able to ride the notorious [Harley Davidson](#) in the show was because of poor co-ordination which is a symptom from his dyslexia.

3. In the 1920's some farm boys, who became known as "hog boys", continuously won motorcycle races and had a live hog as their mascot. After a win, they would put the hog on the motorcycle and do a victory lap with it. In 1983, Harley [Davidson](#) formed a group call HOG., Harley Owners Group. Eventually Harley Davidson attempted to trademark the word "hog", but lost the case. In 1999, it was officially ruled that the term "hog" officially meant any generic type of large motorcycle and could therefore not be trademarked.

4. One in five upgraded bikes in inner cities gets stolen. People believe that [Harley Davidson](#) is the most stolen motorcycle when in fact it is Honda. The next most stolen motorcycles are: Yamaha, Suzuki, [Kawasaki](#), and Harley Davidson.

5. Up to 25 per cent of bike theft claims are fraudulent. In today's economy, some people think that a way to get some of their money back is to report their motorcycle as stolen, in hopes that they can get some money back from the insurance companies. There are several ways that people do this. They can leave their motorcycle in a random ally, or in a bad neighborhood, then report its stolen. Or they will pay someone to steal it, and then file a theft claim. Another way that some people attempt to report a false claim is by selling their motorcycle to someone and have them resell it overseas, then report it stolen when it is overseas. In the US, the punishment for filing false insurance claims can be anywhere from a fine, if someone was injured it can result in 10 years to 20, years in jail. If someone was killed due to the actions taken to commit fraud, a possible punishment is a life sentence.

Classic Motorcycles

1927 Scott Fling Squirrel

By Richard Backus



Mark Scott's 1927 Scott Flying Squirrel: Smooth running and very easy to ride, it's hard to believe this 498cc 2-stroke water-cooled twin was built 82 years ago.

Ever wonder what it's like to ride a truly vintage motorcycle? How about an 82-year-old water-cooled 2-stroke twin? It's amazing enough to discover anyone even built such a bike back in the 1920s; more amazing is riding one and discovering that except for the expected deficiencies in braking, it's a remarkably user-friendly machine.

Sometimes life just goes your way – it certainly did for me at the recent Barber Vintage Festival at the famed Barber Motorsports Park outside Birmingham, Ala., last month. While there, I was approached by *Motorcycle Classics* reader and ardent Scott motorcycle fan Mark Scott. No, I didn't make that up; his name really is Scott, although he claims that has nothing to do with his affinity for the English 2-strokes.

Mark's bike, a 1927 Flying Squirrel, is a well-maintained rider, not a polished trailer queen. Showing all the signs of regular use like oil and fuel stains on the cases, and reflecting the general aura of a daily rider, Mark's Scott is a beauty. And he let me ride it. In the rain. Now there's a dedicated – and trusting – owner.

Firing up the Scott is a pretty basic affair, and familiar to anyone used to "tickling" their carbs – essentially flooding the carb to give a rich shot of fuel on start up. After tickling the carb and flicking on the ignition, Mark swung out the kick-start lever (founder Alfred Scott introduced the first kick start to the motorcycling world in 1910), gave it one dedicated kick, and the Scott roared to life, popping and belching oil-rich exhaust through its single fishtail muffler.

With the Scott running, I climbed on and Mark gave me a 10-second tutorial on riding the Scott. Hand controls are familiar to any rider, with the clutch on the left and front brake on the right. Shifting is a bit different, as the Scott uses a hand shift mounted on the right side of the tank to select one of three forward gears. The clutch has a light pull, and the tranny shifts easily into first. Torque isn't exactly the engine's forte, so it takes a little revving on the 498cc twin and a little slip of the clutch to pull away smoothly, but there's not a hint of drama as the engine spools up and the bike pulls away cleanly.

The engine is remarkable for its smoothness, belying its age, and getting the revs up a bit once on the move cleans out the Scott's throat, and it pulls strongly. In fact, once moving it's almost hard to believe you're riding a machine that was built two years before the start of the Great Depression. That is, until you go to stop, at which point you're reminded that, well, this bike was built two years before the Great Depression!

There's not much compression braking from the engine to help slow things down, but then again I doubt I ever got over 30mph on the Scott, so the lack of real pull-down from the brakes didn't cause much concern, and I never had any trouble getting them to bite enough for my purposes.

Mark's currently waiting for delivery of a "built" Scott engine from [Roger Moss in England](#), the guru of Scott engines – I hope I get to ride it once that's been installed, assuming, of course, Mark gets the brakes up to snuff! Special thanks to Mark Scott for the thrill of a lifetime! – **Richard Backus**



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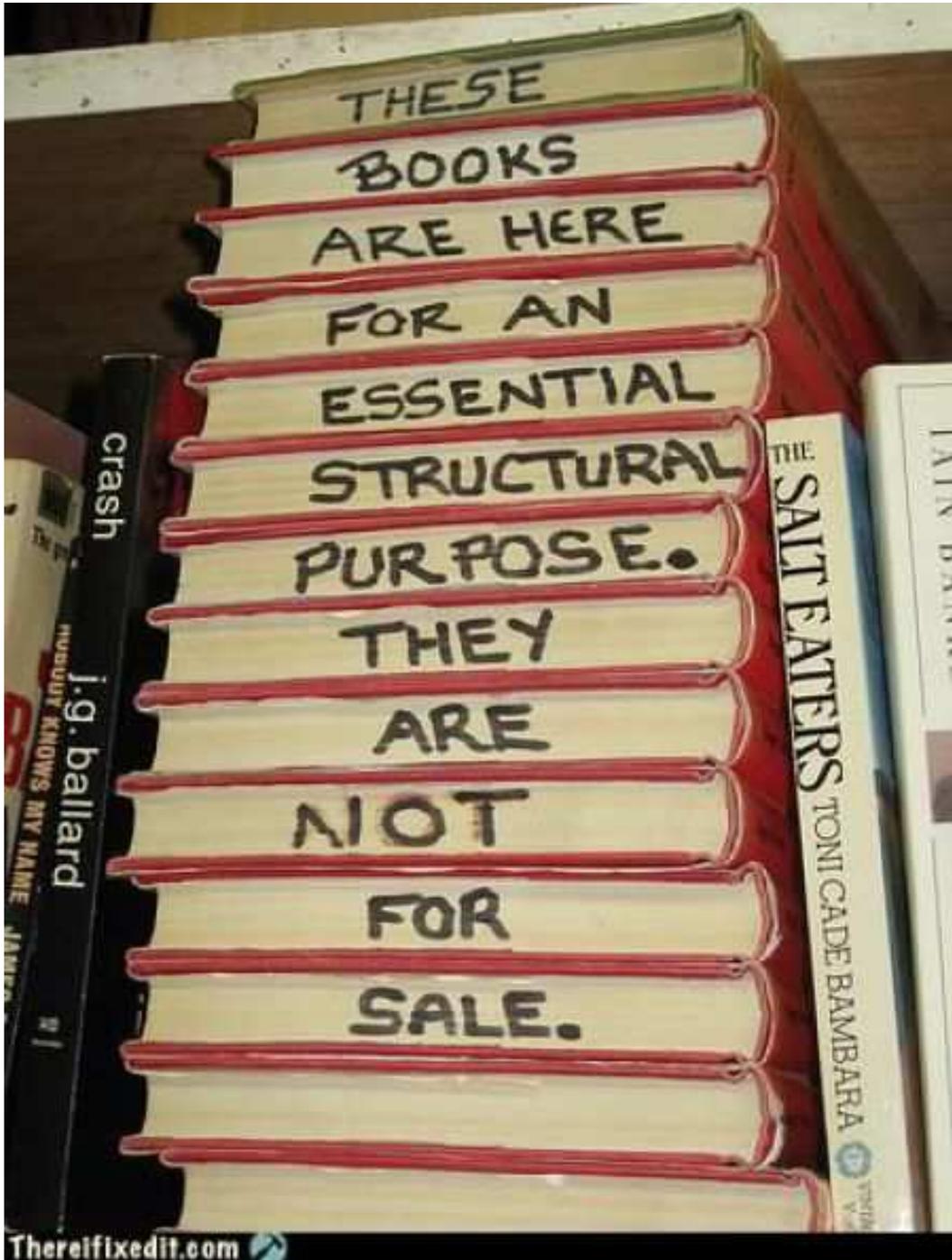
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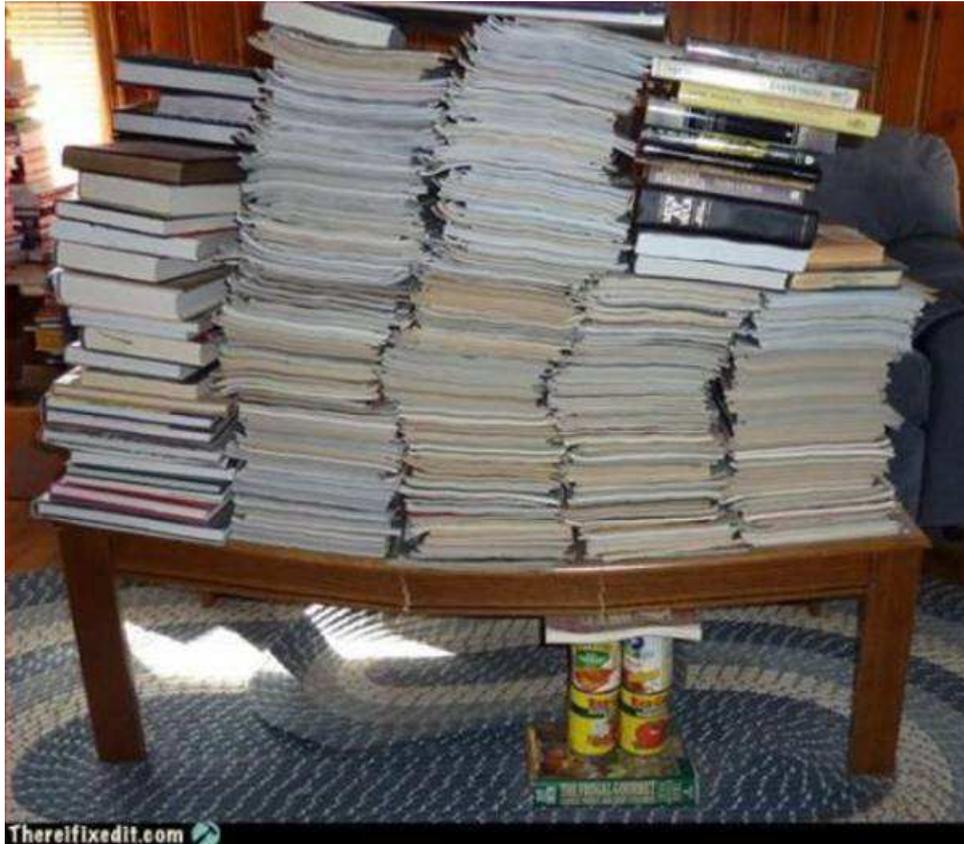
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THE UCARF STORY

Ulyssians have always been generous people and right from the start have opened their hearts to worthy causes. At the Wagga AGM in 1997 it was decided that in the absence of a specific alternative, the Ulysses Club would designate research into arthritis as its own preferred charity. The impetus for the choice came from the death at only 72 the previous year of Jo Dearnley who finally lost a 20-year battle against rheumatoid arthritis. Because arthritis is so slow, insidious, painful and debilitating it does not attract the same publicity as the more obvious and 'dramatic' diseases, yet not only is it by far the most common cause of painful and severe handicap in this country, it can also be deadly. In its various forms it affects nearly five million Australians and accounts for more deaths than AIDS or MS, yet because the disease is so diffuse it does not attract a lot of media attention.

In the beginning with funds were passed to the Arthritis Foundation but after some internal problems and the discovery that only a minute portion was directed to research, it was decided that the Ulysses Club would channel donations directly to the front line. Consequently the club has given significant support to a number of post-graduate students in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne and supplied their laboratories with expensive items of equipment. As the Ulysses Club Arthritis Fund we have had progress reports from the researchers themselves and direct evidence of where our contributions are being applied.

For 2011 NatCom has agreed to take this a step further by offering a full fellowship to a brilliant research scientist, Kelly McKelvie, from Otago University in Dunedin. This calls for UCARF to commit \$80,000 over the next twelve months and in return Kelly will be providing the Club with regular progress reports and updates. I hope members will have the opportunity meeting her personally at the Newcastle AGM in March. With research now moving to the forefront of genetic and molecular biology I would like to feel that the Ulysses Club was taking a lead in unlocking the secret of auto-immune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis; in looking for a cure, not just another palliative measure.

Stephen #1

The fund raising continues in 2012-13 with the Annual Raffle and all members are asked to sell at least one book each. Tickets are \$2 each with a book containing 20 tickets.

Each branch will ask its respective members to nominate how many books they'll sell and will then order the required quantity from Head office administration.

So come on fellow Ulyssians – get behind our own worthwhile cause and let's try and top all previous records for the amount of funds raised. You never know the research may lead to the ease of the suffering of one of your loved ones in the future.

This year there is a fantastic set of prizes:

- 1st prize - Honda VT750S including ORC (Value \$9500)
- 2nd prize - A trip for 2 people to the Australian Superbike Championship at Phillip Island in 2013 including 3 night's accommodation, car hire and 2 tickets to the VIP area. Value \$3300 (conditions apply) Sponsored by QBE.
- 3rd Prize - 12/240V Cooler / Warmer with cover from Classic Industries- Value \$425

The Raffle will be drawn during the AGM Event at Fraser Coast

Spence # 53780

Some Light Humour

A Male Fairy Tale:

Once upon a time, a Prince asked a beautiful Princess, "Will you marry me?"

The Princess said, "No!"

And the Prince lived happily ever after and rode motorcycles and dated skinny, long-legged, full-breasted women and hunted and fished and raced cars and went to naked bars and dated ladies half his age and drank whiskey, beer and Captain Morgan and never heard bitching and never paid child support or alimony and dated cheerleaders and kept his house and ate spam and potato chips and beans and blew enormous farts and never got cheated on while he was at work and all his friends and family thought he was friggin cool as hell and he had tons of money in the bank and left the toilet seat up.

The end.



THE TOILET SEAT

If this doesn't get a laugh out of you, nothing will !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

My wife, Julie, had been after me for several weeks to paint the seat on our toilet.

Finally, I got around to doing it while Julie was out.

After finishing, I left to take care of another matter before she returned.
She came in and undressed to take a shower.

Before getting in the shower, she sat on the toilet.

As she tried to stand up, she realized that the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the toilet seat.

About that time, I got home and realized her predicament.
We both pushed and pulled without any success whatsoever.
Finally, in desperation, I undid the toilet seat bolts.

Julie wrapped a sheet around herself and I drove her to the hospital emergency room.
The ER Doctor got her into a position where he could study how to free her
(Try to get a mental picture of this.).

Julie tried to lighten the embarrassment of it all by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before."

The Doctor replied, "Actually, I've seen lots of them....."

I just never saw one mounted and framed."