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The last month has been tame compared to the last few months, which is a good thing.

The rides have been great; the weekend weather has been pretty kind to us. Those that have been on the rides have had a great time..... we just need a few more riders!

It is time to get your bikes out again now winter is over, come on a ride and blow away the cobwebs.

The Ride Calendar is full up until mid-November so there are plenty of rides to come on. Next weekend we have Annie's Irish Stew ride and the weather is looking good. Let Annie know if you are going or you may miss out, also wear something Green.

The Odyssey is on at the end of this month too, the skit crew have been busy practising. If you don't get to the Odyssey you might get a performance at one of the social meetings. We may even win back the trophy that we lost!

A reminder to let Tony Collins know if you are coming to the Mafia Italian Night Social Dinner on October 11 (details in the Calendar) it should be a fun night.

Tony is also co-ordinating the Moto Crew for the Walk to End Cancer; we need your help with this one. It is going to take about 40 people to mark the corners over the 2 days, and you will feel better for doing it. Please let Tony know ASAP.

Dick Berry is also co-ordinating the "Jurien Ride". Unfortunately everything is pretty booked out for the first 2 weekends of November. So we will be going up the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> so mark it in the Calendar. More information to come at the meeting.

You would have also seen that the committee is planning on getting some more branch polo shirts, which are made of a different material than the existing ones. We had found some people were not buying or wearing them because of the material. We do still have some of the existing ones left though if you prefer them. Can you get the order forms into Glenda at the meeting or by email so we can get the order placed for the right sizes.

Thanks to everyone that bought along raffle prizes last month. The prize box has some great & some interesting prizes in it now (and no Body Butter!!)

I have also booked a guest speaker for the October social meeting that should be quite interesting. You may have seen the email asking for assistance for Jacqui who is traveling around Australia on a "Postie" bike. Well she is going to tell us all about her trip, so come along and hear about her adventures.

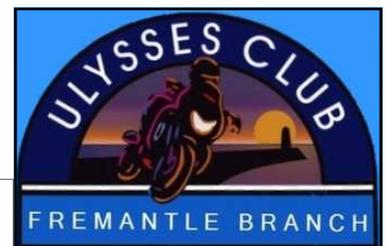
That's all for this month. Safe riding.

***It's not what you ride, it's your attitude that counts!***

Colin Booth (61215)  
**President, Fremantle Branch.**



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





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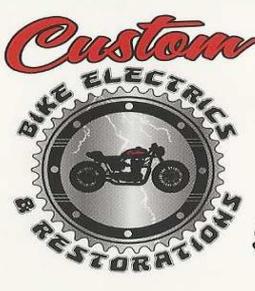


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*The committee is the servant of the Group, not the Master*

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**Note: Next meeting, Wed 8th**  
**October 2014**

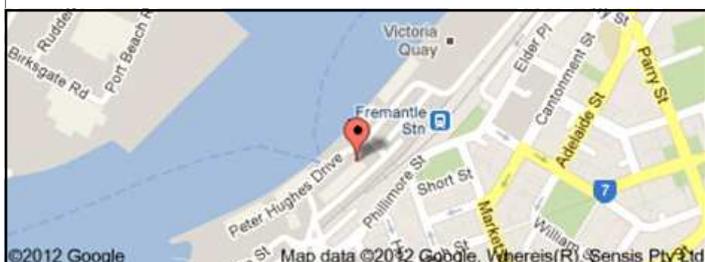
**Plods and Saturday morning coffee**

Wednesday morning Plods have reverted back to South Beach at 9:00am for a 9:30am start as previously however if you are an early riser members will still meet at the Victoria Café that is located at the eastern end of the Fremantle 'E' Shed Markets for breakfast. Great coffee. After breakfast members will migrate to the South Beach start point via Marine parade in order to meet the 9:00am start time.

For Plodders having breakfast at the Victoria Café, there is plenty of parking over near 'B' Shed outside the other cafe if the bays outside the Victoria Cafe are full.

The Saturday morning coffee get togethers will also continue to take place at the Victoria Café, however commencement will be from 10.00am.

Any enquiries regarding plods can be directed to Mick Katarski on 0415 568 089





***Dear fellow Ulyssian,***

**Ulysses Club is supporting Blue September on a national scale. Blue September is all about raising much needed funds for men's cancer research and early diagnosis initiatives.**

The Ulysses Club national committee encourage every member around the country to make a donation to Blue September and enter the competition to win a brand new 2014 Indian Chief!

Go to [www.blueseptember.org.au](http://www.blueseptember.org.au) (click on 'WIN AN INDIAN MOTORBIKE!') - donate \$10 or more and say in 25 words or less why you should win the bike. Answers will be judged on creativity and worthiness.

The competition is open to the general public - but we would really love a Ulyssian to win!

Mike Chapman, Blue September campaign director said, ***"We are thrilled to be working with the Ulysses Club. Our key target market is men 40+ and that largely describes the membership of Ulysses. What a fantastic opportunity it is to get the message out!"***



Ulysses National President, Helena Gritton said, ***"Blue September is a great initiative and will further assist in promoting the awareness of Men's Cancer; having gone through it with a Husband, Brother, Father and Father-in-law and numerous friends, I am very much a supporter!"***

## First test: Harley-Davidson Livewire

By Chris Dobie (AMCN)

Sep 01, 2014



When Harley-Davidson's LiveWire electric motorcycle was revealed in June (*AMCN* Vol63 No25), some wrote the concept motorcycle off as little more than a publicity exercise to promote Marvel's latest Avengers movie. But after becoming one of just a handful of journalists to test ride the new machine, I can confirm the electric naked sportster is not a fluffy concept designed to do the show circuit: it's a serious production-exercise.

The first thing which strikes you about the LiveWire is its size. The H-D design team has done a fantastic job with the bike's styling and proportions, making it appear as big as a V-Rod in the official studio photographs. In reality, the LiveWire is about the size of a café racer - but it's a strikingly attractive café racer.

There's also more than one LiveWire. While Harley-Davidson will not confirm exactly how many of the hand-built machines are in existence, estimates put the figure at around 25. The two LiveWires I was allowed to study in detail, poke, prod and ride were finished off as well as any quality-built production motorcycle.

Speaking with members of the LiveWire team, it's obvious the company's future contains battery power as well as pistons and conrods. While they are quick to shut-down any questioning about when an electric Harley-Davidson will become showroom stock, they are happy to say when - instead of if - as they describe the differences between the LiveWire concept and the eventual production model.

While not being given the electric fob to the LiveWire for as long as I would have liked, my trip to the USA coincided with the Labour Day long-weekend, meaning the streets around the Californian industrial area were almost deserted, allowing me to enjoy a bit of spirited riding.

Even with LiveWire's minders requesting the mapping remain in economy mode, the LiveWire had enough sting in the tail to accelerate to 100km/h in around 5.5 seconds. I was told this figure is dramatically cut in sport mode. We were told the top speed is around 150km/h, but the LiveWire didn't take too much coaxing to reach 135km/h along one of the short straights.

Unlike other electric motorcycles I've ridden, the LiveWire feels and handles like a proper motorcycle - nothing feels cheap or light. The suspension is firm but comfortable, soaking up smaller bumps in the road surface, and the brakes provide a superbike-bite. The great handling characteristics make you wonder where they managed to hide the bike's 210kg-plus weight. Within minutes you feel comfortable and confident on the LiveWire. Its drop-down handlebar, rear-set foot pegs and single-racer style seat allow you to cradle the machine and simply flick it into a corner and power out the other side.

As soon as consumers can rid themselves of the electric vehicle range anxiety which has been plaguing the industry since its inception, and governments start to back electric vehicles as a viable alternative to the petrol and diesel powered machines, motorcycles like the LiveWire will be ready to hit the market running.

More shots of the US



The school that was attended by Joe DiMaggio and OJ Simpson (San Francisco)



Sausalito (California)

More shots of the US (cont.)



**Graves at the Presidio (San Francisco)**



**Glacier Point (Yosemite National Park)**

More shots of the US (cont.)



**The Nevada/Utah Border**



**Real Indian Tepees in front of the Buffalo Bill Center (Wyoming)**

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## SOME LIGHT HUMOUR

During the service, the pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express thanks for prayers which had been answered.

A lady stood up and came forward.

She said, "I have a reason to thank the Lord. Two months ago, my husband, Jim, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

You could hear an audible gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagined the pain that poor Jim experienced.

She continued, "Jim was unable to hold me or the children and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation. They were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Jim's scrotum and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, the men in the Congregation squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Jim.

She continued, "Now, Jim is out of the hospital and the doctor's say, with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with relief.

The pastor rose and tentatively asked if any one else had anything to say.

A man rose and walked slowly to the podium.

He said, "Hi, I'm Jim and I would like to tell my wife, the word is 'sternum.' "



**"I think it's called a scale,  
but mom calls it a @\$&% liar!"**



**Three Italian nuns die and go to heaven.**



**At the Pearly Gates, they are met by St. Peter. He says, 'Sisters, you all led such exemplary lives that the Lord is granting you six months to go back to earth and be anyone you wish to be'.**

**The first nun says, 'I want to be Sophia Loren;'**

**And \*poof\* she's gone.**

**The second says, 'I want to be Madonna and \*poof\* she's gone.**

**The third says, 'I want to be Sara Pipalini..'**

**St. Peter looks perplexed. 'Who?' he ask**

**'Sara Pipalini,' replies the nun.**

**St. Peter shakes his head and says, 'I'm sorry, but that name just doesn't ring a bell.'**

**The nun then takes a newspaper out of her habit and hands it to St. Peter.**

**St. Peter reads the paper and starts laughing. He hands it back to her and says.**



**'No sister, the paper says it was the ' Sahara Pipeline' that was laid by 1,400 men in 6 months.'**