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Hello again.

Well those "Potty Men" did us like a chicken dinner. By no means a close contest with their total score more than a 1,000 more than ours. The rematch will be held in January, so some serious practice may be necessary.

Mick Katarski did an outstanding job of organising our weekend away at the Corrigin Hotel. The Saturday ride was timed so that those who wished could plonk themselves in front of the lounge bar TV with a cool ale and watch the footy.

The evening meal was superb and worthy of any top line restaurant and quite a pleasant surprise for a country pub. There were some very delicate people the next morning for the bus ride to the wild flowers, dog cemetery and museum. It was a very quite ride home with even the production and processing of words too much for some.

Our attention now turns to the Odyssey and Jurien weekends. I love weekends away they give you a chance to really get to know people.

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.

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

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# Note: Next meeting, Wed 12th Oct 2011

Since there has been some confusion of late regarding ride start places and times, brought about, in part, by the fact that sometimes an updated ride calendar is issued after the Wheezy has gone to print. It has been decided to omit the ride calendar from the Wheezy. Those of you on the email list already get the calendar and it is available on the web as well, further, I will be printing a few copies for the meeting. I hope nobody has any major objection to this. Ed.

#### And as always

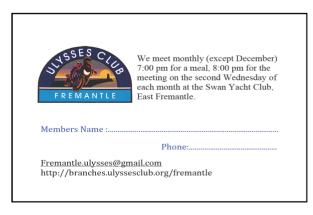
Wednesday morning Plod from South beach kiosk at 9-30am for a 10am start. If you're an early riser, some members meet for breakfast at 8am before the plod.

The group will meet at the Ill Capriccio Café Bar cnr of South Tce and Commercial St Sth Freo. 2 hr parking across the road and also behind the Indian restaurant on the opposite corner of Commercial St.

The Saturday morning coffee get togethers at 10:00 AM.

Coffee mornings will now be at the Victoria Café Fremantle "E" Shed markets. Great Coffee, come and give it a try.

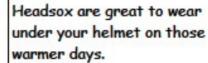
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This is the card Bob Thompson has had printed. They will be available for you to take a few at the next meeting. Just another way of getting the message out there

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Regards Chris Glover National Purchasing Officer A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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PHEW! For a minute there I thought Bloomfield had snuck in on us.

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Where am I this Month? This is Doug with Peta. Where do you think they are? Last month Doug was in Victoria café, E shed markets. Venue for the Saturday morning coffee meetings.

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TAC Motorcycle News (Spokes.com.au)

TOTAL Motorcycle Accessories

Travelling Australia

Triumph Motorcycles

Two Wheels Magazine

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Vintage Motorcycle Jackets

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# **CHOOK DROPPINGS**

#### Stick E Beak

Time to get another issue onto the presses so here we go. Sorry for the silence last month I was a little busy trying to survive. Goes with the territory these days! Let me see now what has been going on.

Every now and again something crops up that really knocks us all flat. In amongst all the fun and laughter we find a subject that rocks us to our core and makes us all feel just a little less secure.

We have that something now, with the news that broke a few weeks ago about Brian Lowther. For those who may not have heard, and I guess there must be someone somewhere; Brian has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

We all know how serious that is. The events surrounding this were that he had a lump on his neck that was getting larger. When they took a biopsy it was a secondary and further investigation revealed the primary on the pancreas.

He is on his second session of chemo right now and it is knocking him around a bit although the latest anti nausea drugs are very effective.

On the positive side Dick Berry and I gave him a surprise last Tuesday when Brian and Keith Sylvester from Warnbro were on a quiet ride up through Dwellingup by arriving as they were having morning tea to go for the ride with them.

The week before the Plod visited Brian at home en mass with 21 of us eating Patricia's delicious scones and cakes before following Brian Jarrahdale for lunch. They both are intending to go to the Odyssey in a few weeks which is a good time for me to give that event a plug. If you want to escape CHOGM and who does not, get your act together and head off to the Odyssey.

The past month has seen the continuation of the Friday evening meals that have been well attended and the coffee mornings at the E shed are also proving popular. We seem to take over these days where ever we go. The Plods are averaging well into the high teens these days too although the weather does have an effect. Fair enough too as a fair number of the riders are getting a little ancient and have nothing to prove by riding in foul weather. (Sticky included!)

Corrigin weekend has come and gone and on behalf of the attendees thanks are due to Mick Katarski for the organization of the event.

There are many pictures on the Face book site and by the looks of the numbers of empty bottles and stuff by the end of the night the reputation of the chooks as a bunch of drunks may be well founded! The run to see the wild flowers I believe was great. Well done Mick......top weekend.

With there being no Chook Droppings last month I have not commented on the Bowling Night against Warnbro. Just as well I guess..................we really do have to lift our game and those who used to bowl are being asked, nay begged, to come out of retirement and give us a hand. I guess we could always challenge them to tiddlywinks.

The run up to Christmas is as usual getting hectic.

The Plodders head south soon for their annual recovery and R&R in Walpole.

Fully booked that one, with a waiting list.

Then the Odyssey (2<sup>nd</sup> plug), followed by yet another drinking contest at Jurien Bay. In the middle of all of that there is the Saturday evening at Tony and Kirsten's place where those that have survived the Armageddon that is about to hit us, will gather in their rags to celebrate.

We also need to acknowledge another new ride leader in Pippa who took us all on a great ride to Pelicans on the Murray through raging storms and tempest with thunder and lightning and all kinds of other distractions. Thanks Pippa......and where are the rest of you? Ride leading is great as you always get the best choices of sticky buns and the coffee.

OK that seems about all.....take care out there in the jungle and see you soon. *Stick E Beak* 

The Jurien weekend is a "must attend" weekend of good riding, fun and merriment.

# Its on again this year.

Ride starts Gingers Road House (1383 Great Northern Hwy, Upper Swan), at 10.30 am Saturday 5th November .

Cost is: Bunk House accommodation (separate rooms for two) \$30 linen \$5.

Food BBQ &Breakfast \$20 pay on the day .

Accommodation other than Bunk House ring Apex Jurien Bay 9652 1010 .

Ride Leader Bill Lawrence 9457 2720

**HANDLEBARS** 

## Diesel-Sipping Motorcycle for the Marines



Dexter Ford for The New York Times

Marine Kawasakis are converted to diesel power so they can burn the military's universal fuel.

**DEXTER FORD** 

Published: February 24, 2008

THE United States Marine Corps, legendary for doing more with less, has used dual-purpose motorcycles for scouting, messenger service, convoy control and military police work.

But the motorcycles sold today for use on-road and off have a big drawback for military service: they use the wrong fuel.

Other American and NATO military machines, from diesel generators to stealth bombers, run on JP-8 to simplify fuel supply logistics. While JP-8, a formulation of jet fuel similar to kerosene and diesel fuel, works fine in those engines, commercially available motorcycles require gasoline.

That situation presented an opportunity for Fred Hayes, chief executive of Hayes Diversified Technologies, a military contractor in Hesperia, Calif., that has built specially adapted motorcycles for the Marines and the Army Special Forces for more than two decades. The bikes are modified to run in the harshest environments on earth with special lighting and more rugged suspensions and tires.

When the Marines requested a motorcycle that would run on JP-8, other military contractors proposed outlandish turbine-powered machines.

But the Marines wanted a bike that would actually work, and soon, at a reasonable cost. Hayes won the contract.

The resulting HDT M103M1 uses the chassis, a few engine components and all the internal transmission parts of the Kawasaki KLR650, a workhorse capable of anything from daily commuting to Sahara exploring. But the Marine machine's major engine components are all new, built for diesel service.

The difference was apparent the instant I thumbed the starter button. In place of the gasoline-powered KLR's anxious idle, the Marine machine came to life with the low clatter of a London taxi.

In contrast to a gasoline engine, which responds instantly to the throttle, a blip of the twist grip resulted in — well, not much. It took a good three seconds for anything significant to happen.

On a half-hour test ride, the M103M1, though sluggish at first, gathered speed with dogged insistence. The footpegs and handlebars buzz as the engine revs. The counterbalancer that controls vibration in the stock KLR has been omitted to save weight and reduce complexity. Shifting through the five-speed gearbox gets the M103M1 past 90 miles an hour, a speed it will hold, apparently, until the end of time.

One of the great advantages of the M103M1's diesel engine is its efficiency. At a steady 55 m.p.h. it gets 96 miles a gallon, according to Hayes, about twice the mileage of the gasoline engine.

This high-mileage machine is also coveted by civilians who crave the fuel economy of the world's only production diesel motorcycle. But being a small, family-run company, Hayes is already working overtime to satisfy the Marines' need for the M103M1. So if you want to pilot this diesel machine anytime soon, your local Marine recruiter is the only person who can help you.

Don't think I need to say anymore, one of these would fit right in with my two diesel cars. Ed.







# **Definition of Horse POWER**

One top fuel dragster 500 cubic inch Hemi engine makes more horsepower than the first 4 rows of stock cars at the Daytona 500.

Under full throttle, a dragster engine consumes 1-1/2 gallons of nitro methane per second; a fully loaded 747 consumes jet fuel at the same rate with 25% less energy being produced.

A stock Dodge Hemi V8 engine cannot produce enough power to drive the dragster's supercharger.

With 3,000 CFM of air being rammed in by the supercharger on overdrive, the fuel mixture is compressed into a near-solid form before ignition.

Cylinders run on the verge of hydraulic lock at full throttle.

At the stoichiometric (stoichiometry: methodology and technology by which quantities of reactants and products in chemical reactions are determined) 1.7:1 air/fuel mixture of nitro methane, the flame front temperature measures 7,050 deg F.

Nitro methane burns yellow. The spectacular white flame seen above the stacks at night is raw burning hydrogen, dissociated from atmospheric water vapour by the searing exhaust gases.

Dual magnetos supply 44 amps to each spark plug. This is the output of an arc welder in each cylinder

Spark plug electrodes are totally consumed during a pass. After halfway, the engine is dieseling from compression, plus the glow of exhaust valves at 1,400 deg F. The engine can only be shut down by cutting the fuel flow.

If spark momentarily fails early in the run, unburned nitro builds up in the affected cylinders and then explodes with sufficient force to blow cylinder heads off the block in pieces or split the block in half.

In order to exceed 300 mph in 4.5 seconds, dragsters must accelerate an average of over 4G's. In order to reach 200 mph (well before half-track), the launch acceleration approaches 8G's.

Dragsters reach over 300 miles per hour before you have completed reading this sentence.

Top fuel engines turn approximately 540 revolutions from light to light! Including the burnout, the engine must only survive 900 revolutions under load.

The redline is actually quite high at 9,500 rpm.

Assuming all the equipment is paid off, the crew worked for free, and for once NOTHING BLOWS UP, each run costs an estimate \$1,000.00 per second.

The current top fuel dragster elapsed time record is 4.441 seconds for the quarter mile (10/05/03, Tony Schumacher). The top speed record is 333.00 mph (533 km/h) as measured over the last 66' of the run (09/28/03 Doug Kalitta).

#### Putting all of this into perspective:

You are driving the average \$140,000 Lingenfelter "twin-turbo" powered Corvette Z06. Over a mile up the road, a top fuel dragster is staged and ready to launch down a quarter mile strip as you pass. You have the advantage of a flying start. You run the 'Vette hard up through the gears and blast across the starting line and pass the dragster at an honest 200 mph. The "tree" goes green for both of you at that moment.

The dragster launches and starts after you. You keep your foot down hard, but you hear an incredibly brutal whine that sears your eardrums and within 3 seconds, the dragster catches and passes you. He beats you to the finish line, a quarter mile away from where you just passed him.

Think about it, from a standing start, the dragster had spotted you 200 mph and not only caught, but nearly blasted you off the road when he passed you within a mere 1,320 foot long race course.

... and that my friend, is ACCELERATION!

Did you hear about the fat, alcoholic transvestite - All he wanted to do was eat, drink and be Mary.

Got an e-mail today from a bored local housewife, 43, who was looking for some hot action! So I sent her my ironing. That'll keep the lazy woman busy.

I got invited to a party and was told to dress to kill. Apparently a turban, beard and a backpack wasn't what they had in mind.

After a night of drink, drugs and wild sex Bill woke up to find himself next to a really ugly woman. That's when he realised he had made it home safely.

Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on Friday this year". Mick said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th then."

My mate just hired an Eastern European cleaner, took her 5 hours to Hoover the house. Turns out she was a Slovak.

Since the snow came all the wife has done is look through the window. If it gets any worse, I'll have to let her in.

I've been charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper. To be honest I only intended to rough him up a bit.

After years of research, scientists have discovered what makes women happy. Nothing.

A lad comes home from school and excitedly tells his dad that he had a part in the school play and he was playing a man who had been married for 25 years. The dad says, "Never mind son, maybe next year you'll get a speaking part."

My water bill of \$175 just dropped in my box. That's a lot. Oxfam can supply a whole African village for just \$2 a month: it's time to change my supplier I think.

Two women called at my door and asked what bread I ate, when I said white, they gave me a lecture for 30 minutes on the benefits of brown bread .. I think they were Hovis Witnesses.