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Hi All

It has been pretty hot over the last month but the rides have still been happening. They have been very costal to keep them as cool as possible. We have visited Preston Beach, Serpentine Dam (for breakfast), Brookman Weir, Yarloop and Dawesville.

A rumour is going around about a certain ride that travelled along Del Park Rd were all the riders donated to the Police Christmas Fund. I know nothing! (but looking at the photo, the camera was on the right of the road just before the North Spur turnoff). Believe it or not Andy was not going as fast as everyone else and escaped with a minor donation.

There was a great turnout at Tony & Kirsten Collins house for Australia Day, good BBQ, nice salads and a COOL pool. The pool was good relief after the hot ride. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported the day.

Vale: Stephen Dearnley, Old # 1 this Wednesday 11 February.

A few people still owe money for Polo Shirts they ordered, Glenda will be asking for the money so we can get the order placed. Anyone else that wants to get an order in contact Glenda or one of the committee but be quick.

There are details of a few upcoming events in this issue of the Wheezy. The PMH fundraiser night - Hotel California' Party and The Walk for Cancer - Ron still needs people to help. PLEASE.

There are a few other events from other branches that have been emailed out already as well including the June Exmouth Rally and the Alan Aston Memorial ride.

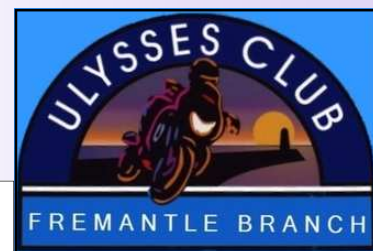
That's all from me; enjoy the next month's rides.

Remember— it's not what you ride, it's your attitude that counts!

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President Ulysses Fremantle Branch



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**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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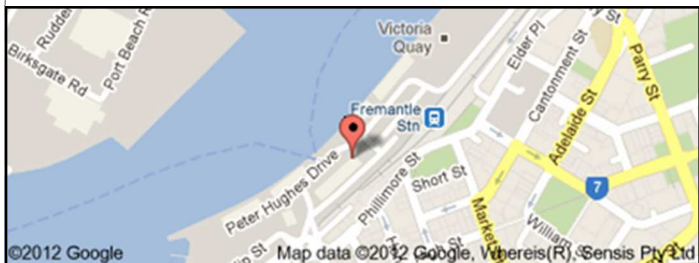
**Note: Next meeting, Wed 11th**  
**March 2015**

**Plods and Saturday morning coffee**

Wednesday morning Plods have reverted back to South Beach for a 9:30am start as previously.

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

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



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## **Esperance Stonehenge & Albany 4 day Ride (Update)**

### **The Plan so far!!**

#### **PERTH to ESPERANCE**

##### **Friday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**

7.30am sharp!

Depart Karragullen Service Station Brookton Hwy corner Canning Mills Rd

##### **Accommodation**

Esperance Motor Hotel – 9071-1555 – ask for Rae and mention Ulysses Group

\$100 for twin room

Book ASAP as this is the beginning of their busy season

Other Motels are also available in town to suit your personal preference

Budget accommodation is also available at the Pink Lake Caravan Park

9071-2424

##### **Saturday Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

###### **MORNING**

Own choice

Half day Island Cruise – 9071-5757 [www.woodyisland.com.au](http://www.woodyisland.com.au)

Wild Flower Tour – 0427-536-674

###### **AFTERNOON**

1pm – ride to Pink Lake

3pm Ride to Stonehenge – sunset watch – BYO drinks and nibbles

Dinner with Local Ulysses Members

#### **ESPERANCE to ALBANY**

##### **Sunday Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**

Ride to Albany via Ongerup and Stirling and Porongurup Ranges

##### **Accommodation - Albany**

Sleepwell Motel (formerly Metro Inn) 270 Albany Hwy

9841-7399

\$85 per twin/double – ask for Aga and mention Ulysses Group

Dinner at Earl of Spencer with local Ulysses members

#### **ALBANY to PERTH**

##### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Return to Perth via back roads - Darkan Quindanning etc.

Lunch probably at Quindanning pub if open

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**Jurien Bay Blessing of the Fleet**  
**(Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015)**

32 beds in three cottages have been put on hold for Ulyssians for 2015

Dinner will be a barbeque with salads and desserts provided at cost.

Money will be collected on prior to meal.

Sunday breakfast will be DIY.

Three cottages have been booked for Ulyssians for Friday and Saturday nights.

If demand warrants Dianne will hold a further cottage or two for Ulysses members.

A deposit will be required to hold a booking for you as this is a busy weekend with the Blessing of the fleet on Saturday morning 7<sup>th</sup> November at 11am and fireworks at night after sunset.

Any rooms not confirmed by August/ September will have to be released for other people so get in now while beds are available.

**WHAT TO DO**

- ◆ Mark dates in your calendar
- ◆ Phone Dianne at Apex on 9652-1010 and book your bed for one or two nights
- ◆ Pay deposit
- ◆ Volunteer for a job as below

**I NEED**

- ◆ Ride leader for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> for early birds
- ◆ Ride leader for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Event Treasurer to collect food money on the day
- ◆ Three TONGMASTERS to cook the barbeque on Saturday night
- ◆ A few assistants to help prepare the salads on Saturday afternoon
- ◆ Slaves to wash up after the meal

Details on the program for the blessing of the fleet will be forwarded when available.

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RAISING FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH

# RIDE FOR A CURE



# POKER RUN



**SATURDAY 18th APRIL 2015**

**Departs** from Stockman's Rest Café

1409 Karnup Road, Serpentine

**REGISTRATION:** 9.00am to 10.00am

**RIDE DEPARTS 10.15am – INCLUDES LUNCH**

This "Ride For A Cure" will travel via Pinjarra, Dwellingup for a break stop, Marradong, Boddington for lunch, back onto the Albany Highway to Williams and finally finishing in Quindanning at Ye Olde Quindanning Inn where good times are had by the river with our hosts George & Neta Lavender. This event will raise much needed funds for research into this life threatening disease. The most common affecting our children today.

**EVERY 4 DAYS A CHILD IS BORN WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS.** We need your help! *"Together We Can & Together We Will"* Don't miss out on the fun planned for the evening with live entertainment. Accommodation is available at the inn but book early. Contact Neta on (08) 9885 7053.

Contact Teresa on 0407 433 321 or Email [cf.cure@hotmail.com](mailto:cf.cure@hotmail.com)



Following the enormous success of last year's Inaugural "Weekend To End Women's Cancers Walk" Fremantle Branch have been asked to provide the Moto-Crew team again in 2015.

The event has been pushed back a few weeks this year in the hope of getting some cooler weather and will be held on: **March 28 and 29**

If you were involved last year you'll know how much FUN the event was and how worthwhile a cause this is. If you weren't involved - just ask some one who was!!

**We assisted 845 walkers to safely raise \$2,200,000!**

Ron Spencer will co-ordinate again this year and now is the time for everyone in the Branch to put up their hand for either of the days. (both if you can manage it)

This is an excellent opportunity for us to promote our Club and Branch in the community. Please lock the dates away in your calendar and email me by return with your nomination. Ideally I need 2 people for each intersection that we will be assigned so if you have a regular pillion please encourage him/her to participate also.

Those of you involved with last year's event will remember that there is a considerable amount of planning and organising involved so I need to get participant names and details locked away as soon as possible.

Please register by email to Ron at [webmaster@ulyssesfremantle.com](mailto:webmaster@ulyssesfremantle.com) with the following information:

Rider Name:  
Rider Email:  
Rider Mobile:  
Pillion Name:  
Pillion Email:  
Pillion Mobile:

Vehicle: Bike, Trike or Car.  
Will attend Saturday 28th:  
Will attend Sunday 29th:

Can be available on Friday 27th from 5pm to help collect equipment (shirts, name tags etc.?)

Note: Confirmation of email address and mobile numbers for rider and pillion is important for our safety and communications on the day.



(Excerpt from Cycle World)

## HARLEY-DAVIDSON BREAKOUT VS. VICTORY JACKPOT VS. STAR RAIDER – COMPARISON TEST

A case study in cool.

December 2, 2013 By [Jamie Elvidge](#)

Photographer : Barry Hathaway



*The Wild One* may have brought fame to Hollister, California, but it was the biker flick *The Wild Angels* that put Mecca on the map. You've heard of it, right? Dusty agricultural town in Southern California? Lots of taco stands and liquor stores; snarling feral dogs and freight trains that don't slow down?

Didn't think so. But it was the town that began Peter Fonda's outlaw-biker-movie bender, his first turn in the saddle as a storybook Hells Angel member sniffing for boobs and booze-fuelled brawls years before he and Hopper became *Easy Rider*. In *The Wild Angels*, Fonda and his gang of villainous bikers ride to Mecca, to recover a member's stolen chopper. Chaos ensues.

When we rode our modern-day chopperesque cruisers into Mecca 40-some years later, the only chaos involved a beergarita spill at the cantina. But we did turn a lot of heads, mostly because the bikes we were riding create a stir without even trying. Choppers and their modern-day reiterations are primarily intended to make an Impression, right? They're about a feeling.

A stance. Style.

Only three large-displacement bikes in today's market vie for top chopper: the [Star](#) Raider, Victory Jackpot and [Harley-Davidson](#) Breakout. All are long, lean, mean, as required. The Raider came along first, in 2008. Big engine from the Roadliner, very performance-inspired. The [Victory](#) next, in 2009, during the company's fat-tire phase. And just last year, Harley broke out the Gasser drag era-inspired Breakout.





## Harley-Davidson Breakout

### UPS

- It's a Harley
- Oozes cool
- Glorious fit and finish

### DOWNNS

- Least cornering clearance
- Weak in the mill
- Bit of a reach to the bar

We could say the Star's styling is a love/hate thing, but we have yet to find a single person who loves it. The bike is over-embellished to the point of looking garish. Way too many swoops and pointy bits, and bright red paint that draws the eye like hooker nails (there is an extra-cost S version with blue paint and additional chrome, and a black SCL version with a leather seat and braided cables and hoses).

Interestingly, the Raider feels like the bike that should win virtually every performance test in this comparison. But it didn't. It also sounds the best; throaty and fast. Despite having only five gears, the Star's transmission is preferable to the Harley and Victory six-speeds for its easy, definitive, quiet shifts. Gear spacing is excellent, so much so that my co-testers never mentioned the missing sixth on the Star. The Breakout's and Jackpot's shifts feel industrial: loud and coarse, with the Victory, especially, requiring excessive shift force in the bottom gears.

Our ride to Mecca involved some mountain crossings and winding roads. This is not, of course, the intended proving ground for choppers, and we weren't expecting much. So, we were giddy about how much fun we had, especially during our turns on the Raider. By all counts, the Star is a terrific cruiser for back-road runs, and even with its lazy 39 degrees of total rake (33 degrees at the head plus a 6-degree yoke angle) and 18-inch, 210-series rear and 21-inch front, testers used words like "nimble," "stable," "well-behaved" to describe the Raider's cornering manners. Best of all, there's ample cornering clearance, allowing you to really lay it in, and plush-for-the-class suspension (5.1 inches up front, and 3.5 out back) to iron out irregularities.



## Victory Jackpot

### UPS

- Sleek styling
- Comfy ergos
- Nice power

### DOWNS

- Too sleek to be badass
- Stiff shifts
- Gearbox noise

As expected with that gargantuan 250mm rear tire, the Jackpot needs a little coaxing in and out of corners, though it did offer more lean angle than we expected. Suspension travel numbers are comparable to the Raider's, but the ride isn't as plush, especially in the rear. The single 300mm floating rotor with four-piston caliper does only an adequate job slowing that gorgeous, black 21-inch Stingray wheel, while the same-size rear rotor, which uses a two-piston caliper, is prone to lockup with the slightest overuse application. The Raider sports dual 298mm discs up front, and a single 310 on the rear that combine for controllable, balanced stopping power.

Thank you [Yamaha](#), for not knowing how to dumb-down a motorcycle. Oh, but wait, I forgot this isn't an aptitude test, it's a beauty contest.

The Harley Breakout looks really good though it doesn't handle quite as well as the others, making it the short straw for riding in the mountains and canyons where no one could see us. Transitioning through corners smoothly wasn't easy, with the Harley's steering, especially at slow speeds, feeling heavier than the others, so much so that one tester likened the front end to an anvil. Cornering clearance is also noticeably limited compared to the other machines, and suspension travel slightly shorter and less compliant. For 2014, the Breakout comes standard with ABS, which is cool, making it the only chopper here to use advanced safety equipment.

All the bikes pump out fun, off-the-line torque, with the Star's 113 cubic-incher only slightly out-grunting the Victory's impressive Freedom 106/6, which on the dyno delivers the best top-end punch. The Harley's Twin Cam 103B feels neutered by comparison. One fine day, Harley will pack all models with something more potent, even if it's just the new re-cammed, high-output 103, but until then, you have to admire that while the Breakout is the least mechanically gifted machine of the bunch, it was everyone's favorite bike in this comparison, and therefore, technically, the winner.



## Star Raider

### UPS

- Very fun to ride
- Awesome drivetrain
- Bargain of the bunch

### DOWNNS

- Overstyled
- Not a Harley
- Or is that an up?

That's right. Sometimes—maybe every time when it comes to choppers—looks can be more important than performance. The Victory is a stunning motorcycle, but there's something about the sleekness, the perfect jigsaw mating of elements (tank to seat, for example), that make it feel too polished in these edgier stylistic times. Plus, that gigantic tire, wrapped so stylishly in that shiny, skirt-like fender reminds us way too much of Kim Kardashian's butt.

The Breakout has the badass chopper-slash-drag bike look nailed. The big Gasser wheels, the chopped rear and barely there front fenders, the drag bar, the staggered exhaust, and sculpted seat combine for a sexy, muscular profile. Gorgeous paint and near flawless fit and finish seal the deal.

The only thing that might trump appearance when it comes to choppers is feel. Like, how cool do I feel going down the road. Again, Harley has this dialed. The drag bar is a bit of a reach, but it brings you right into Peter Fonda posture. We were all most comfortable on the Victory with its wide swept-back bar, slightly more neutral footpeg placement and supportive seat, especially at freeway speeds. But again, we were riding to Mecca. On choppers. Feeling pampered isn't part of that kind of cool.

But then, in this game, cool comes at a cost. The Harley, with standard ABS, is by far the most expensive of the bunch: \$18,899 in this Amber Whiskey hue; nearly \$3000 more than the Victory and \$4000 more than the Star. Ouch. If you like the look, the Jackpot is certainly a great value. And the Raider? That's one double-bagger of a motorcycle, but it is clearly the most fun to ride.

What would *The Wild Angels* do? They'd get loaded, of course, steal the Harley and burn the other two.

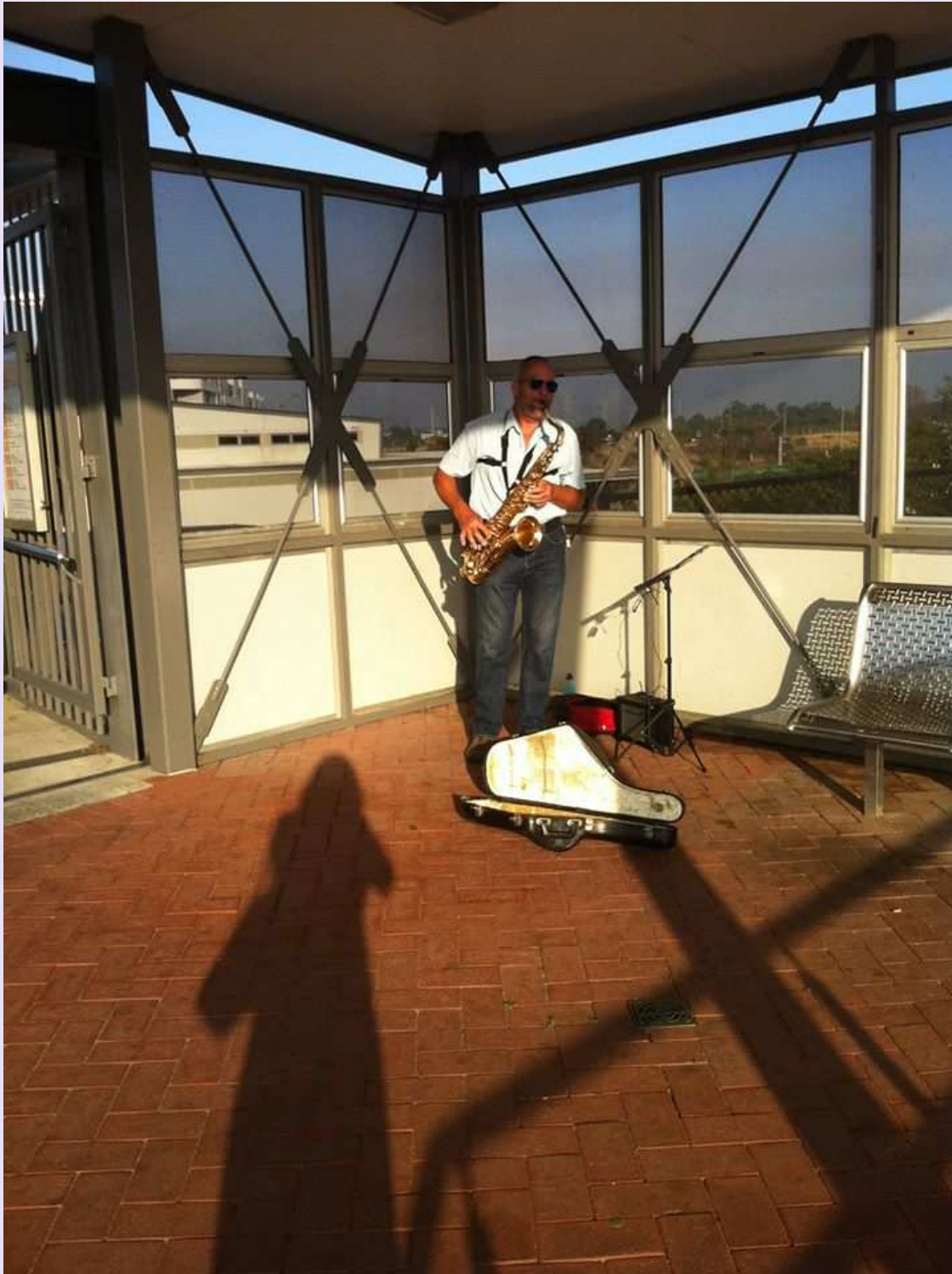


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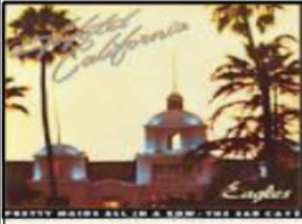
	Harley-Davidson Breakout	Victory Jackpot	Star Raider
PRICE	\$18,899	\$15,999	\$14,990
DRY WEIGHT	680 lb.	661 lb.	719 lb.
WHEELBASE	67.7 in.	66.7 in.	70.7 in.
SEAT HEIGHT	26.1 in.	27.5 in.	26.6 in.
FUEL MILEAGE	38 mpg	38 mpg	32 mpg
0-60 MPH	4.7 sec.	3.7 sec.	3.7 sec.
1/4 MILE	13.49 sec. @ 96.64 mph	12.43 sec. @ 104.75 mph	12.49 sec. @ 103.95 mph
HORSEPOWER	67.6 hp @ 5,120 rpm	86.7 hp @ 4,980 rpm	84.0 hp @ 4,460 rpm
TORQUE	86.8 lb.-ft. @ 2,900 rpm	101.6 lb.-ft. @ 3,010 rpm	109.7 lb.-ft. @ 2,420 rpm
TOP SPEED	114 mph	122 mph	116 mph



## Who is this Star?



*It is understood that this talent will be gobbled up the Hollywood Stage and Screen very soon. Appreciate him in the flesh while you still can.*



**You're invited to the**



## **"An Evening at the Hotel California" party**

*All money raised on the night will go to the Princess Margaret Hospital  
Foundation*

**When:** Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Time:** 7:00pm to very late.

**Cost:** \$10pp

**Entry:** Tickets at the door

**Venue:** Kay & Steve Zaretsky's  
81 Wolfe Rd, Banjup

**Live music:** The band Dreamin' (8 - late)  
will be here again to dance the night away

**BYO:** drinks, nibbles and a glass

Coffee and tea available for a gold coin donation.

Chairs will be available, but please bring one along for if required.

**RSVP:** Steve 0457036085  
Kaylene 0457036094 or  
[kaylenesteve@gmail.com](mailto:kaylenesteve@gmail.com)



### Australia Day at the Collins' abode



The Host and the President take a well-earned dip



The Host



Some of the guests who did and did not swim including myself

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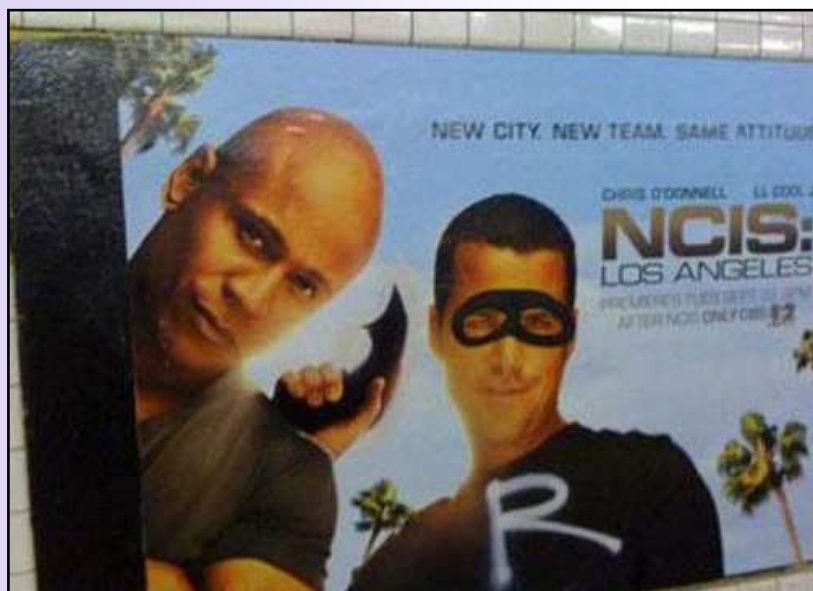
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## SOME LIGHT HUMOUR



“I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?”





## **~ ~ ~ Off To The Pharmacy ~ ~ ~**

One day an old man goes into a pharmacy, reaches into his pocket and takes out a small bottle and a teaspoon laying it on the counter.

He asking the pharmacists, "Could you taste this for me, please".

Being a senior citizen, the pharmacists went along, taking the spoon with a tiny dab of the liquid, puts it in his mouth swills the liquid around and with a grimacing look spits it out in a cup.

"Now does that taste sweet to you." says the old man?

The pharmacists said to the old man. "Hell no!"

Oh that's a relief", say the old man, "The doctor told me to come here and get my urine tested for sugar".

