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Hi Everyone,

Another month has flown by and we have had some beautiful riding weather.

Eileen lead the way to the Waroona Car Show, I went to Gingin the long way, Gary Phillips took us to Logue Brook Dam's great little Cafe, Geoff & Jill Ball started at the front for a change, on the road to the Moondyne Festival in Toodyay and Mick Katarski did the Mother's Day Ride via West Talbot Rd to Beverly. It has been great to see the rides getting some good numbers attending.

The Polo shirts have been delivered and the Committee were very happy with the quality of them. They look great. We will be dispatched during the Social Meeting on Wednesday night to those that ordered them. Anyone that can't be there we will try and make other arrangements for you to pick them up.

It is your last chance to get your nominations for the Committee in. All the positions come vacant, so have a think about who you would like on the Committee or if you think you could do a good job get yourself nominated. Nominations need to be lodged by the May social meeting for AGM in June. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Downloads page on website, I will print some out for the social meeting too.

The Wongan Hills Weekend on the June long weekend is being well supported, with our 25 rider's target being met. There are riders from Joondalup, Armidale and Mandurah Murray joining us for the ride too so it should be a great time. The ride will leave from Gateways on Saturday morning at 9.00 with a drive by Karragullen pickup. Morning tea will be in Gidgegannup to meet up with the Joondalup riders. Lunch will either be Goomalling (if the Café is open) or Wongan Hills. An afternoon of Pool & Darts with some locals in the Pub, then a Saturday night dinner. Sunday a (greasy) Breakfast with a ride to New Norcia for lunch before everyone heads home.

Tony Collins asked me to remind everyone about the Esperance ride 4th-7th September. If you have not booked your accommodation for Esperance & Albany you need to do that soon.

Esperance Motor Hotel – 9071-1555 – ask for Rae and mention Ulysses Group \$100 for twin room.

Sleepwell Motel (formerly Metro Inn) 270 Albany Hwy 9841-7399. \$85 per twin/double – ask for Aga and mention Ulysses Group

Also the Jurien weekend on November 7th accommodation needs to be booked if you are attending that. Three cottages have been put aside for Ulyssians phone Apex on 9652-1010 and Dianne will allocate your choice of bed.

There are some good rides coming up so get out there and enjoy the roads.

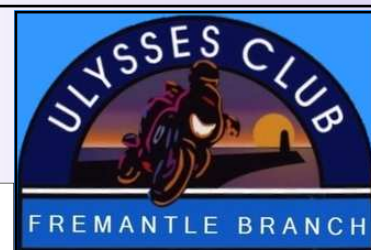
That's it for now.

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

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2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT SWAN YACHT
CLUB.

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

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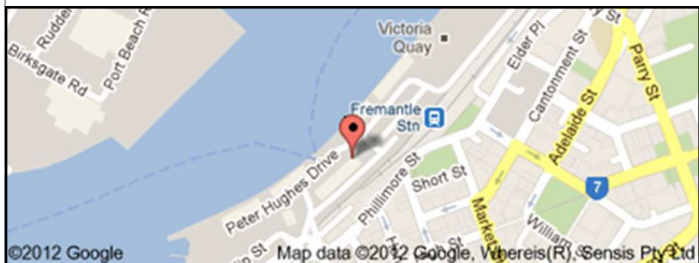
Note: Next meeting, Wed 10th
June 2015

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 4th 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 5th

MORNING

Own choice

Half day Island Cruise – 9071-5757 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 6th

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 7th 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 6th and Saturday 7th 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 7th 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 6th for early birds
- ◆ Ride leader for Saturday 7th
- ◆ 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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Hercules W2000 and Suzuki RE5—Short History of Wankel-Powered Motorcycles

By Scott A. Williams

(Photos by Scott A. Williams and Ron Schavrien)

March 4, 2015



The rotor in the Hercules is situated laterally (across the frame) whereas on the Suzuki the rotor is positioned longitudinally. Each bike's single-rotor engine has one spark plug. The RE5's plug is used in no other engine.

In March 1972, *Cycle Guide* suggested it was “inevitable that the Wankel rotary engine will shortly invade the 2-wheel domain...and they just might take it by storm.” That storm never happened, even though rotary engines would seem good candidates for motorcycles. They're compact, make good power for their weight and have just two moving parts, the rotor and the crankshaft.

In the 1970s, manufacturers such as Hercules, Norton, Suzuki and Van Veen offered a few rotary-powered motorcycles to the public. First to market was Hercules with its 1975 W2000. Next, and first among major motorcycle companies, was Suzuki with its 1975 RE5.



Owner Ron Schavrien rides his 1975 Suzuki RE5.

Both the W2000 and RE5 employ a single, three-faced rotor that spins like a Spirograph about an eccentric crankshaft inside the bore (rotor housing). All four engine cycles—intake, compression, ignition and exhaust—occur simultaneously, resulting in smooth power delivery and substantially more heat than is created by a piston engine of similar displacement. Both bikes have a disc brake in front and a drum in the rear, as well as electric and kick start, but many differences make the two distinct.

The Hercules is an exercise in simplicity, with clean, spare design that projects industrial efficiency. It's light and narrow. The air-cooled engine features finned casings, a cast aluminium fan driven off the crankshaft, and 1-into-2 exhaust that increases the pipes' surface area to help cool the exhaust.



Ron Schavrien's Hercules W2000 is now on display in the Winner's Circle Concourse at the Motorcyclepedia Museum in Newburgh, New York.

In contrast, Suzuki threw all the technology it could muster at the RE5, including liquid cooling, oil cooling, ram-air intakes to cool 1-into-2 twin-shell exhaust pipes, two-stage carburetion, dual-point ignition and even a spin-on oil filter. Five separate fluid tanks contain gasoline, coolant, engine oil, transmission oil and injection oil. Cycle (August 1975) described Suzuki's Wankel engine as "pleasantly simple in the abstract and astonishingly complex in reality."

Ron Schavrien, a paramedic from Millville, Massachusetts, owns a 1976 Hercules W2000 and a 1975 Suzuki RE5. They're part of his collection of "orphan bikes" that he describes as innovative but not commercially successful.



The 1976 Hercules W2000's 6,500 rpm redline arrived quickly. The speedo's 120mph top speed was wishful thinking.

His W2000 is 100-percent original unrestored. Most of the 1,784 W2000 models built were gas/oil premix models, but 199 were built with oil-injection, including this example. It's also the only W2000 that had its motor and transmission factory polished, because this bike was displayed at Sachs's headquarters. The bike has been judged by the Antique Motorcycle Club and won Winner's Circle honors. The RE5 is complete but not 100-percent correct, as the previous owner had the directional housings chromed. Both bikes are registered and Schavrien rides them. He offered your humble scribe the opportunity to take each for a spin (that's rotary engine humor).

The W2000's Sachs-built Wankel engine fired up with a bit of smoke and a sound unlike any motor cycle I've heard—nasal and raw, like two-stroke meets four-stroke without the power pulses of a piston engine.

I pulled the bike upright and the side-stand retracted automatically—a nifty feature that also made it tricky to make the stand stay down. There were some unusual controls, including turn signals on the right handlebar positioned beyond the reach of my thumb. Rather than take my hand off the throttle before each turn, I used hand signals. The throttle grip was oval, not round, a feature specific to the 1976 model.

On the road, acceleration was smooth, linear...and slow. Sachs designed this small-displacement, air-cooled rotary engine for constant-speed industrial and agricultural applications, so leisurely time to speed was no surprise. The 6,500 rpm redline arrived quickly, but the 6-speed transmission made the most of available output. The bike corners like a lightweight, although there's little torque for powering out of turns. The motor hums out enough power for highway speed, and with little mass to slow, the brakes work well.

On the RE5, everything felt bigger, taller, wider and heavier. The massive radiator hinted at the cooling required by the 497cc Wankel. The cylindrical gauge cluster had an integrated visor to protect the gauges while the bike was parked. When the ignition key was turned to ON, the visor slid up to give the rider a clean view of the gauges, which included a temperature gauge, lights for low fuel and low injection oil, and a digital gear position indicator.

The tail light carried on the cylindrical design theme. In the cockpit, rider controls were right where you'd expect to find them on a Japanese motorcycle.

On the road, the RE5's power advantage was instantly clear, with much stronger acceleration.



Distinctive Suzuki RE5 gauge cluster cover pops open when the key is turned to ON. Note the digital gear position indicator.

The exhaust note was deeper than the W2000, but still raspy and boisterous. Power peaked well before redline and then plummeted, so short shifting aided acceleration. Suzuki marketed the RE5 as a tourer and it felt happier at speed than the Hercules.

Riding each bike was fun in its own way, and the looks on people's faces ("What the....") as we hummed past enhanced the experience. As a fan of simple-is-good design, I'd likely choose the Hercules if adding a rotary-powered bike to my stable. This particular W2000, however, won't qualify for that honor. Schavrien's 1976 Hercules W2000 is now on display at the Motorcycle Museum in Newburgh, New York. It's not every day you get to ride a museum piece.



1976 Hercules W2000 (left) and 1975 Suzuki RE5 (right).

(This article **Hercules W2000 and Suzuki RE5: Two takes from the short-lived history of Wankel-powered motorcycles** was published in the March 2015 issue of *Rider* magazine.)

1976 Hercules W20001976 Hercules W2000

Country: West Germany
Production: Model years 1975-76
Engine Type: Single disc Wankel 4-stroke
Displacement: 294cc
Power: 27hp @ 6,000 rpm (claimed)
Compression: 8.5:1
Valves: None
Cooling: Air-cooling by draught and blower
Carburetion: Single Bing 32mm carburetor
Starting: Electric starter and kick-start
Transmission: 6-speed
Dry Weight: 381 lbs. (claimed)
Cost: \$1,900 new in 1976

1975 Suzuki RE51975 Suzuki RE5

Country: Japan
Production: Model years 1975-76
Engine Type: Single disc Wankel 4-stroke
Displacement: 497cc
Power: 62 hp @ 6,500 rpm (claimed)
Compression: 9.4:1
Valves: None
Cooling: Liquid cooled, oil cooled, air-cooled exhaust
Carburetion: Two stage, two barrel 18-32mm Mikuni
Starting: Electric starter and kick-start
Transmission: 5-speed
Dry Weight: 507 lbs. (claimed)
Cost: \$2,475 new in 1975

Message for those intending to attend the Ulysses Club 2016 AGM in Launceston Tasmania.



Thank you for registering your interest to travel with Spirit of Tasmania to the Ulysses Club 2016 AGM in Launceston.

Spirit of Tasmania departs from Port Melbourne, Victoria arriving in Devonport, Tasmania a short 50 minutes from Launceston.

Our inventory is now open to book your travel to and from Tasmania for travel dates between 15 January 2015 and 31 March 2015 inclusive.

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1. *The Earth Generates \$72 Trillion of Goods and Services Each Year*

When we look at Earth facts, we look at the planet we call home. The incredible natural resources and the ingenuity of the people that live on Earth combine to make an impressive output of goods and services that are traded to sustain, inform and entertain.

The sheer scale of the world economy is mind-boggling. Earth facts teach us that each year, humankind produces \$72 trillion worth of goods and services.

Whether these are tangible goods or not, we're using the natural resources of the Earth to produce them. After all, everyone is breathing the Earth's atmosphere!

When we examine historical Earth facts, we see that the production of goods and services across the world really took off about 200 years ago with the dawn of the Industrial Age.

Humankind has gotten really good at exploiting the many materials the Earth has to offer, including forging metals mined from the surface at extreme temperatures that are as hot as lava from a volcano.

2. *The Word 'Earth' Has Been on Earth for 7,000 Years*

Looking at Earth facts about the word *Earth*, we learn that not everyone agrees whether the word should be capitalized. Originally, the word earth wasn't capitalized. Once the word Earth began to be used in scientific circles, it started to be capitalized when compared to other planets, such as Mars, Neptune and Jupiter.

Following the historical Earth facts about the *etymology* of the word Earth, we see that it comes from Old English, which is one of the Germanic languages. The form is found even earlier in proto-Germanic as something like *erde*.

Digging deeper into historical Earth facts, we find that the proto-Germanic word dates back to the time of the *Proto-Indo Europeans*. This early culture dates from some time around 5000 BCE.

Linguists have revealed Earth facts about the origin of the word, and it was likely pronounced something more like *h'er*. The word changed over time until it became the word that we pronounce as *earth* today. These Earth facts are great fun facts about Earth for kids because it shows how language can change over thousands of years.

3. *The Earth Isn't a Perfect Sphere – It Has a 27 Mile Tall Bulge at Its Belly*

We don't need Earth facts to tell us that it's not polite to talk about your mother's weight. Many people call Earth *Mother Earth* because the planet sustains all life as we know it. In the same way a mother feeds and protects her children, Earth feeds and protects all of humanity.

Earth facts regarding the shape of Earth show that our planet is not a perfect sphere. There is a bulge around the center of the Earth. This is what's considered an oblate spheroid; it's like a squashed ball.

This bulge around the center of the Earth means the diameter at the equator is 43 kilometers, or 27 miles, larger than the diameter going top to bottom or from the North Pole to the South Pole.

4. The Earth Is 32.1% Iron and 30.1% Oxygen

When we examine geological Earth facts we find that the Earth is made up of a handful of elements and a sprinkling of trace elements. The Earth is the densest planet of the solar system. Let's take a look at some fun Earth facts about the elements that make up the Earth.

The Earth is strong! Earth facts tell us that it is 32.1% iron. Surprisingly, oxygen accounts for 30.1%. This is due to the number of oxides that make up the Earth. Silicon, which makes computer chips, makes up 60.2% of the Earth's crust and 15.1% of the total elements in the Earth.

Magnesium makes up 13.9% of the Earth, sulphur makes up 2.9%, and nickel and calcium both account for over 1.5% of the Earth. Aluminium makes up 1.4% of the Earth and the remaining metals account for only 1.2%.

From these facts, it's clear why certain elements are valuable. A metal like gold is only a trace element compared to the mass of the Earth. Looking at the distribution of elements in the Earth, Earth facts show that nearly 90% of all iron on Earth is in the core.

5. The Centre of the Earth, at 10,380 °F, Is as Hot as the Sun

Earth facts tell us about the shocking conditions at the Earth's core. *Geothermal* power is produced by the radiant energy coming from the Earth's core. This radiant energy is what heats volcanoes and powers the movement of the continents on Earth through a system known as *plate tectonics*.

When scientists look at what causes this heat, it appears that 20% of the heat is still the Earth *cooling off* from when all the rocks slammed together to form the planet in the early solar system. Another 80% of this heat occurs in the form of radioactive decay.

According to Earth facts, radioactive potassium, uranium and thorium are all present in the Earth's core, and are giving off a lot of heat. So much heat, in fact, that the temperature of the Earth's core is as hot as the surface of the sun, at more than 10,000 °F!

Based on the fact that much of this heat energy comes from radioactive decay, it's likely that when the Earth formed, before the half-life of many isotopes had been reached, the Earth might have been putting out twice as much energy from the core.

6. If The Earth Was Smooth, A 1.5 Mile Deep Ocean Would Cover the World

While we might think that Earth facts would teach us about the different oceans on Earth, the truth is, there is actually only one ocean on Earth. The names for the different oceans on Earth are really man-made constructs, just like the borders between countries.

All of the Earth's oceans connect to form one large ocean that covers over 70% of the Earth's surface. There's a lot more water than land on the surface of the Earth. While the oceans only cover the surface of the Earth, they account for 1/4400 of the mass of the Earth.

There is a lot of water in the Earth's ocean. If the Earth was totally smooth, with no mountains, or valleys on land, or underwater, the result would be a 2.7 kilometre, or 1.5 mile, deep ocean that covered the entire surface of the Earth.

7. It's Hard to Tell Where Earth's Atmosphere Ends and Space Begins

Another of the surprising Earth facts is that there is no clear boundary between the Earth's atmosphere and outer space. While we typically think of the Earth as this perfect sphere, we already know from our Earth facts that it's more like a squashed ball.

Looking at the edge of the atmosphere, Earth facts become a little blurry. The atmosphere slowly becomes thinner and thinner until it fades into outer space. There's no clear line or sign that says *welcome to outer space*.

The atmosphere of Earth is one of the unique features that allows such an amazing array of life forms to exist on the planet. The atmosphere, in conjunction with the *magnetosphere*, protects us and the other forms of life on Earth from some of the most harmful energy that's produced by the Sun.

8. Going as Fast as the Earth You Could Reach the Moon in 3.5 Hours

Earth facts about speed are blazing fast facts. The speed at which the Earth orbits the Sun is over 100,000 kilometers per hour, or over 66,000 miles per hour!

Moving at that speed, you could reach the moon in 3.5 hours, and you could travel the whole way around the Earth in about seven minutes.

When we look at Earth facts about how fast the Earth rotates, we find that it's spinning fast, too. The Earth is spinning at 1,675 kilometers per hour, or over 1,040 miles per hour!

Because the Earth is spinning so fast, at the equator, the centrifugal force caused by the Earth spinning pushes against the gravity pulling objects towards the Earth. Someone who weighs 150.8 lbs. at the North Pole would only weigh 150 lbs. at the equator.

When someone tells you that life moves slow, tell them some of these Earth facts and they might think we're all living life in the fast lane!

9. When the Earth Was Formed, a Day Was Only 5.5 Hours Long

We already know from our Earth facts that the Earth is spinning fast. It's shocking to learn that the Earth, spinning at over 1,000 miles per hour, is actually slowing down.

The cause of the slowdown is the moon! One of the most surprising Earth facts is that the moon has such a big impact on the Earth. The friction caused by the Moon and other objects, such as other planets, pulls on the Earth and slows it down.

This is a good thing, when you consider each year the length of a day gets a little longer. Based on the rate that the Earth is slowing down, when the moon first formed billions of years ago, the Earth was rotating so fast, that a day was only 5.5 hours long. That must have made for some fast sunsets!

10. 77% of the Earth's Population Lives in the Northeastern Quadrasphere

First let's look at the Earth facts that tell us what a *quadrasphere* is. The Earth is typically divided into Northern and Southern or Eastern and Western hemispheres. Well, the name given to the northern part of the Eastern hemisphere or the western part of the Northern hemisphere is a quadra sphere, which is one half the size of a hemisphere.

Earth facts teach us that 90% of Earth's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere. Going by the most recent counts, we also find that 86% of the Earth's population lives in the Eastern Hemisphere. Putting these two facts together, we find that 77.4% of the people that live on Earth live in the North-eastern quadra sphere, or the northern part of the Eastern hemisphere.

Interesting Facts about Earth Summary

Earth facts teach us about the amazing planet that we call home. This fast moving planet is spinning at over 1,000 miles per hour and the temperature at its core is over 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit!

Many people call Earth *Mother Earth*, and the planet's unique atmosphere protects and sustains life in conjunction with the magnetosphere and the geological movements of the planet itself.

When Earth was born, it was hotter and was spinning faster. While life may seem like it gets more hectic each year, the Earth is actually cooling down and slowing down. Maybe we should take a lesson from Mother Earth and things would be more peaceful here!

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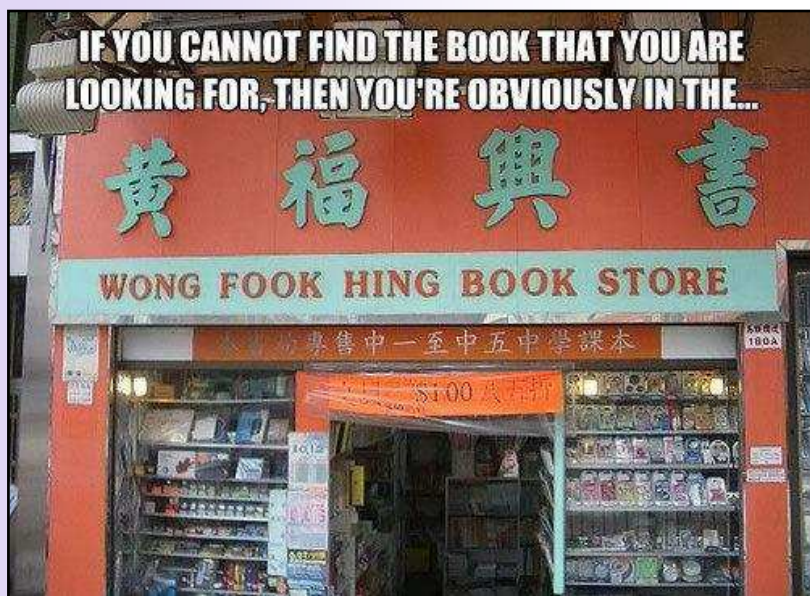
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SOME LIGHT HUMOUR

Men's Helpline

"Hello, my name is Bob. How can I help you?"

"Hi Bob, I really need your advice on a serious problem. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs: If the phone rings and I answer, the caller hangs up. She goes out with 'the girls' a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home, but I usually fall asleep.

Anyway, last night about midnight, I hid in the shed behind the boat. When she came home, she got out of someone's car buttoning her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on.

It was at that moment, crouched behind the boat, that I noticed a hairline crack in the outboard motor mounting bracket.

Is that something I can weld, or do I need to replace the whole bracket?"

Simple Explanation

The Irish mother-in-law arrives home from shopping to find her son-in-law Paddy in a steaming rage and hurriedly packing his suitcase.

"What happened Paddy?" she asks anxiously.

"What happened? I'll tell you what happened. I sent an **E-mail** to my wife (your daughter) telling her I was coming home today from my fishing trip. I get home...and guess what I found? Yes, your daughter, my wife Patricia, naked with Joe Murphy in our marital bed! This is unforgivable, the end of our marriage. I'm done. I'm leaving forever"

"Ah now, calm down, calm down Paddy" says his mother-in-law. "There is something very odd going on here. My daughter would never do such a thing! There must be a simple explanation. I'll go speak to her immediately and find out what happened."

Moments later, the mother-in-law comes back with a big smile. "Paddy, I told you there must be a simple explanation...She never got your E-mail."

