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Director's Report



The year is progressing well with plenty of happy and smiling members.

All our discretionary chapter officers are doing a great job and well done to the men and ladies who are working so hard on your behalf.

I would like to thank all those members who supported Frasers demo day at Nth Narrabeen; it was a great day with all demo rides booked out.

Chapter membership is on the climb which is always a good sign and with a fair portion of our rides now having member participation in the high 40's to 50's our rides are truly becoming a sight to behold.

On Thursday night March 17th Don (Hammer) and I were invited to a directors meeting with a host of other directors from the Sydney region at HD Headquarters Lane Cove. The meeting was chaired by Marie, our NSW State Director and we also had the pleasure of meeting Martin and Gaz, Harley Davidson C.E.Ms who gave us some inside knowledge on how the system works.

We talked for 3 hours on many subjects including L & P riders and how we manage them. Everyone is still waiting enthusiastically for details of the October Harley and open bike weekend which H.D is still working on. H.D. did however confirm that:

- 🏍 The Friday will be the HOG Chapters day with entertainment on the Friday night;
- 🏍 There will be a lucky door prize of a Harley Davidson over the weekend;
- 🏍 They will be distributing pins through the Dealerships that you can purchase that will have a lucky number on the back. You will need to be there on the day with your pin to claim the prize if your number is called out;
- 🏍 The traditional thunder run will be on the Sunday with all bikes eligible to participate. The HOG Chapters will be leading the thunder run.
- 🏍 There is also a new Chapter of the Year award to be given this year so standby for information as it comes to hand.

To close there was one other interesting point made at the meeting and that is there is no such thing as HOG international membership! There is only HOG membership. You will still have to join HOG before you can join a chapter.

Remember we ride to have fun and plenty of it

Ride Safe

Trigger

Assistant Director's Report



Firstly, I would like to welcome everybody to the first newsletter for 2016.

New Charity

It has been a very busy quarter for the chapter which included a decision on which new charity the chapter is going to support. I would like to thank everyone for getting involved in selecting our new charity amongst a large variety of charities suggested. After extensive deliberation by the committee it was decided to draw four charities out of a hat with the first selected to be supported the first year, the second selected to be supported the second year and so on.

Charities were drawn by John Buckeridge & Lesley Newton with the following charities drawn in order of support:

1. White Ribbon Australia (prevention of men's violence against women) which features a White Ribbon Day on Friday 25 Nov;
2. SIDS & KIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) which features a Red Nose Day;
3. CareFlight (emergency helicopter service); and
4. Pink Ribbon (breast cancer research) which features a Pink Ribbon motorcycle Ride Day.

Each Charity will be contacted by Tony (Brick) Bradford at the beginning of each year to introduce ourselves and discuss activities and events that will best suit the charity and our chapter in support of the charity's cause. Typically we promote a charity ride day and we need to start thinking and deciding upon of a ride destination and venue for this year's charity.

As I mentioned at the meetings, Brick needs members to assist him for all the charity related activities and events throughout the year. We have Rob (Cracker) White's hand up already, so please follow Cracker's lead and talk to Brick. Don't wait for Brick to approach you, you approach him or email him on welfareofficer@nswhog.com.au.

Christmas Party 2016

Again thanks to all members for an early decision on the next Christmas Party which will be held at the Mercure Hotel, Parramatta. There will be lawn bowls organised next door to the Mercure Hotel before the evening event for those wanting to participate. Details of the Christmas party will be given later. Helena is in the process of booking the venues for the 19th Nov 2016, so please mark the date on your calendar & keep it free so we all can be at the best Christmas party ever.

Don (Hammer) Christou

Historian's Report Report



Roundy's Classic Motorcycle Photo's



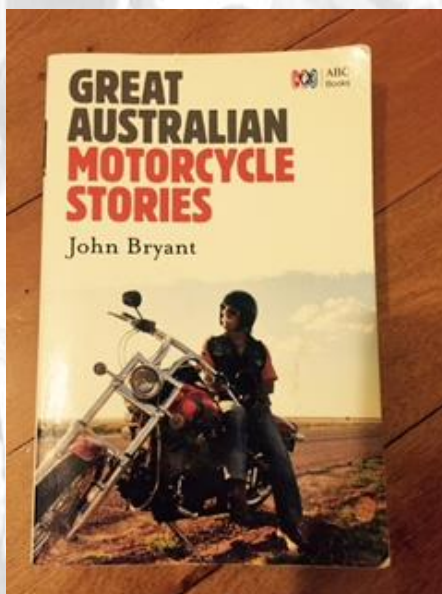
Cappa

Youth Representative's Report



Its great to see more younger ones riding alongside the "oldies" in the chapter and I highly recommend these books to read after a great days ride to inspire you further.

Babycino



Combined Chapter Ride Sy's HD, 2 Jan'16

It was January 2nd and "what a beautiful day" to start our first ride for 2016. Forty bikes left Frasers heading to Sy's Harley Davidson at Campbelltown for our annual Combined HOG Chapters New Year Celebration. The event, which GROOVY would be proud of, was hosted this year by SWS HOG Chapter who arranged great music, great food, monster charity raffles, show' n' shine and much more. The event was organised to simply bring your sense of adventure and to have fun.

In high spirits we all departed Frasers and as lead rider I didn't have a care in the world with Hazza riding Shotgun and Chopper and Ninja as Sweep and Tail-end-Charlie. What could possibly go wrong? If something did go wrong or if I stuffed up, Hazza assured me on our reconnaissance ride that he'd cover me, communicate with me and make me look so good nobody would know otherwise.

Ten miles out I was gutted! Where was Hazza? Not in my mirrors and I couldn't find him anywhere. I felt like Tonto without the Lone Ranger until I noticed Smiddy dropping in to cover the Shotgun position - what a relief ! It turned out that Hazza had a flat tyre and had to stop. Later on I realised I had taken a wrong turn and was not wearing my gloves or jacket - who said I was nervous !

While I aged 10 years during what was a good ride we arrived at Sy's and joined the other HOG Chapters in the festivities and a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Knock Knock winning best Dyna and Pat winning best Tourer in the Show'n'Shine. Credit also to all who helped make the event a great one which for me included meeting lots of people and making new friends. What a successful day!

Joe

Canowindra Ride (Report 1), 16-17 Jan'16

The year kicked off with the chapter's first week-end ride to historic and quirky Canowindra in the central west of NSW. We were hit with heavy rain while riding on the Bells Line of Rd but after stop-offs at Lithgow and O'Connell it was a dry and hot run into Canowindra.

Despite Canowindra's quiet and tranquil nature it welcomed us with a wild west setting made up of a dog legged main street lined with kerbside verandah posts, timber board walks and historic hotels including the Old Vic Inn where most of us stayed.



Time to put our feet up and have a few relaxing, thirst quenching ales, wines and sprits on the hotel's popular verandah overlooking the main street. It wasn't long before everyone started getting into the spirit of the wild west by revealing their arsenal of water rifles, pistols and grenades and yes the shootout at the O.K. Corral was on - thanks to the town's water supply.

No one escaped a soaking and come dusk it was time for a change of clothes to dine and wine in the hotel's ground floor dining room and listen to some snippets of the town's history courtesy of the hotel proprietor. Come dessert time we had the pleasure of company of local stockmen trotting their horses along the hotel boardwalk after a night ride through the local ranges. This capped off the night for most of us cowboys and cowgirls with lights off and deep sleep in those country hotel beds. A remainder however decided to kick on for a while and catch up with the local folk in a pub down the other end of town.



Next morning it was a visit to the local Holden car museum, group photos outside the museum and hotel, a group ride around the town and homeward bound via Orange. Sally and Grum however had to part company at Canowindra to do their reconnaissance for an up and coming Snowy River ride.

A great weekend was had by all and many thanks to Helena, Sparkles and Brook who helped make the ride happen during the pre-Christmas period and last but not least thanks to Gary and Nicole Wallace who originally promoted the ride and who did the reconnaissance with Louise and myself.

Cappa

Canowindra Ride (Report 2), 16-17 Jan'16

Four Seasons in One Ride - Canowindra Weekend

The title certainly sums it up! From freezing rain to scorching heat 35 of us managed to experience it all as we made our way out to Canowindra for what was certainly the best way I could finish my month of leave.

We all started to meet up at Maccas at McGraths Hill from about 0700, or at least that's when Cappa, Louise, Hayley and myself got there. After some catch ups and coffee, oh and a close call with a car.... (seriously who can't see a guy in a bright orange vest)we were all briefed by Cappa and George and headed off.



Cappa led us out through Windsor, past the turf farms and going around Richmond we made our way onto Bells Line of Road. Now being the discerning young Maritime Warfare Officer I am I'd been keeping a close eye on the weather radar. With my predictions of rain being voiced at the pre-ride briefing we made the call not to put on wet weather gear. Well just out of Bilpin my prediction of the chance of isolated showers was becoming quite high. After a bit, Cappa thankfully made the call and we all pulled over to don our wet weather gear. For me that meant just changing my gloves and throwing my bag in the car!

Gingerly setting off we continued on to The Lithgow Tin Shed for morning tea. Unfortunately due to the weather and by the time we got to Lithgow two bikes had already pulled the pin and headed home. After a much needed hot coffee and hot pies we all suited up again and headed to the Shell on the other side of Lithgow. We farewelled the remainder of our Indonesian members and Trav, (who decided to be lame), and we continued on to our lunch stop. Heading out through the back of Bathurst we arrived at the O'Connell Pub just after 1pm for lunch.



During lunch I studied the radar again and came up with a new prediction by which time my name was slowly being changed from Cracker to Radar. I briefed everyone that once we were clear of the mountains the chances of showers was quite low. And to be fair this time I was spot on....

After farewelling Steve and Jane we headed off and with a slight sprinkling the weather started to clear up. The further west towards Canowindra we headed the warmer it got, and by the time we got there most of us were steaming in our gear due to the residual moisture. We all rolled into the main street then round to the back of the Old Vic Inn. Some of us checked in then, while some were lucky enough to drop off their pillions to check in and head off for petrol. We all eventually filled up mainly because the local servo isn't always open on a Sunday....

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Canowindra Ride (Report 2), 16-17 Jan'16

Four Seasons in One Ride - Canowindra Weekend (Cont'd)

After settling in, we set off in search of the best prices on drinks, and after stocking up we took up residence on the balcony of The Old Vic Inn. What was a peaceful afternoon relaxing in the sun soon turned out to be bedlam as Don came running out cackling with a water pistol. Now of course thanks to our brilliant Youth Officer, most of us came prepared! It was all out war, the idea of teams was soon forgotten as it was everyone for themselves! There was a great range of weapons, from tiny little water pistols to the super soakers, there were ice cream buckets and water bombs. After about 45 minutes we decided that everyone was wet enough and the footpath below had been washed enough, we decided to call it a truce. The only targets now were the locals hooning past in utes, all displaying P-Plates as well....

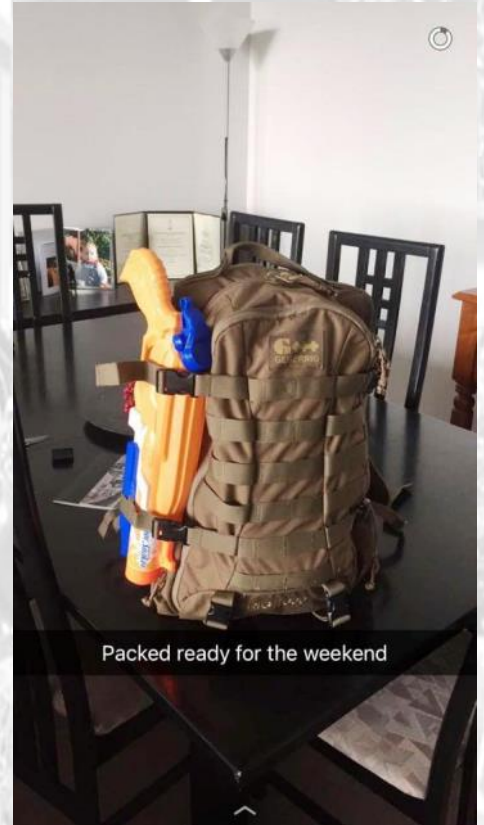
After most of us had showered and made ourselves decent we settled in for dinner. Prior to dinner being served we were treated to a history lesson on the Old Vic Inn and the town of Canowindra, including how to correctly say the name of the place. We settled in



for what was some great food. I had the salmon and it was great, but the real show stopper was the desert! The Sticky Date pudding was amazing and there were no complaints at all from around the dining room! After some colourful dinner conversation, covering all sorts of interesting topics..... including me being volunteered to cook for everyone some day.... we were treated to a show as the local horse club rode through the middle of town!

Once the excitement of the horses had passed some of us younger members, and members who are still young at heart headed to the Royal Hotel, because according to the guy in the bottle shop, it goes off! Well it was certainly a different experience, as we arrived the bar staff were booting a bloke out for starting a fight and throwing a beer bottle! We spent some time observing the locals, with Roundy and Hayley given an ear full by one of them on his involvement in the town which might have been slightly exaggerated....

Waking Sunday morning it was beautiful clear weather, not a cloud in the sky! After breakfast at the Garden Of Roses we had to farewell Don and Sylvia who had to head back early in expectation of a new grand child. We took some photos in front of the Old Vic Inn and then all headed up to the old Canowindra Motors. What used to be the Holden Dealership had now been turned into an amazing museum of Holden motor vehicles. There were some amazing old cars in there including a million dollar 1948 FX Holden which Marcus offered to buy at considerably less. The bargaining ended in a stand off with the price remaining at \$1m.

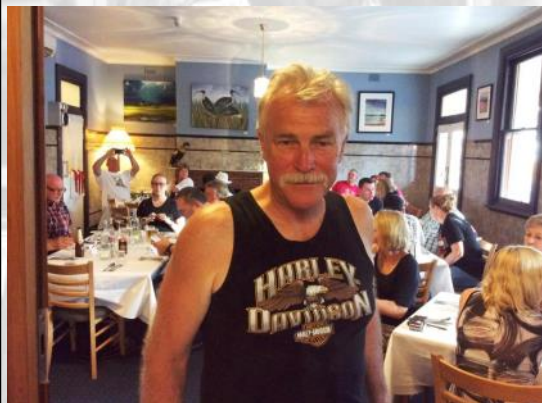


Packed ready for the weekend

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Canowindra Ride (Report 2), 16-17 Jan'16

Four Seasons in One Ride - Canowindra Weekend (Cont'd)



We again took some photos but this time in front of the Holden Museum oh and a quick weather prediction and Radar check. Once that was all done we did a couple of laps of the town, and then started to head back. Passing through Orange we continued onto Lucknow for morning tea at the "2 Fat Ladies" where we had coffee and lollies, so so many lollies. After I stocked up on red frogs we left from there and made our way towards Bathurst. After passing through Bathurst the group got broken up due to the traffic and road works at Kelso. I ended up leading the tail end and I have to say that was the most

I've had to control my temptations in my experience as a rider. All the open road in front of me but as a Trainee RC I had to be responsible for those behind me. Eventually we stopped and re-grouped at the United Servo at Lithgow where we all said farewell and went our separate ways.



It was certainly the most fun I have had in a while and I was glad I got to spend it with some very good friends. Big thanks to Cappa, George and Helena for organising a great weekend away!

Rob (Cracker/AKA Radar) White

Robertson Pie Shop Ride, 31 Jan'2016

'EVERY DAY IS A HARLEY DAY'

Another great turn out for the NSW HOG Chapter and my 1st Lead Ride. I would like to thank everyone for turning up for the ride; a record crowd apparently 59 bikes & 72 members.

What a day, starting off at Gloria Jeans Coffee Shop @ North Strathfield & leaving at 9am. We headed along the M4 to the Northern Road, along the Northern Road to Camden Valley Bypass and finally to our first stop at Picton for coffee & fuel.

Another chat to members about the next leg of the tour, where another 3 bikes joined the adventure. I was sure I heard some members talking about 3 point turns, U turns & roundabouts, so I decided to incorporate these techniques into the next leg to Robertson via two detours. The 1st detour was a great opportunity to practice either 3 point turns or U turns down a 'No Through Road' with no shoulders & a drop of 2 metres into a gully on the right. Everybody survived that exercise. The next detour was perfect practise on roundabouts and passing our own chapter who everybody thought was another chapter and waving accordingly to them not knowing it was actually our own chapter. Well, that summed up the rider training for the day.

Onto Robertson, along Range Road, which was a very picturesque and scenic ride enjoyed by all. Arrived at our destination Robertson Pie Shop and lucky for us we made a call to them prior to leaving Gloria Jeans to confirm our time of arrival and numbers. The owner put on additional staff to cater for the masses and nobody was kept waiting.

Then another gathering for a chat about the return ride home and the drawing of the ride raffle which was fun.

The destination is usually the end of the ride but to my surprise just down the road at the servo were bikes fuelling up which were the majority of the group gathered together to ride home. Sparkles asked if I wanted to lead the ride home....what an honour.

Thanks very much to Sparkles, all the Road Captains and every member that attended to make my 1st ride a very memorable one.

Chop

New Members Ride, 6 Feb'2016

I would like to thank all those that came to the new February 2016 new members ride and especially Don as Shotgun, Cappa as Sweep and Joe as Tail-End-Charlie. With the skies opening up from about 0730-0830 we all arrived at Frasers a little wet and I was a little worried that it would set in, but after checking the radar it was steadily moving to the west. After receiving a text from Rob at Surfside Cafe saying that it was sunshine over there most of my nerves were settled.

After briefings were completed we set off. Heading up the M4 and onto Homebush Bay Drive we managed to miss all the alleged traffic. With a run of green lights the front half of the pack quickly managed to lose the tail. After about 27km on the one road we had what was the second turn!



Heading down Forrest Way we managed to group up again. After heading down Warringah road we turned onto the final street. We were greeted by a reserved car park and a beaming cafe owner!

What an eclectic collection of bikes, There were bike and parts literally hanging from the ceiling! The place was just a big arse man cave with everything, including a barber shop!

After we all got a feed and drinks we grouped up again and headed back to Frasers, with the heavier traffic it took us a little longer, and was more challenging leading every one but we all got back safely.

I would like to thank the 35 people and 27 bikes that came out today. It was certainly a great day for a ride in the end; I told you the radar was going to be clear!

Rob (Cracker/AKA Radar) White

Inter Chapter Bare Foot Bowls, 14 Feb'2016

Not sure what to do on Sundays, well let me tell you if Desal and Grum have something planned, its going to be a great day.

Once again I dusted off the old shovel and took her out for a nice Sunday morning ride to Gladesville. With my wife and son little Jonny travelling in the car behind we arrived at Gladesville Sporties for the Harley and Rose barefoot bowls.

With about 35 people joining together from NSW, Liverpool, Blacktown and Sydney chapters, we rose to the inter-chapter inaugural bowling challenge.

Sporties Club professionals delivered a brief demonstration and we entered into a practise run. Once we quickly got the knack of it we were testing our aim and pitch. Smiddy became a very strong contender, as did Linny with her winning bowling stance. Everyone was taking note (you could smell the fear from the other chapters with this duo in action).

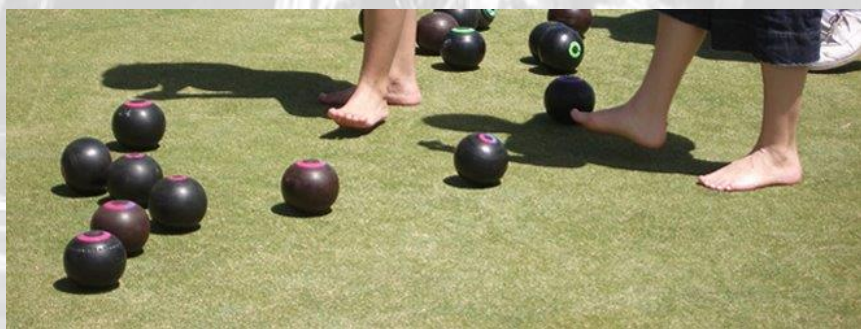
After our initiation round and a few jugs of water we took a break from the midday heat to enjoy some well-earned lunch. The NSW team was selected by Grum, the obvious choice was Smiddy, Linny, my wife Melissa and myself.

We kicked off the challenge with two Sydney teams playing each other and NSW vs Blacktown. This knockout round was a witness to good sportsmanship with teams applauding and encouraging each other, though still being competitive. After a very tight game Blacktown pipped NSW at the post. Now it was down to the finalists, Sydney and Blacktown, to fight for the win.

The heat and humidity was intense, so I decided to show my support from within the comfort of the air conditioned walls of the club (well someone had to do it).

The final results came in: NSW and Sydney tied for third place; Blacktown second place; and Sydney the winners.

Amidst our focus on learning and mastering the fine recreational sport, the club members had the privilege of a vote in our Show and Shine, whilst listening to some familiar tunes from the live music duo, and wine tasting! You couldn't ask for a better day.



I took out second place for the Show and Shine and Jewels from Blacktown won the wine pack from the club raffle.

This was a great day out and it was the best way for all family members to come along and have fun. A great stress release from our stressful weeks and all thanks to Grum and Desal for the day.

Justin (Ninja) Goodall

Taralga Ride, 21 Feb'2016

TARALGA NSW RIDE 21/2/2016

TOTAL DISTANCE 256KLM (490KLMS ROUNDTRIP)

Lead Road Captain: Ralph Garcia

Shotgun Road Captain: Rob Carlson

Tail End Charlie: Tugger

Sweep: Joe Shaw

Some 30 bikes assembled at McDonalds McGraths Hill and even though the morning of the ride looked grey and the skies threatened to rain, it was decided, after much deliberation, to push ahead with the forecast looking better as the day went on.

After the ride briefing members thought it best to put on some wet weather gear in anticipation of some showers. As the group took off and tracked west towards Katoomba via Freemans Reach and Bells Line of Road, light rain and heavy fog fell on the way up the mountain.

Upon reaching Katoomba the group headed down Mt Victoria and onto Browns Gap Road, at this stage the weather cleared and blue skies accompanied us through to Lithgow and our first stop along Magpie Hollows Rd for a fuel stop and a stretch.

After a short break the group formed up and headed towards Oberon passing through the picturesque Lyell Lake and surrounding hills.

A splash and dash was arranged for the small tank bikes at Oberon and we were quickly on our way to Taralga via Shooters Hill.

Just outside Taralga Joe Shaw demonstrated some good riding and quick thinking when a cow decided he wanted to introduce himself to Joe, apart from a probable flat spot and a scare all ended up good. I think everyone thought Joe earned his new nickname on the ride as "RODEO JOE".

A big thank you to Robbo for his support, and to all the Road Captains and the other members who stepped up to help mark corners, and also to our HRC Brook for some guidance and advice. All in all the day went well with everyone enjoying themselves and returning home safe.

Ralph Garcia

LOH Combined Chapter Event, 27 Feb'2016

The Combined LOH Chapter event was held 27th Feb in Batemans Bay and was hosted by the HOG Canberra Chapter with five Chapters attending.

Five of our NSW HOG ladies went to the event together through rain but had a blast, even though Helena copped a bad prawn and was unwell the next day. All had a great day and fun night with Helena battling on.

However the day belonged to Vicki (Vicar) Gersbach by winning the LOH Annual Show'n'Shine with her magnificent white pearl Heritage Softail. And just think Vicar wanted to sell her bike after the first day of riding to Cairns a few years back my how time has marched on.

Congratulations to Vicar who also was presented with a perpetual award that is residing in the HD dealership in Canberra.



Louise

New Members Ride, 5 Mar'2016

Clear skies again and another top roll up for George Cozis and myself to lead the new members ride for March 2016 to a fantastic venue with the best bacon and egg rolls you could ask for. No this is not a free plug for the Estuary Restaurant, Kangaroo Point, Brooklyn but it's a great venue for those wanting to impress their ladies with a waterside location, fine seafood dining and a setting sun.



There was also photos taken of most if not all riders on one of those sweeping bends on the Pacific Highway travelling north courtesy of Netrider.

Many thanks to George riding Shotgun, Ralph riding Sweep and Knock Knock riding Tail-End-Charlie.

Cappa



Black Dog Ride, 20 Mar'2016

March 20, 2016 was the annual Black Dog Ride - 1 Dyer ride. I took part in this with 459 other riders and 20 of those were fellow members of the NSW Chapter. I would personally like to thank those who made the time to come for what is something that is very close to my heart. I would like to thank David Peach and his team for organizing a great day for what really is an amazing cause.

Instead of boring you all with the details of the ride I would like to use this report to highlight some facts and figures to do with depression and suicide in Australia. As you all would know from some of my previous posts I have suffered from depression and anxiety and have made serious attempts on my life that eventually landed me in hospital in December. I have to admit that a lot of the reason I am still here is the support that I have received from my brothers and sisters at NSW HOG and they have all played such a massive part in my road to recovery.

For those who are not aware suicide remains the leading cause of death for Australians aged between 15 and 44. Some statistics to think about*.

- 🏍 In the last few years the rate has risen by 1.1% per 100,000, that's an increase from 9.0 in 100,000 to 11.0 in 100,000.
- 🏍 In 2012, 1,901 males (16.8 per 100,000) and 634 females (5.6 per 100,000) died by suicide.
- 🏍 This equates to almost seven deaths by suicide a day in Australia.
- 🏍 Men account for 3 out of every 5 deaths by suicide, making suicide the 10th leading cause of death in males.
- 🏍 The most recent data (ABS, Causes of Death, 2012) shows that almost twice as many people died from suicide in Australia, then in road related transport deaths (1,310 vs 2,535)
- 🏍 For every suicide it is estimated that as many as 30 people attempt
- 🏍 That's about 200 attempts a day
- 🏍 That's more than one new attempt in Australia every 10 minutes
- 🏍 It is estimated that 250 people plan suicide every day
- 🏍 It is estimated that 1000 people think about suicide every day.

There are many organizations out there to raise awareness but there is still a stigma attached, people who are feeling suicidal a lot of the time don't want to feel even more judged by every one for showing their weakness by admitting something is wrong. Black Dog Ride is about starting the national conversation about depression and suicide, removing that stigma, by showing the community that people who stereotypically have been seen as big, tough, smelly bikers care about things like this.



This is my second year supporting the Black Dog Ride, and as long as I can physically be present I will continue to support the ride for years to come. I have found that the people who have supported me as much if not more than my own family have been those I ride with in the NSW Chapter of HOG.

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Black Dog Ride, 20 Mar'2016 (Cont'd)

If you are feeling depressed or suicidal say something, put your hand up and reach out. Even when you feel as if no one is there for you, there will be someone. There always is, you are not alone. Lifeline is a great resource that I have used, and if you find yourself considering self harm never be afraid to call 000.

All statistics are taken from ABS and Lifeline.

The ride route was from Panther Place to Grey Gums, about 116kms ride.

Rob (Cracker) White



New Members Ride, 2 Apr'2016

Luddenham Village Cafe Ride Sat 2 April 2016

What a beautiful day for a ride and because of two charity rides leaving Fraser's on the same day our New Members Ride departed at 9am from Gloria Jeans (10 George Street Nth Strathfield). I would like to thank all those who came and a big thank you to Ralph as Shotgun, Glenn as Sweep and Harry (Hazza) Turner as Tail-End-Charlie. Also thanks to the road captains and despite their low number and number of turns to mark they all did a great job.



This was my first ride briefing and everyone reminded me to turn my hearing aid on and speak up. After the briefing we set off. More than 30 bikes & 36 members departed Gloria Jeans turning onto the M4 from Concord Rd to avoid traffic leaving Frasers. We were on the M4 at 9am and after taking the "Blacktown/Prospect" exit we turned left and hit the first of many roundabouts. After turning right onto Reservoir Rd we enjoyed an easy ride running behind Wet & Wild Water Park, Blacktown Drive-in Cinemas and Go Cart World. Thereafter we had a little zigzagging before hitting bumper to bumper traffic and blocking the roundabout at Peter Brock Drive, Eastern Creek. What to do? Well I decided to use one of my planned alternate options which involved the thrill of lane filtering on a packed roundabout full of stationary cars. All bikes managed to cut through the congested traffic all the way around the roundabout to execute a right hand turn. Once again we were on our way, but not before a little U turn practice for our skilled road captains. Sorry guys, I really have to watch that Harley GPS, it's crazy fun!

Before we knew it, we were on the Great Western Hwy and back on course heading up Old Wallgrove Rd which was an interesting ride but forever I was remembering to turn left onto Erskine Part Rd at the lights, a quick right onto Mamre Rd and then a right onto Luddenham Rd. At last clean air and wide open space on a nice country road, gliding by on my new Harley Ultra Limited which is basically heaven on earth on a floating couch but oh "I've got ..tostayawake"; my bike is too comfortable. Eventually Luddenham Rd came to an end and we chucked a left onto Elizabeth Drive which took us to a right hand turn onto Badgerys Creek Rd which is split into two speed zones; 60 km/hr of good road and then 80 km/hr of bad bumpy road. Who says the RTA has no sense of humour! Finally a right at the roundabout onto The Northern Rd set us up for a northerly approach to Luddenham Village Café and a Caltex petrol station.

All riders arrived safely and we stopped for a well earned breakfast. After coffee, eggs benedict and pastry a quick ride briefing and homeward bound at 11:30am via Elisabeth Dr and Cowpastures Rd. Traffic was great with no delays and quite an enjoyably smooth run despite the temperature hitting 31 degrees. Several riders broke off with a wave and headed home and the rest passed though Greystanes via Merrylands Rd, onto the Cumberland Hwy and finally back onto the M4 to arrive back at Frasers for coffee and farewells.

A great ride in spite of two large charity rides on the same day. Thanks to all who attended and I hope you had an enjoyable ride.

Hugh (Knock Knock)

Oil Paintings

“RUNNING OF THE HOGS”

Introducing Ian Dudley a motor cyclist and a self professed older artist. Also introducing Ian's painting honouring the 90th anniversary of Route 66 featuring an Aussie digger astride three Harley motors (flathead, pan-head and shovel-head) and featuring suicide clutch (now old school) mounted on the gear shifter, a Thompson sub machine gun, the flags of America and Australia, sprung seat and nitrous oxide system (N.O.S.) plumbed into all 3 motors.



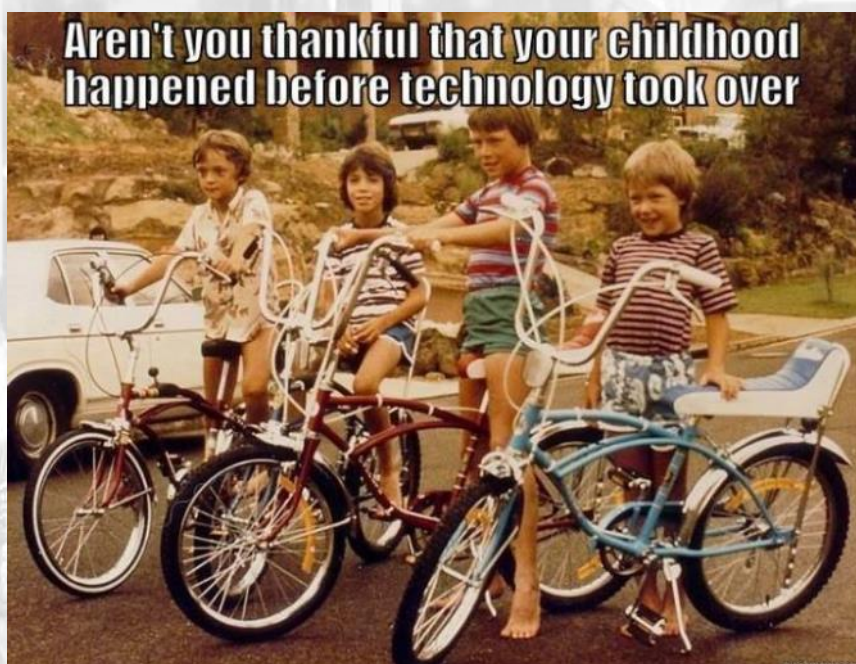
The painting is 2 metre wide by 1 metre high on a home made frame. Ian is a self taught bush artist and has only been painting for 5 years with 2014 spent at Newcastle fine art school where he acquired his techniques to paint "running of the hog's". The painting took one month to complete and in Ian's words "oil is quite cantankerous to work with".

Ian asked me to display his work and I chose to do so in our newsletter.

The painting is for sale and hopefully Ian has other paintings on the way. If anyone is interested in buying the painting and other works of Ian's please email ilandudley07@gmail.com or chelsea.dudley@hotmail.com.

Cappa

Member's Forum



Sparkles

MID WEEK SOCIAL RIDES

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A bike on the road is worth two in the garage.

Fast Phil



PACKING FOR THAT LONG TRIP

Hi everyone, this issue of Sweepa's brush up deals with packing for a long trip, a lot of what is mentioned below has come from Harley Davidson personal experience and your fellow members so hopefully it will help you in packing for the long ride.

First things first, there are no rules only guidelines. There is no right way to do things only personal preferences. Experience is the best teacher, but with a little practice and the proper attitude, packing can become an exciting time of anticipation rather than a laborious chore.

Many people feel packing a motorcycle is more about what you leave behind than what you take. One technique is to put everything you would like to bring in one big pile on the floor, remove the least essential items first, continue to remove items one by one until the pile becomes manageable and packable. Don't forget to check your owner's manual for load limits of saddle bags, panniers and top boxes and also the bike in general.

Here are a few tips from experienced long trip riders:

- 🏍️ Lightweight synthetic clothing, such as T-Shirts & underwear can be washed in a motel sink and dried overnight (cotton fabrics take too long to dry).
- 🏍️ Zip lock and vacuum bags of various sizes can be useful for organising items in saddle-bags etc.
- 🏍️ Pack one day's cloths (jeans, undies, shirt, socks) into one bag remove the air from the bag and roll it up (takes less space) this will make it easier to locate items in on the bike without unpacking the whole bike.
- 🏍️ Pack items that have more than 1 use, a multi tool is handier than just a pocket knife.
- 🏍️ When traveling two-up ask yourself questions like: can we share toothpaste, can I use her shampoo for a week, can we use the same deodorant these will all conserve space.
- 🏍️ A few things are easy to pack like money and credit cards, consider if you're thinking if you need to bring something, can you buy it on the road if you need it.
- 🏍️ Always pack wet weather gear and warm clothing no matter what time of year it is conditions can change quickly.
- 🏍️ Plastic bags make great boot liners if you forgot your gaiters and dish washing gloves are an inexpensive substitute if you forgot your wet weather gloves.

The following is a checklist you can use as a guide for packing for that long trip, but remember less is more and if you can do without its one less thing to worry about. Consider this list as a starting point – a "virtual" pile on the floor. Remove (or add) items according to your own needs and limitations. Highlight the items you plan to pack for your trip print this page, and save it for future reference as a handy packing checklist.

As a reminder, always consult the "Safety First" section of your owner's manual for guidance on proper loading and to be sure you are not exceeding the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) or Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) of your motorcycle.

Sweepa

Sweepa's Brush Up (Cont'd)



Clothing

Helmet

Rain jacket and pants

Rain gloves

Summer gloves

Winter gloves

Overboots or rain gaiters

Heated gloves

Hand warmer packets

Glove liners

Heated vest liner

Skullcap

Microfleece neck warmer

Balaclava

Fleece head wrap

T-shirts

Socks and underwear

Synthetic long underwear

Bike Maintenance

Tool kit

Replacement fuses

8-in-1 screwdriver

Spare spark plugs and plug wires

Genuine Harley-Davidson®Motorcycle oil

Paper funnel

Small can of multi-purpose spray lubricant

Motorcycle jumper cables

Turn-signal and brake-light bulbs

Tire gauge

Bike cover

Long-sleeved shirts

Turtleneck shirts

Extra jeans

Light jacket

Leather/cold-weather jacket

Chaps

Leather pants

Riding boots

Leather or denim vest

Bandanas - two (one for face; one for neck or forehead)

Sunglasses

Goggles/night eye protection

Change of shoes

Sock liners

Cooling neck wrap

Windbreaker or light jacket

Harley™ Care Starter Kit (cleaning supplies)

Softcloth

Locking pliers

Needlenose pliers

Sidecutters

Clutch cable or clutch saver

Thread locking adhesive

Various nuts, bolts, washers

Torx and allen wrenches

Closed/open-end wrenches (standard and metric - bring only the ones common to

Basic socket set with one drive (bring only the ones common to your bike)

Sweepa's Brush Up (Cont'd)



Personal

Basic toiletries
Emergency cash
Change for tolls (easy-to-reach place)
Sunscreen
Lip balm
Nail clippers
Handkerchief
Tweezers

Emergency Items

Personal first-aid kit
List of emergency contact numbers
(include doctor/medical professional)
List of current medications
List of medical conditions (include
allergies)
Small waterproof flashlight
Spare key
Basic cold and headache medicine
Antihistamines
Insect bite stick
Utility light
Emergency blanket

Miscellaneous

H.O.G.® Touring Handbook
H.O.G.® membership card
Bike registration and insurance info
Motorcycle owners or service manual
Motorcycle warranty card
Pen and small notebook
Kickstand board
Camera and film (or disposable camera)
Extra zipper-lock bags

Small package of tissue
Cotton or earplugs
Contact lens solution
Moisturizing eye drops
Fork and spoon in plastic wrapper
Traveler's roll of bathroom tissue
Moist towelettes/baby wipes

Cellular phone and charger
Telephone calling card

Small candle
Waterproof matches and fire-starting kit

Duct tape
Electrical tape
Small amount of (baling) wire
Bottle of water
Energy food bars
Eyeglass repair kit

Small sewing kit
Cargo net
Bungee cords (various lengths)
Swiss-style pocketknife or multi-tool
Tote sack
Two or three large trash bags
Small can opener
Bike lock
Small towel

Ride and Event Calendar 2015-16

Sat 2th Apr	New Members Ride, Luddenham	9:00am	Gloria Jeans, an easy ride to get acquainted
Sun 10th Apr	Wisemans Ferry	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Tues 12th Apr	Chapter Meeting	7.00pm	Dinner and catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sun 17th Apr	Newsletter Submissions Deadline		Submit to editor@nswhog.com.au
Mon 25th Apr	ANZAC Day Poker Run	9.00am	Gloria Jeans
Sat 30th Apr	LOH Overnighter to Sussex Inlet (2 x days)	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sun 1 May	Sussex Inlet (Return Ride) via Breakfast/Shopping at Berry	7:40am	
Sat 7th May	New Members Ride, Glenorie Bakery	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Tues 10th May	Chapter Meeting	7.00pm	Dinner and catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sat 21 May	Celtic Festival at Berry	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sat 4th Jun	New Members Ride, Scarborough	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Sat 11th Jun	Brass Monkeys Overnighter to Mudgee	TBA	TBA
Sun 12th Jun			
Mon 13th Jun	Mudgee (Return Ride)	TBA	
Tues 14th Jun	Chapter Meeting	7.00pm	Dinner and catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sat 18th Jun	Membership Renewal Day	9:00am - 2:00pm	Fraser Motorcycles
Sat 25th Jun	Membership Renewal Day	9:00am - 2:00pm	Fraser Motorcycles

Additional Information

Please see ride flyer for ride departure information as event changes may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.

All rides depart @ 0900am from Gloria Jean's , 9 George Street North Strathfield unless otherwise stated. All New Members Rides leave @ 0900am from FRASER'S car park at Concord.

Changes to rides and other events may occur due to poor weather or circumstances beyond our control. In the event of any changes a message will be sent via the **NSW HOG APP** prior to rides and events. **NSW HOG APP** can be downloaded from <http://nswhog.mobapp.at/landing/Desktop#.VI-p1yuUcfU>.

Midweek Social Ride Calendar 2015-16

Thur 7th Apr	Catherine Hill Bay via M2 & Beecroft	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Tues 12th Apr	Megalong Valley via the Three Sisters	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 21st Apr	St Albans	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 28th Apr	Oberon Dam via Bilpin	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 5th May	Burrawang	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Tues 10th May	Blackheath via Richmond	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 19th May	Wisemans Ferry via Springwood	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 26th May	Grey Gums via Northern Road	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 2nd Jun	Catherine Hill Bay via M2 & Beecroft	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Tues 7th Jun	Robertson via Mulgoa Rd	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 16th Jun	Blackheath via Richmond	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 23th Jun	Mt Sugarloaf via M2	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 30th Jun	Kiama via Mulgoa Rd	9:00am 9:20am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:20am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek

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NSW Chapter HOG Ride Rules

Group riding requires an extreme level of awareness & concentration. It is stressed that these guidelines are provided for your information to enhance overall safety & ride enjoyment. Ultimately you are responsible for your own judgment & decisions whilst riding your Harley.

- Know your limits & ride within them; never ride above your abilities: Mental, Physical, Motorcycle, Environment, Experience level
- Make sure your bike is mechanically ready for a run. If you are experiencing any problems sort them out before the run. No bald tyres.
- Fuel up before the meeting place.
- Arrive at least twenty minutes before the posted leaving time.
- When asked to form up for departure please do so immediately, so that we can depart on time.
- Never ever pass the front Road Captain. They have been given the responsibility to set the pace & get you to the final destination as a group.
- Maintain a constant speed. This helps prevent the "rubber band" effect.
- Novices or riders that are new should ride at the rear or near the back.
- Always ride in a tight but courteous staggered formation or single file on winding or narrow roads.
- Your eyes should be watching a few bikes up the road from you, not fixed on the bike in front of you. Always be looking at least four seconds ahead.
- Riding side by side is very dangerous. The only time bikes are to be side by side is when the group is stopped at an intersection.
- Never come up on the motorcycle in front of or beside you. The rider may need to swerve suddenly to avoid an obstacle in front.
- In a staggered or single line formation, do not pass the bike in front of you (see following page). If a rider leaves the group & a gap appears indicate then move forward & across to fill the position.
- When in a tight curve, the rider on the outside of the curve is required to give room to the rider on the inside & drop behind in single formation.
- If the group breaks up & you are the last bike in the front group that turns a corner, pull up safely at the intersection & direct the way to turn for the next group of bikes.
- Do not race to catch up as corners will be marked ahead for you.
- If you break down stay with your bike, in clear view of the back up vehicle or rear Road Captain.
- When stopping get off the road as soon as possible.

So we can all have a good time.....

Know your HOG Riding Rules!

1. Arrive with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder. Fuel stops will be made as required along the way.

2. Have appropriate riding gear for expected conditions.

3. The nominated Ride Captain leads the group.

DO NOT OVERTAKE him or her.

4. A motor cycle requires a **FULL LANE** to operate safely. We ride in **STAGGERED FORMATION** and **NOT SIDE BY SIDE**. **STAGGERED FORMATION:**

□ One second rule: The bike to the left or right of you should not be less than one second ahead of you.

□ Two second rule: Maintain two seconds between you and the bike in front of you.

□ Four second rule: Your eyes should be watching a few bikes ahead of you, not fixed on the bike in front of you.

5. We only use one lane of a multi lane highway. That is the lane the Road Captain is using.

6. Maintain a constant speed, this helps prevent the "Rubber Band" effect. Always adhere to the speed limits.

7. A rider will be nominated to ride at the rear of the group. It is his or her responsibility to ensure that the riders **DO NOT GET LOST** and to render assistance if necessary.

8. The group as a whole must **NOT** stop for an individual as it can be dangerous to have the whole group stop on the side of the road. The nominated Tail End rider will stop and render assistance.

9. When we do stop as a group, be sure to park well off the road.

10. **ALWAYS** signal your intention to change lanes. Keep a safe distance behind the rider in front, **CHECK YOUR MIRRORS** often and concentrate on your riding.

11. If every rider can see the rider behind him or her in the mirrors, the group should not get split up.

Adjust your speed to do so.

12. We ride as a **GROUP** to and from our destination until we split up to go home. **KEEP THE GROUP TOGETHER, TRY NOT TO LAG BEHIND.** Rides will be listed as **HOG** or **NON-HOG**.

On a **HOG** ride, only **HARLEYS** may be ridden but friends or visitors may meet us at the destination. On a **NON-HOG** ride, members friends or visitors may ride **NON-HARLEYS** but at the rear of the group. In both cases any friends or visitors will be the responsibility of the member who invited them.

13. Riders in doubt about **ANY** aspect of the ride should ask the Road Captain or appointed Road Marshall for assistance.

14. Although it is a group, ride safety is a personal responsibility

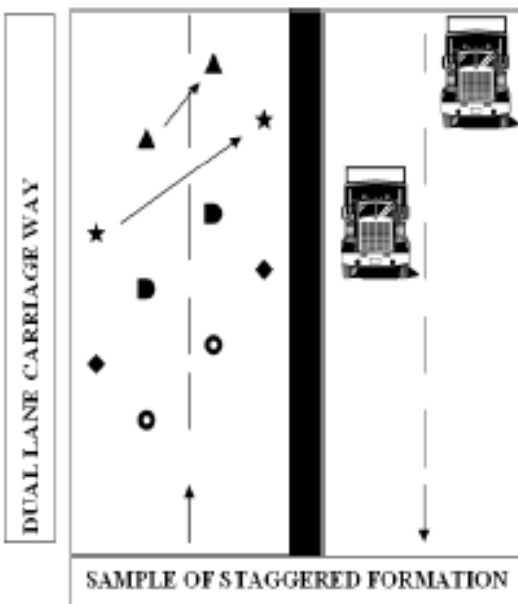
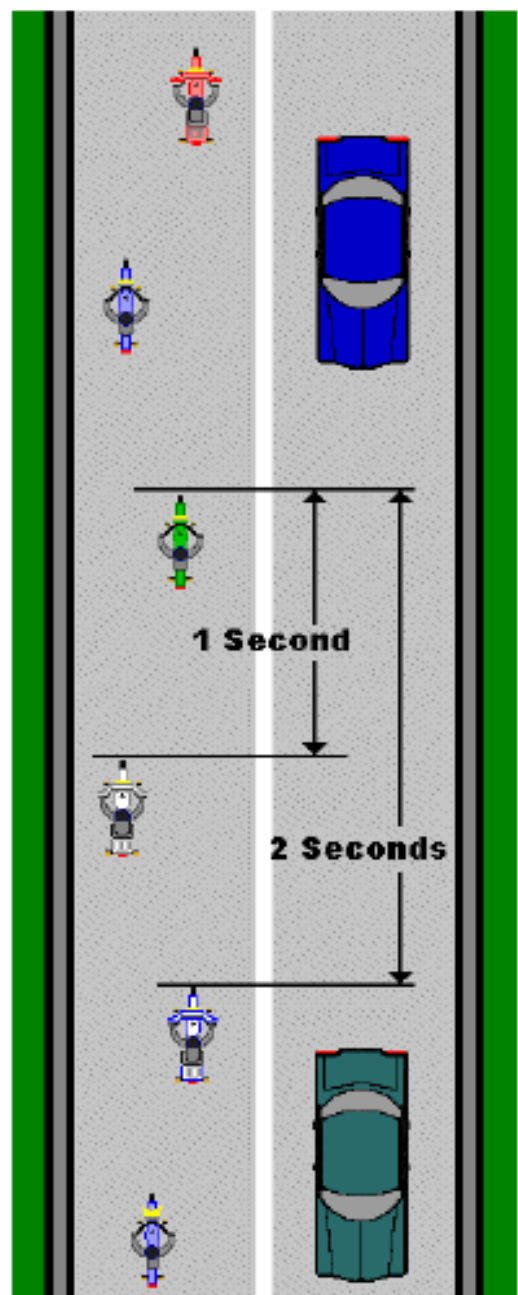
15. Novices or riders new to the group should ride towards the back until they are comfortable

16. If it isn't safe to pass, go through an intersection or turn: **DON'T.**

17. In spite of what the group does, pass as if you were riding alone (within formation).

18. Stay within the bounds of your skill level. Don't be influenced by the bike ahead of you diving into curves. Group riding is neither a race nor a competition.

19. If you don't feel comfortable riding in a group, ride on your own.



HAND SIGNALS



Start your engines



Stop



Go ahead and pass me



Bikers ready



Hazards on the road



Don't pass me



Stop your engines



Turn off your turn signals



Single riding



Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop