



# NEWSLETTER

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CLUB MEETINGS - 3RD SATURDAY EACH MONTH  
 OFFICIAL CLUB RIDES - 1ST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

## FEBRUARY 2012

5th - *Official Club Ride Day* - The Caves Tour - Marlborough Pub for BBQ Lunch

18th - *FEBRUARY Meeting* - *TRIVIA NIGHT* - Meeting commences 5.30pm at RHD

24th - 26th - Ride to Town of 1770 - Blues & Roots Festival

(Contact Lyn Hansen for more details re accommodation, etc.)

## MARCH 2012

4th - *Official Club Ride Day* - MYSTERY POKER RUN (further details TBA)

17th - *MARCH Meeting & Social Night* - Meeting commences 5.30pm at RHD

DATE CLAIMERS :: APRIL - Easter Weekend - Overnighter - details TBA

MAY 5th—7th - Townsville Chapter Challenge 20th Anniversary

From the merchandise .....See Carolyn & Tamara

Ladies T-Shirts arriving in store

Men's T-Shirts arriving in store

RHD Custom Baseball Caps

Visit our store to see our wonderful new products.

**RHD opening..... Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm**

**Friday evenings the store will be open till 8pm.**

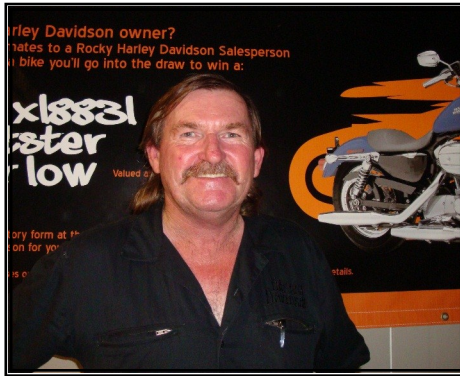
**Saturday 9am – 12pm**



**PLEASE STAY ON AFTER THE NEXT MEETING  
18TH FEB FOR OUR SOCIAL NIGHT AND JOIN IN  
FOR SOME TRIVIA FUN !!**

**TEAMS OF 6 PLAYERS**

**CASH PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM**



**Well here we go again another year started so let's get stuck into it and RIDE BIKES AND HAVE FUN. The Central Highland chapter Bikers V Cowboys went off very well with a very good attendance from our own chapter and it was good to see so many front up the next morning for the Directors ride down to Many Peaks, an interesting time was had exploring the old school up on the hill and many thanks goes to the current owner young Derek for showing us around, believe it or not the last time our chapter was in the school was in 2002, I know this because one of our own back then wrote it on the blackboard, so we updated the blackboard with this visit and told Derek we would see him again in 2022.**

**Quite a few things came out of last meeting and I was happy to advise that we have acquired our own bus to be used as a courtesy bus on Friday nights and also to be taken on the bigger rides so the piglets can come along too, as advised it is going to be painted gloss black in the next few weeks and we are seeking anyone who would like to sponsor the bus we are more than happy to advertise your business on the sides, front or rear but get in quick because it's filling up. The sponsorship will help with the running costs etc. We are also organizing a driver roster for Friday nights so if you can help give me a call, you only need a regular car license.**

**As you are all now well aware Bully is having a well deserved rest from 'Activities' and I would like to extend our thanks to Bully for a job well done over the past 2 years, in the interim Nasty, Cate and Myles will be organizing activities till our AGM in June/July so thanks guys for putting your hands up.**

**Graham (the learner bike) is busy clocking up the K's so I am sure in the not too distant future we will see more Harleys in our chapter. If anyone would like to book Graham just contact Jason at RHD and he will be more than happy to assist.**

**Jason is a qualified instructor so make the most of it.**

**As advised at the meeting we have a busy year HOG wise with the Queensland State Rally in Brisbane and the National rally in Canberra, both of these are very do-able so we will keep you posted with plans etc, but I know for a fact the state rally will be a rolling rally starting from Cairns and picking up chapters as it makes its way down south, that will be fun.**

**If anyone has a few minutes pop up to Rocky Base and say Gday to Laurie, he's doing it tough and I am sure he would love to know you've called in.**

**Well that's all I have for now and your thought for the month.**

**"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men"**

**Shiny side up..**

**Preacher.**



What a big year we have coming up! Rallies, Chapter Challengers, and other events that will get us on our bikes, what more could we want?

Many have made the comment “if you have not done a rally this is the year” with the State rally in Brisbane and the National in Canberra there are no excuses to attend at least one. I’m sure we will have groups going to both so plan and go!!!!

We have the first 3 of four new staff joining the Rocky Harley-Davidson team;

Warren Richardson- new service manager, Warren brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and will be a key member of our team.

Cindy Preston- new finance and insurance manager, this is a key position to provide information to new and existing customers on all the Harley-Davidson finance and insurance products.

Tamara Tioriori- Parts and Accessories/Motor clothes, Tamara has joined us to provide that extra service on Friday nights 5-8pm. So shop to you drop!!!

Our new parts person will join us soon complete with a very extensive and exhausting search to get the right people in the right jobs!

There will be a group of us attending Marc’s opening in Townsville in April (date to be advised) and we both would like to see big numbers for the Townsville anniversary chapter challenge.

As always please give me your feedback about how to best serve you and let me know if the Friday night opening helps?

See you on the road !!

Geoff





Hi everyone

Hope you all had a nice Christmas and welcome to the New Year .

I am organising a ladies afternoon on Saturday 10th March around 3.00pm.

The original concept was that some ladies wanted to bring along clothes, shoes, bags, jewellery, etc that they no longer used and set up some stalls.

I am now arranging a few other things that I will discuss at the the February meeting.

I am trying to organize for a beauty therapist to come along for the afternoon; if this is the case I wonder how many ladies would be interested in having maybe a mini facial, manicure / pedicure

Just have a think about this and if I could get some numbers at the next meeting. I don't want to get her to come along if no-one would be wanting to have anything done. She also does fingernails, false eyelashes and waxing, but of course once again this would entail her bringing along quite a bit of equipment if no-one was wanting these services.

I am also organizing a few other stalls and things for the afternoon.

So dig out those items you no longer have use for and maybe they will become someone else's treasure.

Get the word out to family and friends, all welcome to come along.

All the LOH please bring along a plate of finger food for nibbles and I will organize a few of the guys to wait on us for the afternoon / night.

More at the February meeting.

Cheers !!!

Boo Boo





Hello to all, welcome to a fresh start for the new year, already such a busy calendar planned for 2012.

Queensland State Rally in September, National Rally in October and so much more in our own backyard.

Welcome to lots of new members, I trust you'll enjoy your Harley & HOG experiences.

Don't forget !! **FRIDAY NIGHTS** at the **RUMBLE INN** - open from 5.00pm, great place to meet & greet other members and guests. Also RHD staying open till 8.00pm now on Friday nights, that's great.

Unfortunately this issue of the newsletter is a little late being circulated due to a few IT/technical hitches, but will endeavour to be more timely in the future.

On Sunday 22nd January we had our first club ride for the year - The Director's Ride— destination Many Peaks. Another good ride with more new learners coming along also.

Our February ride on Sunday 5th we departed RHD about 9.30am and headed north to the Capricorn Caves for morning tea & a look around, then on further to Marlborough pub for a planned BBQ lunch for around 30 people.



Hope to hear from you soon !! Enjoy yourselves

**'Time is Precious'** Ride & have fun !!

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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Any Rocky HOG Member can place Stories, For Sale & Wanted to Buy adverts etc. in our monthly Newsletter.

**PLEASE NOTE :** The cut-off date for these is the **first Wednesday morning after our Monthly Meeting.**

If not received by then these items will be placed in the next newsletter.

**Thanks to all who contribute to our newsletter each month, the editor doesn't do all the work, it is you the Members of our Chapter, who keep the Newsletter informative.**

So please, put pen to paper, or email photos to me before the deadline.

Look forward to hearing from you !!





## The Little Bell - Harley Davidson Freedom Bell

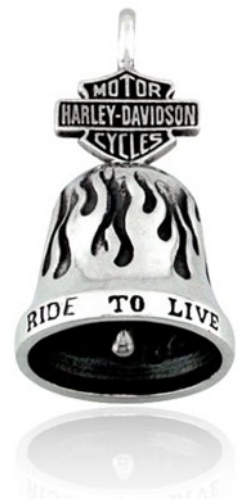
I have been working on a few bikes lately and have wondered what the hell these little bell's are for, and what they do. (Thinking they may be something like Peter Brocks energy polarizer) But after asking a few people, I think I have worked out the story, and no it's not about performance, but one of intrigue.

So here's how the little bell works and it's more than a decorative piece, it has a specific function. As we all know life has many mysteries that have no apparent solutions. One of these life mysteries are evil road spirits. They are wee little spirits that live life on your bike and love to ride. They are also responsible for most of your bike problems, sometimes your turn signals refuse to work, or the battery goes dead all of a sudden, the clutch goes out of adjustment or a hundred other things can go wrong. It's the evil road spirits that are the cause. The good thing is that the evil road spirits can't live in the presence of a bell.

They get trapped in the hollow of the bell, the spirits hearing is very sensitive and the constant ringing of the bell drives them incredibly insane. They lose their grip and fall to the road (that's why we have potholes). The bell has served its purpose. And if the bell was given to you, its power is greatly increased and you know that somewhere you have a special friend helping look after you.

So if you have a friend that doesn't have a bell, why not give them one!! It's a nice feeling for the recipient to know you personally cared. The bell, plus a good preventative maintenance program by us, will help eliminate the evil road spirits.

Warren - Service Manager



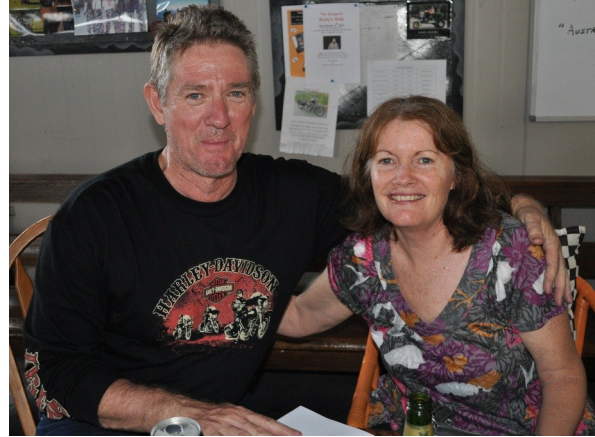
***The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.***



Meeting & Social night 21 January 2012



PLEASE  
WELCOME  
OUR  
NEW  
MEMBERS



Director of HOG / Director of Nursing @ Benevolent Aged Care  
Presentation in appreciation of Fundraising Ride Day—Aug 2011



Richo having to pay up





*DIRECTOR'S RIDE - 22nd January 2012 - Destination : MANY PEAKS*





### *That's Life*

"The most unfair thing about life is the way it ends. I mean, life is tough.

It takes up a lot of your time.

What do you get at the end of it?

A death.

What's that, a bonus?!? ??

I think the life cycle is all backwards. You should die first, get it out of the way.

Then you go live in an old age home. You get kicked out for being too healthy, go collect your pension, then, when you start work, you get a gold watch, a luxury car, a big house on the hills, all on your first day.

You work forty years until you're young enough to enjoy your retirement which starts in college. You drink alcohol, you party hard, and you get ready for High School.

You go to primary school, you become a kid, you play, you have no responsibilities, you become a little baby, you go back, you spend your last 9 months floating with luxuries like central heating, spa, room service on tap, then you finish off as an orgasm!! .."

**NOW THATS LIFE!!**



There's an old priest who got sick of all the people in his parish who kept confessing to adultery. One Sunday, in the pulpit, he said, "If I hear one more person confess to adultery, I'll quit!" Well, everyone liked him, so they came up with a code word. Someone who had committed adultery would say they had "fallen." This seemed to satisfy the old priest and things went well, until the priest died at a ripe old age. About a week after the new priest arrived, he visited the mayor of the town and seemed very concerned. The priest said, "You have to do something about the sidewalks in town. When people come into the confessional, they keep talking about having fallen." The mayor started to laugh, realizing that no one had told the new priest about the code word. Before the mayor could explain, the priest shook an accusing finger at the mayor and said, "I don't know what you're laughing about, your wife fell three times this week."



# TOWNSVILLE HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 20th



## ANNIVERSARY CHAPTER CHALLENGE 5-6-7th MAY 2012

G'day fellow Harley Owners, Ladies of Harley and family,

The Townsville Harley Owners Group will be proudly hosting their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year and we would like to invite you to join in with us to celebrate this milestone achievement. We currently have a very strong membership at 84, a membership that is steadily growing at a healthy rate. Our club has gone through a dealership change this year and we are now proudly sponsored by Suncity Harley Davidson due to commence trading on 10 December 2011.

Our Chapter Challenge's have been a part of The Townsville Chapters history since formation in 1992 with the occasional year with no event. This has been a valuable tool for all our Chapter Members and neighbouring Chapters to come together, just to name a few are Cape York, Emerald, Mackay, Rockhampton, and Gladstone with the occasional HOG traveller passing through. I suppose you can say we have an extended family that stretches across a vast distance of far North Queensland.

Camp Gedling is managed by the Ignatius Park College and has been our Chapter Challenge home for the past 6 years. If you look in your 2011 Touring Hand Book and open to page 46, reference boxes A 4-5-6, and under the word Alice River is where the event will take place. It is located 40 kilometres west of Townsville up the Hervey Range Road. Camping under the stars has been the traditional way of enjoying this venue and the surrounding area however there are other accommodation options open to you with Hotels/Motels located closer to Townsville.

We will be catering for everyone as this has always been a family weekend. After you sign in and collect your welcome packs on Saturday there will be time for you to set up your campsite and join in with a traditional Aussie BBQ welcome lunch. Chapter Games will commence early afternoon with children's games included. Dinner will be a good old fashion roast meal with presentations and a live band to follow. Sunday there will be the poker run. Following the poker run we will return to the range for dinner, fun and entertainment. On Monday morning a cooked breakfast will prepare you for your journey home.

Please find attached our official registration form with limited 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pewter belt buckles for the first 100 HOG members registered and fully paid for by 20 February 2012.

All Registrations to: [treasurer@hogtownsville.com.au](mailto:treasurer@hogtownsville.com.au)


As the Director of this great club I extend a welcome invitation and look forward to your participation.

Kevin (Happy) Oorschot



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