

UPCOMING EVENTS

BFC Rides Sunday 31st March 2002 – Departing 12.30 from Caltex on the service Rd. near the Logan Hyperdome, travelling through Redland Bay, Cleveland to Wellington Point, Wynnum (coke stop), then through Lytton and the Gateway back home to my house for coffee at Kingston before church. A Short ride but the scenery is good and the roads can be fun, (taking a few back roads).

Saturday 27th April 2002 - Departing Woolworths Servo Paradise Rd 8.30am, **NEED \$1 for gateway toll**, heading via Caboolture back roads to Maleny, Kenilworth over to Noosa down the coast rd to Coolum for lunch and a swim if your game? Down the coast Rd thru Caloundra back to Brisbane via Gateway again to my place at Kingston for a FREE BBQ dinner **RSVP Roscoe 0412490115** or email roscoe@toj.org.au for catering numbers, Invite ya family even if it is only for the BBQ at night!

Other Bikers events

Coming Soon! Springwood Suzuki apparently will complete their “Pit Stop” Cafe by the end of March, sounds like a Bikers cafe and will be open till 2am in the morning, find it on Kingston Rd beside the Bike shop down near Compton Rd.

27th April MRAQ Vino Collapso rally at Delveen sports ground. Fully catered more info 0414 771 367

14th September God’s Squad Memorial Ride meeting 11am at JC Slaughter falls Mt Cootha. \$10 entry.

If anyone has any church events coming up let me know by the end of each month, if we have room I will put it in the newsletter free of charge of course.

“Bikers for Christ” Patches (shields) will be available soon \$15, let me know if you are interested in one - Roscoe. T’Shirts will be available later in the year they also will be \$15 or \$20.



Colours are basically Blue writing on white with a Red Cross and white dove. Fits on front left side of vest. Membership applications now available. My home Number is 3388 3980.

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Ephesians 4:1-6

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Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8

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*Thought For
The Day...*

LED BY THE SPIRIT! Last month I talked about Sin, this month I want to show you how to avoid sin in your life, these may be basic principles but they should never be forgotten. Even as we rode in January, the Holy Spirit was telling me that we were constantly going too fast, this was due to the fact that I had not really laid down any ground rules at the time (*we all learn*).

We are ambassadors for Christ, regardless of if we wear an emblem or not. One man came to me during the ride and said we should have prayed for the person who was sick before we started, he was right! No excuses, but I was so overwhelmed with the response at the ride everything slipped my mind, but now I have had time to reflect on the day. We need to be a witness to other riders that we can have fun and still be a Christian and love God. **Rom 8:4** says “*the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit*”. **Rom 8:14** tells us that “*as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*”.

People are not going to notice anything different about us because we ride a nice bike, live in a big house, have the best job etc... All these things God wants us to have, but what the world will notice is that there is something **different** about us because we have Joy, Peace, Patience, Love for one another. When we rely upon the Spirit of God every part of our day we can give answers with the wisdom of God.

Did you know that the disciples of Jesus went into all the world and preached the gospel, relying upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Jesus himself even said I do nothing of myself unless I see my Father do it. Last year I burnt out in ministry as a Pastor because I got into the flesh and stopped having my quiet time with God, I made a few other mistakes, I went the wrong direction, and worst of all, I nearly backslid. Thanks be to God I didn't, I was accused of many things and lost a lot of people's trust, what was my response?

I got back into the word big time! I started listening for that small still voice, this year the Lord showed me that what I went through was just a mountain that I had not conquered 10 years earlier, I kept my attitude right and my mouth shut! In other words I didn't take offence.

I can tell you, if I had of taken offence the Devil would have had a field day with me and totally destroyed my Christian walk, I have seen it many time before with others as a Pastor. By the way I am no longer a Pastor, God has given me a gift of teaching but not full time from the pulpit. I once heard Col Stringer say "there are to many shearers in the pulpit and not enough Shepherds, shearers are there to get their wages and don't care if they cut, nick or hurt the sheep, shepherds are there to love and care for the sheep". We all have a call in God, whether it is being the unseen intercessor or the man or woman of God in the pulpit or somewhere in between, personally I know some intercessors and they receive more joy, peace and blessings of God than some Evangelists or preachers, but we all need to be faithful to our calling in God.

If we get out of the will of God, that is where we get into trouble **Gal 5:18** reveals to us "if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law". God's will for the new testament Christian is grace, mercy, forgiveness, the Law is one of judgement, eye for an eye, revenge, and hard works. "Works" are not necessarily GOD! We need to be led of the Spirit in our life and then the blessings of God will flow, the last 8 months of my life I have been more blessed than the previous 18 months to 2 years, simply because I got out of the will of God, he wanted me to move on to a different area in my Christian walk but I was far away from hearing him or stupid (not sure which one), but my direction now is in his footsteps, his ways, his paths.

I really love the scripture that says work out your own salvation daily with fear and trembling **Phil 2v12**. Don't judge anothers walk, watch your own steps and as **Eph 4:30** says "do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you are sealed until the day of redemption". Do not be a respecter of persons, God loves everyone the same wether they agree with you or not, that is what Bikers for Christ is all about, accepting people for who they are, not for how much money or what things they have or can do for me, we need more quality fellowship.

Jesus set the example for us - so with help of his Spirit we can follow his footsteps, he accepted tax collectors, prostitutes, the sick, the needy and he shunned those who thought they were 'mightier than thou' or 'holier' than society. Actually, I heard a man preach once saying that the religious rulers of Jesus' time actually had a walkway above general society to their synagogues so as not to become unclean. Don't separate yourself from people, I heard a Pastor say once and I respect him for being so bold and true, he said "Christianity is not all about money and computers it is all about Jesus and people".

To me Christianity is to have a more enjoyable life than the world system, why do I say that because Jesus said "I have come to give you life **MORE** abundantly **John 10:10**", I am glad he said more abundantly, you can have fun in this world but you have life more abundantly in Jesus. Be Led of the Spirit today! Seek his will for your life on a daily basis. *Bless ya and stay upright - Roscoe.*



February ride!

Friday 22nd was stinking hot day, followed by a storm that lingered all night, Saturday morning my telephone started ringing with people asking if the ride was still on, I said it was up to the individual but I was still going to meet at the servo anyway and decide from there. Some rang earlier in the week with their bikes off the road for various reasons and CMA also had a ride on the same day and a few had already organised to go to that.

So a few of us met up at Garden City and decided to tempt the weather and trust God, after prayer we headed off to Fernvale, we turned up to go over Mt. Glorious and that was when we had realised a minor mistake. Mt Glorious was covered in Cloud, leaves, gravel, mist and very cold, at times it was even hard to see very far ahead. On the way up we met some other riders who had come unstuck on the very slippery conditions, we stopped to see if we could help but they were OK, the rider who came off was fine and said his bike was good because it was at home, but he was not too sure about his wife's bike that he was riding, bits and pieces were being picked up off the road by others who had stopped to help.

Stopping for a short coffee and toasted sandwiches to warm up at the cafe we noticed that we were about the only ones mad enough to ride that day, there may have been maybe 20 or so other bikes on the mountain. We decided to skip Samford and head home along Mt Nebo, God is good the roads were relatively dry and clean so we were able to get a little better speed with extreme caution, maybe we could have gone to Samford as it began to clear up but not to worry, it was a good ride anyway and we had coffee and fellowship back at my place and we all managed to stay upright!

WANTED TO BUY! Anyone know where an extra small Helmet can be purchased second hand, preferably not an expensive phone **Phone Andrew on 3200 8636**



TECH TIPS

Check ups: Unfortunately most people take their bike to a bike shop and they are upset due to excessive charges, if you were to maintain your bike regularly yourself these charges would be less. **WEEKLY** a general going over checking chain lube, engine oil and any loose accessories takes about 2 minutes. **Fortnightly** - tension chain by rotating wheel and finding a tight spot, you should only have 1 - 2 inches play on the tight spot. Correct tyre pressures help the life of the tyre check with your tyre fitter for each individual bike of pressures. **Monthly** - with a couple of ring spanners and a screw driver check all fairing, handle bars, guards, and accessories for looseness. Single and twin cylinder bikes in particular (due to vibration of the engine) regardless of rubber mounting, things do rattle loose, 4 cylinder bikes may not have to adhere to this so strictly. It is a good idea to have a basic tool kit on your bike somewhere, tools needed would be small or medium shifter, phillips and blade screw drivers, pliers, multigrrips, electrical tape. (a box of matches if all else fails). If you were to change your own oil and filter every 10,000, then when you take your bike to a shop, all you would have to ask for is a tune up, doing this can cut costs by up to half. **Quarterly** - check all bearings, wheels, swing arm, battery fluid levels and steering head for lose or tight spots. Go over your cables, and moving levers etc with a can of "INOX" (it is really good gear). Maybe later on in the year, we might have a tech tip day, and I can show you all the above.

