

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BFC Rides

**Sunday 26th May** - meeting at Garden City Shell garage behind Garden City shopping centre on Kessels Rd at 12.30 heading toward Ipswich, Tivoli, colleges crossing and back through Kenmore onto the western freeway through to Logan motorway and maybe back to Logan for a cuppa.

**Saturday 29th June** - Meeting 9am at Caltex Garage at the Hyperdome at Loganholme, travelling through Beenleigh up over Mt Tamborine down into Beechmont, Advancetown then Nerang for Lunch, depending on general census on the day, there is one street in Nerang with about 6 bike shops if we feel like having a look. Then back home along the highway. Please remember to fuel your bikes at the servo before we start.

### Other Bikers events

**Now Open!** Springwood Suzuki's "Pit Stop" Cafe, sounds like a Bikers cafe is open now, find it on Kingston Rd beside the Bike shop down near Compton Rd. I have yet to check it out, so if anyone wants to go for a midnight ride one Friday give me a call.

**NOW OPEN!** - Coffee Club on Springwood Rd just up past Mc Donalds is a great, managed by a Ulysses member who traded his bike for a business, he is looking to get another Bike so stop in and support him.

**Midnight to Dawn Rally?** Years ago I used to go on this ride it is in August some time and used to be run by the Ducati owners club, can anyone let me know if it still exists please?

**14th September** God's Squad Memorial Ride meeting 11am at JC Slaughter falls Mt Cootha. \$10 entry, keep it in mind, a great ride and rolling bike show. Also keep it in mind that they stop at a few pubs along the way, so if you have a problem with drinking alcohol - Don't go! I reckon Orange juice is better anyway, you can't get done for Drink Riding then too. All the same it is a good ride with about 100 bikes or so.

**\*\*Uphold in prayer** these people and their families, they ride with us at different times or support us in different ways, pray for them when you think of them for a spirit of wisdom and understanding, that God would bless them and extend their borders, that they would be kept safe as they go about their daily business.

### Bike Riders:

Levi, Jock Bamford, Tony Brown, Peter Cotterell, Ian Davidson, Mick Field, Steve Flay, Chris & Sharon Grisanti, Wayne & Kaye Hall, Robert & Donna Hill, Quentin Hill, David Honan, Phil Johnson, Craig & Linda Meredith, Kevin O'Donoghue, Danny & Anna Pavlic, CMA QLD, Geoff Ray, Craig Riddle, Ron Sheehy, Ken Volkmer, Greg & Eileen Williams, Gordon, Roscoe & Sharon.

### Others who support us in different ways:

Bruce Crosswell, David & Sue Hoad, Tom & Wendy McKaskill, Marina Carroll, Lyn Wilson.

# BIKERS FOR CHRIST

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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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## SEEK YE FIRST? WHO'S KINGDOM?



If anyone were to ask me if I was only allowed to have one scripture from the Bible what would it be? I would not hesitate in quoting Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you". And v34 goes on to say "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow; for tomorrow shall be anxious for its own things. Sufficient to the day is the evil of it". I was watching a Christian program the other day and an educated gentleman was quoting statistics that in the USA 1,700 ministers burn out every month! I was shocked to say the least, and I have heard Australia is not far behind in ratio. I burnt out myself last year and when I think about this scripture, it was my downfall, or should I say I failed to apply it in my life.

I knew God wanted me to do other things than what I was doing and to take a rest but I didn't, I wanted to continue on building a different kingdom, not what God had told me to do, therefore I opened myself up for a fall. I look around at some Christians today and all I ever hear is I am going to be a millionaire, Ride the best Harley, Drive the best Mercedes and live in the biggest house. They sit back and do nothing expecting God to just drop it in their lap, they will be disappointed! Yes God does want to bless us, but we need to seek his kingdom, first and not our own. What might be the best for you and the best for me is 2 totally different things, for instance I ride a Yamaha XJ 900 and drive a 1988 Mitsubishi Magna which both have excellent fuel economy and as far as I am concerned they are the best that I want at this point in life. I need to get on with what God has called me to do!

When we go chasing after "things", we tend to forget our calling and everyone has a calling in their life, starting with Jesus saying whoever receives one of these little ones in my name receives me (Luke 9:48). I have been reading a book and the author made me think by making a statement about the mark of the beast.

He said what if the mark was not a physical mark but an attitude? Could it be that the mark of the beast could be, that all you ever think about is money, and all you ever do is put out your hand to buy and sell using credit cards and getting into more and more debt... It made me think! The mark on the forehead or the right hand. He was not stating a fact, but he was talking about

how some Christians just go to church on a Sunday and during the week go about their own business as if there was no God. Think about it; Why did Jesus say seek ye first the kingdom of God? **Proverbs 23:7** tells us *“for as a man thinks in his heart, so is he; Eat and drink, he says to you, but his heart is not with you.*

Where is your heart today? with eating and drinking and gathering of prosperity, don't get me wrong God wants to prosper us but lets take a reality check. **Deuteronomy 8:18** says that God will bless us so as to establish his covenant in this earth - his not ours, his promises! I have a saying from this scripture which says “I am blessed to be a blessing”, that is why God prospers us, to bless others, if you are wondering why there is so much prosperity teaching today and no fruit of the teaching there is the answer, are Christians blessing others?

At this moment in my life I am prospering, but 12 mths ago I wasn't, because I got away from seeking his kingdom and his kingdom is to do good unto others, bless others financially or with things, I have been helping some people recently that different churches have shunned in different ways, and their reply was that we (*me and my wife Sharon*) are a true blessing.

I'm not blowing my own horn here but hey, lets get real, WWJD (what would Jesus do)? He helped people physically, met their needs first and then fed them spiritually, like the guy who's bike caught fire on the highway on the last ride, we stopped and helped him and shared a little with him, he had a dirty attitude towards churches and Christian Bikers, but once I was through helping him and going out of my way for him, his attitude changed, he actually invited me to his house up in Hervey Bay. His attitude changed, and hopefully the little word that was planted will be watered by others and bring forth fruit. Be practical and God will bless you practically, be spiritual and God will bless you spiritually, personally I want both!

When we learn to seek first the kingdom of god **FIRST**, then all the things the gentiles chase after will be added unto us (gentiles are the unsaved). when I got right with God last year, all of a sudden we were being blessed to show me that what I had done was what God wanted me to do, a new Bike, kitchen suite, lounge suite, a better car that was heaps more economical, and so on, and the peace of God that passes all understanding has returned as well. Why am I writing this, because hey, God is now dealing with me in this exact same area again, I got things in my life that I need to change, **2Co 3:18** says *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

I am not there yet and neither are you, we all need to take one day at a time and seek first his kingdom, you may ask how do I do this? easy, you get up in the morning and the first words out of our mouth should be **“this is your day lord let me experience you today and walk with you”**, if you see a need in someones life and you can meet it - do it! Too many people go to the Pastor telling him the needs of people, if God shows you something, maybe it is because he wants you to do something about it don't you think? revival will not happen until we start becoming “people persons”. Looking out for each other and our neighbour.

Jesus loves you and me yes but he also loves the person beside you at work, or in the shopping centre, I believe the church today has lost its sense of touch, we need to touch more people instead of putting our hand out, when we focus on someone elses problems, ours will seem to dissappear, there is always someone worse off than you! Reach out to them and stay upright - **Roscoe**.



**April ride!** Well I never seem to surprise myself, or do I? This was the first ride that I had not pre-ridden and guess what, I was disappointed! We headed for Caboolture, with one rider dropping out who had forgotten to fuel up even though we met at a servo :)> yeah well that's life! I got lost in Caboolture due to all the changes since I had last been through there, after a short break we headed for Blackall range with another bike breaking down but thanks to Greg who is an electrician we got him going again, then a little detour for some excellent scenery of the glasshouse mountains and an unexpected detour because road closures which got me lost, we found ourselves in Maleny turned around and headed for blackall range again, stopping for a look at a lookout then onto to Montville.

As we had lost some time I decided to take a short cut down the Palmwoods road who someone asked where did I find that goat track? And another rider thought it was a one way road until he saw a car coming at him, over to Maroochy the wrong way again doing another u turn and then onto Alexandra headlands for lunch and fellowship on the beach front which was excellent courtesy of Gregs' Binoculars. Overall we done about 300Klm's and on the way home we stopped to help a guy whose Goldwing had caught fire, I spent most of the night and half of the next day helping him getting it going again as he lived at Hervey Bay and Brian a new found friend, who was with us had the chance to share a little with him as well.

I learned my lesson! Every ride will be pre-ridden with food chairs and toilet stops along the way, especially the long ones anyway, and no more of getting us lost, although it was fun, I think? See yas next ride.

### **TECH TIPS (Sort of anyway)**

Over the past few rides I have noticed a few things and would like to help you all out hopefully without offending anyone. All of our rides start from a petrol station so that we can all have full tanks together. A couple of riders I have noticed tend to sit in the middle of the road which can be very dangerous for yourself and others, it is a good idea to pick either the left or right hand wheel track of the lane you are in as the center of the lane you are in you may notice, constantly has oil, grease and grime deposits which can make things a little slippery in an emergency or anytime really.

Pick another rider you know and feel comfortable with to ride beside if you wish or otherwise you can “stagger” your position if you do not wish to be beside someone; Through mountainous roads always “stagger” your position and allow enough room for the bike in front to dodge dangers; keep an eye on your mirrors and let the lead rider know if someone has pulled over so we can all stop and assist if needed, sometimes we can get ahead of others as well, so lets try and keep the speed down so everyone is comfortable, which is usually my fault!

If you know you have mechanical problems with your bike please don't try and make it on the ride, there is one every month, fix the problem first ready for the next ride. I even had to buy a new tyre the night before the ride which was hard for me financially, but I wanted to go on the ride, actually “I had to” come to think of it - Praise God! If you have any ideas to make the rides better, please approach me, some have and it has been great, because I don't know what you want unless you tell me, and I want it to be an enjoyable time for both you and me. If you have mechanical problems or need help - **ring me!** I have vast network of friends, and we have 20 different Riders who come along to Bikers for Christ rides at times who may be able to help out in some little way, lets work on this together to help one another. - **Stay upright - Roscoe**.