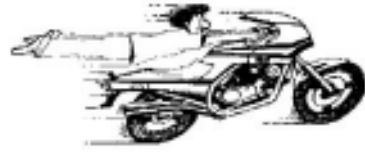


WHAT'S ON?

30 March, 1st April: Ulysses Valley Rally at Woodford show grounds \$15 entry includes badge, this is a great Rally.



5th to 8th April: Back to Bathurst races, an annual event now occurs in remembrance of the old Bathurst bike races from the 80's Roscoe has more info if you want it. Heaps of HQ Racing and bike racing.

14th April Willowbank Stall: CMA are manning a stall at the willowbank races, if anyone is interested in going and helping out contact Roscoe.

8th-10th June Rallyman Rally NSW. Grevilia, north of Kyogle on the Summerland Way. Kog 02 6633 3104

10th June The Mark Kean Memorial Poker Run QLD. Fernvale Park, opposite the pub. Registration 8.30 for departure 9.30am sharp. Destination is signposted from Esk. Southern Cross Association (Brisbane sub- committee) Greg 0417 771 184

16th July Concourse d' elegance QLD. Brisbane, Story Bridge Bike Show, Capt. John Burke Park. Club Laverda Big Al on 0401 980 369



\$20 Bikers 4 Christ Caps

The Long Ride: A "Long Ride" From all over Australia has been organised for April 2007 \$50 entry goes to the Flying Doctor Service and the ride ends at Darwin, Bikers are hoping to raise \$1000 per rider through fund raising activities along the way, Anyone can join in at any point, I am hoping to join in at Brisbane to Roma or maybe Charleville leg, check out their web site at <http://www.freewebs.com/longride2007> Even if you would like to just donate \$50 all donations are tax deductible... Contact Roscoe, or check out their web site!



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DADDY, DADDY, DADDY

Have a read of **Galatians 4:6** and **Mar 10:15**. I was talking to a mate the other day, he had a normal week but he had seen his kids a little less, and when he got home his kids ran to him jumped up in his arms yelling Daddy, Daddy, Daddy..... They were obviously pleased to see him, he sat down with them and they each sat on his lap and told him of their day. He said he proceeded to rise and go to his computer to do some work telling the kids to play, as he walked toward his computer a feeling of loss came over him, he looked back at his kids playing, turned around and sat with them again enjoying their company and their stories of their adventures.

My friend said to me, "you know, I reckon God is like this with us". The Amplified version of Mark reads like this: *Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in.*" My friend then said, Adam and Eve were probably like that walking with God and enjoying each others company". He then asked me, "what is the times when you hate something in particular about your children", my instant reply was "when they nag us". He said yep, and I think God doesn't like that too much either"! We then had a very deep and meaningful discussion on the character of God and his attitude toward us, he wants the best for us of course, but what do these scriptures really say?

OK, let's take a look at a child: My son Levi for instant is 10 years old, when I ask him to do something, he usually does it without question, but a lot of times he is curious and asks why? I remember Ray being the same at about that age, he would and he still does ask why? Ray is taking his driving lessons from me (God help us) and when I explain something to him, if he understands why (common knowledge type stuff) he just accepts and does it, but I have noticed that sometimes he asks "why"? So we pull over to the side of the road and I explain why, sometimes I have to show him why.

So, if we have to become as children to enter the Kingdom of God what does this mean for us? For instance, God said to me in September last year, "Ross (he is one of few who call me that) I want you to look at every conversation going on around you and shut up!" Now I know Proverbs tells us that a fool is known by his many words and a few scriptures like that, so I decided to just obey and shut up! I look back now and understand why, I have saved myself a lot of grief, and quite frankly prior to this I was a bit of a chatter box, but now I listen to people and I also hear God telling me stuff while people are talking, I am learning a lot more from the Holy Spirit!

What's Been Happening?

I have been a part of what many know as the Word of Faith" movement where we are basically taught to walk around confessing scripture, not talking negative, and quoting God's word for every occasion. Now don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with that and I still encourage it some times, but I have learnt that if I have a closer relationship with my heavenly Father, and he is watching over me, just like I am with my son, I want to protect him and so does my heavenly Father. Have a look at Mat 7v9 onwards, yes we still have to ask, but we shouldn't nag. Is God deaf? Is He stupid? Does He not care about us? I don't think so! He loves us!! I have noticed lately that since my walk with God has become more personal, it has become harder, but also I have been more blessed in the last few months than I ever was in the last few years or more! Why?

I was encouraged by preachers to go to God and demand, declare that the word will work, remind him of his promises, bind, loose, break, declare healing etc etc..... All that is good and we do have authority, but I have found a greater way! I go and I sit on my Daddy's lap and tell him all about my day, or my week, my faults, my failures, my guilt, my victories, my exploits, my passions and my desires, we have a real good chinwag basically. I enjoy his company and I am sure he enjoys mine, my Christian walk has become more real over the last few months than it ever was. It has become the hardest too, because I have a close relationship with God, he has the opportunity to show me areas of my life that need changing, attitudes I need to get rid of, lifestyles that need to change and ideals.

At the same time too, he shows me ways of doing it all! He makes it that little bit easier for me, he gives me the next piece of the jigsaw and I just figure out where it goes. Due to this fact, the devil can see that I am placing this puzzle of the "Christian Walk" together and he doesn't like it, he brings along stuff in my life to try and upset the table and make my puzzle fall out of place. I can see that too. Have a read of **Matthew 6v1-8**. Have a look at your walk, not other people's, and ask yourself, which one am I? I have blessed some people lately in different ways, it has caused their faith in God to grow which is supposed to be the result, and in return, God has blessed me back in many ways. I have a greater appreciation of "The kingdom of God" now, I am almost starting to get a glimpse of what it is like to live in it, I can hardly wait until it matures, but I think that will be years away.

Our life is supposed to be one of victory, health, prosperity, favour, Love, Peace, a one way river, and mostly it is not! Well, I speak of myself here anyway maybe not you. But I have found a vital key, and it opens the door to the Kingdom of God, treat God like your Daddy. I never had a dad, so I would not have any idea what that is supposed to mean, but I am as sure as the Pope is Catholic that I am going to find out what a Daddy is supposed to be like. Maybe your Dad left a sour taste in your life, maybe you are like me and didn't have one, I struggle with being a dad myself, because I don't know what I am supposed to be like. From here on, I intend to learn from the best possible Father in the universe, it may take a long time, but I am going to enjoy the trip along the way.

Ever been to a youth convention? Seen how they have tears and highest highs, and power on for God for a while, it is because they get close to God, close to him during worship, during times of prayer the expect to receive, we can learn from our youth of today. We have received many words of encouragement from preachers, prophets and so on, but it is only the words from God that can change your life and not out of a book called a Bible, it is words that can only be received by sitting on his lap and having that relationship with him.

Well, we have had our first BBQ for the year a few Sundays ago and it was a great afternoon! We had about 20 adults and God knows how many kids, they wouldn't stand still long enough to count them, plenty of food and Vivienne brought over a trifle which quite a lot of didn't know was there, that is ok because I got the last bowl anyway and it was excellent, sorry guys! NOT!! There have been a few hospital visits as well, and helping a few people out here and there, thanks to Paul, Terry, Dave Honan, Bazza, Highway, and a couple of others for your help over the last month, I appreciate it.

A few guys and some friends went for a ride while a couple of others went to the Vietnam vets bike show, we all ended up meeting there, it seemed quieter this year but a great day any way, got to meet up with Gary from Bikers 4 Christ 20 yrs ago and we are going to keep in contact more, I got myself a Trailer now and Gary is going to do some minor adjustments on it for me to make it more user friendly, Bazza has bought yet another bike, got himself a FJ 1100, nope he sold that one too and now has a 750 Shadow.

Wayne in Mackay has been going on his usual outlaw club runs and shows etc, as well as riding with the CMA, he also met up with a Christian rider who hadn't had any fellowship for a while so made a new friend there. Tina has been run off her feet in Hervey Bay, even I can't keep up with what she is up to. We are still waiting for approval to put her trike on the road from Transport so keep that in your prayers for her, also she needs some more Christian riders up there and support for different projects she is looking at setting up, she needs your prayers heaps.

Went on a ride organised by Don's Pastor up at Toowoomba that was fun, a little fast but there was about 60 bikes for their first poker run so it was good, also attended a run and camp out at Glamorgan vale and spent the night there using my trailer for the first time, met up with some really nice people and old friends, Sunday saw us joining CMA for another church raid at Laidley, got to hear the testimony of a Bass player who spent years with the Little River band, have clocked up over 1200 klm's myself this last month, feeling the effects of it all now and need a rest, come along and join in the fun.

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A true prophet reaches your conscience."***

We Have eMail:

Gidday Roscoe, '(travelling down the lonely western highway this morning when an approaching four wheel drive did a u turn in front of us, the reason was to be seen, an old shovel nosed toyota was broken down, pretty rough old car, most likely didnt have a mobile, really great to see some one actually taking the time to assist, follows right on from your newsletter. Rather apt I thought this stretch of highway here, halfway between melbourne and adelaide is well known for accidents and break downs. By the way Roscoe, Nhill is pronounced nill ie, nothing, zero, the big empty. Wont be retiring here thats for sure, great back roads to ride on ignoring the speed limits, um, yeah, I know. anyways, take care, will send ya some pics soon, cya, all blessings, John, 'auntyjack'.

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT? *By Terry*

Remember the old Tina Turner song? 1 John 4v8 says in the Amp “The person who refuses to love doesn’t know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can’t know him if you don’t love”. Hi Everyone, I’m Tezza from Beaudesert and I would like to share the good news about Love with you. Recently, my wife Glenys and I celebrated our 8th wedding anniversary on Valentines day. We had attended a wedding a few days before which brought back a lot of memories. Of course we compared our wedding with theirs, our day was far more humid and hotter than theirs was and they had the bonus of an air conditioned church. But all weddings are pretty much the same but the most important thing is - your vow to God and each other - that you’ll love each other and bind yourselves to God through Love.

Once you make that commitment, you seem to get tested to keeping it! It is the same when we commit to loving Jesus. Satan goes on the attack any way he can. Everyone has their own story to tell about love and relationships and they are not always sunny skies and smooth sailing. Well the good news is, no matter what we go through, God’s love is something we can depend on. In the garden of Gethsamane, knowing what was ahead of him, Jesus prayed so earnestly, he sweated great drops of blood. His love for us took him to the cross and I believe his love for his father kept him strong as well. So my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, what are we waiting for? Lets get out there and show everyone the power of Love today, God’s Love! The answer to Tina Turners song, “whats love got to do with it”..... EVERYTHING! I’ll end with **John 13v34** Amplified “Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. Cheers, may God ride with you always, Tezza



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Never mess with a dumb blonde!

An attorney and a blonde are sitting next to each other on a flight from Los Angeles to New York. The attorney asks if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde is tired and just wants to take a nap, so she politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks. The attorney persists. He explains how the game works. “I ask you a question, and if you don’t know the answer, you pay me, and vice-versa.” Again the blonde politely declines and tries to get some sleep. The attorney figures that since his opponent is a blonde he will easily win the match, so he makes another offer. “If you don’t know the answer, you pay me only \$5.00, but if I don’t know the answer, I will pay you \$500.” The blonde figures there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, so she agrees. The attorney asks, “What’s the distance from the Earth to the moon?” The blonde reaches in to her purse, pulls out a five dollar bill, and hands it to the attorney. Then she asks the attorney, “What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?” The attorney is puzzled. He uses his laptop to search for references. He taps into the air-phone with his modem and searches the Net and the Library of Congress. Frustrated, he sends emails to his coworkers and friends. No luck. After an hour, he gives up. He wakes the blonde and hands her \$500.00. The blonde politely takes the \$500.00 and turns away to get back to sleep. The attorney, who is going nuts trying to figure it out, wakes the blonde and asks, “Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?” The blonde reaches into her purse, hands the attorney \$5.00, then goes back to sleep.

Tech Tips Revisited:

Check ups: Unfortunately most people (if you are like me) 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, multigrips, electrical tape. (*a box of matches if all else fails*).

If you were to change your own oil and filter when it was due, 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*). Come along later on in the year, when we have a tech tip day, and I can show you all the above if you don’t know how.

The Devil Made Me Do It!

Remember the old saying “The devil made me do it”, well maybe it aint so old and people still use it... Who knows! Anyway, was chatting away with some people on the Internet and I still got no idea why so decided to study something that I feel God said to me. The Devil is not Omnipresent! What is that word you may ask? The dictionary says “*Present everywhere simultaneously*”. God is Omnipresent but the devil is not. So what did the Holy Spirit mean by saying this to me? Imagine yourself binding the devil at 10am in Brisbane, then a Christian in Cairns at 10am also is binding the devil, and also at the exact same time in Perth, Sydney and Victoria, imagine thousands doing it all at the same time.

Now, why do we bind the devil, OK, one instant I have done it, I have been ill and bound the devil of sickness, some may have bound the devil of infirmity, poverty, lack, strife, division, imagine us all doing it at once. It is no wonder the Devil is pinged off with us, we blame him for everything and he is totally confused at all this binding and the majority of times he has nothing to do with it! Seriously, have we ever really stopped and looked at what we are doing. We are basically really playing games I think, Jesus didn't walk around binding this devil and that devil every day of the week, especially when the pharisees or sadducees came against him he didn't bind the devil! We need to understand it isn't the devil but it may be a “spirit” of something, let's get our fact right first before we go off half cocked and make a fool of ourselves when nothing happens.

I look at some people and I really wonder what planet they are on, for instance, I now of a man that used to always bind the devil of poverty and lack, yet at the same time he was the stingiest person I had ever met! Another instant is someone I know was praying for someone with cancer and binding the devil of cancer, but the recipient went on smoking and of course died, the comment was the devil stole their life. **NO**, why is it we always want to shun or shift the blame off of us and onto something else? Take me for instant, I have a neck injury that causes me much sickness and pain, do I bind the devil of infirmity? No I don't think so, unless God shows me that is what it is of course, but I just need to do what the Bible says and get the elders to lay hands on me and pray for healing. Then I also have to get my act together and keep up with my exercises and also lose weight like I was told 18 mths ago, although I have lost some, it still was not enough.

Do I bind the Devil of poverty because I can't afford to pay my bills? **NO**, I needed to go out and get a job that pays money, I am not capable of full time work but I am able to do part time work. Over the years I have seen and learned some things that I look back on now and think, I must have been nuts! I think sometimes we think we are too **HOLY** to sin! Have a read of **James chapter one**, I love the book of James it is so practical. One person on the internet said to me, maybe we give the devil too much credit, how true! But, we also need to look at self I think like it says in James.

Next time you go to take authority over the devil, stop and think first, what is the real reason for this problem or circumstance. Yes, the devil is the father of all lies etc etc, but sometimes we just live in an imperfect world. Oh, if yours is perfect let me know, I am moving in with you then! I have been reading yet another book titled “My Velvet Elvis” for my chaplaincy, and it is a great book, the guy goes into the culture of the day, the meanings of words and phrases and a heap more which I won't get into, but basically he says, that we have made Christianity a **religion**! The New Testament disciples called it “The Way”, that is why Jesus said “I am the way the truth and the life” it refers to a lifestyle, a way of life. The Author says that our so called Christian walk is really meant to be a very personal walk in the garden with God, like it was with Adam and Eve.

When Jesus said to the disciples “come and follow me” in that era, it was literal, a Rabbi would say that to a young person and that young person would leave family, jobs, things and follow that Rabbi 24/7 and they counted it an honour that they were chosen to follow that teacher. If we wanted to we could get down to the nitty gritty and ask have we done that? Have we really followed Jesus? The disciples would have been with him day and night and watching and learning all there was to learn about Jesus, 24/7 I am talking about here, can any of us lay claim we have done that? I don't think so. Can we do that? Yes I think we can, how?

We need to involve God more in our day to day affairs, minute by minute, instead of binding the devil, ask the Holy Spirit, what is happening, why this is so, seek God's way of doing things. I have been doing this as of late and it is amazing just how much the Holy Spirit is revealing to me in my life, mostly areas where I need to adjust something in my life, it has been an eye opener and a hard task too. He has revealed things in my life where I need to change and I don't want to! It has been a very convicting time to say the least. It has been amazing that some things that I blamed on the devil was just plain dumb my attitude or someone elses attitude, but because I have asked God to show me, he has been faithful and has shown me whether I liked it or not!

Let me take a common problem that most of us at some time or another would have experienced. Our bike or car broke down. OK, so we blamed the devil saying “I must be doing something right cause he is trying to stop me”. Not necessarily, have you kept your service history in check? Do you give your vehicle a hard time? Do you go for a cheaper brand or product regardless of the effects it may have? Think about it, is that vehicle really breaking down because of neglect or mistreatment? Another one..... Strife, division, or gossip is in your ear all the time and bring you down..... You bind the devil of strife and division, no..... You should be putting those people in their place and telling them to shut their mouth! Obviously someone has been operating in the flesh instead of in the Spirit! Nothing to do with the Devil. I know a man who gets ripped off in his business a lot, he is forever blaming the devil and binding that spirit or this spirit, but I also see a problem, that same man rips off his customers in his business, now that to me looks like sowing and reaping! Have you been reaping something you sowed some time ago and are now blaming the devil?

OK, so these are just a few issues here, how do we fix it all? Seek God on everything! Instead of blowing up and flipping out, simply just pray and ask God about it, what to do, how to handle it, which way to turn. Also as I said before we still live in an imperfect world! Have a read of **John 16v2; Luke 13v24**. Jesus did not promise us a bed of roses! If he did that is OK, but remember roses have thorns!! We are still in this world unfortunately, we will have trials and tribulations, they are promises of the Kingdom of God for those who want to live righteously. Yes, there are times where we do need to bind the “spirits” at work around people or our lives for that matter, but make sure you have got it right, I have heard many people ask the same question “how come I got no victory in this area” and they bound and loosed and prayed their hearts out, but they didn't seek God on the matter how **HE** would have **US** go about it.

Over the years, I have watched people bind, break and confess stuff over my childrens lives for the healing of their deaf ears. To no avail! Over the years I have prayed “God help my kids do well at school and in life” and have seen some amazing things in my childrens lives. People have prayed for my neck too, but I have seen God move in many areas of my life regardless of my neck, matter of a fact if my neck wasn't like it is, I would not have had the opportunities that I did have, we need to stay focused on what God wants, not others!