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THE MASTER LINK

BAZZ'S BANTER

Hello fellow enthusiasts,

Here we are with the last Link of the year. A bigger and better issue again! Annya is doing a great job getting articles from other motorcyclists/groups.

Garage Twentyfive has also been growing as more groups and commercial interests find out about it. Rod Moorcroft has done a great job for the club, networking the motorcycle community.

Saturday rides have been getting bigger and better thanks to Harold Park & Chris Orton. Also thanks to Mark Mellor for organising the odd mystery ride too. There will be more in the new year!!

As The Link goes to 'print' a bunch of enthusiasts will be going on an overnighter to Glenn Innes led by Robby Murray (the master of overnighters). Some will remember how wet the Iluka trip was and how cold the Texas trip was! Lol

Recently we also had Steve Spalding (a rep from Transport/Main Roads) give a talk at our clubhouse about some motorcycle safety initiatives. Watch this space!!

Did anyone say
Christmas Dinner?

What a great night it was at the Fox & Hounds. Justin was a great host. Now I know a few members have been asking about pics as I have held off posting any on FB. There is a full story (with pics) in this Link edition.



I think that's enough from me wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a motorcycling New Year!

Cheers,
Bazz.



Top: Bazz.

Left: Robbie and Annie.

Below: Don's daughter being presented with a members polo by Bazz.

Bottom: a table of Christmas cheer.



**'WHEN LIFE THROWS YOU A
CURVE.... LEAN INTO IT!'**



FROM THE EDITOR

Hi everyone.

I hope you liked the last edition of The Link, and my first as editor. Between editions, I've done a fair bit of navel gazing as my beautiful mum passed away after a short battle with cancer.

When I first decided to start riding motorcycles, mum was only every supportive and proud. As a strong willed woman, mum knew I was going to do it regardless and that worrying wouldn't help. So, she leaned in with interest as I'd tell her about my adventures, near misses and the amazing feeling I had.

I had her unconditional love and support not only in riding, but for whatever I did in life, including creating TribalMoto, becoming a BloodBikes volunteer and helping out with The Link. For that, I am forever grateful.

Mum's passing has reminded me of how short and finite life is, and how much I have yet to do. So watch out 2023 - I'm coming for ya!

I'd love to know what challenges you've set for 2023, and of course feel free to share them as they are achieved! We all need a little inspiration.

Remember, I'm editing this magazine based on what you want to read and from the information and stories you share. So please let me know what you'd like to see, ideas for improvement and of course share your stories!

Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Cheers

Annya



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WHO ARE WE?

The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club has been around for 30+ years. As the name suggests, we are enthusiasts of all forms of motorcycles, including classic, modern, sidecars and trikes. We cater to all ages and styles.

Enjoy weekly, monthly, weekend and week-long Club runs, as well as other casual rides organised to motorcycle rallies and events held by other clubs.

WHERE ARE WE?

Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba. Entrance to Heritage Village is opposite Milky Way.

WHAT'S THE LINK?

The Link is our Club magazine, emailed bi-monthly and includes information on Club runs, activities and rallies held by other clubs, club events, ride reports, photos, videos and articles contributed by our club members.

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Email articles, photos, items for sale to editor@mecgc.club by the 25th of the preceding month.

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BIKERS BREAKFAST

The First Saturday every month. Open at 7am. Please bring your SIV rego bikes, you can share a BBQ breakfast with us at the clubhouse then head out for a ride. Leave at 9am.

WEEKLY RIDES

Members are reminded that they can use their SIV registered bikes on these and any club activity.

- Monday: Wayne's ride. Meet at Tahbella Cafe, 3 Cottonwood Place, Oxenford at 8am to leave 8.30am.
- Thursday ride meeting at our clubhouse 8.30am leave at 9am.
- Saturday morning ride meeting at clubhouse 7.30am for a cuppa, stands up at 8.00am.
- Last Saturday is a long ride.
- Club Rooms open every Saturday from 7am rain or shine for coffee before we head out.

ADVENTURE RIDE

Join us for the Adventure Ride (ARM). Visit the MECGC Website for more details.

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Third Wednesday of each month.

All members of the club are welcome to attend the committee Meeting. Club General Meeting— are no longer held each month. There will be meetings called from time to time. Next one is August for the annual AGM.

MOVIE NIGHT

2nd Wednesday of each month.

Open from 6.30pm. Movie starts at 7pm.

For more information, contact Mark 0438 000 3224

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2022 CHRISTMAS DINNER

Much fun was had for the XXX members who attended the MECGC Christmas dinner on 12 November at the Fox and Hounds Country Inn Wongawallan.

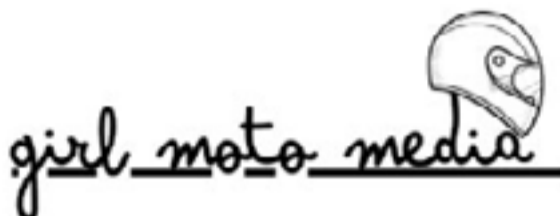
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'At the core, men and women often ride for the same reasons. It's our riding journey, and the riding environment, that is quite different. I noticed that women thrive when they feel nurtured, supported and encouraged. I love how women share and contribute to each other. I have watched their burning desire to be part of this sport, at the same time as losing their confidence or hitting a mental block that literally stops them in their tracks,' Loren said.

Girl Moto is the platform that brings the voice of female riders together. This is the place where female riders can show the motorcycle brands and community what they, as female riders, need from them.

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POEM PITSTOP

MY LIFE ON BIKES



The Triumph creaks and cracks and groans, as it rapidly cools down,
 From hours of spirited riding, far from this madding town.
 Where the traffic is much thinner, with fewer trucks around,
 Less buses and less caravans, and fewer four wheeled clowns.
 We are blessed with winding mountain roads, and challenging terrain,
 And endless vast expanses, upon the reddened plain.
 It thrills me and excites me, fills me with endless joy,
 My passion and my medicine, not just a useless toy.
 But we suffer under bureaucrats, and their evil deep within,
 Who tell me fines Draconian, will somehow cleanse my sins.
 The Nanny State claims to love me, and wishes me no harm,
 But it clips so harsh my freedom, that I'd rather lose an arm.
 Why is it that I'm hated, for what I love so well?
 I am no public enemy, no demon out of Hell.
 And I fear a future that's too close, so wicked and so cruel,
 And the day my motorcycle, will be denied it's precious fuel.
 But meantime I'll just throttle on, release endorphins from within,
 And bang on through unending bends. This is where life begins.

By Derek Stevenson

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Saturday 11th February

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7.00am to 11.00am



The fourth Caffeine, Banter and Bikes motorcycle meet, and the first for 2023, will be held on Saturday 11th February at 'Garage 25' from 7.00am to 11.00am.

We are very proud to have founded this event and you'll find the MECGC tent standing tall amongst a variety of other great retailers offering their products for purchase during the morning.

The last event saw a plethora of motorcycles of all different shapes and sizes stop in for brekky or a cuppa. Some for the long haul and others on their way to a great ride, on what turned out to be a perfect day.

Our tent had a good turnout of members and we are hoping for an increase in attendance in February. Of course, registering on the day is available to prospective new members. **It would also be great if those members attending could (if possible) wear club name badges & shirts.**



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We will be kicking off at 7.00am going through to 11.00am, however you are welcome to come & go as you please.

We appreciate the on-going support from the following vendors that should be present on the day with their goods.



Calendar for 2023
 Sat. 11th February 2023
 Sat. 13th May 2023
 Sat. 12th August 2023
 Sat. 11th November 23

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HOW DO I CORNER BETTER?

"How do I corner better? Why do I keep running wide? What gear should I use? What's the best line?"

Questions around cornering are among the most commonly asked in my almost 20 years of training riders. Corners are one of the reasons we love motorcycles, yet they're often the very thing that scare the living daylights out of a rider.

I don't know a single rider who hasn't had a "moment" in a corner. Me included. And I bet you can say the same thing.

When we get that perfect run through a series of twisties it's exhilarating. But why is it so hard to achieve for many riders? And if we do get it right, why can't we do it consistently?

In our experience as trainers, it comes down to understanding and correctly implementing 3 key components of a "cornering system" - setup, vision, and line.

Most riders can get 2 of them right some of the time. But it's when you get 3 of them right that you'll feel that exhilaration. Do it consistently and you're headed towards cornering MASTERY.

Let's have a look at the 3 components, starting with VISION.

KEY #2 VISION: Look up, turn your head, and look to where you want to go, and that's the exit of the corner.

Your brain needs to know where you're headed and how fast you're getting there. As a human we were never intended to travel faster than around 10-15km/h.



At those speeds our brain can assimilate information comfortably. But us humans developed these wonderful machines called motorcycles that allow us to travel at speeds at which the brain finds difficult to process information. And as we get older that gets worse.

So, we need to feed it information earlier and allow it time to process it. It takes the average person a minimum of 1.5 seconds to recognise and respond to what they're looking at.

Many riders look down at the road and not far in front of the bike. The road appears to be zipping past at warp speed and you feel you're travelling much faster than you really are.

You also can't determine where you're headed but the brain has decided we're getting there fast, so it assumes there's a danger and sends a warning to your body that you feel as panic.

You will have heard the expression "where you look is where you go", and it's true. Your brain will only allow you to go towards what it knows, even if it is bad... like a tree. It's trying to protect you!

So you have to train yourself to do something different - look further ahead at where you want to go, like the corner exit!

KEY #3 LINE: Enter wide, stay wide and aim to exit tight - and leave the racing line at the track.

The "University of Facebook" and the "College of YouTube" would have you believe the best and fastest line through a corner is the same line Jack Miller would use on a racetrack.

Not so on the road.

The mantra we hear in Q-Ride training is "enter wide, stay wide, buffer and aim to exit tight".

Entering wide and staying wide through the turn opens up your vision. It allows you to better implement Key #2.

You should always be able to see approximately 6 seconds ahead of you and be able to stop in that distance, so this determines your speed through the corner.

Hold that wide line until you see the exit point of the turn, and then bring the bike in to the exit point.

Aiming to exit tight also gives you space on the exit if something does go wrong.

And often a right-hand bend leads into a left (and a left leads into a right), so a tight exit from one sets you up perfectly for the next.

Ah yes, I hear you say, but what if there's two right handers in a row? Well, that's even more reason why we stay wide! If you took the "Jack Miller racing line" on the first one and didn't know there was two in a row you're going to run wide on the second!

KEY #1 SETUP: Arrive at the corner at the correct speed, in the right gear and with a settled bike.

I've deliberately left Key #1 until last, because it's the most complex and almost impossible to detail adequately in an article like this.

Key #1 is your setup or preparation for the corner. It's a series of steps you need to get right BEFORE the corner to get your bike at the right speed, into the right gear and settled.

For many that means adopting a better braking technique, doing things a little earlier, methodically and having a better understanding of what your bike is actually doing through the corner.



Slow the process down, get the basics right and get everything done prior to the corner.

And an "in slow out fast" approach is better than those constant "UH-OH" moments.

Once you have the bike settled, maintain a neutral throttle position - just enough to keep your speed steady.

Learning to get the setup right normally requires a bit of guidance and certainly a lot of practice.

If you can master these 3 keys your cornering will change for ever - I promise!

Your bike will be better balanced and stable, your cornering will be more consistent and predictable, and you feel more confident and comfortable.

This information isn't new, but the way we deliver in our newest cornering course is. We broke the process down into a simple, step by step, and easy to understand system.

Finally on a personal note, it's great to be invited to contribute to the club and to see the magazine rise again. I've already had the pleasure of spending time with many of you and I'm looking forward to doing more of that in the near future, meeting new people and even getting out on the bike with you!

Enjoy the ride!

Steve McDowall

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