

# Burning Rubber

Bike Doctor & Bike Tyre City's news letter, keeping you informed

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Hello and almost "Merry Christmas"! You just have to keep on asking yourself..."where the heck has this year gone to"? Well, I suppose, as long as you have been busy and having fun along the way, then you haven't wasted the time. Since last putting out a newsletter back in July, things have been pretty hectic around the workshop, but I have had a couple of opportunities to get out and enjoy my real passions for travel and bikes.

## Cairns to Cape York – Outback Adventure come 8-Day MotoX

Early last month, 5 of us from Perth joined 5 others from around the world to ride from Cairns to Cape York on DRZ400's....turned out to be about an 8-day motox.



Bit of a stress-test for this old-timer I can tell you! And NO....I'm going to tell you how many times I dropped the bike in the water-crossings/loose-sand/dried-out-mud-holes/bulldust-pits and other "special technical challenges" these fellows

cooked up for us.....I lost count anyway! (Thanks to all of my mates for always being there to pick the bike up again!). But we had fun...I think. The trip took us to places not normally accessible or even thought about (I know why now too!). Yes, it was rough and tough, but I'm kinda glad now that I can scratch that off my "bucket list". (Thanks Darrin for the invitation!). If you are going to do it....it might be best when you're about 25-30yo and still feeling invincible! Then again, whatever your age, if you want to do it....do it! We're only here for a short time after all....so, pack as much as you can into it!



## MotoGp – Sepang – 2009 & 2010 (Advance Bookings now taken)

With that done and dusted, a few days back in the office to catch up and recuperate (with a torn hammy!), then it was off to KL for the MotoGP at Sepang organised and partly sponsored by Shell. I can't tell you what a great place KL is for a weekend's racing. They really do have a

world-class venue up there, and the place is interesting to visit too. I'm putting together a group for next year when the MotoGP is scheduled for the 10/10/10.

If you are interested, please let me know, and I'll include you on the list. The itinerary and price includes return flights, 3 nights accommodation in a 4-star hotel inc full breakfasts, all transfers to & from the airport in KL & Sepang raceway, tickets to the MotoGP for the Sat practice and Sunday main event.

**Early-bird price on a twin-share basis is \$1,790.00.**

**Single room price is \$1,990.00.** Maximum 20 people, so get in early!

These prices are based on 2009 costs....airfares are reviewed in March and normally increase, but, if you have committed now, you won't be effected, ok?



The hotels are first class too!



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You can tell I'm in the travel frame of mind, so I thought I'd share some different news and ideas with you to get you thinking about life's good stuff for a change.....I'll come to the bike and tyre news shortly. Bear with me for a second or two please.

## Laos trip January 2010

Now I know what you're thinking.....has Dave lost the plot here, or what? Well, maybe, but I decided about 3 years ago that I would treat myself to a trip on every birthday that came along from that point onwards. After doing a little research, I discovered that Laos is a really fascinating country to visit.....albeit that not a lot of tourists actually go there. Anyway, I know this is short notice, but, if you would like to join me, I can promise a great and memorable week that few westerners get to experience. Final details are still being worked out as far as exact dates and costs, but approx dates are Jan 22-Feb 01 with all-up costs around AU\$3,000-3,500 depending on whether an extra night in KL is called for due to impractical flight connections. This will be a small group of 5-8 due to the nature of this trip....so, get in early if you like these adventures.

## Last words on travel.....Bhutan....late March/early April 2010

Many of you recall the fantastic trip back in 2006 to Tibet which was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Well, I've long been wanting to do it again, but this time to Bhutan.....another remote and rarely-visited Kingdom with a lot to offer the bike-riding adventurer in us all.



If you ask anyone who was on that trip to Tibet, they'll talk to you for hours about the great time they had.



Final details are still being sorted, but the time will be late March/early April for approx 17-21 days. Final costings also to be decided on, pending flight alternatives which will perhaps necessitate extra night's accommodation to match connections, but it will be in the region of AU\$7,100

for the land content, plus approx AU\$1,900 airmiles, travel insurance, airport taxes, etc....so, around \$9,000 in total. The itinerary for this trip will be available shortly when all final details have been ironed out. There is a maximum of 12 places for this adventure.

## Something for the Tea-Drinkers

Yes, I know....what is this doing in a bike newsletter you ask? Well, I'll tell you. On that fantastic trip to Tibet, I met a Chinese fella who introduced me to this tea called "Oolong". So impressed by its unusual flavour and health benefits (Google it to find out more), that I am now importing it for my own use, as well as to share with my friends & customers. The fact is that I can't buy a tin whenever I want to, so I have to import quantities larger than I can consume.....therefore, you guys are now privileged to be able to get it from the shop, a tin at a time whenever you like. Try it and see if you agree with me, that it is the best tea on the planet!



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Ok, now I'll see what I can come up with that is purely bike-related.

## Michelin Tyre Promotion

Up until the end of November, Michelin is promoting its Pilot Power range of sports street tyres. Purchase a set of these and go into a draw to WIN your choice of motorcycle (4 sports bike options) valued up to \$17,000 or one of 9 runner-up prizes. Wouldn't that be a great Christmas present, eh?

## New Sport-touring Angel ST from Pirelli is now available

Not only have they produced a new concept tread-pattern which changes as the tyre wears down, but they have made a special heavy-duty one for bikes over 240kg in the most common sized 180/55ZR17. This will be welcome for the FJR's, etc. **A free T-Shirt** goes with every one of these sold until the promotion finishes.

## K60 Heidenau tyres now available for the BMW GS's, DL's, etc.

These tyres have long been regarded as a better

compromise between the TKC80's and more road-going tyres such as Tourance, Anakee, etc. We keep good stocks of them, but phone ahead just to make sure they're not temporarily out of stock.

## Metzeler's new Isle of Man track-record-holding Racetec Interact tyres are now available for the true sports riders and track-day participants.

These things must be made of glue! I wish I could stick a set on my V-Max! Available in one front and 3 rear sizes.

## Tyre Draw Winners for July-Aug-Sept-Oct

### The Winners

**July:-** Chris Perham from Cloverdale \$246.00

**August:-** Darren Munnoch from Hillarys \$268.00

**September:-** Len Lowe from Westminster \$226.00

**October:-** Steven Jones from Palmyra. \$229.00

Congratulations to all our winners. You are the lucky ones sharing \$969.00 towards your future motorcycling needs. Thankyou for your support and especially your referrals.

Your winnings are recorded on our computer. This credit is redeemable for any purchases in our shop for tyres, repairs, dyno tuning, parts, accessories, and is valid for the 12 months following the Draw (i.e. today's winners credit is good up to 30 November 2010, at which time the credit expires).

## New staff member on the team – Jake

It must be in his blood. With great pleasure, I am happy to announce the addition to our workshop of our son, Jake. And now there are five of us to handle the workload.....well, actually, it seems that it is fairly rare that all hands are on deck with that many people involved, but it should make everything work better in the long run. (That's when I'm not here.....away somewhere testing the bike/terrain ratio of different places!).

Until we meet again, stay safe and enjoy the ride. Dave, Steve, Matt, Andy & Jake

