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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'Day Zedheads

Well Conondale is done and dusted for another year.

Again, I'd like to thank everyone for the effort they put in to making it another successful event.

Although the numbers were a little down from last year, all those that did attend had a great time and the Rally went off without any major problems or glitches.

Don't forget, if you have any ideas/suggestions on how to improve next year's event, just let the Committee know of them.

Justin is still in the process of sorting out all the finances for the Rally, but we're definitely in the RED, so that's cool.

I'll try to get a full account of all the expenditure, etc., and get it out in next month's mag and hopefully Justin will give us an accurate account at the next meeting.

Well I hope you've had a chance to look at the Ride Calendar, as it's starting to fill up nicely.

We're still open to more suggestions, so feel free to put forward any ideas for rides or events. The more there is, the more choice people will have, as it's always hard to please everyone.

The next Club event is the Aussie Superbikes at Morgan Park, Warwick, on Apr 10th - 12th. Ray Smith and I will be going up on Friday to set up a Club Display, and will be camping there for the weekend.

I didn't receive any replies to the email about the Club Ride up to the event, on the Sunday Apr 12th, but hopefully we'll get some numbers at the next meeting.

REMEMBER Ride em DON'T hide em!!!!

Cheers.

Beno

El Presidentè

EDITOR'S REPORT

Hi Zedders,

In this month's magazine, I have attempted to better use font and background colours to better symbolise the great Jaffa. It has been my intention to use a different colour scheme each month, to represent the colours of each model, as the monthly productions go along. Given that it was a token effort in my first two publications, I have tried to improve the look in this month's mag. I have found that Microsoft Word "colours" are not very Kawasaki friendly, so I'll continue to do the best I can in the coming months. This month, I have tried to use the closest oranges and chocolates of the classic Z1 Jaffa. Next month, I will have a go at the other colour combo of the Z1, the Yellow/Green combo, etc. (I know this is pure detail, but hey, why not?)

Conondale 2015 was my first introduction to the annual event and I would like to say, "You guys are really "the goods"!" It was a very well-greased, well run, interesting and friendly event. It was lots of fun, there was lots of camaraderie, we were blessed by the Weather Gods, and I was I was very glad to meet some of the club members who I hadn't had a chance to meet until then, to talk tech. specs., to get to know the other members (that I HAD met), better, and to get a close-up view and experience first-hand of what this club is all about.

(As an "aside", I would like to make special mention of how well I thought SLUDGE handled "SLEDGE" (the nickname that I "coined" in my mind for that loud interjecting guy, during Saturday's events). I thought Sludge represented us very well as a very 'REFINED' version of his nickname, whereas the other fella, well, he remains in my memory of those events as "Sledge" (You CANNOT refine used Sledge.....:-) LOL. Well done Sludge!)

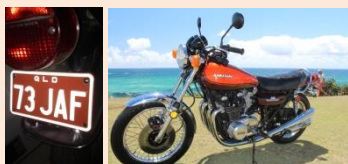
Saturday night's band was awesome, but I enjoyed both Friday and Saturday night's entertainments equally.....immensely.....so I'm told.....LOL

REMEMBER, more Conondale pics and the Ride Calendar is on the website.

I hope you get a chance to read the mag before the meeting on Tuesday. See you there.

Cheers,

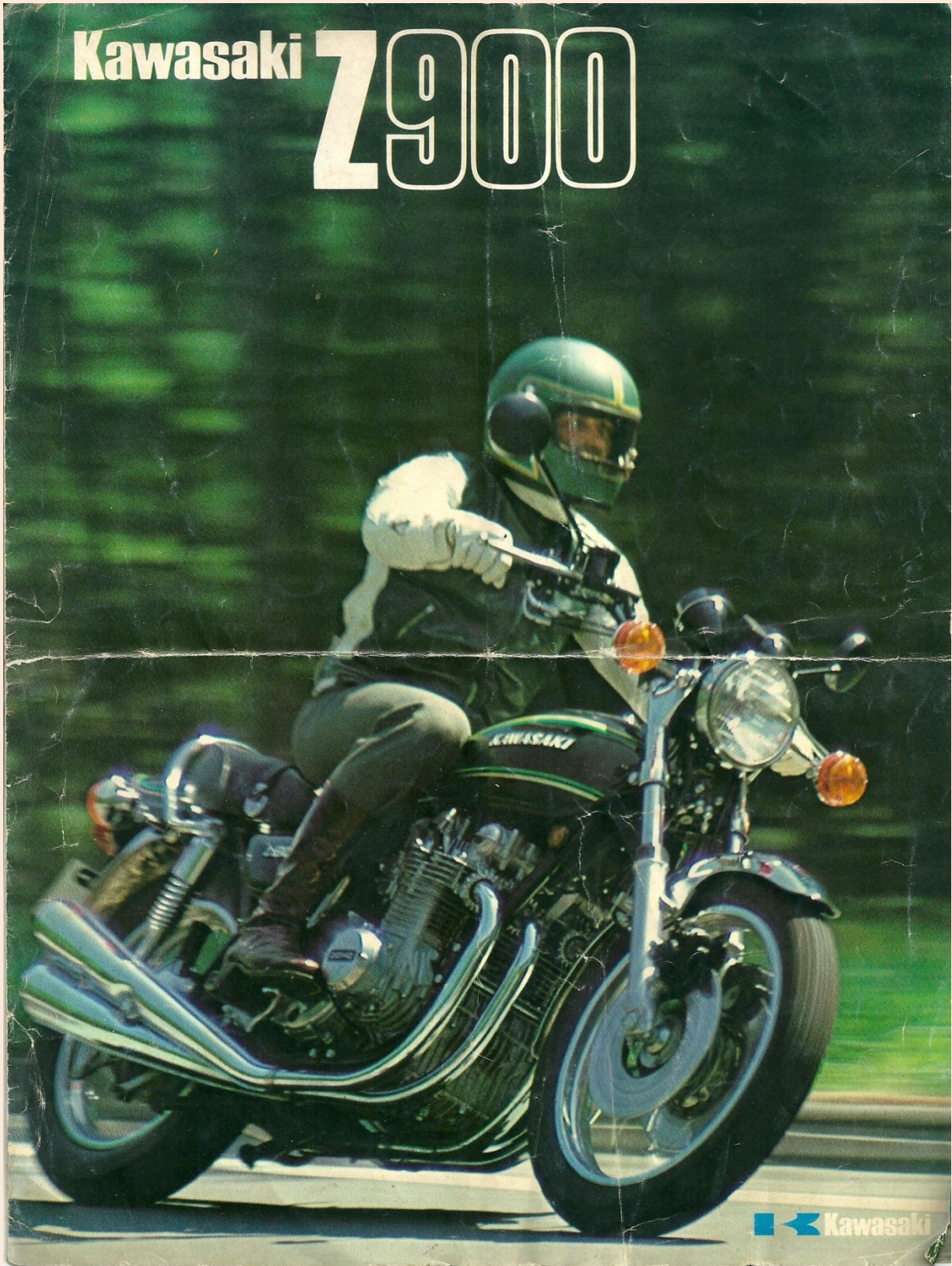
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ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Kawasaki **Z900**



 Kawasaki

The King is still the King!

The Kawasaki 900 Z1 was born a King. Today the king is known as the Kawasaki Z900 and it's better than ever. In three years it has become the best-selling supersports tourer in the world and every year it's refined, improved.

This year is no exception.

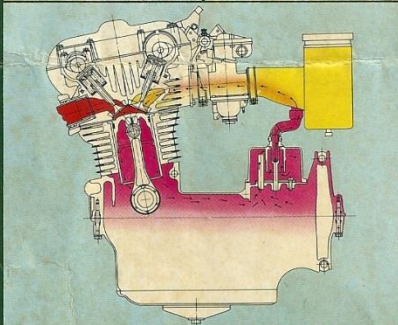
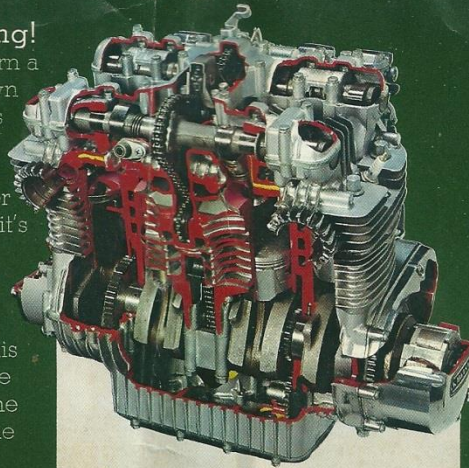
But the qualities for which this machine is famous remain the same: the awesome power, the smoothness, the reliability, the ease of handling. Why make changes for the sake of change? Kawasaki has concentrated on details like making the seat more comfortable, the engine kill switch more convenient to use and the rear shocks more efficient.

There are also some totally new features and surprising new functions. The fuel tank can be locked. The same key needed for the ignition also works the tank and seat locks. It's more convenient. A new buzzer reminds you to turn off the turnsignals when you've rounded the corner. There's a new hazard warning system that flashes all four turning signals.

A new electrical safety feature ensures that if there is a fuse malfunction concerning the lighting system, the turnsignals and starter motor will still work enabling the machine to be operated normally, until the blown fuse is replaced.

They all add up to making the Kawasaki Z900 a King that's more complete.

The King's Power comes from the mighty twin cam 4-cylinder 4-stroke engine. Imagine turning loose 81 hp at 8,500 rpm in one smooth motion. Smooth power whenever you want it. Brute force when you need it. Effortless



power for touring. Instant response for spine-tingling acceleration to blow away the competition. A reserve of power you can count on. This is the heart of the King. It's what has made this Kawasaki the long distance champion in endurance racing.

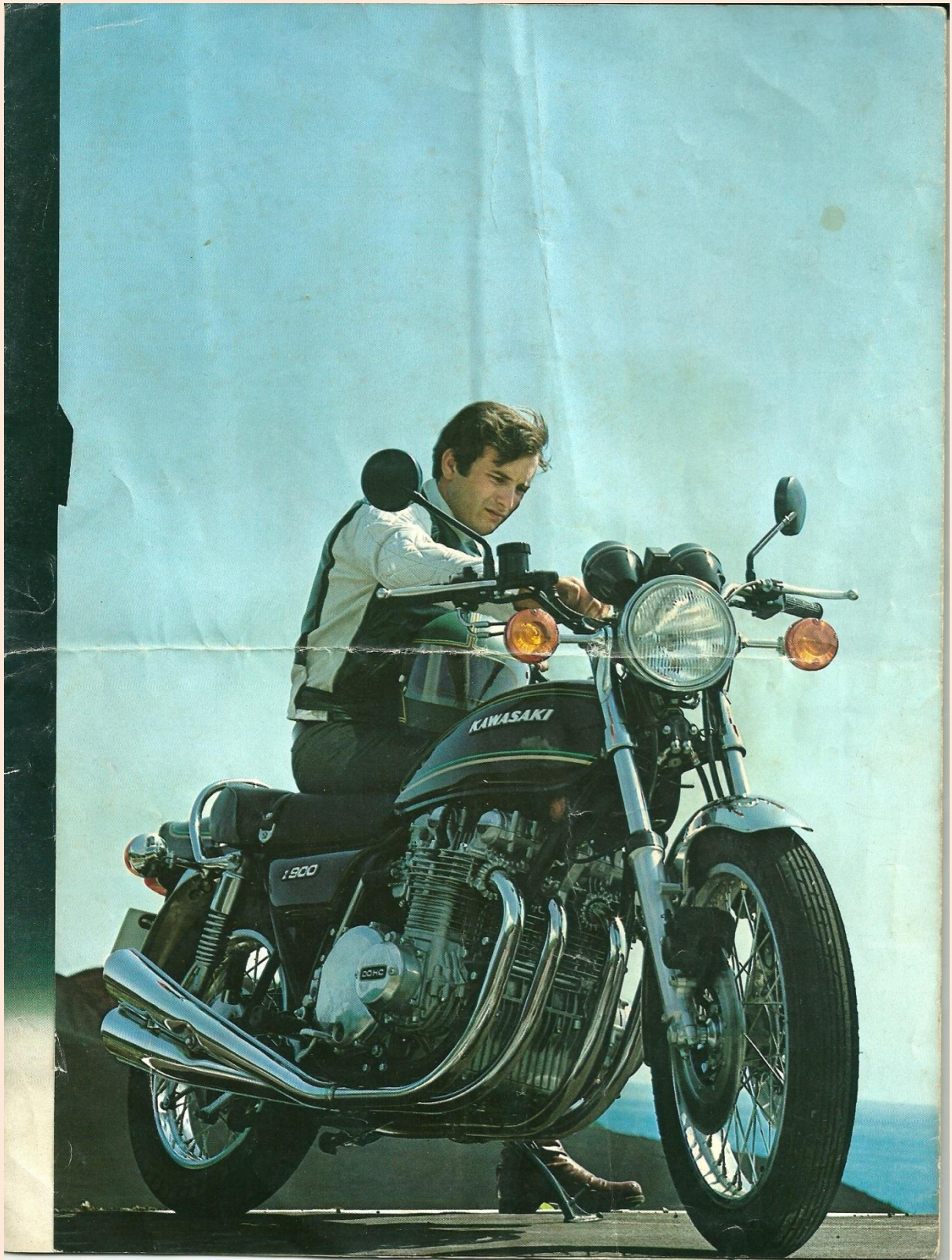
The King is also "clean" because the anti-pollution PCV (Positive Crankcase Ventilation) system recycles blow-by gasses through the four miserly Mikuni carburetors to reduce hydrocarbon emissions by 40 percent. And you can feed the King low or lead-free fuel because the valve seats are made of specially sintered alloy so they won't be harmed.

All this power and performance can be yours. And it's not going to cost you a King's ransom to keep because the Kawasaki Z900 is also as economical to run as some machines half its size. The fuel economy is remarkable.

All the King's horses are easy to handle. The frame is a racing-style double cradle that's strong and stable. The rear swing arm, double-acting front forks and improved rear suspension units all give increased confidence whatever the road surface and condition.

Swinging around mountain switchbacks, cruising the long straightways or tooling around town can all be handled with equal security.

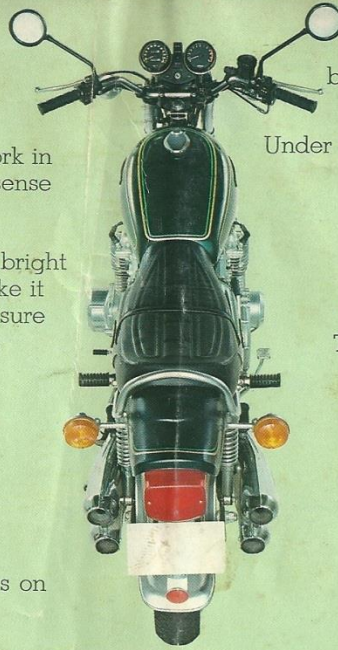
Getting all the horses onto the road with minimum loss is the heaviest chain you've ever seen. And the great thing about it is that you don't have to worry about it—it takes care of itself. It's self-lubricating. The rollers carry their own grease. Wear is minimized and you can run a long way or a year before you need to replace the chain.



The King's safety—and yours—has received special consideration. Mighty dual disc brakes up front and the giant drum at rear work in perfect harmony. They give you a sense of security.

The huge headlight throws a long, bright beam. And the red taillight looks like it came off a locomotive. You can be sure of seeing and being seen. The turn signals have indicators in the instruments cluster. There's also a high beam warning lamp and one that indicates if your rear lamp is inoperative.

The large speedometer with odometer and tripmeter, and the tachometer have big white numbers on



black faces so you can read road and engine speeds at a glance.

Under the seat you'll find a comprehensive tool kit and behind it a neat little compartment to carry your maps.

Lower the seat and you'll automatically lock a couple of helmets in their holders.

The Kawasaki Z900 is an enthusiast's motorcycle. It's born to be ridden with confidence and designed to fulfill the needs of a skilful rider.

It performs with strength and safety and beyond your expectation. It's a machine you can be proud to own a long time.

Long lives the King!

Z900-A4 SPECIFICATIONS

PERFORMANCE

Maximum horsepower	81 hp/8,500 rpm
Maximum torque	7.3 kg-m/7,500 rpm (52.8 ft-lb/7,500 rpm)
Acceleration	33.400 m (1/4 mile), 12.7 sec.
Climbing ability	30°
Minimum turning radius	2.5 m (98.4 in.)

ENGINE

Type	4-stroke, 4-cylinder, in-line, transversely mounted, air-cooled, DOHC
Displacement	903 cc (55.1 cu. in.)
Bore and stroke	66.0 x 66.0 mm (2.6 x 2.6 in.)
Compression ratio	8.5 : 1
Ignition system	Battery and coil
Starting system	Electric starter and kick
Lubrication	Forced lubrication (wet sump)

TRANSMISSION

Type	5-speed, constant mesh, return shift
Shift pattern	1-N-2-3-4-5
Clutch	Wet, multi-disc

FRAME

Type	Tubular, double cradle
Suspension: Front	Telescopic fork
Rear	Swing arm
Tyre size: Front	3.25 - H19 4PR
Rear	4.00 - H18 4PR

BRAKES

Front	Dual disc brake, disc dia. 245 mm (9.6 in.)
Rear	200 x 35 mm (7.87 x 1.38 in.) drum
Braking distance	11 m @ 50 kph (36.1 ft @ 31 mph)

DIMENSIONS

Length, overall	2,245 mm (88.4 in.)
Width, overall	865 mm (34.1 in.)
Height, overall	1,170 mm (46.1 in.)
Wheelbase	1,490 mm (58.7 in.)
Ground clearance	165 mm (6.5 in.)
Dry weight	241 kg (531 lbs.)
Fuel tank capacity	17 litres (3.7 Imp. gal.)

The specifications mentioned here apply to and have been achieved by production models under standard operating conditions. We intend only to give a fair description of the motorcycles and their performance capabilities but these specifications

may not apply to every machine supplied for sale. Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. reserves the right to alter specifications without prior notice.



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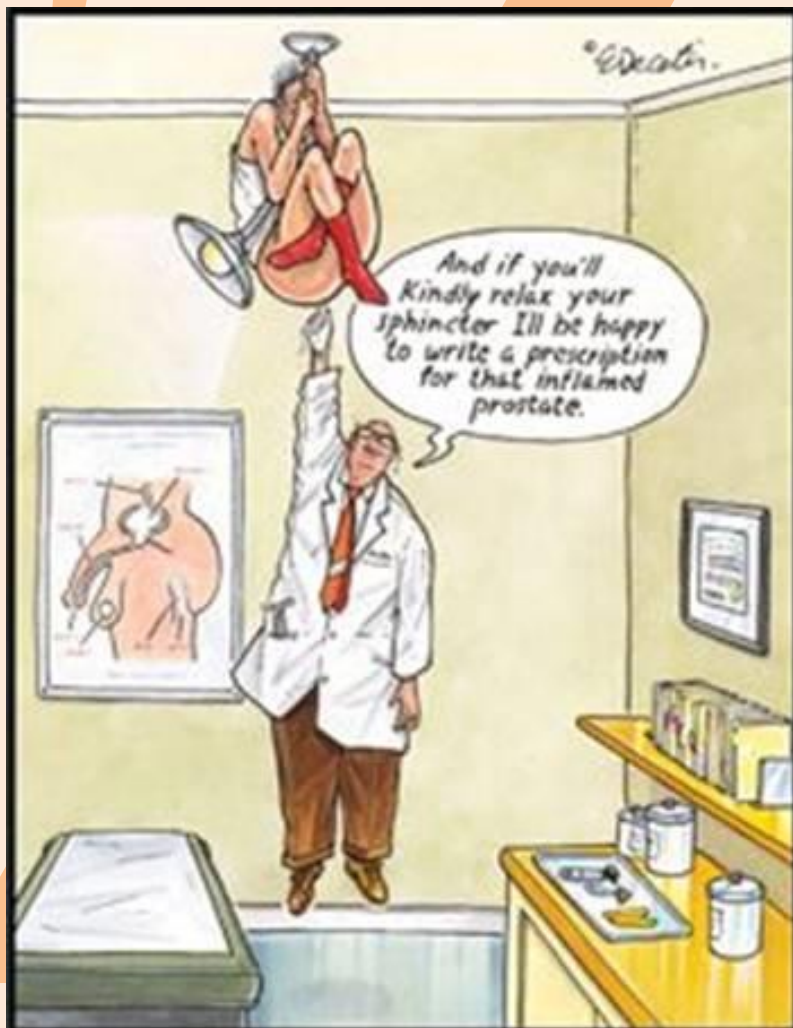






JOKES

I THOUGHT I WOULD REPEAT THIS ONE....IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST TIME. (I LOVE THE WAY THE DOC'S FEET ARE OFF THE FLOOR...LOL)



It is important to remain active in retirement...



I got invited to a party and was told to dress to kill. Apparently a turban, beard and a backpack wasn't what they had in mind.

After a night of drink, drugs and wild sex, Jim woke up to find himself next to a really ugly woman. That's when he realized he had made it home safely.

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.

ITS A BOY" I shouted "A BOY, I DON'T BELIEVE IT, ITS A BOY". And with tears streaming down my face I swore I'd never visit another Thai Brothel!

In the first few days of the Olympics the Romanians took gold, silver, bronze, copper & lead.

A boy asks his granny, 'Have you seen my pills, they were labeled LSD?' Granny replies, fk the pills, have you seen the dragons in the kitchen?**

Wife gets naked and asks hubby, 'What turns you on more, my pretty face or my sexy body?' Hubby looks her up and down and replies, 'Your sense of humor!

The wife's back on the warpath again. She was up for making a sex movie last night, and all I did was suggest we should hold auditions for her part.

I've accidentally swallowed some Scrabble tiles. My next crap could spell disaster.

I spent a couple of hours defrosting the fridge last night, or "foreplay" as she likes to call it.

After both suffering from depression for a while, me and the wife were going to commit suicide yesterday. But strangely enough, once she killed herself, I started to feel a lot better. So I thought, "Screw it, soldier on!"

I woke up this morning at 8, and could sense something was wrong. I got downstairs and found the wife face down on the kitchen floor, not breathing!! panicked. I didn't know what to do. Then I remembered McDonald's serves breakfast until 11:30.

The other night, my wife asked me how many women I'd slept with. I told her, "Only you. All the others kept me awake all night!"

**My missus packed my bags, and as I walked out the front door, she screamed, "I wish you a slow and painful death, you bastard!"
"Oh," I replied, "so now you want me to stay!"**

A government survey has shown that 91% of illegal immigrants come to this country so that they can see their own doctor.

Woman: Do you drink beer?

Man: Yes

Woman: How many beers a day?

Man: Usually about 3

Woman: How much do you pay per beer?

Man: \$5.00 which includes a tip

Woman: And how long have you been drinking?

Man: About 20 years, I suppose

Woman: So a beer costs \$5 and you have 3 beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450. In one year, it would be approximately \$5400 ...correct?

Man: Correct

Woman: If in 1 year you spend \$5400, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at \$108,000, correct?

Man: Correct

Woman: Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought a new Ferrari?

Man: Do you drink beer?

Woman: No

Man: Where's your Ferrari?.....

I love moonlight walks along the beach, kittens, cosy nights on the lounge watching chick flicks with that someone special, giving shoulder rubs and foot massages after she's had a hard day at work, cooking and doing the washing up, doing the clothes washing and bringing the clothes in from the line and ironing everything for the upcoming week at work, asking her how her day was and actually listening to the answer, surprising her with flowers anywhere and anytime, watching her eat chocolate with a smile on my face and making love when it suits her and meeting her love making expectations and not mine.

Now that I'm single again, if you know of someone who may be interested in what I have to offer, please let me know.

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PREFERRED CONTACT NUMBER:SHIRT SIZE:

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NAME: Relationship:

Preferred Contact Number:

I AGREE TO ALLOW OTHER MEMBERS TO HAVE MY CONTACT DETAILS ON REQUEST ?

YES **NO**

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF THE
 KAWASAKI Z OWNERS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND Inc.

YES **NO**

Applicant's Signature:

President's Signature :

Date: / / 2014

New Member nominated by:

New Member seconded by:

Membership Number :