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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Classic Z ONLY South Ride

We started the ride at the Yatala BP Service Station, 12 bikes in all, including our two newest members from the Ipswich area, a fantastic turn up.



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Before setting off Jon suggested that when there was a change in direction, the second rider always stop with their bike parked facing in the direction the following bikes needed to take. What a great idea and nobody got themselves lost on the ride.

From Yatala, Beno took us on a scenic ride through the countryside near the base of Mt. Tamborine, then up over Mt. Tambourine to Canungra, via the goat track, for a morning coffee at the Metz Cafe. We were lucky enough to get a park where 9 of the bikes could be parked together (the other 3 were together across the road).







One thing you can surely say about these classic bikes is that they attract their share of attention from the motorbike community and the general public. From Canungra it was over up over

Beechmont, through the Munimbah Valley, across the border to Tyalgum for lunch and a refreshing ale. We got to park all the 12 bikes together outside the pub and even here the bikes attracted alot attention. Pics 10 & 12. Over a beer Renee wondered if he needed his passport to be down this far South??Leaving Tyalgum we headed for Mudgeeraba, via Murwillumbah and Tomewin, to finish the ride with a farewell ale or two at Wallaby Bobs' pub. We all then split up from there and headed home.The riding was excellent, the countryside was spectacular, the weather great, and the company even better.One question that needs to be asked is: Why was Justin (riding one of Ray Smith's bikes) going round and round the roundabouts. Was it because, as suggested, that Ray needed to have the steering head bearings checked on that bike, or maybe Justin just enjoys going around in circles. Looking forward to the next one.

Story by Darryl Thomson

Pics by Beno

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

Cheers.

Beno

El Presidentè

EDITOR'S REPORT

Hi Zedders,

I apologise for my tardiness this month. I have had some health issues that have been a major distraction to me.

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

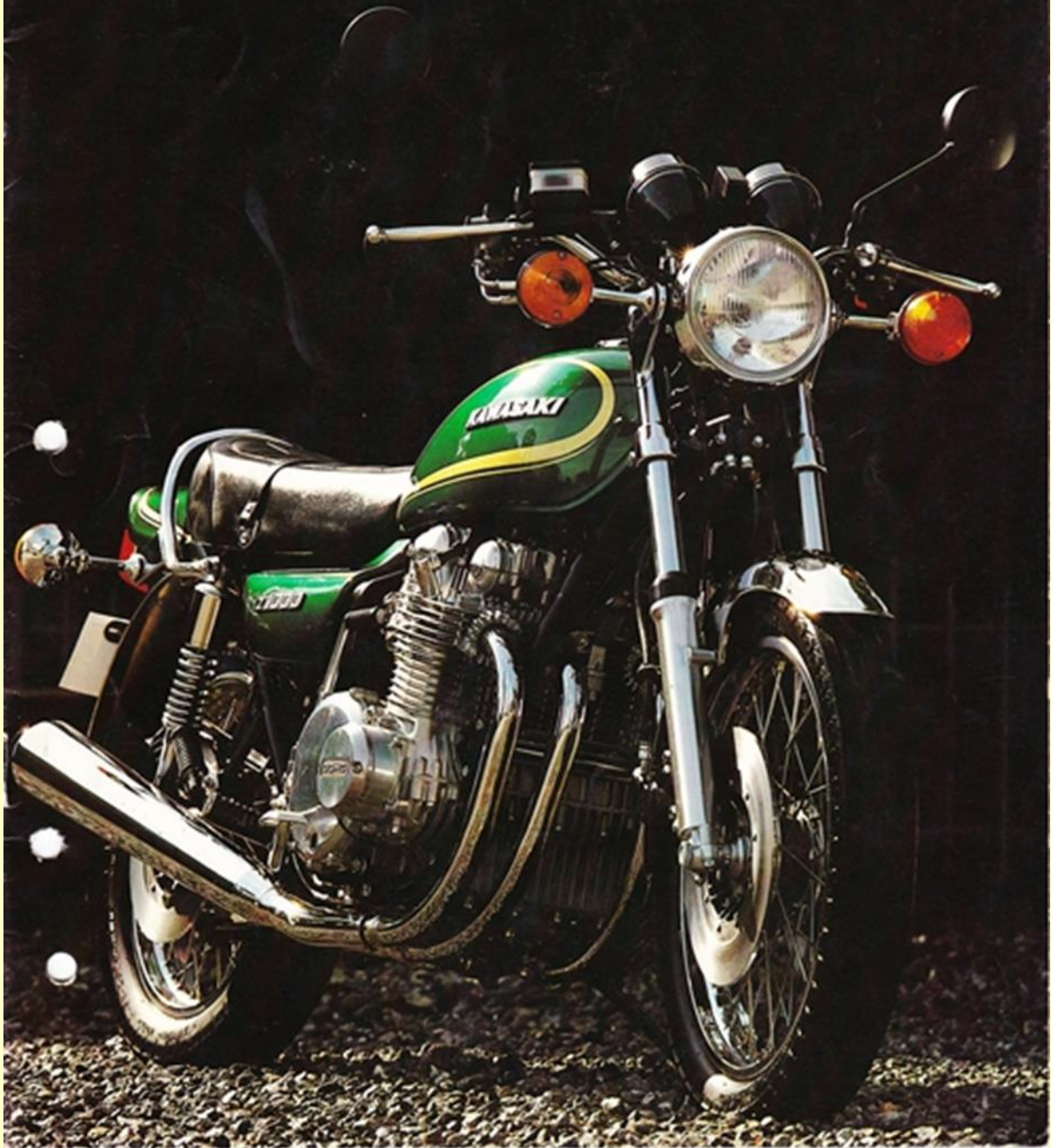
Cheers,

Bill



ARTICLES OF INTEREST

**Kawasaki
Z1000**



King Kawasaki Z1000: the leg with refinements and

The undisputed King is now a better King. It takes experience to improve as you go and Kawasaki engineers have the benefit of the experience of many thousands of Z900/1000 owners around the world from which to draw. Kawasaki Z1000 owners are hard to please but they'll be pleased with the refinements this year.

The new Z1000 is more comfortable to ride and handles better.

Now, the awesome power is easier to control and safer to apply on any road, anytime, anywhere. Now you'll have more confidence than you've ever known before.

Subtle design changes make important differences to riding comfort and road-holding

The big Kawasaki Z1000 has more power to burn than most people can

imagine. But the Z1000 is not for everyone. It's for the motorcycle elite. The connoisseur. The rider who knows what riding a superbike is all about. Kawasaki knows why you ride...and the Z1000 is surely one way you'll know riding satisfaction beyond your dreams.

The compact Z1000 power plant displaces 1015 cc. Four cylinders, double overhead cams, precision-engineered parts finished and fitted together to fine tolerances help make this engine respond to the throttle with remarkable smoothness.

Power isn't everything, torque is more important. The Z1000 has a remarkably flat torque curve. Power comes on from 2,600 rpm gently but breaks loose at 4,500 rpm so fast you'd better have a good grip of the situation.

When you catch your breath you'll

be blazing down the highway with the mega-thrust of a rocket. And you'll be riding a little lower this year because the handlebars are lower. On the long haul you'll appreciate the new riding position the new handlebars allow which results in less buffeting from the wind and less fatigue. It's a matter of improved ergonomics. Riding styles change with the times and Kawasaki responds with what the majority demand.

If you've any experience riding the Z900/1000 you'll feel the difference in the handling of this year's machine. There is no substitute for experience and over the years the big Z has been improving its road manners. Needle roller bearings were fitted to the swing arm last year and proved successful maintaining stability in high speed



endary giant continues to grow improved performance.

corners. This year Kawasaki fitted another pair of needle roller bearings alongside the others to further improve rear frame rigidity, tracking and overall handling. Tests have concluded there's less friction and wear so the rear wheel remains stable longer. Also, because the rear shock absorbers will be more active, you will enjoy a higher comfort level. Rear chassis compliance to road surfaces, speed, contour, machine and rider weight all combine to make this Z1000 a safer and more predictable handler. Some rear frame members have also been increased in diameter and strengthened.

Notice the new rearward location for the front disc brake calipers and the redesigned master brake cylinder. The forks retain their outstanding performance providing reliable

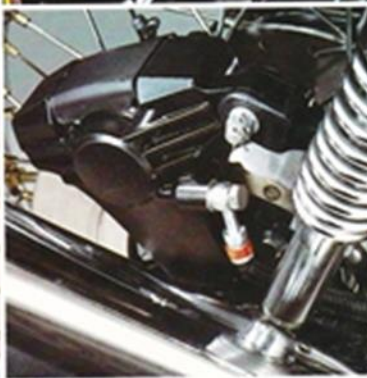
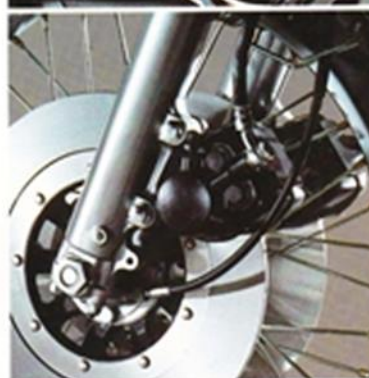
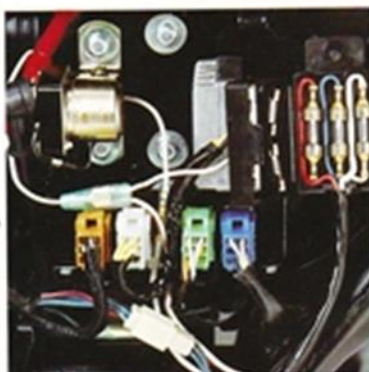
stopping in all conditions.

The new master cylinder has a see-through transparent window to check fluid levels and a cap with multiple screws to fasten it to the body, instead of the simple screw-on cap used formerly. This helps discourage anyone wishing to tamper with the fluid and other mischief.

For greater convenience there is a new automatic vacuum-type fuel tap. Now, to start, adjust the choke and press the electric starter -- no need to fiddle with the on/off tap as before. As the engine turns over it sucks in fuel and starts immediately. New carburetor settings have been adopted this year which will further improve throttle response and benefit fuel economy. The starter lock-out system has been retained.

The thrill, the rush, the Z experience

Nothing can describe the real pleasure you get from riding the King. Everyone feels it a slightly different way. But there's always the thrill of knowing you're riding the Top Bike. And there's always the rush of adrenalin, a tingle in your nerve ends when you turn it on an empty road and the awesome power jets you ahead like a manned missile. But the Z experience is much more. It's also pride of ownership, surprisingly low running and maintenance costs, and all the things which make motorcycling fun. The Z1000 is for the fortunate few who want to experience this pleasure to the full. Are you ready for it?





Colours available: Luminous Green, Luminous Red

Z1000-A2 SPECIFICATIONS

PERFORMANCE

Maximum horsepower	83 hp/8,000rpm
Maximum torque	8.1 kg-m/6,500 rpm (58.7 ft-lbs/6,500 rpm)
Acceleration	SS 400 m (1/4 mile): 11.9 sec.
Climbing ability	30'
Minimum turning radius	2.4 m (94.5 in.)

ENGINE

Type	4-stroke, 4-cylinder, in-line, transversely mounted, air-cooled, DOHC
Displacement	1,015 cc (61.92 cu. in.)
Bore and stroke	70 × 66 mm (2.76 × 2.60 in.)
Compression ratio	8.7:1
Ignition system	Battery and coil
Starting system	Electric starter and kick
Lubrication system	Forced lubrication (wet sump)

TRANSMISSION

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

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

FRAME

Type	Tubular, double cradle
Suspension: Front	Telescopic fork
Rear	Swing arm
Tyre size: Front	3.25H - 19 4PR
Rear	4.00H - 18 4PR

BRAKES

Front	Dual disc brake, effective disc dia. 250 mm (9.843 in.)
Rear	Disc brake, effective disc dia. 250 mm (9.843 in.)
Braking distance	11 m @ 50 kph (36.1 ft @ 31 mph)

DIMENSIONS

Length, overall	2,240 mm (88.2 in.)
Width, overall	880 mm (34.6 in.)
Height, overall	1,200 mm (47.2 in.)
Wheelbase	1,505 mm (59.3 in.)
Ground clearance	160 mm (6.3 in.)
Dry weight	245 kg (540 lbs.)
Fuel tank capacity	16.7 litres (3.67 imp. gal.)

apply to every machine supplied for sale. Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. reserves the right to alter specifications without prior notice.



Wear a helmet. Enjoy safe riding.

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VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW



JOKES

Due to considerable reader demand here are some more Tommy Cooper one liners... Yes, he was brilliant!!

1. Two blondes walk into a buildingyou'd think at least one of them would have seen it.

2. Phone answering machine message - '...If you want to buy marijuana, press the hash key...'

3. A guy walks into the psychiatrist wearing only Clingfilm for shorts. The shrink says, 'Well, I can clearly see you're nuts.'

4. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day - but I couldn't find any.

5. My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.

6. A man came round in hospital after a serious accident.. He shouted, 'Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!'

The doctor replied, 'I know you can't, I've cut your arms off'.

7. I went to a seafood disco last week and pulled a muscle.

8. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly.. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.

9. Our ice cream man was found lying on the floor of his van covered with hundreds and thousands. Police say that he topped himself.

10. Man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head.

Doc says 'I'll give you some cream to put on it.'

11. 'Doc I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home'

'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome. '

'Is it common?' 'It's not unusual.'

12. A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. 'My dog is cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?'

'Well,' said the vet, 'let's have a look at him'

So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then he checks his teeth. Finally, he says,

*'I'm going to have to put him down.' 'What? Because he's cross-eyed?'
'No, because he's really heavy'*

*13. Guy goes into the doctor's. 'Doc, I've got a cricket ball stuck up my bottom.'
'How's that?' 'Don't you start.'*

14. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

*15. So I was getting into my car, and this bloke says to me 'Can you give me a lift?'
I said 'Sure, you look great, the world's your oyster, go for it..'*

*16. Apparently, 1 in 5 people in the world are Chinese. There are 5 people in my family, so
it must be one of them. It's either my mum or my Dad, or my older brother Colin, or my
younger brother Ho-Cha-Chu. But I think it's Colin.*

*17. Two fat blokes in a pub, one says to the other 'Your round.' The other one says 'So are
you, you fat bastard!'*

*18. Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, and the other was
eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.*

*19. 'You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little
note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine.' So that was nice.'*

*20. A man walked into the doctor's, he said, 'I've hurt my arm in several places'
The doctor said, 'Well don't go there any more'*

*21. Ireland 's worst air disaster occurred early this morning when a small two-seater
Cessna plane crashed into a cemetery. Irish search and rescue workers have recovered
2826 bodies so far and expect that number to climb as digging continues into the night.*

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EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

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 :