

# CSBA

# Life



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To all our members and  
friends

HAPPY

*New  
year*

2018

Let's Ride!

# Profile of the Month

## Len Eagles

**Sydney Chapter Chaplain  
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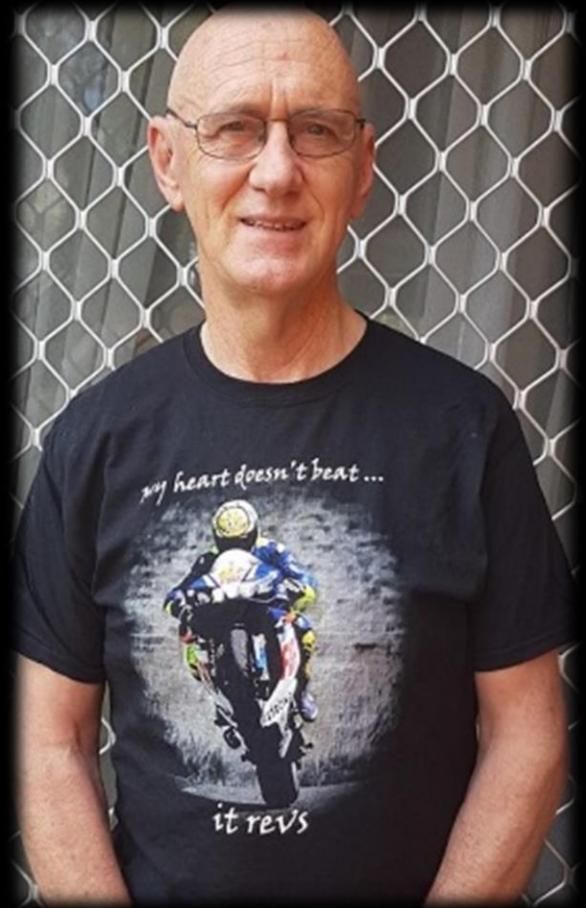
Today I stand 68 years young and can look back and see the grace of God in my life. In 1984 at the age of 33 I was able to acknowledge that it was no longer I that lived but Christ who lives in me. Before this I had been a spiritual journey of trying to make myself right. While I had many experiences of the spirit realm I has no idea how to live my life.

This point of awakening only came after destroying my first marriage of 7 years and another 7 years of relationship disasters. A deluded sense of being invulnerable in my pastime of racing and touring motorcycles almost killed me with three major operations and 2 years on crutches to save my leg. I had a complete disillusionment with my work as a teacher and career adviser. I had engaged in the realm of the occult with mind control techniques and ended up a dope smoking Buddhist who fled Sydney to live in a forest in the hills of the North Coast to be part of the "alternate scene" of Terania Creek.

After 3 years living in the forest I owned I met some folks from a Pentecostal discipleship community who were able to confirm the wake-up call in me of what Jesus had already done for me and indeed the whole world. This was the start of my journey out of my own religious striving and into the peace that Jesus gives.

My doping smoking habit vanished in this peace and I was now able to restore and build loving relationships as I began living in the reality of His love for me, evidenced by His finished work on the cross and His abiding presence in my life.

The restoration that took place in my life was huge with the gift of an awesome wife for over 30 years, to see our family grow through to a couple of great grand kids and to build a career in education, consulting and business.



It was about 8 years ago as I was returning to the love of motorcycling that I met up with the crew at CSBA, the beginning of a whole new adventure in motorcycling.

My life these days is a BITTER SWEET journey. On the Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2016 my dear wife Lorraine lost her battle with cancer in a body destroyed by chemo. I had the privilege to be sitting with her as she gave her last breath. I journeyed with Lorraine for over 8 years from diagnosis all the while trusting in God's goodness and His power to supernaturally heal. I continue now trusting in the love of God, His unending grace and the hope of eternity amidst the pain of grief and loss.

Over the last month leading up to her death myself and my oldest daughter Erin who is a nurse purposed that we would not send Lorraine back to the Palliative Care Unit but would instead work together to manage her care. Two days before Lorraine died the Hills Community Health Palliative Care Unit provided us with a respite care service by a private organisation with an RN to do the palliative care medications and an AIN to do personal care stuff.

On the Wednesday evening before Lorraine died a lovely young lady arrived to set up our respite care service. She introduced herself as Beulah which she explained came from Isa 62.4 meaning 'the Lord delights in you'. After gathering details, she went in to meet Lorraine who for the last few days had been drifting in and out of consciousness with very little connection and unable to eat. When she entered the bedroom and before she spoke a word Lorraine awoke and smiled at her and they had a conversation for about 10 minutes and when she left Lorraine dropped back into unconsciousness. I was astounded to say the least!



The next morning the AIN arrived and he introduced himself as Immanuel meaning 'God with us' and he assisted with the personal care. As he leaving he informed us the young lady who came last night was his wife! We did not see them again and I think two angels showed up. The palliative care nurse who came on Friday morning to prepare Lorraine's body to be collected said that Lorraine had the most peaceful countenance she had ever seen on someone who had just passed over..

The last year my life has also included some SWEET spots, some which began at the Wake after the funeral held at The Fiddler, Rouse Hill. About 80 people gathered to share their connections with and memories of Lorraine and myself.

As I gathered with some of my CSBA friends who came to support me. I was sitting next to Troy Talbot and made a casual comment to Troy that I was tempted to make an offer on his GSX 1000 K6 track bike he was selling due to work commitments. His reply was to give me the bike and then to tell the rest of the CSBA crew I now had a track bike. Another friend David Mahaffey the CSBA Track Day Coordinator then said when I get home tonight to go online and register for two track days at Phillip Island in March. The CSBA President Craig Humble then told everyone he would pay for the first day!

When I went home I emailed my 4 UNSWMCC mates of 40 yrs who also came to the service to tell them I had been given an awesome track bike and would be doing two days at one of the best motorcycle tracks in the world with a day already paid for. One friend emailed back to give me his almost new bike trailer as a gift.

In the last year I have been able to 8 tracks days at Phillip Island, Eastern Creek and Wakefield Park, a dream come true, with more to come.



In March last year I became the owner of a Yamaha Super Tenere 1200cc Adventure Bike and in the last 12 months have done almost 30,000km on some of the most amazing tar and dirt roads with some awesome mates.

Most recently I have put my hand up to become the Chaplain for the Sydney Chapter of CSBA commencing my training next month.

In this season of my life I have come to realise that happiness is not around the corner, it IS the corner! In the corner and in life we get what we focus on so I choose to hold focus on the grace of God, the goodness of God, the love of God and the hope of eternity, living my life in the now which after all is all we have.

Jesus echoes this very well when in Jn 10.10 He says:

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (now)”

*Len*



# THE GUNN RUN

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

The Gunn Run is the annual CSBA event of the year, where we ride the Twisties of the Oxley Highway!

Details out soon!

# SydneyLife

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Ride to St Albans

Start: 8am Kellyville McDonalds

Lunch: Settlers Arms Hotel

End: Berowra Waters Ferry

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Come and join us on a ride out to the Bathurst Bike Show - Hosted by Brotherhood Motorcycle Club!

CSBA will be leading the ride to Bathurst and will be expecting anywhere around 100 to 500 bikes.

This is a one way trip event to Bathurst.

There will be an organised return trip through the twisties of Tarana.

Start: McDonald's McGraths Hill

Arrive: ~8:00am

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Depart: 9:00am

Lunch: Bathurst

End: Bilpin Pie in the Sky

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# Hunter Corner

## ROAD CORNER

### WHAT'S COMING UP

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

##### LAKES WAY

Meet at BP Beresfield at 8am then head off into the beautiful lower Hunter Valley and enjoy sweeping corners and a few twisties through Dungog to Gloucester, where we'll stop for a coffee then a run up the northern stretch of the Buckett's Way to Nahiack and on into Tuncurry. Here we'll stop for lunch before heading down the Lake's Way and finish at Heatherbrae Pies.

Everyone is welcome, so please LIKE and SHARE this event and INVITE your friends.

Breakfast: 8:00am BP Beresfield, on John Renshaw Dr at the end of the M1.

Depart @ 8:15am

Lunch: Tuncurry

Places: Clarence Town, Glen William, Alison, Dungog, Gloucester, Nahiack, Tuncurry, Smith Lake, Bulahdelah.

Technical Rating: 5 - easy roads with sweeping corners + a few km of corners over the top into Dungog.

Finish: Heatherbrae.

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Wootton – Oxley Burner

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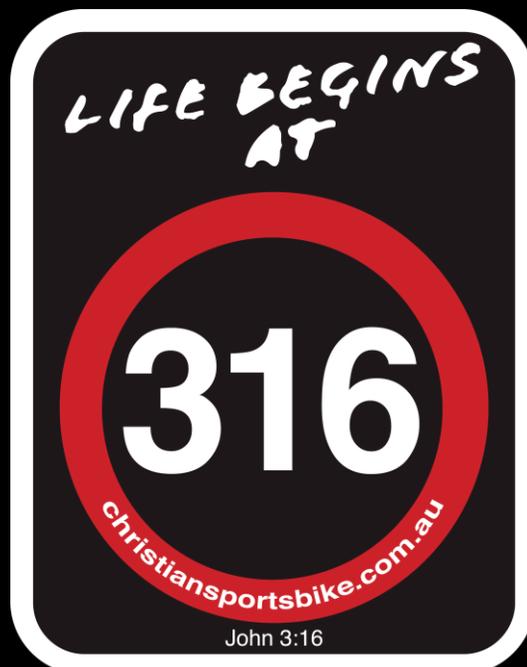
Hunter Bike Night  
3rd Thursday of each month 7pm  
Harry's De Wheels Newcastle

*Come along*



Our members meeting is on the 2nd Monday of each Month at 6pm for tea and fellowship. Our Chaplain Dusty Taylor leads us in what has been some great meaningful evenings where we are able to share with each other and encourage each other.

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# TRACK RECORD



*With - Dave Mahaffey*

## TRACK DAYS

I'm still working on the Track day calendar for the first half of 2018, I will have more info in the next newsletter out mid February. However, the trackday trip to Phillip Island is locked in.

### Phillip Island

CSBA's track day trip to Phillip Island 12 – 13 March. Two days riding the world's greatest motorbike circuit. I cannot tell you how great this track is. And the feeling you get as you ride out of the pits, knowing that you are following in the footsteps of some of the greatest riders of all time, is very special indeed.

For this month's edition of Track Record, I have included an article on reference points written by Kevin Schwantz – enjoy.

## Cornering Reference Points

**By Kevin Schwantz**

As your speed through a given corner rises, it becomes increasingly more important to be precise with your cornering lines. If you're riding slow enough, any number of lines are acceptable and you have a relatively broad path measuring in feet or even yards to choose from. But as the speed increases that line gets narrower and narrower. Whether you're riding on your favourite road or lapping Road Atlanta at the Kevin Schwantz Suzuki School, the faster you go the more important it is to be precise and consistent with where you place your bike in the corner—down to a matter of inches.

Consistency comes from picking out specific points to reference (hence the term reference point or RP), thereby slotting your bike in the same place each time through the corner. For your favourite road, you may make one pass a week. On a track day, it's more likely to happen 50 or more times a day.

Elevation changes and blind corners increase the importance of reference points. The first lap of Road Atlanta, with its numerous blind corners, leaves most riders wide-eyed with exhilaration. When newcomers see track veterans wheelie over the blind crest under the Suzuki bridge in Turn 11, they're left slack-jawed in awe. How are riders able to carry such speed in corners that they can't see through? Reference points.

As soon as we teach students to use their vision more effectively, get their body position and steering techniques addressed, we teach them to look at the track in more detail. Specifically, we ask them to find a number of reference points for each corner. For turns that require braking to get down to cornering speed, the first RP is a beginning braking point. The next RP, which every corner has, is a turn-in point. From the turn-in point, the bike arcs inward to the tightest (innermost) point in the corner, or apex. The final RP, the exit, is typically already determined at this point but it's an excellent indicator of how effective your cornering line is.

The things that make Road Atlanta such a challenging track also make it an excellent place to learn riding technique. Its blind rises force riders to use reference points. Take Turn 11 for example: when a rider hits the turn-in point accurately and stays consistent with steering inputs, he clears the crest with confidence and awareness that the yellow line denoting the apex just past the bridge puts the bike on an arc that will carry it to the outside edge of the curbing at the bottom of the hill, the perfect entrance point for Turn 12. Reference points allow the rider to carry speed with confidence because he knows where the bike is headed to, on a part of the track he can't yet see

Riding a flat, featureless track that provides clear vision through every corner may inspire more initial confidence, but it also allows the rider to cheat on reference point technique by looking through the corner. Riding a challenging track or road, however, requires the use of reference points and consistency with all steering and control inputs.

The Kevin Schwantz Suzuki School teaches students to choose reference points on the track surface whenever possible instead of markers posted off the track or distant features on the horizon. It may be a pavement patch or seam, a scrape, skid mark or even a bump on the surface - but any physical feature on the pavement surface is preferable to depending on something off the track itself.

As we said at the start, as speed rises, so does the need for precision and consistency. A basic street rider may be content with positioning himself either on the outside, middle, or inside of the lane, but more advanced pilots use reference points to pinpoint their locations on the road or track within a matter of inches.



# TWISTIE TALK

Navigating through life is a bit like navigating around a race track. There are elevation changes, blind corners, off camber corners, and unsettling bumps. To effectively navigate through it all is quite a challenge. On the track we use reference points just as the article in Track Record explains, but how do we use reference points in life. Life is quite uncertain, we don't know what's ahead, around the corner, or over the rise, and it's constantly changing, we don't get the same corner every day, not even the same track, and sometimes when we go over the rise there's two corners, one to the right the other to the left – which one am I meant to take?

To answer that question we first need to understand that while the track ahead is uncertain to us, it's not uncertain to the one that rides with us, He knows where He is taking us, we need to listen to His voice and trust in Him. But even though He is with us in every situation, we still need to have our hands on the bars and ride the bike, and to ride it well we need reference points – spiritual reference points.

God speaks to us through circumstances, prayer, His Word, and peace – and these represent the first reference point “The breaking marker” this is where we either stop or proceed to the turn in point. With every situation or circumstance we face we need to ask the three question, have I prayed about it, does it line up with God's word, and do I have peace about it. If the answer to these questions is yes – then proceed to the “The turn in point” if the answer is no, then break!

At the turn in point we come across the next reference point “Faith”, if God has taken you to the turn in point, then turn in, if we are not committed when we turn in we may back off, stand the bike up and run off track. Don't doubt, have faith – God has bought you to this place for a reason.

The next is the “Apex”, as the apex is different for a lot of corners, so it is in life, the apex can either be the high point (time of elation) or it can be the mid point, as this is my corner, I'm going to make it the mid point, here we can feel in the middle of nowhere! We felt led, prayed about it, lines up with God's Word, have peace, but it certainly feels like a long corner! This brings us to the next reference point “Perseverance”, as we persevere we will reach the next reference point “Corner exit” this reference point is “Joy” time of celebration and thanksgiving and time to get ready for the next corner.

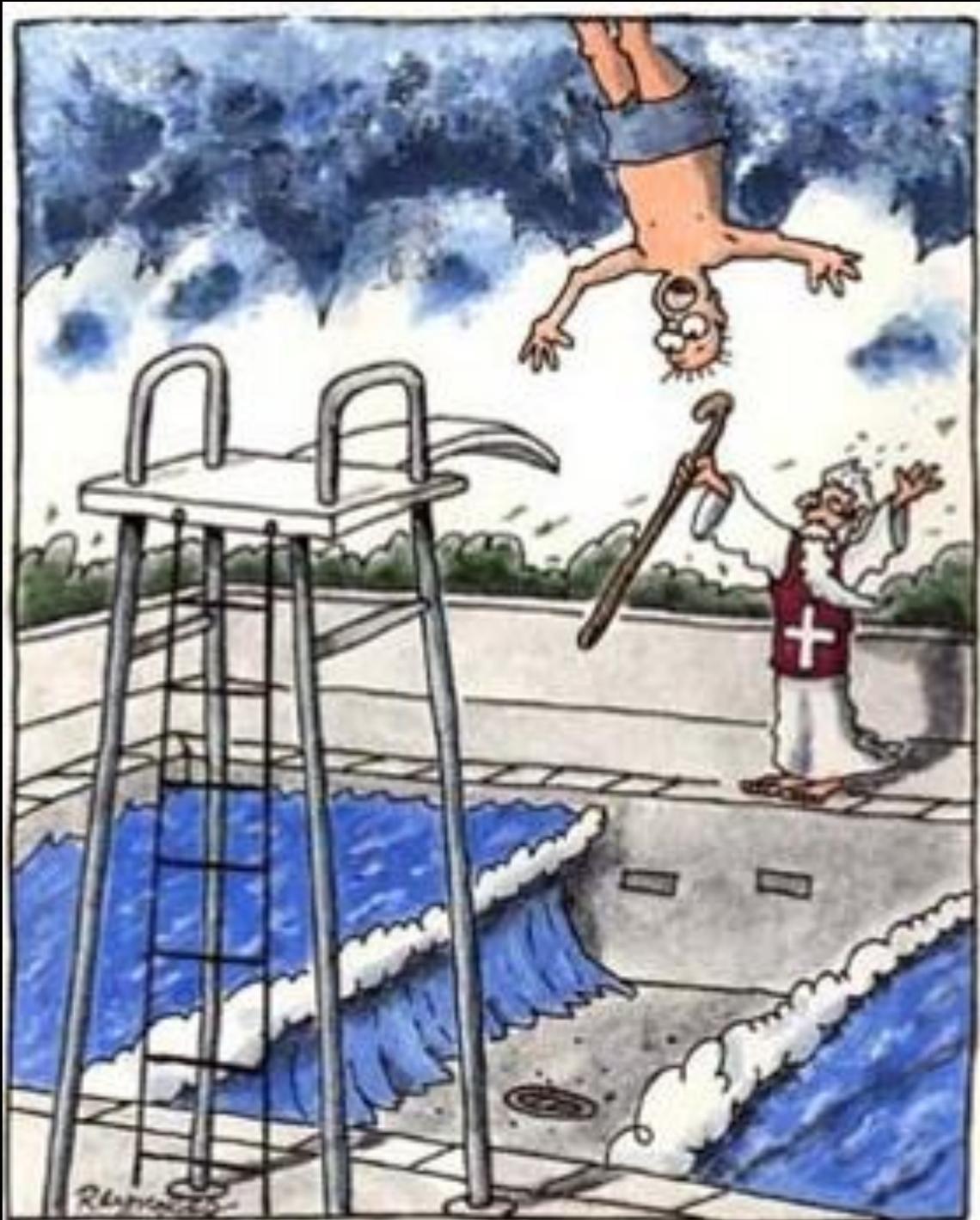
So let's ride our race with joy and perseverance, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, committing every situation to Him in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, allowing God's peace that surpasses all understanding to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, having unwavering faith that He is able to take us through the corner.

Like Lenny said in “Profile of the month” - *In this season of my life I have come to realise that happiness is not around the corner, it IS the corner.*

*Chancey*



## JOKE OF THE MONTH



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.