

# Burning Rubber

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

Wow! What a weekend! Nearly the end of winter, and nearly the end of the Labor Party too, by the look of it. Maybe things will look a bit brighter now? Maybe not? Anyway, I'm long overdue with this update, and while the sun is shining, I'm going to get to it. Lots of changes as we come into spring and a new phase politically, no matter who wins the power game.

The most exciting news I have for you is a big change to our popular tyre draw. After many years of refunding and rebating our lucky winners, we are now putting up a **FREE TRIP TO THE MALYSIAN MOTOGP IN 2011!** This prize is a complete package including airfares, accommodation with breakfasts, race entries for Saturday & Sunday, all transfers, and travel insurance.

Details here:-  
<http://bikedoctor.com.au/index.html>  
Then click on  
**“Win a FREE trip to Malaysian MotoGP 2011”.**

The total prize is worth around \$2,000.00, and is open to all tyre purchasers up to the end of June 2011, when we will announce the lucky winner. Of course we are still organising a group for next year's MotoGP which is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Early bird bookings are available from now at \$1,790.00. We have 19 going to Sepang in 7 weeks for this year's event. Can't wait!



## The next biggest news is our trip to the Golden Triangle in northern Thailand next January.

Details are now complete and can be viewed here:-  
<http://bikedoctor.com.au/index.html>

Click on travel page, then click on  
**“Click here for Golden Triangle 2011 Itinerary”**

We've been drooling over this one ever since Laos last January, and our tour operator has put together a really great trip for us. It's only able to accommodate a small number, and we are about halfway there already, so don't delay....call me now and book your place. You'll be glad you did!



As a warm up (yes the weather was nice, but no pun intended), a few of us spent a week in Bali a couple of weeks ago. We didn't hang around the main areas, but hired some bikes and headed over to the northern shores of Lovina, east to Amed, down to Padangbai and back to Legian. It was a very cheap short break, and the place

was full of Aussies doing much the same (in Kuta, but not so much where we were). I can highly recommend the place for a winter-get-away around this time of the year! Watch out for the “Bali Belly” though! It's nasty!

**Optimate™**  
**Battery Performance Guaranteed!**

Our shipment of the new home-user Optimate 4's will be arriving shortly.

### **NEW COST EFFECTIVE INITIALIZING SHOP CHARGERS FOR NEW BATTERIES**

In the meantime, we have received small stocks of the

**OptiMate Pro-S (\$254)**

**IDEAL FOR POWER  
SPORT BATTERIES**



**Initializes,  
desulfates &  
charges 1 x 12V  
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or the engine charging system. Battery power is optimized during bulk, absorption & cell balancing charge modes, and then tested to verify charge retention. Also:-

## OptiMate Pro-2 (\$317)



**Initializes, desulfates & charges 2 x 12V batteries at a time or 1 x 24V system.**

**OptiMate PRO-2** has two independent charging systems able to save a neglected \*sulfated battery that cannot accept charge from a standard charger or the engine charging system. Battery power is optimized during bulk, absorption & cell balancing charge modes, and then tested to verify charge retention. Battery life is extended if left connected to OptiMate PRO-S & PRO-2 when vehicle, craft, equipment is not in use.

**\* a battery discharged over time that has built up chemical resistance to charging, but otherwise undamaged and measuring at least 2V.**

These prices are lower than manufacturer recommended, and are introductory for a short time only while stocks last. Also have stock of multi-station workshop chargers for private and commercial use.....just ask about these if you have multiple batteries to protect and maintain.

## TYRES TYRES TYRES

Tyre updates have been slow during winter, so there are no real improvements in this area.

**MEFO tyres are now available** in limited sizes for the Dual Sport bikes. Made in Germany, they are very durable and stable for the high speed, long distance traveller.....mainly available in the big 18" rear and common 21" sizes for KTM's and the like. Stock shortages, particularly with racing rubber, (**Pirelli Slicks and SuperCorsa's**) is the norm, as usual for the middle of the racing season...moral of the story.....always think ahead or you'll be riding on old rubber!

You might notice that the outside of the shop is undergoing a spruce up too. There have been a few quiet times over winter that have required the boys in the workshop to develop their skills as painters and decorators....I think they are doing a great job, and it certainly was overdue for it! Stuart Adams is adding a little creativity with signage too. Well over due!

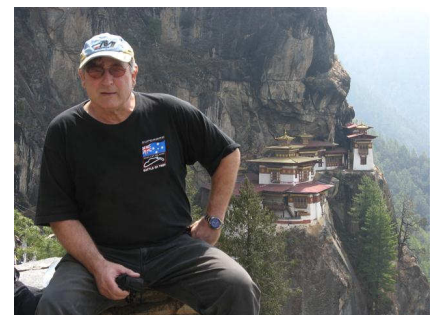
**MITAS tyres from Czechoslovakia** are soon to be in our racks too. Recently improved ranges of new sizes and competitive pricing have paved the way for this product in WA. Keep an eye out for these.

Just a reminder that with the weather starting to warm up, we start to get busier in the workshop, so please remember to allow a bit of lead time for your servicing requirements from now on. Most of us have had a short break or two throughout the winter months and are fresh to service your needs, but remember...we are only human.

That's enough for now. Thank you all for keeping our doors open, and for keeping us employed. I hope we can continue long into the future. Happy trails to everyone.

Dave, Steve, Andy & Jake.

Yep....that's the Tiger's Nest in Bhutan. I really needed a rest after the climb!



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore..Dream..Discover!"