

TOUR TIMOR

Timor Adventures is hosting a women-only motorcycle tour through East Timor, highlighting the country's Alola Foundation in its 10th anniversary year.

The 12-day, fully-supported, fully-guided tour kicks off on 29 July from Dili, just a one-hour flight from Darwin, and the price has recently been reduced from \$3400 to \$3060, a saving of 10 percent.

"There are a number of Timorese women who are keen to participate including Alola staff, but for us to be able to subsidise them, we will need some paying customers," revealed Timor Adventures' Shirley Cartos. "I feel very strongly about this as there is great potential for this tour to give a positive message about women, independence and Alola."



The foundation was created to raise awareness of the sexual violence against women and girls in East Timor during the militia attacks of September 1999. Still a key issue, it now also provides a

wide range of support programs for the women and children of the area.

For more information on the tour, see the website at www.timoradventures.com.au.

MISSING SOMETHING?



In a curious case of abandonment, a customer of Perth-based Bravo Resources has failed to return to collect his bored-out, supercharged, Ducati Monster fitted with Ohlins forks, carbon-fibre wheels and Moteo engine-management system.

Bravo Resources' Clyde Carstairs has contacted AMCN in a bid to return the bike to its rightful owner, New Zealand-born Roger Smith.

"It's just really strange," Carstairs

said. "The owner was supposed to come back and collect his bike in 2006. I can legally sell it as abandoned goods but I would really like to give it one more go to try to find Roger."

If you know Roger, or know of his whereabouts, you can contact Clyde Carstairs on 0418 953 585.



THE RISE AND RISE OF AMCN!

As Australian Motorcycle News approaches its 60th anniversary, the latest Roy Morgan Readership Survey has revealed that AMCN is still the one. The survey covers the 12-month period ending 31 March, 2011 and reveals that AMCN has attracted an extra 11,000 readers during the last 12 months, totalling 124,000 readers every issue.

AMCN has increased its circulation period on period by four percent, circulating 20,901 copies every fortnight.

DERBY KID

Nicky Hayden was among the celebrities spotted walking the red carpet at the Kentucky Derby on 7 May.

ROAD HANGER

The Sydney Harbour Bridge pylons were lit up for five days from 8 May as part of a global effort to reduce road fatalities.

CAUSE RIDE

Ten motorcyclists will travel from the UK to Chernobyl for 16 days next month to help victims of the nuclear disaster.

BRIEFS



WALKING FISH

AMCN spotted Steve 'Fish' Jones on his charity walk with his dog between Sydney and Melbourne and he's setting quite a pace. The warehouse manager of motorcycle accessory importer Cassons was spotted just outside of Marulan on the morning of Friday, 6 May and had nearly made it to Yass three days later, covering nearly 120km. Fish is raising money and awareness for Type 2 Diabetes. To donate visit www.clanchildhealth.org and don't forget to give him a wave if you see him on the road. We did!

DEFLATED TRIUMPH

Triumph has issued a recall on its Thunderbird models saying the screws used to attach the front mudguard have a problem which could result in a punctured front tyre. Triumph will contact owners of all affected motorcycles to have the mudguard screws replaced.

YAMAHA ON TRACK

In what can only mean good news for Japanese motorcycle production, Yamaha has announced it will begin work on a brand-new test track in June. The track, originally slated for a 2009 construction, will be located in the Tanno area of Kikugawa City, Shizuoka Prefecture. "The decision has been made to proceed with the project, albeit with reduced budget, due to requests from the government as the grantors of construction rights and the local landowners, as well as increased demand for motorcycle development for the growing markets," a Yamaha statement read.

COP YOU LATER

The second annual Cop You Later Rally, in memory of the late Mr Smith, has had a venue change. The rally will now be held at 170 New England Gully Rd, Moonbi, 20km north of Tamworth, on Saturday, 24 September, starting at 2pm. Entry is now free. RSVP to Wendy Spooner on (02) 6760 5481 and to confirm directions.