



Jock-ularity

It's been a funny old month on the Island. In some cases funny ha ha, in others sadly so!

Loy Kratong was celebrated over the weekend of November 8th. This is a beautiful time both for Thais, Ex-pats and tourists alike, as the local ladies adorn themselves in traditional Thai costumes, manufacture little floral boats to send out on the water for good luck and also ignite rice paper hot air balloons that illuminate the night sky.

A gentleman from Sweden who was here on holiday did not share in the good luck of the festival or enjoy the consequences. He had taken a walk around town looking at the activities and around midnight decided to call it a day and head for home. On the way he stopped at the local 7-11 for some provisions. Upon leaving he packed his shopping into the basket of his Honda and made for home. He thought that as it would be some time until he would witness such a spectacle, he decided to take one last ride along the beach road before heading home. He turned from the beach onto Bangla Road and managed to get almost to the top of the hill when one of the rice paper balloons that he had been so intrigued with fell from the night sky, bounced off one of the power lines that run parallel with the road, and landed in his bike's basket causing his shopping to catch fire and him ultimately to fall off his bike due to shock and attempting to extinguish the fire in his messages. The result of the event was he receiving 3 stitches to his forehead and not having any milk for his cornflakes in the morning! Good Luck Festival!

A long term resident of the island recently decided to purchase an expensive classic motorbike while in Bangkok on holiday. He took delivery of the machine and proudly parked it on display outside his home.

Upon return he was dumbstruck to find his

pride and joy not where he left it. After frantic phone calls he was advised that the bike had been impounded and was on its way to Bangkok.

It turns out that in fact it had been stolen some months before and various alterations had taken place prior to him looking at and purchasing the machine. He asked us to advise you all to be very careful should you be in the market for such a vehicle. Prospective purchasers should take great care in examining the registration documents, frame numbers and colour of the machine before purchase. Perhaps an independent evaluation should also be considered as a precaution as this unfortunate gentleman is at present 700,000 baht out of pocket with nothing to show for it!

A Scottish gentleman went to Tesco Lotus recently on a regular provisions run. After concluding his weekly shopping he and his trolley stopped at one of the ATM machines within the mall. After conducting his transaction he took his purchases out to the carpark, loaded them into his truck and made for home. On arrival, he was met by his wife who began to offload the goods. He was astonished when his wife asked him why he had bought 36 toilet rolls, 2 sets of ladies underwear and six cans of cat food. He had taken the wrong trolley and also left his bank card in the ATM.



A long stay couple recently took a bungalow in Kamala and were dismayed when they found it was set in the centre of the Muslim residential area. It was the fact that every power pole had a loud speaker affixed to it and they were being awakened at around 5am with calls to prayer being sung out at high volume.

They went to the local authorities to ask why every pole had such a speaker and who had given the authority for their installation. Their response was not at all favourable as the couple were told that the community had been there a very long time and if they did not like the disturbance, they should move!

Happy house hunting!

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