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Spin Down Under



Teri and I have a ritual to start each day with coffee in bed, letting the dogs come up with us, and quietly talking about the day, or whatever is on our minds. We set our coffeemaker to start 15 minutes before the alarm goes off in the morning. Frequently, I wake up to the wonderful sound of those last precious drops of coffee being brought into this world, and then I lie awake, waiting anticipatorily for the alarm to go off.

I have that same feeling right now, except I know I'll have to shell out money for the coffee.

To pass the time, I've put together this list, in honor of 13 Tesla.

The Top Thirteen Things I am Looking Forward to in Melbourne:

13. Great Internet connections.

12. Running into people I haven't seen since Montreal, or before. Many of you are like family to me.

Which is mostly good.

11. Being wide awake for the sunrise courses, at least on the first few days.

10. Clapping for those of you who got talks instead of me.

9. The "Outback Party" Thursday night for our closing ceremony. Make sure to come, and bring your camera!

8. Poster Hall Happy Hours. On Mon-Weds, we'll have a cash bar - plus a place to get food - set up by the traditional posters, which will be open for a couple hours each night after the sessions are over. If you want other dining options first, you can also run to the casino next door. And if you aren't sure you should be drinking whilst reading posters, please read www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/beer-men-smarter-study-article-1.1059752

But no karaoke.

You're welcome.

7. Being so close to Larry, the Big Lobster, again.

6. Walking around Melbourne, which is a really cool city, and seeing all my ISMRM buddies in the restaurants and shops.

Unless it's my students during meeting hours.

5. Having 4 of you correct me on my spelling of anticipatorily, or better yet - telling me it's not a word.

4. Saying "Good On Ya", and "G'day, Mate!".

A Lot.

3. Getting re-energized about MRI, which I always do during and after this meeting. You all have such great ideas, I'm always telling myself on the plane-ride home that I really need to start working harder.

2. Handing out free drink tickets at Thursday night's Outback Party / Closing Ceremony to the first several people who tell me that this was the best annual meeting ever.

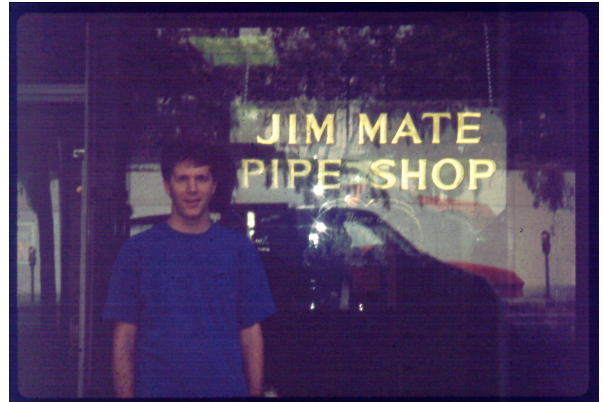
And the number one thing I'm looking forward to in Melbourne:

1. Honestly - it's waking up in the hotel room and sitting in bed having coffee with Teri each morning, looking forward to our day with all of you.

I'm not sure if this is my last blog or not - so I'll just take the opportunity now to thank the society, and of course our president Debiao Li in particular, for giving me this opportunity. It's been a true pleasure working with our fantastic staff and I am so very honored to be the chair of a program committee filled with such distinguished investigators.

Hooroo,

Jim Pipe,
AMPC Chair, 2012 Melbourne



Looking for a few good friends.