



ULYSSES CLUB MACKAY BRANCH

GROW OLD DISGRACEFULLY

Rev'd n Rollin'

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Lunch ride to Midge Point

After a long month of continuous rain and some flooding the skies open up to a hot beautiful day on the 24th February for a relaxing ride to Midge Point.



Approximately 20 bikes attended and about 30 people in total to enjoy the kick back day and relaxed atmosphere. A couple of new members also attended for their first outing with the club.

Unfortunately a couple of members lost their bikes in the recent floods and where unable to ride with us, however Paul and Maureen Smith opted with the car to join us.

There was even a song for the Birthday Girlme!

It was an enjoyable social luncheon.







The Birthday Girl and Kevy Care Bear



Our February Monthly Dinner

The Farview Tavern was February end of month dinner with over thirty people turning up for the social evening.

The food was good and there was Karaoke on, unfortunately none of our star members for singing were present for the night.

We actually left the venue for some tasty treats at McDonalds where we could talk to each other without yelling over the music.

The Rain held off until we were undercover having lunch, it cleared up fairly quickly, and we had a dry run home. It was a very enjoyable ride, in view of the rather grey skies and gusty winds.



Cape Hillsborough Ride

By Lyn Jones



Even though the weather looked very ominous, there were 8 bikes that turned up for the Sarina Beach Club Lunch; however the Sarina Beach Clubs kitchen was closed due to Renovations, so it was decided to head to Cape Hillsborough.



We left the information centre at 10.30am and headed for Marian and then on to Kuttabul, we then took the very scenic Mt Jukes Rd thru to the Seaforth Rd and on to the Cape Hillsborough Rd, the roads were in very good condition considering the recent floods, there was only one part of the Mt Jukes Road that had gravel over it.



CQ Helicopter Donation

By Lea Waters-Marsh



As my naughty twin didn't get to visit the CQ Rescue Helicopter, I am giving you the update on all the gossip. We (about 15 people) turned up at the Info Centre then rode over to the airport where the CQ Rescue Helicopter's are. We put our big Ulysses banner in front of some of the bikes and we waited for the newspaper **chick** to take some pictures of us all in front of the helicopter.

It was quite interesting listening to Captain Drew, showing us all the bits and pieces on and about the helicopter.

Some of our guys wanted to use the engine on the helicopter and put them on their bikes.....hence the photo and my wonderful husband asking how fast it goes etc! Others enjoyed some of the different machinery there and pretending to ride them such as the tractor



hee heewonder how fast this old boy would go!



2010 Goldwing Dash,
(designed by Sutto)

CQ Rescue Helicopter in response to the donation sent a thankyou letter.



The Road Trip

By Kevin Allan

While other people were visiting the CQ Rescue helicopter, five fine friends Neil Craig, Allen Bovey, Graham Sutton, Kevin Allan and Jim MacDonald went on a quick road trip to Warwick and back in three days.

Mainly to pick up Neil Craig's new camper, it's a "Krack a tinny" camper. However poor Jimmy only made it to Waverley Creek and unfortunately had to turn for home due to being rather ill, I won't go into the gory details but let's put it this way I don't think he was game to fart. So Jim bid us farewell there.

Once we arrived at Rocky we veered west down through to Westward, Banana, Theodore and finally pulling up at Dalby. The days ride had been excellent with hardly any traffic and open roads. It was a really good way to ride down south.

The next day we made our way down towards Warwick, where Neil took possession of his brand new camper.



Around 11am we left Warwick and started our journey towards home, this time we went up through Toowoomba, Nanango, Gayndah, and finally stopping at Monto for the night.

The motel here was really good even though the outside didn't look like

much, it was comfortable and they served up the biggest steak for tea that our bellies couldn't even hold and value for money as the room wasn't expensive either.

We made it home just after 1:30 pm on Tuesday and it was a really good quick trip. If you're curious about the "Krack A Tinny" camper, I'm sure Neil will be happy to tell you the details when you see him.



Pinnacle Lunch Ride



With the break from rain with the weather approximately 15 bikes went for a leisurely ride to Pinnacle Pub for lunch.

Along the way we had a quick stop over at the Mirani Pub for a drink when our home ice-cream delivery truck man "Stuart" pulled up and gave

us an ice cream to eat. Mmmmm it was very nice.

Then it was on to the Pinnacle, this place was packed with live music and there wasn't a real long wait for the meals which was excellent.



Easter Egg Drop



Easter Saturday 22nd of March, was a surprise for residents in five Aged Home Care facilities.

The Ulysses turned up in numbers to each facility to give a bit of Easter cheer to its residents. Thanks to the Metropolitan Hotel who kindly donated the easter eggs that were handed around.

A few of the old timers even went for a ride, to let their hair down and feel the freedom on a bike. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Col Meng (Mackay's newly elected Mayor) joined in at the Good Shepherd Lodge and shook a few hands and met some of the residents as well.

It was well organised and credit goes to all that were involved.





There are a lot more photo's on the event however I only received very few photo's for the newsletter. See Dave Cooper for more photo's.

Our March Monthly Dinner

March Dinner was held at the Duke Hotel at Walkerston. About 40 people attended the night, which was an excellent turn out. The food was excellent and very fast to be served.

It was decided while there for those who are attending the Townsville AGM that we would wear yellow Mohawks on our helmets for the parade on Saturday. It is not compulsory of course, but it one way of recognising the Mackay group in the parade.

If you are interested in purchasing a Mohawk for the AGM please contact Bernie Botcher on 49548886, they are approximately \$25 each.

Peter Fraust Dam Ride



A group of riders turned up for Denis's birthday run. It was a fine glorious day. However not so incident free.

Maritta's Virago died again on the side of the road at Calen on the way up to the Dam.

It was fend for yourself for lunch, most pulled up at Proserpine bakery and got food to have at the Dam except for one fine fello "Mark". He whipped up a meal in no time.



Poor Sutto got a love bite from a friendly paper wasp at the wheelie bin, noit bit him on the finger.

Kevy provided a letter from his wife Audy to allow him to ride her bike "Arnie" for the day.



On the way home a couple of people pulled up at the Leap Hotel to wet the lips with a cold drink. Overall it was a great day out.



Guess who this is????



Yep you guessed right it is Evil Lea Kenevil. Learning to ride !!! and enjoying it too.

Long way round to Bowen
20th April started off to be real chilly ride leaving the Tourist Info Centre at 7:30 am. A total of 32 people attended the long way round to Bowen, our first pit stop it was Nebo Junction for those with weak bladders and smaller fuel tank capacity.

Then onwards to Glenden, with the gentle sweeps and bends was real pleasure and not a lot of traffic.



On arrival at Glenden it was time for those who didn't fuel at the last stop to fuel and then down to the local club for a nice warm coffee and cake.



Then it was time to ride towards Collinsville, the road was much the same with good bitumen road and excellent riding and scenic too. It was a quick stop in Collinsville for the remainder of the group to top up and head for lunch at Bowen.



Although we arrived soon after 1:30pm, it was a welcome break for lunch, some had more of a wait for lunch than others but the food was great.

It was then a gentle ride back to Mackay, most of us arriving home a bit after 5:00 pm. The overall day was long but it certainly was an excellent day for a ride.

A Farmer's Wife

Amy, a blonde city girl, marries a Colorado rancher. One morning, on his way out to check on the cows, the rancher says to Amy, 'The insemination man is coming over to impregnate one of our cows today. I drove a nail into the 2 by 4 just above the cow's stall in the barn. You show him where the cow is when he gets here, OK?'

The rancher leaves for the fields. After a while, the artificial insemination man arrives and knocks on the

front door. Amy takes him down to the barn.

They walk along the row of cows and when she sees the nail, she tells him, 'This is the one...right here.'

The man, assuming he is dealing with an airhead blonde, asks, 'Tell me lady, cause I'm dying to know.....how would YOU know this is the cow to be bred?'

'That's simple. By the nail over its stall,' Amy explains very confidently.

Laughing rudely at her, the man says, 'And what, pray tell, is the nail for?'

The blonde turns to walk away, and says sweetly over her shoulder, 'I guess it's to hang your pants on.'

Let's meet our new & long time local members!

New Members



Name: Mark Coulon
Nickname: Rum Cat
Partner: Lyn Jones
Rides: Triumph America
Hobbies/Interest: Riding bikes, diving.



Name: Lyn Jones
Nickname: ?? Yet to be established
Partner: Mark Coulon
Rides: Honda Valkyrie Trike, lawn mower and Mark.
Hobbies/Interests: Bikes, gardening, bird watching and Mark.

Long time Members



Names: Lyn & Neil Craig
Nicknames: Megs & Neil
Rides: FJR1300 Yamaha & FZ 1 Fazer and Megsy.
Hobbies/Interests: Megsy – Shopping
Neil – Riding bikes, flying remote helicopters



Names: Rhonda & Graham Sutton
Nicknames: Mrs Sutto and Sutto
Rides: Goldwing with lots of bling.
Hobbies/Interests: Golf, riding RRRR...Honda

For Sale Ads

Motorbike Trailer, steel frame, aluminium box, lockable, 11 mths rego, spare wheel and cargo pod with roof racks on top. \$1,100 ono. Camping gear available if required. Phone Allan Jung 49595926.

Honda VTX 1800, 15 mths young, 2,800 kms, black/orange flames, loads of extra's, local bike, perfect condition. Phone Butch 0428186200.



2002 Honda Shadow Sabre (helicopter not included), modified pipes, custom seat, footboards, backrest, rack, screen, low kms, classic tow hitch, sheepskin seat covers, very nice to ride. \$10,990. Phone Swampy 0415762476.



Yamaha Virago 250XV, rego 06/08, good condition, mechanically perfect, new rear tyre, new battery, w/pack rack, selling due to upgrade. \$3,200. Phone 0412 815 987.



1999 Yamaha Venture with intercom , am fm radio , cruise control ,sheep skin seat covers , \$12,000 ono . Phone Brad 4943 1037.

A MEMO from your Ed!

Please note that my email address has changed if you like to send anything towards the newsletter. Its kandaallan@skymesh.com.au

Regards
Audra

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- **Townsville AGM**
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