



ULYSSES CLUB MACKAY BRANCH

GROW OLD DISGRACEFULLY

Rev'd n Rollin'

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Advanced Rider Training – 22nd & 28th July 09

Sixteen Mackay Branch members participated in the Advanced Rider Training Course in July. Theory classes, conducted by Steve Wilkins of Kick-start Motorcycle Training, took place over two nights and smaller groups were put through their paces in separate practical sessions. Members brushed up on their riding skills including road craft, emergency braking, slow riding and changes to road rules, to name a few. Certificates were issued to the Students. The National Ulysses Club will rebated each participant \$75 upon presentation of their receipt. A big thank you goes to Treasurer Bryce for the time and effort he put in organising this practical and worthwhile activity. The Branch would like to run another course in the future, for those members who were unable to attend this time. Photographed here is:



Laguna Quays Beach Club Ride – 25 July 09

The Committee made a decision to cancel the Winter Sports week-end at Laguna Beach Club due to a poor response from members. However, a group of 25 riders enjoyed a beautiful lunch at the Beach Club at Laguna Quays Resort. Members were delighted with the facilities and have requested that we attempt to conduct another week-end activity / camp over at the

resort in the future. So keep your eyes on the ride calendar.

President's Prattle

Hello fellow Ulyssians,
I trust that most of you have been receiving my emails? I have had a few "bouncers". So in the name of effective Communications, it would be appreciated if you would keep the Branch updated with any changes of details. Please contact either The Secretary or myself so that we may ensure you are kept updated on Branch activities.

It is very encouraging to see that we are continuing to attract new members. With weekly rides set in place we are seeing new faces as well as some old ones returning. I have had some complaints though!!! A few members have said that there are far too many rides on the calendar and that they have to choose between moving the lawn/cleaning the house or riding with Friends. What a terrible place to be?? So much to do so little time!! Thanks to the Ride Committee for putting together such a diverse ride calendar we have ensured that even our members who are shift workers are able to attend more often. Darryl is calling for suggestions and ideas for future rides and activities so drop us a line or give your ride committee member a call and place your ride suggestion on the "wish list".

As a Social Club of motorbike enthusiasts, our social gatherings are also growing in size, this is a perfect time to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. It is a great time to talk about bikes or just share common interests with like-minded folk. Please feel free to bring along a friend, Ulyssian or not, everyone is welcome. On a serious note, due to the numbers we are attracting, it is really important to book with the organiser so that a spot is reserved for you. Although, every effort is put into ensuring that everyone gets fed and watered it can put a strain on the Venue when members arrive unannounced. So people, your planning, ahead of time will ensure that you don't feel "left out" on the night. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and urge you to submit an article for inclusion in our next one. All letters

and articles sent in will be considered by our Newsletter Editor, Bill.

There is a note from your Quartermaster, Lyn included in this addition. Thank you to all those members who have supported the Branch by purchasing through the Quartermaster. Please continue to do so.

Our last Committee meeting was held on Sunday 9th August. I encourage everyone to have a read of the minutes (on the web-site) and to come forward with constructive ideas and input for the future going forward.

Remember this is your Club and we are your faithfully elected committee members.

So until we meet again, safe riding.

Maritta Heiler
President.

CLAIRVIEW



Biking for charity a group we encountered at the ice cream Shoppe



Lunch at the Caravan Park



Swampy parks the NEW Victory in a conspicuous spot at Clairview



Steve & Bryce discuss Rider Training
There were in excess of 50 bikes on this ride?



Mandy and Jersey discuss the finer points of the cuisine at Clairview



Now lets see which way is Clairview?



Keith cooks a parrot between the pipes of the Empty1





Kinchant Dam weekend and Jersey does some stunt riding on the rocket.



Rhonda, Megs, Lyn & Harry



Some of the 45 who attended Kinchant for lunch



Kev, Sutto & Neil



Mike & Jenni Boss-Walker



Lunch @ Conway Beach



Audra & Poppy



Mandy and Dave the Lifeguard at Airlie



Possum shopping at Airlie Beach



Who said a Woman's place is in the kitchen at Conway



Stump Cam



It wasn't the Table dancer



Snatching a quick run



Yep it was the cooks



John (Trevor Chappel) Van H tries underarm to stem the flow of runs at Beach cricket at the Conway Weekend after Neil scores another 6

Team Safe

SAFETY & TRAINING

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Dows Creek Weekend "River Rock to Mountain Top Festival"

By Audra Allan



For a small community up the valley, the River Rock to Mountain Top Festival seems to be growing in popularity every year, with new events added each year. This year it started with a Lantern Parade in the main street of Mirani.



A few of the Ulyssians lot decided to join in the festivities a night early, so we decided to go to the local Mirani Pub for tea. Then went back to Dows Creek Hall and camped for the night.



We won't mention the blood curdling scream that came from the showers the next morning from Jas (Lu's daughter) due to a friendly little bat that had taken refuge in the shower with her and chose to fly out when she disturbed it. We then rode back to the Information Centre to pick up all the Mackay Branch members.



It turned out to be a lovely day to be on a ride with a few people with brand new motorbikes to look at.

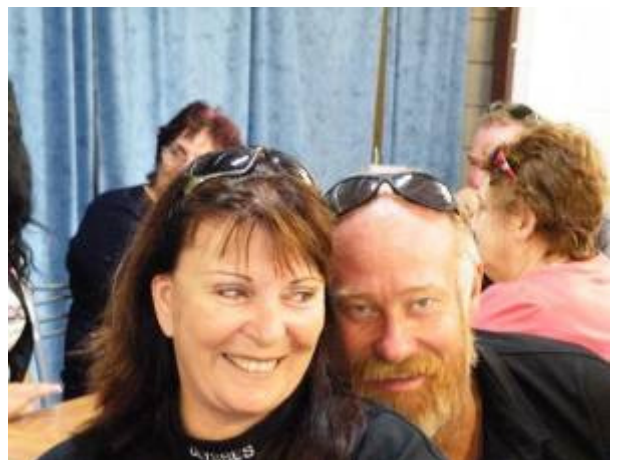


Swampy and Lea with their Victory Vision



Fluffy and Moo with their Kawasaki.

We all rode to the Pinnacle Pub for a leisurely lunch. Steve Anderson later joined us at the Pinnacle Pub with his new Soft Tail Harley and Monique on her Hyosung.



Lyn Jones and Mark Coulon



Mike and Jenni Boss-Walker



Jerzy



Sweet Pea (Angie) Griffin and the Detour
Those who chose to stay the night were entertained by some excellent country music and brilliant singer who has just signed to be Lee Kernigan support on his next tour. Even Lu sang a tune and Kev, well - he ended doing some line dancing with the ladies!
Next morning the breakfast was put on for the overnighter, for \$5 we got bacon, eggs, sausages, tomato gravy, toast and tea or coffee. It was an absolutely lovely breakfast, overall it was a great weekend and hopefully next year we will be able to incorporate some of the other activities that is happening up the valley like the Ute Muster...



Darryl and Mandy Shaw

Eungella Ride – Sunday 1 August 09



Audra and Kev Allan

A larger group had enjoyed lunch at Finch Hatton, as the weather was delightful the smaller group decided to take on the mountain. We had coffee and cake at Broken River and took off back down the hill to be home late in the afternoon. This photo was taken at the look-out at Eungella.
LtoR: Bill, Deb, John, Darryl, Pete, Alice Jennifer & Mandy.



Swampy (Ron) and Lea Waters-Marsh
After lunch we all took a casual ride to Dows Creek to join in with the fair. The group sold \$180 worth of raffle tickets for the Rotary Club that went to cancer research.



Homebush Devonshire Tea and Craft Shop Run

An early start at the Information Centre on a beautiful clear cool morning, just perfect for a meandering ride to Homebush.

About 28 people turned up for the Homebush Devonshire Tea and Craft Shop Run. And they weren't disappointed Jodie put on a great spread for \$6.00 we got a cuppa and 2 scones with jam and cream or cake, homemade that morning, delicious.

I think a few wallets were a little lighter after the girls spent up big on the beautiful locally made craft.

A very nice relaxing morning was had with lots of laughs and great company.



Posh Frock Night



More on Dows Ck night in next Newsletter

Being Ulyssian

*We may be old and a little bold
We may look a little rough
Clad in leathers and denim, rather than suits
and gold
Straddled upon bikes, campers, trailers and
stuff
Travelling the highways, attending a meeting
Visiting friends or stopping at a market place
Everyone is always welcomed with a cheerful
greeting
Getting to our destination is never a race
Always friendly and helpful to all
We are quick to assist those in need
But we also know how to have a ball
We can party all night
And stay out of strife
But we will always keep one thing in sight
We intend to keep our way of life
And as our motto says!
"Grow Old Disgracefully"
For we are Ulyssians*

Submitted by a Member



FRAZER COAST ODESSEY

At Maryborough we all had a really good time. At a pre arranged time, like 6 am at the Rosella store a covert meeting was arranged. Kill Bill was the first to arrive at 5.30 with an air chill factor of Minus 2 it was no place for brass monkeys. Shortly thereafter George and Lou Galea arrive in his warm Ute towing the bike trailer. Alas the Rocket 3 had terminal head problems thanks to a bodgie machinist clogging heads the oil galleries, not serious \$10,000 will fix it. There was a flash and a noise like thunder, and George said I think that was Little John and Deb who just drove by. Neil and Meggs arrived and we set sail for Carmila. There we refuelled and met up with John and Deb The party of 7 again left in darkness for a fuel stop at Marlborough. Surprise Surprise Jeff and Maritta rode in just as we were leaving. The band of 9 made Rocky for breakfast. The final 3 members Pat and Joy (on her new Kawasaki 900) and new member John Bryce on an equally new 1800 Goldwing joined us and off to Maryborough we went.



We did it on the pub crawl 13 pubs 13 drinks – but no world record

QUARTERMASTERS QUEST

For those people that have ordered the very popular Toiletry Bag it is on Back Order I will ring you as soon as it arrives.

Just a reminder to all members, that you can purchase your National Gear through the branch. The way it works is that the branch buys the gear at a discounted rate, sells it on to you at the retail price advertised in the Riding On magazine. The benefit to you is you don't pay for the postage and you will be helping the branch with fundraising.

I intend to bring the latest brochure along to the dinner meetings in future, so that you can see what's available and place an order. I will also have the club shirts with me, for purchase.

The Branch Shop now has a number of National items on hand for sale; with Fathers Day around the corner you could find just the thing, for the Man who has everything.

If there is some merchandise you want at anytime you can give me a call on 0419 844896 4942 7673 or drop me an email lynjonesis@bigpond.com

Cheers

Lyn Jones

FOR SALE - YAMAHA XV1600 ROAD STAR



2007 Model - 1st Purchased July 2008. Still under manufacturer's warranty. Loaded with extras: Windscreen, Passing Lights, Sissy Bar, Carrier, Kentucky Drive Bags, Lindby Engine Bar, Cobra 2-1 Exhaust (standard system available), K&N Air Filter, and Near New Metzler Tires. Will consider camp trailer as part trade.

Contact Darryl Shaw Ph: 0417637808 \$16,500



For Sale
Franks VTR250 2007
6000, Kilometres.
Excellent condition
Price \$6000.00 ono.
Contact Frank on 0418
981 302



For Sale
2000 Honda Valkyrie Trike Candy
Apple Red
Call Lyn Jones 0419 844896

Elite Camper Trailer FOR SALE IT IS AN ELITE 2006 WE HAVE ONLY USED IT FIVE TIMES IT IS IN GOOD CONDITION. IT FOLDS OUT TO A QUEEN SIZE BED WITH TWO 3M BY 3M AWNINGS ONE WITH ANNEX.AND ONLY WEIGHS130 kg EMPTY...

MAL ANDREWS. Ph: 0409052953.



**FOR SALE BY TENDER
Branch Trailer**

At the last Committee meeting it was decided to put the Branch Trailer up on offer to members of the Branch who may be in the market for a Bike Trailer. This trailer was purchased by the Branch and has served the Branch well. It has been maintained and recently underwent a re-wiring job. It is registered until 2010 and has been garaged most of its life. Darryl Shaw will be able to provide more information about trailer's general condition if required. Mackay Branch members are invited to submit a Tender for the Branch Trailer. These Tenders should be emailed to lynjonesis@bigpond.com or posted or the Secretary, Mackay Branch, Ulysses Club Inc. at PO Box 6019, Mackay Mail Centre by 5pm on Wednesday 30th September. The Results will be communicated to members following the next Committee meeting.



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