



The Chatterbox

April 2011 Edition



Spider Bike from Glamorgan Pub

Birthday Greetings for the month of April go to

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Contributions from members are always welcomed as well as articles, photographs, etc.

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Remember all correspondence to be received by the Editor by the 20th each month.

Presidents Column

The branch AGM is on Thursday 28th and it really is great to see the number of nominations we have received for committee positions. I look forward to seeing you all there to cast your vote.

A great rollup of members attended the National AGM event in Newcastle. Present were Don and Delena, Gordon, Rocketman, Swervy, CK, Fox, Bex, Young Fester, and of course Granny and I. A group of us left on Saturday morning in light rain which later became heavy rain for an overnight stop in Tamworth. Fox took the opportunity to visit mum a couple of times (good boy) and the rest of us enjoyed drinkies whilst he was away. You need to start early to get your share. Next day was perfect weather for the ride to Newcastle, overnight in cabins at a caravan park we won't be going back to then an early departure to registration and then setup the camp for the week.

A few drinks were had during the week, many test rides were conducted and a couple of sightseeing rides were enjoyed. The trip home for CK, Bex, Granny and I was via the coast to Urunga Ocean View Hotel (great fish and cold beer) then next day onto Ballina (great fish) where we left CK then proceeded home via Woodenbong. Fox and Young Fester did the dash home on the Sunday and Gordon and Swervy also headed up the coast but chose a different timing.

A good roll-up went to the Bikes thru a Bar meeting, where yours truly suffered the ignomy of a ruined rear tyre and a ride home with the RACQ. I haven't lived it down yet. Fortunately Granny and Fox weren't there to really rub it in.

As I said I hope to see you all at the AGM where I will present my Annual report, but meantime a special thanks to all the committee members for your support and help and also to Rick for the work on the website and Col as magazine editor. I would also like to thank each and every one of the members for making this branch such a great place to belong. I really believe we have one of the friendliest branches in the club. Well done.

Keep the shiny side up

Fester

**MINUTES OF THE WARWICK DISTRICT BRANCH MEETING WARWICK-
31/03/2011**

MEETING TYPE-COMMITTEE

TIME COMMENCED-5.30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill, BJ, Granny, Fester, Angry, Worm, Rocketman, Rick & Marg Goodsir

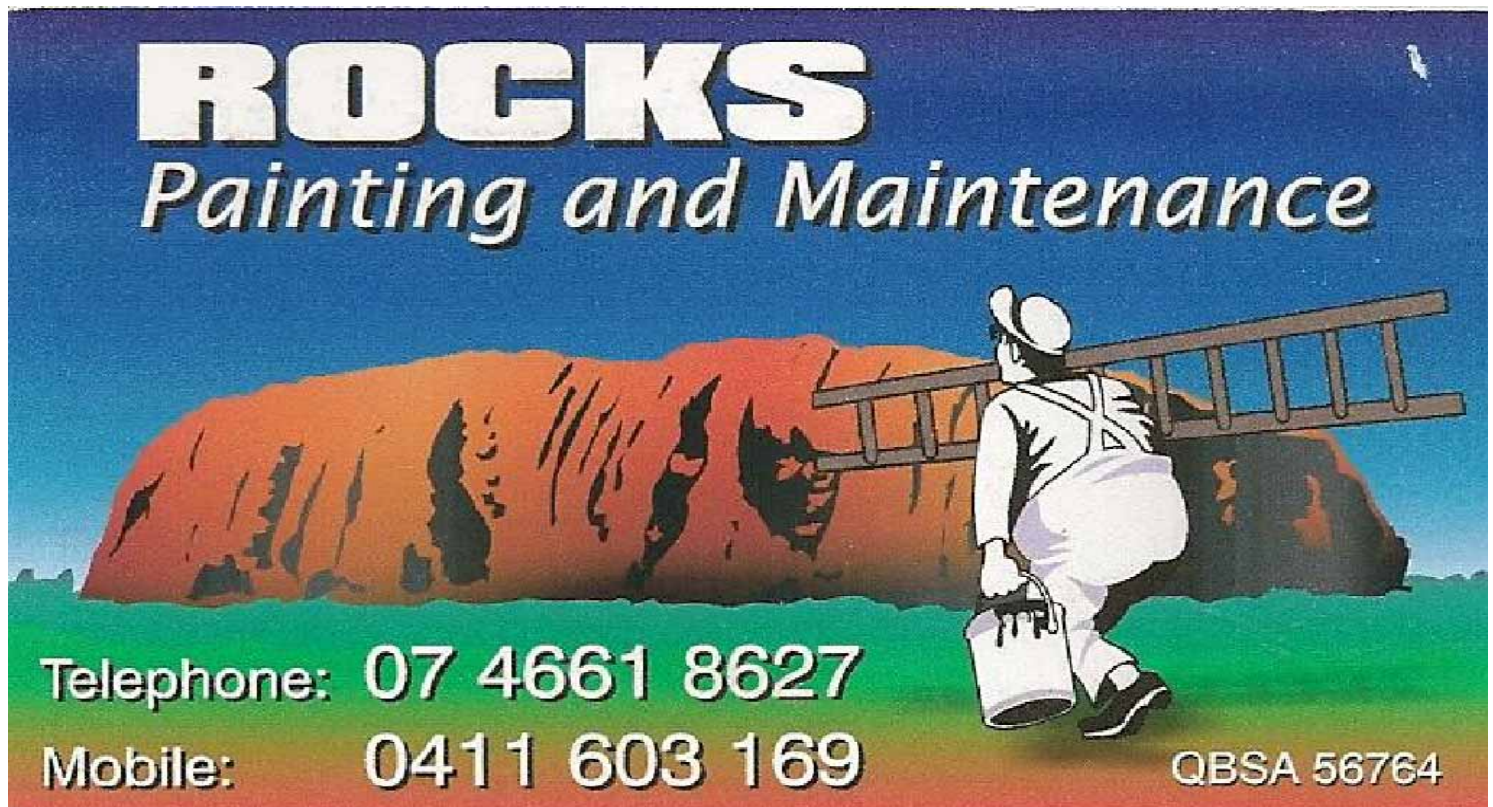
APOLOGIES

Fox

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, Accepted, Moved Angry, Seconded BJ, Passed

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS

1. Received \$50 from Pat & Steve Gardner for our branch meeting raffle, \$5 worth of tickets each meeting.
2. Received the minutes of Nat Com's meeting held on Saturday 22nd January, 2011
3. Received statement for 6 a/c with Warwick Credit Union
4. Received a letter from Warwick Credit Union stating our request for sponsorship for the production of the Chatterbox has been approved for the year 2011
5. Received e-mail from Narelle Farrell requesting to be taken off our e-mailing list
6. Received a flyer concerning the 2nd Annual RSL Poker Run to be held on Saturday 26th March, 2011. This was then e-mailed out to all members



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7. Received letter & flyer from Desley Twiner of the Gladstone Ulysses Branch concerning the 2011 Queensland Odyssey. This was e-mailed to members
8. Received e-mail from Coral-Lea Fletcher with her change of address
9. Received e-mail from Jim Harris requesting a membership application. One has been dropped off to him
10. Received a flyer from Gympie Ulysses Branch inviting us to their 2011 Poker Run to be held on Sunday 21st August, 2011
11. Received e-mail from Wayne Page (Kiwi) informing us of his new e-mail address
12. Received a flyer from Morgan & Wacker with information on BMW rider equipment
13. Received e-mail from Rob Toshack stating the Webmaster does not have to be a committee member. Also there is no stipulated maximum of committee members but it is recommended to work on an uneven number 7 probably around 5 or 7, 9 being the absolute working maximum
14. Received renewal notice from Post Office for our Post Office Box. Passed on to Treasurer
15. Received e-mail from Pat & Steve Gardner letting us know they have settled in to their new abode.
16. Received a flyer from Moree Ulysses Branch concerning their 9th Annual Moree Muster. This was sent out to members
17. Received e-mail from Les Wenham (Spangles) stating his membership number & -mail address
18. Received e-mail from Phil Close of the Kilcoy Wood & Art Festival inviting us to their 10th year celebration on Saturday & Sunday 10th 7 11th September, 2011. This was forwarded on to members

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter was sent to Nat Com's Secretary, Rob Toshack, regarding the invitation to attend the AGM's extended meeting to which Fester & Fox will be attending
2. E-mail sent to Administration relating to Rob Brookes resigning & Mal Boswell taking a care-taking role of Assist Treasurer until our branch AGM
3. A cheque was sent to the Redcliffe Ulysses Branch for Memorial Day badges ordered
4. E-mail sent to Rob Toshack with to questions
 - i. Does the Webmaster have to be a committee member
 - ii. What is the maximum number of committee members a branch can have

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

Accepted, Moved Fester, Seconded Worm, Passed

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurers Report read to committee. A copy pf Treasurers Report is available from the Treasurer upon request

Accepted, Moved Bill, Seconded BJ, Passed

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT

1. Informed committee that 1 Branch patch sold at \$11.50, 2 given to Sue Darragh for shirts ordered. This leaves 22 Branch patches left

2. 1 shirt picked up that was ordered. Money from shirt & patches passed on to Treasurer
3. Col & Jayde have spoken to BJ regarding a Fundraiser to guess the weight & date of birth of their soon to arrive son
4. A big thank you to everyone who either donated goods or helped in any way with the garage sale

Accepted, moved Bill, Seconded Angry, Passed

GENERAL BUSINESS

Fester had a glowing report of the AGM at Newcastle, saying that it was well organised & that the processing of members coming into the AGM was spot on. He mentioned there was some rain the first couple of days. His test ride on the V Max was enjoyable. He talked about the extended meeting & one of the issues brought up was losing the \$10 branch joining fee when joining on line. Discussions were held on the next three AGM's which are Mildura 2012, Maryborough 2013 & Alice Springs 2014

Nominations for positions on the committee were discussed. Nominations are as follows

President- Dennis King

Secretary- Bill Doran

Treasurer- Wayne Farrugia

Welfare Officer- Bill Doran

Ride Co-ordinator- Ross Atkinson

These nominations are unopposed

Nominations for Committee Members in alphabetical order

Les Aspery

Mal Boswell

Barb Doran

Alan Edney

Rex Rogers

Nev Scott

There will be a vote for Committee. To be eligible to vote you must show your current membership card.

Our Webmaster is Rick Goodsir

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25 pm

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YOU CAN WIND IT UP AGAIN**

GATTON SWAP MEET 2011

Patrons contemplating attendance at this year's Gatton Swap Meet are well advised to note that following numerous requests, this year's swap will be a Saturday/Sunday event on 29th/30th October. The swap site will be secured until noon Friday when it will be opened for vendor set up. Information will soon be available on the club web-site. www.historicmotorcycle.org.au



To all of us “old timers” & “soon to be old timers” as well as anyone in the medical profession.... Take note....never jump to conclusions

Two medical students were walking along the street when they saw an old man walking with his legs apart. He was stiff-legged & walking slowly.

One student said to his friend: “I’m sure that poor man has Pelty Syndrome. Those people walk just like that.”

The other student says: “No, I don’t think so. The old man surely has Zovitzki Syndrome. He walks slowly & his legs are apart just as we learnt in class.

Since they couldn’t agree they decided to ask the old man. They approached him & one of the students said to him: “We’re medical students & couldn’t help but notice the way you walk, but we couldn’t agree the syndrome you might have. Could you tell us what it is?”

The old man said, “I’ll tell you, but first you tell me what you two fine medical students think.”

The first student said, “I think its Peltry Syndrome.”

The old man said, “You thought.....but you are wrong.”

The other student said, “I think you have Zovitzkti Syndrome.”

The old man said, “You thought.....but you are wrong.”

So they asked him, “Well, old timer, what do you have?”

The old man said, “I thought it was a fart.....but I was wrong, too.”



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Hi to all.

Have you ever been approaching an intersection with a car apparently waiting to give way to you only to see the driver looking directly at you/your position on the road, and then seemingly drive in front of you as though you weren't there?

There are a number of theories relating to this sort of behaviour, which often results in a traffic crash with injury to the rider and or pillion.

One theory, and this one has probably had the greatest amount of research, relates back to the beginning of humans on this planet.

Humans are basically hardwired to not want to kill another human. (this has no relationship to humans wanting to physically harm each other and is a totally different area).

This theory is borne out by a number of facts: - Whenever an execution was to take place, the executioner would offer a blindfold or dark hood to be placed over the head of the victim. If the blindfold was refused, then the executioner would most likely place the blind on anyway.

This is not so that the victim cannot "see it coming" as much as to stop the intended deceased person looking at the executioner, because it is very difficult to kill someone when that person is looking at the killer.

Bombs being dropped from a plane, rockets, long range missiles, in other words – death be remote control.

Now, transfer this to our modern day bike riders.

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We ride with protective gear, jackets, pants, boots, gloves and helmet.

Helmets come in a zillion designs, styles, colours etc. Now imagine that a dark helmet with a dark tinted visor is being worn – does that not look like a dark hood? Can you not see the human face under the helmet?

The boffins who came up with this theory went to a lot of time, expense and effort to formulate this.

Think about this – only 20% of any armed force will carry out 100% of the killing in a given conflict.

Now, on a lighter note!

Sunday the 17th saw 6 bikes leave Hungry Jacks for Glen Innes. I had my daughter, Renee, along as my pillion. It had been 12 months since Renee and I had been out together on the bike. She has an open R licence, and one day will have her own machine.

We stopped at the Caltex on the southern side of Tenterfield for a little fuel and coffee. During this stop, I wondered if, instead of heading to Glen, we turn off at Tenterfield, head to Casino, Kyogle and then over the Lions road to Rathdowney, Boonah and then up The Gap to Home. General consensus – go for it.

We then headed East towards Drake. The weather was cloudy with a few light showers thrown in, and a little sun now and again. The road was mostly moist.

We headed into Drake and I had noticed a problem with changing gears. It wasn't until I tried to stop that I realised that I had lost my Clutch in the previous corners.

I stalled Fluffy as I tried to stop – New Experience. BMW's have a dry clutch, and I'm still not sure what happened as after a short while, I was able to place her into gear without stalling. We continued on with no further problems – for me.

Stopped at Casino for fuel and coffee/lunch and then continued on to Kyogle. At the stop at Casino, someone had overheard us making plans to go over the Lions Road – well, we were considering it, but the weather wasn't playing the game. Anyway, turned out the Lions road was out due to a bridge being washed out, so we headed towards Woodenbong, where most of us turned right towards Rathdowney. Bill took the left and then realised he was going the wrong way. The rest of us were waiting down the road, and of course, just after I turned around to see what had happened, a smiling Barb went past followed by Bill. Off we went.

As we were coming into Rathdowney, I noticed a bike on its side in the Park to the right. Quick turnaround and found Bill pinned under the left side of the bike. Stopped to find a loo and slipped. No major physical injury, a scratch on the tank and an embarrassed look.

We then headed to Boonah via Maroon Dam. Got to Boonah and Flavours was closed – bugger.

To the BP at Aratula, coffee and fuel and then headed home. Dropped my daughter off – thanks everyone for making her so welcome. She really enjoyed the day. Covered something like 500 k's, wet gear on a couple of times, but overall a great day out. As I've always maintained, the weather only determines your level of comfort.

Enjoy the Ride.

Bex




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For those who missed it last time:-

On the Ride Calender there is an explanation at the bottom which says “There are no ride rules. How you ride is up to you, however due consideration should be paid to the safety and enjoyment of others, as well as legal requirements.”

Maybe we should expand on that statement a little.

On group rides, because of other traffic getting in the way, if members of the group are separated, then the Ride Leader will find a suitable area to stop and regroup. This will assist in keeping everyone heading in the same direction. Also if the Ride Leader could give a small talk prior to starting, so that everyone will know the destination and rough route, and distance, to get there in case someone is separated from the group, and so that all will know if they will need more fuel etc.

Corner Markers. If the second rider behind the Ride Leader could drop off at each turn/change of direction, this would also help keep the group together. This also breaks up the order a little so that each has a different “Ride Partner” for want of a better term.

Passing. If anyone has a need to pass another rider for whatever reason, then the passing should be done as though you were passing a car. View clear, plenty of road ahead, and indicate. Go onto the oncoming lane and pass well clear of other riders. There has been much said in the Media re motorcycle accidents, and a number of fatal bike accidents making the news over the past months. Admittedly, these have been mostly “Single Vehicle” accidents. But sometimes all that means is that no one else has come forward as being involved. Such as a rider who ran into a safety rail. What’s the bet that he was just trying to avoid a car coming suddenly into his lane. He’s dead so won’t be able to give his version to the investigators.

Apparently there are a disproportionate number of “Rear End” accidents involving motorcycles. This has occurred as a rider is attempting to pass incorrectly within the traffic lane. The rider ahead swerves to avoid a pothole etc, and the overtaking rider runs into his rear.

Similar accidents have occurred when a rider is going into a corner and is being followed by a supposedly more experienced rider and the more experienced rider takes a wider line to overtake mid corner – not pretty.

Rider Apparel. I haven't seen any incidents myself, but there are rumours around of persons attending rides closer to the Coast, of riding in "T" shirts and thongs.

At this stage, there are no rules governing what we wear, apart from the helmet. But rest assured, that if motorcycle riders are being involved in serious accidents, that the Government, in being seen to be doing something, will bring in laws governing what we wear. Which I don't see as being helpful. I may favour a particular brand over others, but case in point:- BMW no longer imports their range of helmets, as trying to comply with the requirements is a very expensive exercise, and for a small market, is just not worth the hassle. A victory for motorcycle safety – I think not. This would also be the case if manufacturers had to comply with clothing standards. Only the ones with the cheapest to produce and highest profit margin would bother to market here. Another victory for motorcycle safety?

Communication. If a rider needs information about anything to do with a ride, they should consult with the Ride Leader. If there are any problems encountered on a ride, please tell/consult with the Rider Leader during or at the end of a ride

If you have any ideas for rides, overnights, or other activities please contact one of the Committee. Winter will be gone soon, and we'll be into the Spring riding.

Enjoy the Ride!

Bex



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Top Two Motorcycles

Peter Lippi

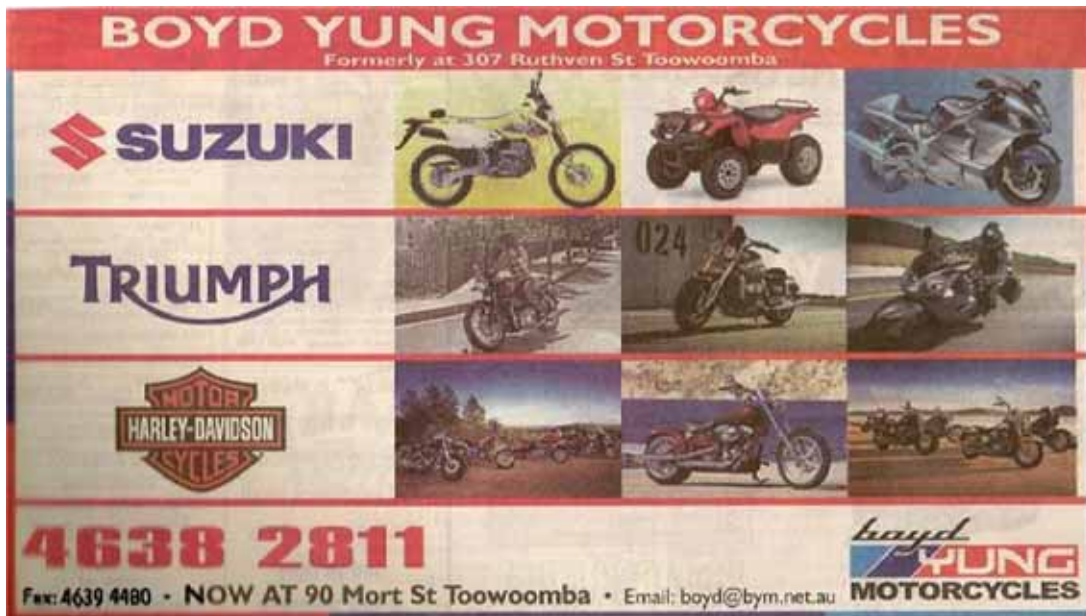
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WORD ABOUT TOWN




1. Member used the show holiday to go to Ipswich to buy a new bike. Word is he got all sentimental when he got there & could not part with his much loved bikie. However, he kept his money in town & bought a 1500CC cruiser from a local dealer. The bike came cheap but is in many pieces. Let's hope he doesn't get too Angry with all the projects going on in the shed.
2. Member spotted driving silver twin cab with canopy in Palmerin St one Sunday in March with the words "Old Fart" in the dust on the back of the canopy. Let's see him Worm his way out of this.
3. Visitor in town taking photos of the **OLD** local landmarks. She stopped a member & asked if she could take a photo of his bike. Of course, he was happy to oblige. She then asked if she could take a photo of him on the bike to which he happily obliged again. Since she was taking photos of old things there is a Butcher in town we may need to get on the Historical Register.



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Date	Depart	Destination	Ride Captain
April			
02-03/04/2011		Killarney Boarder Ranges Trail Ride	
4/03/2011	10.30am	"Ad Hoc ride" (Leyburn)	
16-17/04/2011	9.00am	Autumn Leaves Tour	Fester
24/04/2011	9.00am	Coffee Morning	TBA
25/04/2011	TBA	Anzac Day March	TBA
28/04/2011	6.30pm	Branch Meeting	Fester
29/4-1/5/2011		Moree Muster	
May			
1/05/2011	9.00am	Ad Hock Ride (Girraween)	Bill
14-15/05/2011	9.00am	Overnight Moree Baths	TBA
13-15/05/2011		Ruptured Budgie (Mingalla)	Look on website for details
15/05/2011	8.00am	Biker Blessing- Cleveland	TBA
26/05/2011	6.30pm	Branch Meeting	Fester
29/05/2011	9.00am	Coffee Morning	TBA

Date	Depart	Destination	Ride Captain
June			
5/06/2011	9.00am	"Ad Hock Ride"	TBA
19/06/2011	9.00am	"Ad Hock Ride"	TBA
26/06/2011	9.00am	Coffee Morning	
30/06/2011	6.30pm	Branch Meeting	Fester
July			
3/07/2011	9.00am	"Ad Hock Ride"	TBA
		Christmas in July	
17/07/2011	9.00am	"Ad Hock Ride"	TBA
28/07/2011	6.30pm	Branch Meeting	TBA
31/07/2011	9.00am	Coffee Morning	TBA
August			
7/08/2011	9.00am	"Ad Hock Ride"	TBA
21/08/2011	9.00AM	"Ad Hock Ride"	TBA
25/08/2011	9.00am	Branch Meeting	Fester
28/08/2011	9.00am	Coffee Morning	TBA
September			
4/09/2011	9.00am	"Ad Hock Ride"	TBA
21/09/2011	9.00am	"Ad Hock Ride"	TBA
25/09/2011	9.00am	Branch Meeting	Fester
28/09/2011	9.00am	Coffee Morning	
October			
7&8&9/10/2011		Bikes Through the Bar	
23/10/2011	9.00am	"Ad Hock Ride"	TBA
27/10/2011	6.30pm	Branch Meeting	Fester
30/10/2011	9.00am	Coffee Morning	

Branch meetings are held in the Allman Room at Criterion Hotel, Palmerin Street, Warwick on the last Thursday of every month except December.

Committee Meetings, unless otherwise advised, will commence one (1) hour prior to Branch Meetings.

Ride Committee Meetings: - Held as required.

Coffee Mornings will be held on the last Sunday in that month. These will be held at Warwick Gardens Galore, 21 Albion Street, Warwick. (Next door to Warwick Motor Inn)

"AD HOC" First Sunday of the Month Rides may be organised by the Members. (In other words, if you feel like a ride and some company, please let the other members know- includes Mid Week)

Organised rides are on the third (3) Sunday of the month.

Unless otherwise stated Club Rides leave from Hungry Jacks car park, Corner of Wood and Albion Streets, at 9.00am. – Changed times highlighted in RED

There are no ride rules, but some suggestions are:-

How you ride is up to you, however due consideration should be paid to the safety and enjoyment of others, as well as legal requirements.

Correct Ride Apparel is a personal choice. However, boots, long ride pants/jeans, jacket and gloves will improve your personal safety.

Second Rider from Ride leader to drop off as indicated "Corner Marker". Corner markers may be required to indicate a change of direction. No2 in the group usually fills this roll, positions themselves prominently, but safely, to indicate the turn and waits till waved on by "Tail End Charlie".

No Passing within a single traffic lane- this can be an extremely dangerous manoeuvre.

If Ride Group becomes separated, Rider Leader will find a safe area to stop and Re-group. Each rider to keep the next rider in rear view mirror- if not seen then low/stop/turn around. If all riders deep rear rider in mirror all riders will eventually stop to ascertain if a problem has arisen.

Please ensure you have a full tank of fuel and tyres checked prior to departure time.

Attendance to Ride Destination is not compulsory; however, if you intend to leave the ride please inform the Ride Leader or Tail End Charley.

Please identify "Tail End Charlie" and what bike he/she is riding prior to commencement- Reflectorised Jackets are provided for this purpose.

Please complete the Ride Resister prior to each ride.

Each event attended will have an "Instant Raffle", whereby each Rider/Passenger purchase a ticket for \$2.00 At the destination/ conclusion of the event. The remainder will be banked into the Branch Account for future Branch Activities.

NB: Christmas in July will be held at Fox & Rose's place at Bony Mountain on the weekend of 16th /17th July. Overnighters make sure you bring tents & blankets as it is going to be cold. Bookings are essential for catering purposes. Please contact the Secretary by the end of June. If we do not hear from you it will be assumed you are not coming & therefore will not be catered for.

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Warwick Credit union has kindly donated the printing of our newsletters and I take this opportunity to thank them for doing so.

I urge members to speak with them for their financial needs.