

Riding on Too

Newsletter of the Ulysses Club Canberra Branch



Hi all,

Happy New Year to you all!! Broken those New Year's resolutions yet?

I was looking through some of our historical records, and realised that the branch was formed on 12 February 1986, which means we are coming up for our 23rd birthday in a few weeks - will have to plan a special event to celebrate our 25th anniversary in two years time...

And it seems like others are getting the message that life is better on a bike - the FCAI has just released 2008 sales figures, showing a 3.2% increase in motorcycle and scooter sales last year - and last year was a bumper year!. The sales of road bikes alone increased by 8.5%.



Jen Woods

The Branch AGM will be held at the April meeting. All positions will be declared vacant and please consider volunteering to be part of the committee - please come and have a chat about what is involved.

And it's a timely reminder that only current financial members can vote (should a vote be required) - you must have your membership card verified at the door, and voting slips will be issued then. Non Members can attend the meeting but may not vote. The format of the evening will be: final reports from current committee members presented, THEN all positions are declared vacant, AGM held then new committee takes over.

There has been a change in the BBQ team, with some members having a well deserved break. The team has been BBQing for more than 3 years and the dedication of Peter and Kim Gibbins, Tony Henderson and Sue Law, Steve Holloway, Wendy and Ian Bullock is really appreciated and they have made a fantastic effort. Now we need YOU to give a few hours once a month. As well as raising funds, the BBQ raises our profile in the community and provides a very social couple of hours - please see Peter or Kim if you can spare a little time every now and then.

If you are planning to go to Albany, let us know - it's only a year away and already some are all organised. Others (like me) maybe not quite so organised. If you can have others join you on your ride over or back, or need someone to ride with, add the info to the sheet that's available at the meeting.

See you on the road

Jen

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Welcome to new Members & Visitors:

Far too many to list in this tiny space. Read all about it on Page 2.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Ulysses Canberra Branch General Meeting 16 December 2008

Meeting Opened: 8:10 pm.

Attendance: 70

Apologies: Kyla Harvey, Mick Harvey, Lyn Munday, Suzanne Arday, Leo Farrelly, Flip Van Der Zwan, Adrian Bader, Kristine Bader, Morrie Lonnie.

Welcome New Members & Visitors: Stevez Fekete, Joe Muller, Leigh Gannon, Sally Holt, Dave Holt, Steve Ryan, Lara Harris, Lloyd O'Keefe, David O'Keefe, Mick Owen, David Lloyd.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: As published in RO2.

Acceptance of previous minutes: Ash/Alan. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence in:

Newsletters from Ulysses Club Wagga Wagga & MIA branches and VVC MC ACT.

Invitation to VVCMCC annual rally, Canberra Carotel, Watson, 24-26 January 2009.

Arthritis ACT newsletter.

Letter from 2009 AGM Volunteer Director, Robyn Cullen, with volunteer enrolment form.

Minutes of Ulysses Club National Committee Meeting, 25 October.

Letter from Ulysses Club National Treasurer.

Letter re sale of custom number plate in SA.

Thank-you card from Ulysses Club MIA Branch re weekend at The Rock.

Smith Family Christmas Appeal.

Correspondence out: Nil.

Business arising from correspondence: None.

Presidents Report: As tabled in RO2. Carried.

Treasurers Report: As tabled in RO2. Carried.

Social Secretary's Report:

Elca thanked everyone who came to the Christmas Party for making it so much fun. The "Pimps and Prostitutes" theme unleashed a lot of imagination in the multitude of disgraceful (of course) costumes, which in some cases didn't leave much to the imagination at all. Elca especially thanked Peter and Kim Gibbins for their work in organising the night.

Planning for next year's Christmas Party is already under way, with an "Op Shop Formal" theme.

Ride Coordinator's Report:

Some excellent ride reports lately in RO2 and on the web - very readable and interesting, according to Peter Arday.

Peter plans to retire from the Ride Coordinator position in 2009. He says it's a good job that generates few complaints.

Peter reported on the recent Rusty Rider course at EPIC - very worthwhile, especially the low-speed stuff.

Rider Development:

More Rusty Rider courses are planned - please let Gary McDonald know if you are interested. More interest will lead to more courses.



Ian Paterson

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Minutes of the Last Meeting cont...

Webmaster Report:

More photos from the Christmas Party (especially embarrassing ones, which is probably the only kind that were taken that night) are needed for the website. Please email them to Gary at kurrajong@internode.on.net.

Quartermaster's Report: Last chance for Ulysses Club 25th anniversary shirts and patches. The shirts are so popular that they will be made available again in 2009 but without the 25th anniversary logo.

RO2 Editor's Report:

Flip is due back in the country at any minute and Norm is wondering if she will be taking on the editor's role again.

General Business:

The NZ Ulysses Club is holding its AGM at Taupo on 20-22 March 2009. Aussie members are welcome.

Rider training courses will be offered by both HART and Stay Upright at the 2009 AGM. These should be very popular and of course numbers are limited, so book soon if you are interested. See www.hartridertraining.com.au or www.stayupright.com.au for details.

No rockers!!! Members are encouraged to wear the Ulysses old man patch on jackets, vests, etc but are reminded that rockers (patches above and/or below the old man patch) are banned. It's either an Old Man Patch on the back and NO other badges, or you can wear patches on the back without the Old Man Badge. This rule was brought in after the 2005 AGM. Wear your Ulysses logo but leave the rockers off!

Welcome back to **Trish Holdsworth**, who is out of hospital and on the mend.

After three years as treasurer and 3 years as madam president, **Jennifer Woods** is standing for the Ulysses Club National Committee at the AGM in March 2009. Consider attending the AGM at Penrith to have your vote.

New members should let us know their **email addresses** so they can get RO2 and other news. Give your details to Jen.

The ACT winner of the **Motorcycle Apprentice of the Year** quest, Lloyd O'Keeffe, was presented with his certificate. His family, his CIT teacher (Anthony Meany) and his employer (Mick Owen) were all present.

Snowy Hydro SouthCare CEO, Wayne Evans, was presented with a cheque for \$2000 raised by the team who man (and woman) our BBQ each month at CMC. Peter Gibbins said more BBQ volunteers are always welcome.

Jen thanked **Norm MacLachlan** for doing a great job as RO2 editor while Flup was in Inz Ud.

More than \$5000 was raised at the **Motorcycle Toy Run**, including \$1034 from Ulysses Club members' small change. A big thanks to Mal Garner, who organised the change collection again. Thanks also to staff at the Bendigo Bank, who counted more than 60 kg of coins for us, free of charge. Mal said one-third of the Ulysses total came from Derek and his workmates at Centrelink. He urged us in turn to support Centrelink by retiring and getting on a pension. Sylvia has a few Toy Run badges left.

Liz Wright won the \$100 gift voucher at CMC, while a swag of people won stuff in Darryl's raffles (including Tom Oldfield, who mysteriously won three times).

Jen, Elca, Peter, Peter, Gary and everyone else who was able to grab the microphone wished everybody a **happy and safe Christmas** and new year.

Meeting closed: 9:25 pm.

Next meeting: 8pm Tuesday 20 January at Italo-Australian Club, Forrest.

Barbeque Committee Report January 09

This is the first report from the BBQ Team to promote awareness, and to assist in the fundraising activities. We are hoping to provide regular updates from the BBQ Team in future editions of RO2.

The Barbeque Team handed over a cheque for \$2,000 to Southcare at the December 08 Branch Meeting being for fundraising from July to December 2008.

The next BBQ will be held at Canberra Motorcycle Centre on 24th January 2009 commencing at 8:30 until stocks run out. We would like to see you there to support the fundraising activities or to assist the team. We are endeavouring to hold the monthly BBQ on the Saturday following the monthly Branch meeting.

Following a meeting of the BBQ Team in December 2008, it was decided that Ian & Wendy Bullock, Steve Holloway, Tony Henderson and Sue Law, would not be continuing. On behalf of the Branch we would like to extend our thanks for the support over the last 4 years. In order to continue the fundraising activities we would like to see new volunteers to assist. All that is required is an hour or two of your time once a month to assist in the cooking, serving, money collection but generally having a fun time with your fellow branch members.



If you would like to know more, please contact Peter Gibbins on 0413 803 955 or Kim Gibbins on 0411 118 876.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to our sponsors - CMCC for providing the area to hold the BBQ, BP for refilling the gas cylinders, Bakers Delight Lanyon for the bread and rolls, as well as any others that I have omitted. Without the ongoing support from these organisations our ability to provide financial support to organisations such as Southcare, is affected. Your ongoing support of the BBQ's will assist in raising much needed funds to keep Southcare available.

Until next time.

Peter Gibbins



Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Ulysses Canberra Branch Committee Meeting 13 January 2009

Meeting Opened: 7:00 pm.

Attendance: Jen Woods, Leo Farrelly, Peter Arday, Peter Gibbins, Tim Hobson, Ian Paterson

Apologies: Elca Cooper

2010 AGM: People travelling to Albany will be able to list their departure date, itinerary, etc on paper for display at the monthly meetings and on the branch website.

Ride co-ordinator: Peter Arday is relinquishing the role after several years and someone experienced is needed to replace him. Trevor McLeod has volunteered to do the role. Would also be best to have others consider taking it on in the future.

Rides: Lakes Entrance, Canberra Day weekend. Peter Arday has sent out an email flyer. Anzac Day ride to Temora to take part in the parade and service.

Pagemaker: Needed for putting RO2 together. Jen is getting a copy.

New members: It was decided that we have a regular BBQ to give new members a chance to meet the rest of the crew informally. We also need to have temporary name stickers for them to wear at their first meeting.

Branch AGM: To avoid the confusion at last year's branch AGM, it was decided that anyone and everyone would be allowed to sit through the AGM part of the night's meeting. Members who show their current membership cards on entry will be given a voting slip. No-one else will be allowed to vote.

This procedure will be publicised in RO2 the month before and via email closer to the date, to remind members to bring their membership cards. No card means no voting slip which means you can't vote.

Jen will explain the agenda at the start of the meeting so anyone who is listening should understand what lies ahead with the AGM and monthly general meeting.

BBQ team: Nearly all the BBQ team have resigned. New team members are required urgently to help Peter and Kim Gibbins. It was also decided to ask at each monthly meeting for three volunteers to help at the following Saturday's BBQ at CMC. This should help spread the load. A \$ progress report and a note thanking each month's volunteers by name should be in the following month's RO2.

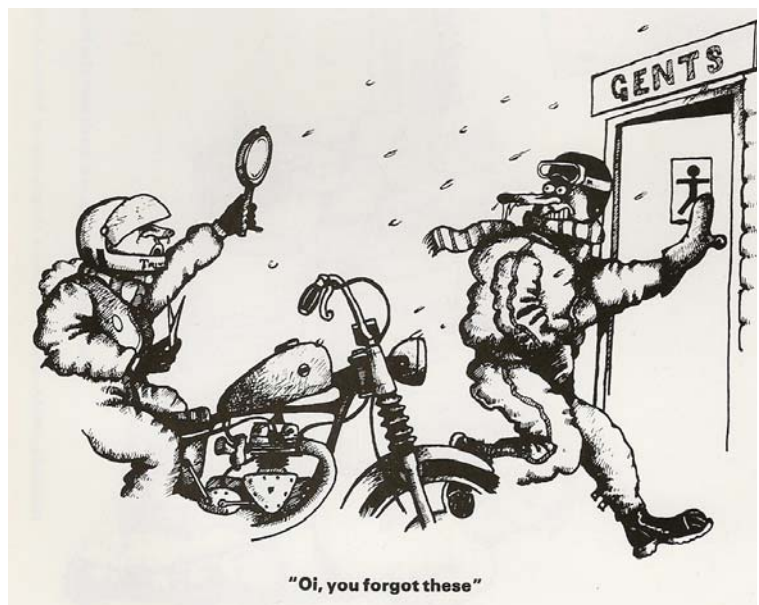
Peter Gibbins said that continuing sponsorship of the BBQ gas by BP will hopefully continue. Baker's Delight sponsors the bread but we don't have a meat sponsor.

First Aid course: The MRA will be organising one soon and we will have people interested in renewing their qualification.

Guest speakers: It was decided to reintroduce guest speakers at the monthly general meetings. Ideas needed.

Meeting closed: 8:20pm

Right: Give a vintage cartoon a home... Grateful thanks to UK Bike Magazine - April 1998. But don't tell them...



Treasurer's Report

Ulysses Club - Canberra Branch Report for December 2008

Income		Banked S1	Banked S2	Investment
16/12/08	QM Sales			\$322.50
16/12/08	Newsletter			\$28.00
16/12/08	BBQ proceeds net			\$171.00
16/12/08	Christmas Raffle			\$285.65
22/12/08	BBQ proceeds			\$391.67
23/12/08	Banking	\$636.20	\$651.00	
23/12/08	Transfer S2 - S1	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	
	Total			\$1,198.82

Expenses		
16/12/08	Snowy Hydro donation	\$2,000.00
16/12/08	D Palin Christmas Raffle	\$204.97
16/12/08	Elca Cooper Christmas party	\$209.17
	Total	\$2,414.14

Unpresented cheques		
961474		\$30.00



Leo Farrally

Account Balances		
S1		\$1,802.86
S2		\$1,431.39
Investment		\$5,300.82

Riding by the Stars...

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 21

The Water Carrier..

Lucky number is 4, Lucky day is Saturday

This is one of the air signs. You are an airhead, what more is there to say? Your nickname is probably "Paris", you ride some sort of air cooled motorcycle, most likely with a horizontally opposed flat twin engine. It might even still have the machine gun mounting. Incidentally, you are a bit of a pervert.

The body part associated with the sign is the calf and ankles, basically you are a leg man, unless you are a woman, in which case you actually have very nice legs.

You think too much, you should just do it! You know what I mean, and don't look over your shoulder, yes, we are talking to you!

You become attached to your bike and cling to it far too long. You think you have a strong sense of direction but get hopelessly lost, even with your GPS. You are unpredictable and don't realise how many times you've almost had the front wheel of a following bike up your butt.

Your sign has hidden talents that can appear when you need them most, like when you realise that you have really, really overcooked it going into a corner.

Dirt Bike Riders: Aquarius is the most evil, and sometimes best disguised, member of the dirt bike horoscope family. At one time, these individuals owned a dirt bike. After discovering a dirt bike was "hard to ride" and confusing to repair and maintain, the typical Aquarian gives up dirt bike riding and becomes an environmental zealot. They change face quickly for two reasons. First, they are stupid. Second, they love no one, except themselves. These two faced, hypocritical individuals are hard to spot. The only clue that may give them away as being Aquarius is when they say something along the lines of, "Yea, I owned a dirt bike, **once.**" Due to their defective personalities, and fanatic agenda to save nature, many Aquarians enjoy sex with small wild animals.



Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm at the Italo Australian Club, 78 Franklin St, Forrest.

Dinner with other members, before the meeting, from 6.30pm

Next meeting Tues. 17 Feb 09.

Email Address? Snail Mail Address?

Please notify Jen Woods if your email address has changed.

If you don't have an email address please ask Jen for a hard copy to be posted to you.

Penrith AGM...

... Is in March in the Penrith Valley...

If you register before 30 January, you go in the draw to win a Triumph Motorcycle.

If you register after 20 February, there will be a late registration fee of \$20.



Editor's Note: We make no comment whatsoever on this T shirt, or any possible interpretation of the slogan.

Xmas in July...

Xmas in July this year will be at Romano's Hotel in Wagga on Saturday 25th July

Rooms from \$38 single, \$50 double/twin

Meal price TBA

Lots to do in the area

Kris Cringle will have a 'recession' theme ... bring a gift from home [any value] which is in good condition and 'somebody' will want' ... and donate \$10 to a charity that Ulysses supports.

Watch this space

Canberra Branch Calendar of Events

January 2009

20 General Meeting

24 BBQ at CMC

26 Australia Day W'End (Gotta be a ride...)
Cyclops Picnic

February

17 General Meeting

21 BBQ at CMC

March

7-9 Weekend Away - Lakes Entrance

17 General Meeting

Branch AGM Nominations Close

21 AGM Penrith

21 BBQ at CMC

April

21 General Meeting

(AGM Branch Elections)

25 BBQ at CMC

25 Anzac Day - Temora

Young Carers Big Breakfast (Yacht Club)

May

19 General Meeting

MRA Blanket Run

23 BBQ at CMC

June

16 General Meeting

20 BBQ at CMC

July

21 General Meeting

25 BBQ at CMC

25 Xmas in July

A few short jokes.

A man walks into a psychiatrist's office wearing only underwear made of Gladwrap.

The psychiatrist says, "Well...I can clearly see you're nuts."

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"

Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"

Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

Masochist: Hurt me.

Sadist: No.

Lakes Entrance - Canberra Day Weekend

Saturday 7 March to Monday 8 March 2009

Saturday 7th Mar 2009

Start Locn	Finish Locn	Start Time	Finish Time	Distance Klm	Travel Time	Rest Time	Refuel	Range	Average Speed
Williamsdale	Nimmitabel	09:00	10:17	116	01:17	00:30	N		90
Nimmitabel	Bombala	10:47	11:21	51	00:34	00:05	N		90
Bombala	Cann River	11:26	12:26	86	01:00	01:15	Y	253	86
Cann River	Lakes Entrance	13:41	15:11	134	01:30		Y	134	90

Elapsed Time	06:11	hh:mm
Travel Time	04:21	hh:mm
Total Distance	387	klms

Monday 9th March 2009

Start Locn	Finish Locn	Start Time	Finish Time	Distance Klm	Travel Time	Rest Time	Refuel	Range	Average Speed
Lakes Entrance	Orbost	09:00	09:50	60	00:50	00:40	N		85
Orbost	Cann River	10:30	11:26	76	00:56	00:10	Y	136	90
Cann River	Bombala	11:36	12:36	86	01:00	00:05	N		86
Bombala	Cooma	12:41	13:41	88	01:00	00:45	Y	174	90
Cooma	Canberra	14:26	15:31	116	01:05		N		90

Elapsed Time	06:31	hh:mm
Travel Time	04:51	hh:mm
Total Distance	426	klms

Accommodation

Two different locations within walking distance of each other have been provided.

Please remember to refuel the bike before having meals. The above guide assumes that bikes will be refuelled and ready to depart Williamsdale and Lakes Entrance and that all bikes have a range of at least 260 klms. If this is not the case then you will need to arrange with others to allow you to top up at the alternate locations.

Lunch on Saturday is at the Cann River Hotel on the junction of the Monaro and Princess Highways. Last year the publican advised us to park the bikes under the veranda as it is not legal to park at the front of the pub.

Breakfast/Morning Tea on the Monday is Orbost, where there are several different places to eat from cafes to bakeries.

The Honda Four Rally.

Hi, my name is Paul (aka Captainbellybuster) & I am the Vice President & Event Coordinator of the Honda 750/4 SOHC Club Inc. Ulysses member 45555, Mount Lindsey Branch. I am contacting you to extend an invitation to members of your branch to attend the **Honda 750/4 National 40th Anniversary Rally & World Record Ride Attempt**. Details can be found at <http://hondafourrally.com>

The event runs from 8th - 11th May 2009 at Gatton Showground, Gatton, Qld. (Approx 1 hr west of Brisbane.) Cost per person is \$25 for the weekend. Camping is included, but Tent City at additional cost (see web site for costs.) We have live bands, concourse, displays, vendors & the 12 Gage FMX Team with a guest appearance by a Crusty Demon. Fully licenced & catered. Charities supported are Bravehearts & Youngcare. The gate prize is a Honda 750/4 Supersport. We are also going for the world record of the biggest parade of motorcycles (5000 + needed for a 20klm parade from Laidley, into & around Gatton to the Showgrounds.)

So many of us started out on this great motorcycle & we feel it only fitting to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its release in Australia. If you need any more information, or wish to book (pre-booking is advisable, as numbers are increasing daily) visit the web site, or email hondafourrally@optusnet.com.au or ph. 07 31331089 or 0405092534. I have also attached the posters in pdf format. Feel free to use them on your site or in your newsletter.

Hope to see you there, Cheers, Paul.

Interesting Stuff

Motorcyclists Behaviour

Deakin University

School of Psychology, Geelong Waterfront Campus, Geelong VIC 3217

Summary of Findings: Testing the Motorcycle Rider Behaviour Questionnaire with Australian Motorcyclists research project

Investigators: Dr Lucy Zinkiewicz (lucyz@deakin.edu.au), Patrick Wig (patwig@deakin.edu.au), Amy McKenna, Lauren Gook and Kristen Gerlach

The study aimed to investigate how various motorcycle riding behaviours (e.g., wearing protective gear, riding at night) were related to involvement in a motorcycling accident, as well as how riding behaviour and crash risk varies with age, sex, whether you live in the country or city, your feelings about your motorcycle, and some personality characteristics, one of which was psychological need for control.

As the team was lucky enough to collect a large amount of data, we're still analysing it all. However, here's some preliminary information about respondents to the questionnaire, and what was found.

Who completed the questionnaire?

Our online questionnaire was completed by 1365 motorcycle riders, made up of 1168 men and 195 women. Respondents ranged from 18 to 86 years of age, with an average age of 43.53 years, and were employed in a wide range of occupations.

Respondents came from across all states and territories in Australia, with about a third coming from each of NSW and Victoria. They mostly lived in cities of 100,000 people or more (72%), with 23% from regional areas and 4% from rural areas, which is similar to the spread of the Australian population across these areas.

They rode a range of bikes, with about 28% riding sport/touring bikes and 25% riding sport or supersport. Riding experience ranged from less than one year to 70 years (18 years on average), and annual kilometres rode ranged from 50 to 200,000 km (12,816km on average).

So what was people's riding behaviour like?

We found that, on average, respondents reported:

- Nearly always wearing protective clothing (an average score of 5.5 out of 6),
- Occasional speeding (average score 3 out of 6), and
- Hardly ever committing control errors (cornering too fast or too wide) (average score 2 out of 6), traffic errors (e.g., failing to notice pedestrians or signs) and stunts (wheelies and wheel spins) (both 1.5 out of 6 on average).

How does behaviour relate to crashes?

Respondents reported being involved in very few accidents over the last three years, with 70% of people being involved in none at all. About 58% of these involved the rider hitting another road user or an obstacle, and 52% were due to the rider being hit by another road user. Most of the crashes caused damage only, though nearly 3% caused serious or fatal injury.

As you'd expect, more risky riding behaviour was associated with involvement in crashes over the last three years. Those reporting more traffic errors, control errors, speeding and stunts were involved in more crashes in total, and in more crashes in which they hit another road user or obstacle. Those wearing protective clothing less frequently were also involved in more crashes in total.

Were there any differences by age and sex?

The younger the rider, the more they reported speeding while on their bike, regardless of the amount of riding experience they had. However, more riding experience was associated with fewer control errors (less cornering too fast or too wide).

Male riders reported performing more stunts and wearing less safety equipment than did female riders, with younger male riders performing more stunts and wearing less safety equipment than did older male riders. Younger male riders were also more involved than older male riders in crashes where they hit another road user/obstacle, and in crashes where they were hit by another road user.

What about by region?

Riders living and riding in urban (metropolitan) areas reported significantly more accident involvement and speeding than those living and riding in regional areas. Accident severity didn't differ in urban, regional and rural area, though crashes in which the rider was hit by another road user were more frequent in urban areas.

What about psychological need for control?

We've not yet done all the analyses in relation to personality, though we have some interesting findings in relation to psychological need for control. For both men and women, higher need for control was associated with fewer traffic errors. For men, higher need for control was associated with more wearing of protective clothing.

However, and unexpectedly, higher need for control was also associated with more performance of stunts. This is really interesting, and we plan to do some interviews to look at this issue, later this year.

In conclusion...

We'd like to thank all our respondents for their enthusiastic response to the survey - we were overwhelmed by your eager participation! And we really welcome your feedback on our survey questions - they'll be very useful in revising our questions.

We're hoping to present some of these findings at the 9th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, being held in Melbourne over July 26-28 (see <http://www.injuryprevention2009.com/index.php>), if they accept our paper. We're also aiming to present papers at forthcoming road safety conferences, as well as write up the results for publication in some academic journals.

If you'd like more detailed information on anything we've reported here, or would like to be sent copies of any journal articles or conference papers we publish down the track, please email Patrick Wig at patwig@deakin.edu.au or ring him on (03.... Patrick's a fellow rider, so he's familiar with many of your experiences and concerns, and happy to satisfy your curiosity!



Above: Jen Woods presents the ACT winner of the Motorcycle Apprentice of the Year quest, Lloyd O'Keeffe, with his certificate.

Editor's Rambling:

This is the last bit of the newsletter to complete, I have this bit of space left over, which is too small for a vintage cartoon or serious joke, and too large to just call it "creative use of white space".

I could spend the next half an hour moving stuff around so that this space just goes away, but I've had far too much red wine tonight and I'd only mess it up.

So, you get this.

Flup is back and, once the software acquisition issues have been resolved, she will once again be at the helm of this exquisite production.

Look forward to a change in the format and a wide range of lamb recipies in future issues.

There may also be some handy hints for using the plough attachment on your BMW, and also for getting your Harley onto it's trailer.

Mmm... I'd better stop now...

Norm

Had an "OFF" in the ACT lately?

Know someone who has?

We need your help with a survey of rider's gear.

The Gear Study is looking at injured and uninjured riders [who have had a crash on an ACT road] and studying their clothing.

Contact Judy Perry 0448 511 991



Ride Reports



Club Ride to Wombat Flats 4 January 2009

Another Sunday trip to somewhere, in this case Wombat Flats or to be more exact the Pub at Wombat Flats. Now most of us people were asking where in the hell is Wombat Flats!!

So lets start the journey. The meeting place was the Caltex at Nicholls and true to form I was only expecting a handful, but again I was wrong as about 29 turned up and it was fantastic. Not only the mandatory Sunday riders but the surprise was seeing Flip back from the big sheep paddock across the Trench with her ever faithful companion "Shorna".

Pete Arday delivered the sermon on which way the group was going, of course no one paid any attention but it was a case of follow the leader, so we departed sharply ay 0920 (based on a 0900 start).

Above: The impressive gathering of bikes at the Nicholls Servo, all ready for a prompt departure at 09:13, or thereabouts.

Below: The Wombat Pub, this photo was taken before the food riots started.

All things went well, everyone was aware that was a "Double Demerit Point Weekend" so most of us kept below the sound barrier until a most welcome pit stop at Boorowa. The poor Pastry Shop didn't know what hit them when we arrived en mass and demanded liquid and solid refreshments. Of course the service drew to an almost stand still (a sign of things to come!!) but after an hour the travelling party was refreshed and eager to go.



Ride Reports cont..

Now at this point a second lot of prayers were offered to the road God as to which route would be the best, and in typical Ulyssian style no one could agree so Padre Peter made the command decision to travel through Murringo to Young, so far so good. Coming into Young and negotiating out onto the Cootamundra Rd proved an interesting piece of navigation, of course GPS John knew where he was (GPS = YOUNG!!!!) Travelling down the Cotta Rd we finally turned off at Wombat Flats Pub.

Pete Arday had notified them beforehand that we were arriving, but I don't think they were expecting so many, anyway, food orders were placed, and we waited.... and waited...and waited...and waited, those who ordered the roast beef were lucky, those wanted something different well, what can I say, they waited....waited... Now unknown to us, another motorcycle group had booked and arrived en masse along with a token on local HD riders in the mandatory shorts t-shirts (almost candidates for the Darwin award), so lunch almost turned into dinner, and the poor proprietor was having apoplexy trying to cater for the hordes.

While enjoying our lunch (for those who were fed), Flip was welcoming Shorna into the Club, however, I think the Pres should have a word to her about keeping her fingers out of Shorna's bum. Every time she did it Shorna would baaa with delight (new batteries did help!!!). I'm worried about Flip, I don't think NZ was too successful if all she came back with is Shorna. But on the bright side she is driving a BMW something?? One has to debate her wisdom after the Virago!!!

Anyway after everyone got fed around 3:00pm, including Peter A, the touring group decided to drive to Binalong for desert, and to satisfy Gary's insatiable ice cream pangs.

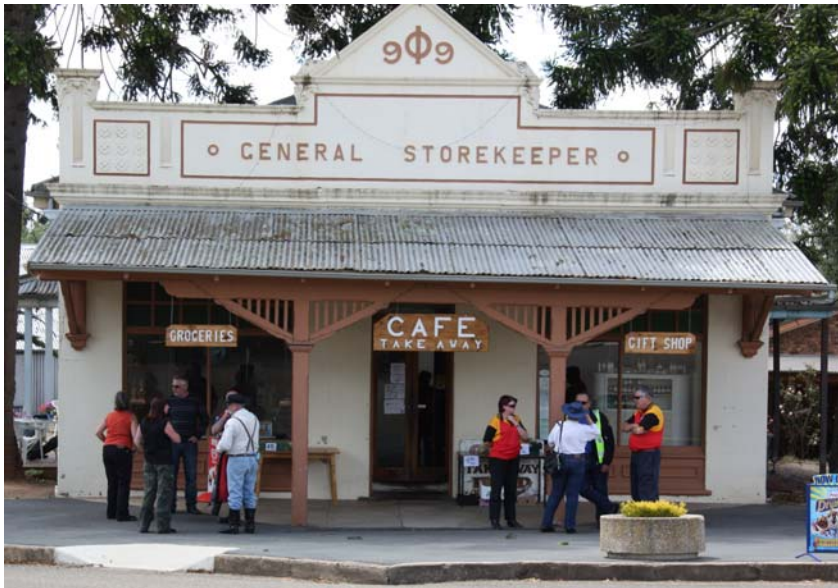
From there everyone split and went home.

Below: Shorna returned, and, with fresh batteries installed, was felt and made her presence heard. Or should that be the other way round, or something?

Whatever, the bleating reverberated around the Pub in a most unnerving manner



Innocent bystanders included Neil, Patricia, Flup, Shorna, Chas, Brian, Peter and Dave.



Left: At the Binalong Ice Cream stop on the Wombat Flats Ride.

There was some muttering about "Political Divisions" with the Branch, in the lead up to the April AGM and Branch Elections.

Here we can see that there are two distinct social or political groups...

"Groceries" and "Gift Shop"

Right: Judy, Mark, John, Garry, Yvonne and Terry.

At this stage the Club members had not yet resorted to killing and eating the slowest and weakest of the group.

Hence the smiles...



Left: Duncan, Bryson and Maxine

Innocent Bystanders Included:

Chas Towie GTR1000

Brian Agius ST1100

Peter Thomas 2005 Deauville

Dave McIlroy Ducati ST3

Norm MacLachlan BMW R1200GS

Flip BMW F800ST

Nick and Terese M109 Suzuki

Trevor FJR1300

Judy Perry Hyo GT650

Rosalie and Jim Lovell R1200GT

Bruce Black CBR1100

Greg Prindable M50

David Robinson FJR1300

Duncan and Sue VN2000 Galactica

Bryson and Maxine FJR1300

James VTR1000F

Peter Arday XVZ13TF

Terry Mills Virago

Yvonne Laird GS500

Gordon White Tiger 1050

Garry McCurley VFR800

John Grunberg ST1300

Mark Walker VN1500

Jen Woods XVS650

18 January 2009

Chomp and Chat to Captains Flat Bungendore Farago Williamsdale Gunning

Words by Flup.

For the very first time ever, I turned up at the Watson servo and didn't need to fill up the tank, or empty the bladder. The latter was probably because I had got up late and the first coffee hadn't had time to work its way through the plumbing, and the former probably because I have a brand new bike which, while I still hold a great deal of affection the Lovely 750 Virago, has a MUCH larger tank. It also goes faster, rides smoother, is much quieter and has heated hand grips (not that I need them now of course!)

So 14 of us stood around and discussed the weather for a while, and then Peter announced that we weren't going to Captains Flat as previously advertised. This decision was based on some outstanding reconnaissance work by Chris the day before which had unearthed (pun intended) road works along the way. The men gathered around the map debating on which destination we would head for, while the women stood around waiting.... we know it's a very stupid thing to try and interject a man's conversation or decision making process. He's likely to forget to breathe while thinking as their capacity to do two things at once are severely compromised by his lack of intelligence. Finally, and I mean, finally, we all agreed to go to the Do Duck Inn at Gunning, via Sutton,



Above: There were serious faces at the pre-ride briefing as it was realised that we had no idea where we were going. Fortunately St Pedro called upon unknown reserves of ingenuity and came up with a Plan.

Murrumbateman, the Hume Highway and Dalton. The weather was great, and I had a cool breeze flowing through my jacket as we headed off. I love days like these.

We rode straight through to Dalton, where we had a short stop to look at a fossilized rock. Peter requested that I put something in this report about the rock. However, the only information I could find on the internet which pertained to this fossil follows (next page...)

Below: A collection of fossils... (With apologies to the Rock...) Patricia, Chris, Flup, Shorna, Araceli, Andrew, Dave, St Pedro, John, and Sally. Bruce is keeping a safe distance in the background.



Dalton was once described in early records as: '...the haunt of cattle duffers, bushrangers and robbery under arms...'(then Peter Arday moved out)

Today, the peaceful town protects its heritage with pride and dedication. The Dalton Shearing Co-op and Farm Museum houses much of the early history and guided tours are arranged by appointment. An amazing fossil leaf deposit with particularly fine detail has been preserved in Dalton. One unusual and significant slab of Dalton fossil can be seen under a shelter in the park next to Oolong Creek. Dalton's hotel (c.1865) is often used as a stopover for vintage car and motorcycle club tours (nobody told us that!)



Above: The sunny main street of Dalton, NSW. The earthquake centre of Australia. Note that the members have kept clear of the buildings, just in case....

A little known but interesting fact is that the town is situated on a fault in the earth's crust and has suffered minor but persistent tremors from early days to the present time (so if you have a centre stand it might be wise to use that instead of the side stand when parking in Dalton).

Shorna had particular fun playing on the rock, and plans on bringing a screwdriver and hammer with her next time to see if she can find some new fossils inside that silly rock. (she only said that after it was discovered she was grazing in a non grazing zone. There are others who have been banned also).

After that titillating excitement, the mob headed off in search of food and coffee, as is our want. A mere 15km up the road we pulled into the Do Duck Inn, where we always get great service and fantabulous food (the lemon tart is to die for, right Sally?). Food was consumed, coffee inhaled and much laughter and chattering was heard. By 2pm we had all hit the road and went our separate ways. Thanks again Ulysses, I love you lot. MWAH (try saying it out loud m - wah)



Left: It is hard to know what to say about this blatant and wilful disregard for the local council's regulations! It is outrageous! Shorna was the ringleader, the others just followed her example, like, err... sheep.

- Innocent Bystanders:
- Peter Arday XVZ 13TE or F
 - Bruce Black CBR 1100
 - Andrew Campbell FZ1
 - Ian and Sally Paterson Honda ST1300
 - John Grunberg HONDA! ST1300
 - Chris Stone ER650n
 - John and Araceli FJR 1300
 - Dave Robinson FJR 1300
 - Norm (Seamus) MacLachlan BMW R1200GS
 - Patricia Devlin Kwaka 250 Eliminator
 - Jen Woods Yamahahaha XVS650
 - Flip and Shorna BMW F800ST

Random Photos from the Ex Editor and Suzy's ride into Victoria



Left: On the Great Alpine Road, possibly somewhere near Mount Blowhard and perhaps even with Mount St Bernard in the background.

This is #47 of Peter Thoeming's "100 Top Rides". Nothing more need be said.

Just after Christmas.

Right: Suzy Ansley on the Omeo Highway, not far from the Blue Duck Inn.

Below: Suzy on the road down to Wilson's Promontory. That may well be Antarctica in the background, or it could be New Zealand...?



Right: The Victorian TAC were keen to get some sort of message across.





Above: The road from Lavers Hill to Colac, in Victoria, Peter Thoemings "Top Ride #44".

The Inevitable Irish Joke...

Father O'Malley rose from his bed. It was a fine spring day in his new Texas mission parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station.

The conversation went like this: 'Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?'

'And the best of the day te yerself. This is Fadder O'Malley at St Brigid's. Dere's a jackass lyin dead on me front lawn. Would ye be so kind as to send a couple o' yer lads to take care of da matter?'

Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit, replied with a smirk, 'Well now father, it was always my impression that you people took care of last rites!'

There was dead silence on the line for a long moment. Father O'Malley then replied:

'Aye, tis certainly true, but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin.'

And the Inevitable Blonde Joke...

One winter morning at breakfast a couple was listening to the radio. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8-10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplow can get through." The wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10-12 inches of snow today, you will need to move your car to the odd-numbered side of the street so the snowplow can get through." So the wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week, while they were eating breakfast, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 12-14 inches of snow today and you must park..." Then the power went off! The wife was very upset. With a worried look on her face she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street am I supposed to park on?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, her husband said, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time."

The Usual Suspects



Active motorcycle riders - Ride till you can't

17 December 2008

Hi Suspects

We had a ride of biblical proportions today!
We had a prodigal son.
We had lost sheep, who couldn't find their way to Harden.

We had a plague of locusts around Cootamundra (but fortunately none of the other nine plagues of Egypt). We had the imminence of the Deluge - and, for me at least, the clear evidence of its having hit Weston Creek minutes before I arrived.

All in all another great ride. Hopefully we all got home dry. There were still a few suspects lingering over afternoon tea at Yass when I left. A few kms out from Hall, the sky seemed to darken (another plague, I thought) and that distinct and mysterious smell of rain got under my helmet, but no visible sign of water. I did get a few drops coming along the GDE, which blended with the squashed locusts to make an opaque paste across the visor. But otherwise only puddles on the ground.

We had 17 takers, for some of whom the back roads into and out of Cootamundra were new and enjoyable experiences. Some suspects, of suspect attention span, defied emails, briefings, instructions and logic - but found their way from Harden to Cootamundra anyway.

The locusts, fortunately were not exactly in plague proportions but still managed to startle with their loud bangs on visors and stinging penetration of jackets and pants. The countryside looked bleak enough around Cootamundra without being set upon by locusts.

Lunch at the Outback Bakery went well. They have enough tables to cater for us all - and the expected range of bakery sustenance.

Suspects were exemplary with filling up. It was all done timely and subtly and without delaying departures from any of the stops or, more importantly, having suspects left behind.

Ride safely
(Fr) Robert
Ringmaster

26 December 2008

Hi Suspects

What a very splendid day it was!

Brilliant sunshine, no wind, minimum traffic (apart from a few irritatingly slow 4WDs on the Uriarra Rd), and lots of good company.

We had a turn-out of 24 bikes. Lots of regulars; but also quite a few new or long-not-seen faces. It was great to see visiting family members turn up and get of glimpse of the weekly life of their elders.

Despite the email notice and the excessively detailed (I was thinking that at the time) instructions on the day, one hapless suspect still managed to take at least two wrong turns! Oh well. I guess it was the day after Christmas.

A Boxing Day ride seems to be a popular event. Several people commented on what a nice, reinvigorating break it was from the rush of Christmas. Maybe we should institutionalise it.

We all (eventually) made a relaxed and enjoyable trip to Honeysuckle. A few young guns extended the route to the end of the bitumen heading south, then back to the Apollo Rd turn off. Hard to resist that sort of option on the sort of day it was.

An interesting observation: usually almost everyone barbeques when we go to Honeysuckle. On Boxing Day, we all enjoyed our salads and other left-overs from the day before!

As the temperature increased, the thought of stopping at Moonrock for coffee became less attractive, so we declared Honeysuckle the saying-good-bye point. I don't recall that anyone was planning a diversion to Moonrock in the end.

I think it would have been an early afternoon arrival home for most.

Thanks to all for their comradeship on the day.

Ride safely
(Fr) Robert
Ringmaster.



31 December 2008

Hi Suspects

Our last ride for 2008 On the last day of 2008 may well have been a record for attendance over the year. One counter attested to 29 bikes in all, with at least two pillions - so over 30 suspects.

I was about second last to turn up at Macca's owing to some misplaced keys - and arrived to a veritable sea of bikes and suspects. I almost lost the herd as suspects automatically started to disperse at the allotted time, while I was still dealing with a hurried but much needed coffee. With such numbers, it was a bit like a cat-herding exercise.

With a last minute - but detailed - briefing, we all headed out. No doubt to the wonder of on-lookers.

The regroup at Gunning was successful, i.e., no losses. We arranged to return for lunch at the Old Hume Cafe. They said they would be ready for us. I think they may have quickly called in some young labour in the 45 minutes warning we gave them.

The loop ride was enjoyed by all. Just a slightly hindering cross wind, but otherwise a great run. I did see an enthusiastic suspect overtake a cruiser who was leading a group of about 5-6 bikes - but only just before the Goulburn turn-off along the Crookwell Rd. Alas, that put the suspect in the front and, with no bearings except the oft' repeated instructions, said suspect went sailing on towards Crookwell! I trust he found his way back.

Lunch was managed well. The cafe coped very efficiently. Their signature lamb burger was popular.

The owner thanked us for our support and said that we have done a lot for Gunning. Nice.

I think the spectacle of having so many bikes go through Gunning TWICE was something of a novelty to locals and visitors.

We declared Gunning the parting point (a couple had already left for home). Six bikes undertook the the Dalton, Jerawa ride and coffee in Yass. Four then took the Mountain Creek Rd, with two sticking to the highway. I guess the rest took the Gundaroo Rd back to either Murrumbateman Rd or the Federal Hwy.

Thanks to all suspects and other Ulyssians who have occasionally joined us for their support to the Wednesday Ride over 2008. I have appreciated the help and assistance I have had from all suspects on the rides.

I wish all suspects a very happy and successful New Year, with better returns on your super investments and lots of enjoyable and safe motorcycling.

2009 will start with a bang for suspects, given the exciting challenge of our first ride. I hope you're ready for it!!

Ride safely
(Fr) Robert

7 January 2009 The Longer Ride

Hi Suspects

Many of you missed out on an enjoyable, if challenging, ride today.

There were 15 starters, including three who hit the dirt routes. Eight set out on the long ride to Adaminaby, Tumut, Gundagai, Cootamundra, Harden, Yass and home. Four, I think, opted for the short ride to Cooma for coffee and to Adaminaby for lunch.

The long ride turned out to be about 570kms, with temperatures at times climbing above 41 degrees and dropping below 24 degrees. There were katabatic** winds unleashing their fury across the steppes. There were some wet roads; and, yes, a shower or two.

On the long ride, by the time we had arrived in Tumut, the temperature on the bike's computer was registering 36 degrees. We thought that was hot - and it was. But the ride along the Snowy Mts Hwy

** Editor's Note: **Katabatic** winds normally form in the evening, the result of re-radiative cooling of upper slopes lowering the temperature of air in contact with it and the colder, denser air sinking rapidly down-slope.

And then there is the Coriolis effect (Cont'd Pg 96)



more than compensated. If we thought that was warm, we soon learnt more. From Tumut to Coolac through Gundagai, the temperature moved between 40 and 41.5 degrees. Once we (at least 6 of the 8 starters) turned off the super-heated concrete strip at Coolac, we were rewarded with a 5% temperature drop all the way to Cootamundra. However, it was about 20kms short of Coota that we were hit by the attacking 'Hordes of Katabata'. Wow! That was a challenge. The sky ahead looked like rain, but it was coloration caused by the swirling top soil of freshly ploughed fields and other barren ones savaged by the katabatic winds. We made an unscheduled stop in Coota for more refreshments before maintaining our onslaught to the Yass Servo for final sustenance for the last leg. By this time, we had some grey-tinged cloud cover that brought the temperature to a relatively comfortable 36 degrees.

The last leg from Yass saw thickening cloud cover and a further initial drop to 34 degrees. I was almost tempted to stop and put a jumper on! By the time we hit a passing shower and the temperature dived to below 24 degrees, I was wishing I had stopped and put the jumper on! With no wet weather gear - and no inclination to thwart the relief of the experience - we just let the penetrating water trickle down and into all those places that it always finds.

The hardy six who completed the challenge must surely have secretly thought of Agincourt and recalled King Harry's defining words towards the end of Act IV (Henry V):

*We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he today that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne're so vile,
This day shall gentle his condition:
And gentlemen in England now a-bed
Shall think themselves accused they were not here,
And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speak
That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day.*

Well, maybe not. In any event, I don't think we have any vile suspects.

But alas! What happened to the two who fought so well across the tundra and onto the steppes; but gave up too soon. Could they not stand the heat, as it were? Why did they opt to stay on the concrete hot bed instead of heading across the steppes to lower temperatures, albeit with other nightmares? Could it have

been that they chose the wrong grail in Tumut - the one with enervating rather than energizing contents? I trust they won't hold their manhoods cheap when others speak that they were there!

And as for the short course? I don't know. I hope one of the participants will put pen to paper and provide us with a report. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. I hope those who were there also did likewise.

Ride safely

(Fr) Robert
Ringmaster

7 January 2009 The Shorter Ride

Hi Suspects,

A short report from the short riders, namely, Big Al, (Shadow), John, (Buell), David, (Piaggio Scoot) and Derek, (Piaggio Vespa Scoot). Which sees Piaggio taking the manufacturers award.

Three minutes after the long riders left, Tim the Triumph Triple Tyro arrived to be told to head off to catch up with the group.

We departed at 0920 at a leisurely pace to our Cooma coffee stop. After leaving Cooma, the wind had increased to almost gale force westerlies, making progress on the new Vespa rather more leisurely. After a BP refuel a pleasant lunch was had at the Bakery Café.

The wind assisted back to Cooma ridewas a relief for me but after passing through Cooma the wind became a nor-westerly slowing me once more. When I arrived at Bredbo with Big Al, John and David's bikes were not seen parked outside the Café so it was assumed they had ridden on. Big Al stopped for a cool drink and a rest break but I like Clancy decided to push on toward not the stream but home to catch the last few overs at the SCG.

A small group, a short ride, but enjoyable nonetheless. My thanks to the short riders, no, not vertically challenged riders, for making a great days ride despite the wind.

Derek(TE)



14 January 2009

Hi Suspects

Okay, so the 34° I foreshadowed was inadvertently taken from the Southern Tablelands, when, in fact, we were really heading into the South West Slopes. It was forecast to be a little warmer there. The forecasts were pretty accurate. I saw 38° a few times, even 39° once - but that was about 4.30pm on the Parkway (I had stopped off in the north for a short visit). It was warm. There's no doubt about that. But, none the less, a good ride - made longer for some by being taken (mistakenly) on an unplanned route. And worse, the mistake was mine!

Young was the destination. We had quite a turn-out at Dickson. Initially, I was chuffed at the seeming self-redemption of a few regulars, who opted out last week (presumably because of the expected heat) but who had turned up ready to ride, despite the hot weather. Sadly, they were only there for the coffee. They all excused themselves ("a lot to do") as the real predictions of temperatures became evident. Still, we set out with a respectable dozen or a baker's dozen, although we had two retirees along the way. I think we had 11 at the lunch stop in Young.

Out first stop was Boorowa for coffee at the bakery. That was a welcome stop, particularly as it provided an air-conditioned, large, roomy, seating area - and in-house toilets (so no need to venture into the already high temperatures).

The run from there to Young is not all that long, so we arrived at Wilder's Bakery about midday. No one



"Good day, I believe you're advertising a 'chopped Vincent'...."

was tempted to dine on the balcony. The air-conditioned inside was just too enticing.

All went well on the way back along Moppity Rd (it's a bit tricky at the start)...except for two things. One suspect hadn't fuelled up before lunch so got left behind. Then, the lead rider, the ringmaster, turned the wrong way when we met the Harden-Borrowa Road. That meant that the said offender, together with three or four faithful followers, made a lengthy detour through Galong and along the Burley Griffen Hwy. The next group were out of line-of-sight by the time they got to the Harden-Boorowa Rd and made the correct left/right turns to go through Binalong. They were well ensconced at the Yass stop by the time we arrived. Eventually the last, lone suspect rolled in also.

It seemed to be cool drinks, slushies and ice creams at the afternoon stop. We had opted for Macca's at the Yass Servo to reduce the discomfort of coping with the ride through Yass town in the heat.

No cooling rain showers for us, so a warm slug all the way home.

Ride safely.

(Fr) Robert
Ringmaster



The Ex Editor thought the Suspects might appreciate the vintage cartoon above, as anyone under the age of 60 might not actually know what a Vincent is.

Left: Protective motorcycle gear from the 1950s. Flup will tell the full story about this photo in the next edition.

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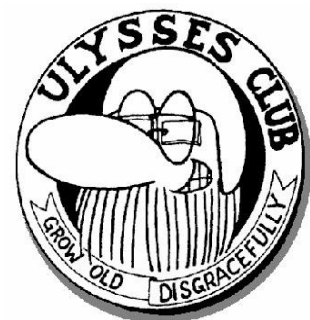
Ride Calendar

Ride Co-ordinator Peter Arday can be contacted on 0411529151 Most rides start from either the Caltex Service Station cnr Federal Hwy & Antill St., Watson or the Williamsdale Ampol Service Station on the Monaro Highway ACT. Chomp & Chats are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month and are informal rides that may not have the Ride Coordinator present.

18-Jan-09 10:00:00	18-Jan-09 14:30:00	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: TBA	Chomp & Chat	3
25-Jan-09 9:00:00	25-Jan-09	From: Caltex Servo Hume To: Jindabyne	Club ride	0
26-Jan-09 9:30:00	26-Jan-09 17:00:00	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: TBA	Informal ride	0
1-Feb-09 9:00:00	1-Feb-09 17:00:00	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: Tathra	Club ride	1
8-Feb-09 9:30:00	8-Feb-09 17:00:00	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: TBA	Informal ride	0
15-Feb-09 10:00:00	15-Feb-09 14:00:00	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: Boorowa	Chomp & Chat	0
22-Feb-09 9:00:00	22-Feb-09 17:00:00	From: Caltex Servo Nicholls To: Cootamundra	Club ride	0

Skill Definitions

- 0 Ride skill is undefined.
- 1 Long and difficult. Experienced riders only
- 2 Medium length and not too scary. Suitable for most riders.
- 3 Short easy ride; an easy day. Suitable for everyone.



Usual Suspects Ride Calendar



The Usual Suspects

ROAD RIDE CALENDAR

SUMMER 2008-09

Date	Departure	Destination	Route	Distance	Stops
3 Dec	10.00am Macca's Weston	Burrinjuck	Yass, Bowning, Illalong Rd, Bookham, North on Hume Hwy, Burrinjuck Road,	250kms	Coffee at Yass (Galutzi's). BYO lunch at Burrinjuck. Coffee at Yass.
10 Dec	10.00am Logan's B'dore	Batehaven	Bungendore, Braidwood, Nelligen, Batehaven, Bungendore	300kms	Regroup at Nelligen (both ways). Lunch at Batehaven (Corrigan's Beach). Coffee at B'dore (Woodworks).
17 Dec	9.30am Macca's Dickson	Cootamundra	Harden, Jugiong Rd, Cootamundra, Old Gundagai Rd, Wallendbeen, Murrumburrah, Yass Service Centre. Optional short ride to Harden only.	355kms 250kms	Coffee at Harden (Iron Horse). Lunch at Cootamundra (Outback Bakery). Coffee at Yass Servo. Optional lunch at Harden
24 Dec		NO RIDE TODAY			
26 Dec (Friday)	10.30am Macca's Weston	Honeysuckle	Urriara Rd, Brindabella Rd, Cotter Rd, Tharwa, Honeysuckle Ck, Moonrock.	210kms	BYO lunch at Honeysuckle (BBQ facilities). Coffee at Moonrock (if open).
31 Dec	10.30am Macca's Dickson	Gunning	Gunning, Gunning/Crookwell Rd (for 18.3kms), Breadalbane and Old South Rds, Gunning.	210kms	Lunch at Gunning (Merino or Hume Café). Optional coffee stop somewhere
7 Jan	9.00am Servo Williamsdale	Tumut	Cooma, Adaminaby, Tumut, Gundagai, Coota, Harden, Yass. Optional short ride to Adaminaby only	550kms 330kms	Coffee at Adaminaby. Lunch at Tumut. Coffee at Harden. Short ride: coffee at Cooma
14 Jan	9.30am Macca's Dickson	Young	Boorowa, Murringo, Young, Moppity Rd, Binalong, Yass.	330kms	Coffee at Boorowa (Bakery as you come into town). Lunch at Young (Bakery). Coffee at Yass (Service Centre or Galutzi's).
21 Jan	10.00am Logan's B'dore	Tuross	Braidwood, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay, Tuross, Nelligen, Bungendore.	420kms	Regroup at Nelligen (both ways). Lunch at Tuross (O'Brien's Boatshed). Coffee at B'dore (Woodworks).
28 Jan	9.30am Macca's Weston	Yass/Gunning	Mountain Ck Rd, Yass, Jerawa, Dalton, Gunning, M'Bateman Rd, Namina Rd, Hall. Optional longer ride to Crookwell	200kms 300kms	Coffee at Yass (Galutzi's). Lunch at Gunning. Coffee at Hall (Gumnut Coffee Shop). Option for lunch at Crookwell
4 Feb	9.30am Logan's B'dore	Big Hole	Braidwood, The Big Hole, Araluen, Braidwood, Bungendore,	310kms	BYO coffee at the Big Hole. Lunch at Araluen Pub. Coffee at B'dore (Woodworks).
11 Feb	9.30am Macca's Dickson	Canowindra	Boorowa, Frogmore, Woodstock, Canowindra, Cowra, Yass Optional shorter ride directly to Cowra	465kms 380kms	Coffee at Boorowa (Clock Tower). Lunch at Canowindra. Coffee at Boorowa (Boorowa Hotel)
18 Feb	10.00am Logan's B'dore	Batehaven	Braidwood, Nelligen, Batehaven, Bungendore	300kms	Regroup at Nelligen (both ways). Lunch at Batehaven (Corrigan's Beach). Coffee at B'dore (Woodworks).
25 Feb	10.00am Macca's Dickson	Harden	Yass, Binalong, Galong, Harden Boorowa, Yass.	300kms	Coffee at Yass (Galutzi's). Lunch at Harden (Iron Horse). Coffee at Yass Servo.
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