



# RIDING ON TOO

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G'day again

Much has happened since last month's meeting and I will provide some information for you. Starting with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations for the Branch, around 60 past and present members attended the BBQ at Black Mountain. It was interesting to talk to some of the former committee members (some of whom travelled from South Australia) and hear some of the stories around the early days of the Branch. After the formalities of obligatory speeches, and cake cutting we were all finished before the rain. My thanks go to those who were involved in organising the event and to those who helped with the catering. I should mention that the cake that Judy made and the variety of sausages provided was just incredible.

The latest BBQ held at CMCC was well attended and again thanks to all who volunteered. Being the first BBQ held at the new CMCC premises at Fyshwick the attendance was quite impressive. There were many hungry and thirsty members from the Goldwing Club who were in Canberra for the "Gatherwing". There were even local Ulysses members who were participating in the Gatherwing as well. CMCC has committed to covering the cost of sales to the Goldwing Club, and we had customers and staff from adjoining businesses enjoying the BBQ.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend away to Nowra was another great event. Thanks to Judy and the participants who made this a great weekend. There were many tales to come out of this weekend, however the old adage of "whatever goes on on tour stays on tour" may not apply in this instance. The meal on Saturday night was great and the breakfast on Sunday morning was sensational with good accommodation to boot. I am hoping that there will be some ride reports provided for you soon.

Your committee met earlier this month to discuss and progress Branch matters. A copy of the minutes can be found within this RO2. There are some administrative changes that are taking place behind the scene that should provide efficiencies as well as benefits to you our members.

Don't forget the 2011 AGM in Newcastle is nearly upon us. For those attending the event we look forward to catching up with you there and wish you a safe and pleasant trip.

On the subject of AGM's your committee will be preparing to conduct our Branch AGM in April. If you are interested in a role on the committee or would like more

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE ACT REGION: 700+**

# MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

## President's Report *(continued)*

information, just get in touch with any of your committee members. If you would like to nominate for a position, your nomination will need to be received by no later than this month's meeting.

Finally, we will be holding our monthly meeting this month at the Italo Club at Forrest commencing at 7:30pm as usual. If you are interested, some of us meet at the various restaurants in the Club from 6:00pm. I know that there will be some people getting ready for the trip to Newcastle so if I do not see you in the meantime, have a great time.

See you out and about. And now for the rest of the RO2.                   --Peter

## Ulysses Canberra Branch General Meeting 15 February 2011

**Meeting Opened:** 7:30pm.

**Attendance:** 58.

**Apologies:** Sharon Costigan, Jen Towie, Bryson Holden, Maxine Diamond-Holden, Peter Arday, Flip Van Der Zwan, Hartmut Kehm.

**Welcome New Members & Visitors:** Mike Kelly, Rebecca Clements, Michael Winters.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting, President's Report, Treasurer's Report:** As published in TRIO.

**Acceptance:** Leo Farrelly, George Fearon. Carried.

**Business arising from previous minutes:** None.

### Correspondence in:

Veteran Vintage & Classic MC ACT newsletter.

Ulysses national VP Helena Gritton – congratulations on branch's 25<sup>th</sup>.

SnowyHydro SouthCare rescue helicopter newsletter.

Minutes of Natcom meeting 4<sup>th</sup> December, Dee Why.

Invitation from Natcom for 2 members to attend extended Natcom meeting.

**Correspondence out:** None.

**Business arising from correspondence:** None.

### Rider Development:

Gary Mac will run a Rusty Rider ride alongside the Decide & Ride on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Meet at Caltex Nicholls (both Rusty Riders and Decide & Riders) for a 9:00am departure. If the 27<sup>th</sup> is not suitable, put your name on Gary's list and he will get in touch re a future Rusty Rider course. Contact him on 0408 434 549 or [kurrajong@internode.on.net](mailto:kurrajong@internode.on.net). Gary's report is in RO2.

### Webmaster Report:

In a technological triumph, Gary Mac uploaded Feb RO2 onto the branch website from a wooden boat festival at Constitution Dock, Hobart.

Ride reports and photos are welcomed for both the branch website and RO2 – and don't forget your Me and My Bike stories and photos for the branch website. Send any material to both Gary (for the website) and the RO2 editor.

### Ride Coordinator's Report:

The ride team is meeting next Tuesday to plan a ride calendar for March-May. Check the ride calendar on the Ulysses Club national website for the latest information on rides.

### Quartermaster's Report:

Jan Wills said the latest issue of Riding On carried a leaflet re discounts for Ulysses gear at the AGM. They'll be selling stuff for less than Jan can buy it for, so if you need anything, particularly big items, it might pay to buy at the AGM.

# MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (CONT.)

Normally though you can buy Ulysses Club merchandise through Jan and save on shipping costs. Order anything featured in Riding On, pay 50% deposit when ordering and pay the balance when you pick the items up. You can also buy and sell second-hand gear at Jan's gear table.

## **Social Secretary's Report:**

Judy Perry has the next few months mapped out for us, with Nowra next weekend, the national AGM in March and the Young/Temora weekend in April. The Mudgee Meet & Greet is in May (register early or miss out) and our biggest event of the year, the Xmas in July weekend will be at Forbes in (you guessed it) July.

## **RO2 Editor's Report:**

Editor Lyn Munday thanked everyone for their contributions to RO2. She couldn't fit everything in so some material was held over. A limited number of printed copies are available at each monthly meeting, for a gold coin donation. Don't forget, each issue of RO2 is only as good as the contributions Lyn receives. Please send in ride reports, bike tests and reviews, gear tests and reviews, etc, preferably with photos. The **deadline for each issue of RO2** is the Thursday before the branch monthly meeting. Ride reports, photos and other contributions should be emailed to the RO2 editor at [RO2Editor@live.com](mailto:RO2Editor@live.com) and Gary for the branch website at [kurrajong@internode.on.net](mailto:kurrajong@internode.on.net).

## **BBQ Report:**

CMC has asked us to run a BBQ this Saturday for a Goldwing gathering. Peter Gibbins will coordinate with the help of everyone who put their hand up at the meeting.

## **MRA:**

Jen Woods said the MRA-ACT has endorsed the Ulysses Club National Road Safety Committee's response to the National Road Safety Strategy. This is the first time motorcycles have been mentioned in the NRSS.

## **General Business**

There have been some requests for a branch 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary badge and a show of hands at the meeting indicated substantial interest. Peter Gibbins to investigate.

Canberra Motorcycle Centre sponsorship has still not been resolved. Peter G is still trying to discuss this with Mike Houston.

Peter Newark is in Canberra Hospital's ICU as his cancer worsens. It is inoperable but the doctors are proposing other treatments. Peter was the foundation president of the Canberra branch. We are sending him a Ulysses Club teddy bear. We wish him all the best.

Nominations close 22<sup>nd</sup> March for the branch AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Peter Gibbins said he won't be standing for re-election so at the very least we'll need a new president. Please think about volunteering on your committee. Nomination forms are on the branch website.

Mal Garner handed out some moneyboxes so we can start collecting coins (preferably Australian gold ones) for the Toy Run. Mal aims to beat last year's figure of \$300.

Stuart Shilton urged everyone to ride safely to Nowra for the AGM; it is close to the first anniversary of the loss of Heather.

Peter Thomas gave a presentation on the Cooper Colour Code of Alertness and how it can contribute to safety when motorbike riding.

If you are not getting branch emails or you have changed your email address, please let Ian Paterson know at [iansallypaterson@inet.net.au](mailto:iansallypaterson@inet.net.au).

**Tonight's winners:** Joe's Motorcycles wine & port raffle: Kyla Harvey and Lyn Munday.

**Meeting closed:** 8:25pm.

**Next meeting:** 7:30pm Tuesday March 15 at Italo-Australian Club, Forrest.

## Road craft – Positioning for safety- (or manoeuvring in space and time)

**Roadcraft** is a tool which riders can use to be safe, but still have a great ride. It's a way to have fun without fear.

Safe riding isn't about wrapping ourselves in cotton wool but is about managing our risk. Simply put, riding is risky business, and roadcraft allows us to manage that risk. If we manage the risk well, every ride is completed on two wheels & not the trailer, and we have a lifetime of riding and adventure of the “right” kind.

Good scanning techniques allow us to identify the risks (the dangers), but that is just the first step. We then need to position ourselves to minimise the risk and reduce the danger, and we must do that in a constant flow as we travel. Sometimes we will approach multiple risks and sometimes those risks will approach us.

“**Approach**” is a key word. Approach implies movement and movement means that the moving objects have kinetic energy. Kinetic energy has a mathematical formula to describe it, which is half of the mass of the object multiplied by the square of the velocity of the object. Your risk alarm bells should go off as soon as you see that a square law is involved. What it tells us is that the faster you go the more kinetic energy you will have, not by a little bit, but by a lot. The higher the velocity we have the more energy we have, and the harder it will become to manoeuvre and to slow or stop.

If we hit something hard, or something hits us, the resulting crash is not going to be good and is made far far more damaging, the faster we go.

This is the reason that control of speed is so important to roadcraft. The faster we go the less time we have to scan, to assess what we have seen, and to avoid the things we have identified as risky and dangerous. Travelling at a safe speed allows us enough time to make the best decision as to where we should be, and be able to get there. It allows us to create a safe place for us to be.

It makes sense to move away from danger we can see, like an oncoming vehicle or surface condition, but we should also consider our approach speed to that danger. In the case of an approaching vehicle, we are not just moving away from that vehicle, but the pressure wave of air that that vehicle is pushing in front of it.

We should also anticipate the potential for danger of the things we cannot see and position ourselves accordingly. Two classic examples would be corners and crests. If you can't see over a crest or through a corner (you can't see the exit) then you need to prepare for the danger you can't see but would reasonably expect. That preparation is simply to move to the left of your lane ( the left hand car “wheel track “ ) and slow. In most cases slowing may be no more than choosing not to continue to apply power. What you are doing is making sure that when you arrive at a danger point you are in the safest position and speed to give yourself the most options to manoeuvre or stop if you have to.

This short article just touches on the subject of positioning. Most good advanced road riding courses will spend an hour or so discussing roadcraft and the aspects of risks, speed and positioning. There are books devoted to the subject. A good example is the “**Motorcycle Roadcraft: The Police Rider's Handbook** ISBN: 011341143X which can be easily ordered over the “net” at online bookshops such as Amazon, and can even be loaned from your local library.

Safe Riding, Gary Mac.

Scan and Plan for Space & Pace



## Ulysses Canberra Branch Committee Meeting 1 March 2011

**Meeting Opened:** 6:25pm.

**Attendance:** Peter Gibbins (President), Ian Paterson (Secretary), Peter Higgs (Treasurer), Judy Perry, Trish Holdsworth, Kim Gibbins.

**Apologies:** None!

**BBQ:** We ran a BBQ at CMC two Saturdays ago for a Goldwing gathering. CMC paid for the Goldwingers' food, which came to \$234, and we sold another \$38 worth. Had 8 or 9 Ulysses members manning the BBQ. It's still a battle to get volunteers, especially in the afternoon.

**Sponsorship:** Peter G is still having trouble nailing Mike Houston down for a meeting re CMC's sponsorship of the branch. **Action: Peter G** to email Mike Houston.

The 2011-02 committee will have to look at whether to continue the BBQs at CMC or try another site. Before that we'll have to sort out whether we can honour any commitment to running BBQs – i.e. we need a regular BBQ coordinator and team.

**Ride calendar:** The ride calendar for March to May is on the national website. We still need ride leaders for the two and one day rides to Young/Temora on the Easter/Anzac Day weekend. Other than that it's all under control.

**Social:** Planning is well in hand for Christmas in July at Forbes. Judy is already thinking about our Christmas party in November/December. Suggested venues include the Tarago train, Canberra Yacht Club, Murrumbidgee Country Club and the Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Yarramundi Reach on Lake Burley Griffin.

**Natcom:** The branch to send a sympathy card to National HQ to forward on to Denis Paulin re the death of his wife. **Action: Ian.**

**RO2:** Lyn Munday is getting RO2 down pat and is doing a great job. Many thanks.

**Treasurer:** Peter H discussed the limitations of our accounts with CPS and the advantages of a token-based account with Bendigo Bank. A token system is like an electronic version of having two people having to sign a cheque. It was decided to move the branch's accounts to Bendigo Bank. **Action: Peter H.**

Our S1 general operating account has \$1477 in it, our S2 donations account has \$1561, and our investment account has matured and has \$4300. It was decided to donate \$2000 to the Snowy Hydro SouthCare rescue helicopter service and invite their CEO along to a monthly general meeting to receive the donation and speak about some of the rescues they've done. **Action: Peter H and Trish** (although given the timing, this will probably have to wait until after the branch AGM).

It was also decided to make the branch quartermaster a signatory to the bank account. This would make life a lot easier for both QM and treasurer. **Action: Peter H.**

Also, national treasurer Leo Farrelly has accepted our annual accounts and finalised the GST payment. After some discussion, and upon Peter H's recommendation, it was decided to use the online software Admin Bandit to do the branch's accounts. Peter took part in a trial of the software last year. It costs \$99 per year, helps the national treasurer a lot and requires no extra work (after the initial setup) for the branch treasurer. The Ulysses Natcom financial year runs from January to December so it would be advantageous to switch to Admin Bandit now so only two months of accounts have to be updated. Agreed. **Action: Peter H.**

**Guest Speakers:** Trish said it is proving difficult to get a firm commitment from potential speakers – but she's working on it. The Red Cross speaker had a different agenda to what we were really interested in.

**Extended Natcom Meeting** at Newcastle, Friday 25 March. It looks like Peter G might be the only branch representative able to go to this.

**Peter Newark** is home from hospital and building up strength for chemo, etc. The branch to send a get well card. **Action: Ian.**

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Ulysses Club - Canberra Branch Report for February 2011

<b>Income</b>			Banked S1	Banked S2	Investment
11/03/2011	Ulysses Gear	\$160.40			
11/03/2011	Raffle	\$ 48.80			
11/03/2011	Newsletter	\$ 4.00			
11/03/2011	Banking		\$164.40	\$48.80	
<b>Presented cheques</b>					
17/20/2011	25th Catering	\$ 552.00			
23/02/2011	RO2 Printing	\$ 20.40			
7/03/2011	QM Supplies	\$ 61.20			
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Account Balances</b>					
	S1 03409312	\$1,580.45			
	S2 03505049	\$1,614.53			
	Investment	\$4,300.63			

### Committee Meeting Minutes (continued)

**Branch 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin:** This was mentioned at the last monthly general meeting and there was some interest. Jan can sell them. **Action: Peter G** to liaise with Jen Woods.

It was also suggested that we look into getting another run of name badges made. **Action: Ian.**

**Meeting closed:** 7:40pm.

**Next committee meeting:** TBA.



Some of the riders  
from 6th Feb ride.



# WHAT'S ON

**MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7.30PM AT THE ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB, 78 FRANKLIN ST, FORREST. ARRIVE EARLY FOR DINNER WITH OTHER MEMBERS, BEFORE THE MEETING, FROM 6.30PM**

**Next meeting Tuesday 19th April 2011**

**Please Note: This will be the Branch AGM**

## **Xmas in July - Forbes with the Bushrangers 15&16 July 2011**

Option 1 Depart Friday 15 July and explore the area on Saturday – take a rec day :-}

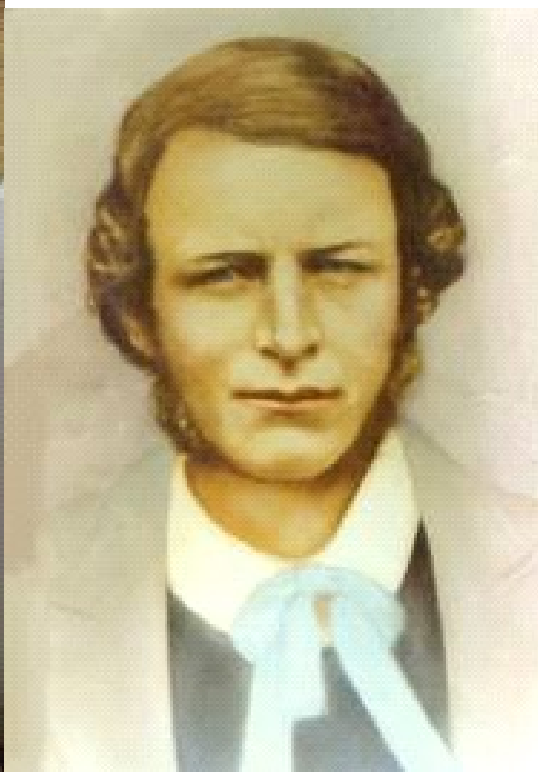
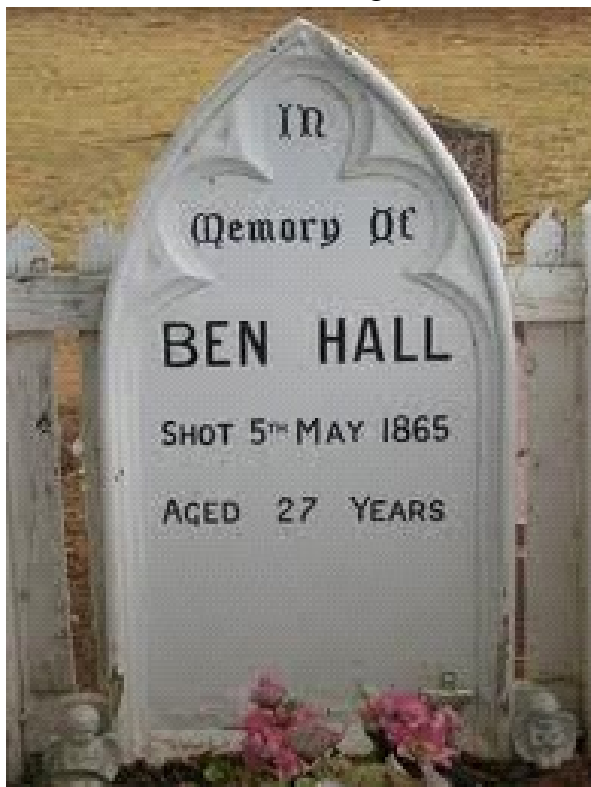
Option 2 Depart Saturday 16th

**Vandenberg Hotel 6852 2015** – Meal [\$30] and accommodation [twin \$50 triple \$60 double \$50] – supply own earplugs Saturday night as the band finishes at 02:00!!

**Plainsman Motel 6852 2466** Alternate ensuite accommodation nearby [\$89 for single, double or twin]

Make your own accommodation bookings and let me judyperry@netspeed.com.au know if you are attending and which ride dates you will travel. Route TBA

Forbes is rich in gold-mining history and the site of the biggest gold robbery in Australia's history. See remains of the tunnel system that was created in a bid to foil bushrangers. Tour the town on foot and admire some fine examples of 19th-century architecture. See Ben Hall's grave in the cemetery.



## **2011 Mudgee Meet & Greet**

**When:** Friday 6th May to Sunday 8th May, 2011 **Registrations** close 10th April, 2011 - NO LATE registrations accepted. **Cost:** \$45 per person - includes Registration badge, dinner and entertainment on Saturday night, breakfast on Sunday morning. **Further enquiries:** Robert O'Sullivan (0407 106 807) osullivan@hwy.com.au OR Cherly Aurisch (0427 721 419) mc.aurisch@bigpond.com

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## Do it up? (Or Not???)

Our two teenagers got ER5s after they got their P's. They had to ride the little 125 cc trail bike while they were on their "L"s though.

When Ariel went to ADFA for six weeks of "boot camp" the boys decided to "do up" Ariel's red ER5 for her when she came home.

The red ER5 was turning pink on the high side, as red auto paint is prone to do.

So I took a photo, and did some "photoshopping" so we could pour different colours into a template to see how it might look with different colour combinations. I did some 23 swatches to gather opinion on. Pink and purple was popular with the boys but all the girls thought it was YUK! Because the seat would need to be re-upholstered and was in two parts we could have a variety of colours. Light blue with dark blue and white was a popular combination.

In the end we chose matt black with white. This was not a standard ER5 colour combination so we knew it would be unique when it was finished. So we got the seat re-covered in the standard black for \$150. The side covers, grab-rail and back of the mudguard we did in matt black and it all looked good. We used about 5 spray cans for that at about \$8 per can. The panels were easy to get off, but it was hard to get the teenagers to do some work on the bike every day. I knew we only had five weeks. Getting stickers and the tank protector off was not too hard and even rubbing back with wet and dry was not a big job. Funnily, we did discover a "knee ding" in the tank that we didn't know was there until we sprayed on the primer coats (5 cans @ \$10 each). We almost got the small ding out with filler-primer (@ \$24 for one can). What we found next was the biggest problem for the job however.

We had to spray outside and bugs are everywhere outside. So is dust. We couldn't get a smooth coat done outside. The gloss white paint was cheap at \$4 per can so I just decided that we'd put lots of coats on, rub them back and then put a couple of coats of clear over that. Well that sounds easy.

The tank was going to be hard to get off the bike so we masked it on the bike and painted it there. The ducktail came out OK and looked pretty good. But the tank was a nightmare. We couldn't get it smooth and we were running out of time. After three goes at painting several coats and rubbing them back we still had a bumpy surface that wasn't really very glossy at all, and we only had 5 days left for the clear coats and drying / hardening. So we decided that we just had to go with what we had. 3 coats of clear then went on. The 3 clear spray cans were \$6 each.

Done. OK, now to put it all back together and let it dry. But when we rode it to the service station the day before Ariel came home the petrol overflow marked the paint which had only set to a kind of "matt white" on the tank. And another mark had also appeared. When I tried to scratch it off I put another mark in the tank. So the tank didn't come out all that well.

Anyway, Ariel wants to buy herself a Sprint GT when she gets off her "P"s in April and then the youngest will have a year to re-do the paint for when he gets the ER5. I'm sure he'll do a better job next time.

The photos don't show the stickers that we had made. There's a fellow at CMC who will produce custom stickers for \$10 each. We just have to pick them up and put them on now. I hope they cover the petrol and bug marks.

**Lessons:** you can do it cheaply and at home with spray cans (bikes are small), make sure you leave plenty of time to do it properly, paint indoors one part at a time if possible, leave lots of time for the paint to harden before use, and try to keep overspray off exhaust or other parts that get hot. (The smoke that came up was amazing.)

Gordon



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend Ride

18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.

Everyone who participated in this weekend's activities, did so in a way that suited them.

The group made up of Jen & Chas, Jan & Butch, Rob, Judy and Alan & myself set off on Friday morning (under very threatening skies) from the Servo at Watson, at 9.30am, and met Maxine & Byrson at Bungendore. We rode via Tarago to Nerriga where we stopped for a coffee and re-group.



Rob & Chas try to fly the helicopter at Naval Air Museum.

On our way into Nowra, we pulled into HMAS Albatross and spent some time looking through the Naval Air Service Museum before checking into our Motel on the banks of the Shoalhaven River. By this stage, our numbers had increased to 13, with Ross having gone down on Thursday for work, and Mick & Kyla travelling down later on their own. First priority was cool refreshments, so some took bikes and Judy took her car and bought supplies. After a relaxing sit around we walked to the nearest pub where we could get a feed.

On Saturday, Judy was kind enough to take Jen, Jan and myself up to Berry for some retail therapy, while some rode up to the Kangaroo Valley Show, and others rode south to Jervis Bay and Huskisson. Andrew & Katherine and Kerry & Janet left Canberra on Saturday morning and President Peter rode down after seeing to it that the BBQ at CMC went off OK. We now had 18. We had to take two trips in the courtesy bus to get us all to the Bombaderry Bowling Club for dinner, where we met up with Jo & Helen. Talk about brown's cows.



Chas, Alan, Mick & Rob at Maritime Museum in Huskisson

After we enjoyed breakfast at the Boatshed, decisions were being made as to which way everyone was planning to travel back home on Sunday. The day ride was leaving Canberra at 9.30 and heading to Sutton Forest Inn to meet us for lunch, but some decided that they enjoyed to Nerriga Road ride on Friday so much, that they wanted to return on the same road, so we went our separate ways. Judy in the meantime, took Jen back to Berry to do some more shopping. They met us at Sutton Forest just before the 6 day ride group arrived. We headed back to Canberra along the highway. All in all, a great weekend was had by all.

Lyn Munday

Member # 21224



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Cambewarra Lookout

145klm of glorious panoramic views  
2,225ft or 678mtrs above sea level

## ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS RIDE

As previously mentioned David Gough from Cowra undertook the 5000 odd kilometer ride in support of Organ Donor Awareness. His travels took him from Canberra to Bateman's Bay-Sydney- then up the east coast and across to Bourke down to Nyngan-Broken Hill, Mildura, Shepparton, Wadonga, Wagga, Eden, and back to Canberra

He was enthusiastically welcomed by all regions on route and his message:

**“It's important to have the discussion about organ donating now, rather than in the stress of the hospital. Make your family aware of your wishes.**

David departed from the National Gallery of Australia on the 4<sup>th</sup> February at 1100 and he was supported by Alan Munday, Butch Wills and Chas Towie on his ride down to Bateman's Bay. The ride to the Bay was most pleasant however, on the way home we noticed that the sky's in and around Braidwood looked like they would open up with some ferocity so on went the wet weather gear. Thank god because as we came into Canberra there was rain and storms all around, and all hell looked like opening up on us. It did indeed but only a short distance from home thank god.



## Ride Report - Fitzroy Falls - 6th March, 2011

### Attendees:

Alan & Lyn Munday	Kawasaki GTR1000	Derek & Margaret Titheradge	Honda GL1800
Garry McCurley	Honda VFR1200	Jo Dutton	Suzuki GSF1200
Neil Goldfinch	Honda Blackbird	Warren Richer	Suzuki GSX1400
John Herlihy	Yamaha FJR1300	Ian & Sally Paterson	Honda GL1800
Shane Chambers	Honda ST1300	Peter Higgs	CanAm Spyder
Yvonne Laird	Kawasaki Z1000	David McIlroy	Ducati ST3
Gordon White	Triumph Tiger 1050	Hartmut Kehn	Suzuki GS1200
Trish Holdsworth	Yamaha XJ65	Mark & Lorna McGavock	Yamaha VX1300
William & Mandy Kaul	Kawasaki GTR1400		

I arrived at the Watson servo start point in my usual fashion – with mere minutes to spare.

I was greeted by a very large number of bikes and riders, many more than I believe have graced most rides in recent months; this was very pleasing.

Alan gave a short briefing (or is that a brief shorting?) and without further delay we set off, so little delay in fact that I was still putting on my helmet and gloves as most left the service area. Ian and Sally, as tail-end charlies, had the good manners to wait for me, a favour not returned as I gleefully shot off up the highway to catch the peloton.

The route was well known to many of us, as we turned off the highway onto Macs Reef Road for Bungendore. The usual slowish, medium and 'faster than medium' groups sorted themselves out on the run through to Tarago. The latter bunch comprised Peter Higgs (Spyder), William and Mandy (GTR1400 hyperdrive) and myself on Désirée (Ducati ST3) and we proceeded straight through at Tarago onto the Cullula Rd. Apparently not everyone made the all-important right fork where this road deviated off, forking it up by carrying on straight onto the gravel Tarago Rd. Some retraced their steps after a number of kms, but at least one other rider disappeared for the rest of the day.

## RIDE REPORTS (CONT.)

After the run through Windellama and Bungonia, we all got to the junction with the Hume and turned right for the km or so up to the servo. The place proved me to be a liar, after I had remarked to Alan and Lyn Munday that it was the place serving the worst coffee I associated with Ulysses rides (I lied on two counts. There is a worse place, an 'other world' café not too far removed from the Cotter, and the Marulan servo's coffee was actually quite acceptable.)



Off again, we headed on through the delightful roads of the southern highlands, turning right off the Hume onto the Tallong Road. The enjoyment of that road is enhanced for me, by the fantastic creamy-gold trunked trees of the eucalypt forest on either side of the road. It's a place I would often like to stop and try and capture its allure with a photograph or three. Good corner marking discipline throughout the ride (oops, except for that first right fork – what happened?) ensured that the group stayed together all the way to the Fitzroy Falls car park. We all trooped down in little groups to view the magnificence of the Fitzroy Falls and the sandstone cliffs and escarpments. Lunch was had in the café there and prices proved very reasonable.

The return route was left to individual choice. A fair number planned to return back along the Hume.

Some of us wanted to carry on down to Nowra via Kangaroo Valley, and then explore the recently sealed road (named the Braidwood Rd, then Turpentine Rd) through to Nerriga. This road has only 3km unsealed, between Nerriga and Tarago. Peter Higgs, William and Mandy, Derek and Margaret (Honda Golden-orange Wing) and I all decided to take this Nowra-Nerriga road and we all enjoyed this run immensely. William and Mandy took a quick look at the Tianjara Falls, Peter confirmed that's where they had got to, and Derek, Margaret and I carried on through to the Nerriga Pub.



From Nerriga we all returned back to Canberra by Tarago, Bungendore and Queanbeyan. The only 'moment' observed during the day, was a foolish Subaru driver who shot across Derek's path from a side road, into a camping area just by the wooden bridge crossing the Shoalhaven River near Nerriga.

Thanks to Al and Lyn Munday for ride leading, Ian and Sally Paterson for being tail-end charlies, and all who participated.

.....David



# THE USUAL SUSPECTS

Wednesday Rides

AUTUMN CALENDAR

March, April & May 2011

DATE DEPARTURE LEADER DESTINATION

(All rides are subject to prevailing weather conditions, ie NO guarantee they will occur)

16 March	9.30am – Weston	Col W	Uriarra Crossing, Cotter, Orroral Valley (BYO C), Moonrock Cafe (L) (190 kms)
23 March	9.30am – Mitchell	Joe M	Boorowa (C), Crookwell (L), Gunning (C) (300 kms)
30 March	9.30am – Mitchell	Peter W	Bungendore, Braidwood (C), Batehaven (L), Braidwood, Bungendore (C) (270 kms)
6 April	9.30am – Weston	Peter B	Mountain Creek Rd or Barton Highway to Bowning (C), Dalton, Gunning (L), Hall (C) (240 kms)
13 April (NSW School Hols)	9.30am – Mitchell	Evan K	Sutton Rd to Queanbeyan, Captains Flat (BYO C), Bungendore (L), Wamboin (170 kms)
20 April (ACT School Hols)	9.30am – Mitchell	Denis L	Gunning (C), Range Rd to Goulburn (L), Old South Rd to Gunning (C) (270 kms)
27 April (ACT School Hols)	10.30am – Weston	Jim A	Uriarra Crossing, Cotter, Honeysuckle (BYO L), Moonrock Cafe (C) (160 kms)
4 May	9.30am – Weston	Ozzie Bob	Mountain Creek Rd or Highway to Bowning (C), Burrinjuck (BYO L), Bowning (C) (300 kms)
11 May	9.30am – Mitchell	Richard H	Gunning, Crookwell (C), Goulburn (L), Bungendore (C) (260 kms)
18 May	9.30am – Mitchell	Bill U	Bungendore, Braidwood (C), Nelligen (L), Braidwood, Bungendore (C) (270 kms)
25 May	9.30am – Weston	Peter Lo	Yass, Boorowa (C), Frogmore, Darbys Falls, Cowra (L), Boorowa, Bowning (C) (400 kms)

**Please Note:** Departure Time listed above is the actual “departure time”. Please arrive earlier for coffee and to attend a ride briefing ten minutes before departure. Mitchell departures are from the Fresh Roast Coffee House in Kemble Court (next to CMC). Weston departures are from McDonalds, Namatjira Drive, Weston. Distances are indicative only and based on return to nominated departure point.

***These are informal social rides. Please make sure you always ride within your own skill level and respect the Road Rules.***

## *The Importance of Walking*

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise',  
I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing,  
start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise  
the last few years,.....  
just getting over the hill.

Paddy shouts frantically into the phone "My wife  
is pregnant and her contractions are only two  
minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor.

"No", shouts Paddy, "this is her husband!"

## Election time

We have two elections coming up in the next two months, for the Ulysses National Committee and for our Canberra Branch Committee.

### **NATIONAL AGM:**

The Ulysses Club's AGM will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March at the Basketball Centre in Broadmeadow as part of the Newcastle AGM event. Current financial membership cards will be required for admission.

Canberra branch members Leo Farrelly and Jen Woods are up for re-election to Natcom. Leo is the only candidate for National Treasurer but Jen is standing against one other candidate for the position of National Secretary.

Members who are unable to attend the AGM, but who still wish to exercise their right to vote for the candidates of their choice, are encouraged to cast a postal vote. Postal voting forms are available upon individual member request by contacting the National Secretary, Rob Toshack:

Email: [secretary@ulysses.org.au](mailto:secretary@ulysses.org.au)

Phone: 0401 353 389

Fax: (02) 9949 8803

Postal voting forms must be returned to the Returning Officer by **18<sup>th</sup> March 2011**.

### **CANBERRA BRANCH AGM:**

The Canberra branch AGM will be held at the conclusion of the monthly general meeting on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011**. All positions will be declared vacant and, as per the club's constitution, nominations for positions must reach the Branch Secretary 28 days before the branch AGM, i.e. by **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

Mail: Ulysses Club Canberra Branch, PO Box 387, Curtin ACT 2605

Email: [iansallypaterson@iinet.net.au](mailto:iansallypaterson@iinet.net.au)

Nomination forms will be included with the February and March editions of RO2, can be downloaded from the branch website, and will be emailed to members on the email list.

We need a President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least three ordinary committee members. As you'll see on the nomination form, each candidate must be proposed and seconded by current financial members. Chas Towie will be the Returning Officer.

All positions are voluntary and none are particularly onerous, so please consider lending a hand by nominating for office. Serving on the committee is an enjoyable way to contribute and a great way to get to know your fellow Ulyssians.

There is no postal voting in branch elections. It's your club, so have your democratic say by standing for office or nominating someone else for office, then coming to the AGM and voting. Current financial membership cards will be required for admission to the AGM.

Ian Paterson  
Branch Secretary

*(please see nomination form at end of RO2)*

# FOR SALE

At long last I have decided to sell our motorcycling clobber as I can't see me ever getting another Bike (sob...) -

- \* Black leather jacket with removable quilted lining - Rivet 'Highway' size 20 (size L, I'd say it is) in very good condition except for slight worn area on front where it rubbed on the tank - **\$125**
- \* Lady's black leather trousers (but OK for short man) - Rivet 'Highway' size 16, in very good condition - **\$125**
- \* Fully lined rain jacket and matching fully lined trousers (size M) seen a bit of use but still very good, 100% waterproof outfit - **\$30**
- \* Fully lined rain jacket and matching fully lined trousers (size S) virtually new, 100% waterproof outfit - **\$35**
- \* Two plastic covered steel cable bike locks with two keys each, used but still OK, safeguard your pride and joy! - **\$5 each.**
- \* One red, mesh, safety vest - be seen on the road, size M - **\$5.**
- \* One Kawasaki plastic covered chain-link bike lock, unused, with two keys - **Free.**
- \* Man's leather gloves, summer weight, two pairs, used but loads of life in them yet, both size L - **\$Make an offer.**
- \* Man's leather gauntlets, winter weight, two pairs, both size L, one pair well used but loads of life left - **\$Make an offer**, the other pair (has Thinsulate) all but brand new - **\$35.**
- \* Winter glove liners, warm hands anyone? - **\$Make an offer.**
- \* GAP MC2 RAP small (AA battery powered) wired rider/pillion intercom with FM radio, needs new foam ear-piece covers otherwise perfect, works well up to at least 120kph - **\$Make an offer.**
- \* Large waterproof Bike Cover, 'Kelpro' brand, had it for my GTR1000 - **\$Make an offer.**
- \* A couple of Shoe full face helmets that have had very little use, one Small, one Medium (or could be Large) with spare tinted visor and a breath guard, and also a peak and visor combo that attaches to an open face helmet with press studs - all helmets etc **free** to anyone that wants them.
- \* Used 'Olympic' brand expanding tank bag with clear map pocket - **Free.**
- \* A locking Nonfango 848 Top Box, with mounting plate and brackets for a GTR1000, box suffered a bit of damage when my bike bit the dust but still useable - **Free.**

Everything has to go as we are moving interstate.

**ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED**

Phone Dave Howard on 0409 443 925

Thanks,  
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Wanniassa, ACT.

An answer I can understand.

An American tourist asks an Irishman:

"Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards  
off their boats?"

To which the Irishman replies: "If they fell  
forwards, they'd still be in the bloody boat."



# WEEKEND RIDE CALENDAR 2011

This Ride Calendar covers weekend club rides only. For ride details, see the Canberra Branch Ride Calendar on the Ulysses Club national website: [www.ulyssesclub.org/tabid/86/BranchID/16/Default.aspx](http://www.ulyssesclub.org/tabid/86/BranchID/16/Default.aspx).

**Club Rides** have a ride leader and may be longer rides on challenging roads suited to more experienced riders.

**Chomp & Chats** are shorter rides suitable for most riders with the added aim of having a relaxed lunch together.

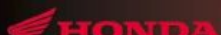
**Decide & Rides** are informal rides in which the route and destination are decided by the riders on the day. Chomp & Chats and Decide & Rides may not have an official ride leader.

Most rides start from either the BP Servo, cnr Federal Hwy & Antill St, Watson; the Caltex Servo, cnr Monaro Hwy & Sheppard St, Hume; or the new Caltex Servo, cnr Curran Drive & O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls.

**Please Note:** Please Check the Ride Calendar on the National Ulysses Website for the most current information.

Date	Locations	Ride Title	Skill
20-Mar-11	<b>From:</b> Caltex - Hume 8.30am <b>To:</b> Tathra	Club Ride <b>Leader:</b> Trevor McLeod	Medium
21st - 27th March	<b>To:</b> Newcastle	Ulysses Club AGM	N/A
27-Mar-11	<b>From:</b> BP Watson 9.30am <b>To:</b> Up to You	Decide & Ride	Undefined
3-Apr-11	<b>From:</b> BP Watson 9.00am <b>To:</b> Majors Creek	Club Ride <b>Leader:</b> Peter Thomas	Easy
10-Apr-11	<b>From:</b> Caltex Hume 9.00am <b>To:</b> Dalgety	Club Ride <b>Leader:</b> Peter Arday	Easy
17-Apr-11	<b>From:</b> BP Watson 10.00am <b>To:</b> Captains Flat	Chomp & Chat <b>Leader:</b> Andrew campbell	Undefined
23rd - 26th April	<b>From:</b> Caltex - Nicholls 10.00 am <b>To:</b> Young, Cowra, Temora	Anzac Weekend Ride <b>Leader:</b> Darryl Palin	Easy
1-May-11	<b>From:</b> Caltex Nicholls 10.00am <b>To:</b> Up to You	Decide & Ride	Undefined
8-May-11	<b>From:</b> BP Watson 9.00am <b>To:</b> Adelong	Club Ride <b>Leader:</b> Ian Paterson	Difficult
6th - 8th May-11	<b>To:</b> Mudgee	Mudgee Meet & Greet	Undefined
15-May-11	<b>From:</b> Caltex Nicholls 10.00am <b>To:</b> Nerriga	Chomp & Chat <b>Leader:</b> Chas Towie	Easy
22-May-11	<b>From:</b> Caltex Nicholls 9.30am <b>To:</b> Grenfell	Club Ride <b>Leader:</b> Ian Paterson	Medium
29-May-11	<b>From:</b> BP Watson 9.30am <b>To:</b> Up to You	Decide & Ride	Undefined

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# Ulysses Canberra Branch AGM 2011

## Committee Nomination Form

All nominees must be proposed and seconded by current financial members of the Club. Nomination forms must be complete with all information provided and accompanied by the signatures of all three parties involved. Nominations must reach the Branch Secretary at PO Box 387, Curtin ACT 2605 no later than 28 days before the election is to be held.

**Office Bearers positions to be filled:  
President, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) and a minimum of three  
ordinary Committee members**

I,.....Ulysses Member No.....do hereby  
nominate.....Ulysses Member No.....for the position  
of.....on the Ulysses Club Inc .....Branch  
Committee for the forthcoming elections.

*Signed*..... *Dated*.....

I,.....Ulysses Member No.....do hereby second the  
nomination of.....for the position  
of.....on the Ulysses Club Inc .....Branch  
Committee for the forthcoming elections.

*Signed*..... *Dated*.....

I,.....Ulysses Member No.....accept the nomination  
for the position of.....on the Ulysses Club  
Inc.....Branch Committee for the forthcoming elections.

*Signed*..... *Dated*.....