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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day all,

If there's one thing that's true and wonderful about life, it's this: you never know what's just around the corner. There I was six years ago sitting on my bike, minding my own business and quite content with my lot in life, when I read something about the Ulysses Club.

One key sentence hit me like a sledgehammer (and being married with kids, I know what that feels like): the main purpose of the club is "to provide ways in which older motorcyclists can get together for companionship and mutual support". Like most people I've got plenty of family and friends but like many Canberrans, most of my family and long-time friends live elsewhere. I was keen on becoming an older motorcyclist (I was getting older anyway, so I might as well do it on my bike) and the word companion appealed: a person with whom one spends time or travels, according to the Oxford dictionary. Perfect!

I joined the club in late 2005 and had only been to a handful of meetings before I was able, at the last minute, to go to the AGM in Ulverstone, Tasmania. I rode alone to Melbourne, still not really knowing anybody, but finished up having one of the best weeks of my life! After that I started coming to meetings and going on rides and generally making a pest of myself and along the way I met some wonderful people and made some great friends. (Somehow I also became branch secretary and then president, but that's all a bit of a blur.)

As well as the companionship and fun, I have been overwhelmed by what my wife Sally calls the generosity of spirit of Ulysses members. Most members genuinely care about their fellow Ulyssians and go to great lengths to lend a hand when needed. I have felt very welcome in the Ulysses Club.

To new members I have two pieces of advice. Firstly, stick with the club and give it time to work its magic. There are some long and deep friendships here so it might take a while for you to break in and be a part of that. Secondly, to get a lot out of the club, you also have to be prepared to give to it. But that goes for anything in life.

A great way to get to know your fellow members is to come along to our main social event of the year, Xmas in July. It's at Forbes on 15th-17th July. See you there!

Cheers, Ian

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ACT REGION: 700+

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Ulysses Canberra Branch General Meeting 19 April 2011

Meeting Opened: 7:35pm.

Attendance: 64.

Apologies: Peter Higgs, Flip Van Der Zwan, Marilyn Starick, Mark McGavock, Peter Thomas, Trish Holdsworth, Gordon White, Tim Hobson, John Dunn, Ankie Dunn, Leo Farrelly, Suzanne Arday, Sharon Costigan.

Welcome New Members & Visitors: Michael Winters, Anthony Adams, Barham Ferguson, Garry Hopkins, Jennifer Buchanan, Chris Dietzel, Julia Rozycka.

Minutes of Previous Meeting, President's Report, Treasurer's Report: As published in RO2.

Acceptance: Terry Cooper, Kim Gibbins. Carried.

Business arising from previous minutes: None.

Correspondence in: Veteran Vintage & Classic MC ACT newsletter.

Ulysses MIA Branch newsletter.

Peter Newark – thanks for support during recent illness.

Denis Paulin – thanks for support after death of his wife Carlien.

Pauline Garner – thanks for a great time in Canberra and at AGM.

Mandurah Murray Ulysses Group – around-Australia Spyder ride.

Jen Woods introduction as new national secretary.

Steven Hausfeld re new ACT CTP legislation.

Community CPS statement.

Australia Post receipt for PO box.

Correspondence out: None.



Business arising from correspondence: None.

Rider Development:

Gary Mac said the Masters course at Stay Upright costs only \$80 after the Ulysses rebate and is great value for an advanced course.

Gary will run Rusty Rider rides alongside the Decide & Rides on 1st and 29th May. Meet at the starting point for the Decide & Rides. If these dates are not suitable or you would like some specialised tuition (L's, P's, etc), contact Gary on 0408 434 549 or kurrajong@internode.on.net.

Webmaster Report:

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 Mac (for the website) and the RO2 editor.

Quartermaster's Report:

Jan Wills said our Canberra gear table is taking fewer and fewer orders. She can't order just one thing as we have to pay for delivery. She will let purchasers know at the end of each night whether she has enough orders to make it viable.

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:

Please let Judy Perry know if you're coming to Xmas in July (Sat 16th July in Forbes).

Judy is already working on this year's Christmas party on Sat 3rd December. Possibilities include chartering two 22-seater buses for a dinner trip to somewhere like Captains Flat, Bungendore or Gundaroo.

Ride Coordinator's Report:

Ian Paterson said a couple of rides were rained out but the rides to Majors Creek and Captains Flat took place in perfect autumn weather. Quite a few members went to the national AGM in Newcastle.

Daryl Palin briefed the meeting on the forthcoming Easter/Anzac Day ride to Young and Temora.

Check the ride calendar on the Ulysses Club national website for the latest information on rides.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (CONT.)

RO2 Editor's Report:

Lyn Munday thanked everyone for their contributions to RO2 and reminded ride leaders to organise someone to write a ride report for RO2 and the website.

Please send Lyn ride reports and any other articles, 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 and Gary for the branch website at kurrajong@internode.on.net.

A limited number of printed copies of RO2 are available at each monthly meeting, for a gold coin donation.

MRA:

Jen Woods said the Good Gear Guide has been published at last. 200,000 copies have been printed, 10,000 of which are going to the ACT Government. Jen said it is a fantastic little book with a wealth of information on how to choose and look after motorcycle clothing, gloves, boots and helmets. Copies should be available from motorcycle shops and clubs. Jen also thanked everyone who attended the AGM and for those who postal voted.

The Blanket Run will be held on Saturday 14th May.

BBQ Report: No BBQs have been held in the past month.



General Business

The branch's inaugural president Peter Newark was welcomed back to the meeting after completing a round of radiation treatment for his cancer. Still more treatments to go.

Peter Arday said Renapur, a special wax that protects and waterproofs boots, is now available. See Peter for details.

If you are not getting branch emails or you have changed your email address, please let Ian Paterson know at iansallypaterson@iinet.net.au.

Tonight's winner: Joe's Motorcycles wine raffle: Geoff Wookey.

Meeting closed: 8:25pm.

Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday May 17 at Italo-Australian Club, Forestry.



Larry's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

"Yes" said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him."

Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

For Sale

2009 **Honda** Deauville 700V Road/Touring
700cc Engine - 2,000 Km on clock
Registered till March 2012
Top Box-Fits Helmet
Custom MJM Seat fitted April '11
Garaged and covered-cover comes with bike
\$10,000
Contact Dianne: 0409848820

BRANCH AGM MINUTES

Ulysses Canberra Branch AGM 19 April 2011



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Minutes of Previous AGM: As published in RO2, May 2010.

Acceptance of previous minutes: Peter Arday, Alex Sloots. Carried.

Business Arising: None.

President's Report, Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report: As tabled in RO2. Evan Jones, Lyn Munday. Accepted.

Presiding Officer: Chas Towie was nominated. David Robinson, Gary McDonald. Carried.

Outgoing president Peter Gibbins thanked the members for their support over the past two years and his wife Kim for being "my Rock of Gibraltar". All candidates for office were confirmed as financial members and all positions were declared vacant.

Chas welcomed the branch's inaugural president Peter Newark and his wife Mary to the meeting after Peter's recent stoush with cancer. Peter gave us an update on his progress and said he hoped to be back on the bike soon. "Thanks to all the club members who visited me or sent emails, letters or cards," he said. "Ulysses is definitely a family and I'm proud and privileged to be a part of it."

Chas thanked the outgoing office bearers, committee members, quartermaster, RO2 editor, webmaster, ride team and branch members for their work over the past 12 months.

Elections

Nomination for president was Ian Paterson. Nomination for secretary was Marilyn Starick.

Nomination for treasurer was Peter Higgs.

Nominations for committee were Judy Perry, Trish Holdsworth and Kyla Harvey.

President: Ian Paterson was elected unopposed.

Secretary: Marilyn Starick was elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Peter Higgs was elected unopposed.

Committee: Judy Perry, Trish Holdsworth and Kyla Harvey were elected to the branch committee.



Bank account

Marilyn Starick to be added as a signatory, Peter Gibbins to be removed as signatory.

The new office holders were invited to come forward. President Ian Paterson welcomed the new crew and thanked Peter Gibbins for his leadership over the past two years and the branch members for their support. A committee meeting will be held before the next monthly general meeting.

Meeting closed: 9:00pm.

Laptop Steering wheel desk



Consciousness:

That annoying time between naps

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Ulysses Canberra Branch Committee Meeting 3 May 2011

Meeting Opened: 7:00pm.

Attendance: Ian Paterson (President), Peter Higgs (Treasurer), Judy Perry, Trish Holdsworth, Kyla Harvey.

Apologies: Marilyn Starick (Secretary).

Ian welcomed Kyla and (in her absence) Marilyn to the committee and said he would like to strengthen the branch's social activities and member support, perhaps with regular BBQs for members similar to the 25th anniversary BBQ we held at Black Mtn Peninsula (but on a less grand and more easily organised scale).

Treasurer: Now that the new committee is in place, we should move our accounts from CPS and open a token-based account with Bendigo Bank (as decided at the March committee meeting). A token system is like an electronic version of requiring two people to sign a cheque. We should also switch over to using the online software Admin Bandit to do the branch's accounts.

Action: Peter.

Secretary: Ian to arrange a handover of the secretary role and stuff to Marilyn. **Action:** Ian.

Ride coordinator: The committee approved the ex-officio appointment of Andrew Campbell as ride coordinator. Ian to contact Andrew to organise a ride planning meeting for next Tuesday night so we can get the June to August ride calendar into this month's RO2. **Action:** Ian.

Social: Several ideas were discussed for the Christmas party on 3rd December. Judy to come up with a short list of possibilities to be put to the next general meeting. **Action:** Judy.

Sponsorship: Our sponsorship agreement with CMC is still up in the air. Ian to contact Mike Houston and see if we can come to a mutually beneficial arrangement. **Action:** Ian.

BBQ: The future of our fundraising BBQs at CMC was discussed. It was decided that we don't need to do so much fundraising as we have in the past. It might be easier to get a BBQ coordinator and volunteers if we hold a BBQ every two or three months rather than every month, and not necessarily at CMC. We need to think about this and discuss more widely. **Action:** All.

Guest Speakers: Trish agreed to coordinate guest speakers for the monthly branch meetings again this year. **Action:** Trish.

Branch 25th anniversary pin: Peter Gibbins was to liaise with Jen Woods about this. Ian to follow this up with Peter G. **Action:** Ian.

Name badges: We also need to look into getting another run of name badges made. **Action:** Ian.

Branch shirts: It has been suggested that we forsake our red, yellow and black shirts and return to the ACT colours of blue and gold. To be discussed at the next branch general meeting. **Action:** Ian.

Heather Shilton Memorial Trophy: Committee to liaise with Stuart. **Action:** Kyla.

Committee meetings: To be held every two months on the first Tuesday of the month (except January), i.e. 5th July, 6th September, 1st November, 6th March.

Meetings venue: It was decided to seek out an alternative venue for our monthly general meetings in the light of the negative esteem in which we appear to be held at the Italo-Australian Club. Eastlake Football Club in Kingston is a possibility but we'll explore other clubs in the Civic-South Canberra area and even as far south as Woden. **Action:** All (get out there and test-drive some clubs!).

Meeting closed: 7:45pm.

Next committee meeting: 5th July 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ulysses Club - Canberra Branch Report for April 2011

Income

			Banked S1	Banked S2	Investment
19/04/2011	Ulysses Gear	\$154.00	\$154.00		
19/04/2011	RO2	\$14.00	\$14.00		
12/05/2011	Banking		\$168.00		

Presented cheques

3/05/2011	RO2 printing	\$19.20
3/05/2011	QM supplies	\$107.40

Expenses

19/04/2011	Secretary	\$119.60
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Account Balances

S1 03409312	\$ 1,596.47
S2 03505049	\$ 1,939.03
Investment	\$ 4,300.63



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An Englishman, an Irishman, a Scotsman, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, a Yank, an Egyptian, a Jap, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Greek, a Russian, an Estonian, a German, an Italian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Czech, and a Swiss went into a pub.

The landlord says "Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai"



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 21st June 2011

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

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

Option 2 Depart Saturday 16th July

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.



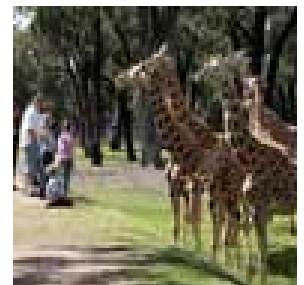
DUBBO RIDE ~ JUNE LONG WEEKEND

Depart Canberra Saturday 11th June – **Return** Monday 13th June, 2011. (Ride route tba)

Accommodation: Book your own cabin at Dubbo City Holiday Park, Newell Hwy, Dubbo.

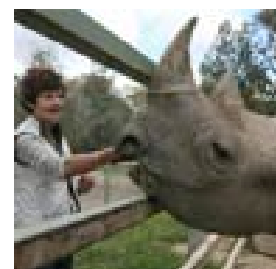
Bookings can be made on 1800 824 820 or book on line to save a few dollars -

www.dubbocityholidaypark.com.au



Include a visit to Dubbo Zoo

Ride Organiser: Alan Munday 0438 510 137
alanwmunday@bigpond.com



FOR MORE WHAT'S ON:

HTTP://WWW.ULYSSES.ORG.AU/BRANCHES/CANBERRA/HTML/WHATS ON .

Rider Development - Carrying the weight

The last few Rusty Rider Rides have had an interesting mix of learner riders and returning riders. The rides have tagged along with the Decide & Riders, and sometimes we have gone our own way and fitted in a little learner skills practice as well. We have been flexible according to the needs & desires of the group.

What has also been good is that the Learners have been allowed to set their own pace. What we are doing is providing a low pressure ride where the riders can enjoy the experience at a relaxed pace and concentrate on smooth riding and developing the skills of riding in a group, making their own decisions about position, cornering approach speeds and overall pace.

We aren't afraid to stop for a coffee as well but seem to have developed the knack of bypassing the bakeries (so far so good).

One question which came up on the last ride was about the “bags” we carry. Bags being panniers, tankbags and so on. I found this an interesting question because in some ways, carrying luggage can be another one of the “assumed” skills that experienced riders often don't think about, but can really affect our comfort and the quality of our riding.



From a safety perspective, any extra gear should not interfere in our riding, but be available when we need it. That means that we should get weight as low as we reasonably can.

Backpacks and shoulder bags can be convenient, but they can shift during the ride, or overload your upper body and tire you on a long trip. Lightweight items, and preferably soft ones like extra clothing are not a great burden, but anything heavier & we should consider a tankbag or a seat or rear rack bag. Ventura and Gearsack come to mind & they can be reversed onto the pillion seat to help centralise the weight distribution. If we leave a rack bag in place and overload it, it will spoil the good handling characteristics of our machine & add to our fatigue on a longer ride and if the road becomes challenging.



Panniers are really good for lowering luggage weight. Soft or hard pannier's carry gear at or below the seat line, and unless overloaded, don't have as negative effect on our ride & the bikes handling. Both soft and hard panniers can give trouble if care is not taken in mounting them and if loads are not distributed evenly.

Another, but much more expensive option is the bike trailer, the advantage being that the gear for a very long trip can be carried easily with a minimal penalty on handling, and with not much more braking effort to that when a pillion is carried. Planning ahead for overtaking is a must as the vehicle collective is much longer..



Ultimately, the reason why we carry the extra gear is to improve some aspect of our riding. In some cases simply food and water, but more importantly wet weather gear, or warm clothing for the cool conditions which can easily sap your strength, or give us space to put warm gear if the day warms.

For those of us who have followed Judy to the markets – motorcycle luggage is a place to put the jams and preserves which seem to turn up.

Whatever the reason we carry extra gear, what we should always remember is to make sure it is secure and is carried as low as we reasonably can. As riders become more experienced, longer rides will beckon, and the ability to carry our baggage safely will make the journey a pleasure.

Other wise you will need to find other alternatives - “can I fit this in your trailer please mate “ :-)

Web report for May 2011.

Not too many rider reports received this month. Thanks to those who sent in stories and pictures.

People found the website useful just the same, as we have had 459 visits from some 209 visitors (some just keep coming back for more!

International visitors included the USA, Hong Kong, Belgium UK and NZ, with Australian visitors mainly from Canberra region, most of the capital cities, with some interest from Devonport (Tas) Mackay and Newcastle. Perhaps the Tassie visits may have come from our (homesick?) travellers.

Don't forget, contact information for the committee is held on our Contact web page. If you've a story for the RO2 or website the details are just a click away.

Cheers all,
Gary Mac



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A man sitting in the pub with his wife and he says, "I love you."

She asks, "Is that you or the beer talking?"

He replies, "It's me talking to the beer."



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."

17th April 2011 - Captains Flat

"Bugger" – or words to that effect! We had just come home from a great chomp and chat to Captains Flat when the designated ride leader for the day checked his jacket pocket. There snuggled up safe and warm was the list of attendees of the ride. Now... anyone who has been on a Ulysses ride appreciates that it is part of the ride leaders unwritten duty statement, to collect names, bikes and then at some stage call for volunteers/ unwilling victims to take the list and

to write the ride report. Hence Bugger – or words to that effect!

I don't believe it is in the ride leaders' wife's' duty statement to write the said report – but here it is...

Sunday the 17th of April was a beautiful Canberra autumn day when 13 bikes (4 resplendent with gorgeous pillions) set out for a leisurely Sunday ride to Captains Flat.

As per usual, the preamble and route was thoroughly discussed, debated and talked over but eventually we set off in cloudless blue skies. By the time we had reached the Macs Reef Rd turnoff, the sun was all but hidden and I was pretty pleased with my jacket selection for the day – winter, with lining in!



After a fun run down Smiths Gap, there was great potential for lost sheep (ie those who were too busy talking earlier) as we turned into Bungendore and then out again on the road to Hoskinstown. We didn't feel the need to go via Hoskinstown – something about a dirt road, and instead took the fork in the road to the right and then enjoyed a scenic ride into Captains Flat. Günter, from the Outsider café, had been given the heads up and was ready for what ever came his way. As usual, the servings were large and delicious and ably assisted the great conversations and stories – some could even

have been true! Peter Arday was in dessert mode and we all admired his choice of pancakes and fruit. Some people even spilt some on themselves.... The sun was delightfully warm and we were reluctant to leave – it ended up happening in dribs and drabs.

The trip home was equally enjoyable. With full bellies, those of us lucky enough to be gorgeous pillions could sink into our seats and snooze – except the road out of Captains Flat is a tad bumpy, which was probably a good thing for those in charge of their two wheels. Back at home we reflected on another fun day and then...

"Bugger" or words to that effect!

For those of you interested in the extensive history and possibilities of life in Captains Flat: <http://www.captainsflat.org/index.html> You read it here first... Sally Patterson predicts housing boom – get in quick!!



Catherine Campbell

Attendees:

Peter Welsh - GTR1400

Peter Arday - XVZ1300TF

Joe Muller - R1200GS

Judy Perry – Hyosung GT650

Jim and Rosalie Lovell – BMW 1200RT

Chas and Jen Towie – ST 1300

Andrew and Catherine Campbell – GL 1800

Ash Plumb - GL1800

Ken Mackay - VTX1800

Rick Costan - Honda 250MT

Alec Ellis – Harley Sportster

Michael Winters – Triumph sprint ST

Ian and Sally Patterson – GL1800



Anzac Day Ride Weekend Away

Saturday 23 April – Tuesday 26 April 2011

It was a great day for a quick ride to Young, the sun was shining and we were ready and raring to go! Darryl and Caroline arrived at the Caltex at Nichols service station a little after 10.00am, as Darryl wouldn't get out of bed! We were met by a small group, Alan and Lyn Munday and Ian and Sally Patterson. We refuelled and headed straight out to the lay-by on the Barton Highway to pick up Peter and Suzanne Arday. We headed down the highway with *all* of the other Easter traffic. It was busier than we all thought it would be for Easter Saturday.

We picked our way through the traffic with Peter and Suzanne Arday in the lead. Unfortunately, after getting onto the dual part of the highway a few kilometres past the Yass turn off a car thought he would share Ian and Sally's lane.... Needless to say Ian was not impressed!!

We all arrived safely into Borrowa for a cuppa to the shock of us all, no Post office open. We then headed to the café a few doors down and had a coffee and short chat! We then mounted our beasts again to head off to Young... Just before we did this, Ian politely advised Caroline he wouldn't be travelling behind her bike as it was TOO NOISY and he couldn't hear his music...sooky Ian I say! Although, I must clarify, Ian did say my bike looked good!!

We arrived into Young at about 1.30pm to our motel. What a shock this was, it's about a 2 star property! The ladies inspected a room and we all decided it *just passed* the test for us to stay. Bloody website, the property looked so good on their site. Well, that property is now knocked off the list of *properties not to stay at*.

We headed down town for a bite to eat for lunch at the local bakery and then off to the supermarket for some nibbles, grog and food for a BBQ. We decided to have dinner at the club on Saturday evening after a couple of drinks and nibbles – not that we really needed anymore food! We all enjoyed the meal. We headed back to the motel for dessert at the Scottish restaurant which was a 30 second walk from the motel. After an hour or so of coffee and chatting we all headed back to the motel for a good night's sleep.

Sunday, the Ardays, the Mundays and the Palins headed to Cowra for morning tea. Ian and Sally stayed in town to check out a shop to purchase some goodies. We had coffee and scones at the information centre before heading to Greenthorpe to check out the local hotel for a bite to eat for lunch. Not that some of us really needed more food! It was a pub to be seen... a couple of elderly ladies at the Scottish restaurant the night before told us it was a great pub for a meal – this isn't quite true. We wouldn't recommend it for a meal!



After lunch we headed to the **Iandra Castle**. A must see place if you are ever in the area. Heaps of tourist there on the day! Late afternoon Chris arrived from Canberra to join us and a night's stay in the (luxury) motel!! We had a BBQ for dinner and Ray and Mia joined us too. Then off to the Scottish restaurant for coffee and dessert again!

Monday morning, up early for our ride to Temora where we were met by 7 riders from the Canberra Branch. Sorry everyone, Darryl forgot to get everyone's names. After joining in the march with the locals it was off to the RSL for some lunch. Lunch was enjoyed by us all and the Canberra guys decided to call it quits and head back to Canberra around



RIDE REPORTS (CONT.)

2 o'clock. The rest of us decided to head back to Young where a few of us headed off to Ray and Mia's for afternoon tea and a chat and some took a nanna nap. More food, we really didn't need!!

We finished off the food left over from the BBQ the night before for dinner and headed to the Scottish restaurant for coffee and dessert again and then to bed for some rest for our ride home on Tuesday morning.



Even though the weekend consisted of a small group of members we all had an excellent weekend. The weather was fantastic all weekend. Although the nights did get a little chilly.

Can't wait until next year's Anzac ride away and hopefully we can get back into the Caravan park!

Darryl & Caroline (Caroline actually as Darryl is asleep)!!



Mother's Day Ride Report

Sunday 8th May, 2011.

It was a crisp -3 degrees as we gathered at the start of the ride, even Kipper the dog had his coat on! But the sun was out and it looked like the weather would hold to bring us a nice day. As it was "Mothers Day" there may have been a few absentee regulars who had a better offer like; breakfast in bed or actually being the organiser of breakfast in bed. But it was a good turn out with ten riders participating in the



ride and one Pillion Canine. Oh - I nearly forgot to mention, plus one A3 laminated colour photo of mother.



The ride took us out along the Barton Highway turning right through Bowning and onto Harden where we had a morning tea break. A very sunny veranda was chosen at one of the local cafes and by the time we were ready to depart everyone had raised their Vitamin D and caffeine levels, and were ready to hit the road again.

From Harden we travelled across "goat track" country, in the general direction of Gundagai. Thank-God the tour leader knew where he was going because I'm sure the GPS was lost. This section of the trip provided everyone with various bits of excitement, with all its twists and turns and risers not to mention the inevitable road works with the dodgy edges and patch jobs. The patches gave us an extra thrill as the back wheel did a little dance (you know the feeling) on what was thought to be an oily substance used under the gravel- lovely. But, at least the road did provide a narrow strip of tar down the middle - what more can you ask for really. Further down the road we came across some riders of the peddling kind who looked to be on a more serious mission. There would have been about 100 riders all up with lead vehicle and support vehicles - "Tour Down Under Style" of riding.



Eventually we made it back to Gundagai and back out onto the freeway for a short ride to the turnoff to Adelong, the designated lunch stop. After the previous section of road it was a smooth run through undulating countryside, with its occasional high ridges providing panoramic views and the odd strong gust of wind that gave you that sideways push, just to keep you on your toes.

RIDE REPORTS (CONT.)



Lunch stop was at the Adelong Pub; however, in hindsight I should have chosen a warm cafe, as sitting at the tables on the pub veranda was rather chilly, most of us reached for our jackets and some warm headwear. The weather had definitely closed in, to the point that we thought we may even get a bit wet by the time we arrived home.

With Lunch over we headed across to Tumut and on to Gundagai for a fuel and coffee stop, and to say our goodbyes. The tour leader was thanked for another good run in the country and everyone headed for home.

Till next time. Remember stay to the road rules and keep you wheels upright.

Those who rolled up for the ride included:

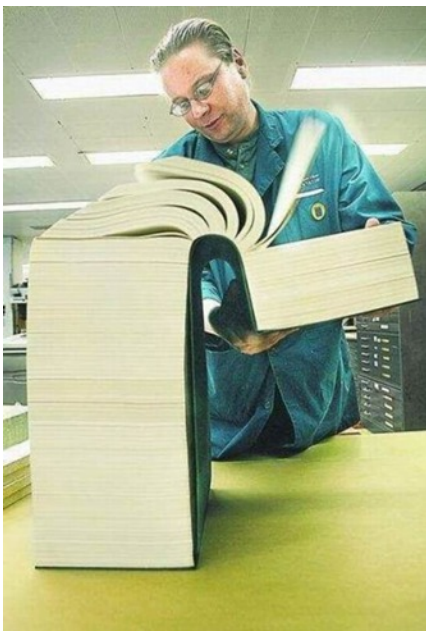
<i>Ian Paterson</i>	<i>GL 1800</i>	<i>Ride Leader</i>	<i>Michael Winters</i>	<i>Triumph ST</i>
<i>Nick Hicks</i>	<i>K 1300 GT</i>		<i>Mick Beltrame + Kipper</i>	<i>R 1150 GSA</i>
<i>Linda Blake</i>	<i>CBR 1000 F</i>		<i>Denis Wignell</i>	<i>FJR 1300</i>
<i>Peter Arday</i>	<i>XVZ 1300 TF</i>		<i>Trevor McLeod</i>	<i>FJR 1300</i>
<i>Andrew Campbell</i>	<i>GTR 1400</i>		<i>Dianne Roberson</i>	<i>Deauville 700V</i>

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"What are you so excited about, Clara?"

"My Daddy's got a new car."

"Great. Is he excited, too?"

"Yeah, he spent all last night painting it and changing the license plates."



"Every night when I switch off the light I see little green and yellow flashing lights before my eyes." "Good grief, have you seen a doctor?"

"No, just little green and yellow flashing lights."

The Ten Commandments



- 1- The one true vehicle is the motorcycle, and thou shalt put no other vehicles before it.
- 2- Thou shalt not bow down and worship nor serve the God of Chrome; for, lo, he is a false god and will not get thy butt home.
- 3- Honour thy authorized dealer and the motorcycles they sell, and that thy days may be long and fruitful in the land of Riding.
- 4- Remember the weekend, and keep it open. For it is written, five days shalt thou labour, and for two days shalt thou ride thy bike, drink beer, and have some FUN.
- 5- Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's bike, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his cute old lady.
- 6- From the throne of thy two wheeled contrivance, thou shalt hail all thy biker brethren no matter what they are seated upon (...even if it is a Triumph) - let those who ride decide.
- 7- Thou shalt not pass by nor turn away from thy brother biker who is in mechanical distress.
- 8- Thou shalt not pose. Verily, I say unto you, it is easier for a poser to pass his gold Visa card through the eye of a needle than to enter into the true fellowship of motorcycle heaven.
- 9- When riding thy sled on the Road of Life, thou shalt not whine nor snivel, and thou shalt not suffer to ride alongside those who do.
- 10- Park not thy bike in the darkness of thine garage, that it may collect dust for want of being oft ridden. Ride thy motorcycle with thy biker brethren, and rejoice in the spirit of the road and the wind.

Two Irishmen were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A blonde walks by and asked them what they were doing

Paddy replied, 'We're supposed to be finding the height of this flagpole, but we don't have a ladder..'

The blonde took out an adjustable spanner from her bag, loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down.

She got a tape measure out of her pocket, took a few measurements, and announced that it was 18 feet 6 inches.

Then, she walked off.

Mick said to Paddy, 'Isn't that just like a blonde!

We ask for the height, and she gives us the bloody length!!



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.

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
22-May-11	From: Caltex Nicholls 9.30am To: Grenfell	Club Ride Leader: Ian Paterson	Medium
29-May-11	From: BP Watson 9.30am To: Up to You	Decide & Ride / Rusty Rider	Undefined
5-Jun-11	From: BP Watson 9.30am To: Crookwell	Club Ride Leader: Alan Munday	Medium
11 - 13 Jun-11	From: Caltex Nicholls 9.30am To: Dubbo	June Long weekend Overnight	Medium
19-Jun-11	From: BP Watson 10.00am To: Bungendore	Chomp & Chat & Rusty Rider Leader: Chas Towie	Easy
26-Jun-11	From: Caltex Nicholls 9.30am To: Junee	Club Ride Leader: Ian Paterson	Medium
3-Jul-11	From: BP Watson 9.30am To: Taralga	Club Ride Leader: Andrew Campbell	Medium
10-Jul-11	From: BP Watson 10.00am To: Gunning	Chomp & Chat Leader: Dave Robinson	Easy
17-Jul-11	From: BP Watson 10.00am To: Up to You	Decide & Ride Leader: Decide on the Day	Undefined
24-Jul-11	From: BP Watson 9.30am To: Bowral	Club Ride Leader: Peter Arday	Medium
31-Jul-11	From: Caltex Nicholls 10.00am To: Up to You	Decide & Ride Leader: Decide on the Day	Undefined
7-Aug-11	From: Caltex Nicholls 9.30am To: Cowra	Club Ride Leader: Peter Arday	Medium
14-Aug-11	From: BP Watson 10.00am To: Goulburn	Chomp & Chat Leader: Andrew Campbell	Easy
21-Aug-11	From: BP Watson 9.30am To: Batemans Bay	Club Ride Leader: Peter Higgs	Medium
28-Aug-11	From: Caltex Nicholls 10.00am To: Up to You	Decide & Ride Leader: Decide on the Day	Undefined



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

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.

A stockman from North Queensland attends a social function where Prime Minister Julia is speechifying. Clearly the stockman was not paying much attention, yakking with those closest and even quite far away. Julia endeavoured to attract his interest with slower, single syllable words.

As she was doing that, she kept swatting at some flies that were buzzing around her head. The stockman says, "Yer havin' some problem with them circle flies?"

Julia stopped talking and said, "Well, yes, if that's what they're called, but I've never heard of circle flies."

"Well ma'am," the stockman replies, "Circle flies hang around these parts a lot. They're called circle flies because they're almost always found circling around the back end of a horse."

"Oh," Julia replies and resumes rambling. But, a moment later she stops and bluntly asks, "Are you calling me a horse's a*se?"

"No, ma'am," the stockman replies, "I have too much respect for the citizens of this country to call their Prime Minister a horse's a*se."

"Thank you for that respectful explanation," Julia responds and resumes rambling once more.

And the stockman adds slowly ...

"Hard to fool them flies, though."

