

The RO2 – Riding on too

Ulysses Club Canberra Branch Newsletter July 2009

G'day again

Now where did that last month go? Ah that's right there were a few things happening.

Christmas in July was held at Romano's in Wagga with some 30 members from Canberra attending. Jen and I opted for a late departure and a leisurely ride down the highway, however we were still unable to avoid the cold and foggy conditions around Jugiong, in what was generally a nice ride. At the dinner on Saturday night, several members from the Wagga Branch joined us on the night and a good time was had by all. There were some very interesting recession theme presents for the Chris Cringle and Ash managed to make the highest bid for the most desired item on the night. The \$42.00 paid is being donated to Southcare. After a leisurely start on the Sunday, the majority of the group returned home via Junee and the Chocolate Factory. These events take time and effort to coordinate and I would like to thank Judy for her efforts (and those who assisted). More details about this event will appear in the ride reports.

You have probably heard about the upcoming dinner and dance night – there has been a change of venue – now at the Hockey Centre at Lyneham. More details are available from Elca.

Our next fundraising BBQ is on Saturday 22nd August at Canberra Motorcycles Fyshwick. If you have some spare time and are willing to help out for an hour or so, please let Kim know or just come along for one of the CMCC specials, bacon and egg roll or a sausage on bread. We now have donation tins that we will provide at future events. All monies raised will be attributed to Ulysses when provided to Southcare.

Finally and as an aside, we were on our way home from Narooma last weekend when we decided to stop at the bakery at Braidwood for lunch. No sooner had we stopped when we hear someone calling out to Kim. Yes it St. Pedro and a version of the 3 amigos – Pete A. Dave R and Bruce. B out for a Sunday ride. Having joined the guys for a meal and a chat (with many laughs) it was on with our journeys.

See you out and about. www.ulyssesclub.org/branches/canberra/



Peter Gibbins

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Judy putting on her waterproof gloves at Gundagai, on the way home from Xmas in July, Wagga Wagga

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

Ulysses Canberra Branch General Meeting 21 July 2009

Meeting Opened: 8:05 pm.

Attendance: 53

Apologies: Dave McIlroy, Margaret Titheradge, Caroline Palin, John & Ankie Dunn, Peter & Suzanne Arday, Trevor McLeod.

Welcome New Members & Visitors: Valerie & Alex Sloots, William Kaul, Colin Wilson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: As published in RO2.

Acceptance of previous minutes: Evan Jones, Kim Gibbins. Carried.

Business Arising: None.

Correspondence in:

Newsletters from Ulysses Club Wagga Wagga branch and VVC MC ACT.

Ulysses Club National Committee – minutes of May meeting.

Brochures from Tuscany Apartments and Southern Comfort Holiday Units, Merimbula.

Shannons auction brochures.

Australian of the Year nomination form.

RTA number plate auction brochure.

Arthritis ACT newsletter.

ACT Critical Incident Stress Management Information Service newsletter.

Upper Lachlan Tourist Association – official opening of recently sealed Crookwell-Boorowa road on Sat 22 August.

Alan Reid – National Press Club Address “Draconian and undemocratic: Why Bieke laws won’t work”, NPC, Wed 5 August.

QL Club – Black Night Rally, Railway Hotel, Goorambat, Vic, 18-20 September.

Bombala Celebrations of Motorcycles – annual Bombala Bike Show flyer, Sat 21 November.

Correspondence out: Nil.

Business arising from correspondence: None.

President’s Report: As tabled in RO2. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: As tabled in RO2. Terry Cooper, Alan Munday. Carried.

Leo also reported that the June BBQ at CMC raised more than \$552.

Ride Coordinator’s Report:

Jen Woods delivered this report in the absence of Trevor McLeod and Peter Arday, who were both sick.

Tidbinbilla Tracking Station ride, Sat 19 September, to commemorate the turning off of “our” satellite - the Ulysses Satellite. Presentation by Tidbinbilla spokesman Glenn Nagle, lunch at Moon Rock Cafe.

Boorowa-Crookwell road opening, Sat 22 August, to be put on ride calendar.

Rider Development:

Gary McDonald repeated his hints on safe overtaking as published in the June RO2 – don’t overtake on bends or when vehicles ahead are slowing down. For confirmation, go on a subsidised Masters Course.



Ian Paterson

Minutes of the Last Meeting cont...

Webmaster Report:

Gary's ADSL modem has recovered from its near-death experience and stuff is going up on the website again. More ride reports are needed for both the web and RO2.

MRA Report:

Peter Major said governments are working on national licence standards and LAMS rules. He said these should be based on power to weight ratio and not engine capacity. He also mentioned roadside furniture (sign posts, etc) that folds down and springs back up if hit by a vehicle – much safer for motorcyclists – and the forthcoming ACT Motorcycle Handbook. He urged people returning to riding after a break to brush up their skills by doing a Masters Course.

Quartermaster's Report:

Jan Wills has some new items, including velcro wallets and toiletry bags. Denim shirts with the Old Man logo are \$33 (short sleeves) or \$45 (long sleeves). Buy through Jan and save on shipping costs. You can even bring in used gear to sell.

RO2 Editor's Report:

The **deadline for each issue of RO2** is the Thursday before the branch monthly meeting. Ride reports and other contributions should be emailed (with photos if possible) to Flip for RO2 at RO2Editor@live.com and Gary for the branch website at kurrajong@internode.on.net.

Social Secretary's Report:

Apres Ski Night Saturday 22 August at Murrumbidgee Country Club, Kambah (later moved to National Hockey Centre, Lyneham), and **Christmas in July** at Romano's Hotel, Wagga Wagga, Saturday 25 July, both got a mention.

Judy Perry also talked about a possible weekend at **Merimbula** on 19-20 September.

General Business

Wine raffles at the monthly meeting are starting up again. So is the fundraising **BBQ** at CMC, which will be held each month on the Saturday following the monthly meeting, starting 22 August. Volunteers needed – contact Kim or Peter Gibbins.

Peter Gibbins, Ian Paterson and Flip were guests for a few hours at the **Natcom meeting** in Canberra on 27 June, while there was a large turnout of members for dinner with Natcom members at the Ainslie Football Club that night. Good fun, pity about the food. Leo Farrelly is taking names to order **name badges**. If you already gave Leo your name, do it again because he lost the list. Ian Paterson has a limited supply of **visitor guides** for Albany and South-West WA.

Motorcycle Awareness Week, last week of October – Joe Riders still needed.

Branch **committee meeting** to be held on Wed 12 August. John Grunberg and Tim Hobson are working on sourcing Canberra Branch **embroidered badges**. Watch this space.

Lenny and Johnno, associate members of the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club, gave a talk about the **Victory Over Prostate Cancer rally** at Boorowa on 10-11 October. It's an official fundraiser for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and all are welcome. Flyers to be emailed to members.

Tonight's winners: Graeme Barber won the Lucky Door Prize, Peter Higgs won the wine raffle.

Meeting closed: 9:10pm.

Next meeting: 8pm Tuesday 18 August at Italo-Australian Club, Forrest.

Treasurer's report

Ulysses Club - Canberra Branch Report for July 2009

Income			Banked S1	Banked S2	Investment
1/7/09	Banking		\$ 96.00	\$ 552.50	
14/7/09	GST refund	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00		
18/7/09	QM Sales	\$ 178.20			
18/7/09	Newsletter	\$ 15.00			
18/7/09	Port raffle	\$ 41.00			
18/7/09	Nutrimetics fundraiser	\$ 30.00			
31/7/09	Banking		\$ 223.20	\$ 41.00	
Total		\$ 291.20	\$ 346.20	\$ 593.50	
Unpresented cheques					
6/7/09	CopyQik 51060	\$ 41.25			
30/7/09	Ulysses Club QM order	\$ 184.80			
30/7/09	Arthritis Research Fund	\$ 30.00			
Total		\$ 256.05			
Account Balances					
	S1	\$ 1,258.19			
	S2	\$ 2,774.48			
	Investment	\$ 5,674.52			



Leo Farrelly, Treasurer



George Fearon astride an imported Harley Ferguson

what this George? Thinking of taking up armchair riding?

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(AKA FLIP)

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MEETI NG.

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Correspondence in since July meeting:

Ulysses Club Wagga Wagga branch newsletter.

Ulysses Club national secretary thanking Canberra branch for our hospitality at NatCom meeting and dinner on 27 June.

ASI re iMIS software for non-profit organisations.

ATO re business tax break.

BMW Touring Club of NSW – flyers for Far Cairn Rally, Tottenham, NSW, 19-20 Sep.

Seeing Eye Dogs Aust – receipt for \$120 donation.

Community CPS Credit Union re term deposit.

REALLY important stuff.....

Revision of the Weekend Ride Program - Trevor

Following feedback with regards to rides we have decided to revamp the weekend ride program.

These changes include the inclusion of Decide'n'Ride events, where those that turn up make the decision as to where they wish to go and who will lead it. The purpose behind this is to provide the framework by which people can go riding together on almost every Sunday. These will be unrated as [0] given the distance and route will be determined on the day.

The Chomp & Chats remain shorter rides and provide the forum for new members who wish to get to know others in a more social setting or for those less experienced riders. These rides will remain almost unchanged and be somewhere between 150-300 klms in total. These will be rated as either a [2] or [3].

The ride days will have a ride coordinator, 400 - 550klms in length and be targeted at the more experienced riders able to travel at the speed limit with various road and weather conditions for approximately 6-8 hours. The more challenging rides will be rated as a [1] and it is ***strongly recommended that less experienced riders not look to completing these rides in their entirety*** for safety reasons. There have been very good examples of late on the more challenging rides where less experienced riders have taken an alternate or shorter path and rejoined the group for breaks. The less demanding rides will be a [2] but may still be twice the distance of a Chomp & Chat ride.

We have removed Williamsdale as at departure point with all southward bound Sunday rides leaving from the Caltex in Hume. This allows those who roll-up in the more extreme weather conditions have not made a ride of nearly 60klms to discover that no-one else has turned up.

A final note on safety, in winter please rug up - hypothermia in winter is as real and insidious as dehydration in summer, both will gradually affect your concentration, judgment and ability to react in an emergency.

What's on.....

Canberra Branch Calendar of Events

August

18 General Meeting
22 Dinner Dance

September

15 General Meeting
Memorial Day- ride to Cordeaux Dam

October

20 General Meeting
Pink Ribbon Ride
Motorcycle awareness week
Snowy Ride

November

17 General Meeting
Christmas Party

December

21 General Meeting
Toy Run
Presentation of charity funds

Be a Pirate for a day

Arrrhhh me hearty ride team el al Saturday
19th September in International 'Talk Like
a Pirate Day'



Note web site below for suggestions of activities
and translations of and lessons in pirate language
<http://www.talklikeapirate.com/howto.html>
Could I suggest that the ride team consider a
weekend away to the coast so that the bilge rats
can be in a most appropriate setting to celebrate
and do their best impersonations of the Jolly
Rodgers.

It is the first weekend of the Victorian school
holidays so we would have to decide soon as to a
suitable seaside shanty to bed down in. I am happy
to do the organizing other than deciding on the port
or the route to get there.

Lubber Judy



The Motorcycle Awareness Week will be launched
this year on 24th October, and JOE Rider will once
again take to the road to raise awareness of
motorcycle riders around Canberra and environs.
The launch is closely followed by the Pink Ribbon
Ride on the 25th, which will be bigger and better
than ever!! The week of Motorcycle Awareness
Week will have an evening event, the Joe Rider
competition all week and will end with the Bikers
Breakfast and Ride to Work Day on Friday 30th
October. Keep the dates free so you can attend,
and more details will be published as they come to
hand!



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 15 Sept 2009



Justice of the Peace

Do you need the services of a Justice of the Peace?

A Justice of the Peace can perform the following functions:

- Certify copies of an original document/s.
- Witness and administer oaths/affirmations for affidavits.
- Witness Statutory Declarations.
- Administer oaths and affirmations

Contact Peter Thomas on 0401 470 139 (m), 62661421 (w) or 62919553 (h)

Or just grab him at a meeting.

Peter
Ulysses Canberra
#52415

What's on....

Farewell to Ulysses Satellite

19th September 2009

Saturday ride



Because of our association with the **Ulysses Satellite** during the 2005 AGM held in Canberra, and similar name, we thought that we could farewell Ulysses after it was turned off at the end of June 09.

A presentation and update will be delivered by Glen Nagle, manager of Raytheon Australia, which runs the Space Centre at Tidbinbilla. The presentation lasts about an hour.

After the presentation a sausage sizzle lunch with salads, fruit platters, tea and coffee will be provided at a cost of \$10 per person.

For catering purposes we will need numbers of members who intend to join in.
Payment for lunch will be collected **prior** to the event.

The ride will leave from Caltex Servo Watson at 9.30am arriving at Tidbinbilla about 10 30 am with the show starting at 11am.

If you missed this event during the AGM or if you were not riding with us then come and join in. (a good reason for a ride and feed)

Please call **Peter Arday to confirm your place** and to pay lunch cost.

RSVP 6th Sept 2009 on 0411 529 151 or 62581615

We are the only motorcycle club social or anti-social which has a satellite named after it.
(That *could* be a coincidence).

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A survey you may like to complete, this time it's local input. Good to do it from a motorcyclists perspective ...<http://www.rego.act.gov.au/>
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Ride Reports



Xmas In July Wagga Wagga

25th & 26th July, 2009

Lyn Munday
Pillion on GTR1000.

We were sitting in a tiny café down the road from Romano's Pub in Wagga Wagga, having breakfast, on Sunday 26th July and El Presidente asks - "So, who is going to do the ride report for this weekend?" The silence was deafening. Soooo, I said that I had never done one before, so would give it a go - so here it is.

About 14 bikes (and 17 or so people) assembled at 8.30am on Saturday morning in -2° temperature at Nicholls Service Station. But at least the sun was shining, so we thought we would have a good ride ahead of us. We took off under the guidance of Alan and Butch (with Ian Paterson as Tail End Charlie) towards Bowning, where Judy had booked us into the "RollOnInn Café" for morning tea. Alas, the sun was not to last - by the time we hit Murrumbateman, we were riding through a very wet and cold fog. This didn't clear until the other side of Yass. The café owners were very considerate and had a blazing fire in a 44 gallon drum ready to warm us up. After sampling their coffee/tea/hot chocolate, we headed off for Wagga, via Harden and Cootamundra. The sun came and went for the rest of the trip. We arrived safely at the Romano Hotel, a lovely big old pub that has been done up nicely. But it is very difficult to warm up these old places, so the rooms

were pretty cold. Some were lucky enough to have heaters in them, others had an electric blanket on their bed, others had both, but alas, some had neither.

There were others who arrived separately from the main group (some didn't want to get out of bed so early) but we all got together for dinner, along with 10 people from the Wagga Ulysses group.

The cold didn't stop with the rooms of the pub - our roast dinner was cold as well, but most of us ate it anyway. We all took along a little pressie for a Kris Kringle - the bottle of lemon flavoured wine proving most popular and must have changed ownership no less than 20 times, I think, over the course of the night. A good time was nevertheless had by all and a massive big thank you has to go to Judy Perry for organising a great weekend again. (Thinking caps on for where we can go next year).

I can't let this little tale, however, go untold. A certain person bade everyone a good night and there were a few of us still sitting around talking. This certain person returned 10 minutes later and announced that she couldn't find her phone, has anyone seen it". "But you have your phone in your hand". "No, I have two - a work one and a personal one. Maybe I could ring it". So, she does. The next thing we know, her boob is ringing. Yes, her phone was down her bra all the time. Dear, oh dear - isn't it sad to be getting old? [ED: Speak for yourself girlfriend!!]



Gerhard, Lesley, Mary and Les from the Wagga Wagga Branch

Sunday morning at breakfast, the usual question was "How did you sleep?" Well the answers to that included:

1. The constant beep, beep, beep, beep from the pedestrian traffic lights on the corner kept him awake all night.
2. The pounding of the music from the floor below kept others awake till the early hours.
3. There was a street lamp outside another's room - which had no blinds or curtains.
4. There were young girls running up and down the hallway in high heels.

Ride Reports

5. The bar staff tossed their empty bottles and cans in the hopper right under the windows of others – at 3.30am.

Our return trip was a choice of coming home the long way, via Ardlethan and Aria Park and leaving Wagga at 9.30am or having a look at the Wagga markets and leaving at 11am to come home the same way as we went over. Alan and I were the only ones to opt for the long trip and arrived home safely albeit cold and wet. The sun didn't shine all day and the rain set in just before we got to Harden and stayed with us the rest of the way home. You will have to rely on someone else to fill you in on the trip home for others.



Ride Reports

Cootamundra

2 August 2009

Andrew Campbell

Attendees:

Peter Arday	Yamaha XVZ1300TF
Trevor McLeod	Yamaha FJR1300
Garry McCurley	Honda VFR800
Chris Stuart	Yamaha XVS1300
Bruce Black	Yamaha FJR1300
Nick Hicks	Suzuki M109R
Greg Ziman	Suzuki C109
Peter Major	BMW K1300R
William Kaul	BMW 650GS
Sylvia Sinfield	Honda Silverwing
Chas and Jen Towie	Honda ST1300
Gordon & Ariel White	Triumph Tiger 1050
Trish Holdsworth	Hyosung GV250
Andrew Campbell	Kawasaki ZX14
Ian Paterson	Honda ST1300

way the stop at Boorowa was welcome with many coffees and pastries consumed.

A slightly smaller group headed off to Cootamundra, as a number of others were happy to meander home from Boorowa or were off to Young to buy spicy jam from the Jam Factory.

For those heading to Cootamundra it was a pleasant ride with the weather improving, and lots of green fields to look at. You know Spring can't be far away as there were loads of little white lambs frolicking around the paddocks (mmmmmm, lamb).

The name of the place that we had lunch in, in Cootamundra, escapes me, but it was much loved by the very elderly folk of Cootamundra.

In fact, we would have been some of the youngest there! Bruce Black, in particular, was kept busy assisting the old folks into and out of their walking frames, receiving much praise for his efforts.



Well I'd like to say that the day dawned bright and sunny, but it didn't. It dawned quite foggy and cold. Never-the-less a hardy band of riders turned up to Café I njoy for a breakfast and/or first coffee of the day, ready for a ten o'clock departure. It was great to see Trevor M. back, having arisen from his sick bed and ready to lead us on to Cootamundra.

So, having taken instruction from Trevor on the ride route, we set off for Boorowa, which was to be the morning tea stop. The weather from the Hume Highway to Boorowa consisted of very thick fog or actual rain, depending on who was giving the description. Either

Leaving the lunching establishment, we fuelled up and had Chris Stuart, who seems to have some local knowledge, lead us on a back road odyssey towards Binalong. Thanks very much Chris!! A very enjoyable ride it was too.

One more pit stop was had in Binalong, with coffees drunk and tales told by the lovely open fire. It was then off home via Yass and the Barton Highway.

A great winter ride, led ably by Trevor, Peter and Chris.

Wednesday ride to Cowra 29 July 09

A good turnout at the rendezvous point on what looked like being a fine riding day. About 15 riders in attendance although three or so did not set out on the ride with us. I didn't count the bikes but about 10 headed off for coffee at Boorowa.



The weather forecast was for mostly fine (though cool) with a possibility of showers mainly on the SW slopes (wherever that is). As we went north it turned out that somehow we entered the mythical "SW slopes" and encountered wet roads and light showers. It cleared a bit but then came back. And so it was to Boorowa, and a bit cool to boot.

Coffee at the Bakery was most welcome as well as some lovely custard puffs supplied by Judy (remnants of a gourmet extravaganza chez Judy). We heard some tall tales but true from the "Christmas in July" run to Wagga over the weekend. Jim was back from the States (which had included a 16 State roadtrip.. sadly this was on 4 wheels rather than 2).

Enthusiasm was waning and most voted to return to Yass for lunch. Only myself and Ken stuck to the plan and headed for Cowra via Frogmore. As we saddled up, the 2 gravel riders, Mike and Chris, arrived. They went on towards Rye Park to play in the mud.

The road through Frogmore, and on to Cowra through Darbys Falls turned out to be a pleasant run taken at a leisurely pace that suited the conditions which I would describe as "mostly dry". There was only one real rain shower as we approached Cowra and it lasted a minute or so. We lunched at the Cafe at the Japanese Gardens. It's a pleasant spot with meals around \$16 but with more budget offerings of melts and foccacios. A half serve at \$7.50 would have sufficed as half of my Hawaii burger and fries was left uneaten. Ken cleaned his plate but he hates to waste food. I bought a little figurine at the gift shop, a tiny blue wren for \$1. The girl wrapped it in bubblewrap and I stuffed it in my jean's pocket.

Unfortunately it did not survive but broke its tail on the trip home and had to be put down.

We made a non-stop run home leaving at 2:30. I lost Ken at Murrumbateman and suspect he had to refuel the Vstrom. I was home at 4:50pm after some 440kms. Catch you next week

Peter Brooker

1. When his 38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

5. An American teenager was in hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

6. A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer... \$15.

7. Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.

8. As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, That's the lady I stole the purse from."

9. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 5 A.M., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast.

10. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had. In the interest of bettering mankind, please share these with friends and family...unless of course one of these individuals by chance is a distant relative or long lost friend. In that case, be glad they are distant and hope they remain lost.

Sponsors



Canberra Branch Sponsors

Canberra Branch of the Ulysses club is supported by a number of local business through direct sponsorship, donations and discounts

10% discount for Ulysses members on most items

CANBERRA MOTORCYCLE CENTRE

Visit Canberra Motorcycle Centre for the best deal on all your motorcycle needs.

Discounts on bikes and accessories for all Ulysses card holders.

Canberra Motorcycle Centre, locally owned and operated in Fyshwick for over 20 years and now also located in Kemble Court, Mitchell.

Largest range of parts and accessories in the ACT.

Ride Calendar

From August weekend rides fall into one of the following categories:

- Decide & Ride - informal ride with destination decided on the day
- Chomp & Chat <300kms easier rides that focus on socialising are suited to less experienced riders or those returning to motorcycling after a long break
- Ride Days 300-500 klms will have a ride leader and be on challenging roads suited to the more experienced riders capable of riding at the speed limit for up to 6-8 hours.

Weekend Ride Co-ordinator Trevor McLeod can be contacted on 0411 269 276.

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

Please note the ride program as posted on the National Ulysses website will reflect the most current information. This currently has details of all rides through till the end of November. For those unable to attend the Illawarra weekend we have scheduled a Ride & Decide for Sunday Oct 4 leaving the Caltex at Watson. Due to issues with the National Website this ride does not appear below.

Start Date	Finish Date	Locations	Ride Title	Skill
16-Aug-09 11:00:00	16-Aug-09	From: Caltex Servo Nicholls To: Bungendore	Chomp & Chat	2
23-Aug-09 10:00:00	23-Aug-09	From: Gunna Doo Bakery Bungendore To: Gunning	Club Ride	1
30-Aug-09 10:00:00	30-Aug-09	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: be decided on the day.	Decide & Ride	0
6-Sep-09 9:00:00	6-Sep-09	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: Bowral	Club Ride	2
13-Sep-09 8:00:00	13-Sep-09 17:00:00	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: Cordeaux Dam	Memorial Ride	1
19-Sep-09 10:00:00	19-Sep-09	From: Caltex Servo Hume To: Tidbinbilla Space Station	(Sat) Farewell to Ulysses BBQ	0
27-Sep-09 9:00:00	27-Sep-09	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: Batemans Bay	Club Ride	2
3-Oct-09	5-Oct-09	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: Placeholder	Illawarra Weekend	1
11-Oct-09 10:00:00	11-Oct-09	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: be decided on the day.	Chomp & Chat	2
18-Oct-09 10:00:00	18-Oct-09	From: Caltex Servo Watson To: be decided on the day.	Decide & Ride	0
25-Oct-09 9:00:00	25-Oct-09	From: Caltex Servo Nicholls To: Crookwell	Club Ride	1
1-Nov-09 9:00:00	1-Nov-09	From: Caltex Servo Hume To: Jindabyne	Club Ride (BYO BBQ)	1
7-Nov-09 9:00:00	7-Nov-09	From: Caltex Servo Nicholls To: Junee Licorice Factory	(Sat) Ride Day	1

Usual Suspects Ride Calendar

DATE	DEPARTURE TIME	DESTINATION
2 Sept	9.30am - McDonalds Dickson Crookwell (L) Gunning (C) 260k	Bungendore, Tarago Goulburn (C)
9 Sept	10.00am - McDonalds Weston Tharwa, Honeysuckle (BBQ) 150k+	Choir Practice. Uriarra, Cotter,
16 Sept	9.30am - Mc Donalds Dickson (C) Jugiong Rd to Coota (L) Yass (C) 320+-	H'way (options) Binalong
23 Sept	9.30am - McDonalds Dickson picnic (L), then Bungendore (C) 300k	Braidwood (C) the Clyde, Nelligen
30 Sept	10.00am - McDonalds Weston Jasper & caves (5.9 total dirt) Yass (L) 200k	Choir Practice Mtn Creek to Wee
4 Oct	Commence Daylight Savings ACT & NSW	
7 Oct	9.30am - McDonalds Dickson picnic (L) Old Sth Rd, Gunning (C) 260K	Gunning (C) G/Gullen Goulburn
14 Oct	10.00am - McDonalds Weston Corin Dam (C) Cotter (L) BBQ 150k +-	Choir Practice Uriarra, Cotter,
21 Oct	9.30am - McDonalds Dickson Bungendore (C) 340k	Braidwood (C) Clyde, Batehaven (L)
28 Oct	10.00am - McDonalds Dickson Rd 5.5k dirt) Yass (L) Gunning (C) 210+-	Choir Practice Nanima (opt Hillview
4 Nov	9.00am - Williamsdale S/Stn Mimosa, Bermagui (L) Clyde 540K Only for the hardy - long and difficult shorter ride, all comers - any part thereof & return.	Two Mtns Nimmy (C) Brown Tathra, (the
11 Nov	10.00am - McDonalds Weston Tharwa, Honeysuckle (BBQ) 150k+	Choir Practice. Uriarra, Cotter,
18 Nov	9.30am - McDonalds Dickson Illalong Rd (L) BBQ Mtn Crk Rd 220k	To Yass (options)(C) Burrunjuck v
25 Nov	9.00am - McDonalds Dickson Oberon (L) Goulburn & options (C), 500k Only for the hardy - long and difficult	Goulburn H'way (C), Taralga,

(the shorter ride, all comers - any part thereof & return.

BBQ and or picnic means bring your own cow, bangers or packed lunch with liquid refreshments. Choir practice means have coffee before departure time.



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Riders should be aware that at all times, each individual is responsible for their own actions and ultimate safety.