



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings Eurobodalla Ulysses



Middle of winter already and hardly noticed it until Robert, Glen, Ray, Steve D, Chris, Cliff R and I went to the Apollo Rally on the 17,18,19 July. It's been a few years since I attended a rally in the middle of winter in the

Canberra region. I'm a bit older and it is the first time without Helen to keep me warm. I will be changing some of my camp gear.

We all had a good time and a good ride.



A very cold -5

My sidecar is still being made and will be a while until the leading link is designed. With mine there are at least five GL 1800's outfits being built and completed at this time. With the line up of other

bikes at SRK Engineering when I was there a couple of weeks ago, it would appear there are a few outfits on the way.

The Saturday we last had coffee at Nelligen, unfortunately Daisy's chair fell over and broke the glass in a display case. It cost him over \$160. Helen took up a collection and raised \$80.00 to help compensate him. Many thanks to the members who contributed.

Our bi monthly meeting was a little late this time as Frank and I were away for a few weeks. Neil (Doc) and Fay kindly allowed us to have it at their home. We also had a BBQ after the meeting.

Rolf & Julie Bohlscheid, welcome to the Eurobodalla Ulysses Branch. If I have missed any new members please let me know. I had a computer mishap and may have lost some information.

Chris and Robert are busy organizing rides and events that should give everyone something to do between now and Christmas. They will keep everyone informed.

Our coffee and conversation Saturday morning are continuing to have good attendances and a great way to meet up with other members.

We lost our long time member Col Black to cancer since our last meeting. Our condolences to Kay and family.

I have had some computer problems and have lost some information, so if I have missed some things it is because they slipped my mind and I lost the information. I think a biro and a piece of paper may be more reliable.

Keep riding safe.

Lyell Jenkins # 438

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Frank has been away for some time and on his return got a nasty flu so we have no report. Get well soon Frank. (ed)

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

Sales remain strong with a turnover of \$ 467 since last report. I wish to purchase any items that are shown on our website or if you know of any items that could be added to the current range contact me.

Hans Ottevanger.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The trip to the Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk and overnight stay at Easts Kiama was enjoyed by most who went along from all reports. Too bad about the return trip from the club on Saturday night with the courtesy bus breaking down.



The Illawarra Fly More photos on our website

Partly in response to that weekend is the reason for the next weekend trip to the Illawarra Motorlife Museum in a few weeks time. We have a few

which have booked and if more are interested , please contact the social committee to get details.

Helen Jenkins has asked for some input from the girls in the group to suggest social activities and has had a bit of a response from some.

The suggestion was for a trip to the movies so if anyone is interested please call Helen.

At the moment we have a few suggestions from the group for 2 and 3 day rides which include a trip for probably 3 days to Lakes Entrance which would include a river cruise and lunch to Metung on the Gippsland Lakes. Another weekend trip has been suggested to go to Mallacotta which is a regular trip for the Sapphire Branch so we may consider a meeting with some people from the Sapphire Branch if we decide to arrange something.

There is a suggested 3 day trip to go to Junee which would include visiting some local attractions in the area, one being an old renovated homestead, Monte Cristo. Well worth the visit.

We can discuss and arrange when we get some response from people if any of these rides are worth considering. I have some positive response regarding the Junee trip so this may be pursued in the near future.

The progressive dinner, which was suggested by Helen, has had a good response as far as I can tell and it should be a good event. The day is on Father's day in September and starts at Surf Beach for morning tea, then to Moruya for lunch and on to Tuross for the afternoon session. Should be a good day.

The May issue of Riding On included a letter from Ron Hystek who is part owner of a Retreat/ Caravan Park between Mt. Selwyn and Tumbarumba. Ron has invited Ulysses members to get a group together to visit the area and he is offering a deal that includes a hot meal at dinner , a bed in a cabin and breakfast the next morning for \$50.00 a head. This might be a good thing and simple to arrange if we wish.

Anyway to sum up if anyone has some ideas for short rides to visit local attractions please let me know and we will include it on our regular Sunday ride list.

Have fun and stay safe from the social committee.

Chris Zammit

FAREWELL

Col Black member # 12748

24/9/1939 - 9/6/2009

Col was a Ulysses member for many years and he was one of the first members when the Eurobodalla Branch was formed in 2003. Col was very much a regular at the Saturday morning coffee get togethers and weekend rides over the years.

He always loved the companionship of his fellow riders. His great personality and fun loving nature made him a much liked and respected member of our branch.



The news of his departure came as a shock to all those who knew him. During the last few weeks before his death, most who met up with him did not realise the seriousness of his illness as he did not want others to know about his battle with cancer.

With his family by his side Col died peacefully at home. Col will be sadly missed and we send our sincere condolences to his wife Kay, his children, Annette, Sharon & Chris and their families.

The funeral was a celebration of Col's life and his farewell ride was attended by a very large number of Eurobodalla Riders and a fitting goodbye to a dear friend.



RIDES & EVENTS

Jon Sloan has been on a big ride. He is back now, but here is an email he sent at the start of his trip and some pictures. (ed)

The long way up & Down

Dear Everyone,
Sorry I have not sent you all an email with photographs and all but I've not been able to discover how to do that with PC based systems. On a Mac it would be easy as pie but not on these, PC things. At present I am at Gunbalanya School where bron's cousin is a teacher. The countryside here is awesome. Huge quartzite cliffs, billabongs with Crocs, saw about a dozen last evening. The birdlife is so rich and varied. Today I did a tour to a hill opposite the township. If you do a search on Google Earth you can see where I was. The rock art there is just the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. It is like being able to be within inches of the Sistene chapel. I have bought a piece of art from the local artists co-op. The ride up, I leave here tomorrow and travel to Darwin another 400km, has been LONG but interesting. I'd never do it again on a bike. There are other nutty people about who do it on a regular basis. I met a bloke from WA who is doing a lap of the country for the third time in two years. The first two times with his wife on the back. I also met a guy in Daly Waters, from Colorado who is riding a bike like mine and he only has one hand. He has looked for every difficult road he can. The number of caravaners is staggering. Road trains are very long, up to 53 metres long and you need to get up a bit of speed to get around them. In Darwin I'll look fro a Mac centre and send you .some pictures. All the best Jon.



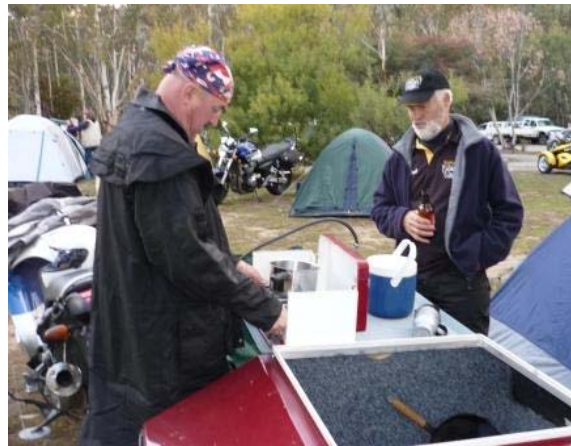


An impressive Eurobodalla line up at the Illawarra Fly more photos on the website

APOLLO RALLY HONEYSUCKLE CREEK



Early morning fire



Steve and Paul cooking something



Unofficial unveiling of the memorial of the 40 years since the 1st Moon Landing 2 days early.



Tidbinbilla



Enjoyable moments. All the help you get on a Saturday morning when the key breaks off in the lock of the cable that's keeping the helmets secure on the handlebar. Thanks Paul for going home to get the hammer, boltcutters & anvil . Hans took the shots. Some weeks later something similar happened to Paul, but as it was only a short ride home he just left the helmet on the tank and rode home, he knew he had the right tools at home.

JULY BRANCH MEETING - BBQ



The hosts Doc & Fay



Unsafe highway barrier

I note with disquiet that the new road-work on the Princes Highway is going to get a wire rope barrier (WRB).

I know that in all the time I have lived in Narooma (27 years) no vehicle has ever gone over the bank opposite the Court House but now with a high drop off I cannot see the point in taking a risk.

The RTA, however, in all its wisdom has decided to install WRB rather than an Armco barrier.

WRB is banned in Norway and its use has stopped in many other countries.

No one uses WRB as much as Australia.

It has been implicated in the death of at least seven motorcyclists.

It failed to restrain a heavy vehicle in an accident in Brisbane where eight people went to hospital and one female driver died.

There have been two similar accidents in Victoria.

There has been testing done in Victoria using small cars but the reports have never been released. I wonder why?

Wire Rope Barrier is appearing on all sorts of places along our roads, even though it has a short life span compared to other barriers, rather than W beam or Armco.

Even though W beam is made in Australia and very little WRB is made here.

The said reason given by the RTA and its sister organisations in other states is that it does not have to be specially made for a location where as W beam does.

Again it seems that the bureaucrats in their North Shore ivory tower decide how safe or not we are.

P.S. When are the ridges on either side of the road going to be fixed?

**Jon Sloan.
Kianga**

This article on "safety " barriers written by Jon Sloan appeared in the Narooma News in June.

Who knows where this road is?



Taken from a photo series called "Unsafe parenting"



Hi everyone

I correspond from time to time with the delightful 'Pippa' Saxon, who owns and runs Saffron Road motorcycle tours. In between a lot of news, gossip and scandal she said;

By the way, did you see the promotional offer on the new website?

Motorcycle Tours: Saffron Road operates fully-escorted, all-inclusive adventure motorcycle tours into Vietnam, Bhutan and Rajasthan in Northern India,



[..www.saffronroad.com](http://www.saffronroad.com)

I can recommend a quick look at Phillipa's website, especially about her Himalayan Adventure ride "special offer".

Cheers, Evan Holt



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- Certify copies of an original document/s.
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- Administer oaths and affirmations

Contact Frank Hopkins 4473 5422

Running on empty



This happened to one of our members on a recent Sunday ride, fortunately he noticed that the rear tyre was going down.

At the nearest service station when screwing off the valve cap, the stem popped out.

Imagine what could have happened at speed.

Message: Check your valves and get it replaced at the next tyre change especially if it is getting a little old.

HUMOUR

Rule No 1

When you are in deep shit.
Look straight ahead ,
Keep your mouth shut
&
Say nothing



**Too many stops at pie shops!
A lesson for us all**



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There are three signs of old age.
The first is loss of memory. I forgot the other two.



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