



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings Eurobodalla Ulysses



The Autumn has arrived and the good riding weather is with us for a couple of months. We are having good roll ups at the coffee conversation Saturdays with some more of

the partners of members attending. I don't get to go on all of the Sunday or Wednesday rides but those I have been on have been very enjoyable.

Helen and I attended the Penrith AGM arriving on Monday morning and spent six days there. We camped on site and were easily able to fill the days looking at the bikes, business displays, having a yarn. I didn't buy any bikes though. Bob Edwards who was a local member till he moved to Queensland, but still is a Eurobodalla member, rode down to keep Frank company at Tent City. It was good to see him after Townsville last year. Robert and Ray also stayed at Tent City and several other members stayed off site. We then went home via Bathurst and Taralga. We arrived

at Taralga on Thursday night and were then joined by Robert, Chris, Hans, Jim and Margaret. Doug & Nigel joined us on Saturday when we attended the opening of the Tablelands Way. Ten days later Murray, Margaret, Helen and I went to Gloucester and Mudgee. A good three weeks away.

The recent BBQ held at Robert and Kerry's was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the company. Thanks to Rob and Kerry who invited everyone to their home after the weather looked like it might get a bit wet.

Welcome to Sue Muirhead (Moruya) who has joined us at the Eurobodalla Branch. I hope I haven't missed any new members.

Lyell Jenkins # 438

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Correspondence has been light since the AGM. Ulysses Admin. was notified of the new committee for this year and on 23.3.09 a reply was received from RTA concerning the end treatment of barriers. The letter gave no further understanding on our concerns.

Following Keith Brain being contacted by our Welfare Officer, Doc Adams, Keith indicated that he would like to be re-

admitted to the Branch. He was subsequently forwarded a letter by the President and Secretary inviting him to join us again on the understanding that he apologizes to Suzanne for his behaviour at the Coffs AGM. Nothing has been heard since 1/4/09.

A Branch Contact List was distributed to 46 members who gave me permission to include them on the list. Any members who wish to be included on the list let me know and I can do so. (name, town and phone number/s)

On the financial front we have \$1,037.37 in our IMB account. The Quartermaster, Hans Ottevanger has stock on hand also.



Photos by Frank

About 15 bikes were in the parade at the Narooma Oyster Festival and Ernie had Magneto trouble with his old Triumph after the parade.

Frank Hopkins JP

(Ed Note; if you need a JP for any reason please contact Frank)

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

Just a reminder for the earplugs, I still need a couple more to be able to get the guy down here.

In order to make it worthwhile for him to travel to make the earmolds, he requires a minimum booking for 5 sets of the stereo wires (cost is \$220 per set) or 12 pairs moulded earplugs (cost is \$70 per set uncorded or \$75 per set corded).

If we get enough people interested I will organize a get together as these earplugs are made on the spot.

***Hans Ottevanger hansot@bigpond.com.
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Hans's latest trophy he picked up at Taralga.

RIDES & EVENTS

Penrith AGM March 2009

The Eurobodalla was again well represented at the AGM, some were staying at the AGM camping grounds and others around Penrith. Most of us met up at some stage either at the displays, the Grand Parade or at the Friday and Saturday night dinner events.



Filthy Bob and Dirty Frank's advert for a housemaid, blond, big tits and low IQ had plenty of lookers but unfortunately went unanswered.



What are they looking at?



More photos can be found on our website.

Taralga Tablelands Way opening 28th to 29th March

Lyell & Helen, Jim & Margaret, Hans, Robert, Chris, Doug and Nigel joined another 250+ Ulysses members to participate in the official opening of the now fully sealed tablelands Way at Taralga. For anyone heading north to Bathurst and beyond this road is a quick way and also a very enjoyable way with some fantastic scenery and great bike riding country roads.



Admiring Nigel's latest acquisition



Very comfortable hay bales



*The great scenery at the site of the official opening overlooking the Abercrombie Valley
More photos can be found on our website*

Temora Flying weekend 10th -12th April



Departure for Temora from the Bay Tourist Centre

This is the third year in a row that we have had a large group going on a 3 day trip to Temora for the Flying Weekend. Ernie, Ray, Glen, Hans, John, Paul, Stephen, Gerry and Garry braved the occasional not so great weather to have another enjoyable weekend away while staying at the old faithful Royal Hotel in Temora. I have been told that the roof requires a few repairs as age is letting the rain in which was captured in various buckets to be suitably recycled at some later stage.

Col and Robert only went as far as Braidwood to make sure they knew where to go.



The delightful Royal Hotel which has all the mod cons.



Thanks Ernie for the pics.



SICK BAY

I'd like to thank the following members for their help during my hospital stay recently; Robert Overdijk, Vic & Chris Smith,

Ernie Baddeley, Neil "Doc" Adams.

You've made my ~~eastration~~, sorry incarceration a lot mote tolerable & I hope I can do the same for you in the future.



Warwick Emerson

MEMBER PROFILE

Member: Col Black # 12748

Age: 69

Borne: 24/9/39 Orange NSW

Occupation: Retired Builder

Life history:

Grew up in Orange, left school in 1955 to start apprenticeship. Married in 1962, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. First became interested in aircraft at age 4 and I was hooked for life. Acted as "navie" at the Orange Aero club and was rewarded with a "circuit and bump" every Sunday. In 1955 the club nominated me for entry into a scholarship. Prize: free training to private licence level. I did 24 hrs of training including going solo a total of 1 hour (Tiger Moth). Council had the landing strip closed down

and we had to go to Bathurst for training. Being only 16 with only a pushbike for transport, I was unable to complete the training. Later years my interest is still as strong as ever. Now that I have retired who knows. There is plenty of air space left for me to have another go. My 2nd grandson just completed his private pilots course. I guess I will just have to be happy for him and watch his career grow.

Bike riding history

Very early days, did a bit of dirt stuff and mud scrambling, first as a pillion chasing rabbits with my brother. In 1956 bought my first motorcycle a 1948 Royal Enfield "Flying Flea", progressed to a 125 Jawa, 500 single Matchless, Triumph Bluebird which was traded in on a Vellocette Valiant 200 opposed twin (shrunken BMW look alike). Married life sow an end to motorcycling until around 1996. Next bike a 1983 R80 BMW which was traded for the current machine the F650 BMW. Now I enjoy mainly social riding with the local lads.

The best bike I have ridden/owned:

My current mount the 2002 BMW F650 GS.

The worst bike I have ever ridden: Jawa

Likes: *Most of all my wife. Photography, attending and watching motorcycle races, good riding weather, aircraft and airshows.*

Dislikes: *Cold wet weather*

Best thing I ever did: *Married my soul mate and life partner.*

Ambitions: *To enjoy the rest of my life, get in heaps of riding. Maybe a trip or 2.*



Now THAT'S a bike!



A big production motorcycle engine would be 140 cubic inches, this one is 410!

The Gunbus is fuel-injected, 45 degree 6728 cc/410 cubic inch V-Twin runs through a 3 speed transmission with reverse. It puts out 523 foot pounds of torque. Seat height is 31.5 inches and overall length is 136 inches. It is a little heavy at 1433 pounds so high speed corner carving might be an issue and there aren't any photos of the big bike on the road, so I guess we'll have to wait for the road test, that is if someone can actually road test this monster.



This is actually going to go into limited series production and a sidecar will be available as well, which might help with balance when waiting at a light.
Don't tip it over!!!

Speeding Ticket Superlatives

The fastest speeding ticket in the world allegedly occurred in May 2003 in Texas. It was supposedly 242mph in a 75mph zone. The car was a Swedish-built Koenigsegg, which was involved in the San Francisco to Miami Gumball 3000 Rally.¹

The fastest convicted speeder in the UK was Daniel Nicks, convicted of 175 mph on a Honda Fireblade motorcycle in 2000. He received six weeks in jail and was banned from driving for two years.

The fastest UK speeder in a car was Timothy Brady, caught driving a 3.6-litre Porsche 911 Turbo at 172 mph on the A420 in Oxfordshire in January 2007 and jailed for 10 weeks and banned from driving for 3 years.

The most expensive speeding ticket ever given is believed to be the one given to Jussi Salonoja in Helsinki, Finland, in 2003. Salonoja, the 27-year-old heir to a company in the meat-industry, was fined €170,000 for driving 80km/h in a 40km/h zone. The uncommonly large fine was due to Finnish speeding tickets being relative to the offender's last known income. Salonoja's speeding ticket was not the first ticket given in Finland reaching six figures.

Film actor and director Harry Myers received the world's first speeding ticket in 1904, Dayton, Ohio, police ticketed Harry Myers for going twelve miles per hour on West Third Street.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS



Here's a photo of me and my Beemer outfit when I was teaching water skiing at Narrabeen Lake National Fitness Camp, forty years ago. All senior co-ed students. The big girl behind me on the bike is another instructor, and all the rest are kids from the class. All the boys were standing around the sides, watching enviously.

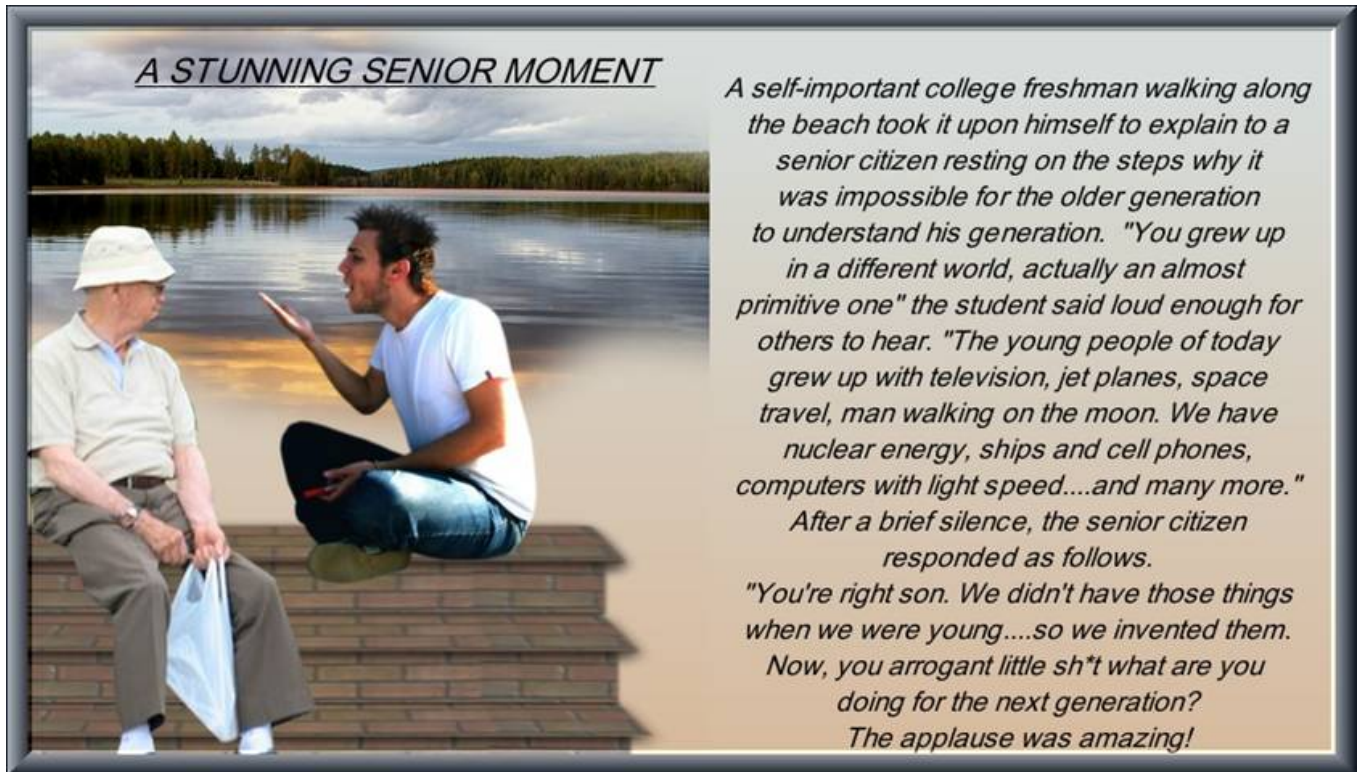
Never let it be said that bikes don't attract young birds – unfortunately too young for me, and I was already married to my beautiful Fay and with four or five of our eight already with us.... Still, the memories.... Doc Adams



Jim Chaplin with a newer "faster toy" in '75 Triumph Trident..... 'chicks hate 'em'

Keep those pictures coming. I need your help by forwarding some of those great old photos you must have somewhere and a few words with it, ed

HUMOUR



I've sure gotten old!
I've had
Two bypass surgeries,
A hip replacement,
New knees,
Fought prostate cancer and
diabetes.
I'm half blind,
Can't hear anything quieter
than a jet engine,
Take 40 different medications
that make me dizzy, winded,
and subject to blackouts.
Have bouts with dementia
Have poor circulation;
Hardly feel my hands and feet
anymore.
Can't remember if I'm 85 or
92.
Have lost all my friends.
But, thank God,
I still have my motorcycle
license.

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental
asylum, I asked the director how
do You determine whether or not
a patient should be
institutionalized.

"Well," said the director, "we fill
up a bathtub, then we offer a
teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to
the patient and ask him or her to
empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A
normal person would use the
bucket because it's bigger
than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the director, "A normal
person would pull the plug. Do you
want a bed near the window?"

FOR SALE



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JIGSAW PUZZLES

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