



# NEWSLETTER

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<http://www.ulyssesclub.org/branches/eurobodalla/>

## QUARTERLY MEETING 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008



The Quarterly meeting at Potato point was again well attended with a large number of the Sapphire Coast Branch joining us for the BBQ. Due to the strong winds it was moved from the park to the fire shed which turned out to be an excellent venue for the occasion. More photos on the web site.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



We have had a good three months with the Saturday meet and greet well attended. Our slight change of venue seems to be working OK.

Neil (Doc) Adams has agreed to be the Welfare Officer for our group and

those who know him believe his is most qualified.

The Toy Run will not be held for the reasons explained by Frank & Robert at the meeting. Robert will list other rides in his ride calendar.

Helen & I went to Narooma Services club and met up with about 12 members of the Snowy Mountains group on Saturday 13/9/08. Rob from Narooma was also there. We were fortunate to catch up with two couples that were in the ACT Branch many years ago. It was good to see them again.

Ken & Linda now have a Can Am Spyder that is providing plenty of interest. It was good to see them get back on the horse after the mishap at coming back from Townsville. Frank got a new steed after Townsville also with purchasing a Kawasaki Nomad. Really happy with it he says. Bob, our member who moved to Queensland also purchased a Nomad on his return from Townsville and reports the same as Frank.

We have some new members that have joined our group over the last few months. They are, Chris & Jenny, Cliff & Jennie, Jim & Margaret, William, John & Carole, Stephen, Brendon and Bob & Sue. If I have missed someone please let me know.

Safe riding,

Lyell Jenkins #438

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Frank Hopkins has already emailed the full minutes, correspondence list and the Treasurers Report (ed).

## QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

Again the quarterly sale of Branch items has passed all previous records with a total of 50 items being purchased by members. An excellent result to say the least. The introduction of the stick-on Branch logo helped to achieve this figure as well as purchases by new members and the usual strong support of current members.

I know I keep saying that the high turnover of Branch items will come to an end as members reach their gear saturation point. The prediction will come true one day but in the meantime I don't mind being wrong.

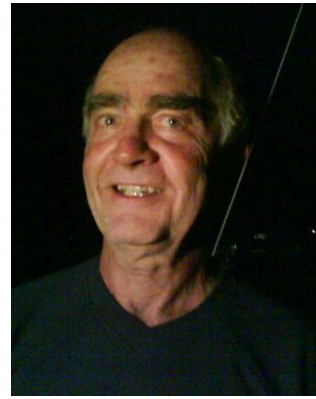
As always if you need any items just see me at our regular coffee meetings. I normally have a sample of each item with me however if you can't make it give me a call or email me to make other arrangements. My contact details are on our website.

Membership support for this quarter has been way above expectations. A great effort, thanks to all, take care and remember to Gear up to Ride.

*Murray Osborne*

## GREETINGS

After having been on the road for some time now, Suzanne and Paul are now based at Port Hinchinbrook for the next 3 months from where they will be exploring the tropics. Their *Long Way Around* has been going smooth besides getting the outfit bogged and requiring some structural repairs to the Wedgetail Outrider.



Paul's beard was apparently playing up with the intercom mike and had to come off. Suzanne sent this pic to show what was hidden under that grey stuff.



Paul and Suzanne practising reversing shortly before they headed north.

## RIDES & EVENTS

### Moruya Heads BBQ 27 July



Big turn out and a great day was had by all, more pictures are on the website courtesy of Col Black.

## Bega Cheese meet and greet with Sapphire Branch 13 July



Thanks Dan Allan (Sapphire) for the Pic

### The Tablelands Way

As mentioned in the previous newsletter the official opening of the now sealed Tablelands Way will be on 29<sup>th</sup> November at Taralga. The highlight of the event will be an attempt to set an Australian record for the largest amount (2000+) of motorbikes from the one club on one section of road.

Free camping at the showground.

About 6 of our members are going at this stage, more details closer to the event.

### The MID NORTH COAST (NSW) BRANCH "BACK TO OUR ROOTS" Rally

Celebrating 20 years at Valla Beach NSW (40kms south of Coffs Harbour - 8kms north of Nambucca Heads) Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

If you like to go, contact Frank who will be joined by our QLD member Bob.

More info on these events on our website under Rides & Rallies.

### MEMBER PROFILE

Rebirth of a segment which used to be a regular feature in our newsletters.

## First off the block is Hans Ottevanger



### Member

#27366

### Age

51

### Born

The Hague  
(Den Haag),  
Netherlands  
3/7/1957

Occupation - Baker for 25 years, handyman 3 years, sales consultant 3 years, ali baba 8mths, going back to baking after I come back from Phillip Island 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October I will be starting at Woolworths in store bakery here in the Bay.

Life history - As a kid I was exposed to bikes by my older cousins coming to my father to get custom paint on their Triumph's and BSA's, which were not allowed to leave until I got to go pillion around the block. As a teenager I learnt to ride on a mates bike around a farm property. As soon as I was old enough to get my L's I used my beloved speedwell racing bike as a trade in on a second hand Ducati 1968 250cc single which didn't handle too well on the dirt roads around Yass so I learnt to control some wild slides before I traded it in on a Yamaha DT 360a dirt bike and have always had at least one bike (except for a 5 year break) in my garage ever since.

### How I started the Eurobodalla Branch -

In 2002 I decided to go for the first time to Phillip Island where I met Rob a South Aussie Ulysses member who told me about the great friendships he had made. That inspired me to join only to find that there was no local action, despite several postings on the Ulysses website trying to find

someone else or group in our area to ride with. Then out of the blue Kim Kennerson, our then Secretary e-mailed me asking why I was having so much trouble hooking up with other members that he knew lived in our area. I explained that we live too far from the nearest branches to go on day rides. Kim encouraged me to post on the web site but this time to try and start a branch in the area, which I did. I had two replies first from Hank de Hertog (who has since Ridden On) and the other was Ken Jamieson. After a couple of weeks and no other responses I rang Ulysses HQ and purchased the members list and started ringing all the members I could and organised to have to have a meeting at Corrigan's Beach (26 people showed up) to see what interest there was in starting a branch. It was decided we would have a meeting at Narooma in a months time and in the mean time I wrote an article for the local freebee newspaper, which caused my phone to ring non stop for days.

We had the meeting at Narooma and the rest is now history.

A big thanks goes to all those who were there because you all helped create what is now a great Branch, a member who deserves a special mention is Keith Miller (our first Sec/ Treasurer and who unfortunately also has Ridden On), who was a great help with setting up the spreadsheets and the infrastructure that made my life a lot easier in those early days.

**The best bike I have ridden/owned** - is a hard one, I loved my Laverda Jota, Honda VFR, my ST1100 has probably been the most versatile, too many and not enough room but all my bikes have given me special memories except one, my Yamie 750 triple, it was a lemon.

**Likes** - Well I don't know where to start, food grog good company more grog more

food, just kidding but I do like good company

**Dislikes** - That's an easy one, liars and cheats.

**Best thing I ever done** - Another easy one, met my Ann and started this great Branch of the Ulysses Club.

**Ambition** - gezzzz win lotto!!!!!!!!!!!!, no seriously I just want to ride for as long as I can and have a long and enjoyable retirement with Ann with lots of touring.

***Next Member Profile will be a bit shorter but as the founding member Hans can have a bit of extra space, ed.***

### ***THOSE WERE THE DAYS***

A new segment of old photos of our members. **I need your help with this one by forwarding some of your great old photos you must have somewhere, ed.**

Starting off with our secretary is not a bad start. Thanks Sandra for finding these pics.



Like a scene out of Heartbeat but the real thing, Frank as a youthful cop on board a Triumph.



Born to be wild, a young Frank & Sandra on the BSA.

## WEB INFO

For your interest here is a link to a new website run by some Ulysses members the **Motorcycle Network**

<http://www.mcnetwork.com.au/>

## ODDS & ENDS

### REGO TUBES

You may already have read this about the rego tubes. They are becoming popular and are a much neater feature on the bike. Although much more expensive from \$25 to \$90 for those with alloy ends, they are more UV resistant and supposed to stay clear for many years without going brittle.



The issue of being legal is a bit unclear and very little can be found on the internet about it

but the next story may clarify it somewhat.

Dear Sir,

I was recently pulled over by a police officer on the Golden Highway and told that the Rego Tube, which contained my rego label, was illegal. I told him that, as far as I knew it was legal, to which he replied "Would you like me to write you a ticket for it?"

When I returned home I changed back to a plastic rego holder and then wrote away to the RTA enquiring about the legality of the Rego Tube. Please find enclosed a copy of their reply.

**A. Surman #48628**

The letter from a Kerry Willis, Customer Relations Coordinator for the RTA, states, in part...

"I have contacted the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA)'s registration policy section, and have been advised that a 'rego tube' as you described can be used to hold the registration label for your motorcycle."

I think it's a fair call that, if a product is on general sale, the manufacturer has had it passed by a relevant authority. I also think it's a fair call that police officers can't possibly know all regulations pertaining to the legality of various products and should make judgments based on fact, not their own opinions.

**JohnM.**

## HUMOR



No comment

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN GUILTY OF LOOKING AT OTHERS YOUR OWN AGE AND THINKING, SURELY I CAN'T LOOK THAT OLD. WELL.... YOU'LL LOVE THIS ONE.**

*MY NAME IS SUE, I WAS SITTING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR MY FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH A NEW DENTIST. I NOTICED HIS DIPLOMA, WHICH BORE HIS FULL NAME.*

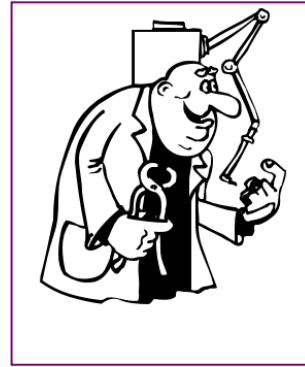
*SUDDENLY, I REMEMBERED A TALL, HANDSOME, DARK-HAIRED BOY WITH THE SAME NAME HAD BEEN IN MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SOME 30-ODD YEARS AGO.*

*COULD HE BE THE SAME GUY THAT I HAD A SECRET CRUSH ON, WAY BACK THEN ?*

UPON SEEING HIM, HOWEVER, I QUICKLY DISCARDED ANY SUCH THOUGHT. THIS BALDING, GRAY-HAIRED MAN WITH THE DEEPLY LINED FACE WAS WAY TOO OLD TO HAVE BEEN MY CLASSMATE.

AFTER HE EXAMINED MY TEETH, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ATTENDED MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL . 'YES. YES, I DID. I'M A MUSTANG,' HE GLEAMED WITH PRIDE.

'WHEN DID YOU GRADUATE?' I ASKED. HE ANSWERED, 'IN 1975. WHY DO YOU ASK?' 'YOU WERE IN MY CLASS!', I EXCLAIMED. HE LOOKED AT ME CLOSELY.



THEN, THAT UGLY, OLD, BALD, WRINKLED, FAT ASS, GRAY-HAIRED, DECREPIT SON-OF-A-BITCH ASKED,

'WHAT DID YOU TEACH ??? '

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## FOR SALE



Rivet Charger jacket for sale. Size XL. Only worn a few times. In perfect condition.

I've got three jackets and only wear two. \$100.00 plus postage.



Thomas Cook X-Dayrider boots. Size 42. Never worn. Still in box. \$100.00 plus postage.

Jon Sloan Kianga  
44761150

## JIGSAW PUZZLES

Christmas is again around the corner again and if you are looking for a different gift for a birthday or just for anything, a photo of Nan & Pop on their bike, kids, grand kids or anything that is nice and beautiful, have it made into a good quality jigsaw by Ernie

**JIGSAW**  
PUZZLES NAROOMA

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**ED NOTE:** If you have any articles, photos, interesting bits or motorcycles or related items for sale and wish to have them placed in the next newsletter or on the Eurobodalla Branch Website e-mail me at [robert.overdyk@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robert.overdyk@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au) or [overdijk@hotmail.net.au](mailto:overdijk@hotmail.net.au)

**Be nice to your children.**  
They will choose your nursing home.

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