



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After a “shaky” start, our Committee Members and I are now settling down to the task and enjoying it. Our coffee mornings are proving to be very popular, a great time was had by all at our recent social evening at Bodalla, we were very well represented at the AGM in Coff's Harbour – it was just a fabulous event and extremely well organized by the Coff's Branch – however our numbers on Sunday rides remain quite low and even less on the Wednesday rides.

We have been urged by some on more than one occasion to address the issue of introducing more structure into our riding events. Many views exist regarding best practice group rides and to this end a proposal will be prepared and presented at our August Quarterly Meeting. Our aim is to introduce some principles that will allow the differing aspirations and abilities of our riders to be catered for.

Whilst no responsibility can be taken by any individual for any other rider, it is clear that sufficient room exists for more structure without invoking the nature of the litigious society in which we live. I hope that lots of constructive comments and ideas will be expressed by the membership when the detailed proposal is presented to you all at the Quarterly Meeting.

An event of significance has occurred since our last Newsletter, John Van Der Heul and Hans Ottevanger commenced their slide “over the hill”. Their charming wives arranged a surprise 50th Birthday Party, whereat I presented them with their Ulysses full membership badges. Our congratulations go to both of them. With good humour, I am told that the photo below captured the moment when I said, “now that they are full members, they will have to behave themselves”, however that was not my recollection, what I recall

saying at that moment was, “both of you have done a lot for our Branch, both of you have three things in common with me i.e., the ability to speak our minds, the ability to get over it and the ability to be passionate about whatever we do. We all had a wonderful evening together.



No doubt some of you have heard about a regrettable incident that occurred at the Coff's Harbour AGM involving one of our Branch riders. In the interests of protecting the privacy of this person, I do not intend to elaborate on the circumstances surrounding his removal from our Branch. However, I wish to reassure the membership that this decision was not taken lightly, unilaterally or without the full knowledge of the Ulysses National President.

It has occurred to me that it is worthwhile to alert our Branch riders of a document that was issued to all who attended the National AGM. This document was prepared by the National Committee, it deals with the Code of Conduct for Ulyssians, and an excerpt from this Code is shown hereunder.

“2007 AGM – CODE OF CONDUCT

- Do nothing to damage the reputation and standing of the Ulysses Club.
- Show respect for others and their property.
- Do not engage in discrimination, harassment, or abuse in any form, including the use of offensive language or gestures.”

Enough of the heavy stuff! Overall, we all want to have good fun, great rides and compatible companionship. However, this may mean different things to different people.

We really would appreciate a clearer view of what constitutes “good fun” for the majority. Please tell us if we are or are not meeting your needs. The August Quarterly meeting will give us a great opportunity to listen to what you really want or send me an email. Suzanne@batemansbay.com
In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you on one of our rides, Kindest regards, Suzanne.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

During the month of May there was a very good turnover of Branch regalia in particular the new caps, which are proving to be popular. The newly introduced Branch patches (10cm x 7cm), which can be sewn onto clothing have just arrived and can be purchased for \$10 each. They are well made and look great. For those of you who are interested in buying one or two I will have them with me at our regular Saturday coffee meetings or you can contact me on 0418472302 or email ozmac@aapt.net.au to make other arrangements. If you would like any other Branch items get in touch with me on the above.

Murray Osborne
Branch Quartermaster

MEMBER PROFILE

Des Ayres is a member of the Eurobodalla Branch although he lives at Ungarie, We only see him at AGM's when he trots out his 32 year old 'pack horse'.



The bike is a KAWASAKI W3A - 650 Twin. Des purchased the bike direct from the factory at Akashi, Japan whilst visiting the factory as a Kawasaki, and other motorcycles dealer since 1967. Des paid 462,000 yen and this was with a 10% discount.

Des has been to numerous rallies but did not join the Ulysses Club until the 2002 Mt. Gambier AGM.

His first bike was a 125 cc BSA Bantam purchased by his dad so Des could ride the 28 miles to West Wyalong where he was training as an automotive engineer. When Des was a qualified mechanic he opened the first motorcycle dealership at Ungarie in 1967. He sold Triumph, Norton, Yamaha, Kawasaki, CZ, Moto Guzzi & Polaris ATVs, he also repaired electrical home appliances and TV tower antennae installations. The TV antennae installations is where he got his nickname of "DareDevilDes".

Business is almost non existent at Ungarie and Des is kept busy looking after his elderly mother 'Beryl' who is in her 90's.

We have been to visit Des at Ungarie a couple of years ago and had a great time. Lyell & Helen Jenkins also come from Ungarie and this is how Des is known to our Branch. Frank Hopkins



SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Social Committee met on Thursday 14th where it was decided by popular request to change the coffee mornings commencing in July as follows:

- 1st Saturday Suzannes at Mogo.
- 2nd Saturday..... Bakehouse Batemans Bay
- 3rd Saturday..... O'Briens Hotel Narooma
- 4th Saturday... Suzannes at Mogo
- 5th (when it occurs) Bakehouse Batemans Bay

With regards to O'Briens Hotel, they have cake and coffee available, a million dollar view, parking at rear or in front. This venue is suitable for those who would like to extend the coffee morning into lunch with a wide variety of meals available. Prices start at \$8.00. It is a place where table space is not an issue.

From July, the third Saturday at O'Briens Hotel will be the regular coffee morning followed by lunch for those who want to stay on.

MID YEAR BBQ !!

The B.B.Q. which was to be held at Col Black's home, has been changed, as Col will be away. It will now be held at *Shelly Beach, South Head Moruya starting at 11am on Sunday 15th July, 07.* This spot on the beach is a great venue with under cover B.B.Q., toilets and good parking. The menu will be similar to the Potato Point B.B.Q. \$6.00 per head.

Other events including the Christmas Party are in the planning stage.

On behalf of the social committee thank you all for your participation and feedback. Please email me at bobed@westnet.com.au or call me on 44736344.

Bob Edwards
Social Secretary

COFFS HARBOUR AGM

It was a huge event, attended by 30+ Ulysses members from the Eurobodalla. With the numbers in excess of 6000 members at a venue that could only be described as excellent for such an occasion, it is impossible to put a story together that would cover everyone's experience. I was in a small group of six with Steve, John, Keith, Barry and Gary. Murray and Margaret joined our group up to Mittagong and they then headed towards Sydney.

After the obligatory cup of coffee before departure from the Bakehouse in the Bay we headed towards Windsor via the Kangaroo Valley, Bowral, Mittagong, the back road over Hill Top to Picton to tackle the old and still pretty rough RazorBack.

Next day, Putty Road, Singleton, Dungog onto Nahiack to check out the biggest motorcycle museum in Oz. As we arrived near closing time it was decided to stay the night and check out the museum at leisure the next morning.



Gary, Steve, Barry, John, Keith & Robert.

We all had a story to tell about the bikes we used to own, blissfully forgetting how unreliable, detrimental, etc, etc they used to be.

Then after a small detour for lunch to South West Rocks we headed to our final destination.

We joined the others at the kick-off point on the soccer field at the showground, which was to be our camp/home for the next 7 days. The week was filled with walks, a whale watching cruise, a fantastic ride



Returning from the Dorrigo, Ebor ride.

to Dorrigo and Ebor, looking and buying merchandise at the large motorcycle and accessories

displays, test rides, plenty of drinks, heaps of food and the official dinners in the huge tent with excellent weather to make it a memorable experience.



Tent for the official dinner and dance.

More photos of the event can be found on our website.

SUNDAY RIDE TOBEMBOKA 24 June

After all the recent rain and not so nice weekends, we had a beautiful winters day and the best turn out of members I have seen for a long time. After joining the Sapphire Coast members at Bermagui, we all rode to Bemboka for a BBQ at Gary and Monnica Smith's place. Gary is the ride coordinator and Monnica the Mistress of the Web for the Sapphire Coast Branch. With great enthusiasm and hard to beat hospitality they entertained 40+ riders. A great collection of motorcycle memorabilia and Suzuki motorcycles are on show for the enthusiasts.



Monnica has offered to make this an annual event which has been reciprocated by Suzanne to hold a combined BBQ in summertime at Guerilla Bay for the two branches.

This will make my job as the ride coordinator a little easier to find different places to go on a Sunday. Details to be released at a later stage.
Robert Overdijk



at Suzuki World in Bemboka

FOR SALE

Barry Miller Trailer, tare weight 60 kg, carpet, bra, rack, gas cylinder and esky holders. Excellent condition. \$1600. Contact Frank Hopkins 44735422 or email frankie44@austarnet.com.au



NOTE:

If you have any motorcycle items for sale and wish to have them placed on the Eurobodalla Branch Website please e-mail me on robert.overdyk@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au

Newsletter editor position.

I have temporarily taken on the role of Newsletter Editor in addition to being the Ride Coordinator and Webmaster. If you wish to volunteer to take on this role and also become an ordinary committee member please contact me. Robert Overdijk.