



Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch

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Branch Social Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the Month
Edgeworth Bowling Club 6pm for Dinner & 7pm Meeting

Newsletter - August 2010



We will have a special guest at our meeting this month. Brian Cain is coming along and bringing with him "The Ace", a 1967 Norton Atlas 750SS cafe racer which has taken him a full year to build. Come along to see the bike and hear Brian speak about it. The Ace is unique in as much as it is polished from head to toe and has little chrome. Most of the machine is either polished or beaded alloy or polished and beaded ferrous metal covered with POR 15 Glisten 2 pack clear urethane. "The Ace" is endorsed by The Ace Cafe London, POR 15 urethane finishes USA and Ferro Finish polishing compounds Sydney.

Branch 15th Anniversary

Don't forget, our Branch celebrates its 15th Anniversary in September. Come along to our September Social Meeting to mark the occasion and to relive some favourite memories.

If you would like to get up and say a few words at that meeting about some of the fun times you have had with the Branch please let Lynne Fitzpatrick know so the meeting can be planned.

Should you be in contact with any Branch members that don't regularly attend our meetings, particularly any long standing members that were with the Branch from the beginning, please let them know about our anniversary and ask them to join us in September.

Fabric required!!

The decorating committee for the Ulysses Club National 2011 AGM Event needs fabric in plain colours from ½ metre in length and larger to decorate the Hoekker. If you have some left over fabric or know someone that might be able to assist, please contact Judy Booyse on 0414 663 818.



Thanks to Edgeworth Bowling Club
Home of the Newcastle Lower
Hunter Ulysses Branch



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John Evans – Administrator – 0419 618 397

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August 2010 Ride Calendar:

14 August 2010	19:00	Edgeworth Bowling Club	Branch Social Meeting
15 August 2010	10:00	Coffee Morning	Morpeth
22 August 2010	9:00	From Hexham McDonalds	Singleton
11 September 2010	19:00	Edgeworth Bowling Club	Branch Social Meeting

See the ride calendar for full ride details

If you're looking for something to do the first weekend in September, the South Coast Ulysses Branch is having a meet and greet. See their website for more details and a registration form.

October Long Weekend – the Branch has planned this weekend away at Wellington staying at the Wellington Hotel. See our ride calendar for more details. You need to book your own accommodation direct with Barbara at Wellington Hotel on 6845 2083 or 6845 4322.

Recent Rides and Events:

Sunday 11th July 2010 - Krambach

Great days ride and weather was kind at the start. The later starting time went down well as this gave us a little more time to relax in bed, well at least for some of us. There were approx. 15 bikes with 6 pillions. Pete & Betty were our ride leaders and Brian and Lynne tail end Charlie.

We left Hexham Maccas heading up the highway and re-grouping at O'Sullivan's Retreat then on to Forster via the Lakes way for a much welcomed hot drink and a cake while sitting by the sea side. After a chin wag and rest we headed for lunch at Krambach Hotel via Nabic.



What a fantastic new bike!



We piled into the hotel to order and one by one our meals came out. We had all eaten when oops a little hick-up Brian and Lynne's meals had caused some confusion as the fish and chips took an hour to catch/cook and serve and as for the burger, well can only imagine that it was the last one in the freezer. As not to make them feel they were holding the group up, we as being the true Ulyssians are, decided to have another refreshment while they finished and listened to the jokes as to how their food was eventually caught or found. As we do.

Once finished the refreshments and Lynne & Brian were now ready to embark we headed home through Gloucester. There were 8 bikes at Maccas



Putting on the wet weather gear

Heatherbrae where everyone stopped to say their goodbyes. A few of us turned off earlier due to other commitments. I just wanted to get home to the heater. Yes Bill and I chickened out.

Judy B



Fueling up at Forster

Christmas in July



Was celebrated at Buttai Barn on 17 July with all enjoying the night although some were left a little bruised after braving the mechanical bull. There are more photos and a report on the Branch website.

The first to brave the bull was Stan

Sandra on the bull



Wollombi Ride



A short ride was led by Les Paterson on 25 July to Wollombi, Broke and lunch at Tenambit. See the website for the ride report and more photos.

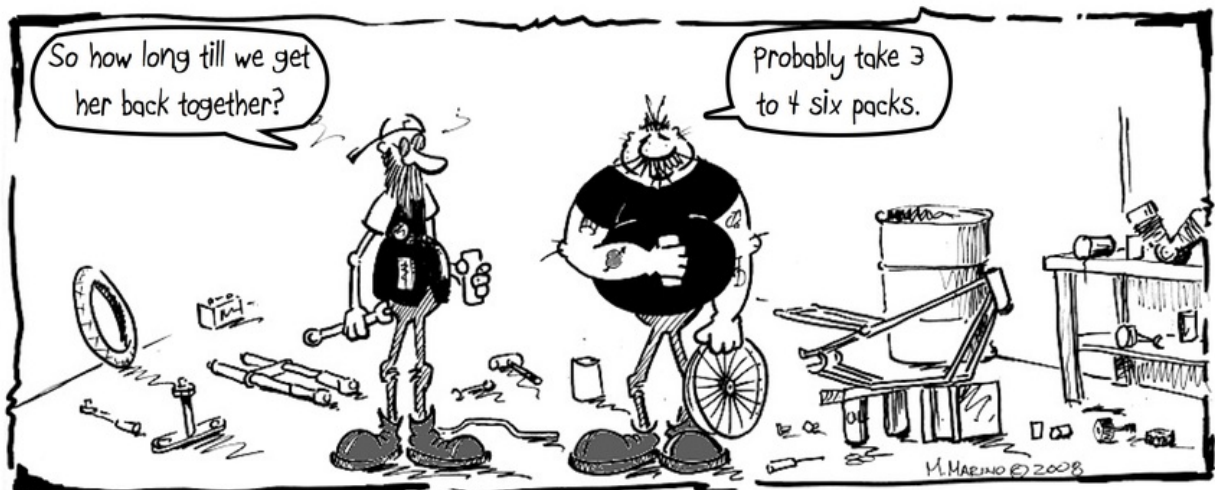
Waiting at the lights at Maccas and then on the road!

Vince and his Ducati



Meet our members

Say hi to Vince Toonan. You are probably most familiar with Vince's usual ride of choice which is a K1200 BWM with rather distinct colouring of blue and white. Vince recently attended a branch ride and his BMW was missing! He was taking his vintage Ducati for a spin instead. It's a 1979 SD900 and is all original which leaves a little to be desired with the suspension when travelling over the rougher roads! It's a lovely old bike and is in good condition although Vince is considering taking it apart and rebuilding it.



Some riding tips

This information was found on a UK website (www.bikesafe.co.uk) from a link on the Ulysses-UK website which you may find interesting:

OVERTAKING

- About 1 in 5 of motorcyclist accidents involve overtaking.
- Almost 1 in 3 of the overtaking accidents involved motorcyclists passing stationary or slow moving vehicles e.g. in traffic queues, where the most common accident type was another vehicle turning right (either into or out of a side road or private drive) or U turning, across the motorcyclists path.
- In other overtaking accidents, the commonest accident type was when the overtaken vehicle turned right as he motorcyclist was overtaking.

TIPS

- Be as visible as possible to other drivers.
- Anticipate that other drivers may not have seen you and be prepared for their actions.
- Do not overtake near side roads or where cars may emerge from private drives/accesses; or do so with caution.
- Be aware of oncoming vehicles which may turn right across your path.

Branch BBQ

There was a short ride led by Dave Brown on 8 August before a BBQ at Finnan Park, Raymond Terrace. Dave headed off from Hexham McDonalds with around 21 bikes and at around noon we had over fifty hungry people at Finnan Park socializing and eagerly awaiting their lunch before game of cricket afterwards.



See our website for more details and photos. Thanks to all that helped out on the day and to Dave for leading the ride.

Latest products, offers etc

Each month the Branch receives a number of emails for new products, tours, events and motor cycle related bits 'n pieces. To keep everyone up to date, we've received the following over the last month. See their websites for more information.

Protective Clothing made to measure - Wendy Beddows - 0432 110 990 – www.dragonsbower.com.au

Black Dog Ride to the Red Centre – raising awareness for depression – Steve Andrews – www.blackdogride.com.au

Ulysses Club Glen Innes Branch Meet & Greet – 12 to 14/11/2010 – www.celticcruisers.auzzie.net

Intaride Australia – motorcycle communications – Dennis Cool – 0447 006 331 – www.intaride.com.au

Saffron Road Motorcycle Tours – tours of Asia & Eastern Europe – www.saffronroad.com

SDG Motorsport – billet motorcycle components & custom fabrication – www.sdgmotorsport.com.au

Thunder Rally 2010 – 8 to 10 October 2010 – supporting Moorong Spinal Unit Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney – www.docnsw.org.au

Robyn Garnet - 07 5498 1181– accommodation in Kilcoy – special Ulysses price – www.huntinglodgeestate.com.au

Members in Business:

Chris Garrod - 0410 668 690	Moulded Ear Plugs (fitted)
Dave Brown - 0415 498773	Elders Real Estate
Kathy Parker - 4961 4616	Inside Window Furnishings
Peter - 4969 2466	Custom Cruiser Accessories
Greg Ford - 4954 6343	Cardiff Curtains
4957 9866	Newcastle Motorcycle Wholesales

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