



Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch

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

September 2011

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Home of the Newcastle Lower
Hunter Ulysses Branch

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2011

Warmer weather is approaching so it's time to get your bike out of the shed and join some of our rides.

On 28 August 12 bikes left Maccas for a quiet ride to Tea Gardens for their famous fish and chips in a cone. Glad to see some new members on the ride. I would like to report no one got lost due to the expertise of the Tail End Charlie (yours truly) rounding up all the bikes and keeping them together in transit.

A camping weekend is arranged for the last weekend of October at Williams River Caravan Park at Clarencetown. Bring your tent, van, boat or whatever and sit around the happy hour table. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget the Ulysses Club's annual memorial ride is on 11 September. There is a sausage sizzle after the service. All profits will be donated to UCARF. So make sure you bring your money for a sausage sandwich and a cold drink.

Brian

Editors note

Please feel to submit articles for your newsletter to :- wendycheers@gmail.com

All submissions are published at the discretion of the editor/committee and may be edited for reasons of space.

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**happy
Birthday!**



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Kryisia Matuszynski

Garry Hughes

Lee Stark

Phil Ross

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ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy and Chris Parker

Wendy and Peter Cheers

Dont forget to see our smiling Quartermistress if you need any Ulysses gear or branch shirts.

Our beautiful Judy has a large range of Ulysses gear at each branch meeting.

Judy is happy to take your merchandise orders and if not in stock they are generally available for pickup at the following months branch meeting. Thanks for doing such a great job Judy.

Ride Calendar - September 2011

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| 10 September 2011 | 10 September 2011 | From: Your Home To: Edgeworth Bowling Club 6pm for dinner 7pm start | Branch Social Meeting |
| 11 September 2011 | 11 September 2011 | From: Hexham McDonalds 9am To: Maitland Park | Ulysses Memorial Day Ride Led by Garry Hughes |
| 18 September 2011 | 18 September 2011 | From: your home to To: Doyalson RSL Club | Coffee Morning |
| 25 September 2011 | 25 September 2011 | From: Hexham McDonalds 9am To: Pie In The Sky (P.I.T.S) | Ride Leader to be announced |

*WALCHA LONG WEEKEND AWAY:

Newcastle Lower Hunter branch will be leaving Hexham McDonalds, 8.30 am Saturday 1st October, heading to Walcha for a long weekend away, returning Monday 3rd October. Chris Parker will be leading this ride. Chris can be contacted on 0405221788. Chris has made a promise that he won't lose any riders this time!

Please book your own accommodation @ either...Royal Hotel Cafe 67771117 or Commercial Hotel 67772667 and don't forget to tell them you are with Newcastle Lower Hunter Ulysses. Accommodation is filling fast, so don't miss out on a fantastic weekend. Website www.walcharoyalcafe.com.au

Deluxe Queen - \$130/night

Queen - \$90/night

King Single - \$60/night

Single - \$50 /night

So.....*how do you think these local Walcha rides sound?

Sunday - take a ride along "one of the best motorcycling roads in Australia"....*the Oxley Highway to Gingers Creek Roadhouse for morning tea then Long Flat for lunch (133km or 1hr 28mins) or even *Port Macquarie (182km or 2hrs 15mins). *Armidale, via Uralla is another option, a (64km or 1 hour) ride to the city of Churches. *Tamworth, the home of the Golden Guitar is just a 90km or 70 minute ride, so the choices are yours! Any route will prove to be a great ride and a great day.

Don't forget it will be the footy Grand Final day! Back to the pub for drinks, football and a good laugh! We will be running a few competitions during the game, so even if you're not interested in the game you can still join in the fun.

Bob Croft has 2 beds available in the Bunkhouse for the Walcha Long Weekend Ride. Please give Bob a call on 49501924 or 044515626 if you are interested in sharing the bunkhouse. Cost per night is \$40 per bed.

***ULYSSES CLUB MEMORIAL DAY RIDE:**

Sunday 11th September 2011. Please be at Hexham McDonalds by 9am ready for ride instructions.

Our Memorial Day Ride leader will be GARRY HUGHES who will lead the ride into Maitland Park ready for a 10am Service to remember members, family and friends who have ridden on.

*** IT IS RIDE ETIQUETTE NOT TO OVERTAKE THE MEMORIAL RIDE LEADER. ***

****** PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL ON THIS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. ******

Our branch will be cooking a **sausage sizzle** after the Memorial Ride to raise funds for UCARF (arthritis research).

Please come along and purchase a sausage sandwich and a drink. **Sausage sandwiches will cost \$2.50** and cans of **soft drink \$1.50**. (\$4.00 is awfully cheap for lunch)

If you have any **questions** about the Memorial Ride, please **contact Garry Hughes 0428 497137** and he will be happy to answer your questions.

***WORSE RUN CHARITY POKER RUN**

Lake Macquarie branch will be hosting this event on 16th October, 2011. More information will be available at our September branch meeting or check out Lake Macquaries website on the Ulysses website.

***CAMPING WEEKEND**

We're going to have a camping weekend on 29-30 October at Clarencetown. We will be camping at Williams River Caravan Park down by the river. Unpowered sites are \$15 per night. They also have cabins available for those without camping gear. Stay Friday and Saturday night or just one night. If members are going to be camping, contact me and let me know what nights they will camp so I can make a group booking to make sure we are camped together. I will need to know by 14 October to make the group booking.

***ULYSSES AGM DATES**

2012 Mildura 26th March – 1st April

2013 Fraser Coast 15th April – 21st April

2014 Central Desert Alice Springs T.B.A.

New members are very welcome to come along on our rides. Please don't be shy. Come along and introduce yourself and enjoy the ride with like minded people. It doesn't matter what you ride. We have fast riders, slow riders and snail riders (sorry Brian and Lynne). Whatever your riding style is.....you will fit in.

From the Editors desk

Do you have any suggestions for our newsletter?

Please send me a ride report with a photo or two if you've been on an interesting ride.

If you have any articles, funny motorcycle related photos/stories, or if you have anything you would like to buy, swap or sell, shoot me an email at wendycheers@gmail.com

Last month's rides



RIDE REPORT – TEA GARDENS 28 AUGUST 2011

The day didn't look the most promising weather wise but there were around 12 bikes, some with pillions, willing to give it a go at Hexham McDonalds and follow Dallas who had kindly "offered" to lead today's ride.

There was a last minute discussion concerning our planned route today as a result of an accident on the Bucketts Way. At the end of discussion, we had a new route planned and a new ride leader, Garry.

We set off heading across Kooragang Island to Salt Ash, Medowie (on some roads we hadn't been on before), Raymond Terrace, Seaham then back across to the Pacific Highway before stopping at Karuah for smoko. Haven't been to Karuah in ages and it is certainly a lot quieter than what it used to be before the bypass was opened.



After smoko we made the short ride to Tea Gardens where the sun was shining and had a look around Hawks Nest (found a nice BBQ spot!) before going to the Tea Gardens Hotel Motel for lunch)

Many of us ordered the famous fish and chip cone and were sitting back relaxing, just about to head home when Shane and Robyn walked in (on four wheels). Better late than never!

It was a quick trip home down the highway with everyone peeling off to head home along the way.

Thanks to Garry for leading the ride. It was a pleasant ride with some good company. [Lynne](#)



Items of interest



*BRANCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be holding our Christmas Party this year at Edgeworth Bowling Club on **Saturday 19th November 2011**. At this stage the meal will be **approximately \$25 per head**. **Full payment will be required by November 12th**. Payment can be made up until November's meeting. Direct payment may be made into NLH bank account, just enquire to Lynne for bank details. This is always a fantastic night and a great get together, so come along and have some fun.

*CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This year's raffle will be supporting UCARF.

- 1st Prize \$200 wotif.com accommodation voucher
- 2nd Prize \$100 Paymasters Restaurant voucher;
- 3rd Prize \$ 50 Christmas Hamper.

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We have some small raffle ticket books available for you to take home to sell tickets to family, friends and work colleagues to help support a good cause.

Please ask for a book of raffle tickets at the next branch meeting or if you have already sold a book of tickets, please return with money and how about trying to sell another book. UCARF is a great charity which researches arthritis. I'm sure all we all know someone who suffers from this disease.

*FOR SALE

2008 Honda VT400C. Very good condition. Registered until March 2012. 7,500 k's. LAM bike. Black in colour with sidebags. 1 woman owner who is selling bike due to lack of time to ride. **\$7500**. Please phone **Sue Robertson on 0457935085** for further information.

*50TH BIRTHDAY INVITATION

'Trike Johnno' will be celebrating his **50th birthday** on 17th October. An open invitation is extended to all Newcastle Lower Hunter members to help John celebrate his birthday **at the Billabong Restaurant, East Maitland Bowling Club** on at **Saturday 22nd October 2011**. It will be a **7.15pm** start with an 'all you can eat' buffet. Cost will be approximately **\$25 per head**. John requires numbers by no later than 15th October for catering purposes. Please contact John on 0425305619.

*ULYSSES CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Members need to check their Ulysses card to ensure that they are still financial members. The date will be on the front and back of their Ulysses Membership Card. It is very easy to forget to pay your renewal. Ulysses offers many benefits to their members including.... subsidised training courses, discounted insurance, discounts at many bike stores, discount on accommodation etc. I use my membership to save hundreds of dollars on insurance alone.

MEMBERS PROFILE. Each month I will be selecting members to profile. This may help new members to get to know other members....or old members may learn something they didn't know.....

This month I have chosen **John Beddoe** and **Chris Parker**.



1. *** **JOHN BEDDOE** *** (our webmaster)

Nick Name: **'GROOVER'** – named after the beautifully engraved groove the bike put in the road surface outside the Hinton Victoria Hotel after a car pushed us over when it went through the stop sign there without stopping after we had crossed the bridge.

Age you obtained your bike licence and what bike did you get it on? Very early, Honda 350

What do you currently ride? Mighty Kawasaki 1400 GTR

What would be your ultimate bike? BMW 1600 GTL

What is the largest bike you have owned? 2,300cc Rocket 3

What is the smallest bike you have owned? 350 Honda

Which professional rider do you admire? Not into that

Which professional rider do you think you can ride as well as? As above, but surely none!

Where would your perfect ride be to? Anywhere with good coffee for morning tea, en-suite accommodation and has an un-yet seen attraction. No dirt. Ideally 5 day rides are great – get to a distant destination and spend 3 days from the one location touring around and enjoying the evenings and the last day returning home. Done this a few times.

How many kilometres have you ridden in one day? Unsure- 6/700 k's

How many times have you dropped your bike? Once on the road I remember and that was on slippery and wet smooth clay surface road works. This is not including the 2 other times others have crashed into me on the road and one time I crashed on the race track

Where was the most embarrassing place you dropped your bike? Nowhere.

Have you written off a bike? On the race track.

Who would you love to pillion? Groovette is perfect! (Trish)

Who would you have a fear of having to pillion? Big and heavy does not make it easy.

Have you had a shocker of a ride? Any NLH ride!! No, just joking except their McDonalds preference and corner marking. Actually coming back from the Bathurst races many years ago in the cold, wet and dark up the old Pacific Highway and me taking ages to warm up afterwards.

Do you prefer to be pillioned? Never! Not game enough unless it is for a short beer stock up run.

Pillions...do you enjoy the riding style of the person that pillions you? Trish does with the back rest

Pillions...do you have something to dob that rider in for? John always seems to have a new bike every 2 years!

Just for fun...what colour undies are you wearing today? Standard white, with a little angel on the front!

Since joining Ulysses, what is the funniest thing you remember happening to any member? Karaoke comes to mind!

Whats your most embarrassing bike moment? The older you get, you dont give a shit about being embarrassed, but before that I cannot think of any particular moments.....ALZHEIMERS!!

THANKYOU JOHN FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE



*** CHRIS PARKER***

2. ***CHRIS PARKER*** (Committee Member)

Nick Name: 'SOOK', 'BIG GIRL' or 'B BAD'

Age you obtained your licence and what bike did you get it on? 16 and on a red Postie Bike (fast one)

What bike do you currently ride? Kawasaki GTR 1400

What would be your ultimate bike? Triumph Sprint 1050 (phantom black)

What is the largest bike you've owned? Kawasaki GTR 1400

What is the smallest bike you've owned? Honda XL 350 which I crashed on the first day! Hit front brake in corner!

Which professional rider do you admire? Troy Bayliss

Which professional rider do you think you can ride as well as? Marco Simoncelli

Where would be your perfect ride be? Great Ocean Road (no cars) or Gwydir Highway

How many kilometres have you ridden in one day? 1200 k's

Where was the most embarrassing place you dropped/crashed your bike? Newcastle city...actually wrote off the Ninja 1200 trying to catch up with 2 blokes riding R1's. I had the choice to fall off or crash!

Have you written off a bike? Derrr.....read answer above and add at least 4 more bikes!

How many times have you dropped a bike? Lost count!

Who would you love to pillion? No-one....they would only slow me down!

Who would you hate to pillion? Brian Fitzpatrick. Couldn't cope with going at a snail pace!

Do you prefer to be pillioned? I'm too big to be pillioned. I'm 6'7".

Funniest Ulyssies member moment? Watching my brother in law (Les Paterson) riding on Sandy Creek Road and going into a corner a way too fast and going bush. Silly bugga smashed the bike up a bit, snapped off the foot pegs and then rode the bike home with a broken foot.

Just for fun...what colour undies are you wearing today? Grey with little black love hearts.

THANKYOU CHRIS FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

If you would like a questionnaire sent to you....please email to wendycheers@gmail.com



Paddy was in a restaurant and he needed to break wind. He had terrible stomach pains trying to hold it in.

Paddy had a smart idea. The music was really loud so he timed his farts to the beat of the music so that no-one would notice.

After a couple of songs, he started feeling much better. He finished his coffee then noticed everyone was staring at him. It was right at that moment that Paddy realized he was listening to the music on his iPod!

A female Police officer pulls over a drunk driver. The officer says to the drunk "you have the right to remain silent, anything you say or do will be held against you". The drunk replies..... "tits"!

What do you call a handsome, intelligent and sensitive man? A rumour!

A tour bus driver is driving a bus full of aged pensioners around. A sweet old lady taps the driver on the shoulder and offers him a hand full of peanuts. The driver takes them and chews them up. 10 minutes later the driver gets another tap on the shoulder and receives another hand full of nuts. Another ten minutes pass and the old sweetie hands him another hand full of nuts. This time the driver feels a little guilty about eating all the nuts and says to the old lady... "no, I can't keep taking all these nuts off you lovely old dears". The old lady replies... 'oh it's alright...we don't eat them, we just enjoy the chocolate on the outside of them"!

Did you know that the first testicular guard 'the cup' was used in hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974?

That means that it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important!!

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John Beddoe at.... john.beddoe@hunterlink.net.au**

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