



IPSWICH ULYSSES CLUB

Monthly Newsletter #45 April 2018



Kon's Memorial Ride to Canungra 18th March 2018

Information nights: First Friday of every month, held at Ipswich Country Club, 1a Samford Road, Leichardt.

Meeting starts 7:15 pm, come along for Dinner beforehand if you like.

Branch Rides are held – First and Third Sunday of each month with Social rides anytime, check the club website for details.

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Ado's Air Spray.

Our talent or 'non talent' night has been moved from April to hopefully June. Some of us are travelling down to visit Mt Lindesay branch to round up some interest from them at their next information night. The 2017 Talent Night was a great success and I am sure it will be even better this year. It is meant to be a fun night where we can get together and just let our hair down (well those who have hair anyway). Please consider doing something to entertain the crowd, you let me or Julz aka Radial know of your talent. We are looking for at least six acts just in case Mt Lindesay can't make it on the night. Fyi I have sent two messages to Lockyer Branch as well inviting them, but no response has been received yet. "Have-a-chat" has indicated she would like to be a judge this year and has offered her expansive knowledge of nothing and everything with her critiquing.



The Minion suggestion box is working a real treat and the committee is being guided by your suggestions. We have already crossed off a few as "Done" and happily working through the rest. Please keep filling in your suggestions and placing them in the box. It doesn't necessarily have to be ride orientated. If you have any thoughts where the branch can improve or a social outing then let's hear them.

One of the things I have noticed on our rides is that some riders are getting separated from the main ride group. This can happen for a myriad of reasons eg. traffic, lights, changes in the speed zones etc. The Ride Leader honestly does his/her best to keep the group together but the one thing that I think has members confused is "when can they pass a slower rider." It is my opinion is that if a rider is riding slower than the designated legal speed limits and is causing you to lose contact with the group, it is correct to assume you can pass when it is safe for all parties to enable you to rejoin the riding group.... Not on the left side if there is only one lane in use. This is not a slur on anyone's riding abilities or the machine they ride, but simply a way to keep as many riders together in the group as possible. I would never ask anyone to ride beyond their own or their machine's capabilities. Our Tail End Charlie will stay furthest to the rear of the pack and will keep company with those directly in front of him. You will always find there are riders who you feel comfortable riding close to more than some others. Find your groove and ride accordingly....

One of the suggestions from the minion box was from Toddy who has already organised and invited us to ride to the Texas Hotel for an overnighter on Sat 14th and Sun 15th April 2018. So far we have had nine responses on the website and we are happy to have more join us. If this means for some reason you will be travelling in a tin top then so be it. We look forward to seeing as many of our branch together as we can.

Our Birthday Bash celebrating our 5th year in existence is being held at the Knights Soccer Club, Brisbane Rd Bundamba on the 27th October. The night is fancy dress Halloween Style and we are being catered for by our branch sponsor and member Doogie with his business She's a Slice of Heaven. We will be dining on a Hungi style meal and being entertained by a 5 piece band 'Move My Torana' who come very highly recommended. Those with special dietary requirements will also be very well looked after.

Thankyou for filling in the James Cook University Questionnaire with your opinions of the Ulysses Club. Amanda has some spare ones if you missed out on filling one in at last months information night. We posted them off for the students to collate and look forward to seeing if other members and branches hold the same concerns as yourself when the results are published.

One of our newer members of the branch "Frog" recieved a job offer he just couldn't refuse. Unfortunately, the position is in Newcastle and he has had to pack up and move to cockroach country. This has given us both good and bad news. The bad news is that we have lost two very keen and loyal members of the branch who I will personally miss, but the good news is that he decided to donate a couple of items for us to raffle on behalf of the branch. We have been given a brand new camping swag and a hydraulic lifter for a motorbike capable of lifting 680kgs. These will be included in the Birthday Raffles to be drawn in October.

As we have done for the past couple of years we will be attending the Dawn Service on Anzac Day for the dawn service this year starting at 4.27am. We are meeting at the Bundamba Honour Stone Brisbane Rd Bundamba (just up from Boettcher Motors on the left hand side coming into Ipswich) The March starts earlier. Parking is available at the Bunnings Bundamba car park. This year will see Sue Jones (Yacky) and Jenny Newbery (Rizzo) laying the wreath on behalf of the Ipswich Branch. After the service we will meet at the bbq area just down from the Queens Park Kiosk for breakfast with our branch trailer. The cost is \$5 a head and could you let me know if you are coming for catering purposes. A flask of hot water for tea or coffee would help as well. This is a tradition of the branch so if you would like to lay a wreath personally yourself this year or put your name in the hat to lay the branch wreath next year, please let me know.

Keep it legal – I's a watching
Ado



Funnies I found whilst waiting for my doctors appointment.... Ado.

Two women from the city and an older lady from the country were sitting in a sauna. Suddenly there was a beeping sound – the young woman pressed her forearm and the beeping stopped. The others looked at her questioningly. “That was my pager” the woman said. I have a microchip under the skin of my arm. A few minutes later, a phone rang. The second young woman lifted her palm to her ear. When finished she explained that it was her mobile phone. “I have a microchip in my hand” she said.

The older woman from the country felt very technically challenged. She decided she had to do something just as impressive, so she stepped out of the sauna and went into the bathroom, returning with a piece of toilet paper hanging from her rear end. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at her. Finally the older woman said “Well, well, well, will you look at that I’m getting a fax”.



A drover who just moved from Queensland to Victoria walked into a bar and orders three glasses of XXXX. He sits in the back of the room drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender approaches and says “You know a beer goes flat after I draw it, they would taste better if you bought one at a time.” The cattleman replies “Well you see, I have two brothers, one is in Tassie, the other one is a sandgroper. When we all left our home in Echuca, we promised that we would drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I’m drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself.” The bartender admits this is a nice custom and leaves him alone, and the drover becomes a regular, always drinking the same way – ordering three glasses and drinking them in turn. One day he comes in and orders only two. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes to the bar for the second round, the bar tender says “I don’t want to intrude on your grief but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss”. The drover looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs “Oh no, everybody is just fine” he explains. “It’s just that my wife and I joined the salvation army and I had to quit drinking, it hasn’t affected my brothers though”.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2018

Held at the Bundamba Memorial Garden, Sue and Rizzo will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Branch.

BBQ Breakfast at Queens Park after the Service

Service starts at 04:25 am, the Parade, leaves Coal Street Bundamba at 04:15





From the Editor.

April is upon us already and we are heading toward the colder months, personally I don't like the cold, much rather the warmer weather, although the cooler temps are better for riding. Not much in the way of rides this month, Ado and Max's ride to Queen Mary Falls had 6 bikes only due to the weather. Kon's ride was a good day out to Canungra, Yamanto was a busy place that morning, not too busy that Doogie didn't get to have a 'cone', in the carpark before leaving, two other rides leaving from Macca's, one was a Black Dog ride, so they were heading to Shark leathers, the other was the Legacy SMC who were having their own memorial ride. Canungra was its usual busy place, heaps of bikes as usual. Ray led us back home stopping to drop Rizzo and her bike off at home, then some of us went on to Café 63 in Yamanto where Chrissie met us for cold drinks and lunch. All in all a very nice day, not having known Kon (our first Branch meeting was unfortunately his last) I'm sure he would have approved.

Branch AGM is tonight, we will have the same committee for the next year with the addition of Splitty (Graham) as our new VP, welcome to him, looking forward to working together again to build the Branch to an even better Branch if that's possible, I believe we have a very strong Branch with a bunch of great people.

This month's special Award goes to our new VP who got burned off and left for dead at Yamanto lights, by a Honda, on Kon's ride, that puts the Harley behind the Indian and Honda at drag racing LOL. The prestigious Certificate can be seen further on in the Newsletter.

Take Care out there.

Chopper.



Sheriff's Court



We had 10 apologies on our last meeting and still had good numbers. When we see each other again the new committee will be formed. Things must be running OK , same committee as last year so we must be doing a good job only change is we will have a new VP.

Don't forget if you have any sort of problem or need a hand with something come and have a chat with us, we don't bite, (not hard anyway).

\$\$ FINES \$\$

Ray- Bent mudguard on the BBQ Trailer

Angry – Lost keys and found them in his top box

Skater-Boy – Left indicators on twice

Smurf – Wrong dates on rides again

Squirrel – Sending disgusting texts to Ado

Chopper – Has forgotten how to shave

BIRTHDAYS

Amanda, Silver Fox, Padre
and Tony Jackson



\$5 Scratchy won by Erik, again !!!!!

Heres a picture of him working out how to spend the winnings without letting Anni know!



Hope we have some sunny days next month, I am sick and tired of riding in the rain as I am starting to get webbed feet.

Windsucker, James McColm #50255

Smurfs Road Rash.



Hi all,

8TH April Rizzo;s Morning Tea ride to Cabbage Tree Point, Yamanto Maccas leave at 08:30

14th April Toddy's Weekender to Texas leave Yamanto 09:30

22bd April Coffee ride to Laidley Smurf leading

25th April Anzac Day Dawn Service Bundamba 04:15

6th May Sheriffs Mystery Ride

20th May Splitty's ride

MAY YOU NEVER KISS THE TAR

SMURF 54212





Lumberjacks Web.

PART ONE



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Hi all, Our Vietnam adventures!

Anni had planned a trip for our new Triumph Explorer, going on small sneaky roads out west ending up in Cairns, then back to Brisbane via Pacific highway.

It was all going well until a Vietnam motorcycle trip suddenly appeared and pushed the other trip away.

Now we had little time to get visa, international driver licence and other red tape paperwork done and luckily, we got it all done in time.

On Saturday evening, we got picked up by the taxi and then we were on our way to Vietnam. Everything went well and after some boring hours on 2 planes, we were in Vietnam.

We had already organized transport to our hotel and the driver managed to sell me a simcard for 10 Aussie dollars, so we could have some data on our trip. I didn't expect much from the internet once we were out of town, but at least we could get some while in Hanoi.

We were at our hotel in Hanoi in the early afternoon and after checking in, we went for a walk in the town. We were in the old part of Hanoi and the traffic was just bad. We didn't know how to cross the road and it took us a while before we worked it out. Most of the vehicles were small motorcycles or scooters and we simply just had to walk out on the street and they just drove around us (very close). Later, we got a good idea. We just went to an intersection that had a traffic light and simply just walk when the light turned green. That turned out to be a mistake because red light didn't mean "do not drive". They would just keep driving until we walked out on the street. Then a couple of cars or motorcycles would drive really close and almost hit us and then the traffic would stop.

That night, we met up with the rest of the people we were going to ride with for the next couple of weeks. We had a dinner together and our tour guide told us some information about what was going to happen the next two weeks. After dinner, we all went to the nearby pub for a couple of drinks.

Monday:

We were all going to be old fashion tourists the first day and there was a bus waiting outside the hotel. I don't know how it was even possible to drive a bus in that traffic, but it looked like the bus scared the bikes away as they knew who was going to win if it came to a power struggle.

We saw a lot of stuff and got fed a lot of information about Hanoi and Vietnam. We were told, no not to drink too much alcohol that night as we had to be alert the next morning as the first day of riding could be scary.

Tuesday:

There were two busses waiting outside the hotel. We all had to check out and all our baggage went in one bus (Ford Transit) and us people went into the other bus.

We were driven an hour away from Hanoi CBD so we didn't have to ride in the worst traffic right from the beginning. Unfortunately, Anni got sick on that trip and filled up a bag with her stomach content. Maybe her stomach didn't agree with the Vietnamese food we had that morning. That was what I was hoping for because I didn't fancy having a sick Anni on the back of the bike for the next two weeks.

We arrived at our starting point and all our bikes were there, ready to be loaded with a small bag where we could carry the most essential stuff like water, wet weather gear and camera. I bolted a bracket for a camera on the handlebar and strapped a backpack on the back of the Royal Enfield 500cc I was given. Anni had another camera hanging in a strap around the neck so I could take pictures and video straight ahead and Anni could do the stuff to the sides, so we should be covered.



Finally, after some coffee, we took off. It was finally happening. I don't think they trusted our motorcycle skills because we hardly got out of first gear. I found out that the handlebar mounted camera shook violently with the revs the bike liked most so if I had to film anything, I had to do it at either idle or high revs. With the speed we were doing, I was going in first gear every time I had to record anything. After about 5 km. we pulled into a servo to fuel up all the bikes.

After having filled up, we went on some roads that I normally wouldn't call roads. Everything was different from our normal riding. Just for starters, riding on the right side of the road, but also constantly looking out for potholes and at the same time looking at the spectacular scenery and also trying to avoid hitting chooks and dogs on the road.

We pulled over in a small town for a break and Anni didn't feel good so she went into the support vehicle to relax in a more comfortable seat rather than the bike where the suspension bottomed out many times.

The Ford Transit followed us everywhere. In the van was the driver, an assistant, a mechanic, some tools and spare parts for our bikes and all our baggage. In case that someone didn't feel well or was too scared to ride a specific challenging section of road, that person could get a ride in the van and the mechanic or assistant would ride that person's bike.

After the break, we rode again. Everything still looked different to us and I still was amazed over the stunning views everywhere around me. We stopped at an eating place for lunch. I don't know what to call it. It wasn't a café or restaurant. A family was running the place. They had a kitchen and there was a high set shed, built of bamboo where we were eating. The family carried a lot of good food up and we did our best to eat it all. Everybody in the family was working including small kids. They were also busy taking pictures of us and there was this Norwegian bloke that was very big. They were very amazed over his size and they took a few



pictures of him next to one of the girls, where the girl was standing on a chair and still not measured up to him. Unfortunately, Anni missed out on all the fun and food as she was sitting in the van, still sick and she didn't want to put more food in her stomach.

After having rested and digested the food, we took off again, with Anni still in the van. We descended via a winding track to the river/lake we could see from where we were

eating and again, the view was stunning, and it was hard to concentrate on the riding when there was so many new things to look at.



In the afternoon, we arrived at a homestay at Mai Châu District where we would spend the first night outside Hanoi. It was a big room high set style where the mattresses were divided with curtains, so we could not see each other but we could still hear when people snored and farted.

We had dinner under the house and the food was perfect and there was plenty of it.

That night, a local dance team came along and danced for us, wearing all their fancy dresses and we had a lot of fun.



Cheers,
Lumberjack





RIZZO's Welfare Wrap

Well here we go again, another year ahead in a great Ulysses Branch and the best people to call family and as we venture into a new year I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for all the help that you have given to the Branch.

Jenny (Rizzo)

As we set off on Kon's memorial ride (what a great day it was to remember our dear friend), unfortunately halfway to our destination I ended up with a bad eye and could hardly see out of it, so thank you to Amanda for riding my bike to my place and Ado for bringing me home, at the end of the ride.

Ray (Beno)

Ray will be going into hospital at Springfield on Wednesday (28th) for a couple of days to have a procedure done, We wish him all the best.

I am going to be Leading a 'morning tea' ride to Cabbage Tree Point on the 8th April, bring a plate of goodies along if you're coming with us, going via Boonah, Beaudesert, Yatala and under the highway to Cabbage Tree.

God bless and safe riding...

Rizzo #59819



Members Profile.

Name: Billy Peters

Nickname: TBA



Partners Name –

Occupation – Manager

Current Bike – Harley Softtail

I got into riding when – I was 17

Toughest Ride – Haven't had it yet

My life began when – I got married and had kids

I am really bad at – Remembering names

Favoutite song/ band – Enjoy all music but love ABBA

My Hobbies are – playing and watching sport

Favourite Movie – Road House

Major Dislikes – Bad Manners

Smartest thing I've done – Coming to Ipswich with work

Best time of my life – being with the Grandkids

Advice to new riders – Enjoy

MAGNIFICENT 7 RIDE AGAIN by Ado



When I decided to take the branch on a visit to Queen Mary Falls, I thought that maybe the ride didn't suit every member but what the hell it's a pretty good ride. Seven of us decided to make the journey and I had passed off the Ride Leader position to Max and took up the position as Tail End Charlie. I like that spot as you can see most things as they unfold.

The ride was to go to Scenic Rim Brewery for beer tasting but unfortunately it didn't open until 10am so we spent three quarters of an hour occupying the table and chairs outside until we gave up and remounted to ride up the hill.

The signage to Queen Mary Falls warned caravans against making the trip either up nor down, however we encountered quite a few caravans, making a hairy, at times stomach in the mouth trip down the hill. Tin Tops that thought they were the same width as our bikes came hurtling down at pace with blind corners racing up to meet us one after the other. That's why I ride a motorcycle, to feel these moments in time and feel exhilarated and glad that I'm alive and kicking. At one point closer to the top of the climb, when all of us were together, we encountered a huge tour bus swaying its way down the curving landscape. It was then I was extremely happy that I had not met it face to face on one of the treacherous bends.



Tiger had a small problem with his bike and decided to return home so that left six of us to continue on to the falls. Les, Bill and I made the 800 metre walk to the falls with the return seeming like a 1800 metre walk back to the picnic grounds. Silver Fox had commenced cooking the bbq lunch for us. After going 12 rounds with a million flies lunch was finished and we mounted up for the ride home. I had to get fuel at Kilarney so I said goodbye to the others and rode home via Warwick. I had to go the long way home as I didn't know any shortcuts and the rest had too much head start on me to try to catch up.

A big thanks to Max who took over the lead role, Silver Fox for cooking our Tucker and thanks to the rest who joined me for a great day out.

Til next Ado



KONS MEMORIAL RIDE

Sunday 18th March 2018

Kon Walters' (Howza) memorial ride had to be changed from the Lions Rd / Summerland Way because of detours and roadworks on both rides.



20 members joined Amanda and I for a morning tea at Canungra to celebrate how much Kon meant to each of us.

We left Maccas Yamanto and travelled towards Boonah before turning left and heading through Beaudesert to Canungra. A little slow in my opinion and I think Howza would have agreed, but we got there safely and intact.

Morning teatime was spent with about 10 or more of us in one of the cafes on the strip. Unfortunately, it wasn't known that day for its quick service and everyone's order came out in no particular order, and no donuts as advertised. I never knew a milkshake could take so long to make and others were also perplexed as to the time it took to get their order to be filled.

The reassembly of the group in the park later found that Rizzo had developed a sore eye on the way to Canungra and was not comfortable riding home. Up stands Amanda who agrees to ride Rizzo's bike home to her place. This will be covered in another ride report so the less said about this the better by me.

Most riders followed Benno as the ride leader to Rizzos and eight of us visited Cafe 63 for afternoon tea before we headed home. It was great that Chrissy "Dolly" joined us for a coffee and chat.

Most riders who ordered a memorial patch collected theirs but if you have prepaid and not received your patch yet please come and see me.

Riding the Pink Beast

Thanks Rizzo for giving me a ride on your pink beast to your home from Canungra on Kon's memorial ride... it certainly was an experience I won't forget. After a quick "how to" by Ray and Jenny, a talking to from James to have a trial run up the street and back before heading off with the group, having your music playing and not knowing how to turn it off, to the absolute smiles and looks I got from the people in the tin tops as I passed them by. I felt very protected by our members who were close by to me and thank them for their patience and kind words of support. Luckily I had my two-ways connected to Ado who encouraged me through the first lot of roundabouts – and boy there were a lot of roundabouts ... thanks to Ray.

I did enjoy the ride, but do wonder how Jenny keeps it on the road, as it is so light compared to my Boule. It was strange not to have to change gears, remembering I didn't have a clutch, and that both of the control levers on the handle bars work the brakes. I think it ironic that Konrad had been encouraging me to get back on my bike before he rode on, and that it was on this particular ride that I did just that. I know he would have been very proud of me - perhaps it has given me an interest to get back on my own bike. We will wait and see.

Thanks Jenny I would ride your beast again any time.

Amanda

Visitors from Cyprus Ride: Saturday 11 March 2018

Amanda Amos was the funeral director who looked after Kon's funeral and I spoke to her on the day about who we are and what we do for fun together. During the conversation she asked if we ever take outsiders of our group for rides which in turn led her to come on the back of my bike for the 2017 National Memorial Ride and return to Ipswich on Splitty's noisy heap of grunt. No medals for knowing which one she preferred when you consider Splitty's seat is the same size as 2 postage stamps put side by side and just as thin.

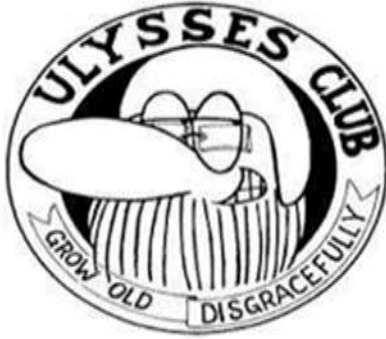
Anyway to cut a long story short, she rang and asked if it would be possible to take her mum and dad for a short ride. I asked Squirrel for help and we met up with her parents at the Country Club and told her we would meet her back at the C.S I car park in Ipswich in an hour. The plan was to go to Fernvale and return but after getting to Fernvale we continued on to Lowood where we swapped pillions. We then took them over the Wivenhoe Dam spillway before heading back to Ipswich. The whole trip on the bike about an hour so we timed it just right.

From time to time I get queries like these for short rides and am always looking for volunteers to assist me to 'make the day' of others. If you're interested to help let me know and I may contact you in the future. The public gets a good idea of what we do and the Ipswich Branch gets our good name out in the district.

Thanks Squirrel for coming along at short notice, I really appreciated it.

ADO





Ulysses Club Inc.

Draft Code of Conduct 15th June 2017

Applicability of the Code

The Code applies to all Ulysses Club members, their proxies and nominated members of committees, employees, or groups formed to assist the Ulysses Club conduct its business.

The Code applies at all Ulysses Club meetings, official visits and events and any other official gathering or meetings where individuals are representing the Ulysses Club

Member Conduct

1 As a Ulysses Club Committee member, we will;

- act ethically and with integrity;
- make decisions fairly, impartially and promptly, considering all available information, legislation, policies and procedures;
- treat members of the public and colleagues with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, and have proper regard for their interests, rights, safety and welfare;
- not harass, bully or discriminate against colleagues, members of the public and employees;
- contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive work environment by our work habits, and professional workplace relationships; and
- fulfilling our purpose as Committee members.

2 Communication and official information – we will:

- not disclose official information or documents acquired through any Ulysses Club Committee, other than as required by law or where proper authorisation is given by The Committee.
- not misuse official information for personal or commercial gain for myself or another;
- adhere to legal requirements, policies and all other lawful directives regarding communication with members of the media and members of the public generally; and
- respect the confidentiality and privacy of all information as it pertains to individuals.

3 Fraudulent and corrupt behaviour – we will: · not engage in fraud or corruption; · report any fraudulent or corrupt behaviour; and · be accountable for the decisions and input we provide.

Accepted at the National Committee meeting 1 July 2017

WANTED

2 of the Dodgiest Characters
you'll ever meet.

Doogie, this man was seen
enjoying a 'cone' early Sunday
morning 18th March.

Julz, Doogies better half and
pusher.



→ **REWARD** ←

Over the years some of our Ulysses Family have joined in on this Walk.... Here's an invitation for you to come along. The Domestic Violence Action Centre would like to invite you to our annual Candle Lighting Ceremony for Remembrance Day. This year the Candle Lighting Ceremony and march is held on Thursday, 3 May, and is in remembrance of those women who have died due to domestic and family violence. In 2017, 49 women died. This event also acknowledges the profound impact each of these deaths have on those left behind. In Australia, more than 100 women, children and men die each year directly because of domestic violence. Refer to the flyer for further info.



WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

A community march to create awareness and bring an end to domestic violence. Join us and your community with your signs and voice.

Inclusive of all genders. Families welcome.

March is approximately 800 meters.



Wednesday, 2nd
May 2018
4:30 pm - 7:30pm

D'Arcy Doyle Place
116 Brisbane Street,
Ipswich

This event is part of
the 2018 Domestic
Violence Prevention
Month

- Sausage Sizzle
- March
- Candle lighting vigil
- Speeches

Registrations are not
required

For more information
contact the Domestic
Violence Action
Centre (DVAC) at
info@dvac.org.au

Thought this would make some interesting reading.

Taken from Motor Bike Rider, (interesting comments on corner markers and Hells Angels).

Group riding gives you a great feeling of camaraderie. I once rode with hundreds of other riders from Brisbane all the way to the Gold Coast in a twilight run for the [Morgan & Wacker](#) 95th anniversary. What a feeling as we roared through town, thundering our Harleys up the concrete avenues.

Usually I don't like group riding. It's fraught with all sorts of dangers. Yet I cannot deny the awesome feeling of riding in such a big pack. I felt invincible and 10-times larger than life, even though it was a straight run down the highway. The M&W ride was well organised with police escorts and road closures, but normally you don't get such luxuries on club or casual rides.

Group riding takes a lot of organising and, surprisingly, a lot of talent to ride in a big group. Hunter S. Thompson was particularly impressed with the ability of the Hells Angels to ride fast in tight groups. He points out that they not only have to be talented riders, but they also have to place implicit trust in their comrades' abilities.

If you love group riding, here are 10 tips to make your next group ride of 10 or more bikes a little less dangerous and better organised.

1. Prepare for all contingencies
Appoint a ride captain. Call them whatever you want, but you need someone to make decisions on where and when you are going. It's not just to avoid arguments or to have someone to blame if it all goes wrong, but you need someone to assume the role of organiser. They don't have to lead or set the pace – you can appoint another person for that role. But they have to advise everyone of the next stop, alert people when you are about to leave and ensure that stops take into account the need for food, drinks and toilet stops. There is openly one rule about the ride leader – no one should ever pass them.
2. Also appoint a tail-end Charlie. It's a thankless job, but there is usually someone willing to volunteer. It ensures that you haven't lost anyone from the ride or that someone hasn't crashed. Unless it's a really large ride contingent, record everyone's mobile phone number so you can work out if someone has just split from the pack to go home early. Otherwise, you will be waiting around all day for someone who may not turn up.
3. Try to assemble a group of like-minded riders with similar riding abilities and relatively similar bike capabilities. Don't mix cruisers with cafe racers or adventure bikes with sports bikes. They will want to go different places, at different rates and with different fuel range. Remember, your whole group only progresses at the pace of the slowest rider.
4. Dispense with the corner-man system. It's unfair as fast riders work their way up to the second position only to end up down the back again. Then they attempt to pass everyone again which is dangerous. On big rides when people get strung out, they can be sitting at a corner for ages. The system almost always fails and you never know who to blame for someone getting lost. Instead, advise everyone of the route and destination. If they miss a turn, then they should have a GPS or phone to find their way home or to the final destination. If you must use a corner-man system try the one where each rider doesn't turn a corner until they can see the rider behind them.

5. Although it's legal, don't ride side by side. If a rider has to take evasive action, they will take out another rider. Keep a safe distance from each other. Staggered formation (riders in alternate wheel tracks) is better than single-file at slow speeds as the ride doesn't string out as far and people don't get left behind. It also provides more braking distance between riders. However, it can also lead to riders bunching up. The faster you are going, the more space you need between each other. Once over 80km/h, go back to single file.
6. If the ride gets strung out, don't panic, try to catch up or slow the ride to pick up the stragglers. If everyone has been briefed, they will all end up at the next stop, anyway. Unnecessarily changing the pace and flow of a ride can cause dangerous bunching. A strong-out ride is safer than a tight group, anyway.
7. When you ride solo, you ride for yourself. When riding in a group, you have to watch out for other people. "Over-indicate" turns and stops. For example, don't just put your blinker on, maybe give a hand signal as well, or tap the brake several times to flash your lights. Never just use engine braking into a corner as it gives the following rider no indication you are slowing down.
8. Look around you. Don't concentrate on the rear tyre of the bike in front. Look ahead several riders and also check your mirrors more frequently. This will give you more spatial awareness so you can identify a problem in the pack earlier and therefore be able to react quickly.
9. Cornering is particularly difficult in a group as you tend to tip in when the rider in front starts tipping in. That means you will turn in too early and run wide out of the corner. Instead, watch where the rider in front tips in, identify that point in the road and don't starting your turn until you reach it.
10. If you are faster than the rider in front, pass them, unless it's the ride leader. Don't sit right on their tail, intimidating them. But only pass one rider at a time and maybe give them a short blast of the horn first to alert them of your intentions. When you pass, make sure you have plenty of room to pull back into the pack. If you pass a car, always assume the rider behind you will also try to overtake. So when you file back into the lane, move to the left wheel track to allow room for another rider to join you.





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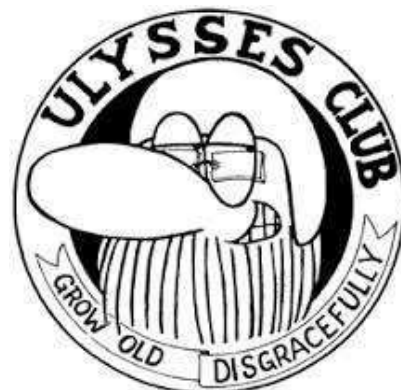


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