

### AN APOLOGY FROM THE ED!!

This months newsletter is missing some really important bits because I just can't find the USB stick that they are kept on. The branch logo, the Committee members page and our sponsors page are therefore AWOL! My sincerest apologies, I completely blame moving house and the subsequent unorganised mess I am currently living in!! The missing bits will be back next month I promise!

I'd buy you a drink, but there are just too many of you!.... Julz

Ipswich Ulysses

## Newsletter #20 June 2015

Information nights are held on the first Friday of each month at Karalee Tavern, 78 Junction Road Karalee.

Our information night starts at 7 pm – come along for dinner earlier if you like

Branch rides are held on the first and third of each month with SOCIALS any time ... see website for details

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## ADO'S AIR SPRAY JULY 2015

Welcome to the July edition of the Ipswich Branch. It is hard to believe that we are now in the second half of the year.

Things are moving along very well with the branch having attended a few events in the past month.

I wish to thank "Strop", our branch VP for stepping into my shoes to chair the June information night. From what I have heard back, my position is in great jeopardy as the meeting went down as smooth as one of Noddy's single malt whiskeys. I also realise he had some great support from the other members of the branch committee who did not go on a wonderful break over the long weekend, so thanks to them as well. The friend's weekend away was amazing and Amanda and I were so fortunate to spend time in Coolumb with eight other members. Just makes me think how good it would be for us as a branch to attend some of the other branches camp over events in the next few months. It was discussed at the last committee meeting that for those who are interested, we may have a day trip ride to another Branch's weekend event ie: Imbil Rally or Redcliffe's Odyssey and for those who don't mind a tent, we could stay the night.

I attended the Presidents meeting at Harrisville with our Webmaster Kon, where we obtained information on upcoming Ulysses events which we have put on our Branch ride calendar. The next major event that involves all of the SEQ Branches is the Memorial Gardens ride in September. Before September there is a working bee at the memorial gardens being organised and Kon will put info on the webpage and Julz the newsletter as soon as the date is confirmed. Please keep an eye on these forums for updated information.

I attended the Queensland Veteran and Vintage Motocross Championships at Harrisville a couple of weeks ago. A big thankyou to the members who attended the event with me and the ones who were lined up to attend on the Sunday before I called off their participation Sunday morning. The plan was for us to advertise our wonderful club to like-minded motorcycle riders as well as the spectating public. The simple fact was that the riders on the day were more concerned with either riding or fixing their machines than to enquire about the Ulysses Club.

Other members of the branch attended the Leichhardt Baptist Church Community Day to show off their bikes to the public. I was a little late to get there because of being at Harrisville but it was obvious when I arrived that the bikes were very popular with the crowd. While the day was waning and the darkness started to invade us, the members were approached for kids to be photographed sitting on the bikes. Many went away with big smiles on their faces. I have already had talks with Kermit to see where we can improve on for next year and the idea of having the bikes lit up seems to be a popular one. I also had an enquiry about joining the club so the day was a success all round.

My ride to Woodford is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July and I am interested to hear from those attending so I can sort of have an idea on numbers for morning tea and the lunch BBQ. Amanda and I will provide the morning tea and lunch will be a hamburger and drink for \$5.00. If you think you may be attending please text me, see me face to face or let me know via the blog on the website. The write up is on the webpage to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to attend or not.

Could I ask those who haven't filled in a branch data base form to do so? This is simply for the committee to have up to date information for birthdays, care and concern or emergency situations etc. All information is strictly confidential and is not handed out to branch members. This is one of the reasons that if you ring a committee member seeking another branch members phone number, you will be advised that we will call that member and let them know you are seeking to contact them. This can only be done if you also give permission for us to give them your number.

The Branch Committee has discussed having an alternative event when a ride is called off on the day because of inclement weather. This could entail traveling by tin top to the movies or ten pin bowling etc. By doing this we would be able to have a social get together that would have normally have had to be cancelled. Let us know if you think this is something you would be keen on, or whether your warm bed may be more important than a social.

The branch had its first night ride in a long time last Friday night and wow, what a success it was. I counted 16 bikes and 25 participants on the ride and everyone was excited to be out and about in the dark of the night. A big thank you to Eric the Lumberjack for organising the ride and the table at the local hotel for us all to sit at when the hunger munchies started biting. It was obvious that as bike riders we don't need an hour to look at tin tops. A quick scan up and down the rows and I was ready to head off somewhere else. I realise the owners of these vehicles must be as proud of them as we are of our bikes, but unfortunately I just can't seem to raise the same enthusiasm. Some are wonderful and the money spent on them is plain to see but I can't help thinking as I walk past "I could get a few bikes with the money invested on this one."

I have arranged for the Ipswich Country Club to be the venue for a motorcycle specific aid course on the 5<sup>th</sup> September run by a couple from Victoria. Other branches in the south East Qld region are also going to be hosts on different days but I will have more information to give to you very soon when the final dates come out. September 5<sup>th</sup> is set for the Ipswich venue. Please keep an eye on the webpage and newsletter for details on how to book your place.

The Interbranch Cartwheel Ride was a big success. Our branch donated \$100 to the Memorial Garden fund and many more \$'s to the UCARF raffles. Final figures are not in yet but will be close to the mark. I think around \$750 to go to UCARF and about \$2000 to the memorial gardens. Thanks to all who turned up on the day. Our branch sold 39 poker hands with the winner having a flush hand. Sorry to Dolly who was lead to believe she had it won before it literally being taken from her on a count back. Lenore was the biggest loser on the day. Congratulations to all who attended and made it a wonderful day. A big thankyou to Spook for his excellent control of the group and an equally excellent route for us to travel. Also thanks to Amanda and the members who dealt the cards and looked after the money.

Family day has been changed to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July so those with families affected by sport will be able to attend. I hope this change of days does not come back to bite us on the butt, so it would be great to see as many families as possible out with us enjoying the day. Bring your families as this is what the day was designed for. Spouses and partners, sons, daughters and grandchildren all welcome. The committee has organised games for us which are not too strenuous so there is no reason for anyone to go on a fitness drive in the next month. We are taking a \$10 deposit per adult which will be refunded when you attend. This is to ensure the branch does not under cater for the event. Names will be taken including children's numbers on the Friday Information Night. If however you find you can't make the night then you will need to contact me between then and the 24<sup>th</sup>. Catering will be finalised on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and if your name is not on the list you will need to organise alternative meals for yourself and your families. Venue is Cormorant Bay, Wivenhoe Dam 10am to 2pm.

Amanda and I intend to support the Mt Lindsay Ulysses Branch by attending their Bogan Bingo Night. If any others plan to do the same I would like to hear from you. Cost on the night is \$25 and if you wish to dine there as well, the costs will rise. They have set up a bank account so you can prepay. The flyer is on our webpage. You can also enjoy a buffet dinner for an additional \$15 if you so desire.

We also intend to support the Redcliffe Branch Odyssey. We haven't decided if we will be staying overnight but we most likely will be riding a day trip to Blackbutt at the very least. I think Kon is also interested in day tripping so there are probably more members who feel the same way. Keep an eye on the website and newsletter for more information.

Keep it Legal – eyes are watching ADO



## First Aid for Motorcyclists Information

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

This was advertised in last months newsletter. Info is below on the dates etc. Amanda and I are booked in f the afternoon session with the prospect of staying on at the Club for dinner after. Booking your place is really easy - just follow the link to Book your Course. Payment is via Credit Card or Pay Pal. Don't forget the Ulysses rebate you entitled to

if you are a paid up member.) **The course itself will cost \$78 and the Ulysses Club will give a refund of 50% of the costs. If you do your sums it means you can do a motorcycle first aid course for under \$40. TOP VALUE. The course is open to any motorcyclists, but the rebate is only for financial Ulyssians.**

In the meantime, here is a list of the courses in the final stages of planning for SE Queensland. Again, we will try to get them up on to the website as quickly as possible.

29th August 11:00 am to 3:30 pm | Gold Coast Course | Palm Beach Currumbin Sports Club

5th September 8:30 am to 12:30 pm | Ipswich Course | Ipswich Golf Club

5th September 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm | Ipswich Course | Ipswich Golf Club

12th September 8:30 am to 12:30 pm | Birkdale Course | Redlands Multi Sports Club

19th September 11:00 am to 3:30 pm | Caboolture Course | Caboolture Golf Club

26th September 11:00 am to 3:30 pm | Warwick Course | Hawker Rd @ Warwick Golf Club

3rd October 11:00 am to 3:30 pm | Gold Coast Course | Palm Beach Currumbin Sports Club

This is not a certified course. Normally a first aid course entails 1/2 day online pre-study plus 1 day face-to-face to complete the standard units. Then we would have to add the motorcycle specific stuff which is another 1/2 day. This time investment would be prohibitive for most people. We made the decision that there are plenty of First Aid Course providers out there for those that require a generic certification for their employment.


Our four hour course on the other hand is information-rich and specifically designed for the needs of motorcycle riders including comprehensive accident scene management units and more focus on managing severe road-related traumatic injuries. It is a standalone course but could also be regarded as supplementary to a standard course and should suit those who really want to know what to do at a motorbike accident rather than obtaining a certification for employment compliance.

We have had great feedback on our course contents and the information it imparts. It is endorsed by the Australian Motorcycle Council, the Motorcycle Council of NSW, Ulysses Club, Stay Upright and other riders skills organisations and sponsored by Maurice Blackburn Lawyers and the Royal Rehab. (Info obtained from the Course Providers)

# First Aid for Motorcyclists

Accident Scene Training





## Training



What every rider needs to know in the event of a motorbike accident.

## Book Now



**BOOK YOUR COURSE**  
Find a location and date

## Our Story



The wallaby came out of nowhere and jumped straight into the front wheel of her motorbike.

## The Immutable Laws of Motorcycling - some wise words with thanks to Lummy (who gave the Ed a USB stick full of hilarity...watch this space for more!!)

Motorcycling is not dangerous. Crashing is what is dangerous.....Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.....You start with a bag of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.....Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately the experience usually comes from bad judgment.....Keep scanning and doing head checks. There is always something you have missed.....In the ongoing battle between motorcycles travelling at high speeds and the ground travelling at zero, the ground has yet to lose.....In the ongoing battle between vehicles weighing over a tonne and motorcycles weighing less than a tonne, the rule of weight applies.....The only time you have too much fuel is when you are on fire. If you wear an open face helmet, avoid crashing face down.....Tests have shown that good leathers slide on bitumen for 80 metres before wearing through.....Denim slides 8 metres and everything else is worse than that. Only wear denim for short slides.....It is always a good idea to keep the end with the large light going forwards as much as possible. ....Stay out of fog (clouds). The silver lining is probably a Mercedes.



## Sheriff James says....



Another busy month for the branch: Fines as follows

Jo: No Helmet and Toddy paid her fine

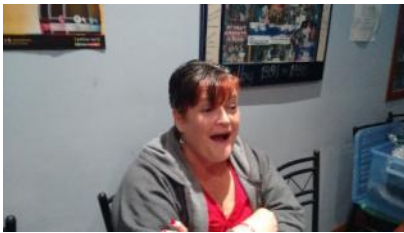
Toddy: Went to the Information night on the wrong Friday night

Ross: Kept walking his dog on the field when the sign clearly said "No dogs on field"

Sylvia: Lost her bike keys

Annie: For telling Sylvie where her keys were

Silver Fox Not turning off his indicators



Mario: Not using his indicators

Radar: Locking Steve out of his house

Blue-Ray Smoking outside the smoking area

Windsucker Smoking outside the smoking area

Undressing on the D.V.Ride: Not turning off indicators:  
Putting wrong year on Tow away award



Over the last two months I have been fined \$9. I don't mind as it is all in good fun, so long as if I fine someone else they don't mind as it is all in good light hearted fun also. I always let the person know they are going to be fined, but they do not know what for. If you do not wish to be fined then please let me know.



Tow-Away Award Was presented to Smurf for breaking his clutch on the night ride and his bike needed to be towed away

Birthdays Jox – Don McClean

QUOTE: A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.

# Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,

I didn't make it to the "Rudd's Pub Ride" but hear that everyone enjoyed themselves at the ride and that's the way we want it to be.

The "Cartwheel Ride" also went well and I made it to that one. It was a shame that the band couldn't be bothered to turn up to the venue for whatever reason they had.


I think that shortened the whole thing as people went home as soon as the raffle was drawn, but we don't care about that because: It's not about the venue. It's about getting there and thanks to Spook who took us there via a very scenic route, we had a good time getting there.

We also had a night ride to "Munchies" at Acacia Ridge and I hope that people enjoyed themselves there.

It would have been better in summer time as there are more cars, but look at the bright side: It was easy to get a parking space.

Maybe we should try it again some time when summer kicks in.

Ipswich branch rides:

Date	When	Where to meet	Ride leader	What's happening	Distance
05/07/2015	08:30 am.	Karalee Shopping Centre	Ado	The Train Drivers Return	
19/07/2015	09:00 am.	 Yamanto	James	Tweet Head, Smoko at Beaudesert	
02/08/2015			Gunther		
16/08/2015	08:00	Karalee Shopping Centre		Breakfast run, Logan Inlet	

And to something different:

A young boy from Ipswich goes off to college in Sydney. Half way through the semester, he has foolishly squandered all his money. He calls home. "Dad," he says, "You won't believe what modern education is developing! They actually have a program here that will teach our dog, Ol' Blue how to talk!"

"That's amazing," his Dad says. "How do I get Ol' Blue in that program?"

"Just send him down here with \$1,000" the young cowboy says. "I'll get him in the course." So, his father sends the dog and the \$1,000.

About two-thirds of the way through the semester, the money again runs out. The boy calls home.

"So how's Ol' Blue doing son?" his father asks.

"Awesome, Dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this - they've had such good results they have started to teach the animals how to read!"

"Read!?" says his father, "No kidding! How do we get Blue in that program?"

"Just send \$2,500, I'll get him in the class."

The money promptly arrives. But our hero has a problem. At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk, nor read. So he shoots the dog.

When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is excited. "Where's Ol' Blue? I just can't wait to see him read something and talk!"

"Dad," the boy says, "I have some grim news. Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Ol' Blue was in the living room, kicked back in the recliner, reading Shakespeare, like he usually does. Then he turned to me and asked, "So, is your daddy still messing around with that little blonde who lives down the street?"

The father exclaimed, "I hope you shot that SOB before he talks to your mother!"

"I sure did, Dad!" "That's my boy!"

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik (Lumberjack.)

## 2015 CARTWHEEL RIDE – WINNERS AND LOSERS

**39** hands in total were sold – thanks everyone for participating.



**Losing Hand \$50**

**of 33 points**

**3♦ 8♦ J♦ 2♣ 10♠**

[Normally the losing hand has to be the player with the picture cards or pairs. No player had a hand without a winner Hugo. So we decided the fairest way was to

by the lowest total number which included no pairs and only one picture card.]

**Hugo's Winning Hand \$250**

**6♣ 6♣ 6♣ 3♣ 5♣**



**Leonie's**

lowest total with no picture card except our choose the Losing hand





# IPSWWICH BRANCH FAMILY DAY



Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>

Gather the kids and grand kids and join the branch for our first family day!

The branch is putting on a bbq and a free drink (non-alcoholic event) at Wivenhoe Dam near Cormorant Bay

Please confirm numbers tonight with Julz.

The event is free, however to confirm numbers all ADULTS to pay a fully refundable \$10.00 per adult deposit. This will be fully refunded on the day!

Plenty of games, prizes and fun to be had for kids of all ages!

## Sunday 26/07/2015

10.00am until 2.00pm

Cormorant Bay, Wivenhoe Dam!





# 2015



## REDCLIFFE ODYSSEY

ENJOY A FUN FILLED WEEKEND OF FRIENDLY GAMES

**When:** 25th - 27th September 2015

**Where:** Blackbutt Showgrounds

Bowman Road just off D'Aguilar Highway Blackbutt



Friday Night  
Sausage Sizzle  
(Gold Coin  
Donation)

Entry Cost:

**\$15.00**

(includes Badge)



**Camping Available at Showgrounds -**

**\$ 8.00 (unpowered)**

**Phone : Blackbutt Show Society 4170 0395 \$10.00 (powered)**

(Facilities include Toilets, Showers, Disabled Access, Dump Point, Water, Rubbish Bins)

**Hard Bed Accommodation is available at Hotel Radnor**

**(Make own arrangements - Phone 4163 0203)**

**A GREAT MEAL IS AVAILABLE AND MUSIC TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY  
ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT HOTEL RADNOR**



**ALSO RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS**

**BYO  
Alcohol**

## COME SHOW US YOUR COLOURS

at the ULYMPICS



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to assist  
Rural Fire Brigade**



**Contributed by Ado.....**

## **The worlds oldest biker...a good read!**

**Discussion in 'Motorcycle Talk' started by Dr. E, Sep 12, 2010.**

The article written by John Naish of The Sunday Times

<http://www.vale-onslow.co.uk/>

Len Vale-Onslow first climbed on a motorbike in 1905, and the worlds oldest biker hasn't any intention of stopping at 102

Any biker who tops 100 on the Queens highway is liable to be stopped, fined and disqualified. But not Len Vale-Onslow. The police only ever pull him over for a chat and to offer their respects. The venerable Brummie has hit 102 in years, not miles per hour, and often rides far afield on the motorbike he built more than 80 years ago. The average age of motorcyclists has shot up in the past two decades, thanks to the high price of modern machines and dizzying insurance premiums. Most are in their thirties and forties, many of them so-called born-again bikers seeking the thrills they knew as teenagers. But even these are mere whippersnappers next to Len, the worlds' oldest biker, who has been riding for 97 years.

When Len began, traffic outside towns and cities was almost nonexistent. There were 15,900 cars in 1905 compared with 25m now, they were unsuited to country lanes, and petrol stockists were few and far between. London suffered serious horse-drawn traffic congestion, there were horse-drawn trams and buses and it was still possible to travel from London to Brighton by horse-drawn coach.

For the time, Len had a precocious start he rode a motorcycle at the age of five. I had four older brothers who all had motorcycles so they put me on one, gave me a push-start and off I went. They told me the basics like how to throttle off and that was it. I still ride all the time, I've never stopped.

As with many bikers, the machine he had in his late teens and early twenties has always had a special place in Lens heart. In fact it's the one he still rides, the one he built in 1919 and called the Super Onslow Special SOS for short.

He's proud of that bike. It was an advanced design because it was built around an all-welded frame. Until I introduced the welded frame they had been brazed and it could take days to build one that way. Mine could be put together in an hour. I used JAP or Villiers engines. There were plenty of proprietary engines you could buy. Mine still has the original engine. It's done 70,000-80,000 miles since new. It's reliable, it has to be, and I know how to use it within its limits. I've probably owned 40-50 bikes but always kept this one. He must have had a few spills in his time? Accidents? I don't have accidents, Len replies stoutly. Possibly I fell off a few times when I was five or six. When I started there was no traffic. It was really easy to ride about, you didn't even need a clutch, you would just slow down to 4-5mph at junctions. The maximum you were allowed to do was 20-30mph anyway. There was a lot of horse traffic: you had to keep wary of them because they weren't used to you and would bolt if you passed with the throttle on. You had to be wary of manure, to.. Motorcyclists were few and far between in those days. We were all a lot more friendly to each other. If you broke down, others would stop to help. They don't do that nowadays, but then the modern bikes hardly break down.

How does Len keep going? The simple answer is, because he keeps going. He helps to run the family motorcycle shop, Vale-Onslow in Birmingham. His brothers and father were all in the motorcycle trade, as are his son and daughter.

He opened the current shop around 30 years ago. It's like a motorcycling version of Open All Hours, with its time-washed frontage and enamelled plaques advertising great names from Britains biking heyday Triumph, BSA, Norton all once native to Small Heath, Vale-Onslows area of Birmingham.

Young Mr Onslow, Lens 63-year-old son Peter, serves at the counter wearing a storekeepers overalls. At his elbows are service manuals, some yellowed with age. Shelves of parts stretch back into the cavernous emporium and the showroom features British classics in amazing condition. It all speaks of a disappearing era of personal service. Len, however, isn't stuck in the past. I sell the new bikes nowadays. I don't have favourites from any particular period. I come into the shop six days a week to serve customers and answer questions. Motorbikes have been my life, so that's all I know anything about.

Bikes were also key to meeting his wife. My wife was a biker. I met her when she had a puncture on her bicycle and came to the shop to have it repaired. Peter mentions that she also suffered several mysterious flat tyres after that, which necessitated further visits. Oh yes, admits Len, I used to let her tyres down. Now I've got God knows how many offspring. He pauses to debate this question with son and daughter: the verdict, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Does he think the latest bikes, with their warp-speed acceleration and 160mph top speeds, are dangerous? No, any good safe rider can control them. But motorcycling has changed over the years. Motorcyclists used to be plain motorcyclists. Today they are ridden by all sorts; there is no social stigma to it. That's good for me and it's good for business.

And biking, says Peter, is a magical tonic. When my dad gets on his bike it's like he is 19 again. Nowadays we need to lay the bike down on its side and put him on, but once he is rolling he is perfect.

### **Len's century of motoring history**

1905: Len Vale-Onslow mounts a motorbike for the first time. National speed limit is 20mph. There are 15,900 cars on the roads

1914: Petrol pumps introduced. Fuel had previously been available only in cans

1920: Numberplates introduced

1923: First roundabouts

1951: Zebra crossings introduced. Private cars top 2m

1959: M1 opened. Number of cars exceeds 5million

1973: Crash helmets made compulsory for motorcyclists

2002: 25million cars on Britains roads

**Ado's Note : Some things in the article I tend to disagree with, and it is a dated story now but I still think it's a good read**



# Mt Lindesay Ulysses



INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A COMEDY NIGHT FEATURING.

## Bogan Bingo

2 EXCITING  
FUN FILLED  
HOURS



COME HAVE A  
LAUGH

**When** 19th September 2015.  
**Where** Browns plains rugby league club,  
Berkley drive, Browns plains.  
**Doors open** 6.30pm.  
**Entry cost** \$25 per person.  
**Food** Bogan buffet available, pre orders  
Only \$15 per person.  
**Drinks** Alcoholic & non alcoholic drinks  
Available to purchase at the club.  
**Theme** Come in your finest bogan outfit.

Come along and be immensely  
entertained by the bogan bingo  
Comedy team.

The comedy team is a 2 man  
show, where they both deliver  
a hilarious Game of bingo.  
The numbers are cues  
For jokes, songs and  
Interaction, focusing on  
Australia's history and  
Our great musical past.

### Ticket Information

**Tickets:** \$25 Per Person.  
**Bank:** Heritage Building Society.  
**Account Name:** Mt Lindesay Ulysses  
Group.  
**B.S.B:** 638070.  
**Account:** 8110255s21.  
**Reference:**  
\*\*you must use a reference number as your  
surname, first Initial and the number of  
tickets you require\*\*  
**E.G. DAVIDSONR8**  
**DIRECT DEPOSIT ONLY, NO CREDIT CARDS**  
**SORRY.**  
Email copy of receipt to,  
mtlindesaytreasurer@gmail.com  
Cut off date for ticket purchases is 4th sept.

NO BYO,  
REFUNDS, OR  
BAD ATTITUDES



Lucky door prize.  
Prize for best  
dress.  
Guy and girl bo-  
gan.  
Prize for best air  
guitar.  
Prize for winning  
Bogan bingo.  
Bogan BBQ raffle.