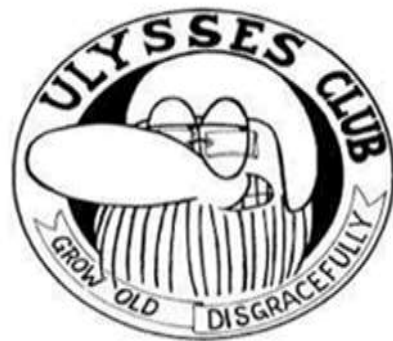




IPSWICH ULYSSES BRANCH



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Smoko at the Shed Café Rathdowney, 6th January 2019

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.

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Ado's Air Spray.

Welcome back to the Ipswich Ulysses Branch as we don our helmets and head into 2019. I hope you all are refreshed and keen to socialise in a big way for the next 11 months.

It is with regret the committee accepted the resignation of our VP Graham "Splitty" Cowling who had to return home to NSW for personal reasons. A call out was made to assist with loading Splitty's ample goods and chattels into the removalists truck, and as one would expect his call out was not ignored with Mick "Noddy", Ray "Beno", Ken "Buzz", Tony "Squirrel" and I loading the truck from start to on the road in 1 hr 30 mins. Thanks everyone for putting your hand up to help a friend in need. Quite a few of us said our goodbyes at the Raceview Tavern organised by Smurfett. Approx 30 of us enjoyed dinner, drinks and some tried their hand at bull riding. In true Splitty style, he was the last person standing with the barmaid ordering him a taxi to get home. It was sad to see Splitty go, but we know he will be back.



The branch family day had to be moved from Kholo Gardens to the Mt Crosby Sports Field due to circumstances beyond our control: ie Fires. We had been advised by the rural fire brigade to change venues and at short notice, and not knowing what the next few days was going to throw at us, we bit the bullet.

I am so glad we did, the venue was amazing. Thanks to Paula and Mick for sussing it out after I received a phone call from the I.C.C. and texted the committee on Friday to let them know we didn't have a plan B. I thought the day was marvellous, about 60 participants including children and grandchildren. Lots of games, eating and sitting around chatting. A big thank you to your committee and their partners who arrived very early in the morning to set up and to those who stayed around to bunk out in the afternoon. It makes a big job a little smaller when help is at hand. I hope everyone who came enjoyed themselves, and those who didn't then you missed a great day....

I have spoken to our Sponsor Better Buy Meats and he has organized for his logo to be emailed to us. We will then be placing his logo on the bbq trailer in the place of Sean White mechanicals who was a sponsor for the first 3 years since our birth. Sean helped us out when money was tight and we wish him a very successful continuance with his business. Our continuing bbq sponsor is " Shes a Slice of Heaven " who has been with us from the beginning of our branch and has sponsored the bbq trailer for 5 years. So, if you need any work done in your yard or catering for a function then please think of Doogie. He can be contacted on 0413101862.

I have heard on the grapevine that we have members willing to pop up their hands to take on committee positions for the 2019-2020 year. Great news for the branch moving forward.

Just in case there are some in the branch who are not completely sure on the election process of a branch AGM, I will explain a little deeper. At the AGM all positions become vacant as every committee person is required to stand down from their position. Nominations for the Ipswich Branch Committee positions will become open on the 1st March information night and close at the information night on the 5th April. All nominations will need to be in the hands of the secretary or nominee (in this case Paula as the Treasurer), and the nominations will be read to the group before close of business on that night. The nominations will then be put onto the branch webpage. The AGM will be held after our information night on the 3rd May. Any member wishing to contest a position will need to be a Ulysses Club financial member, nominated by a Ulysses Club financial member, seconded by a Ulysses Club financial member and sign the official nomination form themselves. The secretary or nominated person will need to see your membership cards when the form is handed in. As there is no

cascading in Ulysses AGM's any more, members are entitled to be nominated for any or all positions they care to be nominated for, and signed the nomination form.

The order of positions to be filled will be President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ride Coordinator, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Regalia, Welfare, Sheriff and Vice President. Branch Vice President is not an officially recognized position by the National Committee but some branches adopt this role.

We will have a nominated Presiding Officer to run the AGM and if there are any contested positions, there will be scrutineers to count the votes. On the night of the AGM the nominees name will be read out and the member will be asked by the presiding officer if they wish to accept the nomination.

Multiple nominations by one particular member may bring the need for them to decide which position they wish to contest. ie if their favoured position is not called first and they are the only nomination for the role being called, then they would be asked if they accept the role and if affirmative they become the holder of that position and cannot proceed with any further nominations on the night. If they decline the role called, they can then contest any other roles they have nominated for.

If the role is contested the nominees will be given a maximum of 3 minutes to explain to the members present why they should be voted into that position. This is then followed by a secret ballot by the attending financial members, with the position going to the member with the highest number of votes.

If you are interested in a position then talk to one of the current committee members who are more than happy to explain just what the job entails. A reminder though we still have four months of Ulysses business to attend to before our branch AGM, so the committee will continue to lead by example and make decisions on behalf of the branch.

The committee has decided to create a few more fun awards for the branch.

* The Mishap Bear has been replaced by a Wobbly Wheels Award. Recipients are those members who fall from their bikes but do not need a tow home. You get to take the award home until the next Information Night.

* There is now a Butchers Apron award. This award will be bestowed on a member who has during the past month 'butchered' their bike, car or other household item. They will be presented the Butchers Apron as the information starts and will be required to wear it for the entire information night. The Sheriff will be the holder of the apron til the next information night.

* A monthly member drawer of \$20 per information night will be re-commenced. To be eligible for this drawer members must have signed on in the sign on book each month. We will assign a number to each line of the sign on book and the drawer will be done during the night.

Another thing I would like to discuss is 'Riding Styles'. With the good times comes some bad times and as the President of the branch, the buck stops with me. I would like to remind our members and any guests who accompany us on our rides that we are in the public eye at all times especially when we have the Old Man Logo on our backs or the distinctive purple of our Branch shirt. Any dangerous or illegal manoeuvres can cause a devastating effect on our profile in the community and importantly the riders in a group. There are a few things we need to observe while on our regular branch rides. Please do not overtake the group if it means crossing double centre lines to do so. If you have corner marked, there is no reason for you to get to the front of the pack again if it means passing the group at excessive speeds. We have survived for the past 5 years together on the roads because everyone in the pack shows each other due respect. The Ipswich Branch rides two Sundays in any given month which I believe allows ample opportunity to ride on the other days at the speeds and safety level you may prefer.

Could I please ask that if you are not happy with the Ipswich Branch riding to the road rules, then please find another group to ride with on our designated ride days. I realise that we all have friends we prefer to ride close to, but could we be aware of the groups configuration and not cause others to brake simply so you have room to re-join in the pack with a friend. I remind you that section 141 of the Qld Road Rules does not allow passing on the left-hand side if there is only one lane. Moving up to fill a gap while waiting for a red light to change is entirely different to passing at 60 or more kph and the rider being passed being startled. We have newer riders on our group rides who we need to be aware of, but we also have many very skilled riders who would love to give their bikes a squirt but refrain from doing so on branch rides. This allows everyone an even chance of getting home safely to their love ones.

I would like to thank those members who came along in December for the Christmas lights ride. We had a great time visiting homes, losing a couple of riders and a tin top in the Springfield area, and finished off with a coldie at the Yamanto Tavern.

Amanda, Erik, Anni, Ken and I are off to Sri Lanka to ride motorbikes during February. Unfortunately, we will not be back for the information Night in March but I am confident any business needing to be seen to while we are away will be dealt with confidently by the rest of the committee. I am excited to be able to ride overseas again as I did while we were in Canada. I'm also looking forward to sharing photos and videos of the trip on the branch webpage.

My ride this coming Sunday is one that has many twists and turns, a hair pin turn with a steep upgrade and also the road drops away on both sides to the valleys below. We will be travelling at the regulated speed limits and I ask that we all be aware of our surroundings and the different ride levels and experience of your fellow riders. I will be asking all riders to stay behind the ride leader (myself) and in front of the tail end charlie (windsucker) at all times. The whole of idea of having a tail end Charlie is that you do not have to ride above your experience because tail end Charlie will not pass you no matter what speed you need to travel at to be safe. There will be quite a few corner markers needed who will need to take care where they stop. Please don't let this deter you from coming along, I just want you to be able to make an informed decision and I wouldn't want you to miss out on the wonderful views. Please ask me if you have any questions. See you on Sunday.



From the Editor.

We are well into the New Year and this is our first meeting for 2019,. December saw the branch meet at the Raceview Hotel to say 'Cheerio' to Splitty, we had a very good turnout on the night, (maybe people wanting to make sure he was leaving!). Splitty will be well missed, he was a passionate Branch member and not a bad bloke for a Cockroach (NSW supporter).



A few members had a go on the mechanical Bull that was on at the Hotel that night, Splitty and Les gave it their best but I think Sue (Cupcake) probably was the best and lasted longest before being thrown off, a good effort by all anyway and a good laugh for those of us who didn't give it a go. As in true Splitty tradition he was again last to leave the pub.

The day after Splitty's farewell was my ride to the shed café at Rathdowney, we had 16 bikes and 2 cars turn up, 23 people in total which wasn't too bad, we left at 9:00 am and it was already a hot day. Sherriff very kindly offered to ride as tail ender for me and was looking very smart in his new orange Hi-Vis vest. We went to Boonah and then out to Rathdowney past Maroon Dam, which we good just see through the tress and looked like a nice place to go on another ride one day.

Just after the Dam the roads got a bit narrower and we were lucky that most people gave us plenty of room to stay on the bitumen and not have to get onto the gravel, all except one Muppet towing a caravan who just didn't want to move over.

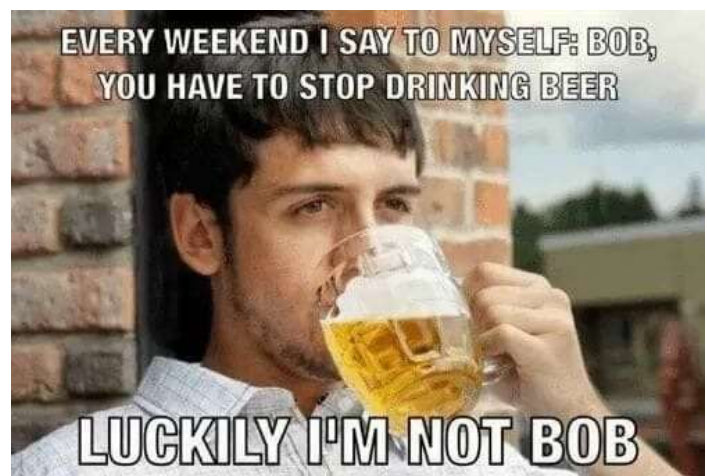
Anyway, we all got there safely in one piece, Kathy and Splinter got there a bit sooner than the rest of us (hooning) and were waiting at the entrance. A quick hill climb, and we were at the café. A pleasant hour or so was spent chatting and eating and drinking some very nice food, coffee and milkshakes. While we were at the café, we learnt that Sherriff's wife calls him 'Boofhead' as she called Ray to let him know that he had left his phone at home DOH!! Also, Anni decided to pull her earring out when she removed her helmet which totally split her earlobe, some first aid from Kathy and Fox and she was right but still went to the Docs and the way home where they put a stitch in, hopefully it will heal Ok.

We all went back home a different way through Beaudesert which I didn't know so Spook led us for most of the way so thanks to Spook as well.

Thanks to everyone who came on the ride I hope you had some fun, thanks to Sherriff for being tail ender.

Chopper and Yakki (Sue)

Chopper. #66352



Sheriff's Office

WOW!! What a great night December meeting, full of fun and laughter. We had our secret Santa and it was wonderful, I ended up with a box of Chocolates and couldn't wait to get home and munch into them.



Ado, Amanda and myself went to Yatala for dinner with the National Committee, it was good to see who is running the show, Jen Woods was an absolutely great person to talk to, I was talking to Dave who runs the gear shop and he has some great ideas for us men in the shirt dept.

All will be revealed next year.

Fines

Milton:- Dobbled Ado in for not turning indicators off

Gronk:- What can I say its endless too much to mention

Angry:- Cause we love him

Ray:- Being a Jonah every time he is with Rizzo

Tank:- Not ringing the girls when Gronk was in hospital

Birthdays

Anni and Dolly



We had several namings on the night.

Susie – Cupcake

Kathy – Speedy

Dean – Patch

Dave - -Splinter

Tow – Away Award was awarded to Gronk cause his Harley had to be towed 3 times in t he month and myself I had to be towed from Warwick to the bike shop in Ipswich.



James McColm #50255



IT'S FINE TO EAT A "TEST" GRAPE
IN THE PRODUCE SECTION BUT
YOU TAKE ONE BITE OF A
ROTISSERIE CHICKEN AND IT'S
ALL, "SIR YOU NEED TO LEAVE."

The Fox's Den.

Hi Fellow Ulyssians,

February is here already, with nice warm weather to continue, I need rides for March and April so plan ahead to take us on a ride, whether it be a long one or short one. We need your input now.



Current upcoming rides.

Friday 1st February

Information Night

Sunday 3rd February

Ado's scenic tour of the Lockyer Valley will be departing Yamanto at 9:00 am

Sunday 17th February

Julz and Doogie Mystery Sausage Roll ride

Departing Yamanto at 9:00 am

February is organised. March and April are blank, so get a ride together to lead your fellow Ulyssians into the great south east.

Safe riding and ride within your capabilities.

Bob, the Silver Fox #63410



Lumberjacks Web.



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Hi all,

First thing first, Happy New Year.

Yes that's right, it is a new year, but already on the second month. That's the problem when we get old, or as I prefer to call it; "more experienced". The time is flying fast and before you know it, it's Christmas again.

Web wise things are going OK. I did have some problems with a lot of features not working, but that has been sorted out.

I was looking at changing web host but I will give this old one a go for a while as long as it will keep working.

There is not much else to report from me, but don't forget to let me know if there is something you think should be changed or if you have some good ideas for our website. I am always willing to listen and (maybe) make changes if I can.

I am going overseas the next few weeks but that shouldn't stop me from looking after our website as there should be Internet access where I am going.

Have a great month and

See you on the rides.

Cheers, Lumberjack See ya all on the rides.





RIZZO Welfare Wrap



January and February 2019.

Hi All

I would like to welcome you all back after the Christmas and New Year break. I had a fantastic holiday down in Sydney with my son and daughter -in-law, where they spoiled me rotten.

What a great turnout we had on Saturday night for Splitty (Vice President) as he has decided to return back home to Newcastle. I would personally like to thank Splitty for all the hard work and dedication to our Branch. He will be missed.

A big welcome to our newest Senior Member, Congratulations Julz you finally got there.

Family Day

For our very first Family Day we had a great turn out, everybody joined in playing games with the kids and then a Sausage Sizzle after followed by a birthday cake for Ray. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day, I am looking forward to the next family day. Well done to everyone.

Tea is an evil substance!!

Tea is much more dangerous than beer, please avoid drinking tea.

I discovered this last night, I had drunk 14 beers up until 3am at the pub while my wife was just drinking tea at home. You should have seen how angry and violent she was when I got home, I was peaceful, silent and headed to bed as she shouted at me, all night long and even into the next morning.

Please ladies if you just can't handle your tea don't drink it...!

Two Ladies talking in heaven.

1st woman-Hi Wanda

2nd woman-Hi Sylvia how'd you die?

1st woman-I froze to death

2nd woman- How horrible

1st woman-It wasn't so bad, after I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm and sleepy and finally died a peaceful death. What about you?

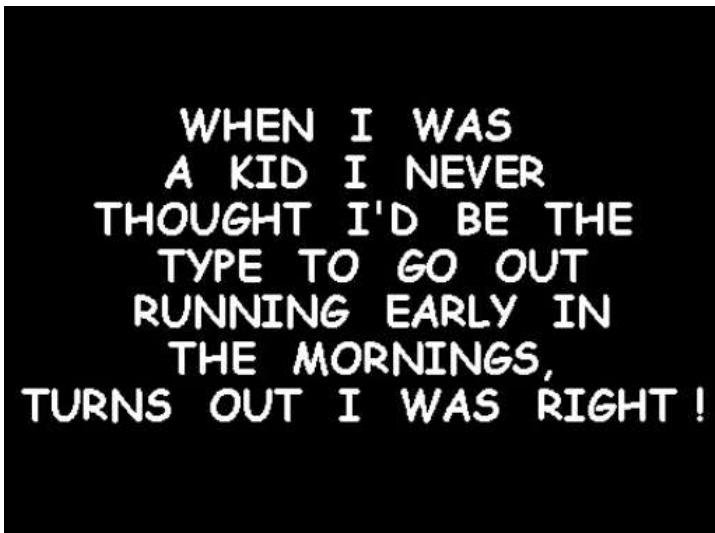
2nd woman-I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating , so I came home early to catch him in the act, but instead I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman-So what happened?

2nd woman-I was so sure that there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.

1st woman- too bad you didn't look in the freezer - we would both still be alive.

God bless and safe riding... **Rizzo #59819**



The Shed Café 6th January 2019



Some tips for a good day on the bike with the Branch.

- Arrive on time with a full fuel tank
- Listen in to the Ride leaders briefing, as well as being courteous you will also learn of any proposed stops or adverse road conditions, also who is 'Tail End Charlie', and what bike they ride.
- Ride at your own pace, if you feel that the person on front is getting a bit behind then overtake (so long as it is safe to do so), similarly don't push yourself to go faster than you are comfortable with, but remember we are riding as a group so we do need to try and keep together.
- Respect all road rules, blocking traffic, crossing double white lines and speed limits in particular..
- Keep a safe distance at all times, 3 seconds is a reasonable guide.
- If you intend to leave the ride early, let the ride leader know.
- If you think someone has gone missing – raise the question, better safe than sorry.
- Check every now and then that you can see the headlights of the bike behind you
- As a ride leader you will need to bear in mind the diversity of riders and experience and ensure the group does not get to spread out, I know for a fact that my bike does not go through Twisties quickly so I do tend to drop back a bit, so a place to regroup after road works or Twisties might be a good idea.
- Corner marking, the ride leader will indicate where the rider behind him should mark a corner, the person should only mark the corner in a place clear of any danger and where they feel safe. They need to be in a position clearly visible to the following riders and indicate the route to be taken, they should remain in place until "Tail End Charlie" arrives, however long that takes. Rejoin the ride safely, even after Charlie has passed if it's not safe to join in front of him.

Our rides are always meant to be fun and a great way to spend the day with some mates, these are just some tips that will help the day go well without any dramas.

Chopper.

Crash's monthly motorcycle tips.

Hi Gang it's time for another month of my tips, so here we go.

First of all, one of the sins you cannot commit on your bike is to change your mind right in the middle of performing a manoeuvre, even though I knew this, I still did it the other day and the result was me kissing the tar and doing \$500 dollars' worth of damage to my steed.

Ok here are my tips for our intrepid members who are going riding in Sri Lanka this month.

Tip 1: Don't drink the water, you may get sick and die

Tip 2: Watch out for wild elephants they might trample you and your bike to dust, O, and you might die.

Tip 3: Watch out for tigers, they might eat you and well you know.

Tip 4: Watch out for cobra's they might bite you and you may die.

Tip 5: Watch out for strange packages left on the side of the road, they might explode and well you know.

Why are you going there again, anyway enjoy your trip and come home safe.

That's all this month from someone who did crash.

Crash.



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Thanks to Mick and Paula or the next two articles.

Tennis

Now that the Australian Tennis Open is finished and the Joker and Naomi Osaka have won their respective singles titles, it is interesting to reflect on the origins of the game.

A form of the game that became known as royal tennis evolved from early medieval ball games where a ball was hit back and forth with the palm of the hand, much like schoolyard handball. Royal tennis was (...and still is) played on a court enclosed within walls; like a double-sided squash court. The ball is allowed to bounce off the walls before the player returns the ball over the net to his opponent. Games other than tennis have also evolved from royal tennis; notably racquet ball and squash.

Stringed racquets replaced wooden paddles from Tudor times and royal tennis was popular at the royal courts of Europe. French kings, Henry VIII and Mary Queen of Scots were keen players. It would seem likely that the term 'court' originated here. The game of tennis as we generally know it today, played on grass or clay courts, probably evolved in 18th century France. However, the game did not become widely popular until the late 19th century when common people increasingly gained leisure time.

And now, some of the quirky stuff associated with tennis:

At the Wimbledon tournament, before the start of each day's play, Hamish the hawk is released to scare off the pigeons.

Richard Williams, born in Switzerland survived the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 to go on and win titles at the US Open in 1914 and 1916, as well as the Wimbledon men's doubles title in 1920. Interestingly, as the Titanic was taking on water, Williams broke down a cabin door as someone was trapped inside. Bizarrely, a steward threatened him with a fine for damaging White Star property; this inspired a similar scene in the motion picture Titanic. Williams spent hours in the icy water before being picked up and his legs were so severely damaged that the ship's surgeon proposed amputation. Williams refused and managed to recover well enough to resume his tennis career. By the way, Williams joined the US Army in WW1 and was awarded the Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honour by France. At the 1924 Paris Olympics, he won Gold in the mixed doubles.

In 1946, 6ft 5in Frenchman Yvon Petra won the Wimbledon men's singles title. He would indeed consider himself fortunate to win the title, of even be able to walk. During WW2 Petra was captured by the Germans and interned in a POW camp. His leg had been badly wounded and would have been amputated, except for the skill and dedication of a German surgeon who managed to save the leg.

Vere St Leger Goold was an Irish sportsman who became the first tennis champion of Ireland in 1879. That same year, he became runner up in the Wimbledon singles final. A few years later, his life descended into a mire of alcohol and drugs. He married a London dressmaker named Marie Girardin and they moved to Quebec before settling in Liverpool. Marie persuaded him to try his luck at the casinos of Monte Carlo. They quickly found themselves in debt and Vere borrowed a sum of money from a wealthy heiress they'd befriended there. However, when repayment was demanded, they murdered the heiress and fled Monte Carlo only to be caught in Marseille. It was 1907 and they were both convicted of the murder; Vere was sent to Devil's Island where he took his own life a year later. His wife died of typhoid in prison in 1914.



Here are some maintenance requests made by QANTAS air crew and their responses. Apparently, they're true.

P – The problem, as logged by the pilot

S – The solution, as logged by the ground crew

P- Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

S- Almost replaced inside main tyre.

P- Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S- Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P- Something loose in cockpit.

S- Something tightened in cockpit.

P- Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S- Evidence removed.

P- DME volume unbelievably loud.

S- Volume set to more believable level.

P- Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S- That's what they are there for.

P- IFF inoperable.

S- IFF always inoperable in OFF mode.

P- Suspected crack in windscreen.

S- Suspect you're right.

P- Number 3 engine is missing.

S- Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P- Aircraft handles funny.

S- Aircraft warned to 'Straighten up, fly right and be serious'.

P- Target radar hums.

S- Reprogrammed target radar with words.

P- Mouse in cockpit.

S- Cat installed.

WHO ARE YOU?

Name Dean Merrell
Ulysses Number 68462
Nickname Patch
Partners Name Lyn Merrell
Occupation Private Investigator



Current/Previous Bike Yamaha VSTAR 1100
I got into riding when Teenager
Toughest Ride Ipswich to Sydney and back
My life began when 1969
I am really bad at Dancing
I am really good at Talking
My hobbies are Motorcycles, Speed Boats, Cars
Favourite movie Running on empty
Major dislikes Know it alls
Smartest thing I've done Meeting my wife
Best time of my life
Advice to new riders Ride to your capabilities.

Taken from Motorcycle Cruiser Magazine

Get a group of motorcyclists talking about crashes and safety, and you will almost always hear some popular misconceptions, incorrect assumptions, and common-sense explanations that turn out to be wrong when you actually check out what happens.

Maybe you know BS when you hear it, or maybe you have heard some myths repeated often or by people whose expertise you respect and you think they are actually true. Unfortunately, there are a lot of motorcyclists who do believe them. We wanted to bring some of these fallacies into the light of day so riders have the right information, and also don't repeat the wrong information to riders who turn to them for advice. These are the myths we hear the most:

If You Are Going to Crash, Lay It Down

I suspect this line was developed by riders to explain why they ended up flat-side-down while trying to avoid a crash. They over-braked or otherwise lost control, then tried to explain it away as intentional. You can scrub off more speed before impact with effective braking than you will sliding down the road on your butt. And if you are still on the bike, you might get thrown over the car you collide with, avoiding an impact with your body. If you slide into a car on the ground you either have a hard stop against it or end up wedged under it. Remember that the phrase "laid it down to avoid a crash" is an oxymoron, often repeated by some other kind of moron.

Other Drivers Don't Care About Motorcyclists

Other drivers really don't want to hit you, but they don't always know you are there, even when you are right in front of them. You can be obscured or completely hidden by glare, by other things on or along the road, by the roof pillars of the car, or by other traffic. Of course, not all drivers "think motorcycles" and make the effort to look for one.

To make yourself more visible, wear bright colors, especially on your helmet and jacket. Run your high beam during the day. Think about things that can hide you from other drivers—things as common as the sun behind you or a couple of roadside poles that line up in the driver's line of sight toward you.

Consider these myths busted.

Cruiser

Loud Pipes Save Lives

Yeah, there are a few situations where full-time noisemakers might help a driver notice you, like when you are right next to someone who is about to change lanes. However, all that noise directed rearward doesn't do much in the most common and much more dangerous conflict in which a car turns in front of you. Maybe it's the fatigue caused by the noise, maybe it's the attitudes of riders who insist on making annoying noise, or perhaps loud bikes annoy enough drivers to make them aggressive. Whatever the reason, research shows that bikes with modified exhaust systems crash more frequently than those with stock pipes. If you really want to save lives, turn to a loud jacket or a bright helmet color, which have been proven to do the job.

Helmets Break Necks

It seems logical—you put more weight out there on the end of your neck and when you get thrown off the bike, that extra weight will create more force on your neck. Turns out, it doesn't work that way. In fact, the energy-absorbing qualities of the helmet also absorb the energy that breaks necks in impacts. Studies show that helmeted riders actually suffer fewer neck injuries when they crash.

Helmets Block Your Ability to See or Hear Danger

The thing you learn when you dig into the research is that riders who use helmets crash less frequently than those who don't. Maybe that happens because they have a better or more realistic attitude about riding. Maybe it's because putting on a helmet is a reminder that what you are about to do can be dangerous and the act puts you in the right mindset. Maybe it's because a helmet provides eye protection and cuts down wind noise so you can actually see and hear better.

Whatever the reasons, wearing a helmet clearly does not increase your risk of having an accident.

A Helmet Won't Help in Most Crashes

People look at the seemingly low impact speeds used in helmet testing and assume that if you are going faster than that, the helmet will no longer be up to the job. That ignores a few critical facts: 1) Most accidents happen at relatively low speeds; 2) Most of the impact's energy is vertical—the distance your head falls until it hits; 3) Helmets (or at least helmets that meet DOT standards) perform spectacular life-saving feats at impact speeds far above those used in testing; 4) When a helmeted rider suffers a fatal head injury, it rarely matters, since he had to hit so hard that he would have had other fatal injuries; 5) The numbers clearly say that riders using DOT helmets simply survive crashes more successfully than those without them.

A Helmet Will Leave You Brain Damaged When You Would Have Simply Died

Of course that's possible—your helmet attenuates the impact energy enough to keep the injury from being fatal but not enough to keep all of your eggs from getting scrambled. But that's rare, and if you hit that hard, you are likely to get killed by some other injury. It's actually the un-helmeted rider who is likely to cross from animal to vegetable kingdom, and often from a relatively minor impact that would have damaged nothing but his ego if he'd been wearing a DOT helmet.

A Skilled Rider Should Be Able to Handle Almost Any Situation

The sharpest, most skilled rider in the world isn't going to be up to the task when a car turns or pulls out in front of him and stops directly in his path. Believing that your superior skills will keep you out of trouble is a pipedream, even if they are as good as you think. No matter how skilled you are, it's better to ride to avoid situations that can turn ugly. And dress for the crash.

One Beer Won't Hurt

Maybe not while you are drinking it, but if you get on your bike after that, it can hurt for life. No matter how unaffected you believe you are, all the studies say you increase your risk and that to others when you have even one drink and hit the road.

It's Better to Stay in Your Lane than Split Lanes

In most parts of the world, motorcycles split lanes all the time, everywhere traffic is heavy. Here in the U.S., people often act as if lane-splitting is insane. But when someone actually studied it in the only place in the U.S. where it's legal (California), they discovered it's actually safer than staying in the lane in heavy traffic. Still, many motorcyclists berate others who do it, when they should in fact be endorsing it.

I'm Safer on the Street than on an Interstate

The thinking is that slower is safer, but that's only really true after the accident begins. Controlled-access roadways are inherently safer because all the traffic is going the same way and there are no side streets from which someone can pop into your path, no pedestrians, and, often, less roadside obstacles to hit if you depart the roadway. Running down the road at 70 mph side-by-side with the whirling wheels of a semi may feel hairy, but you are actually safer than at half that speed on a city street or even a country road.

ULYSSES REDCLIFFE BRANCH

6 CARD DRAW POKER RUN



WHEN

FEBUARY 9th-10th 2019

START

McDonald's KALLANGUR

82 Duffield Rd, Kallangur QLD 4503

Meet and register at 8am for
9am departure

DISTANCE

175KMS

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Last card draw and prizes



For those that want to stay in Kenilworth the night and have a few
Beverages and Dinner and Giggles.

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Rockers and back patches

There seems to still be a bit of confusion surrounding the Ulysses Club rule regarding the wearing of back patches on riding gear and vests.

Put simply, a Ulysses Club patch can be displayed on the back of a riding jacket or vest as long as there are no other badges, patches or name badges/rockers on the back of the jacket/vest. Refer to picture 1.

If there is no Ulysses patch, you can put any badges or patches you like on your jacket or vest. Refer to picture 2.



Picture 1 illustrates the acceptable format on our national president's vest.



Picture 2 shows Ol' No. 1's vest to illustrate the other acceptable format.

It's important to note that an agreement has been reached with the outlaw clubs that allows the wearing of just our club logo on the back of riding jackets/vests. If individual members choose to add any other badges or nametags to their jacket/vest they are considered to be in breach of the ruling and their membership will be terminated.

Pictures 3 and 4 show vests that contravene the Club's ruling.



IPSWICH ULYSSES BRANCH FAMILY DAY





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.

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A couple, both age 78, went to a sex therapist's office. The doctor asked, "What can I do for you?"

The man said, "Will you watch us have sex?"

The doctor looked puzzled, but agreed.

When the couple finished, the doctor said, "There's nothing wrong with the way you have sex," and charged them \$50.

This happened several weeks in a row. The couple would make an appointment, have sex with no problems, pay the doctor, then leave.

Finally, the doctor asked, "Just exactly what are you trying to find out?"

"We're not trying to find out anything," the husband replied.

"She's married and we can't go to her house. I'm married and we can't go to my house. The Holiday Inn charges \$90. The Hilton charges \$108. We do it here for \$50...and I get \$43 back from Medicare.

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