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*Information nights are held on the first Friday of each month at the Karalee Tavern, 78 Junction Road Karalee.
Our meetings start at 7 pm – come along for dinner earlier if you like*

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ADO'S AIR SPRAY

Welcome to November issue of the Ipswich Branch Newsletter. We don't have long until we will be celebrating Christmas 2014. In-between then and now the branch has a few events to attend.

The branch 1st birthday party was held at the Old Purga School and was a great night. A big thankyou to all those who chipped in to do the little extras it takes to keep the night flowing. Special thanks to Amanda, Dolly, Tracy and Rizzo for organising the catering upstairs and big, big thankyou to Daffy and The Silver Fox who stood in the partial dark and cooked the meats for us. The marquee was supplied by Jeff Stricklen of Ipswich Radiator Works and he even didn't mind when he had to go back to his business on the Saturday afternoon to reopen so I could pick up the pegs needed to hold it up. The Baby Photos were a hit with much laughter heard.

The Ipswich Events Corp: Christmas Lights Parade is fast approaching - Friday 21st November. Check out the website for full info. Please let Amanda know if you are intending to come along to this event. Amanda has let them know to expect around 20 bikes adorned with Christmas lights. Only bikes/trikes are allowed on this ride, no tin tops. Amanda can't wait for this one – all the Bling in the world wouldn't stop her.

For those who would like to help our injured rider Mak. Doogee has organised a traditional Hangi at Mak's place on the Saturday 22nd November. There is a flyer on the website and I think Doogee is looking for numbers so if you are looking for a good night out we might see you there.

Christmas Toy Runs are on the website. It would be great to see us attend the Mount Lindesay Toy Run on Sunday 23 November and also the Sunshine Coast Toy Run on Sunday 7th December. The Ipswich Toy Run is definitely one for the branch to attend on Sunday, 14th December – more info will follow at the December meeting. Also check out the website for updates.

We will be celebrating the Branch Christmas Party on Friday, 12th December 2014 at Wild Poppy, 37 Warwick Road Ipswich. This is at your own cost with meals around \$15 a head. It is BYO and Dolly has organised the venue for us solely. We will bring the music. Come along for a fun night, dressed in your Christmas attire. If

you have any Christmas table decorations eg: battery operated Christmas stuffed toys etc please bring them along. Please rsvp to Dolly or Amanda by the end of the December Info Night so we can let the venue know.

The SEQ Presidents meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Harrisville on Sunday. The problem I have is that it is held on the 1st Sunday of the month and I have to miss a ride to attend. Plenty of discussion was held on the Memorial Gardens, Redlands Bogan Bingo, The Warwick Bikes through the Bar, Redcliffe's Odyssey, Redlands Bikers Blessing, the Lockyer's Ipswich Toy Run, Mount Lindesay's Blue's Rally and our DV Awareness Ride. The Blackall Rangers Branch is now known as Nambour. We also spoke about the National AGM in Albury in March next year, and possible nominations for the National Committee. One thing that I became aware of is that the weekend following the AGM is the 2014 Easter weekend, so those travelling home, need to be aware of accommodation issues. The following was discussed on ride etiquette on Branch Rides and that was an interesting discussion with all branches having the same ideas.

For the newer members and those who may need a reminder: We officially ride the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month with all rides advertised through our website. There are rides of interest advertised on the website which we sometimes attend as a group or individuals. A few days earlier to the ride Kon our Webmaster sends an email to all members who are registered on our branch website to confirm the time and leaving place for that weeks ride.

Leaving locations are set by the ride leader but are mostly from the Yamanto Shopping Centre carpark across from Maccas, the Karalee Shopping Centre carpark near the bottleshop and our new leave point which is at the Caltex Garage at Blacksoil or at the ride leaders discretion.

FULL TANK – EMPTY BLADDER and PREPARED TO LEAVE after the Ride Leader Pre-Brief.

Pre Brief: 5 minutes before we leave the departure point the ride leader will call all participants together to provide info on the ride itself, any hazards or road conditions noticed on the pre-ride, and if possible approximately how many corner markers are required, our stops and our destination.

The Ride Itself: The Ride Leader is in charge of the day's travel, in consultation with Eric our Branch Ride Coordinator. A lot of work has gone into preparing for the day with a pre-ride completed to check out the roads, and plan for stops and meals. It is the role of the Ride Leader to lead the group as safely as possible from the departure point to the destination point. To keep the group together to the best of their ability and to control the speed of the ride. They should obey all road rules. If you are intending to leave the ride please let either the Ride Leader or Tail End Charlie know. Unless the ride leader has advised the group of any changes in the formation, all riders are expected to stay behind the ride leader and in front of Tail end Charlie during the ride. If you are seen to pass the ride leader it would be an indication to the group that you are leaving the ride and not staying part of the group. Personally, I would see someone passing me as ride leader without prior knowledge, as an insult to my ride leadership.

Tail End Charlie is nominated by the Ride Leader (and coordinated with the Eric the Branch Ride Coordinator). I believe the Tail End Charlie should be an experienced rider due to its importance. The tail end charlie's role is to stay at the rear of the group and to safely allow the corner markers to re-enter the ride group.

Corner Marking The ride leader will indicate to the rider behind if they require a corner marker. If you are not comfortable with this role, the rider behind you will take up the position. At all times the corner marker must position themselves in a safe position in regards to the traffic. If the group gets separated or stretched out at any stage of a ride (because of traffic conditions/red lights etc) if you don't see a corner marker, please continue straight on. In theory this should work. The corner marker is to stay on the corner until the tail end charlie gives them the ok to safely re-join the ride.

Til next month

Keep it Legal – I's a Watching Ado



This following story is a real bummer.....

The Psychiatrist &The Proctologist.

Best friends graduated from medical school at the same time and decided that in spite of two different specialties, they would open a practice together to share office space and personnel.

Dr. Smith was the psychiatrist and Dr. Jones was the proctologist; they put up a sign reading: Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones: Hysterias and Posteriors. The town council was livid and insisted they change it. The docs changed it to read: Schizoids and Haemorrhoids. This was also not acceptable so they again changed the sign to read: Catatonics and HighColonics - no go. Next they tried: Manic Depressives and Anal Retentives - thumbs down again.

Then came Minds and Behinds - still no good. Another attempt resulted in Lost Souls an Butt Holes - unacceptable again! So they tried Nuts and Butts- no way. Freaks and Cheeks - still no good. Loons and Moons - forget it. Almost at their wit's end, the docs finally came up with:

Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones; Specializing in Odds and Ends.
Everybody loved it.

Ride Report

"Meringandan" Sunday

7th Sept, 2014.

By: Tony - Aka (Spook)



Sundays ride to Meringandan had a good turn out seeing that it was Fathers day, thanks every one for your support.

A short briefing and with Lindsay (Ghost Rider) as tail end Charlie, Thanks mate... we headed off from Yamanto for our first stop at Grantham.

The ride out through Amberley, Rosewood, Grandchester, Laidley and onto Gatton is always a good ride, then a short run up to Grantham for our first visit to "Floats Café", where they really looked after us, we'll be back, thank you Tony (Owner) & the staff.

Coffee and cake put away, we terrorized Murphy's Ck as we rumbled up the hill to Highfield, some taking on a little fuel at the BP before running out to our lunch venue, the Meringandan Hotel.



As usual the meals here are enormous, and the service is just as good, I hope it never changes This is one venue I really love visiting.



All fed and watered we head back down Murphy's Ck and the Highway home, some dropping off as we go.



A great day with my lady Di and good friends, on our bike just doing our thing, it doesn't get much better than this. I hope you all enjoyed the day, if so, come join us when next we play.

Thanks. Tony (Spook)

SHERIFF'S COURT

Another successful month that our members have been acting disgracefully. I could not make Gunther or Ross' ride due to moving my daughter into a new house, plus my grandson moving out of home. Lizzie and I are free again after 16 years, yahoo!! But other people are willing to do in other members acting disgracefully.

FINES FOR THE MONTH

Lindsay: getting lost being Charlie End Charlie
Mario: no indicators again and coming late for the photoshoot
McGyver: being arrested by a gedi warrior
Toddy: no indicators
Rizzo: losing chami from her saddlebag
Kon: getting lost on holidays
Steve: going through stop sign
Doogee: being a disgraceful boss towards Ado

BIRTHDAYS Tracey "Double D", Wal "Mad Dog Morgan" and Steve

MISHAP AWARD Awarded to Shane Grey Wolf for dropping his

He and Anne are going to Tasmania for a holiday and taking the mishap with them. I hope he does not come back with a second head, ha ha.

Indooroopilly St Peters High School Formal: Ipswich was invited to provide 17 bikes to take the young ladies to their prom night. We had to make them sit side saddle on their bikes as they were wearing evening gowns. They were as excited as we were by being taken on the bikes by leather clad bikers. It went off well without a hitch. They were well mannered young ladies. Afterwards we went back to Mario and Lee's for coffee and cake. I would like to thank the girls for supplying the sweeties, you know who you are. Once again, that you very much.

"A person without a sense of humour is like a wagon without springs, it's jolted by every pebble on the road"

WINDSUCKER



Pearce
bike.



Mt Mee Ride

What a great day for a ride! At the beginning of the ride there were 14 bikes with riders and three pillions in total 17 took off from Karelee. We were very happy to have Lee from the Brisbane Ulysses Club came along for the day. Lee lives at Pullenvale and it was good to see that everyone made him feel welcome and we hope that he will enjoy the day riding with the Ipswich Branch.

We ride through Fernvale when we collected another two bike, now we had 16 bikes.



Our first stop was at a picnic area along the Northbrook Creek just at the bottom of Mt Glorious. This area is very peaceful and just as we pulled up the cows were grazing but with the noise of the bikes they moved on and we were left to have a well-earned morning tea break.

Morning tea was supplied for the group with fresh muffins (Apple / Mixed Berries) baked this morning by Dorothy when she climbed out of bed at 3:30am, to ensure that they were fresh. Morning tea also included tea / coffee for everyone. Lucky for us the Gold Wing has enough room to carry such supplies.



We had four Gold Wings on the ride

Everyone seemed to enjoy the low key morning tea where the group just mingled and talked without the noise of other people and didn't have to worry about purchasing a coffee.

After morning tea six bikes left the group to return home when the other 10 bikes and pillions passengers continued on for the ride. Most of the speed now over Mt Glorious is at 60kmp so the ride was not at a fast pace and you could take in some of the scenery.

Fuel stop was at the bottom of Mt Glorious and then we drove through Samford Valley when our ride leader took a wrong turn. No guessing who that was, but he was just checking to make sure that everyone could do a u-turn. Now we were back on the right track and off to Mt Mee.



Our lunch stop was on top of Mt Mee at Pitstop. This business is run by a family and the menu is very reasonable priced with light meals. The views from the restaurant are just breath taking overlooking the valley. I am sure you will see some lovely photos that were taken by others within the group.

After we had finished our lunch we were surprised when they came out with two plates of carrot cake for the group. The owners had really gone out of their way to welcome us.

After filling up again with food we were off heading to Woodford / Kilcoy. Lee said that he knew a short cut to Kilcoy so he led the way with everyone in tow. Our next stop was Kilcoy, to refuel and say our farewells to each other. The ride leader was going home through Esk and the rest of the group went heading home through Fernvale.

We are sure that everyone returned home safe and well ready for the next ride.

Dorothy and Gunther

Stanthorpe Wine Tour Weekend – 17, 18 & 19 October

Due to the low numbers attending the wine tour it was decided by a couple of the group to travel down to Stanthorpe on Friday so we could get a head start with the drinking. We met up with Steve, who many of you know and it started with have just a few drinks. Enjoying the cooler climate.



After a few drinks it was decided we would be going to the local Chinese Restaurant for a meal. So we thought we should ring a taxi because we were already over the limit to ride our bikes. By now we were all one big happy Ulyssian family growing old disgracefully.

At the restaurant we placed our orders and again order some liquid supplies to wash the food down. We were a little bit rowdy with Annie making sure we were having a good time, but the workers were not too sure about us. We had to wait a while for our meals and were wondering if they would arrive, but never mind the liquid supplies were still arriving.

A big thank you must go to Eric who paid the bill at the restaurant for us all. Thank you



Next day early in the morning comes Gary & Leonie with their camper trailer to join in with us for the wine tour. Of course the group decided we would go and watch them put up their trailer, it is a little bit of fun seeing others working.

With Gary & Leonie's bed made for the night we were off on our wine tour. Due to the small number we were in the bus with five other people. Tasting some good, and bad wines and making some small (boxes) purchases for home.



The bus driver ensured that we saw a little bit of Egypt while we were on our travels while sampling the wines. And no it is real it was not the wine. Apparently the owner of the land wanted to get rid of the rocks on his land and came up with building a pyramid.



We were now ready for the BBQ and were joined back up with Margaret, Wally, Lyn and Andrew at the caravan park. During the week we received a call from a couple who live at Boonah Seth & Antonetta Harris who are thinking about joining the Ulysses. They wanted to come along and meet some Ulyssians and join in for the BBQ. Everyone made them feel welcome and we got to know them a little, they may come to the next meeting in November. Seth rides a Gold Wing of course, another one for the group. They seem to be multiplying.



Sunday we took off and had a wonderful breakfast before heading home. Thanks to all who made a great weekend. Dorothy and Gunther.

Brain teaser time....can you read this?

I've seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time I've seen it with numbers.
Good example of a Brain Study!!

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Perseverance Dam Ride – Sunday 2 November.

Finally, after weeks of putting it off, I went to see “Mad Mick” at Goodna to get some new round rubbery things to keep Blondie the Honda shiny side up on Saturday morning. All I can say about that is that it was an experience I will never forget. The bloke that arrived 15 minutes after me was devastated to have arrived second. Anyone who has been to see Mick for tyres will know what I am talking about! Anyway, that led to me going on Daffy’s ride to Perseverance Dam on Sunday morning safe and sound knowing the new Pirelli’s were top notch, top grade, on the right way round and sure to see me through all sorts of trouble, possibly do my washing ironing, and maybe even inflate themselves.....according to Mick. So far so good!

About 20 of us left Karalee at 8am on Sunday, and made our way via Fernvale and then the Wivenhoe-Somerset road through to Esk where we stopped for a gas bag and a cuppa and a meat pie and a coke and a pit stop. From there we made our way along some really nice windy roads with spectacular views until we reached Kessbrook Dam, or is it Kressbook Dam, or Kersbrook Dam. Maybe it was Kerbrooks Dam!! Either way, it was really pretty, we stopped for a quick look around and another pit stop and decided that although it was nice, it wouldn’t make a good camping spot because you can’t swim, and you can’t jet ski. Why else do you go to a dam, I ask!!

It was at this stop that a new method of parking a bike was invented by one of our newest members, on one of our newest bikes! Macca invented the “MaccaStacca” which involves parking on an awkward angle and gracefully departing the bike in a sideways fashion, with the initial goal of getting off the bike finally achieved, albeit on a horizontal sort of angle. It all happened in slow motion, and Macca was a tad sore, but assured us all he would be fine. At this point, Marita pointed out that the Go Pro on her bike would have caught the whole thing, with a still photo being taken every 30 seconds. Macca suddenly realised that he had pulled his daks down to check out the graze on his leg – and Maria’s Go Pro would likely have several photos of Macca’sdaccas. Gails of laughter later, we are still giggling about the MaccaStacca with a glimpse of Macca’s Dacca’s!! Sorry Macca – had to be said! But it is a really nice looking bike and we are glad the MaccaStacca didn’t do too much damage to you or to the Valkyrie.

Off we went from the dam that starts with the letter ‘K’ to Perseverance Dam just down the road. I don’t know why it is called *Perserverance Dam* – sounds like it is trying too hard to be a dam to me. We were met there by Fossil who brought along the branch trailer and food (thank you!). We set about as usual with the boys cooking, and the girls buttering and slicing. It was a really beautiful little spot with lots of shelter and tables/chairs so we stayed for about an hour chatting and eating and quenching our thirst! From there we headed straight back to Fernvale, and then home by about 2pm.

Big thanks to everyone including Daffy for leading, Erik for tail end Charlie-ing, Fossil for towing, the chefs (Daffy and Bob but others helped too) for cooking and the preparers and cleaner upperers – great food and great company as always! And a really enjoyable ride on my new you beaut round rubbery bits (apparently they have a built in cocktail machine – shaken not stirred!!).

JULZ

And now from the desk of Erik and Annie!! Thanks – Ed.

11/10/2014

The alarm went off at 05:00 and we only just went to bed at 01:00 but we were on our way to NSW for an extra

holiday as I was told to take holidays due to tough times at work.

We made it out of our driveway at 06:06 and had plenty of time to make it to Stanthorpe to 08:30 as we had arranged to meet with Steve and Lynn for breakfast there.

The night before, we went for a ride on the bike and we had our cold summer jackets on, but after watching the weather forecast, we decided to wear the hot leather jackets and just as well.

About 20 km before Stanthorpe, we pulled in to a rest area to put some more clothes on.

We had plenty of time so we had a small break and then we were off towards Stanthorpe again.

We arrived at the usual baker shop, spot on 08:30 and Steve was there waiting for us.

We had a lot of catching up to do so it took us an hour and a half before we were on our way again.

At Glen Innes it was time to re-fuel. 348 km – 20.3 litres of petrol.

Due to the weather forecast with lots of rain a few days later, we decided to go to Dorrigo first and not to Blue Mountains as first planned.

We turned off New England Highway towards Dorrigo and the sky turned dark, just like 9 months earlier coming home from Victoria where we turned around as Dorrigo weren't all that important.

This time we continued and about 15 km before Dorrigo the rain started. It quickly increased to very heavy and then started the hail. At some places there were more than 5 cm of hailstone/snow across the road and I was a little concerned about the road grip.

It was also very cold as there was nowhere we could safely stop to get into our wet weather gear and at this stage it didn't matter anymore. My crotch were full of ice and I think that my now little fellow had totally disappeared or maybe it had just frozen off.

About 5 km before Dorrigo there was a rest area with a small shelter and we stopped there until the worst was



over. The hail stopped just after we pulled over and after 15 minutes the rain eased off a little and we slowly made our way towards Dorrigo.

Those 5 km. felt like 20 km but finally we made it.

Being a Saturday there was no accommodation in town of course so we continued out of town and stopped at the first caravan park we saw. It was very basic but the view was stunning and they

had cabins available one for a couple of About an hour later was perfect and we walk down to the some coffee and a That night, we slept wake up before 9 (which is really Queensland.



so we took days. the weather went for a town to get few drinks. well and didn't sometime after just 8 in

12/10/2014

The weather was perfect when we woke up, but the floor was very cold so we had to wear shoes while getting ready for breakfast.

We jumped on the bike and drove to town where we the night before had sourced out "Australia's smallest motorcycle museum" which was also a cafe and we found out that they made some very good coffee (which is important to us) The owner was a short fellow from Argentina and very pleasant so we had to come back there again.



We went into Tourist Info to find out where to go and there were a lot of places. We found out that our caravan park was in walking distance to the national park info centre so we walked the 2.5 km to the centre and went on a bushwalk that we also went on about 15 years ago. We didn't really ride the bike much, but we still managed to put 50 km on the clock.

13/10/2014

We woke up a little earlier and had to pack up as it was time to move out of the caravan park.



We went to our usual breakfast

place and had some good breakfast and after that it was time for a stroll down the main road to have a look at all the shops that now was open as it was Monday.

We then went for a ride to "Dangar Falls" and decided that it was worth having a better look at.

We didn't want to leave all our gear at the car park, so we went to our new accommodation to see if we could check in early so we could lock up our stuff and lucky for us, we could.

There was only 2 km to walk to the falls and from there only a short walk down to the falls.

After a walk around the falls, we went back to town and I thought that we deserved a few drinks after all that walking so we did just that.

After a few drinks, we went shopping for a few things. Then there were afternoon storms coming.

14/10/2014

We stayed at the pub and breakfast was included which made it easier for us to get ready and go for a ride. We wanted to go to Ebor National Park so we went on our way, however when we got closer, the weather turned ugly so we turned around and went on random roads where the sky looked better.

We went past a not yet opened railway museum where they had 74 locomotives sitting there where the 44 of them were Steam locomotives dating from 1877 to 1956

More info on www.dsrm.org.au



After taking a few pictures of some locomotives, we went on our way to our unknown destination.

The road was very rough and un-even and we ended up doing a 250 km loop; Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Bellingen, Dorrigo.

15/10/2014

We slept in again. It's tough to be on holiday.

We could feel the very cold wind when we ran the 30 metres from our room

into the Bistro to get our breakfast. When we went back to our room to pack, we were watching the news about the heavy snowfalls they had in the Blue Mountains. We were happy we didn't go there.

It was now bye bye Dorrigo. We went to have a look at one more Lookout just out of Dorrigo and then we went down the mountain through all the beautiful twisties and soon we arrived in Bellingen where we had a brief stop.

We were going up Pacific Highway which had changed since last time we went there. It was now much faster and boring. Before long, we were in Coffs Harbour where we turned off towards the water and went for a walk at the wharf. We also found a place where I could wash and clean the bike as it was very dirty after the storm and a few showers it went through.

We went towards Grafton and the fuel tank was going towards empty so we went into a few petrol stations, but they had only "sugar fuel" and I don't want that Sugar cane fuel in my tank so we kept trying. When we arrived in Grafton we thought that our fuel was easy to get but we were wrong. There was only Matilde and United fuel stations and they don't carry the real fuel.

Finally we saw a Caltex and went in there, just to find out that all their Premium bowsers had an "Out of order" sign on them. In the end, we got some Premium fuel, but I was ready to put some 91 octane in the tank.

We went on a road that ran along the river for many kilometres and we ended up in Casino and camped there for the night.

16/10/2014

We got out of bed at our usual "early" time and packed the bike. We were planning to stay the next night in Ballina as we wanted to see some water. (Not the water that comes from above)

We went on some small roads to Lismore where we had Breakfast. The parking conditions in Lismore were

chaotic and I weren't happy to leave the bike by itself with all the incompetent 4wd drivers attempting to manoeuvre their big rigs around the small car parks. Some female 4wd driver almost managed to run me down while walking towards the coffee shop.

We had some good breakfast and the bike was still standing up when we came back so everything was good.

We just had a short ride to Ballina so we had plenty of time to find somewhere to stay the night.

We came to a beautiful tourist park near the water and went in the office to book a cabin for the night. A sign outside indicated that they had Cabins available, however the "lady" in the office weren't too sure that they had any cabins available and finally she said that they had a 2 night minimum stay and she reckoned it was the same all over town. I told her that we would go to the next town and left the office. I wished that I could have let a bad egg fart out before I left but no such luck this time.

We went to another place and got a room there. We couldn't get in just yet as we were early, but there were no problems staying one night only.

We went to a pub near the water and had a drink while enjoying the water view.



Later on, we checked in at the motel and before we knew it, another day of our holiday had gone.

17/10/2014

We got up when we couldn't sleep anymore and packed up.

Next stop was Stanthorpe. We went to Lismore for Breakfast.

Once again, the weather was perfect and we found a good place to eat where they had some good food and coffee.

We had plenty of time on our hand

as we were going back to Queensland so we got our one hour given back to us.

From Lismore to Tenterfield there was a lot of twisties so there was no change of falling asleep.

We arrived at the caravan park before 1 pm. but they still let us in our cabin.

Wally and Margaret had already arrived and were setting their caravan up.

We unpacked, talked to Margaret and Wally and then went to town for supplies to the Barbeque the next day.

A few hours later, Gunther and Dorothy arrived and Steve from Stanthorpe also turned up. We had a lot of fun and decided to get a taxi and go out and eat. We may have been a bit noisy at the restaurant, but we were supposed to be disgraceful and we did a real good job of it.

18/10/2014

It was freezing cold when we woke up. The sky was blue and the wind made it feel even colder. I made some coffee and went out in the sun to drink it.

We had a closer look at the local art-work at the caravan park. They must have a lot of “out of date” gas bottles because they had a lot of sculptures involving gas bottles welded to look like all sort of animals.



After a while, everybody was ready for adventure at the Stanthorpe wine fields and we got picked up by a bus.

We tasted a lot of good and not so good wine and near the end of the tour I wanted to taste some coffee. We had a great day at the wine fields and to top it all up we had a barbeque at the caravan park.

19/10/2014

It was sadly the final day of our holiday. All we had to do was packing up and go home.

We had all (except Wally and Margaret) breakfast about 5 km out of Stanthorpe where they had some good food and coffee.



After eating, we all said goodbye and went home.

That was a neat little unplanned holiday where we rode just over 1800 km.

Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund (UCARF) Raffle

Snippit from Letter received from our National Secretary Mark Seja Ulysses Club Inc.

"The Ulysses Club Inc. will again be conducting a Raffle in support of the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund (UCARF). The raffle will be sold with the cooperation of all Branches and we ask for your assistance in supporting this initiative. In fact, we need your support to make this successful.

The UCARF is our major fundraising initiative and our ongoing support of the research students and since 2011, our PhD researcher, cannot be underestimated. Arthritis is a debilitating and painful disease many of us already suffer or will suffer with advancing years, and the opportunity to contribute to the work being undertaken will, we know, be embraced by you the members.

We look forward to your support for this wonderful cause."

Each book contains 20 tickets at \$2 each (no discount is offered for multiple purchases).

There is a fantastic range of prizes –

1st prize - Honda VT750C including ORC (Value \$12,750)

2nd prize - \$3,000.00 Cash sponsored by QBE

3rd Prize - \$1,000.00 Cash sponsored by QBE

The Raffle will be drawn during the AGM Event at Wodonga

I have ordered 2 books of tickets for our Branch. Please see me at the Information Nights to get your tickets. Dependent on sales – I will order more from our National Office. Also, as I am going to be at the AGM in Wodonga – I can ride your new Honda home for you... only kidding!!! Or am I? Amanda

Threads for the Web



Website or Web site:

A set of interconnected webpages, usually including a homepage, generally located on the same server, and prepared and maintained as a collection of information by a person, group, or organization.

Modern digital cameras take huge photos many megapixels in size - great for high quality printing, but too big to email to friends and family, and too large for displaying on web sites.

PhotoRazor solves this by making high quality copies of your photos at a smaller size - ideal for on-screen viewing. This reduces the file size making them much easier to email and share with friends and family.

Obviously you don't want to lose your large originals in the process - you'll need those for printing, so PhotoRazor saves the smaller resized copies to a separate folder, ensuring your precious original photographs are kept safe and untouched.

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MOUNT LINDESAY BRANCH BLUES RALLY

By Amanda

Ado and I decided to go to the Mount Lindesay Branch Blues Rally on Saturday 13th September 2014, this year at Boonah Showgrounds to catch up with some old friends and also to hand out some of our Inaugural Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Ride flyers, which we had just picked up [Thanks once again to Mario for organising them for us].

Mount Lindesay Branch put on a great event, and the Boonah Showgrounds seemed a good venue. Unfortunately the weekend was the same weekend at the Ulysses National Memorial Day and numbers were down, perhaps for this reason. We visited some happy campers, including Hooch and Deb, Cheffie and Bry, and Julz and Mark, who had a great set up, with loads of tall stories, shade and drinks to share. The games commenced with the tyre roll, tug of war, slow bike ride and tattoo comp. Ado had had a small procedure done at the doctors that morning so there was no games for him, and I just decided not to play this year.



We got to hand out loads of flyers for our Ride in May 2015 and met up with Terina who is organising the Fifties Festival at Aratula on 11/10/2014 which I am hopeful our branch will support in a big way.

Ado got to sit on a new Indian Heritage feel in love with and he got to chat to "Burstows" the owner of his 'last ride' Davidson Road King Classic Hearse. I know.....but he does like to be prepared.



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It was a hot day at Boonah that day, the was great, it was great to catch up with friends and plan a



Route 66 Ride in 2016 with the Mount Lindesay Branch.

Amanda

PS We were lucky to get home dry that night as there were huge storms, but as far as I know nobody blew away.

Member Profile: MARIO FARRUGIA (and family)!!



Mario Farrugia hails from a small archipelago in the Mediterranean that consists of the islands of Malta, Gozo, Comino, Comminotto and Filfa. Mario was born in Zabbar the sixth largest town in Malta located in the south east of the main island Malta. The town has a rich history. Mario's parents migrated to Australia in 1965 when he was 10 years old, by ship, and settled in Darra where Mario lives today, in the home he built with his father and uncles in the Maltese way (lots of concrete & swearing).

Mario began riding chook chasers when he was 14; and was not very good at riding them; constantly having a regular head-on with a tree. Against his parents' wishes Mario graduated to road bikes. Mario's first bike was a 380 Suzuki; he now rides a Honda VTX 1300. His favourite bike is his FZR that he retired himself from around 2010; the bike still lives in the shed, and has been handed on to Ricky with plans for a re build. Mario's best rides have been a lone trip to Cairns; and his beloved Phillip Island, which he has done twice so far, one time with Ricky that resulted in rest of life treasured memories, with plans for another in 2015. Mario has a couple of rules about riding and staying safe they are: "Ride assertively, and know your limits; make the road yours."

Mario is really good at being a friend; and loves fishing on Fraser Island another favourite place that he has been going to since 1969. Mario also likes to sing and be around muso's. His favourite music doesn't include Country or Opera; he does do a mean Rap number that cracks everyone up; he is a natural entertainer despite being quite modest. His interests include Rockabilly dancing, collecting stamps and John Wayne memorabilia; building model planes, bikes, ships, and currently a stagecoach. To earn a crust Mario is currently working to build-up a small business in printing consultancy, after leaving the printing industry in 2011, and spending the last three years as a Carer for his mother.

One of the smartest thing Mario ever did; was to decide that Lee was his best partner in life, because she loves him heaps, and after 10 years together they still make each other laugh; which is very important in a relationship, along with a healthy respect for each other's qualities, and short comings; particularly Mario's failure to use indicator's whether it be a vehicle or motorbike! The other smart thing was to encourage Ricky to ride. Mario is very proud of Ricky's abilities, and his attitudes to riding that has kept him safe, and given them an opportunity to be a good father and son team, especially on their road journeys.

I recently logged onto the National Website www.ulysses.org.au and found this Statement from our National President, Helena Gritton. I thought it well written and relevant to life in general, both personal and at branches. It shows that even at the top times are not always easy and shows how in touch Helena is with Us and is there for the good of the Club. Make sure you log on from time to time and see what is happening with our Great Club. Amanda

An Update from National President Helena Gritton



September 04, 2014

Statement from National President

After four months in office, I felt it was time for me to provide members with an update on behalf of the National Committee.

Following major changes to the Club's management committee at Alice Springs last May, I am pleased to report the newly elected NatCom have diligently navigated the initial sections of bumpy road that we expected we might encounter. As I write this, many side roads are being patched, bridges are being mended and the few potholes that have developed along the way have been flagged for major works.

Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,

As most of you know, we had a rider badly injured on one of our rides in September. This is something that happens every now and again no matter how hard we try to avoid it. There are a few things we can do to minimize the risk.

In my opinion, overtaking is putting us in great danger. Being on the wrong side of the road and who knows what the vehicle you are overtaking may do next.

If you have to overtake someone on a club ride, please make sure that it is done safely and legal.

Out of personal experience, young women in late model Hatchbacks are very dangerous. Spending more time watching their friends on "fakebook" than watching the traffic, they suddenly have to change lane and don't take the time to see if there are any other vehicles around them. I have had some close calls with those young women and have learned to keep my distance from them.

It would also appear that most cars have their windows coated with a "bike filter". This coating makes motorcycles invisible.

Basically, to ride safe we have to ride our bike like all cars are out to get us. I suppose that most of you guys and gals already know this and that is the reason that you are still alive today.



I have also noticed that a few of our members are not using appropriate footwear.

I'm not talking about wearing expensive motorcycle boots. That would be the preferred footwear with the most protection though. I'm talking about the people who are wearing footwear with shoelaces.

This is a potential dangerous practice as the shoelace bow may get caught on the pedal when it's flapping around in the wind.

When the bike comes to a standstill and you are about to put your foot on the ground, you realize that you can't do it as your foot is caught and then you and your bike fall.

This will of course always happen in front of other people just to make sure that if you aren't hurt in the fall, then you will be very embarrassed.

Ipswich branch rides in November:

The first ride in November was already done before this newsletter came out so there is only one more ride for this month.

- 16/11/2014 @ 9 am. from Yamanto. **EskMulgowie run.** Ride leader is Lindsay. An easy 220 km ride.

We (the committee) have decided to try a new start point when going on rides that goes north. Where we were currently starting from Karalee shopping centre, we will now meet at Caltex at Blacksoil.

The reason for this is that it is a lot easier to exit from Caltex than from the shopping centre.

The Caltex servo have the same services as the shopping centre, like coffee, bread, fuel and plenty of space to park our bikes.

As always: If any of you want to lead a ride, just come and see me or e-mail me. We can always do with some new destinations and more rideleaders.

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik (Lumberjack)

FUNDRAISER FOR MAK

Saturday 22nd November, at Maks place

Join us from 4pm, Hangi coming up at 6.30pm

Traditional NZ Hangi with 2 meats, 4 veg, stuffing and steamed pudding (yum)...

\$15 per plate,

Live music and raffles!

BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLES (and a chair!)

Please confirm numbers with Doogee 0413 101 862 or Julz 0477 702 232

The fundraiser is being run by a few of Mak's mates, so plenty of people from around the Ipswich region will be with us to make it a really good night!

We hope to see lots of Ulyssians join us too! Even if it's just to get a glimpse of Mario and his merry muso's entertaining us!

Hope to see you there! 🍷

The seven dwarfs go to the Vatican, and because they are the seven dwarfs, they are immediately ushered in to see the Pope. Grumpy leads the pack. 'Grumpy, my son,' says the Pope, 'What can I do for you?'

Grumpy asks 'Excuse me your Excellency, but are there any dwarf nuns in Rome '

The Pope wrinkles his brow at the odd question, thinks for a moment and answers, 'No, Grumpy, there are no dwarf nuns in Rome .'

In the background, a few of the dwarfs start giggling. Grumpy turns around and glares, silencing them.

Grumpy turns back, 'Your Worship, are there any dwarf nuns in all of Europe?'

The Pope, puzzled now, again thinks for a moment and then answers, 'No, Grumpy, there are no dwarf nuns in Europe

This time, all of the other dwarfs burst into laughter. Once again, Grumpy turns around and silences them with an angry glare. Grumpy turns back and says, 'Mr. Pope! Are there ANY dwarf nuns anywhere in the world?'

The Pope, really confused by the questions says, 'I'm sorry, my son, there are no dwarf nuns anywhere in the world.'

The other dwarfs collapse into a heap, rolling and laughing, pounding the floor, tears rolling down their cheeks, as they begin chanting.....

'Grumpy shagged a penguin!'

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