



Ipswich Ulysses Newsletter 10, August 2014 Edition

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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Ados air Spray August

A huge thankyou to all the members who made our Christmas in July such a roaring success. Denise and Steve for the use of their home from about 8 am Saturday until we left at 11am Sunday. What a magnificent meal we were catered for by Doogee and Julz and served by Doogee's three daughters plus one. Mario for the use of the huge Tent and the workers Rick, Mario's Brother, Howza, Dolly, Amanda, for the assistance in erecting it. Daffy, Silver Fox, Squirrel and Don for the firewood for the night. Don and Mivi (vica versa) for getting the hot coals out and the food into the ground when I arrived a little too late to help. Mick, Paula, Windsucker and Lizzie for their help before most attendees arrived. Another big thankyou to Eric for the use of his truck and big generator along with Mick and Phil for their generators as well to light our path in the night and also Dolly and Kon with Amanda for organising the tables under the tent. So if I have missed anyone I am so sorry.

Thankyou's out of the way, I must say it was a wonderful night with great food and stimulating company. The fire never looked like going out and Daffy and Don certainly made sure that it was fed until the last guest decided to go home. There is something about watching a fire that is so relaxing that it loosens the vocal cords, so much so that those who stayed around for the traditional joke telling around the fire weren't disappointed. I enjoyed myself immensely and can't wait for the next get together. My count was around 52 sitting around the fire at one stage. Marvellous.

The next Presidents meeting is not until after the branch information night so I don't have any new information to pass on from the other Sth East Qld branches other than what Kon has put on the web a rides of interest. Actually the meeting is going to be held at our next ride on 3rd August so I won't be there with you. So ride safe!

The ride against Domestic and Family Violence is in the planning stages and with the jailing of Gerard Bayden – Clay for murder now being identified as domestic violence, I feel there will be a higher awareness of what our ride is about in May 2015. As Amanda has already told you, we have secured D'Arcy Doyle place for the end venue and I have been in conference with the Ipswich Police to have the Nicholas St section between Limestone St and South St which is effectively in front of the civic centre to be closed and used for the motorcycle parking on the day. There is a lot more going on with posters and logos being designed and approved with the subcommittee going about their business organising in a very professional way. I have said many times and will say many times in the future that we will require lots of help to make this ride a success. There are so many angles to be worked through, so it is not too late to become involved if you wish to become part of the organising committee, otherwise rest assured you will be asked to help in some capacity on the day.

The sponsorship of Ultimate Motorcycles in West Ipswich is a feather in our cap and I have had discussions with our National Body who are impressed with our intentions. Theo Wollett is the dealer principal and has given his assurance that he will give 10% off all accessories and parts to any financial member of the Ulysses Club who shows a current membership card. Theo is now part of the Ulysses Club Member Benefits Scheme will be given a flag and stickers for his window to show his support for us. He also will be given free advertising in the riding on for the next three additions.

The branch continues to grow. The last ride over the mountains we four, count those four new participants of the branch. What a great day to have someone come and test the waters with us. I am looking forward to having them attend our monthly information nights. Please make them and anyone else who you think is new welcome. It doesn't take much too just walk up say hi, It may not seem much to you but it sure can be a difference to someone who is a little shy.

The last information night saw us a little squashed because of numbers. I can only ask that you have patience with the committee who are working with Glen from the Tavern to fit us all in comfortably. It appears that we need to reserve all tables and chairs. The only table without the sign was commandeered by a group of six so that was six seats that could have been put to better use for us.

While at Bunnings the other day I happened to run into Margaret Winter. Margaret's husband Lloyd was the engineer who constructed the BBQ trailer which we still don't use as much as we should. Wouldn't it be great if someone could come up with a breakfast ride for us to use it again? Don't have to go too far away from home but just a nice short ride with friends is always welcome.


Speaking of the trailer, Daffy took it home from the Hangi and has changed the positioning of the lights on the trailer. Now the lights can be seen when traveling behind it. He has also added extra lights on the side mudguards. The trailer looks a picture in the dark so, please let's have someone put their hands up. I can tow it anywhere.

A small problem on the last ride needed attention. We unfortunately had a rider who did not respect the other riders and was doing things that were down and out dangerous. This style of riding has come up at the committee level with complaints coming from other participants so I have taken the steps to try and see that this sort of riding does not come into the Ipswich Branch Rides. We have a few alternatives with the way to deal with this. One of the words of advice given to me by our local police officers is to film the culprit and hand the video over to them and they have assured me they will deal with it promptly. I would hope that it doesn't get to that stage and the person involved will re assess their riding style to accommodate the wishes of the branch. Please respect all riders on the branch rides. If you do not wish to ride sensibly then please find another group who will accept bad behaviour. At Coolum the other day I saw a surfer code which said "Give respect to gain respect" Good words to live by when we ride such powerful machines.

Look forward to any ideas you may have.

Keep it legal I's are watching

Ado



SAVE THE DATE.....

OCTOBER 25, 2014

The first anniversary of the Ipswich Branch of Ulysses is coming up in October this year!

Can you believe it?

So....keep October 25 free for some fun and frivolity to celebrate with each other the fantastic and successful year that you have been a part of!

Watch this space for more details in the next newsletter!

Ride Report.....James McColm "Windsucker" #50255

The other Thursday the three amigos Tony "Spook" Lindsay "Bounty Hunter" and myself went for a ride to the Dayboro Bakery via Mount Glorious as Lindsay and I have never been over it. Departing at 9 am from Blacksoil heading off through Fernvale and onto Mount Glorious. As it was a windy day Spook stopped and told us to ride at our own pace because all the leaves, twigs and tree branches were on the roads. Half way up we could see Spook twisting and weaving but unknown to us he got a tree branch stuck in his radiator but he managed to get it out without stopping. Very lucky! Just before we hit the top we had to slow down and dodge a few cows that were meandering on the road. We stopped at the café at the top of Mount Glorious for a coffee and it was nice as it was cold and the wind was howling a gale.

Back on our bikes off to the Bakery at Dayboro for lunch. After lunch we went down Mount Mee and down to Kilcoy for a fuel stop. I don't know what was the worst, Mount Glorious or Mount Mee, both quite treacherous if you are not on your game. It is like Spook says. You don't reach 70 riding like an idiot. Coming home through Somerset Dam the wind was unbelievable pushing us all over the place, very scary. We all made it home safely and I thank Spook for a very entertaining day. Till next time boys.

Windsucker

Ride Report Triumph Thunderbird Storm: by Daffy

I have finally entered the Cruiser rider age with the purchase of the Mighty Storm by Triumph. This bike has the style and the performance to outclass all others in the field (that is enough of the bullshit).

Specifications: Fuel injected 1700cc parallel twin cylinder, water cooled, 6 speed, max torque 115lb/ft at 2950rpm, belt drive.

First impressions; This is a very smooth ride without the vibration through your hands or seat, well balanced, and excellent road manners. Will outperform my limited riding skills and plenty of lowdown grunt to go anywhere you point it. The bike has a very tall first gear, however matched to the engine torque there is no problem starting off on even the steepest hills. The gear changes are crisp and well spaced with 6th being an overdrive.(2100rpm at 100kph). The speedo is within half of a kilometre of the GPS and easy to read while on the move. Twin headlights are brilliant especially after the Yamaha's, and high beam is great. Weight is not a problem while on the move and the COG is very low.



I went on the Danish Art Ride lead by Erik on a cold winter morning. We left Karalee and headed up the highway towards Esk, where we joined up with fellow members from the Gatton branch. As this was the first trip ride on this bike I was on a steep learning curve and managed to keep up with everyone so far. We headed out of Esk towards Toowoomba up the range. The Storm pulled through the corners and over the hills without any problems (Just the nut holding the handlebars selecting the right gear at the right time). Was happily following a car sitting on 90kph when this Blue streak VTX Honda flew past. Challenge accepted, opened up the beast and managed to keep the blue streak in site for the rest of the climb up the range (I won't mention he was 2up).

We regrouped at the top of the hill and then proceeded to the Danish Art Place for a wee stop and Coffee. Parked the Triumph near the caged birds with all of the others on the trip (Turkeys, how could something so ugly taste so nice) and all they could say when translated was "hey everyone take a look at this Triumph, isn't it fantastic".

Everyone finally got served and we headed out to the lunch stop at Laidley via Murphy's Creek, and Gatton on some back roads I have never been on. There were some very tight corners on the latter section of road and the Triumph performed as expected. Lunch was consumed by all (I did have an ice cream for dessert) and we all made our own way home. All up I did about 280km and had 10 litres left of the 22litre tank. DAFFY

Mt. Nebo / Mt Glorious ride.

The sky was blue and the temperature was a little bit on the low side when we met at Karalee Shopping Centre for a 9 am start towards the mountains.



We took off with a few minutes delay as we had to wait for the people who decided to meet at Yamanto. That didn't matter because it was only a short ride so we had plenty of time.

First we had to do the boring part of the ride. Getting from Karalee to Mt. Coo-Tha via

Ipswich Rd. and Centenary Hwy. Once that was done, things got better. We went to the Summit restaurant for a coffee break, but only half the people went up to enjoy the view. I guess that the other half didn't know what they missed out on.

After coffee, we went towards Mt. Nebo and had some fun doing a lot of twisties. We stopped at Jolly's Lookout so we could smoke, use the toilets, enjoy the view, talk clever talk etc. and when we were done there, we went towards Fernvale for lunch.

When I did the pre-ride, there was a lot of road work and it seems like most of it was completed and the road was so much better than the last time I went there. Most of us took it easy around the twisties and they were (in my opinion) still enjoyable.

About 12:30 we pulled in to Fernvale hotel and ordered our meals. The meals came quickly, compared to many other places we have been and after the meal and a lot of talking, we all went home, one by one...Erik

A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and said, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I make \$39,675 a year, a pretty small salary and you get the really big bucks (\$1,695,759) when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic..... "Try doing it with the engine running."

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT PINE MOUNTAIN

BY AMANDA

Well I finally got to go to my first Hangi, another thing I can now cross off my bucket list. I used Mrs Wikipedia to explain what I was getting myself into, so... "**Hāngi** (Māori pronunciation: [ˈhaːŋi]) is a traditional [New Zealand Māori](#) method of [cooking](#) food using heated rocks buried in a [pit oven](#) still used for special occasions. To "lay a hāngi" or "put down a hāngi" involves digging a [pit](#) in the ground, heating [stones](#) in the pit with a large fire, placing baskets of [food](#) on top of the stones, and [covering everything with earth for several hours before uncovering \(or lifting\) the hāngi](#)"

What a great experience, the preparations for the day were exciting and intensive and of course full of tall tales and loads of laughter.



Doogee rang me on the Friday before to advise that the Hangi had to be postponed because he couldn't find any dead wood. I really wasn't sure what he was talking about, so I tried to figure it out, explaining that we did have some wood gathered from Ripley which wasn't green and that I thought this would be right...what on earth was he talking about, on hearing the giggles from his end of the phone, I realised that he was joking. (In my defence I thought he may have meant that it couldn't be freshly cut, greenish wood), and just want to let you all know that I do understand that when a tree is cut down, that yes, the wood is dead. No fines for me for that one! For a few weeks prior to the weekend Ado had been prep'd by Doogee on the digging of the pit, which in our mind had built to be a mammoth task, sweat and all...even Daffy was going to bring a digger with him to make the job easier, but we had definitely made a mountain out of a mole hill. It was interesting watching the process for measuring the pit, filling it with wood, train rails, more wood, more train rails in preparation for burning the

next day.

The week prior the chilly weather had been creeping up on us and we were concerned that we wouldn't have sufficient fuel for all the fire bugs amongst us, hey Ado and Daffy and the rest of you! The wood came from far and wide with the hunters and gatherers in their element.... Ado and Jacko gathering at Ripley,



Silver Fox from his own wood pile, Mivi and Don from Karalee somewhere and I have to mention a very proud Daffy who delivered his huge hoard in his tailor made ute with a hydraulic lift. We definitely had sufficient wood, a sharp axe and the use of Doogee's chain saw if we needed to keep us warm on the night.



Mario and Lee donated their huge 36 foot x 30 foot tarp for the night. Luckily he bought his own crew along to set it up (Thanks for coming along guys!). It was very obvious that the crew were very experienced in putting the tarp up as they quickly took up their jobs and secured it for us in no time at all. There was a place for everything, a job for everyone and a lot of stories told of past camping trips with family and friends under the huge yellow tarp. Mario also provided a USB with a few songs, actually over 1000 songs to keep us entertained.

4 pm ish arrived and so did the members with chairs, jumpers and beanies ready for a big night. A huge circle formed around the bon fire, and the chairs moved methodically towards and away from the fire as our resident fire bugs added wood. Loads of pictures were taken with the odd 'spooky' pic taken from the fire. The music was great in the background and there were a few sing a longs. (Thanks Julz for bringing your guitar)



The Hangi was simmering underneath the earth until Doogee called all to the fire pit to watch the unveiling. The smell was amazing as the members gently removed the earth to reveal our lovely meal. I felt as though we should have sung a ceremonial song for the unveiling, so a few members decided to add their own take and songs to the occasion. Doogee, Julz and their girls started carving and unpacking the goodies and Silver Fox's knife skills were put to good use in carving the silverside.



Dinner was either eaten under the huge tarp or in the comfort of the fire under the stars. The sound of silence was deafening as members enjoyed their meals. Soon it was dessert time with caramel and chocolate pudding and custard, along with the desserts the members bought to share.

It truly was a great afternoon and night, we played a few silly games, had a sing around the fire with Julz, and told a lot of norty jokes as the night went on.

The next day we returned to Pine Mountain to clean up and pack up the tarp. Once again Mario and Lee came to the rescue with Bacon and Eggs which we cooked on the branch BBQ and also on the fire which was still burning.

A big Thank You to Steve and Denise for allowing us to use their property, Mario & Lee for their tarp and music, Phil & Glenys and Mick & Paula for their generators and Eric and Annie for their huge generator and lights which kept us all out of the dark on the night. Also thanks to Doogee, Julz and family for providing the Hangi for us and all the members who came along. It was a blast.



Amanda

A note from Doogee, Julz and the girls....(Amber, Gemma, Hayley and Eliza the ring in)

We would like to thank the Ipswich Ulysses Club for trusting us to provide your sustenance for the evening, Steve and Denise for their hospitality and allowing us to dig big holes in their back yard, Ado and Amanda for digging the big hole, being there for emotional support and accepting our attempt at practical jokes in good humour, Don and Mivi for turning up at just the right time, declaring a NZ heritage and understanding the need to quickly grab a shovel and dig deep, the members for your awesome comments about the food and the Gods for not raining on our parade!! Others turned up to help dig, prepare, slice, chop and otherwise join in...you know who you are so thank you thank you thank you!!

Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,

On one of our rides, some people have expressed that lunch was too late on the day (1:30 pm.) It is hard to get everything perfect and I prioritise the ride over the food. After all: It's only food. We need it to survive. I like food, but I like riding better so therefore the "feeding time" is of less importance. On the same note, the barbeque trailer gives us more freedom to go places where we couldn't go before as we can now stop and eat just about anywhere we like, regardless of pubs and café's so I hope we will get to use it a lot.

The other day I saw a 10 year old girl on her way home from school when a big guy on a black motorcycle rode up beside her, after running a little while beside her, he says: "Hey little girl, you want a ride?" "No" says the girl and continues to run. The motorcycle rider comes back up next to her and says: "You get 10 dollars if you go for a ride with me" "NO" she replies and run down the street. The motorcycle rider once again rides up to her and says: "OK, my final offer, you get 20 dollars and a big bag of candy if you go for a ride with me" The girl stops and starring at the man she screams: "Listen daddy! It was you who bought a Suzuki instead of a Triumph, so live with it."

Ipswich branch rides in August:

- 03/08/2014 @ 9 am. **Allora Pub Ride.** We start from Yamanto and Lindsay will show us the way. The ride is approx. 240 km.
- 17/08/2014 @ 8 am. **Mt. Mee ride.** Please note the start time: **8 am.** This ride starts from Karalee and Gunther is ride leader. This ride is approx. 350 km.

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.

See you all on the rides and ride safe.
Erik (Lumberjack)



Thank you to Elaine for this fantastic report about her recent USA trip. We had a discussion about the 4,000 odd photos that she took, and decided that this was probably enough!! Ed.

TWEETY PIES AMERICAN ADVENTURE 2014

After arriving in Florida USA - we headed to Universal Studios. Universal is made up of two theme parks. We chose to do one park only – due to time constraints. Both parks need a full day each to get around – do the rides – use the interactive screens – watch the entertainment and generally have a ball.



Harry Potter world at Universal is amazing. If you love the movies (as much as I do), then it would be easy to spend hours here. Walking through the gate you are straight into Diagon Alley. Each of the shops has a theme e.g. Ollivanders (the wand shop), the owls and accessories, uniform and capes; Weasleys' Wizarding Wheezes, Quidditch supplies shop, sample a butter beer ice-cream.

The simulation ride is a must do for Harry Potter fans. It is an absolute blast. The ride is your view from a flying broomstick - Hurtling through caves; around the Quidditch area (whilst missing balls & other players); and over Hogwarts – whilst being chased by dementors, Voldemort's snake Nagini and the fierce dragon.

Together with Jurassic Park; The Cat in the Hat; Toon Lagoon; Marvel Super Heroes – all with rides/action/shows and food – there is much to keep everyone entertained.



Disneyworld is divided into 4 separate theme parks. We chose Epcot Centre and Magic Kingdom on separate days. Both are HUGE and take all day to get around – unless you bypass areas.



Epcot has a lot of science areas with specialty rides. Epcot also has international pavilions showcasing different cultures e.g. Germany; China; Mexico; Norway; Italy etc. Each pavilion is made up of numerous buildings where you can – sample the food / drink of the region; buy souvenirs; watch shows and look at various exhibits. I liked the Chinese area as they had miniature Terracotta soldiers and put on an acrobatic display with 10 men & women.

The German Pavilion.



Throughout Disneyworld are topiaries themed to different cartoon characters. These are very popular for photographic backgrounds.



No visit to Disneyworld would be complete without a ride on the It's a Small World boat ride. The song plays over and over and over...well you get the point. Around each corner there is a different culture and their people in traditional costumes. It is alive with dancing / swinging / band playing / animals and a kaleidoscope of colour.



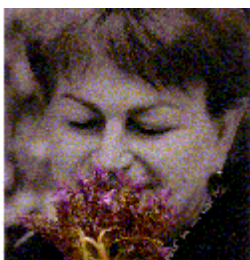
Kennedy Space Centre was amazing!! The bus tour took us 25 minutes and past various platforms for space shuttle launches. The size of buildings are much bigger than I imagined from seeing them on TV. The Apollo launch rockets were huge and a camera does not do them justice!!



To see the Atlantis return shuttle was a highlight for me. Different components of the Atlantis were around the exhibit for people to explore e.g. sit in a pilot's seat and look at the hundreds of buttons/lights; crawl into a bed arrangement (if you can fit through the small entry door) or watch actual launch archives.



Another day we went to the everglades to Sawgrass Recreational Park to ride in an airboat, whilst looking for alligators and other animals in the wild. We saw several gators swimming around before heading back to see the enclosures and watch a movie on the everglades & the preservation strategies in place.



Hello all. As the Welfare Officer I wish to let you all know that you can ring or email me for a chat, shopping spree or just a cuppa ..

It goes without saying that whatever is discussed is in total confidence.
Christine aka Dolly.

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Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together can you please submit all contributions by the Sunday night before each monthly information night? Email me at..... ipswichulyssesed@outlook.com

Ride leaders are encouraged to write a report for their ride, however all members are welcome to submit. Anything of interest to the members will be considered, however the name "Newsletter Editor" is just that, and I may need to 'edit' from time to time.

Julz Ph 0477 702232 (after 6.30pm please)

Disclaimer:

The committee feel compelled to include a disclaimer in this newsletter which states that:

We take no responsibility for the content of this newsletter now, before or in the future. The content of this newsletter is largely written and/or submitted by the members at large, and where that content will fit it will be included where possible. However, we will endeavour to publish only that material deemed appropriate to this branch and if any offence has been given then it was not intentional and will be rectified where possible.

Members Profile.....

Douglas Cavanagh....aka Doogee

Member since.....May 2014

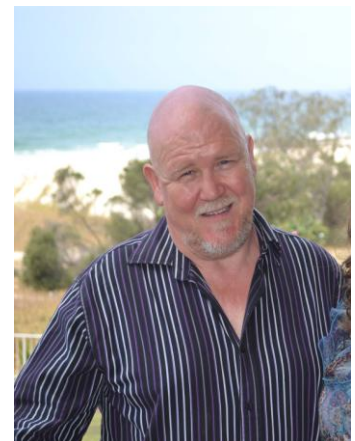
When did you start riding?.....I started riding quite late in life, early 30's. Call it an early mid-life crisis!

What was your first bike?.....A Czechoslovakian Jawa with a side car! Choice Bro!

What do you ride now?.....Im in between bikes, so my ride on mower is my main ride. Julz is my main squeeze. I'd really love a trike, or a bike and side car again. An appointment with the bank manager is imminent...

A bit about yourself?.....Im a dad of six girls, ranging from 13 to 37, and six grandchildren 3 in Aussie and 3 in New Zealand. I love cooking, especially Hangi's and sausage rolls and camp ovens. I love the All Blacks, since we have all the cups and can watch you Aussies drink tea out of your saucers. I also go for the Warriors (shut up all you Broncos supporters, I know we lost).

Something we don't know about you?.....I've got no hair on my head. For further enquiries please contact Julz during business hours.



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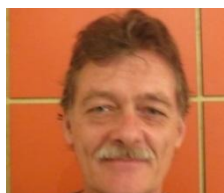
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