



IPSWICH ULYSSES CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER # 50 Dec 2017



Information nights: First Friday of every month, held at Ipswich Country Club, 1a Samford Road, Leichardt. Meeting starts 7:15 pm, come along for Dinner beforehand if you like.

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

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Ado's Air Spray.

Ado's December Rant

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2017. Can I on behalf of Amanda and myself I wish you all a very happy Christmas and one that brings lots of joy to you and your families.

The committee has purchased 2 x Two Way Radios which we will use on branch rides. A committee person will collect them at the end of each ride in readiness for the next. It is hoped that these will make our rides a bit safer enabling us to keep in contact in case of an emergency or lost riders. I look forward to seeing how they work out.

The branch Christmas party was held last Friday night at the Knights Soccer Club, Bundamba. 47 members attended and I hope they had a good time. We thank everyone for buying raffle tickets during the year allowing you to have the venue and meals for free on the night. The prizes were donated by Kiwi, Penny Rose and a company named Burning Landscapes Australia who can be found on facebook. Our own member Old Goat sang a few songs and donated his amplifier system for us to use, for which we are truly grateful. The music on the CDs didn't work out as hoped but if we don't learn from our mistakes we never step forward, so forewarned is forearmed and we will do better next time. I would be interested in feedback of the venue so please come forward for a chat or text me. We passed out the Ride Leader and T.E.C patches on the night so if you didn't get one and you feel you did one of those jobs then please see me asap so I can get one for you. A big thankyou to Lummy for his generosity in giving out presents to each family on the night.

Winners on the night were Silver Fox – the vest; Jo – the quilt; and Padre – the alcohol dispenser. Lucky door prizes went to Dolly and Helen.

With the instigation of the ride sign on book in 2017 we were able to see who was coming along to our fortnightly rides. We were more than proud to present Silver Fox with his very own trophy for attending 17 out of the 19 rides which were in the book. There were also some committee persons who achieved this number, but we were very impressed to think that Silver Fox enjoys the company of his fellow Ulyssians so much that he participated this much. Also, it must be noted if there is a BBQ on – Silver Fox is the one who dons the apron and cooks the spread for us. Congrats Silver Fox. So, if you come on a ride – make sure you sign in the book; and also if you attend the information night, please sign in the book for historical purposes.

Because of the yule time holidays, the ICC council officers are closed and will not be able to print our newsletters in January. Chopper will still edit and put out the newsletter but it will be on the webpage for you to read and print if you so desire. For the January information night we will print out a few copies for those who do not have internet access.

Make sure you check out the Ride Calendar in the newsletter and also on the Website for December's Rides. We have 2 rides on the 3rd December listed on our Ride Calendar. The reason two rides occurring is my fault. The original flyer I received from the Mount Lindesay Branch about their Toy Run indicated it was on Sat 2nd December. It was then changed to the Sunday the 3rd and I didn't realise and unfortunately it now coincides with Jo's ride below.



Jo and Alan are taking a ride which is listed on the web as *“Jo and Allen will lead a merry bunch on a journey southwards to Brunswick Heads for lunch”* Departure and meet point will be from Macca's Yamanto at 0830 am. There will be a toilet break at the BP Kingscliffe then into MURWILLAMBAH and over the ranges to BRUNSWICK HEADS. The return journey will be via the highway to the service station just before MURWILLAMBAH EXIT for a toilet break where upon there is two (2) return rides one group will be led back home via the NUMINBAH VALLEY with twisties led by ALLEN..the second group will travel via the highway led by JO.”

The 2nd Ride on that day is one which some of us have attended for many years - Mt Lindesay Ulysses Branch Toy Run. I will be leaving our clubhouse in Leichhardt at 8.30 am to get to Browns Plains for a 10am start. Unfortunately I can only attend one ride this day and have chosen to support Mt Lindesay and their Toy Run as they have supported the DV Ride since its inception; and I feel it is only right to have a showing at their event.

I do hope that Jo will consider taking us again in 2018 on her ride – because it sounds like it will be a beauty.

The 10th December is the Ipswich Annual Toy Run which has been an institution in Ipswich for something like 22 years. Some of the members of the Ipswich Branch were involved in the organisational side of it for many years so it is still close to our hearts and we love to take part every year. As you all know, this year as we are now establishing the branch to be known as the “Branch in a Minion” we are asking our members to dress as minions if they are inclined to do so. This is NOT COMPULSORY but just a fun thing to distinguish ourselves from other Ulysses Branches and for a bit of fun. If you wish to ride with the branch as one then we will be leaving Maccas Yamanto at 8am to ride to Brassall as one group. If you live on the north side of Ipswich we will be meeting outside the Brassall Primary School on Pine Mountain Road side. The ride itself is free.. bring a toy if you like... If you donate \$20 that entitles you to a cooked breakfast, a patch or a pin, a number in a perpetual draw and a bottle of water.

Congratulations to Gail and Jaffa for winning the best dressed competition at the Northern Gateway Trivia Night. My apologies that I overlooked letting you all know at the last info night, but I am hopeful that Gail and Jaffa will bring their trophy again this month.

In this month's newsletter you will find a flyer for the Old School New Years Eve party at Purga. This is organised by Ski and Kiwi and everyone is welcome to go along.

Amanda and I hope to see you at Blings Nights Light ride on Friday 22nd December – leaving Yamanto Maccas 6:30 pm ish. All depending on the sunset time. An opportunity to bling up your bikes and wear your Minion attire if you like.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and I hope to see you at the upcoming Toy Runs and branch rides.



From the Editor.

Well yet another month done and Christmas is just around the corner, toy coming up as well so a few busy weekends ahead.

Hopefully the weather will be fine as we have had some shocking weather so this Spring, the folks that went to Imbil would have got soaked all weekend, in fact I was going to lead the ride to Kilcoy to meet up with them however they decided they would much rather get home and get dried out. As it happened only the Padre and I turned up at the Golf Club to go on the ride, Splitty had been crook all week but came over for a chat anyway around 9am we called it a day and went our different ways, as it happened it started raining again on my way home.

Crash's mystery ride was a good day out, we had a few adventures with parking arrangements at the servo in Jimboomba and a couple of riders going their own way, anyway Paradise Point was the final destination and a very nice place to go for lunch.

At the last meeting Ado and myself modelled the attire every well-dressed minion should be wearing this year, Julz our most travelled member also dared me to give Doogie a big kiss from her as well, challenge accepted and carried out, I think he loved it.

There will be no printed newsletter for January's meeting as the printers will still be on Christmas Holiday, the newsletter will be on the Branch Website as usual though. Sue and I wish everybody good health and best wishes for the Festive Season.



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far



Chopper

Sheriff's Court.

There seems to be fewer members coming to our info nights, if you have a problem could you let any of the committee know it will stay confidential, because you are missing out on a fun night. When I fine members I try to make it fun, in the past some people have got upset, if you don't want to be fined let me know and I won't put you in my fine book.



\$\$ FINES \$\$

Smurf – Being a smart arse

Ray – not checking the ride calendar for dates

Ado – Not turning indicators off, must be a fault on Indians

Wheels – Hogging the footpath on his trike

Crash – He owed \$2 last month, so I charged him \$1 interest, plus he stalled his bike at a set of lights

Anni – Had trouble parking at the shopping centre

Tom, Thomas and Splitty – Turning up for our ride on the wrong Sunday

Splitty – for being himself HA-HA

Myself – Police pulling me over for throwing my fag in the drain and not doing my helmet up at Yamanto shopping centre (I know it was wrong and won't happen again).

BIRTHDAYS

Ado, Spook and Splitty

The look on Ado's face makes me wonder where Splitty's right hand is?

SCRATCHY.

The \$5 scratchy was won by Ado, that makes three in a row, I hope one of them has been lucky for you.



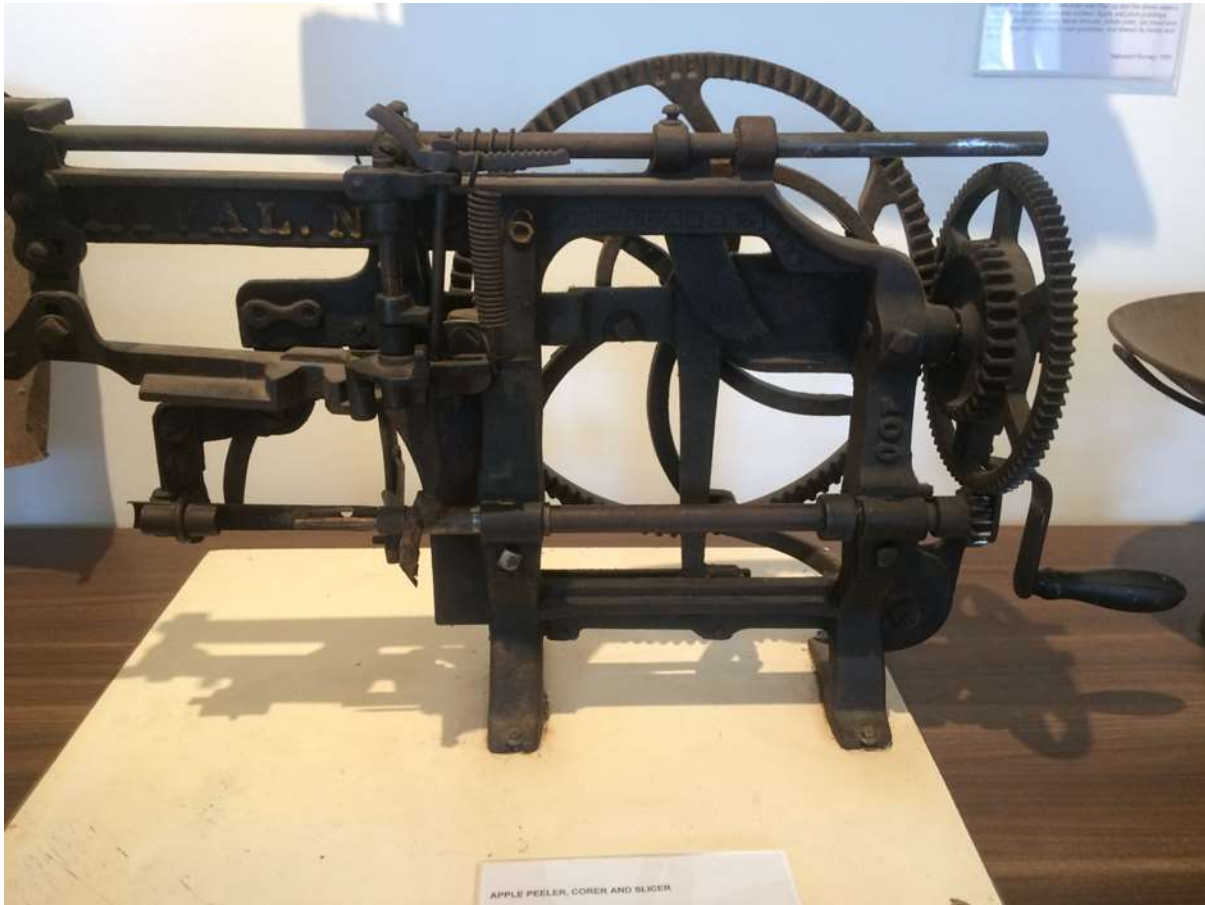
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Any day is a good day when you can wipe your own ass.

Keep it legal because I will be watching, others will be as well.

Guessing Game.

Here is a very interesting photo I took while we were in Adelaide on holidays.



See if you can guess what it is, it was made in the 1800's and has now been replaced with something which you will find in your kitchen drawer and probably use nearly every day. The answer will be in the back of the newsletter.

Submitted by Crash.

Smurfs Road Rash.

Hi all,

Well another month has come and gone along with the rides and another year is almost over. Hope you all enjoyed the Xmas party and a great thankyou to the gals for an exceptional show of the 12 days of Christmas.

I hope that you all have a safe and wonderful Christmas with family and friends and that we will see each other in the New Year 2018.



FUTURE RIDES

1st DEC..... INFO NIGHT

2nd DEC..... RIZZO'S RIDE DEPARTING FROM BLUNDER RD 0930am

3rd DEC JO & ALLENS RIDE DEPARTING MACCA'S YAMANTO 0830am

3rd DEC..... MOUNT LINDSAY TOY RUN DEPARTING GOLF CLUB 0830am

10th DEC..... LOCKYER'S TOY RUN DEPARTING MACCA'S YAMANTO 0800am

17th DEC..... BRANCH B-B-Q RIDE TO BILL GUNN DAM DEPARTING MACCA'S YAMANTO 0900am

22nd DEC..... BLINGS' LIGHTS RIDE DEPARTING MACCA'S YAMANTO 1830 (6:30pm)

5th JAN..... INFO NIGHT

7th JAN..... RAY'S RIDE TO BAYSIDE LEAVING YAMANTO 0830am

21st JAN..... BRANCH RIDE THE FOX WILL BE TAKING US TO BRIBIE ISLAND LEAVING YAMANTO 0800am

2nd FEB..... INFO NIGHT

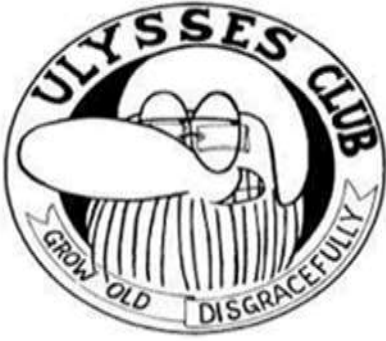
4th FEB..... DAWN RIDE WITH THE EASY RIDERS 0500 am

MY DOCTOR SAID " I LOOK LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS - ALL GREEN ,
WRINKLED AND NOBODY HAS ANY IDEA WHAT TO DO WITH ME"

May you never Kiss the Tar

SMURF # 54212





Ulysses Club Inc.

Draft Code of Conduct 15th June 2017

Applicability of the Code

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

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

Member Conduct

1 As a Ulysses Club Committee member, we will;

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

2 Communication and official information – we will:

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

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

Accepted at the National Committee meeting 1 July 201

Mount Lindesay Ulysses



Toy Run



Sunday - 3rd December 2017

All toys donated will be handed to
"The City of Logan Mayor's Christmas Appeal"



Toys and gifts for ages of 0 – 16yrs
(UNWRAPPED)

**Middle Green
Sports Club**

720 Middle Road, Greenbank

middlegreen.com.au



RIDE REGISTRATION

Register your ride from 8am, ride
will leave at 10am

COST \$10each – includes bottle
water, patch and lucky draw prize

RAFFLE PRIZE

\$5 each ticket

Mega Christmas Hamper – Retail Value \$1,200
Flight Centre Travel Voucher – Retail \$1,00
Fuel Voucher – Retail Value \$500

Sausage Sizzle available with Greenbank Soccer Club ♦ Coffee will be available

FREE Face Painting

TROPHIES

Best Dressed Bike ♦ Best Dressed Male ♦ Best Dressed Female

Supported by:

Mayor Luke Smith
City of Logan



Cr Steve Swenson
Representing Division 3



Cr Laurie Koranski
Representing Division 4



Cr Laurie Smith
Councillor for Division 7



Cr Cherie Dailey
Representing Division 8



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Councillor for Division 11



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Lumberjacks Web.



Hi all,

Not much has happened on our website the last month but that is about to change, at least for the month of December.

December is still the silly month with all sort of Christmas greetings, fancy lights and other cosy stuff. It will probably be banned in the future as not to offend certain people but while it is still legal, there will be some Christmas related bling on our website, so we don't forget that Christmas is here.

Just check out our website daily so you can get in the Christmas spirit.

Another good reason to check our website frequently this month is the many rides there is on, for the month of December. Please check out the ride calendar to make sure you turn up at the right place to the right time as the start times are different on just about every ride.

I hope you all will have a very merry Christmas.

Have a good and virus-free month.

Cheers,

Lumberjack



Why are motorcycle clubs so popular?

POSTED ON 16TH NOVEMBER, 2017 BY MARK HINCHLIFFE



New motorcycle clubs continue to spring up and many established clubs are brimming with members. Some riders love the freedom of the open road and being isolated, alone and one with their bike. They ascribe to the Groucho Marx adage: "I don't care to belong to any club that will have me as a member." However, other riders love to ride with others and belong to a group or club.

Human condition Our resident Motorbike Writer psychologist and Indian Scout rider Sharon Ledger says it's all part of the human

condition. "There's safety in numbers, a sense of belonging and identity," she says. While some riders like the solace and anonymity of riding in a motorcycle helmet that disguises their identity, some may feel alone or isolated. Identity is very important and being just a "rider" may not be enough, she says.



"If I'm no one, then I don't matter, I'm unimportant, I have no identity," Sharon says.

"So the less confident you are or lower your self esteem, the more you need to be a member of something greater.

"Like with church, when people are struggling with life, they feel alone and turn to the church."

Interestingly, some motorcycle clubs refer to their club meetings as "church".

And while church attendances are down in many places, motorcycle club membership is mainly increasing. Some riders even mix their motorcycle passion with religion and belong to religious-based motorcycle clubs.

Growth of new clubs

The **Ulysses Club** for mature-aged riders has experienced a numbers in the past couple of decades, but that has since declined. Members and past members point to many factors including mature-aged members dying off or getting too old. However, it could also be the fact that some clubs just get people feel lost in the ranks.

That's why a number of smaller niche motorcycle clubs have sprung up. They centre around a locality, gender, riding style, style, motorcycled brand or even one particular model.



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Outlaw clubs

As for Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs, they are in the minority and getting smaller. They are suffering as more and more governments crackdown on their membership claiming they are involved in criminal activity. Interestingly, the historical reason they are called "outlaw motorcycle clubs" is because they refused to belong to the American Motorcyclist Association. The AMA outlawed these clubs from AMA-sanctioned events, so they became "outlaw clubs". They often refer to their groups as "one-percenter" motorcycle clubs.

The term “one-percenter” originates from an AMA statement after a 1949 motorcycle rally in 1947 in Hollister, California, turned violent.

The AMA said that “99% of the motorcycling public are law-abiding; there are 1% who are not”.

Club benefits

Apart from the psychological reasons for belonging to a motorcycle club, there are also many practical benefits.

Club members have a wealth of information they can pass on to other riders, including technical and mechanical information, riding tips, interesting routes and more.

Clubs also like to have a sense of purpose and community which often results in fundraising for charities, so the whole community reaps the benefits.

There is also a sense of protection in a motorcycle club. Members rally around other members when they experience troubles whether it be a crash, bereavement or even financial crisis.

So friends and members, I ask you, What are your reasons for joining the Ulysses Club. I would be really interested to know. How about putting pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and sending in a report for us all to read about your Ulysses Journey

“Do you just belong

*Are you an active Member, the kind that would be missed
Or are you just content that Your name is on the list
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd
Or do you stay at home and crab both long and loud
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique.
There is quite a program scheduled, that means success if done
And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly and help with hand and heart
Don't just be a member, but take an active part
Think this over carefully, are we right or are we wrong
Are you an active member – or do you just belong
Anon”*

THE SEVEN DWARVES OF OLD AGE..

NAPPY



WRINKLY



SQUINTY



ROCKY



SAGGY



FARTY



LEAKY





RIZZO's Welfare Wrap

December,

Cinzia (Colin's better half), has not been well lately but is hoping that she is now on the mend.

Ray (Beno) was, in the front yard doing some gardening, he had a big rock that he wanted to move and in doing so he slipped and he ended up kissing the rock. He broke two teeth and planted one through his top lip, ending up with four stitches and that is why he now has a chipped tooth.



Our Christmas Party went off with a bang and the entertainment, we are thinking of hiring them again for next year, so we will have to start to save, as they are sure to be in big demand, in order to ensure they are available.

God bless and safe riding

Rizzo #59819



Everybody has heard of a leap year. But have you heard of a leap second?

The rotation of planet Earth determines the length of the day in 24 hour time.

The rotation of the Earth is not constant; it is gradually slowing down,

...just as a spinning top will slow down and stop. To account for the variation of the Earth's rotation with the standard clocks used to measure our time, an extra second is sometimes inserted into the year. This happened at the start of 2017.

New Year 2017 was delayed by one second and this has happened a number of times over recent decades.

I wonder what would happen if the Earth actually stopped rotating...?

(...apart from getting incredibly hot on one side and very cold on the other.)

If you twirl a weight on a rope around your head, you can feel the weight pulling on the rope. In the same way, the oceans around the Equator are thrown outwards by the Earth's rotation. If the Earth stopped spinning, the oceans' water would cease being thrown outwards and the water would recede northward and southward away from the Equator.

Great swathes of the hemispheres towards the poles, eg Canada and Russia would flood.

If you had a beach house in Oz, you'd be in trouble too.

Interestingly, when the waters recede, the area around the Equator would become dry.

You would be able to walk the entire circumference of the Earth around the Equator without getting your feet wet.

PS Take plenty of water, it's a long way.

Cheers, - 'Noddy'



WHO ARE YOU?

Name	Ian Power
Ulysses Member	#67118
Nickname	Wide Boy
Partners Name	Yvette
Occupation	Project Manager
Current/Previous Bike	Honda Valkyrie (wide bike) Honda CB 400
I got into riding when	At 16 when I needed to get to work
Toughest Ride	UK Winter in snow and ice
My life began when	I was born in 1964
I am really bad at	Cooking
I am really good at	Spending Money
My hobbies are	Bikes, cars, camping and fixing stuff
Favourite Movie	Kill Bill
Major dislikes	Indecisive drivers, traffic
Smartest thing I've done	Marrying the Mrs she's very tolerant
Best time of my life	Coming to live in Australia
Advice to new riders.	Slow down when traffic splitting



21st Annual Ipswich Toy Run 10 December 2017

Hosted by:

**Ulysses Club Inc.
Lockyer Branch**

In aid of:

- Salvation Army Christmas Appeal
- Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund (UCARF)

We invite you to become part of the festivities by participating in the ride, donating a toy or by coming out to see Santa and the motorbikes as they pass.

Start: Brassall Shopping Centre Hunter St, Brassall

Finish: Ipswich Show Grounds, Greyhound Pavilion

Registration: From 8 am

Depart: 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Free
OR

\$20, includes breakfast, patch or pin & a perpetual draw ticket



Route follows:

Brassall Shopping Centre, Workshops St, Vogel Rd, Gregory St, Arnold St, Grace St, Wulkuraka Railway Bridge, Dixon St, Aspinall St, Toongarra Rd, Old Toowoomba Rd, Lobb St, Warwick Rd, Ash St, Whitehill Rd, Cascade St, South Station Rd, Robertson Rd, Chermide Rd, Salisbury Rd, Ipswich Showgrounds

For further information contact:

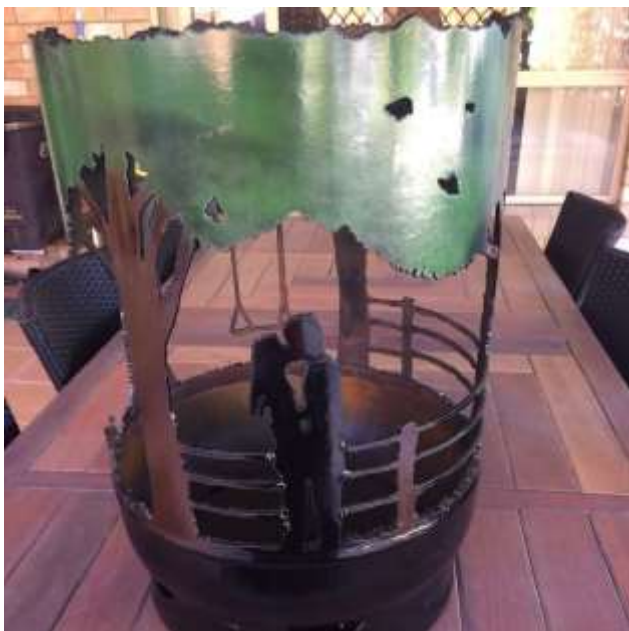
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- Ian (Foggy) Winter 0409 277 087
- Email: lockyer@ulysses.org.au



Thirst Extinguishers

A Rep who came to my workplace makes what he calls 'Thirst Extinguishers' he also makes heaps of other cool stuff from gas cylinders, he would be willing to donate one of these Extinguishers to the Branch with our logo on. All we need to do is get on the 'Burning Landscapes Facebook' page and give them some likes and comments. Check out the page anyway and see some of the cool gear.

Thanks Guys.



Christmas Party Raffle winners.

1st Prize -Leather vest donated by Kiwi, won by the Silver Fox



2nd Prize – Quilt donated by Penny won by Alan



3rd Prize – Thirst Extinguisher won by the Padre.



Silver Fox also won the Award for most rides participated in by a Branch Member. Well Done Fox.



A lesson in acceleration

One Top Fuel dragster 500 cubic inch Hemi engine makes more horsepower than the first 4 rows at the Daytona 500. Under full throttle, top fuel dragster engine consumes 11«.2 gallons (51 litres) of nitro methane per second; a fully loaded 747 consumes jet fuel at the same rate with 25% less energy being produced.

A stock Dodge 426 Hemi V8 engine cannot produce enough power to drive the dragsters supercharger. With 3000CMF of air being rammed in by the supercharger on overdrive, the fuel mixture is compressed into a near-solid form before ignition. Cylinders run on the verge of hydraulic lock at full throttle.

At the stoichiometric 1.7:1 air/fuel mixture for nitro methane the flame front temperature measures 7050 degrees F (3900 degrees C).

Nitro methane burns yellow. The spectacular white flame seen above the stacks at night is raw burning hydrogen, dissociated from atmospheric water vapour by the searing exhaust gases.

Dual magnetos supply 44 amps to each spark plug. This is the output of an arc welder in each cylinder.

Spark plug electrodes are totally consumed during a pass. After half way, the engine is dieseling from compression plus glow of exhaust valves at 1400 degrees F. the engine can only be shut down by cutting the fuel flow.

If spark momentarily fails early in the run, unburned nitro builds up in the affected cylinders and then explodes with enough force to blow cylinder heads off the block in pieces or split the block in half.

In order to exceed 300 mph in 4.5 seconds dragsters must accelerate at an average of over 4G's, in order to reach 200 mph well before half-track, the launch acceleration approaches 8G's. Dragsters reach over 300 mph before you have completed reading this sentence.

Top fuel engines turn approximately 540 RPM's from light to light.

Including the burnout the engine must only survive 900 revolutions under load. The redline is actually quite high at 9500 rpm.

The bottom line: assuming all the equipment is paid off, the crew worked for free, and for once NOTHING BLOWS UP, each run costs an estimated \$1,000.00 per second. The current Top Fuel dragster elapsed time record is 4.734 seconds for the 1/4 mile (14.05.05, Darren Morgan). The top speed record is 321.96 mph (515 km/h) as recorded by J. Cowen.

Putting all this into perspective:

You are riding the average \$250,000 Honda MotoGP bike. Over a mile up the road, a Top Fuel dragster is staged and ready to launch down the 1/4 mile strip as you pass. You have the advantage of a flying start. You run the RC21 IV hard up through the gears and blast across the starting line and past the dragster at an honest 200 mph (293 ft/sec). The tree goes green for both of you at that moment. The dragster launches and starts after you. You keep your wrist cranked hard, but you hear an incredibly brutal whine that sears your eardrums and within 3 seconds the dragster catches and passes you.

He beats you to the finish line, quarter mile away from where you just passed him. Think about it, from a standing start, the dragster had spotted you 200 mph and not only caught, but nearly blasted you off the road when he passed you within a mere 1320 foot long race course.

That folks, is acceleration.



CRASH'S MYSTERY RIDE REPORT

I would like to thank everyone for coming on my mystery ride.

The forecast was for some showers, but it turned out a beautiful day with 17 bikes showing up and Colin Coats (Luigi) winning the \$10 scratchy for guessing our destination, which was Paradise point, Annie's mum pulling out the correct entry for us.



All started off well until we stopped at the Shell servo at the Jimboomba turn off on Mt Lindsey highway when we parked for a stop and the servo attendant said she called the police because we had parked in the wrong place and were causing trouble.

In actual fact there was no sign saying no parking, anyhow we left straight away and don't plan to ever stop there again.

On arriving at the Bearded Dragon I realised we were missing some riders, for reason's still unknown, Old Yeller had followed two motorcycle cops and turned off at the Canungra turn off, hotly followed by our sheriff, Ado tried to run them down without any luck. mmm some fines must surely follow.

My original plan was to go over Mt Tamborine after leaving the Bearded Dragon but the police were having a blitz and Splyt was worried about his exhaust, so we headed back towards Beenleigh and down the M1.

We all arrived at Paradise Point and were able to park without being threatened by anyone, there is large park, heaps of trees and BBQ's and plenty of eateries, I had ¼ chicken and chips and coleslaw for under \$10, no complaints from me.

After we were all fed and watered, we headed home for an early day, thanks again for those who were able to come along.

Ross (Crash) Schmidt



Answer to Crash's Picture. It's an Apple Peeler



Tail End Charlie's Report on Crash's Mystery Ride

By Ado

I always enjoy the opportunity to be tail end Charlie as it gives you a different perspective of a branch ride. Crash's Mystery Ride was no different from the tail end at the start, but turned out to be quite an exciting journey from the back of pack as the ride lengthened.

It was great to catch up with everyone and it was good to see Bruce Graham on the ride on his brand new Victory.

Crash and a few of us had heard that there was police blitz on bikes on Tambourine Mountain, so Crash altered the route slightly so we would not be held up. Thanks Crash for looking after our wallets and egos, especially Splitty who was scared his pipes might bring unwanted attention to himself...not.

We left Yamanto to shopping centre at **9 am** with 17 bikes, a few pillions and a tin top with two Anni and her mum from Denmark being the navigator in air conditioning. We headed up the Centenary Highway towards Browns Plains with the view of 16 bikes snaking their way through the roundabouts, always a great site to see.

This was when the fun started, early in the day. Before reaching the second round-about on the Centenary I observed a black four wheel drive wanting to replace his front wheel with my back wheel. I think he could see the string of bikes in front, and was panicking that he was going to be held up or stuck in the middle of us. He continued to push his boundaries as I slowed down to show him that I wasn't intimidated by his antics. I mentioned to Amanda on the headset what was occurring and was expecting him to make his move and come inside me on the 2nd roundabout. What happened was unexpected, but hilarious just the same. As he was lining himself up to do his passing manoeuvre a small blue midget of a car snuck underneath his guard and took his place in the pack. I thought it was ironic that he was trying to push me so hard, that he forgot to check his rear vision mission for others doing the same thing to him.

On with the ride – On getting on Greenbank Road I noticed that a bike ahead was having what seemed to be mechanical problems. Like any good tail end Charlie would do we kept an eye on proceedings to make sure everything was ok or if the bike was going to pull to the side of the road. We can't mention names, but our Ride Coordinators boulevard didn't want to play as nicely as everybody else's. The bike continued to pass and fart intermittently until we got to a garage at Jimboomba.

After some invaluable and good humoured advice from riders on the ride Smurf decided to call it quits and head back home at his own. (ps he did text later on that day to say he had arrived home safely).

The service station at Jimboomba was not the most hospitable, even though we weren't parked in allocated parking bays, I didn't there was no danger to us nor any other customer. We were asked to move on or the police would be called. Discretion was the better part of valour and we decided that rather than relocate our bikes at the garage, we would continue on our journey.

Four klms from the Bearded Dragon at Tambourine (our morning tea stop) Old Yella the Sheriff and the tin top decided to take a right hand turn heading towards Canungra, even though there was no corner marker. In their defence, apparently they did follow some other bikes that way. Jay followed them around for about 100 mets, and so did I – we were both confused as to the turn. Jay pulled over and we confirm morning tea was to be held at the Bearded Dragon. Jay turned back and we decided to chase the three lost souls.

After 7.7 klms at speeds I wasn't comfortable with (he he) we decided to stop and rang Anni who turned around. We couldn't raise Windsucker or Old Yella – so we left a text to let them know we would catch up with them later on.

We met up with everyone for morning tea and then headed off to Paradise Point for the rest of the ride. Everything was fine until we got to the last roundabout before parking. We were stopped half way through a



roundabout whilst others were parking their bikes. A woman in a four wheel drive, who wasn't watching what she was going and more interested in what was happening up the road to her left, continued to inch forward until she was millimetres away from our bike. Amanda was poised to slam her fist into the bonnet of her vehicle, and I was ready to put my side stand down to jump off when she realised that a crash was imminent. Amanda and I gave her a few long stares, shrugs and a throw of our arms in the air to embarrass her. Needless to say she didn't stop to apologise, but sped off down the street.

We all separated for lunch and a chat. It was a great venue, great parking for bikes and it would an ideal place to visit again with the bbq trailer in the new year.

People started straggling off with Silver Fox declaring he knew a way to get home quicker without using the highway which a few opted for. This left the ride leader and tail end Charlie to ride home together with 0 people between us.

We arrived home safe n sound with Spooked (our neighbour) who left 5 minutes before us, arriving home about 10 minutes after us. This proves to me that the toll roads, are not always the quickest route to take.

Thanks Crash for organising another great ride for us and we look forward to you leading us more in the future.

Splitty looking for parts?



BRANCH CHRISTMAS PARTY





Old School New Years Eve Party

30th December—1st January

Purga School Road, Purga, Qld.

Show and
Shine

Multi-draw
raffle

Once again, join Zak & Duffy from Desiato
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BYO grog, (Yamanto Bottlo 5mins)

Variety of food available (cash only)

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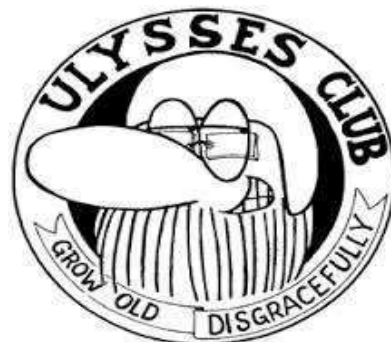


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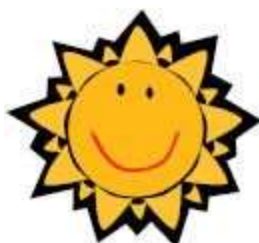
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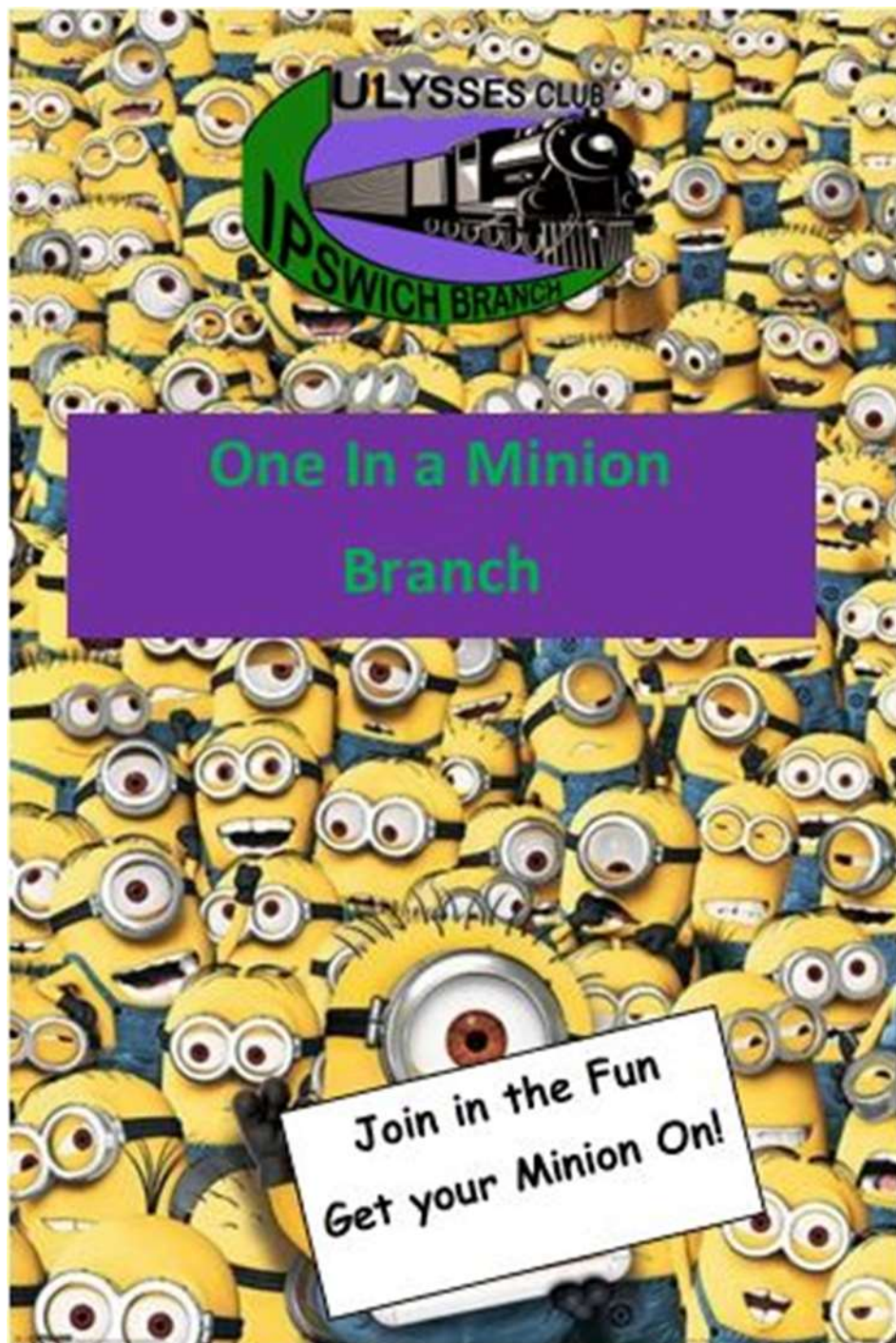
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