



IPSWICH *ULYSSES CLUB*

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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.

I can't believe we are half way through 2017 already. The rest of the year will see us on many rides, supporting other branches, the National Memorial Day in September, our 4th Birthday Party and Christmas Party and the usual Christmas toy runs to attend. If you have a ride you would like to take us on this year you need to get in quickly as all the spaces are filling up.



The Cartwheel ride was extremely successful this year for the branch. Changing the option from a Poker Run to a roll the dice run was a good decision, whoever thought of that must have been a genius. I think there was a lot more competitive spirit with more members watching the results than ever before. I have put all results in my report for all to see. We ended up having 27 hands sold so with us giving a \$25 fuel voucher to Windsucker as the winner, it allowed us to donate \$115 to the memorial garden fund. A big thank you to Julz for leading the ride on a such a wonderful route. It was a shame that Doogie is still having troubles with the battery for his side car and wasn't able to come along. It was a good opportunity to catch up with other branches and even though it got a bit late before the raffles were drawn, some of our members were lucky enough to score themselves a prize.

If you were observant coming into the venue tonight you would have noticed that our very popular Ulysses sign at front of The Country Club has been removed and replaced by another. I was made aware of the removal to another space on the golf club grounds a couple of weeks ago and the committee was informed, but it still was disappointing to see all of Jethro's hard work being replaced.. The club have promised to put our first one in a prominent place and we will be endeavouring to keep them to their word.

The branch received a letter from Hospice thanking us for the donation of \$200+. Again I would like to thank Jethro and his band of merry members who spent the day behind a bbq selling sausages for the cause. This is an event I believe we should continue and hopefully Amanda and I will be able to do our share of the work next year.

1	Silver Fox	14	¹⁰ 24	¹² 36	¹⁰ 46
2	PAULA	14	¹⁰ 24	⁶ 30	¹⁰ 41
3	ADO	9	¹⁰ 21	¹⁶ 37	¹⁰ 47
4	MICK	11	¹⁰ 22	¹³ 37	⁷ 44
5	Dia	11	¹⁰ 20	³¹ 39	⁸ 39
6	SUE	7	¹² 18	¹³ 31	¹⁰ 41
7	SROCK	8	¹⁵ 23	¹³ 32	¹⁰ 42
8	Chopper	13	⁸ 21	¹⁰ 31	⁶ 37
9	WSucker	17	¹⁶ 33	¹³ 46	⁵⁹
10	CRASH	5	⁹ 14	⁹ 23	¹⁰ 33
11	SMURF	10	¹³ 23	¹² 35	¹³ 48
12	DAZAR	9	¹⁰ 20	⁷ 27	¹³ 38
13	AMANDA	5	¹³ 18	⁴ 22	¹³ 35
14	Wide Boy	7	¹⁰ 17	⁴ 21	⁷ 28
15	Col Bow	13	⁹ 22	⁷ 31	¹⁰ 41
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17	DOROTHY	3	¹² 15	¹³ 28	⁷ 35
18	Gunter	13	⁸ 21	¹⁰ 31	¹⁰ 42
19	BRUCE	13	¹³ 25	⁸ 33	¹³ 46
20	JULZ	12	⁹ 21	⁹ 30	⁹ 39
21	ERIK M	14	⁸ 22	¹⁴ 36	¹² 48
22	TIGER	15	¹³ 27	¹³ 40	⁵¹
23	SPLITTY	8	¹⁴ 22	¹⁶ 38	⁵²
24	PIDDLES	11	¹⁰ 21	⁴ 25	⁶ 41
25	ANNI	6	⁹ 15	¹⁰ 25	¹³ 38
26	ERIK	8	¹¹ 19	¹³ 32	¹⁴ 46
27	JOHN :	10	⁵ 15	⁹ 24	¹⁴ 38

Doogie took a young lad for a ride for his 21st birthday and another 6 of us went along for the ride. Joshua loved this gesture and enjoyed every minute of the ride. His mother told me he was crying when he reached Char'd at Booval but he explained it was tears of happiness. Thank you to the 6 others who joined Doogie on the ride. If you hear of any other community members looking for a similar adventure let us know.

Thanks to Silver Fox who was the only Ipswich member able to attend the Focal Vacation Ride two Thursday's ago. Considering he has only one seat and couldn't take any of the kids for a ride just proves he has a heart of gold. Focal kids are disabled in some way and to be able to have a ride on a motorbike is something they were very excited about. Most of them took the chance of riding on three wheelers but I did have one young lass decide the Indian was her bike of choice.

The call for assistance from Ski to assist with the preparation and painting of the Old Purga School Hall led to the Ipswich branch members giving a combined time of around 30 hours labour. What I thought was going to be a painting job turned out to be a cleaning up pre-painting task. A huge thankyou to Silver Fox (Bob Dixon), Chopper and Yacky (Peter and Sue), Luigi (Colin Coates) and Old Goat (Bruce Vernon) as well as Amanda and myself who did a bit less than the others. Ski has another day in mind to continue the working bee and will let us know as the date gets closer. All of the volunteers ended up either covered white with powdered paint or wet from using the gurney. Amanda and I left around 6pm leaving Ski, Lilo, Stitch and Old Goat setting up camp with a fire for the night. It was tempting to stay, but the choice between the cold and my warm bed wasn't really a hard decision to make.

Jay led us on a very interesting ride last Sunday. An hour and half trip to reach Grantham from Yamanto really proves we don't go the straight way to destinations. Then a trip up the Silver Pinch Range is something I need to do again. Amanda and I left the group at the top of the Flagstone Creek Road and headed home via the Toowoomba Range while the others turned left to head towards Knobby. A wonderful ride which I believe the 23 members enjoyed as much as we did. Thanks Jay, we look forward to our next trip with you as our ride leader.

Our wonderful Webmaster, Erik and Anni are heading off overseas this coming Sunday for 6 weeks. In true form, Erik will be looking after the website whilst away, so please keep the information and photos coming. I wish them a great holiday!

Make sure you keep an eye on the website blog and also the ride calendar to see what is happening at your branch over the coming months. The committee would love to see you come along for a ride or social occasion. The Club is a social club – so if you want to organise a social occasion in a tin top because of the cooler weather put up a blog or let someone on the committee know.

A really disappointing thing which occurred this month was that Konrad's eulogy did not make the Riding On magazine. Amanda was beside herself and felt the need to ring Christine to give her a personal apology. Like Chrissy said - it was no fault of ours, and it didn't matter. I rang the Editor of the Riding On to see what had happened. Even though the Editor, Amanda and I had had many conversations about the wording and picture to be used...somehow the eulogy did not make the magazine. Gary the Editor was very apologetic and upset that this had occurred and indicated that he will ensure it is in the next edition. He has no idea how this occurred and was going to follow up. I've my fingers and toes crossed we will see Konrad in the next issue which should be in time for the National Memorial Day in September.



Jibber Jabber with Jethro.



Hi again for another month. Good to be talking with ya'll.

As Jon Snow would say "Winter is coming" (Game of Throne fans know what I mean). I love this time of year for riding. It's always easier to throw another piece of riding apparel on to stay warm. As apposed to those really hot 40 degree Summer days where it is near impossible to get cool. Arhhhh the joys of the open road. Wouldn't have it any other way.

June started with our monthly info night where the theme for the night was fun and interaction. We had our usual comical relief and banter along with some serious conversation and opinions of thoughts and ideas that were brought up at the recently held AGM regarding dropping the age for those wanting to join the Ulysses Club. As a "Junior" member of this wonderful organization I feel more needs to be done to secure members heading into the future. Whether it be through membership drives or a reduction in age (with in reason) we need to as a group consider all options that are put before us.

With saying that our Ipswich group numbers are strong and we are a very financial branch of the club. We put this down to the hard ongoing work of all our dedicated members. Thank you for making this branch AWESOME.... 😊

A couple of months ago I brought up in a committee meeting that we should have our own Memorial Day Ride for just the Ipswich branch much like the day we have in September where Ulyssians from all over come together to remember those that have "Ridden On". We decided that the 1st Sunday of June each year would be set aside for this day. I cannot explain the pride and honor I felt in leading this ride. Thank you to all that came along and helped make the day a wonderful experience. I look forward to next years

event. Between now and then I'll be working closely with the committee on a patch design idea for the event. I'll let you know more as we get closer to having something.

Our other gazetted ride for the month was our Cartwheel ride which was led by Julz. I think all will agree that our ride leader did a wonderful job. We never got lost and we finished with all starters. (Except for our new member John who had to cut early as the body wasn't holding up) Good on you mate for coming out.

What a fun day. This year the weather was on our side and conditions for riding were near perfect, as opposed to last year where we needed to postpone the event due to rain. The day was well supported by all branches. And Ipswich peeps did us proud in the raffle winning stakes.... (me included for a change) . Anyhoo thanks everyone for turning up and making the event what it was. I look forward to next year's Cartwheel.

Just came back from a little jaunt to Cunninghams Gap via Gatton and Ma Ma Creek with my mate Wayne. We went there to pay respects to a mate of his that was tradgically killed some years back when his car left the road. There is a road side shrine behind the concrete wall as you start your descent. Check out the photos I uploaded on our gallery.

Enough from me. Thanks for taking the time to read my dribble. Stay safe out on the road.

Love and Peace.



“Jethro” VP #64146

From the Editor.



This month Jethro led the club on our Annual Memorial ride to Somerset Dan, unfortunately Sue and I couldn't make it on the bike so we went up on four wheels and secured a spot for us all near the memorial. Margaret and Wal also turned up a bit earlier as well and we waited for everyone to arrive, when they did we had a brief meeting and a few stories around the Memorial and then a Sausage sizzle, which was admirably cooked by Fox, Angry and Smurf, all said and done a great day.

We also had the Annual Cartwheel Ride, led by Julz (who did a great job), unfortunately Doogie who was to be Tail Ender couldn't start his bike but his position was admirably filled by Colonel Bow, a smashing ride ending up at the Harrisvale Hotel, after a slight detour. Another great day and the weather couldn't have been better, Yakki and I have been on 2 Cartwheel rides, a Poker Run and a Roll the Dice run, Windsucker has won both, personally I think he's bringing his own cards and dice.



Sheriff won the Petrol voucher with Splitty and Tiger second and third.



Chopper #66352



Julz leading the club astray

Cartwheel Ride Report by Julz

About 25 bikes met at the club house at about 8.30 for a 9am start and with the perfect weather it's no surprise that we had a great turn out! With a quick spin of the dice we rode out at exactly 9am. I have only ever taken the lead on two other rides over four years so I put my nerves aside and off we went.

We headed off toward the Wulkuraka Connection road, across the Warrego toward Fernvale and then onto the Glamorganvale Road. With a second spin of the dice at the Glamorganvale Hotel, it was obvious I was never going to win this game but there was a couple of clear leaders including our Sheriff, James.

From Glamorganvale, we enjoyed the beautiful views toward Lowood, then down through Brightview toward Plainland. We had a longer comfort stop at Plainland, enough time to grab a cuppa and a bit to eat and then regroup and head back onto the highway for the Marburg turn-off and our next stop at Walloon.

Not being a particularly experienced ride leader, I was pretty chuffed that I still had everyone together, and that nobody had taken a wrong turn – my confidence was growing! Our last stop that I had planned was at a small park at Walloon where we all turned into in one group.....right underneath a sign that clearly said “no motorbikes”. Being of a completely rebellious nature, Ric parked right under the sign and we gathered around for our last throw of the dice. Somehow, the Sheriff claimed the first prize but I am thinking of referring him to some sort of Commission for an investigation into corruption and misconduct.

From there, I handed over the reins to Gunther to take us to Harrisville to meet the other South-East Queensland branches for lunch. We arrived in plenty of time to grab a burger, catch up with some old friends and make some new ones, and to do that thing that makes all good rides....stopping for a good old chat.

There was some kind of chatter about the speed of the ride, but honestly I was just so aware that there were Indians and Harley's behind me. I know they would struggle to keep up with the VT400 that I ride, so with them in mind I paced myself accordingly – you can thank me later! Despite the strategy I used for the Harleys, I'm sure I saw one of our taller members who lives pretty close to the club house having to get the tool-kit out at Harrisville because bits of the bike were coming loose.

It was a great day and a great chance to catch up with our fellow Ulyssians from around the traps at Harrisville 😊

Cartwheel Ride



Splitly on the tools, (must be a Harley).

Pictures from The Branch Memorial Ride.



Sheriff's Court.



Attendance was down for this month's meeting, must be the cold, but none the less it was a great meeting. Ado informed us about the AGM which was interesting to listen too, talking about everything NATCOM and about our new President.

This month I had a new award which was the Good Samaritan award which was handed to our own V.P Jethro. He went out of his way to change a flat tyre on an old couple's car, he dropped everything he was doing to do this good deed, which I thought was absolutely fantastic.

If anybody has a good story like this one please let me know.

\$\$ FINES \$\$

Squirrel – using my bag as a rubbish bin

Smurf – Clumsy Dumbsy

Alan – Trying to pick up a can through a glass window

Splitty – What can I say

Kermit – Not turning indicators off....Twice

Wide – Boy – Another one who can't turn off indicators

Max – I had 37 misdemeanours against him, so I only fined him \$2

Silver Fox – Has to go back to school to learn to spell

Sue "Yaki" – Jammed the newsletter USB in the printers office door

Myself – Forgot what it was but I still forked over a \$1

Tow Away Award

Ado got a flat tyre on his Indian while at the AGM and had to get a tow truck to take it to the workshop. I only wish Phil 'Jacko' Jackson was there on the night to see Ado receive the award.

BIRTHDAYS

Colin – Luigi

Lindz

Good Samaritan Award



Tow Away Award



Birthday Boys



Quote of the Month

Defeat is not the worst of failures, not to have tried is the true failure.

Keep safe and healthy

Windsucker, James McColm #50255



Smurfs Tarmac Torques.

Hi all,

Well what a month we have had , 2 great rides which all enjoyed. Thanks to Dazza and Julz for leading the way on the intrepid adventures we all went on.

Up-coming Rides :

2 JUL – ROADS LESS TRAVELLED (JAY LEADING THE WAY)

7 JUL—INFO NIGHT

16 JUL—BORDER HOP (RAY-BENNO LEADING THE WAY)

4 AUG—INFO NIGHT

6 AUG—REDLAND BOWLS COMP

20 AUG—ADOS RIDE TO MONTVILLE

1 SEP—CHOPPERS RIDE

10 SEP—NATIONAL MEMORIAL RIDE (DAZZA LEADING)

17 SEP—TBA (NEED A RIDE AND A LEADER FOR THIS DAY)

ONE OF THE HARDEST DECISIONS IN LIFE IS WHEN TO START MIDDLE AGE.

MAY YOU NEVER KISS THE TAR

SMURF 54212



Itinerary for Rays Border Hop, 16th July

Chinderah for Fish and Chips

Leave Yamanto at 09:00am, heading to Beaudesert where we will stop for 15 minutes so some can have a smoke and a leak, we will then head on to Canungra for morning tea, we will stay there for 45 minutes. From Canungra, we will go over the mountain to Nerang where we will regroup to get on the Highway to Chinderah arriving at around 12:15 for lunch, coming home via the Highway and toll road.

Round trip 310 km Yamanto to Yamanto.

Yamanto to Chinderah 167 km.

Sounds like another good day.





Lumberjacks Web.



Hi all,

As usual, I haven't got much to write about.

It's good to see that people are using our website by adding pictures and putting blogs on.

There is still a long list of people who applied to be let in our site. I don't know who they are so if you were trying to get full access and haven't been let in yet, could you then please see me or any of the committee members and let us know and I will make that happen asap.

That was all from me this month.

Have a good and virus-free month.

Cheers,

Lumberjack





RIZZO's Welfare Wrap

Belinda (BOO)

On the 4th July Boo will be having surgery, we wish her all the best for the operation.

Lindz

On Sunday the 4th June we had our Branch Memorial Ride and on the way Lindz could not see the last 2 bikes so he dropped back to check on them, that is when he had a dizzy spell and when he pulled over he fell and his bike went down with him, luckily all turned out good. His bike got a couple of scratches but luckily it landed on Bubble wrap which saved his bike, Thank God for Bubble wrap.

Phil (Old Yella)

Phil did not have his Gall Bladder removed they put a drain in to remove the infection. After being in Hospital for 5 days and 2 surgeries and he now has to go on a low, calorie diet.

Rocky (Redneck Rocky)

This is the saddest part of my job, for those who do not know Rocky passed away early Monday morning the 12th of June. He was in I.C.U AT THE Ipswich Hospital for a while, he had a heart attack and many other problems as well, he was put into an induced coma for about a week before this happened.

He would visit our Branch quite often. He was a founding member of Lockyer. Apparently, he was a bit of a Redneck but a great bloke and that's how he got his name Redneck Rocky.

Rocky's funeral was on Thursday 15th and members of Ipswich and Lockyer Branches met in Brisbane St to follow the hearse. They went down Brisbane Street then into Moffat Street, turning into Amar Street where they passed by the residence of his family home to see the esteem that Rocky was held in by his peers. Arriving at St Mary's Catholic Church where his remembrance service was held. Rocky was a very religious man who attended both the Ipswich and Raceview churches.

Our hearts go out to his wife Mary.

God bless and safe riding...

Rizzo #59819



16 Interesting Motorcycle Facts

1. The first motorbike was built in Germany in 1885 by Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach. It was called a Reitwagen (riding car) and it was the first gas powered vehicle, a precursor to the current day automobile.
2. The tallest motorbike in the Guinness Book of World Records was built and ridden by Gregory Dunham. It was over 11 feet from the ground to the handle bars. The tires alone were 6 feet tall and the entire bike weighed 2.94 tons.
3. Tom Wiberg of Handouml, Sweden built the worlds smallest motorbike. The wheel base was 3.14 inches, and the seat was a mere 2.55 inches off the ground. This mini-motorbike can go a whopping 1.24 mph. Wiberg managed to ride the bike 32.8 feet.
4. The longest motorbike was built by Oleg Rogov in Tver, Russia on December 19, 2005. The motorbike was over 31 feet.
5. The longest motorbike ride through a tunnel of fire was made by Hou Jun in Changchun City, Jilin Province, China on July 19, 2007. The flaming tunnel was 178 ft. 10 inches.
6. Billy Baxter, who lost his eyesight while serving in Bosnia, set the record for blind solo land speed on a motorbike at 164.87 mph on August 2, 2003.
7. Hou Xiaobin of Binzhou City, China broke the record of the longest backward motorbike ride on October 4, 2006. Hou rode his motorbike backward 93.21 miles
8. The largest motorbike pyramid was built in Jabalpur, India on July 5, 2001 by the Dare Devils Team of the Indian Army Signal Corps. The pyramid, consisting of 201 men balanced on 10 motorbikes traveled 424 feet.
9. Robbie Maddison broke the famous Evel Knievel's record of longest motorbike jump in Las Vegas in January of 2008 by jumping his bike 277 feet.
10. Emilio Scotto made the longest motorbike journey, traveling a total of 500,000 over ten years. Emilio began mapping out his route when he was eight years old. He's even written a book detailing his epic journey.
11. The largest parade of Harley Davidson motorbikes was conducted for charity in Denver, Colorado on December 8, 2002 and included 2,118 riders.
12. Slick tires offer more grip on wet roads than treaded tires, up to the point at which they hydroplane. The slick tires have more velocity with a minimum about of effort. They have more grip than other tires when on asphalt, and other hard, even surfaces. Slick tires

sometimes have a V-shaped grip pattern which helps on wet roads. Because they have limited grooves in the tires, water doesn't get trapped in the tire which normally causes hydroplaning

13. The Fonz (aka Henry Winkler) couldn't actually ride a motorcycle. Steve McQueen's motorcycle from the scene at the end of the movie "The Great Escape" (1963), was the same motorcycle that The Fonz rode on in "Happy Days" (1974). When he "rode" the motorcycle in the show, it was actually mounted on a piece of wood on wheels. For the action shots during the show, they would simply wheel the motorcycle to give the effect that he was riding it. The reason Henry Winkler wasn't able to ride the notorious Harley Davidson in the show was because of poor co-ordination which is a symptom from his dyslexia.

14. In the 1920's some farm boys, who became known as "hog boys", continuously won motorcycle races and had a live hog as their mascot. After a win, they would put the hog on the motorcycle and do a victory lap with it. In 1983, Harley Davidson formed a group called HOG., Harley Owners Group. Eventually Harley Davidson attempted to trademark the word "hog", but lost the case. In 1999, it was officially ruled that the term "hog" officially meant any generic type of large motorcycle and could therefore not be trademarked.

15. One in five upgraded bikes in inner cities gets stolen. People believe that Harley Davidson is the most stolen motorcycle when in fact it is Honda. The next most stolen motorcycles are: Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki, and Harley Davidson.

16. 98% of Harleys are still on the road, the other 2% made it home.



Members profile

Name: Di Deaves

Nickname: Wendy



Occupation – Office Manager

Current / previous Bike – Honda 1300 VTX, Honda 750 Shadow

I got into riding when – Pillion with Spook

Toughest ride – Newcastle AGM

My life began when – I married Spook

I am really good at – My Job

I am really bad at – Cooking

My Hobbies – Camping

Major dislikes – Dishonest people

Smartest thing I have ever done – Marrying Spook

Biggest regret – No Regrets

Most amazing discovery – Everyday Adventures

Best time of my life – The Adventure so far

Advice for new riders – Ride at your pace

Editor's Note.

Spook swears he had nothing to do with Di's answers

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

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



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

Chopper.

‘You all look the same to us!’

By Doogee and Julz

Nihao!!! In late May we headed off to China and Hong Kong for a fourteen day getaway. Not quite knowing what to expect, we have come home just amazed at our experience and we would happily recommend China as a bloody awesome place to visit.

Starting in Beijing, we went to Hangzhou, Suzhou, Wuxi, and Shanghai before heading to Hong Kong for a 3 days stopover. We travelled as a part of a tour group of about 35 people with Nexus Tours and they looked after us brilliantly. We had a national tour guide who stayed with us all the way, and a local tour guide in each city that we visited.

In Beijing, we visited Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Linger Gardens and lots of other places but our favourite adventure was climbing a portion of the Great Wall. It’s really steep and very uneven but we figured that we may only be there once in our life so we climbed, and we climbed and we climbed. Once we reached the height we had aimed for, we cracked a pre-planned cold tinnie, marvelled in the brilliant view and then began the long slow journey down.



After 3 days we left Beijing, and travelled to some places that the tour guide called “small cities” of only about 6 million people. I guess that compared to Beijing (23 million) and Shanghai (26 million), they could be considered ‘small’ (just not by Aussie standards!).

In the smaller cities we visited jade manufacturers, silk mills, pearl factories, tea plantations and a traditional herbal medicine place where the doctors study for 13 years to get qualified. Most of the people in our tour group had a consultation with a Chinese practitioner and it turns out that we are all gonna die someday, Lord, we’re all gonna die some day. Miracle herbs might help, but

at the prices they were charging, we couldn’t afford to live too long anyway. We chose to spend our money on silk sheets, which when mixed with silk pyjamas make it hard to jump into bed without sliding out the other side! And that’s enough about our bedroom escapades for now.

One of our tour guides, Eddie, was a bit of a crack-up. He was so passionate about his city – Beijing, that he kept comparing it to all of the other cities in China but especially to Shanghai. Turns out there is a lot of national pride in China and also pride in the place where you come from. The people are not wealthy, but they live busy lives full of family and tradition. There are apartment buildings as far as the eye can see, and the general way of living is to have four or five families sharing kitchens and bathrooms, bringing their children up together and sharing the care for each others families. The loos tend to be squats and constantly smell like...well, like wee...so whenever you see a Macca’s or a Starbucks you know there will be normal toilets and you kind of just make yourself go. If you have to use a squat you just block your nose and find out how agile you can be.



Talking about pride, by State of Origin 1 night we had made friends with a couple from Newcastle and just had to find a bar that would be showing the game. We explained our dilemma to our national tour guide Amy, but she didn't seem to understand how important the game is to us Aussies. I ended up saying that the game would be the same as if Shanghai was playing Beijing and then she understood and helped us out! We ended up in an Aussie Bar in Hangzhou, owned by Nigerians and full of Chinese and Pommies....then we turn up to even up the odds! Cocktails were 2 for the equivalent of \$5 (AUD) so it was a drunken night in China and thank goodness we had the hotel card to give to the taxi driver to get us home again!

After 11 days in China, we had a 3 day, 2 night stopover in Hong Kong. Honkers was interesting, but very busy and dirty compared to clean and ultra-friendly China so while it was good to say we have been there, we probably wouldn't do Hong Kong again.

China is green, friendly, busy, interesting, and a really exciting blend of old and new at the same time. It is full of great food (Doogee ate Scorpions) and the people are really friendly and welcoming. One of our local guides sang us a song and said he loved us all, and another one said "you all look the same to us"!

Xie Xie (thank you) for reading this. Zai jian (see you again)!



Josh's 21st Birthday Ride with Doogee



Sometimes I think we take our lifestyle for granted, and this becomes evident when we 'make someone's day' by taking them for a ride on one of our machines.

We sometimes get calls from community members to provide a ride for a loved one, to celebrate a milestone birthday or occasion and this is what happened a few weeks ago on Saturday 24th June.

The call was for a side car to take Josh from his home outside Rosewood to Char'd Booval for his 21st birthday celebration, and with Doogee having one of the few side cars in the branch, he was the lucky one.

I'm sure our bikes ended up on a few facebook pages ... it was worth it to see the smiles everywhere.

Thanks to Doogee & Julz and the merry followers of Col Bow, Tiger, Jo and Ado for coming also. [I came along on my Boule for a change... now that was a sight...Amanda]

Also this month, FOCAL called out for members to attend a mid week ride for the teenagers in their youth holiday program. I believe around 20 young persons attended with members from the Lockyer Branch and our lone wolf...or should I say lone fox, Silver Fox attending the day. Ado was there also, in a paid capacity as he was an employee of Focal at that time. All in all a good day and another opportunity to share the good life with others.

Amanda

On arriving at Yamanto for Jays Ride on Sunday 2nd July It was just so damn cold ... coming home... just as cold... so I thought I would try and find some info for us about getting warm... Thanks to Mark Hinchliffe from Motorbike Writer this is what I found. [Amanda] POSTED ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2016 BY MARK HINCHLIFFE

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10 tips to riding safe and warm in winter

“There is no doubt that a warm rider is far safer than one who is frozen solid in the winter chill. Being too cold can lead to shivering, exhaustion, confusion, memory loss, slurred speech, drowsiness, low energy, slow reaction times, and stiff and sore joints. None of these is advisable for a rider to stay safe.

There is nothing macho about braving cold conditions that bring on hypothermia. Riders who don't prepare for the cold are a danger to themselves and others. Warm and comfortable riders are more alert, more supple, better able to deal with emergency situations and therefore safer road users.

There's cold and then there is bitterly cold with black ice and other dangers. A little bit of cold can be invigorating, but prolonged bitter cold is dangerous and could even lead to permanent frost bite damage. So we have provided a list of 10 hot tips for staying warm and comfortable in the coming winter months.

But first, here's a tale from my early years of riding before the invention of many rider products to keep us warm.

“I used to ride from Ipswich to Toowoomba after work about 1am on Saturdays to spend the weekend and in winter that would include sub-zero temperatures. My riding gear consisted of jeans, tracksuit pants over the top and sometimes even fishing waders over them, army boots with two pairs of woollen socks, a shirt, jumper, newspaper in between and a padded leather flying jacket, woollen balaclava, woollen gloves and rubber dishwashing gloves over the top.

I could hardly move and I certainly couldn't feel the levers very well, yet I was still bone-cold on my naked BMW R65.

One night I came across roadworks on the highway with limited warning signs and I couldn't move my frozen feet or right hand to hit the brakes and wash off speed. The bike slewed, bucked and kicked but miraculously made it out the other side of the 100m stretch of thick gravel. I was lucky.”

1 UNDERWEAR Motorcycle and outdoor outfitter stores sell a wide range of thermal underwear which is thin but effective. It will keep you warm without having to put on several layers of bulky clothing and limit your free movement. The Oxford ChillOut range is particularly good and includes long underwear, balaclavas, glove liners, knee warmers, socks and neck tubes.

2 GEAR UP Today's riding gear features materials that keep you warm without having to be extra bulky. You usually pay for what you get, but good quality textile gear is usually warmer than leather. A nice leather jacket may cut the wind, but the leather can get cold and stiff. Make sure the sleeve, neck and ankles can be tightly closed as the wind and cold can get in. A neck warm is a good addition to stop that sneaky breeze down your back.

3 EXTREMITIES You can wear the warmest jacket and pants, but if you're extremities are still cold, you will not be able to work the levers properly. Get good quality winter gloves and wear warm, woollen socks to keep you fingers and toes from going numb. Just because gloves are thick doesn't mean they are warmer. Usually the price you pay relates more to effectiveness than thickness.

4 WIND CHILL Estimating wind chill is a complex calculation involving ambient temperature and wind speed, but at 0 degrees ambient temperature, travelling at 100km/h on the highway, you will be in -17.4 degrees. Do your best to get out of the wind. Difficult on a naked bike, but you can at least tuck your legs into the tank, crouch down a bit and maybe slow down a bit. Some bike modifications you can make are a quickly detachable windscreen and/or handguards like Barkbuster BBZ-01 shrouds. While many people recommend newspapers down the front of your shirt to cut wind chill, plastic bubble wrap is even better! Keep some in your panniers, just in case.

5 BIKE MODS If you want to spend a bit more money, you can also add grip, seat and even foot warmers to your bike, although these will all draw power from the battery so you might also need to consider an alternator and/or battery boost.

6 STOP OFTEN We can all brave a quick ride home in near-freezing temperatures, but a long ride in the cold will numb your fingers and toes which is dangerous to you and other road users. Stop frequently, have a warm drink and thaw out the extremities. Find public toilets with hand blow dryers which will quickly thaw out your fingers. If you are constantly shivering, pulling over for just a couple of minutes and move around briskly to get your blood pumping.

7 STAY DRY Even fine mist can soak your clothing and amplify the effects of wind chill, so consider wearing a waterproof layer or at least spraying your gear with water repellent.

8 HYDRATE When we're cold we don't feel as thirsty as when we are hot, so there is a tendency to not drink enough. That can lead to fatigue, so stay hydrated.

9 ALCOHOL & COFFEE They may go down nice and warm, and make you feel like they are heating up your insides, but they can be a danger in the cold. Alcohol and caffeine increase the blood flow to the skin which may make you feel warmer, but it is actually causing you to lose body heat. Alcohol also affects your judgment which may already be impaired by the cold.

10 EAT WELL Our metabolism slows when we are cold so we start to shiver to create internal heat. Good nutrition helps keep you warm as your body heats up to burn calories. Eat food loaded with nutrients, antioxidants, and immune-boosting powers to fight off the cold. Carbohydrates, fruit, soup, ginger and spicy foods are particularly good. Hot foods tend to make you feel warmer, but a piece of fruit can be just as effective."



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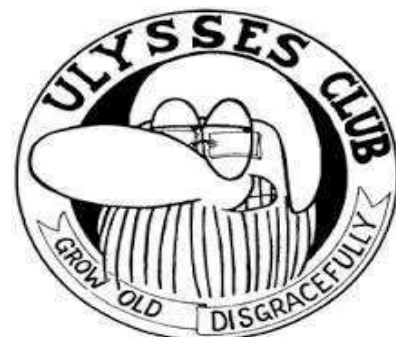


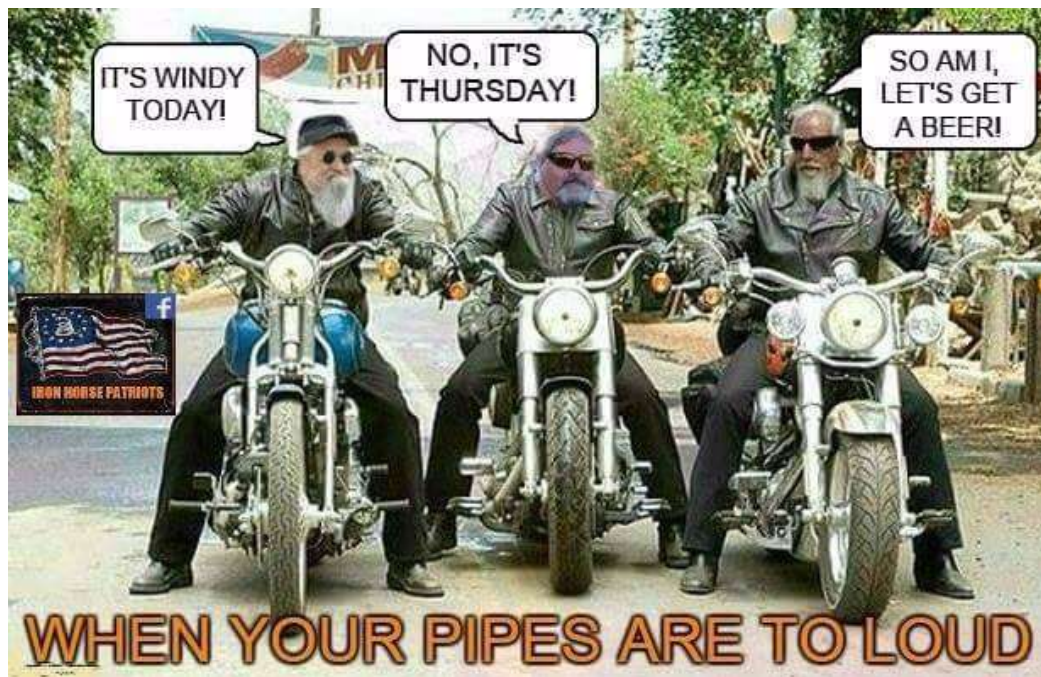
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