

IPSWICH ULYSSES BRANCH



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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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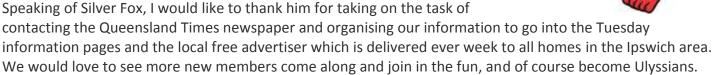
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Ado's Air Spray.

Our Birthday bash is on next month and so far the numbers who have indicated and paid their money is lower than expected. I don't know if members have just forgotten or are waiting for this month but we are running out of time to book the caterer. Paula is taking money and names at this month's information night so please get in early. Where else can you get a hungi dinner with a live band for \$10 a head.

The Ride calendar is filling thanks to Silver Fox and his efforts to keep us riding twice a month. If you have a destination you would like us to visit them please don't hesitate to come forward.



Savaugn Pratt (Redlands) has been asked by Natcom to edit a newsletter that will be distributed to every financial Qld Ulysses member on a monthly basis. The idea being that the club may entice members not aligned to a branch to become more involved in rides and social events of branches in their local vicinity. Silver Fox has submitted some information for us but as the newsletter went out a little earlier than expected we didn't have our news in the first edition. We hope to have our participation recorded in the October edition.

Saturday 8th September sees the story of Australian ex World Champion motorcycle racer, Wayne Gardner up on the silver screen. It is being shown on Saturday morning at 10am and at 6.45pm Sunday at the Limelight Cinemas, Riverlink. May be worth having a look.

The National Ulysses Memorial day is being held Sunday 9th September. For those new to the Ulysses Club, it is a wonderful day of remembering those good friends and members who have ridden on and are not with us here anymore. I welcome you all to join the Sth East Qld branches at The Spit, Somerset Dam in a day of harmony and reverence. As our ride calendar attests, we will be led by our V.P. Splitty with the information on our webpage and in the newsletter.

The Ipswich branch has been challenged to a Ten Pin Bowls day which will be held on Sunday 4th November. This is our normal ride weekend and we hope to see a good turnout from the branch. More information on cost will be provided as soon as we know numbers. This is an open invitation to not only yourself but your families to come along. At this stage we will be going to the Richlands Ten Pin Bowls – who can cater for up to 40 persons.

The Kalbar Country Festival is on the Saturday 20th October and a few of us were thinking of making the trip up there on the day. Let me know if you are interested and maybe we can make a half day of it.

Toddy has put an idea of a ride into the blog page. He is interested in riding to Oakey and then going for a glider ride. If this would interest you, please see Toddy or myself and we will see what we can do.

Once again we had two great rides/events during August – the first being the Redcliffe Bowls Day (which I was unable to attend as my Son married that day) and the second a visit to Bolton Clarke Aged Care Centre where

we showed off our bikes, and spent some time chatting to the residents. It was surprising to receive an email to our website thanking us for attending the Centre. This was from Lynn Lesley a resident of the centre who I am sure most of you met because she was certainly a talker and even more surprising she's a Ulyssian Member # 16174. The Fathers Day ride was held last weekend (2nd September) and this proved another great ride with around 25 attending. Thanks Tiger for a great ride.

One more thing to finish off this month's rant Go the Mighty Broncos!!

Keep it legal – I's a watching.

Ado



The Happy Crew from the Father's Day Ride





Splitty's Dummy Spit





Hi again, hope everyone is well.

This has been put together after a late night reminder from the editor. I had been saying that I have to do my article for the news letter, well here we go.

I did not get time to ride much this month due to all the traveling for work. I have been up to Cairns and back, went up the inland route and back down the coast. Found some good roads to go back to on the bike.

The one ride I did get to was the Father's Day ride to Boonah. What got my attention was that it was a family ride and to see young and old having fun together was great. This is what these days are all about, everyone getting together to share what we all like to do, ride and socialise with others. It is back to what I have said before that bikes break down barriers and everyone talks.

With the way someone is bringing in new members it is adding more variety of people and things that we do outside of the branch and this adds to more things to talk about. The way new members are coming in we may even need to look for more chairs in the club. You are doing a great job Gronk, you are a good ambassador for the branch and the Ulysses club.

Sorry there is not much this month, but it is getting late and I need to get it off to the editor.

Go with the flow and keep the rubber on the tar.

Splitty



From the Editor.

At last Spring is here a we can look forward to some warner weather, I personally hate the cold so good riddance to Winter.

I have missed a few rides last month so thanks to everyone who has taken. photos and written ride reports, there are some good rides coming up that I hope to go on although October is out as we will be in Europe for a family reunion, should be fun.

Its good to see new people come on our rides, we are a great branch, with some great people and characters in it, for example., Gronk (Tom) outwardly he looks a big tough biker, shaved head, small goatee beard, big loud Harley with skull indicators, but really, he is a big softy who

just wants to be a Unicorn.

And then there is Big Splitty who secretly likes

"My Little Pony".



Chopper. #66352





Sheriff's Office

A lot of members were away last meeting due to illness but I think they are dodging fines I had for them. I will get you, but in all seriousness I hope you get well.



There is a couple of good rides coming up like Ados daughters workplace, the oldies get a big thrill seeing us and they talk about their younger days, you never know we might be in their situation one day.

<u>Fines</u>

Ado – 2 Fines:- Sitting down to pee in the ladies loo, Speeding not a good look for El Presidente..

Splitty:- Calling us a Chapter (still), Speeding not a good look for the VP.

Rizzo:- Forgot handbag half way home had to turn back and pick it up, 30km round trip.

Angry:- Cos we love him.

Ray:- Took wrong turn as ride leader.

<u>Crash:-</u> As per usual - indicators.

\$5 Scratchie, Crash and Myself.

<u>Birthdays</u>

Les, Di and Sheriff.



Two differing versions of the same speeding incident, who to believe?





Keep smiling it may never happen

God bless and keep you all.

Windsucker. James McColm #50255



The Fox's Den.

Hi Fellow Ulyssians,

Spring is here, warmer days, great riding times ahead so come out and enjoy. September ride calendar is full, but October and November need your attention so come forth and tell us where you would like to ride to.



Current upcoming rides.

Friday Sept. 7th

Info Night

Sunday Sept 9th

National Memorial Day at Somerset Dam

Leave Clubhouse 09:00 am Splitty to lead us.

Sunday Sept 16th

No ride this week , see Saturday 22nd September.

Saturday Sept. 22nd.

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers leave Clubhouse at 09:00am Padre will lead us.

Friday Oct 5th.

Info Night.

Sunday Oct 7th

Mt Tyson, White Mischief Chocolate Shop, leave Clubhouse at 08:00am.

Safe Riding and ride within your capabilities

Bob the Silver Fox #63410

Ride Report

Bowls Ride

'A bowling we will go', off to Redcliffe we did go, six Ulyssians we were gathered,

Picking up Daffy on the Logan Motorway our fourth team player thank God.

The Magnificent? Seven rode on to Redcliffe ready for battle.

By Fox.

Bloody road works and Diversions, missed Redcliffe turn off. All changed but Anzac Avenue loomed up so down it we went, via the scenic route of the Marina to Scarborough Bowls Club.

Herb from Redcliffe was all hustle and bustle and was in an organised go mood. So the Fox and Hounds team of Silver Fox, Ray Beno, Daffy and Fossil was let loose with no practice bowls, so straight up we beat Glasshouse Mountains, then Redcliffe and an Allsorts team. Lunch break and raffles followed.

Daffy won a set of magnifying glasses and Silver Fox a \$25 gift voucher, very nice.

After lunch we won one round a lost the semi-final to leave Redcliffe to plaauy off against Glasshouse Mountains in the final.

Homeward bound our different ways all safe and sound. Thank You Rizzo for taking the photos and especially my other team members, we gallantly went down but for a social game we held our head high. There is always another day.

Bob, Silver Fox #63410





Lumberjacks Web.



Some more from Erik and Anni's Vietnam Adventure

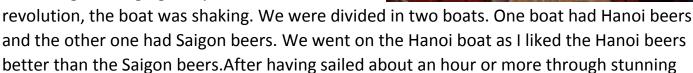


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Thursday.

Wednesday we had a big night at the homestay. People were dancing so the whole house was shaking and some people didn't feel so good this morning. That didn't matter because we were not going to ride our bikes. We were going on a boat trip in the national park so we could sit and relax and enjoy the view.

We were listening to the boat's single cylinder diesel engine banging away and for each



landscape, we could see a cave in the distance. As we came closer, we could see that the river went through the cave. There were other boats parked in the cave and we also had a break there where we explored the cave. We were told that an earthquake created this cave many years ago.





We didn't sail through the cave, but turned back and parked the boats and went for a walk, bringing food and beers so we could have some lunch near a waterfall. The travel crew



prepared the food while we just hung around, enjoyed the landscape and took photos.

After having eaten the food, we went back to the boats and sailed back to the homestead and that was most of that day gone. As we had afternoon coffee and tea, one of the guides (Phu) announced that her family lived a few kilometres from where we were and she invited us all to come to their home and see how they

lived. We were questioning her about how we were going to get there, but that was easy. We just had to get in the curtesy vehicle, a Ford Transit. We didn't think we could fit in there, but this is Vietnam, so everything goes. The driver and 2 more people on the front seat, 3 on the next row, 3 on the 3rd row and 8 in the boot. The driver didn't slow down just because we were bouncing around in the boot and the road weren't all that smooth and those few kilometres were a lot more so we were happy to get out of there.

When we got there, we were greeted by Phu's father who gave us all a shot of his home brew, Rice schnapps that was 2 years old and was served only at special occasions. Phu's sister was at the hospital, pushing another little Vietnamese fellow out, as to keep up the numbers. We were also served his home produced Honey and honeycomb. On the wall, there were hanging some 3 string instruments, made out of pumpkins by Phu's father. Some of them were work in progress and the finished ones were very shiny. He grabbed one of the instruments from the wall and played and sang for us. We didn't understand a word of it, but it sounded very Vietnamese.

After being showed the house and his "man cage" it was time to head back to the homestead for some tea and drinks.



Friday.

It was a sad day as we had to head back towards Hanoi and hand back the bikes. It was raining and the thought about it being the last day on the bike made it more miserable. As we were getting closer to Hanoi, the landscape was getting flatter and more boring and there was more traffic. As usual, we pulled over at the side of the road and had a coffee break and enjoyed the foggy Mountain View. The rain started to get heavier and our travel guide made a change of plans. He wanted us to finish riding a couple of hours earlier and then get a bus back to Hanoi. I didn't mind that because riding in rain and Vietnamese traffic was not very desirable.

After about an hour's riding, we pulled in to a hotel where there were 3 small trucks waiting to load our bikes. We took all our gear off the bike and someone lifted the bike up in the truck and that was the last we saw of that bike. We went inside the hotel and got some lunch.

The bus took us to Hanoi at a very high speed, overtaking and cutting off cars. I was happy not to ride there, but as we were told before we started the trip: Traffic rules are only a guide. Nobody goes by them.



We reached our hotel in the afternoon and were told to meet in the lobby later for a last dinner. There was a bus waiting to take us to a fancy restaurant. This was a sharp contrast to some of the places we had been eating the last couple of weeks. The food was, as always, good and after a few drinks, people started to hold goodbye speeches. A lot of us weren't ready to go back to the hotel after our goodbye dinner, so we went to a watering hole we were recommended by our guide. Maybe he got

kickbacks for the customers he got there but it was ok. The beers were the same as everywhere else but down they went. There was a lot of life on the street so we couldn't just go to bed. We had to explore the city but eventually we had enough. We made a pit stop at a bar there was just about to close and had a quick drink before we went back to the hotel. There was no rush as we had one more day at the hotel to do nothing or maybe shopping.

Saturday.

We slept in as there was nothing planned for the last day in Vietnam. After having eaten a nice breakfast buffet at the hotel, we went out for a walk to see if there was something in the



shops we couldn't live without. We went with a Danish guy who also had the day to do nothing and we all went shopping for gifts for our family.

We did a lot of walking and saw a lot of things that we would never see in Australia. At some stage we had to rehydrate and as we didn't trust the Vietnamese water, we were forced to hydrate with beer. As we were sitting at a café and hydrating, sales people came

and harassed us with all their rubbish they were trying to sell. At one point I gave in and bought some small cone shaped straw hats hanging in a string, the ones that the china man always wear and also the Vietnamese. Anni wanted the real one but we would not be able to take it home in one piece so she would have to do with the small model. By the way, we had to part with that one in Brisbane Airport when Biosecurity checked it and shoved us that it was full of some small insects. The bloke tapped it firmly on the table, on top of a white piece of paper and we could see a lot of small black dots moving around on the paper.

We had tea in a "vegan" restaurant however; there were more meat dishes on the menu than vegetarian. When we went back to the hotel late at night we saw a shop owner having a fire on the road. She was just getting rid of rubbish so that's how they do it in Vietnam.

Next morning, we had to get up very early and get to the airport. We flew a few hours and landed in Bangkok where we were visiting some friends a few days before getting all the way





We were home just in time to pick up Tia from school. The power of the Triumph surprised me when I took off out of the driveway. Having ridden a Royal Enfield with a whopping 26 horsepower for a couple of weeks made me appreciate the slightly more powerful Triumph engine.

And that was the end of our Vietnam adventure.



RIZZO Welfare Wrap

Hi All

Rizzo,

Well its that time again were I have to in my report. I still don't know if anyone out there is not doing too good or needs someone to just talk to as I have not heard from anyone in the Branch. I will take that as a good sign that you are all doing Great.

Did anyone guess where I got last month's Trivia questions from? If you think you may know, come and see me.

God bless and safe riding... Rizzo #59819



Members Profile.

Name: Roystan Ford

Nickname: The Goose

Partners Name – Leeanne

Occupation – Fitter, turner, machinist

Current Bike – Harley Road King/ Suzuki GSXR

I got into riding when – I was 5 years old

Toughest Ride – ??

My life began when – I rode my first bike

I am really bad at - Filling in forms

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My Hobbies are – Radio control planes and cars

Favourite Movie – Untouchables

Major Dislikes – Slow Riders

Smartest thing I've done – I don't know yet

Best time of my life –

Advice to new riders — Head up-look into the turn with head kept level- learn outtracking-ask me!!

AGED CARE VISIT.











CRASH'S MONTHLY MOTORCYLE TIPS.

GREETINS FELLOW IPSWICH BRANCH MEMBERS WELCOME TO MY TIPS AGAIN.

It has been asked, how fast do you ride a motorcycle in traffic?

Believe it or not the theory is that you should ride faster than the flow of traffic regardless of speed. Why, the reason is by riding faster than the flow of traffic, you have control over the traffic rather than it has control of you, that way you can always make your own safe area and keep the traffic away from you, and yes you may get pinched, but a wise man once said, I'd rather have a ticket in my hand than one tied to my toe.

While on the subject of making a safe zone for yourself, remember always look behind you when coming to a stop if it's at a stop sign or traffic lights, look for a safe exit strategy, try and practice this and think to look behind every time you stop, even when driving your car and it will become second nature.

That's all I have this month, so stay safe

From someone who knows how to crash.

CRASH #42697



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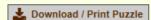














SATURDAY 22ND SEPT.

The Padre will lead us to Toowoomba to spend some time at the Carnival of flowers Leaving the Clubhouse at 09:00am



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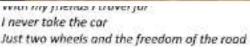
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To the AGM each year an event we hold so dear We will ride there wherever it may be In the country or by the sea In a state or territory We will be there in our thousands you will see

Chorus

As time marches along
Some of our mates have ridden on
To that endless golden highway in the sky
We will follow them one day
For they have paved the way
And we'll meet again on that highway up on high



Just five blokes in a pub one afternoon Maybe then they didn't see Just how big their club would be But we're all very happy that it grew

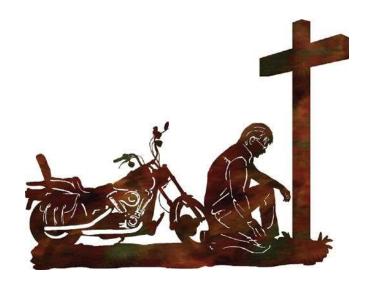
Chorus

We're not as old as we will be
But getting older as you can see
We like our bikes, the road and doing what we do
Come and ride with us awhile
And you're guaranteed a smile
Life is short but it's the longest thing we do

Chorus (repeat)

A Bikers Prayer (Read at the 2017 National Memorial Ride)

As I climb astride my ride I ask my God, be at my side Keep me alert throughout the day. Guide me safely along the way Potholes, Roos and twisty bits, oil, gravel and Dimwits Lord protect from each one until my ride this day is done While the engine accelerates, let me ride as friends, as mates But when I stop in bush or down, let me remember to put my foot down Remind me that my life is fleeting, that one day, we will be meeting Let Grace and Truth with me abide until I take my final ride.



27TH OCTOBER IPSWICH BRANCH TURNS 5 YEARS OLD



THERE WILL BE A GRAND
CELEBRATION AT IPSWICH KNIGHTS SOCCER CLUB,
ENTERTAINMENT AND A HANGI FOR
DINNER.



THEME FOR THE NIGHT IS HALLOWEEN SO GET SOME COSTUMES READY AND JOIN US FOR SOME GREAT FUN.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER INFO COST \$10 PER HEAD PARTNERS INVITED

ALL MONIES TO PAULA ASAP PLEASE.



Thanks to Mick Rodgers (Noddy)

I went to the doctor and told him I had wind. I asked if there was something he could give me for it. ...so he gave me a kite.

Ever thought about it when you look at an owl? He will fix his stare upon you without moving his eyes.

This is because an owl's eyes are more cylindrical in shape than spherical and so big that they cannot move in the eye sockets.

To compensate for the inability to rotate his eyes, an owl can rotate his head in roughly a 270 degree arc.

When an owl rotates his head fully, the blood circulation to the head is momentarily interrupted.

A customer helpline conversation (apparently a true story):

Customer: I've been ringing your call centre on 0700 2300 for two days and can't get through to Enquiries. Can you

help.

Operator: Where did you get that number from, sir? Customer: It was on the door to the travel centre.

Operator: Sir, they are our opening hours.

Genuine announcements made by airline staff:

'Welcome aboard Southwest Flight 245 to Tampa. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle and pull it tight.

It works like every other seat belt and if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised.'

If you purchased a map of South America in Peru and another in Ecuador, they'd be different.

The two countries are in dispute over territory in the headwater of the Amazon.

What do W. C. Fields, Fred Astaire, Bob Dylan, Tony Curtis, Marilyn Monroe, H. G. Wells, Oscar Wilde, Marlon Brando, Dr Livingstone, Johnny Weismuller and Albert Einstein have in common?

Answer: They're all on the album cover of Sgt Peppers.

Some trivia...

Diet Coke was introduced in 1982.

In the year 1379, a Mr and Mrs Coke of Yorkshire named their daughter 'Diot', which is a shortened form of Dionisia, equivalent to Denise these days.

In 1933, Mickey Mouse received 800,000 fan letters.

In 1955, a book was returned to the Cambridge University Library.

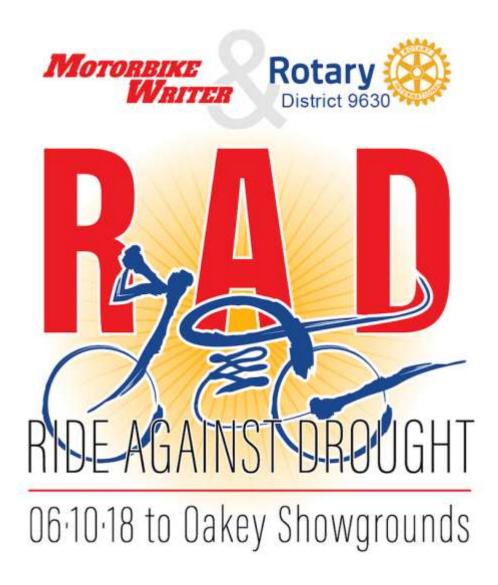
It was 288 years overdue.

There is a village in Ireland named 'Muckanaghederdauhaulia'.

This translates in English to 'pig-marsh between two seas'.

For much more info please go to the website :-

https://motorbikewriter.com/join-ride-drought-ocyober/



Brisbane riders can rally at the Rocklea Showgrounds from 7.30am. **Meeting points on the Gold and Sunshine Coast will be confirmed soon.**

Participants will head off whenever they want, at their own pace and via their own route to Oakey Showgrounds where Rotary will host a barbecue lunch, entertainment and raffles.



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: \cdot not engage in fraud or corruption; \cdot report any fraudulent or corrupt behaviour; and \cdot be accountable for the decisions and input we provide.

Accepted at the National Committee meeting 1 July 2017







- * A great little Camper, many years left in this one yet.
- * Large Bed, and plenty of room under cover.
- * The zip on walls for the awning are brand new.
- * 95% rubber on trailer, spare is new.

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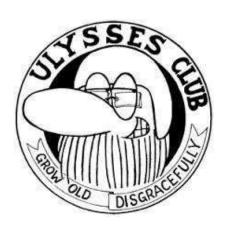




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