

# Riding on Too

## Newsletter of the Ulysses Club Canberra Branch



### President's report

Tonight we have a representative from the Snowy Hydro Southcare Aero Medical and Rescue Helicopter Service at the meeting. Wayne will tell us about the work the Service provides, and we will be presenting a cheque which is our donation for this year. The money comes from donations and other fundraising activities, with most of the money raised at the monthly BBQ at CMC, coordinated by the BBQ committee, thank you to them for a wonderful job, and to all of you who assisted by being there, dropping in and buying food and drinks. The donation tonight brings the total of our sponsorship over the years to the Rescue Helicopter Service to \$11,500 which is really a sterling effort by all of you!!

The ACT District Toy Run is on 8<sup>th</sup> December, don't forget to fill up the piggy banks and bring them in to Mal Garner, who is coordinating the counting of all the small change. Bring toys, non-perishable goods and cash, your friends and family. And think about your costume and/or bike decorations for the toy run - there are prizes to be won! I've seen you dress up fantastically at various events so take the challenge and be creative!! And keep in mind that the MRA really needs people to sell badges as well as assist in marshalling on the day, so please volunteer - let me know, or contact Pete Major directly. We are also hoping to have our new banner ready for the Toy Run, look for it at Garema Place.

The Tuggeranong Community Festival is on the 25<sup>th</sup> November and they are looking for a static display of motorcycles. This will be a good opportunity to promote Ulysses and show off your bike and if you'd like to participate please let us know, we'll need to be there by 1100 until 1600 on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a map on the website and in the newsletter. This is the same day as a ride but I hope a few of you can come along to the Festival - even for a short while would be appreciated! The website for the Festival is at:  
<http://www.tuggeranongcommunityfestival.com.au/> (cont next page)....

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*Gold Coin please*

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**Welcome to new Members & Visitors:** Graham Byrne, John Roe, Tracey Cootes, Allan Loitse, Kevin Wearne and Jim Crosbie

# Presidents Report cont...

We have been approached to be part of the opening of the (new) sealed section of the Gunning to Crookwell road, via Grabben Gullen. The Crookwell Tourism people would like us to "zip about" as they put it, on the day, and will provide a BBQ as a further enticement. I assured them that we excel at zipping about !! We don't have a date just yet (it does of course depend on the Minister's calendar....) but it'll be February/March next year and I'll let you know the date as soon as I can. This month brings us the first newsletter put together by Flip - please give her your support and send her things of interest - now that's a nice broad description - go to it!! Also please continue to send photos, and your ride reports and any other juicy bits and pieces over to Gary MacDonald for immediate (well nearly always) publication on the website. I am now doing the distribution of news, the newsletter, updates etc which Adrian was doing previously. I have a sheet at the front door each meeting, so if you aren't already on the mailing list, just add your name or send me an email. Gary is putting a form on the website so new members can add themselves to the mail list. And looking ahead - have you dusted off your blue suede shoes and booked in for the Elvis weekend, or decided to go to the Katoomba run?? And to add to all that, we have rides nearly every weekend - life's good isn't it?

And I'll see you at the station ready to board the train for the Christmas party and a night of Christmas fun.

Jen

## ***Editors Blurbs.....***

Dear Friends,

I wasn't going to do one of these "Editor's Blurbs", as they can become a little bit self indulgent - you know - a platform for the personal views of the Editor. However, I was pressured by several Ulysean friends to write a few words. I then started to think of the implications of having free reign to say anything I want to a hapless and unwilling audience, and realised that it could only be a good thing. As you know, this is my first edition of the RO2. It's been an amazing challenge to learn how to put it together, not having worked with the software before, and I can only say thanks to the people who have assisted me - with great amounts of patience. The help I received epitomises everything that I have found in the two years I have been a member of this fabulous club. I have found a 'family' that I am proud to be part of. I hope that you will be proud that I am your Editor.



*Friendship is like peeing on yourself: everyone can see it, but only you get the warm feeling that it brings.*

## **When you gotta go...**



<http://www.toiletmap.gov.au/>

This is a really useful website (thanks to Gary Mc) for all you old buggers who need a toilet stop every five minutes. Created by the Department of Health and Aging it lists all the public toilet facilities in Australia.

And for your edification:

Incontinence is a common health problem that affects over two million Australians of all ages and backgrounds. To address this important issue, the Commonwealth Government has provided \$31 million of funding over seven years to resource the National Continence Management Strategy (NCMS).

Through the NCMS the Government aims to improve continence treatment and management so that more Australians can live and participate in their communities with dignity and confidence.

So go forth and pee as often as you like! You won't need to remember to pack your Depends.



Free to good home, house trained, safe with small children, no nasty little stains, leather pants, 32 inch waist, RJays brand. Please contact Andrew on 6259 3977

# Minutes of the Last Meeting

## Ulysses Canberra Branch General Meeting 16 October 2007



Secretary Mark Delf

**Meeting Opened:** 8:10pm  
**Apologies:** 5 apologies noted.  
**Welcome new members & visitors:** Graham Byrne, John Roe, Tracey Cootes, Allan Loitse, Kevin Wearne and Jim Crosbie  
**Acceptance of previous minutes:** Flip and Evan  
**Correspondence in:** Nil  
**Correspondence out:**

Dennis Hindle cheque and Natcom letter to Mike Houston  
**Business arising from correspondence:** Nil

**Presidents Report:** As tabled in RO2  
Toy Run on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2007

MRA has asked for some assistance to help run the event.

**Treasurer's Report:** As tabled in RO2

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:**

**Social Secretary's Report:**

Has a supply of Elvis iron on patches. Will give one to the first eight people that ask. Trevor's weekend ride to the Snowy Mountains on same day as the Toy Run. Judy suggested two departure times for the people going on the weekend ride. Departure is 0900 for those riders not attending the Toy Run and 1200 for those who are. November meeting last opportunity to pay for the Christmas party (Train Ride).

**Ride Coordinator's Report:**

Like to thank Stuart and Heather for bringing the BBQ to the Big Hole ride. Thirty eight bikes attended the Sutton Forest run. Like to see more people on the weekend rides.

**Rider Development:**

GEARS courses will be running again shortly. Ulysses club will give a rebate on this course. Any approved rider training course will attract the rebate. It is recommended that a rider should undertake refresher skill training every three years.

**Webmaster Report:**

A CD of the website and a projector has been brought to the meeting. After the meeting feel free to come and have a look at the website. Any ideas on how to improve the website would be most welcome.

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If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the RO2 please send an email to Jen Woods at [jenwoods@internode.on.net](mailto:jenwoods@internode.on.net)

If you wish to contribute to the RO2 please email Flip at [flip63@internode.on.net](mailto:flip63@internode.on.net) otherwise she will rip your bloody arms off.

**Quartermaster's Report:**

Badges have increased in price from \$11 to \$11.60  
A range of new merchandise is available.

**RO2 Editor's Report:**

The RO2 will be emailed out tonight due to a system glitch. This month's edition is the last with Adrian as editor. Flip will be taking over from next month. Please send items for the newsletter to Flip.

**General Business:**

If you are not on the mailing list let us know so that you can be added (see Jen Woods or email to [jenwoods@internode.on.net](mailto:jenwoods@internode.on.net)). There will also be a sheet at the front door of the meetings to add your name and email address. The Long Ride last year was to benefit the RFDS. This year it will benefit the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Motorcycle ECO Challenge information is on the club website. \$3,000 will be donated to the Snowy Hydro Southcare helicopter this year. We need a volunteer to make a patch for the Club Branch Quilt with the current logo. Grand opening of Canberra Motorcycle centre Mitchell is on 10 November. BBQ this Saturday will be at Mitchell.

**Stuart:** Deposits required for Katoomba ride. Balance due in November.

**Mal:** Piggy banks need to be handed in. Next meeting will be your last chance. If unable to drop off at next meeting you can address the piggy banks to Mal and drop them off at your local fire station. Peter from Cyclops (organisation for carers) has a picnic once a year near Black Mountain. Volunteers are required to take kids for a ride on their bikes. More information will be provided at a later date.

**Allan:** Swap meet coming up at Exhibition Park.  
No port raffle tonight.

**Meeting Closed:** 8:47pm



*Our wonderful BBQ team at it again - this time at the new CMC in Mitchell*

**[WWW.ULYSSES.ORG.AU/BRANCHES/CANBERRA](http://WWW.ULYSSES.ORG.AU/BRANCHES/CANBERRA)**

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# Treasurer's Report

Ulysses Club - Canberra Branch

Report for October 2007



Treasurer Leo Farrelly

| Income            |              | Banked S1 | Banked S2      |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Investment</b> |              |           |                |
| 3/10/07           | Banking      | \$934.30  | \$654.70       |
| 16/10/07          | QM Sales     |           | \$11.30        |
| 16/10/07          | Shirts       |           | \$37.00        |
| 16/10/07          | Newsletter   |           | \$46.70        |
| 25/10/07          | Banking      | \$95.00   |                |
|                   | <b>Total</b> |           | <b>\$95.00</b> |

## Expenses

**Total**      **\$ nil**

## Unpresented cheques

961393      \$51.87

## Account Balances

S1      \$4,281.60  
 S2      \$2,762.81  
 Investment      \$5,000.00



*It appears that Mick Doohan has thrown Kim over for a newer model...*



## Riding by the Stars....



*Pictures of the Moto GP by Elca*

Scorpio Oct 21 - Nov 21

Lucky number is 9  
 Lucky day is Thursday

### Astrology for Road Riders

You are the danger sign! You love riding bikes which bite back. It's in your nature to ride sedately and then suddenly hoon off into the distance. Your sign is a water sign - that explains the tears when you hit little bunny rabbits. Just remember - don't bite off more than you can chew. The saying 'still waters run deep' describes you perfectly. What it really means only a Scorpio will ever know. The body parts associated with your sign are the 'privates', hence comfort on the bike in these areas is what you look for. Therefore you tend to go for sporty types or bikes with dangerous or nasty characteristics, with a mind to being comfortable too.

### ...and Dirt Bike Riders

Scorpios are over-competitive dirt bike riders that like to believe they are famous. They are anything BUT famous. Scorpios believe they are naturally exceptional riders. Their riding abilities are anything BUT exceptional. In reality, most Scorpios never compete further than the 125cc MX Novice class. They often run into, and injure, other riders during competitive events. Mini-riders are classic Scorpios. Many hard core Scorpios do not reach the age of 17. Their biological parents usually have them secretly abducted, then slain. These parents derive enormous psychological benefits from the abduction and subsequent killing. The life insurance benefits for the "bereaved" aren't too shabby either!

# Wot's On... 1

Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm at the RSL Club, Moore St Civic, or 6.30pm for dinner with other members before the meeting (the next one is on Tuesday 18 December)



## *Ulysses Christmas Party*



Date...1 December 2007

Leaves Kingston Railway Station 6.15pm

\$70 per person

Theme is 30's/40's (only if you want to)

Lucky train door prize

Price includes train trip to and from Tarago as well as a three course meal, entertainment on the train and at Tarago

Full payment due to Elca or Jen by the 20 November 2007

Contact: Elca on 0412561638 or [tpcooper@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tpcooper@optusnet.com.au)

Come and see Elton John in Concert at Commonwealth Park on Friday, 30 November 2007  
Contact Judy for further details



## *Parkes Elvis Festival*

Wednesday 9 - Sunday 13 January, 2008

Judy has reserved a row of tents in tent city for Canberra Ulyssesans. There is information on the web site about the festival and booking procedures. You will need to complete payment for your tent by Xmas. Please let Judy know when you have booked so that she can compile a list of who is riding and when  
[judyperry@netspeed.com.au](mailto:judyperry@netspeed.com.au)



[www.parkeselvisfestival.com.au/](http://www.parkeselvisfestival.com.au/)

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## Canberra and Districts Motorcyclist's Toy run

8 December 2007

MRA ACT's annual Toy Run will take place on Saturday 8 December, departs from Old Parliament House at 10am and finishes at Garema Place.

The Toy Run is in aid of St John's Care and The Salvation Army, both of whom support those members of the Canberra community who are less well off.

Donations of non-perishable food, cash and Christmas toys for children of all ages are most welcome. However, not too many kids like cuddly toys at Christmas time (especially the older ones), so some thought should be given to bringing something that will be really special.

Inquiries to:  
Malcolm Stewart 0439 303 106



## ALPINE ADVENTURE .... December 8 & 9 **UPDATE**

Trevor thinks that the road between Batlow and Tumut might be closed for two months. However, we may still get to go through Batlow and Tumut. Trevor will keep us posted.

### ATTENDEES

#### Definite Starters:

Terry Fenton  
Chas Towie  
Brian Agius (possibly Madonna)  
Lionel Haynes  
Trevor McLeod

Paul Sayers

Nick Hicks

Mark Delf

#### Leaving Canberra after Toy Run

Judy Perry

Flip

#### Possible Starters

Robert Crick

Bill Barker

Mark Walker

Norman (Seamus) MacLachlan

David McI Iroy



*What IS he doing with his left hand?*

#### **If you are aware that others are coming then please have them contact Trevor asap**

Following Trevor's experience with the Usual Suspects' three day ride recently he wants to adopt their idea of a contact list. This has proved useful on several occasions and also, in worst case scenarios, provides home contact details. This list will only be available to those on the trip. Please include name, mobile phone number of emergency contact and their phone number. If you know what this is - EPIRB - please also include it.

#### Accommodation

Please ring and secure your own accommodation (but let Trevor know) as he is putting together a 'show bag' for those who are definitely going.

Accommodation (\$55 single \$66 double \$88 Family Room)

#### Contact Phone Numbers

Mountain View Motel ... 02-6076 1766

Corryong Hotel Motel ... 02-6076 1004

#### Trevor's contact details:

Mobile Phone: 0411 269 276 6201 8187 (BH)  
62585813 (Home) Email: tmcLeod@au1.ibm.com

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**Suggested Route for late starters attending the Toy Run** leaving at 12 noon from Parliament House. Travel to Adaminaby (170km/2:11) Travel to Corryong via Cabramurra and Tooma Rd (137km - 2:22)

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### ROUTE DETAILS

#### SATURDAY 8 December 2007

Est travel time (**h:mm**)

Williamsdale Ampol Service Station

Location: 37km south of Canberra on Monaro Hwy Arrive 9:00am

Depart 9:30am

Travel to Cooma (80 km/**0:50**)

Morning Tea: Cooma

Depart: 11:00am

Travel to Jindayne via Middlebank/Rocky Plains Roads (100km/**1:30**) Lunch: Jindabyne

Depart: 2:00pm

Travel to Khancoban via Alpine Way(107km/**1:50**)

Regroup/refuel at servo on hwy

Depart 4:00pm

Travel to Corryong (27km/**0:20**)

Overnight accommodation and dinner at Corryong Hotel/Motel Bistro

#### SUNDAY 9 December 2007 (looking good at this time)

#### Preferred Route (if road open)

Depart 9:30am

Travel to Tumbarumba (76km/**1:00**)

Morning tea

Depart 11:00am

Travel to Tumut (68km/**0:50**)

Regroup/refuel at Servo on Snowy Mts Hwy

Depart Midday

Travel to Talbingo (43km/**0:30**)

Lunch at the Talbingo Country Club (with Sunday ride group)

#### Alternate Route – if Batlow Rd closed

Corryong/Cabramurra via Elliots Way (113 km/**2:30**)

or

Corryong/Cabramurra via Tooma Rd (85km/**1:50**)

Morning Tea

Cabramurra/Talbingo via Snowy Mtns Hwy (64km/**0:55**)

Depart Talbingo 1:45pm

#### Return to Canberra

via Cooma (260km/**3:20**)

via Gundagai (237km/**3:00**)



See Stuart and/or Heather Shilton for further information.  
Final payments are due at the November meeting.

## The Adventures of Tom Sawyer LIVE MUSICAL

Starring our very own **Steve Holloway**  
and **Flip's** daughter, **Alie!!!**

Phoenix Players are proud to present *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* which is the story of a fourteen-year-old boy growing up in the heartland of America. This musical version of Mark Twain's immortal novel is set in 1840 in St. Petersburg, Missouri, a bustling town on the banks of the Mississippi River.

In the course of the story, Tom matches wits with his stern Aunt Polly, falls in love with the beautiful, feisty Becky Thatcher, and goes on the adventure of his life with Becky and that irresistible renegade, Huckleberry Finn.



Along the way we meet a terrifying villain named Injun Joe, Tom's bratty half-brother Sid, and all the other boys and girls in the village.



The club has several strong links to this performance:

The Director is John Alford, who is **Derek Titheridge's** brother. Our own **Steve Holloway** (sporting some impressive facial hair) is performing in his musical debut as Gideon Wain (Defence Attorney), and **Flip's** daughter, **Alie**, is playing Susie Rogers.

A group booking has been made for 7:30pm, Saturday 19 January 2008, with dinner before and party afterwards. Please see Judy to book your seat for what will be a hilarious night out!

# Canberra Branch Calendar of Events

November 24 - Bombala Annual Celebration of Motorcycles (see below)  
24 - Charity BBQ at CMC Fyshwick

December 1 - Ulysses Christmas Party  
8 - Toy Run - Old Parliament House to Garema Place  
9 - Ecumenical service 9:30am Braddon (see below)  
18 - General meeting 6:30 dinner, meeting 8pm, RSL Civic  
22 - Charity BBQ at CMC

January 5-7 Elvis Festival, Parkes  
15 - General meeting  
19 - Charity BBQ at CMC  
26-28 - Katoomba trip

February 19 - General meeting  
23 - Charity BBQ at CMC

\*\*Subject to change at the organisers' discretion  
(or lack thereof)



## ECUMENICAL SERVICE For A Safe Riding Year in 2008

The service will be held:  
Sunday 9 December at 9:30am  
The Salvation Army  
Faulkner St, Braddon



Everyone is welcome, plenty of motorcycle parking and FREE morning tea provided.

## 16th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MOTORCYCLES 24th November 2007 Bombala Showgrounds

As the Annual Celebration of Motorcycles is on the same day as the Election, ACT members who are attending will not be able to vote in Bombala as they will be "interstate" electors. You can vote at Cooma (Public Library, 61 Vales St), Bega (CWA Rooms, Church St), or Merimbula (103 Main St). People from Queanbeyan would be fine as they are still in the same electorate, but the Electoral Office has not given Bombala any extra staff to cope with the visitors, so there may be delays.



## Engine Running

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was waiting for the service manager to take a look at his bike.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, can I ask you a question?" The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its 'heart', take valves out, fix'em, put'em back in; and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a measly salary and you get the really big bucks when you and I are doing basically the same kind of work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

Take a look at this if you're game...  
<http://www.1finalride.com/index.htm>

# Ride Reports

## Jindabyne 21 Oct 2007 by Todd Vercoe

|                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Peter Arday XVz1300 something F... | Brian ST1100                          |
| Ben Williams GTR 1000              | Gerry Stroud CBR1000                  |
| Flip on the lovely 750 Virago      | Mark Delf & Sharon Haley Yamaha T-Max |
| Snoop VStar 1100                   | Neil Goldfinch CBR1000F               |
| Todd Vercoe MotoGuzzi 850 Le Mans  | David McI Iroy Sprint 1050            |
| Jen Woods VStar 650                | Jim Crossie ST1300                    |
| Garry McCurley VRF800              | Nick & Terese Hicks M109R             |
| Bruce Black CBR100                 | Sean Ruefell R65LS                    |
| (I think he meant 1000)            |                                       |
| Judy, another lovely Virago        |                                       |

The day dawned bright, sunny and hot as about 20 of us met up at Williamsdale before heading south. The MRA attempted to upstage us by also using the Williamsdale Servo as the start point for their trip to the South Coast. Trevor attempted to hijack the ride, trying to convince us to join our affiliates in MRA for their trip. Peter arrived and would have none of it - we were Snowies bound and that was that, although the previously advertised location of Buckenderra had been modified on the grounds that 'there is nothing at Buckenderra'. Apparently nobody has the technology to change the website!

So off we headed. A cafe in Cooma provided a great morning tea and then we were off towards Berridale. Great, windy roads with high speed sweepers, and unbelievable panoramic views of the Snowies in the far distance. Nearly one moment of geographic embarrassment as a turnoff was nearly missed, and unfortunately Sean and his



Check out the beautiful lake...



our Judy



Nice snags boys...



*This is the only time Garry has ever been seen in public without an icecream in his hand!*



Beemer had to return home as the beast wasn't firing as well as it should have been. Jindabyne came into sight and while it was a shock to see the low level of water, the BBQ spot was a beauty and the conversation was plentiful as snags, chops and rissoles slowly cooked. Hard luck story of the day was from David of Trumpy Triple fame, who rode to the Moto GP (lucky sod!). Unfortunately, come the Monday his disc lock decided that it wasn't going to budge, and he ended up having to get his bike trailered back to Canberra. A little bit of work with an angle grinder and it was all sorted. Bummer.

The trip back also took us to some great sweepy roads via Dalgety and, for Flip and several others, almost via Bombala. Luckily, all were reunited at Cooma where icecreams were a big hit on what was a 30 degrees + day. A safe return trip home, and no sign of Constable Plod. Coffee at Tilley's and then home to think back on a damned good day in the saddle.

*Addendum from the Editor: There was a minor car accident on the final leg of the stretch home involving a car and a fence. Several of our gallant members pulled over to offer assistance, while others, who will not be named and shamed, kept going. It also appears that we were not the only ones to offer assistance - an off duty police officer also happened to be travelling on that road at just the right time and pulled over to assess the situation. You guessed it; it was our own lovely Senior Constable Lisa, from Cooma, who seems to be loitering in the same area as our own St Peter all too often for it to be a coincidence!*

# Ride Reports cont..

## A \*NEW\* Special Interest Group - Grenfell 4 November 2007

Jim and Rosalie Lovell - R1200RT  
Stephen Hausfeld Honda - ST1300  
Norman MacLachlan - The Ugly BMW  
Flip - THE Lovely 750 Virago  
Suzy Ansley - The Beautiful R1150R  
Mark Delf and Sharon - TMAX!!! (his emphasis)  
Nick Hicks - M109R  
Kerry Mulgrug - (I couldn't read your handwriting so I had to make it up) Honda CB1000  
Janet Mulgrug - (ditto) ANOTHER Lovely 750 Virago!  
David McIlroy - stupendous Sprint ST1050  
Tim Deck and Leeanne Walker - BMW R1150GS  
Jill Fleming - Suzuki GS500F

Written  
by Flip



I GOT A LIFE...  
...bought it on e-bay.



*Just look at that lovely 750 Virago!*

With the weather predicted to be awful, it was with trepidation that I peered out of the bedroom window, dressed in a gorgeous negligee (some would cruelly call it a nightie) of pale baby pink polyester - a vision of loveliness if I say so myself. It was cloudy and windy and not terribly inspiring. As arranged the previous evening, I picked up the phone to see what another brave Ulyssean thought of the weather. She thought we should go, so I rang another brave soul to confirm our stupidity. After much deliberation we all decided that we would brave the weather and



*Only our monthers could tell us apart!* meet up at the Watson servo, make our way to Yass, and if the weather turned foul we could head back to my place for Tim Tams and a movie. So at 9am I cruised quietly into the servo, filled up, emptied, and did a meet and greet. You can imag-

ine my surprise to see not just another lovely Virago, but a Virago which was EXACTLY the same as mine! It turns out that Janet has seen the light and bought herself a REAL bike, although she confessed to still owning a Burgman, but at least now I didn't have to be seen in public with it.



*That's Nick's head on the left....*

I was pleasantly surprised to see quite a decent crowd (actually I was pretty cheesed off; the Tim Tams were looking really good). Surprisingly (or not, given the weather), there weren't a lot of the "regulars", but there were a good number of new faces and a couple of returnees (great to see you back Jim and Rosalie). It also turned out that we didn't have a Ride Leader. This caused quite a bit of quiet rumbling amongst the troops, and the speculation was that St Peter had probably headed off down Cooma way in the hope of being arrested by Senior Constable Lisa again. Nick volunteered to go Ride Leader, and I got volunteered to go Tail End Charlie. We slipped out of the servo and onto the highway at a not too dusty 9:15am. The first and only nasty incident occurred not far out of Can-

berra. As Tail End Charlie I was the first person to be singled out by a moron in a silver Astra, who came up behind me and sat right up my butt. Considering there were at least 12 bikes and 3 or 4 cars in front of me, it seemed to be a rather futile exercise. I decided to "push" me by getting just a little bit too close, so remembering my first riding instructor's wise words, I stood my ground and edged even closer to the double white line. Not to be deterred, the idiot overtook me on a right hand turn slip lane, nearly wiping me out in the process and pulling up abruptly behind Jill, riding a brand spanking new bike, and who was already nervous handling the bike, let alone dealing with an idiot in a car. But wait, that's not all! - the idiot continued to overtake, push, and cut in - all the way through the line of traffic, only to pull in front of Nick our illustrious Ride Leader, and JUST SIT THERE doing the f\*\$cking speed limit! I ask you, why do we tolerate this behaviour?? I was having visions of all of us dragging him out of the car and doing unmentionable things to him. I'm sure you know what they were.

After that it was a forgettable ride to Boorowa, however, I wish I could say the experience at the Top Café was also forgettable. For the second or third time in a row passing through Boorowa, we stopped at the (not so) Top Café for coffee. As Tail End Charlie, I came in quite some time after the first mob and expected them

A \*NEW\* Special Interest Group cont...



*Mark is always surprised when he gets his lunch on time!*

to be just about ready to gear up and get back on the road. But no, the service at the café was so bad the guys were still ordering! I took the proffered advice and went across the road to buy a fabulous cuppa from my new favourite, with no waiting.

The owners of the Top Cafe also told us they don't like "large crowds" dropping in unannounced, and the last time we were there they gave Norm their business card and asked if we could please phone ahead. "No problem" says Norm, until he realises that there's no bloody phone number on the business card. My recommendation in Boorowa is the Cino Coffeeshop and Bakehouse up near the clock, just off the main drag, although I'm sad to say it was closed on this Sunday afternoon.

I was Ride Leader from Boorowa. This was only the second time I've been a Mutha Ducka with my little ducklings following behind. The last time there were only five little ducklings, so nothing really scary, but this time I was a little apprehensive. How do you know how fast/slow to go? I don't want to be thought to be too cautious, but I don't want to blow my licence either. In the end I settled on about 120kmh, which was the posted speed limit of course. I got the mob to



*Kerry and Janet were THRILLED by the killer teddy collection...*

Grenfell safely (don't look so surprised) and tried to find somewhere to have lunch - it turns out there's six pubs in the main street of Grenfell only one serves lunch on Sundays. Of course, we went into the other five and then gave up, ending up at the usual café/takeaway.

Once again I was voted Ride Leader (don't make a habit of this guys!) on the vague, but misguided idea that I knew how to get back to Boorowa via Cowra and Frogmore. I had no issue with Cowra, it

being clearly signposted, but once through Cowra I got a little confused, so in a moment of clarity I turned the mob around and went back the way we came.

Of course, if I'd known I was going to be responsible for the route, I would have actually looked at a map and found out where the turn off was, so I don't think I can be entirely blamed for not being able to find the Frogmore turnoff. I did, however, successfully get the mob back to Boorowa for a welcome and delicious coffee. It comes as no surprise that we didn't stop at the Top Café a second time in one day - although a couple of the Top Café staff were sitting out front as we approached and quickly scurried inside at seeing us arrive in town - it's a pity they boiled the kettle and opened a new tin of Coles Home Brand coffee for nothing. We tramped into the café across the road and were greeted by a smiling face, hot coffee, and a very large collection of teddy bears.

I can't see the Harley Boys stopping there terribly often, but we had a great time.

We set off again, me at the lead (I could get used to this) and headed towards Canberra. Unbelievably, it didn't rain the entire day, and while it was a little bit windy in the morning, the afternoon turned warm and sunny. So much for the Tim Tams.

Once back in Canberra, the inaugural meeting of a new 'special interest' group was held at Tilley's. This group has been forming slowly and quietly for a number of months but it's time to officially announce its creation. It doesn't have a name as yet, but the common thread which unites us is not the fact that we are all single, but that we 'haven't got a life'....(that would explain why at least one married person was there, I promise I won't tell your wife, Nick). To fill in some time in our otherwise empty lives, some idiot (I can't possibly admit to how dumb some of my friends are), suggested we could play "key swap" (in the seventies it was known as "wife swapping") and all throw our keys into a helmet and see which keys you draw out - but then came the sudden realisation that since we all rode our own bikes all we'd end up with was a different bike, and not much else, certainly not a life! After much jocular and laughter we finally called it a day and went our separate ways (on our OWN bikes).

Please send any suggestions for the name of the new "Special Interest Sub-Group" to [Flip63@internode.on.net](mailto:Flip63@internode.on.net).

## The (non) Ulysses Ride by Norman (Seamus) MacLachlan

It was hardly a Ulysses ride event, but, for a number of reasons, and not just the fact that it involved motorcycles, it had the Ulysses trademark all over it.

I'm vague on the details, but the way it was explained to me was something like this:

"There is a Ulysses member somewhere in Queensland, whose sister knew some friends who lived in Adelaide, Queensland and Melbourne, who were all visiting Canberra, and wanted to organise something a bit different for them to do. The member in Queensland contacted Steve Holloway, who contacted Flip, who arranged for a small cohort of Canberra Ulysseans to take the visitors for a bit of a tour."

So a small group of members, goaded into action by Flip, arrived at a secret location in Waramanga, laden with an array of miscellaneous jackets and helmets. It looked, for all the world, like the Salvation Army's flying squad.

The visitors, most of whom seemed to respond to the name "Sue", approached the ride with varying levels of apprehension, but relatively little panic. After dividing the four visitors between the five bikes (and this was achieved without the intervention of an accountant, or the use of calculating devices) we set off, led by Flip on the Lovely 750 Virago.



*Norm (AKA Seamus), Suzy, Mark and Flip*

The "Route", and we were all careful with the pronunciation, took in loops around Parliament House and highlights of the Parliamentary triangle, then up to the top of Mount Ainslie. At this stage there was a firm breeze, and conditions were warm but very pleasant. The ride then continued to Black Mountain, taking in a couple of loops of Capital Hill and Civic. At one stage the loops tightened to the extent that I was sure I passed myself, going the other way, but this may just have been an illusion caused by dehydration and incipient heat stress. The plan had been to have lunch at the café at

Mount Stromlo, but this was closed (perhaps fortunately) and one of the Sues mentioned Yum Cha at Dickson. No one had the stamina to put up alternative suggestions, and there was some merit (a better chance of survival) in keeping moving.

The ambient temperature was approaching "bake a potato on the saddle" levels as the visitors were returned to Waramanga, via Coppins Crossing, several kilos lighter due to fluid loss. The visitors appeared to enjoy their tour around sunny Canberra, showing great composure while being told ridiculous things by people with too much of a sense of humour. Afterwards, it took several hours sitting in Tilley's for the riders to fully recover.



Two British traffic patrol officers from North Berwick were involved in an unusual incident while checking for speeding motorists on the A1 Great North Road. One of the officers used a handheld radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill, and was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 300 mph. Their radar suddenly stopped working and the officers were not able to reset it. Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact latched on to a NATO Tornado fighter jet which was engaged in a low-flying exercise over the Border district, approaching from the North Sea.

Back at police headquarters the chief constable fired off a stiff complaint to the RAF Liaison office. Back came the reply in true laconic RAF style:

"Thank you for your message, which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Tornado had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it.

Furthermore, an air-to-ground missile aboard the fully-armed aircraft had also automatically locked onto equipment. Fortunately, the pilot flying the Tornado recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile systems alert status, and was able to override the automated defence system before the missile was launched and your hostile radar installation was destroyed."

## Steve and George's (Bill and Ted's) Excellent Adventure The Sunshine Coast Odyssey-September 12 -17 2007

### Day 1 Canberra to Wallabadah 735 kms

I'm not a superstitious person but the morning I showered to leave on this ride I broke my shaving mirror. At the time I reflected on the seven year bad luck thing but dismissed it as a pile of poo. I'll let you be the judge.

I do a perfunctory check of the Guzzi the day before we are due to leave and both the rear tyre and battery give cause for concern. The tyre only has 11 psi even though the tyres are new and have only been on the bike for two weeks. The valve appears to be leaking so I replace it, I will need to check it again in the morning. I then phone George and seek his advice on the flat battery but he assures me that it just needs a good run.

George arrives right on time at 8:00 am on his immaculately prepared 2006 Suzuki Bandit 1200. Like so many motorcycle riders George has modified his bike so that it performs to his requirements. It's a work in progress.

The first hour is just about settling in to the ride and finds us out near Borroowa where the carefully prepared itinerary of the ride is lost when I stand up to stretch and the map slips out of the tank bag and onto the seat just in time to get squashed by me as I sit down. The itinerary is just a piece of paper with each significant town listed in order with the appropriate mileage listed next to it and all the petrol stops marked. I find this a useful device when traveling a route I haven't traveled before. However I don't discover the loss of this important piece of paper until I need it many kilometers hence. Is that a turtle crossing the road?

I lead, and I think George prefers this because it lets him relax in the background, it also gives him the opportunity to pick up anything that might fall off the Moto Guzzi, not that it happens a lot but with a twenty year old bike anything is possible as you will find out later.



George at Cowra

We stop for a quick cuppa on the side of the road at Cowra. Just a leg stretch and quick drink then back on our way.

The ride is uneventful and we make good time to Molong where we stop for our first refuel. My mission is to stretch out our fuel stops to the maximum. An extra 50 klm per tank can mean a lot on a big trip. We've traveled 310 klm, only another 1200 + to go.

An hour later finds us in Wellington at a favourite café that provides lunch and an opportunity for George to make friends with his first dog of the trip, a small Jack Russell cross. If you have traveled with George you will know that he has a dog in every port, so to speak. Dogs and George have an affinity for each other as you will see.

From Wellington we proceed to Gulgong, a lovely heritage town where all the street signs are old style just to confuse you. We backtrack and then turn east towards the coast.

It is on this stretch while trying to negotiate a tricky intersection at Cassilis that I discover the itinerary has gone missing. George later recalls that he might have seen something akin to an A4 piece of paper fly off into the bush just before Borroowa. I joke that we can pick it up on the way back. Despite the missing itinerary we lose little time.

The Merriwa Bakery provides afternoon tea and a welcome break, as we enter I notice the 'old man' sitting proudly on the door by the handle. We also fill up with petrol here after just 262 klm. I had found a road on the map between Merriwa and Scone that offered a great short cut to the New England highway but it showed about 30 km of dirt. However after a bit of a Google and a quick email, a lovely lady in the Merriwa visitor centre assured me that the road was sealed the whole way now.

The road to Scone turns out to be one of those delightful surprises you get when you try something new. There are about 64 klm of high speed sweepers. It's mid afternoon and finally warming up a little bit and the sweepers just keep coming. We are traveling at about 130 - 140 kph with not a gendarme in sight. Unfortunately the battery in my iPod runs out and this disappoints me because I made a special effort to fully charge it just before we left. My musical accompaniment comes to an abrupt halt but the exhilaration of the sweepers continues. This stretch of road is one of the

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highlights of the trip and I am already looking forward to coming back this way in 5 days time.

Time to push on, I want to get to Tamworth or even Uralla to stop for the night but I fear the light is against us. The 'bush' has now turned into a lush green landscape and it would be hard to convince someone from overseas that we are still in the grips of a ferocious drought. The grass is literally up to the bellies of the cows.

As the light fades the insects come out and our visors quickly fill with squished bugs. Tamworth may be a bit ambitious. As we reach Scone we lose the rest of the light and any further travel today will be done in the dark. We push on for another 80 klms but there is no fun in this and we call it quits in a small town called Wallabadah.

The local pub, The Marshall - McMahon offers accommodation for \$20 pp and off street parking for the bikes. We are the only guests and also represent about 20% of the patrons. The publican cooks us a fabulous .T-bone steak meal with the best veggies I've ever had on the road, I swear he must have grown them himself they were so tasty. Dinner costs us \$20 each (plus a couple of well-earned beers). We've traveled about 710 klms, a bit short of where I would like to be. George brings his ear plugs to bed with him so that he can get some sleep, seriously I don't think I snore that much.



The Marshall-McMahon

The room is basic but clean, the bathroom down the hall is another story. The publican warns us that they

have been having minus temperatures over the last few days but it's OK because I can see the electric blanket through the bed sheet - I didn't think they could get that thin.



*George brewing up in Wallabadah*

Day 2 Wallabadah to Esk 660 kms

There is definitely a frost on the pumpkin this morning and my Italian mistress won't start without a 'jump', so much for professional advice. Fortunately George has a set of jumper leads and a quick jump from his battery sees my Italian beauty roar into life and then settle down into a steady idle while she warms up. Fortunately I have brought my iShuffle along so I connect it up instead of the iPod. It is much smaller and I don't expect it to last long because it hasn't been charged up for a while but at least I will have some music for part of the day.

*At the Belle Vue*



*George enjoying the sun in Thunderbolt country*



*must get back to the gym when we get home.*

Repacking our bikes doesn't take long and we are soon on the road again.

We make a quick start and reach Uralla for breakfast where I had hoped to stop last night. We enjoy a country style breakfast in Thunderbolt country. I bought some nice antiques here back in the mid '70s, no bargains to be had here today though. We fill the bikes up with petrol so that we won't have to stop for a while. We are getting about 310 - 320 klms between refills. The Guzzi has a range of about 380 before it hits reserve and then a further 100 before it runs dry but the Bandit is limited by a much smaller tank.

We intend to travel quickly today and avoid the big towns by having 'tea on the road', George has made several thermoses of tea to carry us through the day. We also carry health and energy bars and I have packed a decent size zippy bag with a dried fruit and nut mix to sustain us if we can't stop for

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lunch, its low fat and low GI and more healthy than 'road' food such as pie and chips.

We make good time despite the number of speed cameras, we settle in to the rhythm of the road and soon see Armidale, Glen Innes and Tenterfield pass beneath our wheels. We stop on the side of the road for a break and some tea. It seems a shame not to stop in some of these charming country towns but the schedule I have set for us doesn't allow much time for sightseeing. This is something we will discuss later. We spend the break talking and watching the wide variety of vehicles pass us in the full knowledge that we will probably have to pass them when we resume our journey.

We are close to the Queensland border now and are soon crossing into cane toad country. A sign greets us with the information that there is a \$30,000 fine for keeping rabbits. I fancy all of the locals let theirs go when they heard this. We push on through Ironstone country towards Warwick. Stanthorpe comes and goes and despite the desolate looking countryside it is obvious that a lot of produce is grown in this area, we pass many fruit stalls and markets gardens.

I watch each of the mileage signs with one eye on my odometer, I'm getting concerned that I have pushed it too far this time it looks like George may run out of fuel 20 kms short of Warwick. I pull to the side of the road and we discuss the situation. George feels confident that he can make the extra distance because the Bandit has been getting such good fuel economy. We continue into the afternoon sun. I wish I still had the itinerary because I had marked the fuel stops we needed to make. At last Warwick is in sight and the Bandit is still firing on all four cylinders, we pull into a servo and fill up with 345 kms on the clock. Marathon effort. George is sure he could do another 20 or so. In theory we should not have to fill up again between here and our ultimate destination.

We have covered 484 kms so far today and there is still another 300 + to go. It is about 2.00 pm but we are both a bit saddle sore and take a well earned break at the Belle Vue (I think the sign is broken) Café in the main street. I watch the Good Guys driver unload his truck at a RetraVision store across the street while George makes friends with as many dogs as pass him by. I'm convinced that the Maltese terrier is the most popular dog in Australia. We sit outside and the waitress brings our coffees to us, the service we receive as we travel is first class, not al-

ways the most professional but certainly the most friendly, gives me a sort of 'down home' feeling. I do love country Australia.

Back on the road and it is a short blast to Towoomba where we discover that an enterprising salesperson has sold the Towoomba council a shit-load of traffic lights and we catch every one of them. It takes us a good 30 minutes to pass through town on the alternative route, what a waste. We must make sure that we don't come back this way on our return trip.

The plan now is to turn off the highway 32 km out at Crows Nest and drop down through the Crows Nest National Park to Esk. This is one of the featured rides in Peter Thoeming's Motorcycle Atlas and it doesn't disappoint. The ride is down through the mountains to Esk and then on to the coast.

The temperature has been rising throughout the day and we are still wearing our thermals, after all it was minus one this morning when we left, it seems like an age ago. The 46 km run down to Esk is one of the most memorable rides I have ever had. We are traveling fast, about 130 kph, and the sweepers and bends just keep rolling on towards us. We arrive at Esk exhausted but exhilarated. After a ride like that I just want to sit somewhere and replay it in my mind. We find a hotel with accommodation and decide to stay the night here and travel the last 150 kms to the coast in the morning. We are both dripping with sweat it seems to have heated up all of a sudden, or is it just us cooling down after a pretty strenuous workout. I tend to forget how hard you work when riding the twisties.

We have traveled well today and once again finished off with a memorable stretch of road, little do we know that there is better to come before the trip is over.

The Grand Hotel is where we lob for the night. Accommodation is \$55.00 a twin but we get it for \$40.00 without even asking. In contrast to last night the room and bathroom are both excellent but the food is only so-so, palatable but nothing to write home about, \$15



*Idyllic surroundings*

for a Fisherman's Basket that you could have deep-fried in your own kitchen. The bathroom

facilities are typical 1930's but clean and when the

hot water finally arrives at the second floor it is breathtaking.

The Manager has two of the biggest Bull Mastifs I have ever seen, one has a head so big I'm sure it must be deformed, I don't know how it keeps its head up. They are contained in a large fenced backyard thank goodness. George has them eating out of his hand before we have even unpacked. Our bikes are secured in the courtyard behind the hotel.



The Manager assures us they will be safe because they have three security patrols each night. I can't help but wonder why they need that many patrols in such a small country town.

*This is the small one.*

While having a quiet beer in the bar with the locals I notice that there are a number of items of for sale, t-shirts, hats, stubby coolers etc. and then there is the Road Kill Ring Burner "the champagne of all beef jerkies". I've got to have a packet of that, the barmaid assures me it is hot as hell. The use by date is January 2008 so I still have time to work up courage to try it. Anyone care to join me?

*For more of Steve and George's Excellent Adventure please go to the Canberra Branch website:  
<http://www.ulysses.org.au/branches/canberra/>*

## Japanese biker fails to notice missing leg

**TOKYO, Japan (Reuters)** — A Japanese biker failed to notice his leg had been severed below the knee when he hit a safety barrier, and rode on for 2 km (1.2 miles), leaving a friend to pick up the missing limb.

The 54-year-old office worker was out on his motorcycle with a group of friends in the city of Hamamatsu, west of Tokyo, on Monday, when he was unable to negotiate a curve in the road and bumped into the central barrier, the Mainichi Shimbun said.

He felt excruciating pain, but did not notice that his right leg was missing until he stopped at the next junction, the paper quoted local police as saying. The man and his leg were taken to hospital, but the limb had been crushed in the collision, the paper said.

## Lightning strikes biker's penis during toilet break

A Croatian motorbike rider was knocked unconscious when lightning struck his penis during a roadside toilet break. *Metro.co.uk* reported Ante Djindjic, 29, escaped relatively unscathed from the incident, suffering only light burns to his chest and arms. He said: "I don't remember what happened. One minute I was taking a leak and the next thing I knew I was in hospital.

"Doctors said the lightning went through my body and because I was wearing rubber boots it earthed itself through my penis."

"Thankfully, the doctors said that there would be no lasting effects, and my penis will function normally eventually."

That's just as long as lightning doesn't stike in the same place twice.



*Judy gives the BBQ team instruction on cake cutting, while Derek lends a hand to a sausage...*

## A special thanks from Suzy to the lovely NRMA man...

Not so long ago I had the misfortune of having my beloved 17 year old Camry (as opposed to the ABSOLUTELY beloved beautiful BMW) broken into late at night in Civic. The lovely NRMA man who came to my rescue was none other than Tom Oldfield - long time Ulysses member. He went over and above the call of duty, and when he discovered I had been a Ulysses member for some time, but had never actually BEEN to a meeting - let alone on a club ride - immediately posted me the latest copy of RO2. To cut what could be a really long story short, I braved it and turned up for the very next ride, and haven't looked back since (see p.12). Thanks Tom!

# The Usual Suspects



*Active motorcycle riders - Ride till you can't*

*Written by Peter W (Ringmaster)*

A list of Suspects who attended at least one of the five rides in October (of course, some have more than one bike!)

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bill U - BMW R1200GS     | Jeff D - Suzuki GSX1300R      |
| John H - BMW R1200GS     | Hayabusa & Honda XR650R       |
| Brian M - BMW R1200RT    | Barry C - Suzuki Bandit 1200S |
| Trevor McL - BMW R1150RT | Ken McL - Suzuki Bandit 1200S |
| Ian J - BMW R1150RT      | Tom - Suzuki Bandit 1200S     |
| David M - BMW R75/6      | Jack T - Suzuki V-Strom       |
| Robert C - BMW F800ST    | DL1000                        |
| Butch W - BMW K1100LT    | John D - Suzuki V-Strom DL650 |
| Neil H - BMW K100RS      | Noreen C - Suzuki GS500       |
| Jim A - BMW K75C         | Mark - Suzuki GS500           |
| Gary S - Suzuki GSX1400  | Justin B - Honda ST1300A      |
| Trev A - Suzuki GSX1400  | Peter W - Honda CBR1100XX     |

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Super Blackbird & Honda        | Dave - Harley Davidson     |
| CBR900RR Fireblade             | Super Glide                |
| Leo K - Honda CBR1100XX        | Tim C - Triumph Sprint ST  |
| Super Blackbird                | 1050                       |
| Peter N - Honda CBR750F &      | Ian H - Triumph Sprint ST  |
| Honda VT750 Shadow             | 1050                       |
| Denis A - Honda Deauville 650  | Attilio S - Triumph        |
| Dave C - Kawasaki KLR650       | Thunderbird 900            |
| Peter B - Kawasaki ZX6R &      | Peter L - Yamaha           |
| Suzuki DR650                   | FJR1300A                   |
| Michael A - Kawasaki ER6n      | Judy P - Yamaha Virago     |
| Chris S - Kawasaki ER6n        | 535                        |
| Kerry W - Kawasaki ER5         | Derek H - Aprilia Scarabeo |
| Wobbly - Harley Davidson Road  | 500 Scooter                |
| King                           | Mike S - KTM990            |
| Peter C - Harley Davidson FLHT | Gordon W - Hyosung         |
| Electra Glide                  | GT650S                     |
| Dallas - Harley Davidson Super | Laurie W - Squalo VeeTwo   |
| Glide                          | & Ducati Multistrada 1000  |
|                                | Ken K - Mazda MX5          |

The Usual Suspects had five mid-week rides during October. There were a variety of weather conditions - gale force winds, rain, mist, fog, blue skies and sunshine. Below are extracts of ride reports prepared after each ride.

*Wednesday, 3 October 2007 - Yass*

The weather forecast was not good this morning - windy and then more wind! Not the day to be riding to Young and I convinced the assembled Suspects that a shorter ride would be more appropriate.

There wasn't much use trying to find consensus among the 22 Suspects - I decided that we would ride to Yass via Gundaroo, Gunning, Dalton and Jerrawa. An early lunch at Galutzis in Yass would give us the option of an early finish to the day - perhaps before the wind picked up to the forecast "gale force".

A few new Suspects today, a welcome to Dave and Dallas, both on Harley Davidson Super Glides, Gordon on a Hyosung GT650S, Noreen and Mark, both on Suzuki GS500s. Harley Davidson, Suzuki, Kawasaki and BMW shared the manufacturers' award - all with four bikes in attendance over the day's ride.

Only two Suspects on the Gravel ride today and they amended their ride to meet us at Yass for lunch. I expected reasonably good weather on the way to Sutton - how wrong can you be. As soon as we reached the Federal Hwy the wind was fairly strong and I didn't enjoy the ride to Gunning.

A re-group at Gunning and an attempt to encourage all to ride the Hume Hwy to Yass failed - most still wanted to ride via Dalton and Jerrawa.

The wind was fairly strong on the next section and it was made a little more difficult by the narrow bitumen, between Dalton and Jerrawa, with the odd "splash" of gravel here and there as the local four-wheel drives cut corners. Thankfully only one car on this stretch of road and one stray sheep that crossed in front of the fourth or fifth bike.

The Road Group arrived at Galutzis OK, at about 11.30am. The Gravel duo arrived about midday. After lunch some departed for the return home via Wee Jasper and Mountain Creek Roads - I opted for the Barton Hwy. It was quite windy on the Hwy and very difficult to keep the bike in a straight line.

I arrived home at 1.10pm with 175kms on the trip meter. John H reports the Gravel duo had to dodge a lone sheep, which changed directions three times, and saw two echidnas - they arrived home at 2.50pm with 270kms on the trip meter. I didn't enjoy the weather conditions, however a good social outing - thanks to all on the ride today.

Many were disappointed about no ride to Young today - therefore, weather permitting, we will ride to Young next week.

# The Usual Suspects cont...

*Wednesday, 10 October 2007 - Young*

The weather looked brilliant this morning, apparently not good enough for most - only twelve Suspects on the ride today. Two new Suspects joined us - a welcome to Butch W on a BMW K1100LT and David M on a BMW R75/6. Due to these two new Suspects, BMW won the manufacturers award today. Disappointing - where were the Harleys? Just two in the Gravel Group - John H and Mike S, still enthusiastic about that dirt riding.

The Road Group had a very pleasant ride to Boorowa via the Barton and Hume Hwys. Just a bit of road works as we turned into the Lachlan Valley Way - thankfully there was still bitumen to ride on. Many motorbikes passed us - it seemed we were heading in the wrong direction. Obviously there will be a big crowd at Phillip Island this year. The Gravel Group had a great run to Boorowa and arrived a few minutes ahead of the Road Group. It was a good coffee break at Town Clock Cafe in Boorowa - we had plenty of time to enjoy the coffee.

It was then onto Young for lunch at Wilder's Bakery and all the Road Group arrived around 12.15pm. No-one lost enroute! The Gravel Group decided to avoid the bitumen through Murringo and try an untested route through Narallen. After a short time lost in the wilderness they arrived in Young at about 12.45pm.

After lunch the Road Group tempted fate (surely someone will get lost) and rode back via Moppity and Cusacks Roads. I was pleasantly surprised to see that all arrived in Binalong, none lost on this section - most within a few minutes of each other. The only excitement for this journey was just a lone ram in the middle of the road, a few kms before Binalong. Bill stopped and directed traffic around this obstacle. Judy led the ride from Binalong to the Yass Service Centre. Judy is becoming rather confident on this route, doesn't need that bike in front to follow. I know Judy is spatially challenged, surely there must be a GPS hidden on that Virago 535!

After lunch John H led the Gravel Group and went "walkabout" - missed the turn-off from McMahons Reef Rd to Binalong and ended up following McMahons Reef Road all the way to the Hume Hwy south of Bookham.

A brief coffee stop at McDonalds, Yass, where both groups were re-united - then the ride home via the Barton Hwy. I arrived home at 3.45pm with 326kms on the trip meter. John H arrived

home at about 4.00pm with 431 kms on the clock - of which about 130kms was unintended and unwanted bitumen. For the Gravel Group - too many missed turns resulting in too much tar!

It certainly is warming up - many insects on the visor today. I think I cleaned it four times during the day! The bike looked very untidy as I rode into the driveway - the screen was almost fully covered with insects.

Thanks to all on the ride today - it was a great day for the ride to Young.

*Wednesday, 17 October 2007 - Tuross*

A little on the cool side this morning - the summer jacket seemed out of place! A bit of a breeze, however, there wasn't much in it. Lunch at Tuross seems popular with 20 Suspects ready to ride, including one new Suspect, a welcome to Ian H on a Triumph Sprint ST 1050. Also, there were some "old" Suspects back after missing a few rides. The good news - Honda won the manufacturer's award today. A well deserved win after that unfortunate ride by Nicky Hayden last Sunday. I'm sure some Ducati supporter sabotaged his bike. Of course, over coffee, we had to suffer Laurie's never-ending praise for Ducatis. Another Ducati supporter, Mick (aka Tim), was also present after a long absence - thankfully he was on the Triumph today. Ken joined us for the ride today with his Mazda MX5 - not fit enough to ride that Harley Sportster. Hopefully he will be back on the Harley next week. Laurie and Justin joined us for coffee then departed Bungendore for home - other more important chores in Canberra.

Only two Gravel riders today - a bit of a late start, it didn't seem to affect their ride through Araluen - they arrived at Tuross the same time as the Road Group. It was a good ride down the mountain, not much traffic and Mick (aka Tim), along with Ian, Jack, Father, Butch and Leo, led this section. A re-group at Nelligen then back on the road to Tuross. A bit of road works between Moruya and Tuross - had us delayed for about 15 minutes. There was a southeast breeze as we neared Tuross, however very calm on the water at O'Brien's Boatshed. Another great lunch with plenty of time to relax in a very pleasant environment - it's worth the effort to get there!

An uneventful ride back to Bungendore for coffee at the Woodworks Cafe. Not much traffic on the mountain and not much of a breeze as we reached Braidwood. Generally, a very good ride all the way. I arrived home at 4.35pm with 385kms on the trip meter.

# The Usual Suspects cont...

Wednesday, 24 October 2007 - Bemboka

The forecast this morning indicated late showers. It looked very good at 7.30am when I departed for the ride to Williamsdale. Not too many at Williamsdale - I'm not sure if it was the weather, the destination or the departure point. After discussion with Ian J, we decided to give the late arrivals another 10 minutes and depart at 9.10am. Robert C arrived at 9.05am and was thankful for the later departure. (The arrival of Robert also looked good for BMW winning the manufacturers' award. However, the two Suzukis from Bemboka gave us a tie for the award today.)

The Gravel Group had departed a little earlier, at 8.40am - just two, Mike S and Peter B for the long ride to Nimmitabel via the dirt. The other nine Suspects enjoyed a relaxed ride to Nimmitabel via the bitumen. The weather was just about right for the summer jacket - perhaps just a bit on the cool side. The sun was shining all the way and it looked very good as we stopped in front of the bakery. There were some dark clouds to the east. Dave C was a late arrival at Nimmitabel just before the arrival of Gary Smith and John Dean from Bemboka. Gary and John were dressed in wet weather gear and claimed it was just bit misty on Brown Mountain and the road was wet. There was some debate about riding down Brown Mountain in the wet - after morning coffee we decided it was time to ride. Gary convinced us there was no need for wet weather gear - just a light mist. OK Gary, you got us this time - we can't trust your weather reports in future. Somehow we all rode down the mountain OK - the water was dripping off my summer jacket when I arrived in Bemboka. It was more than just mist - rain and a bit of fog. The weather had deteriorated after Gary's ride up the mountain earlier in the morning!

A great lunch at Bemboka - many thanks to Monnica for taking over the BBQ duties and providing a banquet lunch. The lounge room is a sight to behold - see photos below of Gary and the collection:



It was a lightning visit - we were anxious to return to Canberra before the weather got much worse. It was still wet on Brown Mountain with mist and fog until the turn-off to Bombala. Some of us stopped at the Caltex servo in Polo Flat - it was very sunny and pleasantly warm. It was decided to take-off the wet weather gear and head for Bredbo. Wrong decision - it rained for the first 10kms out of Cooma - quite heavily for about 500 metres. It was dry in Bredbo and the coffee was very good at Snowy Mountains Gourmet Food. An easy ride home from Bredbo on a dry road. I arrived home at 4.00pm with 398kms on the trip meter.

The Gravel Group covered 228km to Bemboka and another 203km for the return home - 431kms in total. Dave C joined Mike S and Peter B for the return leg with a spirited run from Nimmitabel to Cooma via Myalla, and then onward to Tharwa through Namadgi. Peter B led for a fair



stretch, which meant he was the first to encounter the many wallabies en route - about 10 in total with just one or two close encounters. The Gravel Group had a coffee break at the East End Cafe in Cooma.

As far as the day's ride, a bit wet in parts - generally a good day on the bike with the added bonus of lunch at Gary and Monnica's home. Thanks again to Gary and Monnica for being great hosts today.

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Few good sports washed

It was a bit cool earlier this morning then the day developed into perfect weather conditions for riding. It was overcast, no wind and moderate temperature for the whole day.

It became a bit confusing for the Gravel Group at the start line this morning. John H joined us for breakfast and had other commitments in Batemans Bay - we didn't see Dave C, he was stranded at home with a screw in the rear tyre. Two other gravel riders decided to do their own ride - Jeff D and Mike S thought there was too much bitumen for a ride to Bundanoon, so we didn't see them after Bungendore. Justin and Gwen also joined us for breakfast, with car, and returned to Canberra. Despite a big turnout of Suzuki Bandits - BMW won the manufacturers' award today.

The Road Group departed at 9.30am with one new Suspect, a welcome to Tom on a Suzuki Bandit 1200S. A relaxed ride to Goulburn via Tarago and then the Bungonia Road and onto Marulan for coffee. An interesting ride on the Bungonia Road - a few sections of rough bitumen and some tight 45kph corners, just enough to keep your attention. Surprisingly, no one was lost on this section - just a few decided to extend the ride and visit Bungonia before doing a U turn. A good morning coffee at Marulan - even Attilio thought the coffee wasn't too bad!

Then it was the ride through Wingello, Penrose, etc for a variety of lunches at Bundanoon - not much interest in a long lunch or visiting the local tourist attractions. Most were ready and anxious to depart before 1.00pm. There seemed to be some interest in a different route home. After the Bungonia Road to Goulburn we rode along the Hume Hwy then through Breadalbane and stopped at the Merino Cafe in Gunning for afternoon coffee. It's a while since I rode on this section of the Old Hume Hwy - still a bit rough in parts, however a nice change and some interesting twisty bits.

I arrived home at 3.50pm with 370kms on the trip meter - thanks to all on the ride today, another great day out on the bike.

Peter W (Ringmaster)

*Judy demonstrates the art of dissecting cake to our wonderful BBQ team.*



## Chomp and Chat

18 November 07

The bikes and riders -  
Nick and Terese, M109R  
Andrew and Catherine, Goldwing  
Rosalie and Jim, R1200RT  
Garry McCurley, VFR800  
Gordon White, GT650S  
Chris Stonehouse, ER650N  
Janet Mulgrue, 750 Virago  
David Robinson, Yamaha 1300FJR  
Peter Arday, XYZ1300TF Venture  
Trevor McLeod, RT1150  
Bronwyn and Geoff, XVS1100  
Sue and Duncan, Nomad  
Ash, CBR1100 Blackbird  
Jen, XVS650

We gathered in the heat (note to self - must put hat in pannier. And sun-screen. And Aerogard) at the Hume Servo for a Chomp and Chat ride to Tidbinbilla. St Pedro addressed the faithful, admitted he didn't know the way we needed to go, delegated Duncan as ride leader - Duncan shocking us by declaring he has turned over a new leaf and will be traveling at a sedate pace (let's see how long this lasts!!) and then it was saddle up and off to the tracking station. We traveled down the highway to Johnson Drive, then directly along till the turn off to Point Hut. I noticed the river was up a bit, must be from the recent rain - but it certainly still has a long way to go till the crossing is in danger of overflowing!! We encountered the usual group of cyclists sweating away up the hills. 'Nuff said!

The road near the Nature Reserve is newly tarred so we duly slowed down, although as we'd been anticipating gravel this was an improvement!! We settled into the café - rearranging the furniture as usual, and definitely not sitting outside!! Trevor arrived looking rather rakish - a Movember participant, which sparked talk of various hairy arrangements - and Cath enlightened us about the "Nemo" !!! Also much discussion about Janet's new bike and her transition from a scooter!! The ride team also had an advance copy of the Ride Calendar to the end of January - have a look at it on the website and in the newsletter so you can plan ahead.

After a coffee for most of us (how does Gary McCurley tuck away so much food and stay slim??) and plenty of chatter, some of the group decided to have an extra run to have a look at Corin Dam, others wandered back via the Cotter. Thanks to the ride team for another great Chomp and Chat!!



# Ride Calendar Nov 07 - Jan 08

Ride Co-ordinator Peter Arday can be contacted on 0411529151 Most rides start from either the Caltex Service Station cnr Federal Hwy & Antill St., Watson or the Williamsdale Ampol Service Station on the Monaro Highway ACT. Chomp & Chats are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month and are informal rides that may not have the Ride Coordinator present.

| Start Date            | Finish Date           | Locations                                                  | Ride                                                | Skill |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 25-Nov-07<br>9:00:00  | 25-Nov-07<br>17:30:00 | From: Caltex Servo Watson<br>To: Ulladulla                 | Club Ride                                           | 1     |
| 2-Dec-07<br>10:00:00  | 2-Dec-07<br>14:30:00  | From: Caltex Servo Watson<br>To: Bungendore                | Chomp & Chat                                        | 3     |
| 8-Dec-07<br>9:30:00   | 9-Dec-07              | From: Williamsdale Servo<br>To: Corryong                   | Weekend ride<br>to the Snowy                        | 1     |
| 9-Dec-07<br>9:00:00   | 9-Dec-07<br>17:30:00  | From: Williamsdale Servo<br>To: Talbingo                   | Club Ride                                           | 1     |
| 16-Dec-07<br>9:00:00  | 16-Dec-07<br>17:00:00 | From: Caltex Servo Watson<br>To: Berrima                   | Club Ride                                           | 2     |
| 5-Jan-08<br>8:00:00   | 6-Jan-08<br>17:30:00  | From: Caltex Watson<br>To: Parkes Elvis Festival....Parkes |                                                     | 2     |
| 6-Jan-08<br>9:00:00   | 6-Jan-08<br>17:30:00  | From: Caltex Servo Watson<br>To: Cowra                     | Club ride                                           | 2     |
| 13-Jan-08<br>10:00:00 | 13-Jan-08<br>14:30:00 | From: Caltex Servo Watson<br>To: Goulburn                  | Chomp & Chat                                        | 3     |
| 20-Jan-08<br>9:00:00  | 20-Jan-08<br>17:30:00 | From: Caltex Hume<br>To: Bombala                           | Club ride                                           | 1     |
| 26-Jan-08<br>9:00:00  | 28-Jan-08<br>17:30:00 | From: Murrumbateman<br>To: Katoomba                        | Stuart & Heathers' 2<br>Weekend ride<br>to Katoomba | 2     |

## Skill Definitions

0 Ride skill is undefined.

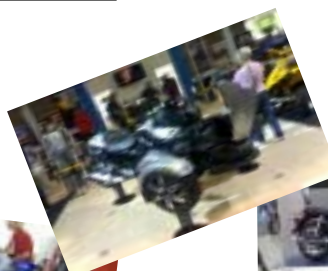
1 Long and difficult. Experienced riders only

2 Medium length and not too scary. Suitable for most riders.

3 Short easy ride; an easy day. Suitable for everyone.



*George, you look GREAT!*



*Photos from the Sydney Bike Show,  
taken by Steve Holloway*

# The Usual Suspects' Ride Calendar

## DESTINATION

## DEPARTURE TIME

## GROUP

## DATE

|                  |             |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5-Dec            | Gravel Road | 09.30am, Murrumbateman, (Hercules St)<br>10.00am, Murrumbateman, (Hercules St)            | Kaveney's, Cavan, Wee Jasper Rds, Yass, Black Range Rd, Burrinjuck (L), Yass (C) Mtn Creek/Dog Trap Rds, Barton and Hume Hwys, Burrinjuck Dam (L) BBQ BYO Yass (C) (220kms+)                             |
| 12-Dec           | Gravel Road | 09.30am, Woodworks Café, Bungendore<br>10.00am, Woodworks Café, Bungendore                | Hoskingstown, Forbes Creek Rd, Braidwood, then as per Road Group.<br>Braidwood, Nelligen, Batemans Bay or Lilli Pilli (L), Braidwood, Bungendore (C) (280kms+)                                           |
| 19-Dec           | All         | 10.30am, McDonalds, Conder                                                                | Point Hut, Cotter, Black Mtn Peninsula (L) BBQ BYO (Non-riders - please join us for lunch) (100+kms)                                                                                                     |
| 26-Dec           | All         | 10.30am, McDonalds, Weston                                                                | Meet at 9.30am - depart at 10.30am for a ride to? (100+kms), BBQ BYO (left overs?)                                                                                                                       |
| 2-Jan            | All         | 10.30am - McDonalds, Dickson                                                              | Meet at 9.30am - depart at 10.30am for a ride to? (100+kms), cafes should be open for lunch.                                                                                                             |
| 9-Jan            | Gravel Road | 09.00am, Williamsdale                                                                     | Angle Crossing, Shannons Flat, Adamina (C), Kiandra, Tumut (L), Wee Jasper (C)                                                                                                                           |
|                  | Gravel Road | 09.30am, Williamsdale (Short Ride)                                                        | Cooma (C), Old Adamina (L) Picnic BYO, Cooma, Bredbo (C), (340kms+)                                                                                                                                      |
|                  | Gravel Road | 09.30am, Williamsdale (Long Ride)                                                         | Cooma (C), Adamina, Kiandra, Tumut (L), Gundagai, (maybe Cootamundra & Harden) Yass (C), (550kms+)                                                                                                       |
| 16-Jan           | All         | 09.30am, McDonalds, Conder                                                                | Point Hut, Tharwa, Orrol (C) BYO, Moonrock Café (L), Cotter, Weston (C), (150+kms)                                                                                                                       |
| 23-Jan           | Gravel Road | 09.00am, McDonalds, Dickson<br>09.30am, McDonalds, Dickson                                | Marker Tree Rd, Collector, Lerrida Sth & Nth Rds, Gurrundah, Kiara, Crookwell, Goulburn (L), Bung'dore (C)<br>Sutton, Gunning, Crookwell (C), Goulburn (L) Picnic BYO, Bungendore (C), (260kms+)         |
| 30-Jan           | All         | 10.00am, Murrumbateman, (Hercules St)                                                     | M'bateman Rd, Gundaroo, Gunning (C), Jerrawa, Dalton, Yass (L) picnic BYO, options for coffee, (180kms+)                                                                                                 |
| 6-Feb            | Gravel Road | 09.00am, Hunnyz Café, Bungendore<br>09.30am, Hunnyz Café, Bungendore                      | Hoskingstown, Forbes Crk Rd, Majors Crk Araluen, Moruya, Tuross (L), Mogo, Nelligen, Bungendore (C).<br>Braidwood, Nelligen (C), Tuross (L) (O'Brien's Wharf), Braidwood, Bungendore (C), (380kms+)      |
| 13-Feb           | All         | 09.30am, McDonalds, Weston                                                                | Uriarra Xing, Cotter, Moonrock Café (C), Honeysuckle (L) BBQ BYO, Point Hut, Conder (C), (150kms+)                                                                                                       |
| 20-Feb           | Gravel Road | 09.30am, Murrumbateman, (Hercules St)<br>10.00am, Murrumbateman, (Hercules St)            | Dog Trap Rd, Laverstock & Tanmangaroo Rds, Boorowa (C), Young (L), Harden, McMahons Reef, Yass (C)<br>Barton Hwy, Boorowa (C), Murrigo, Young (L), Moppity and Cusacks Rds, Binalong, Yass (C) (320kms+) |
| 27-Feb           | All         | 09.30am, McDonalds, Conder                                                                | Point Hut, Moonrock Cafe(C), Cotter, Uriarra, Weston Park (L) BBQ BYO, options for coffee (100kms+)                                                                                                      |
| 29 Feb - 3 March |             | <a href="mailto:Peter.pineyark@ozemail.com.au">Contact, Peter.pineyark@ozemail.com.au</a> | Tallangatta Rally (Peter will depart on Friday, return on Monday and camp at the rally site.)                                                                                                            |

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