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President's report

G'day again

You may have seen information regarding the celebrations of the 25th Anniversary for the Branch. We are hoping to put on memorable events (weather permitting) for our past and present members. There will be a BBQ and get together at Black Mountain Peninsula on 12th February as well as a ride to Nowra on the weekend of the 18th and 19th February. If you have not booked for Nowra already, I believe room availability is limited. More details can also be found on the website or by contacting your committee.

Don't forget for those who are interested in going to the 2011 AGM in Newcastle that registrations are open; not long to go now. I have heard that accommodation around the site is limited however there is plenty still available for those interested in staying at Tent City.

On the subject of AGM's your committee will be preparing to conduct our Branch AGM in April. If you are interested in a role on the committee or would like more information, just get in touch with any of your committee members. If you would like to nominate for a position, your nomination will need to be received by no later than the March Branch meeting.

Finally, we will be holding our monthly meeting this month at the Italo Club at Forrest commencing at 7:30pm as usual. If you are interested, some of us meet at the various restaurants in the Club from 6:00pm

See you out and about.

And now for the rest of the RO2.

--Peter

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ACT REGION: 700+

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Ulysses Canberra Branch General Meeting 18 January 2011

Meeting Opened: 7:30pm.

Attendance: 56.

Apologies: Peter Thomas, Kim Gibbins, Judy Perry, Caroline Palin, Gordon White.

Welcome New Members & Visitors: Jeff Browning, Linda Blake, Mark McGavock.

Minutes of Previous Meeting, President's Report, Treasurer's Report: As published in RO2.

Acceptance: Leo Farrelly, George Fearon. Carried.

Business arising from previous minutes: None.

Correspondence in:

Veteran Vintage & Classic MC ACT newsletter.

Accident training flyers.

Ezy2wheel side stand mover flyers.

Email re poker run.

Old Priory Rally flyer.

Correspondence out:

Cheque for membership.

Business arising from correspondence: None.

Rider Development:

Gary Mac's report is in RO2. He is still running Rusty Rider training courses – put your name on his list and he will get in touch and let you know what's happening and when. Contact Gary on 0408 434 549 or kurrajong@internode.on.net.

Webmaster Report:

Ride reports and photos are welcomed for both the branch website and RO2 – and don't forget your Me and My Bike stories and photos for the branch website. Send any material to both Gary (for the website) and the RO2 editor.

Ride Coordinator's Report:

The ride team will be meeting soon to plan a ride calendar for March-May. Check the ride calendar on the Ulysses Club national website for the latest information on rides.

Quartermaster's Report:

Buy Ulysses Club merchandise through our branch quartermaster Jan Wills and save on shipping costs. You can order anything that is in gear shop pages in Riding On, pay 50% deposit when ordering and pay the balance when you pick the items up. You can also buy and sell second-hand gear at Jan's gear table. At the moment she has lots of Ulysses stickers, teddy bears, wine coolers and shoulder satchels in stock.

Social Secretary's Report:

No report. Judy was in Ethiopia and our limited budget did not allow us to fly her home for tonight's meeting.

RO2 Editor's Report:

To save on costs we have reduced the number of copies of RO2 we print as we now have to pay a printer to print them (it is getting increasingly difficult to try to print them off surreptitiously for free at people's workplaces). Lyn is trying to fine tune the number we need to print each month. A gold coin donation is requested for a printed copy of RO2.

Don't forget, each issue of RO2 is only as good as the contributions Lyn receives. Please send in ride reports, bike tests and reviews, gear tests and reviews, etc, preferably with photos. The **deadline for each issue of RO2** is the Thursday before the branch monthly meeting. Ride reports, photos and other contributions should be emailed to the RO2 editor at RO2Editor@live.com and Gary for the branch website at kurrajong@internode.on.net.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (CONT.)

BBQ Report:

This Saturday's BBQ at CMC has been cancelled. Peter G is still trying to contact Mike Houston to discuss the CMC/Ulysses relationship and sponsorship.

National Website:

Jen Woods is national website coordinator so let her know if you're having trouble logging on or have any other problems with the national website.

National AGM:

Jen Woods said registrations are flowing in and there is still plenty of on-site camping available.

Leo Farrelly said the annual general meeting itself will be held at 1pm on Saturday 26 March. Members can go to the meeting even if they're not registered for the AGM event. If you can't get to the meeting you can request a postal vote form from the national secretary (secretary@ulysses.org.au). Jen Woods is standing for the post of national secretary and Leo Farrelly is standing for national treasurer. It is important to vote for your national committee!

General Business

Jo Dutton is organising a weekend ride to Mallacoota, possibly in early March. Contact him or let ride coordinator Ian Paterson know if you're interested.

Darryl Palin is organising a three-day ride (with options for one or two days) to Young and Temora for Easter and Anzac Day.

Two group of riders are going to Tassie, one group for 8 days and the other for 16 days. Contact our treasurer Peter Higgs if you're interested.

If you are not getting branch emails or you have changed your email address, please let Ian Paterson know at iansallypaterson@inet.net.au.

Meeting closed: 8:10pm.

Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday February 15 at Italo-Australian Club, Forrest.

A man in Scotland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says, 'I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough'.

'Dad, what are you talking about?' the son screams.

'We can't stand the sight of each other any longer', the father says. 'We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her'.

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone, 'Like hell they're getting divorced', she shouts, 'I'll take care of this'.

She calls Scotland immediately and screams at her father, 'You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?' and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife.

'Done! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way.'

Road craft – a few thoughts on **Scanning** (or looking where you are going)

Our sight is one of our most powerful tools in roadcraft. Our hearing and/or sense of smell are useful too, but it is our sight which is the key tool.

It is not a passive tool. If we just wait for things to come into view we are narrowing our detection of danger and opportunity far too much for our safety. That's why any course which teaches roadcraft will emphasise scanning.

Scanning is an active use of our sight. We look well ahead to see what is there, and we move our eyes to the left and right in a pattern to take in as much as we can see, and scan back towards our current position. We turn our head a little if required, and we check our mirrors, and check our blind spots, particularly if we had seen something approaching from behind, and now can't see it. (our hearing might be telling us something is there – and if it is not in the mirrors it's time to use a head check).



This pattern of scanning is something which we should build into a habit. As a habit you will have an incredible tool to tell you what is dangerous to you, and to tell you what safe places you have to go to to avoid that danger.

And it is danger after all that you have been scanning for. You should be looking for things or circumstances that could hurt you. You are looking at other vehicles, the state of the road surface, the direction the road is taking, the camber, the weather that is approaching. You are scanning for opportunity as well, where is the better surface, where is the safer location and what is everyone else on the road doing. You are scanning well ahead for all these things so that you will have time to think about what you are seeing and make some decisions about where and when you want to be in relation to those things.

The decisions you are making will be regulate the speed you are riding at, the speed you approach corners , objects and other vehicles. You are turning your head and looking through corners, and you are preparing your speed and position based on what you can and can't see.

If you are scanning well you ride in full control whether riding solo or in a group. If you are scanning well, you will be an asset to yourself, and your fellow riders as you will always be aware and there will be few if any surprises. Surprises on a motorcycle are the experience we should be looking to avoid!

So as we can see – intelligent use of our vision is terribly important to inform our roadcraft and allow us to enjoy our riding on the day and for as long as we ride.

That's a good reminder to look after our vision so that it can look after us. Good sunglasses, a clean and unscratched face screen on our helmet and a clean windscreen, if your bike is faired, are simple things to protect your eyes and vision.

One other thing to consider is having a regular eye check. As we age, deterioration can sneak up on us bit by bit. Some deterioration can't be avoided, but treatment at the right time preserves not just our eyes and vision, but preserves our riding as well.

So please look after your eyes and have a think about your scanning. If you are scanning well pat yourself on the back and keep doing a great job. And if you haven't been, do yourself a favour and start!!
Safe Riding & have fun! -

Gary Mac

Webmasters Report – February 2011;

At the time of writing (from 9th January 2011 to 8th February the branch website has had 387 visits which is 82 more than last month. It looks like a few folk have come back from the summer holidays perhaps.

These visitors made some 1,104 page views and read on average nearly 3 pages per visit.

The total number of individual visitors was 227.

The “What's On” page was by far the most popular, with the main source of visitors being Canberra as you would expect.

International visits were low but we had one visitor from each of the following countries; Philippines, Thailand, Brazil, Canada, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Germany & India.

Thanks again to the rider reporters! Dave Mac , Peter Arday and Chas have sent in some photo's and stories – much appreciated gentlemen!!

Tumut Charity Ride 19th/ 20th March 2011.

My name is John Griffith (Ulysses member # 9037).

Apart from being a Ulysses member, I am also the Secretary of the BlueLiners TMCC, a police and friends motorcycle club.

Our club does three charity rides per year, the first being the Tumut Charity Ride over the weekend of 19th/ 20th March 2011.

While, I am aware that the date this year is very close to the date of the Ulysses AGM, we would like to extend an invitation to your members to attend our ride, if they are able.

Funds raised on the ride this year will be donated equally to the **Snowy Hydro Helicopter**, and the Wall to Wall committee (**Police Legacy**).

Complete details of our ride and registration forms (\$25.00 per bike) are available on www.TumutRide.info.

A **summary** of the ride:-

Riders may join the ride at any location along the way, with either pre-registrations, or register on the day.

Meeting Points:-

1) Depart Caltex Twin Servo Southbound, Warnervale Depart 7.45am Saturday, heading straight to Pheasants Nest Mobil. F3, M2, M7 (John Griffith)

2) Penrith Panthers Macca's. depart 9.00 am, heading to Pheasants Nest.(Ross Menzies)

Main Ride:

1) Depart Pheasants Nest Mobil Southbound Hume Freeway 11.00am

2) Lunch at Goulburn PCYC 12.00 Noon to 1.30 PM

Travel by various routes to South Gundagai Shell

3) Depart Shell South Gundagai 4.00PM with police escort to Tumut

4) Arrive Tumut approx. 4.30 PM, with bikes parked in main street for approximately 30 minutes.

Evening Function:

Tumut Racecourse from around 7.00pm.

As in previous years we will be providing bus transport from the main hotel/motel area of Tumut to the racecourse.

The Tumut Lions club will be doing the barbequing on the night, and at reasonable prices.

A band is booked for the night.

Pre-Registrations will be able to be made on this site from January 2011. There are limited ride badges available, and these will be allocated in order of registration.

As usual, proceeds of the \$25 ride registration per bike, and the proceeds of the raffles will be donated to charity (Snowy Hydro Helicopter, and Wall to Wall (Police Legacy).

Regards, **John Griffith.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ulysses Club - Canberra Branch Report for January 2011

Income				Banked S1	Banked S2	Investment
1/01/2011	Ulysses Gear	\$	139.00			
11/02/2011	Ulysses Gear	\$	495.50			
11/02/2011	Newsletter	\$	15.00			
11/02/2011	Banking			\$634.20	\$15.00	
Presented cheques						
1/01/2011	Trailer Insurance	\$	72.05			
1/01/2011	RO2 Printing	\$	32.68			
1/01/2011	Christmas Cake	\$	24.00			
18/01/2011	Qm Supplies	\$	214.00			
	Secretary					
11/01/2011	Expenses	\$	53.38			
25/01/2011	Trailer Rego	\$	61.40			
21/01/2011	RO2 Printing	\$	16.64			
	GST payment for					
20/01/2011	2010	\$	7.77			
Expenses						
1/01/2011	New Cheque Book	\$	4.50			
Account Balances						
	S1 03409312	\$	1,939.84			
	S2 03505049	\$	1,565.73			
	Investment	\$	4,300.63			



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YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN YOUR BANK SENDS YOU THEIR FREE CALENDAR...



ONE MONTH AT A TIME!



"My teacher says little girls can grow up to be anything they choose! Why did you choose to be an old lady?"



"Those were the days, eh, Grandpa?"

WHAT'S ON

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7.30PM AT THE ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB, 78 FRANKLIN ST, FORREST. ARRIVE EARLY FOR DINNER WITH OTHER MEMBERS, BEFORE THE MEETING, FROM 6.30PM

Next meeting Tuesday 15th March, 2011

Ulysses Club ACT

25th Anniversary Celebrations

A weekend away at Nowra NSW - 18 – 20 February 2011

Ulysses Club ACT was one of the first branches to be formed in February 1986. Their first trip away was to Nowra. So the membership has decided to revisit 25 years later. There is lots to do in the area

http://www.visitnsw.com/area/Jervis_Bay_Shoalhaven_and_Surrounds.aspx

Accommodation preferred by most members will be at The Pleasant Way Motel

<http://www.pleasantway.com.au/> ph: 4421 5544

It is 5 minute walk to the centre of town; they have safe parking for motorbikes, a large BBQ area and an indoor heated pool.

They have 22 rooms which range from Queen \$105, Single \$95, Double + 1 \$115, Double +1 + 1 \$150, Make your own bookings there or somewhere else of your choice

Some members will be going down on the Friday and having an evening meal together. Other arrangements for the weekend will be made ad hoc amongst attendees.

The 25th anniversary celebrations continue the following weekend with a two-day ride to Nowra, leaving from BP Watson at 9:00am on Saturday Feb 19. For those not going to Nowra, there is a Sunday ride to Sutton Forest, led by Peter Arday. They leave from BP Watson at 9:30am on Sunday Feb 20 and plan to meet up with the returning Nowra riders for lunch at the Sutton Forest pub.

The Importance of Walking

I joined a health club last year,
spent about 400 bucks.
Haven't lost a pound.
Apparently you have to go there.

We all get heavier as we get older,
- because there's a lot more information
in our heads.
That's my story and I'm sticking to it.



FOR MORE WHAT'S ON:

[HTTP://WWW.ULYSSES.ORG.AU/BRANCHES/CANBERRA/HTML/WHATS ON .](http://www.ulysses.org.au/branches/canberra/html/whats_on)

Fixing a broken wing

By Ian Paterson

Several months ago my new second-hand GL1800 Goldwing started making ominous noises. Even to my untrained ear it sounded like a bearing playing up in the engine.

When you've not that long before spent \$26,000 buying the machine and another \$800 dealing with a punctured radiator riding it home from Mackay, you might be forgiven for thinking the bloody thing was jinxed or a lemon or something. After all, it was only three years old with 40,000km on the clock. In Goldwing terms it was barely run in – but of course it was also out of warranty.

I took it to Canberra Motorcycle Centre a couple of times and had Wayne look at it. We hoped it might just be the alternator but it became fairly clear that the grinding noise was coming from a dodgy bearing somewhere inside that huge flat-six engine. It kept getting worse until eventually I bit the bullet and gave it to Wayne to fix.



I dropped it in at CMC on December 1, thinking it would take a few days and I would have it back well in time for Christmas. But it was not to be. Both Wayne and I did as much research as we could and found that there was no obvious “usual” solution for such a noise. It took Wayne quite a while to figure out exactly where in the engine the trouble was and even longer – especially after Honda Australia closed down for their Christmas-New Year siesta – to get the parts he needed to fix it.

I called in at CMC one day in December to see the poor broken Wing sitting there naked and bewildered (and Wayne not looking much better). The engine was on the bench and the bike was just bits of metal framework with lots of wires hanging off it. The only clue to its true identity was the top box and panniers still attached. It reminded me of the stern of the Titanic as it slid under the water after hitting the iceberg. It was a sad sight. Not only that, but the other mechanics had bet Wayne that he wouldn't be able to put it all back together.



But fear not, dear readers, this story has a happy (if not inexpensive) ending. It turned out the noise was coming from a bearing somewhere in the back of the engine. If my memory serves me correctly, this bearing was on a shaft that had a huge, heavy counterbalancer on it. The shaft also exited the engine and had the huge, heavy alternator on it. As the bearing gradually failed, the shaft wobbled a bit, damaging the alternator and, for all I know, sending out atmospheric vibrations that caused lightning to strike my mother-in-law's house in New York.

Not only was Wayne able to fix the Wing, he put it all back together with, to my untrained eye, everything in the right place. On top of that, CMC also convinced Honda Australia, in an act of goodwill, to pay for the parts, saving me \$1300. It still cost me around \$3500 (ouch!) but when I took it out for its first out-of-town voyage last week it felt so smooth and was such a joy to ride that all was forgiven. Now I've just got to convince Sally . . .

RIDE REPORTS

Crookwell - 23/1/2011

11 people and 9 bikes rolled up for an easy ride to Crookwell for lunch. A friendly lot with plenty of pre-ride talk and banter. At the appointed time we departed for our first stop at Boorowa. Coffee and a pit stop. As you will see from the photos accompanying this story we, as required, stopped at the Boorowa Post Office. Because there is post office trading on Sundays - it was closed.

Luckily the bakery next door was opened so we had to settle for coffee and snacks there.

After about 30 mins headed for our lunch destination via Rugby. A really great ride through an ever changing landscape. Not a lot of traffic which is always good riding these roads on a Sunday. As we rode towards Rugby I wondered if the local council had repaired a washed out bridge a few clicks the other side of Rugby. A good test of skills if we had to do a u-turn on a narrow road. As luck would have it the bridge was repaired, great! And they had resurfaced the road on the slow twisty part (40kmp) and they did not sweep the excess gravel up, even greater!! Another skills test – riding through a few cms of loose stuff. I was told that the racers who went ahead slowed for that section.



Our ride home was changed a bit from the Range Road to home via Gunning & Gundaroo. A very good ride with a great crew. Thanks everyone.



We lunched at Catherine's in Crookwell and it looked like everyone was still happy. Ashely Plumb, Jim & Roselie Lovell joined us for lunch after making their own way to Crookwell. We spent around an hour having lunch and telling a few more stories.

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Attendees:

Peter Arday	XVZ1300TF
Steven Hausfeld	ST1300
Garry McCurley	VFR1200
Mark Walker	NT700V
Joe Muller	R1200GS
Ross Anderson	ETV1000
Trevor Mc Leod	FJR1300
Gary & Jo Calder	GSX1250
Gordon & Trish	Tiger1050
Ashely Plumb	GL1800
Jim & Roselie Lovell	BMW



Trish, Mark, Carry and Gordon

Snowy Mountain Ride Sunday 6th February 2011

7 keen members arrived at Caltex Hume for an adventurous Sunday ride.

Due to the recent rains the current weather conditions scared many away but alas the trusty 7 were on their way at 0835.

Southward journey to Cooma saw a brief stop just short of Bredbo to don the wet weather gear. Alas down it came but eased somewhat after passing through Bredbo. Cooma soon appeared and the horizon to our North West was looking ominous. As ride leader I was hoping it would disappear altogether, however, I must have missed out on saying nice things to the weather god.

Cooma to Adaminaby saw road works under construction. Stop Go Red Light machine wouldn't register for such a small signature of a motor bike. Thank goodness for the Caterpillar Grader coming our way to eventually trip the signal to give us a green for go.

Onto Adaminaby for a welcome warm coffee.

Weather expert at Adaminaby Café said no rain at all between us and Tumut, so good to hear that. Coffee over and up the Highway we go. PS - so much for the weather expert in Adaminaby - no sooner had we gained some altitude and next thing we are in the clouds with rain and poor visibility. Oh well, good experience in mountain riding in all weather conditions.

Down into Talbingo at 12km per hour stuck behind a horse float and cars. Scenery was fantastic and Blowering was full of water from the recent rains. Interesting to see little rivulets running all along the Snowy Mountain Highway.



Arrived at the Pub in Tumut for lunch. Assortment of Bangers and Mash, Crumbed Prawns and Burgers saw everyone enjoy their meal. We became a little concerned when David McIlroy decided to take his helmet with him on his visit to the gents. Maybe a little local knowledge was important. However, he returned unscathed.

Refuel and off again to Gundagai with a stop at the Rollonin Café at Bowning for another coffee and farewells. A most enjoyable day with great company and experience all four seasons to boot.

Thanks guys - look forward to more days and enjoyment like this one.

Cheers
CT.



Intrepid Seven were:
Chris Stuart Vulcan Voyager
Dave McIlroy Ducati ST3
Bruce Black FJR1300
Steve Alford GSX650
Gary Calder GSX1250
Mike Corke GSX1250
Chas Towie ST1300

Frogmore-Wyangala Dam road cut

The Frogmore-Wyangala Dam road is cut at the Jerringomar Bridge, approximately 50km north of Boorowa (north of Frogmore).

The bridge approaches and abutment protection were severely damaged by a flood on 9 December 2010 and the bridge is now closed to all traffic.

Boorowa Council is currently engaging a consultant to provide abutment protection designs and stream improvement works and will then commence reconstruction and repair works. Unfortunately it is estimated that the bridge will not be reopened to traffic until towards the end of May. A detour route of the bridge site is available by Bennetts Springs Road (unsealed) and the Lachlan Valley Way to Cowra.

(Thanks to Trevor McLeod for this info)

2011 VARIETY B-B BASH NSW

Fundraising for Variety the Children's Charity

Sunday 10th April 2011

The crew of car 812 will be holding a 'POKER RUN' to commence on Sunday 10TH APRIL 2011, from the car park adjacent to the entrance of THOROUGHbred PARK RACING CLUB on RANDWICK Road, MITCHELL. Travel will be on sealed roads.

Proceeds from this event go to VARIETY, THE CHILDRENS CHARITY, to assist them in their work with DISABLED and DISADVANTAGED children in Australia.

Vehicles will be dispatched between 8:00am and 9:00am from the car park and you will travel through SUTTON, GUNDAROO, GUNNING, GRABBENGULLEN, CROOKWELL, RUGBY and BOOROWA, before finally arriving in GALONG. There will be time to stop for morning tea at CROOKWELL. A 'SPIT ROAST' lunch will be available at THE ROYAL HOTEL in GALONG at a cost of \$10 per person, which must be pre-paid for catering purposes.

ENTRY COST IS \$30 PER VEHICLE AND ALL FEES MUST BE RECEIVED WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM.

ENTRIES CLOSE 3RD APRIL 2011 - PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING DAVID BLISSETT
on 0400119016 or davidwendy3@bigpond.com

2011 Mudgee Meet & Greet

When: Friday 6th May to Sunday 8th May, 2011

Registrations close 10th April, 2011 - limited to first 230 - NO LATE registrations accepted.

Cost: \$45 per person - includes Registration badge, dinner and entertainment on Saturday night, breakfast on Sunday morning.

Further enquiries: Robert O'Sullivan (0407 106 807) osullivan@hwy.com.au

Cherly Aurisch (0427 721 419) mc.aurisch@bigpond.com

Saturday 12th February, 2011 25th Anniversary Ride

Attendees:

Alan Munday	Kawasaki GTR1000
Lyn Munday	Yamaha SRV250
Richard Hay	Yamaha FJR1300
Barham Ferguson	Kawasaki 1400GTR
David McIlroy	BMW R1150R Rockster
Neil Goldfinch	Honda Blackbird CBR1100
John Gievoszyoski	Kawasaki 500KLE
Geoff Wookey	Suzuki Bandit 1250
Linda Blake	Honda CBR1000
Peter Thomas	Honda Deauville



Riders met at the BP servo at Watson with uncertainty of what the weather would bring. A couple of spots of rain fell while we waited for 9 o'clock to arrive so we could head off. This was advertised as an easy ride, so we casually headed up the Federal Hwy to Shingles Hill Way and made our way to Gundaroo Rd where we turned right and then left on to the Murrumbateman Rd. David lost his cameral strap somewhere along this bit of road, so he turned back for a look, see. We pulled in at the rest stop at Murrumbateman and had a coffee/cold drink before taking the Barton Hwy back into Canberra and down to Black Mountain Peninsula to meet with the others who were organising the BBQ. We only covered 100km in all, but it was a nice little ride and the rain stayed away.

25th Anniversary BBQ

About 70 present and former members of the Ulysses Canberra branch took advantage of a break in the weather to celebrate the branch's 25th birthday with a barbecue last Saturday at Black Mountain Peninsula.



Jim Styles, Graham Charlton, Alex Hedenstroem, Alan Chaplin and Klaus Tamm



Peter Gibbins and Alex Sloots cooked most of the delicious gourmet sausages, while the magnificent birthday cake, baked by Judy Perry and decorated with the Ulysses Old Man logo, was cut by former branch president Alan Chaplin.

It was a privilege to meet some of the earlier members who helped build the club to what it is today and who still embody the Ulysses spirit of growing old disgracefully while providing companionship for us ageing motorcyclists. Special thanks go to Judy and Jen Woods for organising such a wonderful event, and to everyone who helped out on the day.



Jen with the branch's first female rider, Gillian Stead



Election time

We have two elections coming up in the next two months, for the Ulysses National Committee and for our Canberra Branch Committee.

NATIONAL AGM:

The Ulysses Club's AGM will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday 26th March at the Basketball Centre in Broadmeadow as part of the Newcastle AGM event. Current financial membership cards will be required for admission.

Canberra branch members Leo Farrelly and Jen Woods are up for re-election to Natcom. Leo is the only candidate for National Treasurer but Jen is standing against one other candidate for the position of National Secretary.

Members who are unable to attend the AGM, but who still wish to exercise their right to vote for the candidates of their choice, are encouraged to cast a postal vote. Postal voting forms are available upon individual member request by contacting the National Secretary, Rob Toshack:

Email: secretary@ulysses.org.au

Phone: 0401 353 389

Fax: (02) 9949 8803

Postal voting forms must be returned to the Returning Officer by **18th March 2011**.

CANBERRA BRANCH AGM:

The Canberra branch AGM will be held at the conclusion of the monthly general meeting on **Tuesday 19th April 2011**. All positions will be declared vacant and, as per the club's constitution, nominations for positions must reach the Branch Secretary 28 days before the branch AGM, i.e. by **Tuesday 22nd March**.

Mail: Ulysses Club Canberra Branch, PO Box 387, Curtin ACT 2605

Email: iansallypaterson@iinet.net.au

Nomination forms will be included with the February and March editions of RO2, can be downloaded from the branch website, and will be emailed to members on the email list.

We need a President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least three ordinary committee members. As you'll see on the nomination form, each candidate must be proposed and seconded by current financial members. Chas Towie will be the Returning Officer.

All positions are voluntary and none are particularly onerous, so please consider lending a hand by nominating for office. Serving on the committee is an enjoyable way to contribute and a great way to get to know your fellow Ulyssians.

There is no postal voting in branch elections. It's your club, so have your democratic say by standing for office or nominating someone else for office, then coming to the AGM and voting. Current financial membership cards will be required for admission to the AGM.

Ian Paterson

Branch Secretary

(please see nomination form at end of RO2)

I'm feeling a bit older after reading this:

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE

1930's 1940's, 50's, 60's

- * First, we survived being born to mothers who drank while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos.
- * They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer..
- * Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.
- * We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.
- * As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.
- * We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle...
- * Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds , KFC, Subway or Red Rooster.
- * Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on the weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death!
- * We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.
- * We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy Toffees, Gobstoppers, Bubble Gum and some bangers to blow up frogs with.
- * We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....
- * WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!
- * We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.
- * No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.
- * We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and cubbies and played in river beds with matchbox cars.
- * We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii , X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY , no video/dvd films,
- * No mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!
- * We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no
- * Lawsuits from these accidents.
- * Only girls had pierced ears!
- * We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.
- * You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time...
- * We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th birthdays,
- * We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!
- * Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet!

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WEEKEND RIDE CALENDAR 2011

This Ride Calendar covers weekend club rides only. For ride details, see the Canberra Branch Ride Calendar on the Ulysses Club national website: www.ulyssesclub.org/tabid/86/BranchID/16/Default.aspx.

Club Rides have a ride leader and may be longer rides on challenging roads suited to more experienced riders.

Chomp & Chats are shorter rides suitable for most riders with the added aim of having a relaxed lunch together.

Decide & Rides are informal rides in which the route and destination are decided by the riders on the day. Chomp & Chats and Decide & Rides may not have an official ride leader.

Most rides start from either the BP Servo, cnr Federal Hwy & Antill St, Watson; the Caltex Servo, cnr Monaro Hwy & Sheppard St, Hume; or the new Caltex Servo, cnr Curran Drive & O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls.

Please Note: Please Check the Ride Calendar on the National Ulysses Website for the most current information.

Date	Locations	Ride Title	Skill
19&20-Feb-11	From: BP - Watson 9:00am To: Nowra weekend	25th Anniv Ride	Medium
20-Feb-11	From: BP - Watson 9:30am To: Sutton Forest	Club Ride	Medium
27-Feb-11	From: Caltex - Nicholls 9:00am To: Up to You	Decide & Ride	Undefined
19-Mar-11	See separate information	Police Tumut Ride	Undefined
23rd - 26th April	From: Caltex - Nicholls 10.00 am To: Young, Cowra, Temora	Anzac Weekend Ride	Undefined

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* FOOTBALL and CRICKET had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! Getting into the team was based on MERIT

* Our teachers used to hit us with straps and sand shoes and bully's always ruled the playground at school.

* The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of.

* They actually sided with the law!

* Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla'

* We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL !

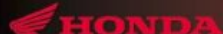
And YOU are one of them!

CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

And while you are at it, send it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

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Committee Nomination Form

All nominees must be proposed and seconded by current financial members of the Club. Nomination forms must be complete with all information provided and accompanied by the signatures of all three parties involved.

Nominations must reach the Branch Secretary at PO Box 387, Curtin ACT 2605 no later than 28 days before the election is to be held.

Office Bearers positions to be filled:

President, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) and a minimum of three ordinary Committee members

I,.....Ulysses Member No.....do hereby
nominate.....Ulysses Member No.....for the
position of.....on the Ulysses Club Inc
.....Branch Committee for the forthcoming elections.

Signed..... *Dated*.....

I,.....Ulysses Member No.....do hereby
second the nomination of.....for the position
of.....on the Ulysses Club IncBranch
Committee for the forthcoming elections.

Signed..... *Dated*.....

I,.....Ulysses Member No.....accept the
nomination for the position of.....on the Ulysses Club
Inc.....Branch Committee for the forthcoming elections.

Signed..... *Dated*.....