



ULYSSES CLUB INC.

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Hello Ladies and Gentlemen. .

May I start by saying it is with some pride that I take up the position with you lot of crims, liars and delinquents. I think I will have my work cut out!

I have a few things in mind that we will try to do to benefit our group, more to come on that point, so lets go.

On a very sad note, the loss of one of our brothers, Des Hanrahan, you should all be proud of yourselves with the procession that we presented to his family and friends, that I think, showed them how we felt about Des being one of our brothers. It really shows how vigilant you have to be in your riding, it is the idiots you must look out for and you don't have to look too hard as they are all out there.

A very special thanks has to go to Ken Grant. Ken organised everything and did it in a real professional manner, Ken a great job and we thank you very much. Good One Matey.

I would also like to take this opportunity to Thank John, Leo and Maryanne for their input into the Club last year. A job well done guys. I spoke to John Evans last week and he informed me that Stephen Dearnley, No.1, contacted him and said that he was going to come to our Meet and Greet, but unfortunately he could not make it, he said he had been talking to the Northern Beaches Groups and they had told him that it was a fantastic turn out, Well Done Port Stephens.

MaryAnnes' birthday, what can we say, drink, food, laughing, drink, singing, food, laughing, drink, great company, surprise, drink, dancing, presents, poem, drink, great fun, me as a sheikh and Bronwyn looking for the Leader of the Pack, boy! Did she look hot, "lucky George" You must see the photos of my Harem, being Group Leader has some great perks!

Well that's all from me at this time but may I ask you all too help by letting me know any news or information that you think is relevant to the Group so we may all know about it.

Eric (Unka)

**Doreen Easthope
(Malu's better half)**

**Operates as "Jes Majic" and does sewing,
repairs, sews on badges, fixes leathers and
all good things from**

**720 Gan Gan Road
Anna Bay.
Phone her on 49821876
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0419 248 563
Highly recommended by Ulysses
members.**

Secretary's Report,

From out of the archives I have found the following information which will explain to the newer members how our branch came about the formation of Port Stephens Ulysses Group as it was known then happened on the 20th June, 1999 at the home of Tom & Pam Furniss at

Corlette. Formal ratification as a group by Natcom was received 21st June, 99, of the 36 members in attendance that day we still have currently as members in no particular order, John Way, Paul Knox, Mike Pearce, Carol & Dennis Mahoney, Pam & Terry Power, John & Merrilyn Evans, Neville James, Ross Marlin & Rob Lukanic (sorry if there were others but not in the notes)

First President - Rob Jennings, First Secretary- Joy Smith, First Treasurer Merrilyn Evans, First Ride Co-ordinator John Way According to the first Newsletter - Group meetings should never take more than 20 seconds per attendee ????????

Largest attendance at a meeting 58

Members now deceased.

Brian Fearless Farrelly 27/6/03

Terry Bagnall 24/10/03

Mark Nicholls 23/5/04

Tony Adams 25/12/04

Terry Devonshire 28/12/04

Des Hanrahan 10/6/05

This Sunday is the Hunter Region Bikers Memorial ride and we have two names to add to the board this year, it is a specially moving event and I hope that everyone can make it. Further details will be discussed at the meeting.

Irene Farrelly is definitely coming either on a bike if anyone can accommodate her or in the car. The committee is having regular meetings before the monthly meeting, so don't forget if you have a particular subject that you wish to bring before the meeting, please send details

or contact one of the committee members.

Monies for Christmas in July for the Dinner to be paid by this meeting.

Birthdays for July - Brian Crooks, Ross Marlin, Chris McCarthy, Phil McTaggart, Julie Locke, John Way, Richard Doust & Jennifer Davis the big 50 for this month

To those that have been unwell we hope you have a speedy recovery.

Laraine

RIDE CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

My first ride report is unfortunately a sad one. Des Hanrahan was a really great guy and friend and will be sadly missed by all of us. The Thursday riders especially will be remembering the flashes of wit and humour that Des continually came up with. Our sincere best wishes for the future go to Jenny and the boys. Des if they have Thursdays up there, keep an eye on us down here and enjoy our light hearted repartee and antics.

Ronda and Ken Grant visited Jenny Hanrahan and her family for

lunch on Tuesday. Jenny wanted to express her gratitude most sincerely to the Ulyssian's ladies who brought along cakes, slices etc etc to help in Des's wake. She said that she couldn't get over the support from the ladies.

She would also like to thank all those who rode on Des's last journey. The boys, Desi, Pete & Jon were so humbled and chuffed at the wonderful way Des was escorted through Paul's Corner.

They will be forever grateful and will always remember the overwhelming support from the Ulyssian members.

Thursday rides are still popular with trips to the newly renovated Minmi pub on the 2nd. for lunch via Morriset with Warren leading, Wollombi pub On the 9th. to pick up supplies of Dr.Jurds jungle juice (Des's last ride with us) and a Ride on the 16th to Nobby's kiosk and Catherine hill bay Pub for lunch,some of Des's favourites locations.

Don't forget to look on our website for photos and reports of these rides, Sunday rides and other social events.

Des's funeral ride is also on the website,

As I write this on Tuesday 21st. the predicted weather for next Thursday is wet with strong winds and rain falling as snow on Barrington tops. The Thursday group in their collective wisdom will no doubt decide a run to Gloucester would be on.

Sundays have been poorly patronised with only 3 starters for a trip to Denman (Jack, Dave and Phil) on the 5th.

The weather looked bad on the 12th. but Jack turned up,waited in vain for more riders, then finally took off on his own for a 400km. ride and only struck a short patch of drizzle during the entire ride. You cant trust the weatherman's predictions too much.

Sunday 19th. was Maryannes Birthday day so no ride took place that I am aware of, most of us partying on at Soldiers point community hall instead.

Next Sunday the 26th. is the Annual Memorial ride, which we normally attend, organised by the Hunter Valley Bikers. 9 am. Start on the dot. Don't be late as we can't wait, or meet us at Frasers leaving there 10 am.

Sunday calendar rides for July are:

10th. The Entrance via Freeman's waterhole.
Depart Pauls cnr.9:30 am.

24th. Mystery Ride to ????????

30/31st. Xmas in July Ocean view hotel Urunga
Depart Pauls cnr.8:00 am. Ph.6655 6221.

The Sunday rides will be discussed at the coming meeting (24th Friday) to find out what members would like changed to make them more attractive to attend.

Brian McCallum (Ride Admin)

Editorial

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

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Editorial:

No doubt about it, we are blessed by having John Beddoe as our webmaster. He has done a great job and the new site is the ants pants. If you want to keep up with all the activities of our Branch, make sure that you visit it regularly.

Address is www.ulysses.org.au/branches/portstephens
Good idea to put it in your favourites, even make it your home page on your browser. When you open your browser up, you will have a direct link to the latest weather and all the trimmings.

Safety stuff.

It appears that well over 30 % of motorcycle crashes occur when a car turns in the path of the bike. Either coming out of a side street or when a car makes a right turn across our path.

In nearly all cases, the driver of the car "did not see the motorcycle"

There are two easy ways to fix this. The first is to install a headlamp modulator. This is relatively inexpensive and causes your low beam light to pulse about 4 times a second. This is legal in Australia provided that it is on during daylight hours only. Most kits have a sensor which turns the modulator off in poor light conditions.

There are so many lights on vehicles these days, especially since manufacturers started fitting running lights on some new models, that a sole motorcycle headlamp does not stand out sufficiently to make drivers aware of one. In fact, recent studies show that a dipped headlamp is not particularly effective as far as the spread and direction of the light that it emits when used in daylight.

Running lights are possibly more effective but we have to be aware of current drain on a motorcycle as quite a lot of motorcycle alternators have a relatively low output and it not fun gradually flattening your battery as you ride along.

The other hazard is being tail ended by some idiot who did not see your taillight get brighter as you hit the brake.

The answer here is to fit a "deceleration warning device" that makes the brake light pulse for about three seconds and then emit a steady bright light.

Flashing red lights are not legal but I cannot imagine a cop booking someone for touching the brake pedal several times to let following vehicles know that they are about to slow down. These devices do it automatically.

I have had one fitted to my bike for about nine years without comment and I am sure that drivers pull up much further away from me than they would otherwise.

Some of these devices are made locally and others imported. Give me a call if you would like some details.

Be Safe

John Way
Editor.

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