



ULYSSES CLUB INC.

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Hi All!

A Report from El Presidente, (Who is sorry he can not be there he is God in Newcastle tonight)
That's another month gone already, a very busy month for a lot of you.

Hope all of you that went to Tassie had a great and memorable trip. I met a couple of riders at Pauls' Corner and they passed on a few tales of ferries and their loading ramps and how slippery they were.

We agreed going slowly is hazardous to your health and your bikes.

I have been told that the Meet and Greet is booked out, good news. We did marshalling at a local triathalon at Soldiers Point, pretty routine, but we were paid for our time plus a tank of gas, they can ask us back.

Chris McCarthy was pleased with the turnout for the Mystery Ride, 13 riders, well done.

Keep your knees in the breeze and ride safe.

Eric(Unka)

Secretary's Report.

Welcome back safely to all those that ventured down to Tassie for the AGM – according to reports everyone had a wonderful time and there are lots of stories being retold, so bring your money to the meeting as there seems to be a lot of fines for some.

Our Meet & Greet is a sell out we are fully booked up and are now turning away people who left it too late. Interestingly enough at this same time the last two years we only had approx. 40 registered – this time we are fully booked out two months before the event. Carol and I will be taking names of people wishing to help out on Saturday at the Marina, with marshalling the bikes, selling the 300 club tickets and helping with the registration. Saturday night we need help in welcoming people into the club, collecting tickets and handing out the dinner plates etc. so if you are willing to help, please let us know Friday night at the meeting.

Our own AGM will be held 26th May, 2006 and we will be looking for nominations for all positions. We are looking at following the Ulysses Constitution which states;
34. Nominations of candidates for election as National Office-Bearers, Branch Office-Bearers or ordinary members of the National or a Branch Committee shall be made in the first instance in writing, signed by two members of the club or of the branch, as the case may be, and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and shall be delivered to the National Secretary or the Branch Secretary, as the case may be, not less than 28 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take

place.

The above procedure eliminates the pressure put onto people on the night of the AGM to put up their hands because no one else will – your thoughts on this process is welcomed at the meeting this Friday night. This is your branch so please lets have your input.

Christmas in July at South West Rocks 22nd July, 2006

Book your own accommodation at either

The Rockpool Motel 0265667755

Bay Motel/Hotel 0265666909

Heritage Guest Hse 0265666625

Horseshoe Bay C/Pk 0265666370

I have block booked tables for the Saturday night at the South West Rocks Country Club all you can eat buffet @ \$17.40 per person – I will need to confirm numbers closer to the event.

Coffs AGM bookings for accommodation is very heavy so I suggest if you are not camping then get in now and contact the Tourist Information centre 1300369070 – from all reports they are expecting between 8,000 & 10,000 to attend this one. Another number to ring is 0266521466 Pacific Property Management – they book houses, townhouses, apartments, resort and b&bs.

Birthdays for April

David Fairless, Jack Johnstone, Paul Knox, Richard Townsend, John Cesti, John Beddoe, Laraine Howes

Our condolences to Judy McTaggart on the loss of her father last Sunday a truly amazing man!

Branch Club Shirts are on order in all sizes, please advise Carol of size and quantity – they will be here in a week or so. From S,M,L. XL, XXL, XXXL.

Laraine

RIDE REPORTS MARCH 200

The Thursday rides continue as normal with some new faces appearing again.

The rides are varied every Thursday and some of the areas visited included the Farm College at Tocal, Dungog, Barrington Guest house etc,etc. Expect 8-14 bikes on any day.

Sunday Riders.

The Sunday ride numbers are picking up as the weather becomes cooler.

Sunday March 05. We visited the Vintage Jap. Motorcycle display at Myuna bay and then off to the Wangi RSL. For lunch. 8 bikes and 3 or 4 pillions attended. The ladies present were most impressed and could hardly contain their enthusiasm about next years visit. Yea right !!

Sunday March 19. This was the first of our Members choice mystery rides and it was very successful.

13 bikes and 18 people went to Bulahdelah for morning tea and on to Harrington for lunch. Chris and Leonie McCarthy organised this ride. Thanks to you both.

April Rides

Sunday April 02. The Alpaca farm . This ride will be led by Ken Grant and will leave Paul's corner at **9 am**. Sharp and go to Eagles rest farm near Krambach for lunch and a talk by a very talented speaking lady. More details on Ken's flier, pick it up at the meeting. If you cant get to the meeting, Ring Ken on 49843766 and let him know, as he has to ring ahead with lunch numbers on the day.

Sunday April 16. This should be the second members mystery ride but as it is Easter Sunday, we might move it on a week or put it into the next available month. Discuss it at the meeting on Friday night. Note!!! In May the 3rd. weekend is the Meet and Greet and a ride is already planned.

Daylight Saving will be over on April 02,so all rides after the Alpaca farm ride will be starting at Paul's corner at 9:30 am.

Jackie and I will be in N.Z. for two weeks and we will miss this meeting and also the Alpaca ride unfortunately, so we will catch up on our return

Brian McCallum

(Ride Admin.)

Jack Johnstone Reports:

Sunday rides are taking off, the first Sunday of March saw 12 bikes & 16 members riding off to check out the vintage Japanese bike display at myuna bay rec camp. There were a great selection of machinery, which according to Eve, I've owned at one time or another. Some of the highlights were a superb yamaha xs650 chopper, some great looking scooters & quite a few race machines. The trail bikes of the 70s didn't get a look in.

After a look at the bikes it was off to Wangi RSL for a bit of lunch. We met a bloke from Tincan bay in Queensland that had come down in December to buy a yacht & was waiting for the southerlies to start so he could sail home. He was a bikie & was thinking of flying home, riding back & strapping the bike to the boat for the journey home. A good life if you can afford it. After lunch everybody made a leisurely ride home.

The 3rd Sunday of the month saw 13 bikes(16 members) head of on Chris McCarthy's magical mystery ride to Harrington via Booral , Buladelah & Coopernook. We had a friend of mine accompany us on his Electraglide, he was supposed to be on an ironbutt ride(about 700km) with the HOGs, only trouble was he missed them by a day (got to be worth a fine).

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

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We also had a new member, Mike who had just moved into the Bay from Queensland With his beemer.

I don't think Chris had been on the road from Booral to Buladelah for a while, I love it but it's not built for cruiser suspension. A few of the ladies were throwing daggers at him.

After a coffee or cleansing ale it was off to Harrington, we decided to regroup at Coopernook as some wanted to ride the old highway while the rest had enough bumps for one day. The boys in blue were doing there best to relieve us of beer money with radars at Collongolook & Taree. Of course they had no chance of getting us because we NEVER speed. After a quick stop we made our way to Harrington, the pub was the first choice for lunch, but it was extremely busy so the local prawn co-op & the local takeaway got about half our money. A quick trip to Crowdy Head for some while waiting for the pub lunchers to finish then make our way home. Most opted to chase Laraine down the highway on the mighty scooter, while Tony M took Dave & I through Taree, Tinonee, Krambach & Gloucester to finish off a great days ride. Its good to see Laraine on the scooter, Wanda on the sv & a few people coming out of the woodwork to ride on Sundays, it doesn't have to be every rideday but the more the merrier. Thanks to Chris for thinking of the ride, it was the first try at a mystery ride & was a resounding success, everyone has a favourite ride, think of it for it might be your turn next.

Next organised ride is this Sunday 2 April, to Firefly farm near Krambach, Ken Grant is organising this, but we are leaving Pauls corner at 9 am sharp to make the most of our time there & maybe catch the Krambach markets afterwards. Come along, you will enjoy it. See you at the meeting

Jack

Thanks Jack,----- took up a lot of space. I was going to resort to photographs to fill this up!

I think what Laraine was explaining was that this year we would like to have nominations for Club Committee in writing a month before our annual meeting which will be held on the 27th of May according to my calculations. You will need to do the lobbying before the April meeting!

Our current committee has done a great job and I have enjoyed my association with them.

Thanks for putting up with my rantings for the last couple of years, I will be standing aside from how on to let someone else have a go.

John Way
Editor.

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