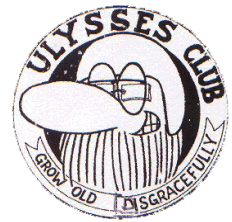




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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE LEADER

Like the Sands through an Hour Glass so goes the Dreary hours of our Lives.  
. . . . .but not for Ulyssesians we are to busy Growing Old Disgracefully. Hope  
All is Well with All. Apparently very good ride to Blue Mountains and a report  
has been given to me by Brett, who never fibs, also a very good turn out 13  
bikes, 17 people, for Kelly who was very pleased with her escort. Now if I am  
not mistaken this will be our last meeting for the Year. We have a busy time  
ahead Sat, Sun, Mon. Stay Upright and Keep Your Knees in the Breeze.

*"Unka" Eric.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN EVANS FOR BECOMING AN OLD GRANDPA – WE BELIEVE HIS NAME IS HARLEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THE GRANDSON THAT IS.**

**MARI & UNKA ARE STILL WAITING ON THEIR 2<sup>ND</sup> GRANDCHILD – DUE ANY DAY.**

**FOR THOSE WISHING TO KEEP UP WITH WHATS GOING ON AND DO NOT HAVE OR WANT TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAMES TO COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY NIGHT –ESPECIALLY FOR WHATS GOING ON IN JANUARY UP TO OUR NEXT MEETING. –**

**MEET & GREET PLANNING IS WELL UNDER WAY – WITH HEAPS OF PEOPLE EMAILING ME ALREADY TO FIND OUT IF IT IS ON AGAIN – SO THE MONSTER WE HAVE CREATED KEEPS GROWING.**

### COMING EVENTS

**\*\* NEWCASTLE TOY RUN SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

\*\* International Day of Disabilities BBQ at Little Beach 5<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 2pm lunch provided, as many bikes as possible please to attend

**\*\* OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2005 – CHANGE OF VENUE TO PEARSON PARK**  
**SOLDIERS POINT – STARTING AT 11AM - BYO OWN DRINKS, PLATES, KNIVES FORKS ETC.**  
**CLUB WILL PROVIDE, STEAKS, SAUSAGES, SALAD, FRUIT, TEA AND COFFEE. – SUGGEST YOU BRING YOUR OWN TABLE, CHAIRS AND UMBRELLA OR TARPS.**

\*\* 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 – MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TERRY DEVONSHIRE WILL BE HELD AT BOAT HARBOUR ROCK POOL STARTING AT 6PM - For those wishing to attend, a short service, fill the rock pool with flowers and have a drink in memory of Terry – everyone welcome. For directions to rockpool contact Laraine on 49810190

### BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Merilyn Evans, Dennis Mahoney, Pam Furniss, Anke Crick, Jackie McCallum, Mari Brooks, Col Williams, Ron Skinner, Jeff Smith – Happy Birthday to all and others who are not on the list.

### Sunday riders

**Note: The Sunday rides have been changed back to the 1<sup>st</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday of the month .In Summer 9.00 am start**

## RIDE REPORTS.

For more comprehensive reports and photos, check out the [Port Stephens website](#) under [Photos](#), then go to [Thursday](#), [Sunday Rides](#) or [Special events](#) etc..

### Thursday riders

The Thursday rides continue on and attract many bikes. Always 7-12 regulars attend and the destinations vary. This month some of the places visited for Morning tea and/or lunch were The Frothy Coffee shop on Smiths lake, Caves beach Kiosk, Wangi RSL and last Thursday the ride went to Dungog then Singleton Pub for lunch.

**Nov. 5/ 6.** This ride was to the Blue Mountains as an overnighter. See Bretts report elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Nov. 20.** The original ride was to have a look at the Nabiac bike museum but due to the state of road construction at Nabiac the ride was changed to Stroud for Coffee and Krambach for lunch. 8 Bikes took part and Laraine joined them on her new " PTW ". (Powered two wheeler.

### **Dec. Sunday rides.**

**Note. Day light saving.** All rides are now departing from Paul's corner at 9am.

### **Dec. 4.**

Newcastle Salvos Toy run. Meet at Pauls corner as usual but we will be leaving at **8:45am sharp** so have your Latte's and Capachinos before then. At the end of the toy run we might go for a ride somewhere for lunch. Perhaps the Yacht club or 16fters on the lake.

### **Dec.15.Thursday evening.**

This will be a twilight ride leaving Pauls corner at 6pm. We will book in at the Phoenix Club for Dinner at 7pm.like we did last year, which was very successful. It has been suggested that we might look at some Xmas lights on the way home in our own area rather than Newcastle. This is always a fun night.

### **DEC. 18**

Last ride day this year. Caves beach kiosk for Coffee or swim? Then around the lake to Wangi RSL for lunch. (Ride idea courtesy of the Thursday riders).

*Remember these rides are suggestions and can be altered to suit weather/road conditions etc.*

## **JANUARY 2006**

**JAN 1<sup>st</sup>**.The first Ride Sunday is the Day after new year's eve and not too many starters are expected. We suggest anyone capable of going for a ride at 9am. can sort out where to go. Most will probably still be in bed.

### **JAN 15<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday period and Double demerits. Swansea/coffee then Terrigal for lunch home via Wollombi if enough time.

### **White board.**

*Don't forget to write up the rides for latecomers. A new pen is now available.*

**Brian McCallum**

( Ride Admin.)

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## ON MY LAST TRIP with Ross Marlin

I left Salamander Bay on the 27<sup>th</sup> August, driving a BJ42, a 1983 Toyota Short wheel based 4x4, powered by a 3.4 lt diesel. I went north through Muswellbrook, Quirindi, Narrabri, Moree, crossed the Qld border at Mungindi onto St. George then Mitchell, then west through Charleville, Quilpie, to Windorah, topped up the fuel, let some air out of the tyres, then into the dirt, still heading west through Betoota to Birdsville for the races (horse). Met Neville & Caroline, who came to Birdsville through the Simpson Desert. We camped, drunk, played and went to the races together, when they left 3 days later, my trip got started. I went west over Big Red into the Simpson Desert for about 140ks over 103 sand dunes, ranging from 60ft to 220ft height, all soft sand (lots of fun) to a place called Poepples Corner. The meeting point of NT, QLD,SA, I stayed there three nights, one in the NT, one in QLD and one in SA. Then headed east back to Birdsville with a detour north between two dunes, chasing camels and camping that night. From Birdsville I headed south down the Birdsville Track through Mungerannie, then just short of Maree I turned right and detoured 94ks on a smaller track out to SW Lake Eyre, camped, then back to Maree, where I changed over to the Oodnadatta Track, and headed

Nwest to William Creed, then East for 67ks to Nwest Lake Eyre, camped, then back to William Creek and on North to Peake Hill, a morse code relay station, abandoned over 100 years, I camped in one of the seven stone houses for two nights (no roof, no windows or floors and some walls missing) Then back to the Oodnadatta Track and on to Oodnadatta, from there south to Coober Pedy, with an 84k detour west into the Painted Desert for a three night camp. From Coober Pedy (with more air in my tyres) I headed south to Woomera, then North to Roxby Downs, Olympic Dam, then east to Andamooka, then back into the sand for an 167k desert run to Farina, but I got lost at the 70k mark and had to follow my own tracks back to Andamooka, then took the bore track around (230ks) to Lyndhurst and on to Leigh Creek, from there I went east then north through the Flinders ranges to Balcanooka, with an 64k detour to Arkaroola, then on to Mount Hopeless, where I picked up the Strzelecki Track heading north to Moomba( an oil & gas town- no entry permitted) then east to Innamincka, changed over to the old Strzelecki Track and headed south through Mertzy-Mertzy, Strzelecki Desert and Bollards Lagoon to Camrons Corner, where QLD, NSW & SA meet, then to Tibooburra for a two day rodeo, then south to Milparinka, then east on the Back-o-Bourke Track, through Wanaaring to Bourke and onto Lightning Ridge for a few days, before east then south on a non existant road to Burren Junction, South through the Piliga Scrub, Gwabga, Baradine to Coonabarrabran, Katoomba, Lawson then home after a little over six weeks, 8001kms – 927lts diesel @ \$1352.  
Ross Marlin - # 518

## **COFFS CAPERS – BY LARAINÉ**

MY FIRST JOURNEY WITH THE NEW SPTW (SUPER POWERED TWO WHEELER) NOT SCOOTER  
AS ULYSSIANS USUALLY DO THE ACTUAL DAY OF DEPARTURE WAS CHANGED THREE TIMES SO I LEFT HOME  
ON

THE WEDNESDAY, STAYING WITH FRIENDS JUDY & BROM AT RAYMOND TERRACE , WHEN I ARRIVED I FOUND  
THAT WE WERE LEAVING NOW ON THURSDAY (NOT FRIDAY AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED) SO OKAY SPTW FULLY  
FUELED UP (HAD ONLY 236KS ON THE CLOCK) READ MANUAL – ESPECIALLY THE PART ABOUT RUNNING IN  
NEW BIKE – OKAY KEEP REVS BELOW 4000RPM FOR FIRST 1000KS – YEAH BUT THAT IS ONLY 60KPH – NOT  
POSSIBLE ON THE PACIFIC HWY – SO KEPT REVS UP TO BETWEEN 7000- 9000.  
FIRST STOP NABIAC AS JUDY’S PTW ONLY HAD A 7LT TANK – MY SPTW BEING 13LT ONLY NEEDED 4LTS. –  
THEN ONTO KEMPSEY ANOTHER 5 LTS – ARRIVING AT COFFS AT 2PM – SETTLED INTO CABIN THEN WENT FOR A  
SWIM – THEN KEN & BEV DRIVER ARRIVED – SO WE ALL ENDED UP AT THE BOWLING CLUB FOR DINNER.

FRIDAY WAS A LAZY DAY CRUISING AROUND COFFS, THEN SWIMMING, REGISTRATION AND BBQ THAT NIGHT  
AT THE CARAVAN PARK – **HANG ON THERES IAN RICHARDSON WEARING OUR CLUB SHIRT – CALLED OUT  
TO HIM – WHERE’S ROBYN – (SHE’S HOME LOOKING AFTER A SICK DOG – HAD TO BE GIVEN TABLETS  
TWICE A DAY)**

SATURDAY – THERE WERE THREE ORGANISED RIDES – WE JOINED THE ONE GOING TO SEALY LOOKOUT, NANA  
GLEN & GLENREAGH TO THE STEAM RAILWAY –LOVELY WELL ORGANISED RIDE – BUT SHIT IT WAS  
HOTTTTTTTTTT- EVERYONE WENT IN ALL DIRECTIONS AT GLENREAGH, SOME ON THE STEAM TRAIN, SOME  
THROUGH THE MARKETS AND SOME JUST DISAPPEARED – I WENT ON THE STEAM TRAIN AND WAS SO HOT  
WHEN I CAME OFF THAT I GOT BACK ONTO MY SPTW AND WENT TO THE PUB FOR A SCHOONER OF SQUASH &  
BITTERS TO REHYDRATE. THE RIDE WAS NOT REFORMING FOR ANOTHER HOUR TO RETURN TO COFFS – SO I  
TOLD A FEW PEOPLE THAT I WOULD RETURN TO COFFS ON MY OWN.

I HAD THE MOST AMAZING RIDE BACK DOWN FROM GLENREAGH THROUGH NANA GLEN INTO COFFS – I WAS  
TOTALLY AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD AND MY GUARDIAN ANGEL WAS WITH ME THE WHOLE WAY- ARRIVED  
BACK AT THE CARAVAN PARK AND JUDY AND BROM HAD JUST PULLED IN BEFORE ME – I QUICKLY EXITED  
THE SPTW AND RACED INTO THE CABIN TO GET THE SWIMMERS ON AND JUMPED IN THE POOL TO REHYDRATE  
THE BODY - AT THIS STAGE MY PHONE BEEPED TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM EVE TELLING ME THAT THE  
BLUE MOUNTAINS GROUP WAS SOAKED AND HAD RIDDEN THROUGH FOG – I COULDN’T HELP BUT SEND BACK  
A MESSAGE THAT IT WAS SO BLOODY HOT THAT I WAS IN THE POOL. BUT THAT CHANGED ON SATURDAY  
NIGHT WHEN A MASSIVE STORM HIT COFFS WHILST WE WERE AT THE SERVICES CLUB FOR DINNER THAT  
NIGHT.

SUNDAY MORNING AFTER THE BREAKFAST AND FAREWELLS TO FRIENDS THAT WE ONLY SEE AT THESE  
EVENTS WE WALKED DOWN TO THE JETTY MARKETS AND WANDERED AROUND – THEN BACK TO THE CABIN  
AND EVERYONE WAS STILL IN RECOVERY MODE FROM THE SATURDAY NIGHT REFRESHMENTS – I CRASHED  
OUT FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS – STILL VERY HOT BUT OVERCAST – SO BACK INTO THE POOL AGAIN.

MONDAY MORNING AND VERY HEAVY CLOUDS ALL ROUND – BY THE TIME WE WERE READY TO LEAVE 7.30AM  
IT WAS LOOKING VERY THREATENING – SO ON WITH THE WET WEATHER GEAR AND OFF WE WENT – RODE  
THROUGH RAIN BETWEEN COFFS AND KEMPSEY – WHERE I LOST JUDY AND BROM – ( I HAD TO GO TO THE  
LOO) THEY RODE ON PAST – SO I SET OFF ON MY OWN AND THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE RIDE DOWN TO THE  
SERVICE CENTRE AT PORT MACQUARIE, WHERE I HAD A COFFEE, REFUELED ETC. THEN BACK ONTO THE  
HIGHWAY AND THERE IN FRONT OF ME WERE JUDY AND BROM – WE RODE DOWN TO NABIAC FOR A SHORT  
BREAK THEN ONTO HOME, I LEFT THEM AT RAYMOND TERRACE AND CONTINUED HOME ARRIVING AT  
APPROX. 2PM – THOROUGHLY RELAXED, HAD A GREAT WEEKEND CATCHING UP WITH FRIENDS, RODE OVER  
1200KMS AND FELT I HAD ACHIEVED SOMETHING FOR MYSELF.

## REPORT ON Mt VICTORIA WEEKEND

By Brett Davis

On Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 8 bikes (2 Harleys and 6 others) and 16 adventurers gathered at Paul's corner for a weekend in the Blue Mountains. Included in the group were 2 new riders from Newcastle, Lewis and Melina who were traveling light for the occasion. The morning weather looked a bit dodgy, and during the initial briefing session it was decided that wet weather gear might be in order. This turned out to be a good decision, because it **PELTED** down about 4 seconds after leaving Paul's corner. Lewis and Melina, traveling fast and light on a sports bike without wet weather gear, got ygry wet, in fact from behind you could see water spilling out the top of Melina's boots -they were that full. Some of the more thoughtful riders stopped at Hexham to see if they could find some spare wet weather gear for them to wear. A plastic spray jacket was produced. Although she didn't say it, you could see it in Melina's eyes; she wished she was on a Harley. Anyhow, on to Wollombi pub for a quick cuppa and a leak. Melina emptied her boots and we were off to Wiseman's Ferry for lunch. It was great being on the road again, the rain was only intermittent and the riding was fun. We had sort of formed 2 groups - Jack on his back wheel leading the first group, Brian, Brett and Ron and passengers in the second group. On arrival at the ferry, Brian did the fabled dismount seen in a long time - he reckoned his back teeth were floating for the last half hour and a toilet never looked so good. Lunch at the pub, then off to Sackville. This is obviously BMW country, there were hundreds of them, though as you passed them, you could see in their eyes, they wished they were on Harleys. Again, very pleasant, damp riding through Deliverance country, across the ferry and up into the mountains. We hit Bells line of road, and its into the fog. It was quite thick, but at least the passengers couldn't see the sheer drop offs on either side of the road, and they were comforted by this. The pace gradually slowed the higher we got - as Brian said, "first the screen fogged up, then the visor, then the glasses". We guessed our way for the last half hour. We arrived at Mt Victoria, checked in, dried out, had a snooze and then went to the pub. The food was great, and we had a terrific evening talking about how good the Harleys went. Next day, breakfast in the grand old dining room, with Jennifer inventing feeble excuses for embedding the front of the car in the wall of the garage the previous week. Then off to Leura. Half of the gang were going home, 2 others and 1 Harley were staying for an extra night. Jack, Eve, **Ron, Kerry, Brett and Jennifer had** a touristy day seeing the sights, checking **,out the shops and** buying some sensational beer for the evening. We went to Echo Point, saw the 3 Sisters, caused a bit of a dilemma. The tourists didn't know whether to look at the sights or the Harley - one backpacker was heard to say "its awesome". Brett thanked her, but by the sign language she used, she may have been talking about the geography.

Went to Govett's Leap, where Eve took us for a "little" walk. Half an hour struggle through virgin bush and we were at the lookout, only to discover we could have ridden down the tarred road 20 feet to our right. Thank you Eve.

Back to the pub, another great meal, snooker lessons from Jack, then off to bed  
Next day dawned foggy and wet. Off home down the highway, making a left at Springwood, heading towards Richmond.

At about Winmalee, Jack decided to put his front wheel on the ground at last, only to discover he had a collapsed wheel bearing. He nursed the bike to Windsor and called into Hawkesbury Honda to do a repair. As we got off the bikes, Eve was heard to say quietly to Jack "this wouldn't have happened if we had been on a Harley".

Soon after, we were off again, down (or up) the Putty road. What a great road! We loved it! Jack led the way just for a change, Brett brought up the middle, and Ron at the rear on his new Honda. The Honda is a great touring bike, and Ron is very proud of it. Kerry told us it was very comfortable, although secretly she wished it was a Harley.

The last leg of the journey through Broke and Cessnock was uneventful, and we arrived home safely after a magic weekend away with our mates

Many thanks must be given to Brian CcCallum for organizing the weekend.

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*WELL IT COMES TO THE END OF THE YEAR 2005 AND YOUR COMMITTEE*

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**LARAINÉ – AND PETER**

**BRIAN – AND JACKIE**

**WISH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

**WE THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND INPUT INTO OUR CLUB THIS PAST YEAR.**

**WE HAVE LAUGHED, CRIED AND LAUGHED AGAIN AND THE LOVE AND SUPPORT OF EVERYONE IS WHAT KEEPS US GOING.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS EITHER FOR SOCIAL EVENTS, OR RIDES PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS .**