



ULYSSES CLUB INC.

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Hi All!

Boy, the time goes quick. Not a lot for me to say. Great 50th for Eve, a good time was had by all that I could see and hear.

A lot of riders will be off next week to the AGM, Hope you all have a great time and trip, look after yourselves and your mates.

Looking forward to some great stories and lies and a lot of fines.

What happens on the road comes straight back to base.

All is still going well for our Meet and Greet.

Keep your knees in the breeze and ride safe.

Eric (Unka)

Secretary's Report.

Another busy month has passed and March is around the corner.

We have had heaps of enquiries and registrations for our Meet & Greet and I urge our members if you are considering attending, please take a registration tonight and pay your money sooner rather than later as we are very close to being halfway to our final number.

I have received brochures from Action Motorcycles & Accessories re their sale which ends Feb 28th with super savings (flyer available at meeting) also one on the internet from a Central Coast dealer offering super savings on tyres and accessories.

February 26th - Newcastle Lower Hunter are holding a Poker Run - starts Hexham Maccas - Registration from 9am - run starts 10am \$10 entry fee.

March 3-5 at Myuna Bay on Lake Macquarie the 23rd Vintage Japanese Rally will be held.

May 6-7 Brass Monkey Rally at Rydal Showground near Lithgow Fully catered for (no byog) email info@bikersaustralia.com to request more information

Christmas in July at South West Rocks date to be decided at the Meeting this Friday night but out of school holidays the dates are 22nd & 29th July, 2006 - dinner will be at the new South West Rocks Country club with the best option being the all you can eat buffet @ \$17.40 per person -

Accommodation is available - the nearest motel is the Rockpool with rooms starting at \$125 per double which includes breakfast and secure bike parking - the Hotel has cheaper accommodation but no secure bike parking - the Caravan park at Horseshoe Bay has cabins available and it is within a good walking distance to the Country Club - (brochures available to those interested on Friday night)

The Rockpool Motel Phone number is 0265667755
The Bay Motel at the Hotel phone no. is 0265666909
The Heritage Guest House Phone no. is 0265666625
The Horseshoe Bay Caravan Park no. is 0265666370

We will need to know numbers by next meeting to be able to make a block booking at the Country Club for the Dinner and payment for the dinner to be made by the April meeting.

Planning is still underway for the weekend away down south and will be put forward once everything is in place.

March Birthdays - Robyn Richardson, Brian McCallum & Kerrie Skinner Congratulations and to those not on the list Happy Birthday.

We are updating our lists and if your name doesn't appear, please advise me, if you want us to remember that is.

To those heading off to Tasmania taking very different modes of travel, be safe, have a ball, and send lots of pictures. We would like heaps of stories and look forward to you sending them onto John Way for inclusion in our Newsletter - it doesn't matter how many pages our newsletter contains, we would all like to read interesting stories

Laraine

RIDE REPORTS. February 06.

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 Cooranbong/ Norah head (16 bikes), Norah head/ Toukley, Maccas Rutherford/Beautiful Dungog etc.

Sunday riders

Note: The Sunday rides have been changed back to the 1st and 3rd. Sunday of the month. **9.00 am** start till **Daylight saving ends** 2nd April 06.

Feb. 5th This ride was to Stroud for morning tea and then Tea Gardens for lunch.

Feb 19th. This "Members choice" ride was to be the first of our mystery rides planned by one of the members. But as Jack and Eve Johnstone decided to throw a party for Eves 50th on the Sat, night before and invite the club, this ride was transferred to the 19th. Of March.

March. Sunday rides.

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

March.5th. Myuna bay to see the Vintage Jap. Bikes Club display of bikes, then lunch at Wangi workers and round the lake to home.

March 6-13 Annual Uylsses AGM in Tasmania for those going.

March 19. As mentioned above this will be the first Members mystery ride. It will be a good day, turn up and be in it.

White board.

Don't forget to write up the rides for latecomers.(Especially the New Mystery ride) A new pen is now available.

Brian McCallum

(Ride Admin.)

Editorial:

Howdy!!

Just checked the date for the end of Daylight Saving in NSW and find it is the 2nd of APRIL!! 9 am starts will be in the dark by then!

The contributions from our committee are a bit short this month so you will have to put up with my waffle to fill up the space.

I noted last month that both John Beddoe and Warren Hofman had new bikes. Since than, Col Williams has been spotted spending a couple of hours test riding a BMW R1200 GS, don't know whether he has placed the order yet but it does show that he has excellent taste!

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

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Also in a purchasing mode today was Ken Grant who decided that the boots that he purchased in Melbourne in 1981 to take his trike on a history making voyage across the Simpson Desert and on around Oz had had their day. The string holding the soles on is finally worn out and he has now purchased a brand new pair of Rivets!

Ross Lister has been putting brand new air in his rear tyre as it still has about 3000 k's in it and a slow leak as well!

Our Thursday rides are very enjoyable, good company, good tracks and relatively safe for a group ride.

We must remember though to keep the 3 second gap between bikes and not to pass either on the inside or within another bike's lane. In fact, unless you have an urgent call of nature or some other pressing need, it is better not to pass at all!! Read somewhere lately that these are the main causes of group riding drama.

Today's ride was a bit different!~ We met at Pauls Corner, half of us dripping wet and the rest determined not to get that way so we rode back into the Bay and had a cup of coffee at the D'Albora Marina to let the weather settle down.. Eventually having spent the day's allowance on a shot of caffeine we rode back into Newcastle to help Ken pick the right boots. Had a top lunch at the Blackbutt Hotel for about the same price as the coffee and a quiet ride home.

Ken Grant asked me to let everyone know that the Des Hanrahan Memorial Ride will now go for 6 nights and seven days to enable us to have two nights in Broken Hill. Warren Hofman wants to have a look at a real underground mine! Ken will be sending out a schedule soon, make sure that you answer promptly as Ralph Langdon from Dubbo is making the reservations in the various stopovers and wants to set them in stone as soon as possible. We will be leaving on Friday the 4th and home on the following Thursday evening. (Think that is right, Ken will confirm.)

Hear that Paul (Scumbag) Knox will be back riding with us soon after he returns from sampling potato chips in Fiji.

Laraine Howes will be missing the meeting on Friday Night, we hope that she has a quick recovery and is out and about terrorising pedestrians on her Burgman ere too long.

That's about it. Make sure that you give way to BMW's at all times.

Ride well and frequently, Be Safe

John Way
Editor.

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