

Ulysses Club Upper Hunter Branch Newsletter

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June 2010

The State of the Nation

Hi all, well my first official meeting and we had it completed in around half an hour (That Simmo must of liked the sound of his own voice as they went for ages).What a crowd, probably the most amount of people I have seen out our meetings in the last couple of years. Thanks to all participants who came along. Some good things to come out of the meeting which was great (refer to meeting minutes)Thanks goes out to Mark Walmsley for setting up the new ride register on our web site, it should help with the rides & also may attract riders from different club who may be browsing through the web. Don't forget to get your name into Donna or Kerry for the Xmas in July which coincides with our next meeting. Congratulations to Freefall for reaching 50, I think it was a bit of an effort to get him to the party but a great nite had by all. Well I was already for a ride on Sunday morning & got Carole up very early for a shower & get organized only to find out about an hour later that my battery had dropped a cell, she wasn't happy when I told to stop getting ready as she isn't a morning girl, especially on Sunday.

Till next Time.

Regards,

Garry Knight

Coonabarabran Ride Report.

5 bikes, 6 bodies being Barbara & John Williams, Cathy & Jim Sheedy, Gary Huggins & Donna McIntyre. Went via Scone to Merriwa where we all gave in to temptation at the Merriwa Bakery. Quite a cool start to the day. We followed the Golden Hwy and turned off to Coolah, Binnaway and arrived in Coonabarabran at 1.15pm. The receptionist at our Motel suggested we do a loop ride to fill in some time. We followed the road out of town leading to the Observatory, which we passed and continued into the Warrumbungle National Park. Was a cool but extremely pretty ride through the mountains with glimpses of autumn colours and we all enjoyed a few twists and turns to keep us awake. Stopped at the country town of



Tooraweenah and went into the local pub seeking some lunch. All they had on offer were pies, this was good enough, so we ate our lunch watching young Jessica Watson sail into Sydney Harbour. Back around to Coonabarabran, time for a refreshing shower and then off to the local Club for dinner. The Club was reasonably quiet, we enjoyed a few drinks and then dinner, a pretty early night, back at the motel around 9pm. Had breakfast in our rooms at the motel and then headed off at 9am. There was a frost so we were in no hurry to leave the warmth of our motel rooms. We decided to head back via the exact same route we had travelled the day before, with a smoko stop in Merriwa. As we were about to mount up to leave, Barbara showed us her idea of new bike head gear, a hankie with a knot on each corner. She looked like a brickie's labourer but she said her head was really itchy and she had to have something between her hair and her helmet. Not a good look and

doubt it will become a popular fashion statement for the rest of us. Stopped in Denman for lunch in the beer garden of the top pub, there we were joined by Gary's wife Cathy. All parted company after lunch. A small group for sure, however we all enjoyed our weekend away and look forward to doing it all over again. (I don't need an armoured guard to protect the gold coin collection until I can hand it over to Kerry). cheers Donna

Birthday wishes go to All those having a Birthday This Month

UPPER HUNTER ULYSSES BRANCH RIDE CALENDAR June 2010 to December 2010

NOTE: ALL OUR RIDES LEAVE FROM McDONALDS EITHER IN SINGLETON OR MUSWELLBROOK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

Unless other arrangements are made all accommodation bookings are your own responsibility.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, turn up on ride days with a FULL tank of Petrol.

If you intend going on an overnight ride can you please let Donna know. She will keep a record of who intends going so that a telephone call to her will also let you know who is going on a particular ride. Donna can be contacted by telephone or email
Home 65 432 402 Work 65 422 025 Email donna44a@bigpond.com

June 18/19/20 2010	3 Day ride. Tenterfield (Friday night) and Inverell (Saturday night) Depart SM 7-30am MM 8-15am and head up the New England highway to Tenterfield for our overnight stop at the Tenterfield Bowling Club & Motor Inn Tel 02 6736 1023 . On Saturday we take the Bruxner Highway to Casino, then highway 91 to Grafton, then follow the Gwydir highway west to Glen Innes and on to our overnight stop at Inverell staying at the Inverell Motel, 49 Otho Street, Tel 6722 2077 On Sunday we head back home via Bundarra, Uralla, Walcha, Gloucester, Dungog and Gresford
June 19/20 2010	2 Day ride to Inverell Depart SM 8am, MM 8-45am riding up the New England Highway to Tamworth, then up through Manilla, Barraba, Bingara, Delungra and on to Inverell staying at the Inverell Motel, 49 Otho Street, Tel 6722 2077 . On Sunday we head back home via Gilgai, Bundarra, Uralla, Walcha, Gloucester, Dungog and Gresford.
July 3 2010	Social Night & Meeting, Albion Hotel Singleton. Meeting 6pm. All Welcome.
July 4 2010	Day ride to the Bendemeer Pub for lunch. . Depart SM 8-00am. MM 8-45am. Ride to Bendemeer via the New England Highway to Wallabadah then follow the scenic Fossickers Way to Nundle and back onto the New England Highway at Kootingal and up to Bendemeer. After lunch home via Tamworth, Currabubula, Werris Creek, Quirindi, Willowtree and then down the New England Highway to Singleton. Approx distance from Singleton 515km. If we think this is too many kilometres we can shorten the ride on the day to suit the riders at that time.
July 16/17/18 2010	3 Day ride. Port Macquarie (Friday night) Armidale (Saturday night). On Friday we depart MM 7-45am SM 8-30am Our route takes us out to Gresford, Dungog, Gloucester and then up Thunderbolts Way to Walcha stopping for lunch. We then take the Oxley Highway on to Port Macquarie for our overnight stop at the Townbeach Motor Inn, Gordon Street. Port Macquarie. Tel 02 65838899 . On Saturday we head up the Pacific Highway to Urunga then take the road to Bellingen, Dorrigo, Ebor where we turn right and follow the road to Guyra then down the New England Highway to Armidale for our overnight stop at at the Westwood Motor Inn, 62 Barney St. Armidale. Tel 67728000 . On Sunday we head back home via Uralla, Walcha, Gloucester and Dungog or alternatively back down the New England Highway
July 17/18 2010	2 Day ride to Armidale). On Saturday we depart MM 8-15am SM 9-00am. Our route takes us out to Gresford, Dungog, Gloucester and then up Thunderbolts Way to Walcha and Uralla then on to Armidale for our overnight stop at the Westwood Motor Inn, 62 Barney St. Armidale. Tel 67728000 . On Sunday we head back home via Uralla, Walcha, Gloucester and Dungog or alternatively back down the New England Highway
July 31	Social Night & Meeting, Albion Hotel Singleton. Meeting 6pm. All Welcome.

August 1	Day ride to Forster via Gresford, Dungog, Gloucester and into Forster for lunch. Return home via Lakes Way, Bulahdelah, Booral, Clarence Town, Bolwarra Heights and Lambs Valley. Approx distance ex-Singleton 413km. Depart MM 8-00am. SM 8-45am.
August 14/15	2 day ride to Kangaroo Valley. Our route takes us via the Putty Rd to Windsor, Penrith, Wallacia (Rte 73), Picton, Bargo, Old Hume Hwy to Alpine. Turn into Old South Road follow to left turn into Range Rd to Fitzroy Falls. Descend Barrengarry Mountain to Kangaroo Valley. Accommodation at Glenmack Caravan Park (Cabins) - Tel 4465 1372. Our return route back to Berry, Wollongong, Bulli then Lawrence Hargreaves Drive to Stanwell Park, Royal National Park to Waterfall. Follow freeway to Heathcote then turning left into Heathcote Rd to SW Freeway at Hammondville then on to M7 then M2. Take exit to Pennant Hills Rd then on to F3 to Mt White. We then take the exit to Peats Ridge, Wollombi Rd to Broke then home. Approx distance 728km from Singleton.
September 4	Social Night & Meeting, Albion Hotel Singleton. Meeting 6pm. All Welcome.
September 5	Day ride to Coolah for lunch at the Blackstump Pub via Scone, Murrurundi, Quirindi, Spring Ridge, Premer. Return via Cassilis, Merriwa & Denman. Leave SM 8am. MM 8-45am. Round trip from Singleton approx 500km.
September 12	Memorial Ride TBC
September 18/19	2 day ride. Overnight at Gilgandra. Depart SM 8-00am, MM 8-45am via Scone, Murrurundi, Gunnedah, Coonabarabran, Warrumbungle National Park, Tooraweenah and into Gilgandra for our overnight stop at the Orana Windmill Motel, 34-36 Warren Rd. Gilgandra, Tel 02 6847 2404. (Single \$66, Double/Twin \$76. When booking mention that you are from the Upper Hunter Ulysses club) (Distance 460kms) .Back home on Sunday via Mendooran, Dunedoo, Merriwa and Denman (approx distance to Singleton 313kms)
October 2	Social Night & Meeting, Albion Hotel Singleton. Meeting 6pm. All Welcome.
October 3	Day ride to Rylstone for lunch at the Globe Hotel. Our route is Muswellbrook, Scone, Merriwa, Cassilis, (almost) Mudgee, Lue then Rylstone. Return route via Bylong, Denman then home. Leave SM 7:30am. MM 8:15am.
October 16 to 22	7 Day ride to northern NSW and southern QLD. See separate ride itinerary for Dorrigo, Warwick, Noosa Heads, Ballina, Armidale then home.
October 16/17	2 Day ride to Dorrigo. On Saturday we depart MM 7:30am SM 8:15am. Our route takes us to Dungog, Gloucester, Thunderbolts Way to Walcha, Uralla then Waterfall Way to Dorrigo for our overnight stop at Heritage Hotel Motel, Cudgery St, Dorrigo Tel 6657 2016. Return is Waterfall Way to Armidale then down New England Highway to home.
November 6	Social Night & Meeting, Albion Hotel Singleton. Meeting 6pm. All Welcome.
November 7	Day ride to Tea Gardens for fish & chips in the hotel beer garden. Our route is Lambs Valley, Paterson, Dungog, Stroud, Booral then across to Pacific Hwy south of Bulahdelah then Tea Gardens. Our return route is back to Pacific Hwy, turning south along Karuah bypass, Italia Rd to Seaham then Bolwarra Heights, Lambs Valley then home. Approx distance 330km from Singleton. Depart MM 8:15am, SM 9:00am.
November 14	SIDS for Kids. More details when they become available.
November 20/21	2 Day ride to Oberon. On Saturday we depart MM 7:30am SN 8:15. Our route takes us down the Putty Rd and across to Kurrajong. We then follow Bells Line of Road to Bell then across to Mt Victoria. On Great Western Highway to Little Hartley turning left to Oberon. Accommodation at XXXXXX. Return trip Kelso (near Bathurst), Sofala, Rylstone, Bylong, Denman and home. Approx distance 628km.
November 21	Mystery ride
December 4	Social Night & Meeting, Albion Hotel Singleton. Meeting 6pm. All Welcome.
December 5	Newcastle Toy Run. Leave SM at 8-00am and ride to Sandgate to meet up with other riders before riding in convoy into Newcastle.

Links of interest

www.ezy2wheel.com.au

<http://www.royalbikeriders.com>

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Remember, If you have some photos or do a ride,
Write up a ride report, no matter how small & send some pictures
& the rest of us will enjoy your good fortune.
We also need photo's of you & your escape machine for the members area.



Well, Who has done Route 66 in Australia as well?