APRIL 2023 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings Everyone

Summer is on the run……. Riding this morning on the Sunday ride I could most definitely feel winters cold fingers reaching through my jacket. Personally I love autumn riding with cool mornings and warm days. Hopefully we have a long fine autumn to make up for the crazy wet summer.

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM this month. Also, thanks to all the Committee members for standing, I look forward to working together.

As President, as I said at the AGM, I believe we continue the evolution of our club, not create a revolution. Our financial position remains strong due largely to good run's turnout on both Sunday and Tuesday rides.

Lastly, on behalf of the Committee and personally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Craig (and also Raewyn) for his leadership over the last few years. His steady hand guided us through Covid and all its challenges. Craig has moved on to higher honours with NatCom and we wish him well.

See you out there.
Mark.

Auckland Branch President #8668

LONG SERVICE MEDAL THIS MONTH

Congratulations to the following member who will receive their 10 year long service medal this month::

Member #4059 John Fraser - 25 years

Member #5741 Tony Worley - 20 years

Member #7398 Michael Pope - 15 years

Member #8835 Greg Ogg - 10 years

NEW MEMBER WELCOMES:

We would like to give a warm welcome to the following new members of our branch:

Chris Barry Member # 10494

Paul Sharp Member # 10498

It's great to have them join and hopefully many of you will have a chat with them and get to know them.

What's been happening

Our branch AGM was held Mar 6th . Here are a few images showing our newly elected Committee:
PRESIDENT - Mark Benton
VICE PRESIDENT - Sheryl Boyd
TREASURER - Roger Judd
RIDES CO-ORDINATOR - Chris Moller
COMMITTEE - Peggy O'Neal, Doug Bene, Neville Kerr
Also, our existing Ted Parker Award recipients (Clive Thomas, Peggy

O'Neal and Chris Moller) presented the award this year to our outgoing branch President Craig Moodie.

35th National AGM

On March the 18th our 35th National Ulysses AGM was held in Christchurch. I was planning on riding my bike down but booking the Cook strait ferry made it impossible. So we went to plan Plan 'B'. Raewyn and I flew to Blenheim and I borrowed a bike for both of us to ride down to Christchurch.
The AGM was held in the Clubs in Papanui and was a really wonderful venue with great catering and good spaces for us to use for the various parts of the AGM weekend. The band was great, food fantastic and it was really enjoyable catching up with Ulyssean friends from all over NZ. Raewyn and I even managed to get costumes for Canterbury pioneers 1930's fitted into our saddlebags.

The AGM
With Tim Stewart standing down as President and Stuart Burns standing down as treasurer there were a few changes to the National committee.
The 2023/24 National committee
President: Andy Wilson (previous Vice President)
Vice President: Craig Moodie (previous Auckland Branch President)

Secretary: Suzie Pentelow (Taranaki Branch continuing on)
Treasurer: Vicky Noda (North Harbour Branch previous secretary)
Committee: Karen Wilson
Committee: Pip Were (Far North Branch)
Committee: Maree Vincent (Christchurch Branch)

The Remit

The remit to allow younger riders to join the club as associate members was passed by a large majority. This means if some-one under 40 wants to ride with us and join before they get to 40 they are welcome. They can't hold an executive position on either branch or national committees but can be a committee member at branch level. This remit means we can attract younger members which will allow the club to grow and with new growth comes new ideas and the survival of our club.

The Bike Raffle

The Bike Raffle was drawn. Ticket #2443 Noel Hutchings #10434 from Whakatane was the lucky one.
Because the cost of purchasing bikes has risen over the past few years The National Committee are looking at increasing the number of tickets to either 2750 or 3000, this will enable a better selection of bikes to be made available for next year's raffle.

Stuart Burns who has been our National Treasurer for twelve years was made a Life Member in recognition of all the work he has done for the club and the Rotorua Branch over the last 25 plus years which included all the screeds of paperwork required to run the National Raffle every year.

Cyclone Gabriel Fundraiser Baton Ride

Later in the year the Rotorua Branch is organising a Cyclone Gabriel fundraising baton ride starting at Invercargill. Each branch will ride to the branch closest to them and hand over the baton until it reaches the Far North Branch where they will turn around and head back to Rotorua for the final hand-over of funds. There will be a fee to join the ride and all money will go the Relief funds to help the people who need it most. The ride will start on 4th November.

Craig Moodie

ULYSSES CLUB
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National AGM

Ulysses Club NZ Inc.
2024 National Rally & AGM
Hosted by: Ulysses North Harbour Branch
Dates: Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March 2024
(Easter Weekend)
Venue: Cyclespot Group, 10 Wairau Road
North Shore, Auckland
www.cyclespot.co.nz
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FOR DETAILS
YAMAHA
DUCATI
GASGAS
Indian
Kawasaki
Cyclespot have kindly offered their premises for the
Ulysses Club of New Zealand Inc.
2024 National Rally & AGM
Come along and enjoy a great weekend on the friendly North Shore
Keep up to date through our website
ulyssesnorthharbour.org.nz/national2024agm

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

So as well as a new president and vice president this month you also get a new newsletter editor. Who am I? Well I will let you guess that for a while but here are a few clues. I joined the club more than thirteen years ago and while I did quite a few rides in the early days circumstance changed so the odd Tuesday ride is all I have been able to manage for some time. Later this year I turn the big 70 but I am far from done with riding. In recent years I have been riding remote unpaved roads so I recently sold my big sports tourer and bought a new bike that is considerably lighter and much more off road orientated. Now I attempting to gain some new riding skills. By the way I noticed that Ulysses Wellington organised a half day gravel riding course for members. This is just the sort of initiative I joined the club for so I would really like to see Auckland do the same.

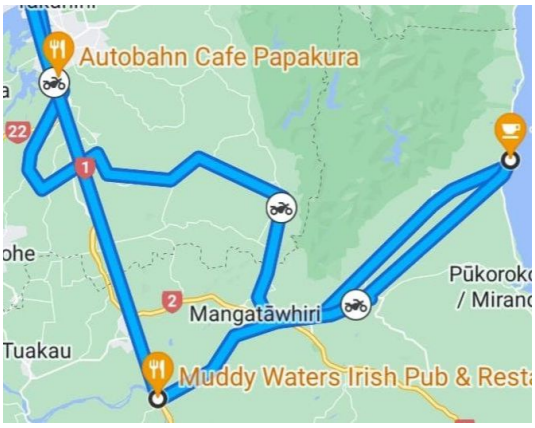
Does a new editor mean any difference to the newsletter? Well not really. The main aim of the newsletter is inform on up and coming events and to let you know how recent happenings went. However it is also a great way of letting your fellow members know of any two wheel related learning experiences you have had that may be of value to others (or just entertaining). If you have enjoyed a ride that others may like or had a bad experience then the newsletter is a good place to share.

Because I can I will also do the occasional editorial to give my view on things two wheel. It is important to note that an editorial is an opinion piece and in no way reflects the view of Ulysses Auckland

Tuesday Ride

Clive Thomas March 7

What an absolutely perfect day for a ride with the Tuesday layabouts. Only 190ks today but plenty of nice twisty back country roads and it was great to see all of the loose metal had been swept off. We had a virgin RIC today and all I can say is well done Nathan it was a great day and you set a nice pace for the group.



Sunday Ride

Chris Moller **March 26th**

Ride to Ross Brothers Museum. Auckland Ulysses & Waikato Ulysses. Great day had by all, well worth a visit.

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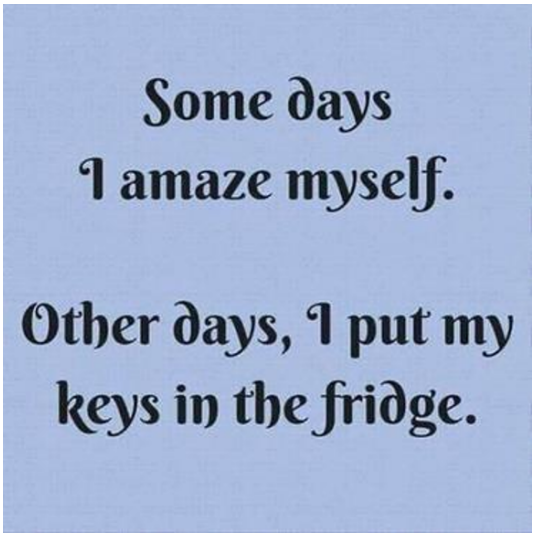

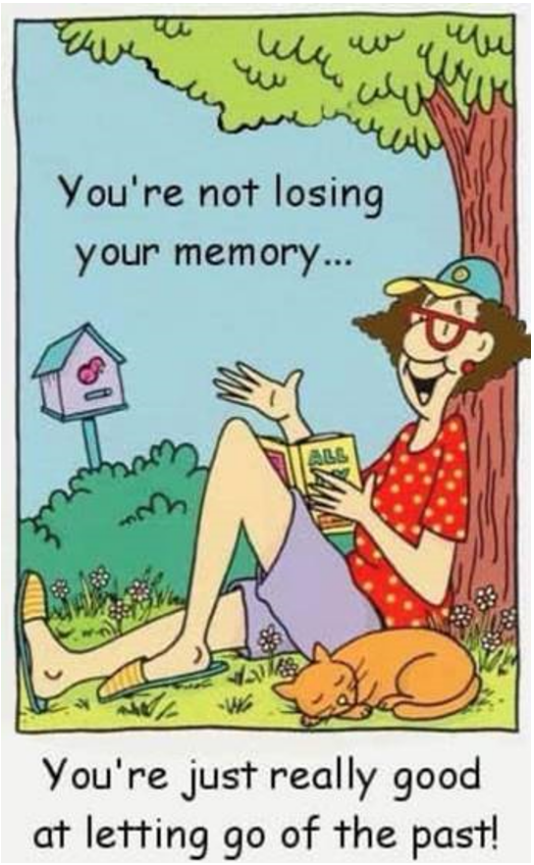

Turning Chinese

One of the great things about having a new bike is getting to add accessories to personalise your bike. So it was that I went in search of a set of soft panniers. The options available locally were either not suitable or ridiculously expensive. Google led me to AliExpress (the Chinese Amazon) where I found what I wanted and now that I had a brand name google led me to the manufacturers web site. Now while I probably have numerous Chinese made items in my house I have never bought anything directly from China so I was more than a little concerned at the idea.

It seemed entirely possible that after paying I would never hear from this crowd again or as it was free delivery that probably meant my stuff would be thrown in a container and turn up months later. When my panniers did turn up they may very well be rubbish quality.

I decided to risk it and was pleased to receive an email later in the day to say my order had been dispatched with a tracking number. A few days later an 'order in transit' email arrived and a few days later a 'goods have arrived' email and the next day I had my new panniers. With a certain amount of trepidation I opened the package to be relieved to find my panniers were well designed, well made and quality materials. After admiring them for a few hours I gave them to my son (the olive colour matched his new bike nicely) and ordered another pair for myself.

In contrast to this experience I recently purchased items from a local website who after taking my money have not delivered my items and are ignoring my emails. However my top box came from motomail who were really helpful sorting out the adapter plate I needed an my box arrived the day after I ordered it.

I leave it to you to draw your own conclusions.

MEMBERS DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Interislander “XULY1” 15 Dec 2023

BLUEBRIDGE “ULYSSES10” 31 Oct 2023

VTNZ current Ulysses card 31 Dec 2023

KIWI FUEL LTD current Ulysses card 0800 438383 or info@kiwifuelcards.co.nz

Motorcycle Doctors 10% discount for Ulysses members to use at the online store www.shop.motorcycle-doctors.co.nz. Enter "Ulysses" as the discount code at checkout.
A full list of discounts are on the club website.

ULYSSES
AUCKLAND BRANCH

* Several rides every month * Rallies
* Weekends away * Dinners and Social Events

For more information go to our website:
www. ulyssesauckland.org.nz

Are you a financial member?

There are still some people who have not renewed their membership yet. If you think this might be you please go and get out your Membership Card.

- Check the expiry date. If your membership expired last year, it is still not too late to renew your membership.
- Go online now and pay your sub.

One Year Individual Member is $70.00,
Three Years Individual Member is $190.00
One Year Joint Member is $66.00 per each member
Three Years Joint Member is $180.00 per each member.
Pay money into:
BNZ Bank A/c: 02-0412-0001771-097.
DON"T FORGET TO INCUDE YOU NAME AND ULYSSES # IN THE DETAILS

Job done thanks.

ULYSSES AUCKLAND
RUNS AND SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Important Runs Information

For all rides, please be at the departure point 10 Minutes early with a FULL GAS TANK and an EMPTY BLADDER. If you are not sure if the run may be cancelled because of inclement weather phone the RIC before leaving home.

Ride format

SHORT: 150 km, MEDIUM: 150 - 300 km, LONG: 300 - 500 km, XTRA/LONG: Over 500 km.

CRUISE: These runs, usually monthly on a Saturday are offered at a more leisurely pace and of short distance.

ANYONE: A ride for any Club member, noting that you are to assess your own capability in relation to the RIC of the day, the destination and likely distance.

EXPERIENCED: Intended for experienced riders these are generally longer rides with less stops to regroup.

Each RIC will carry a Mobile Phone for emergencies. You will be required to provide your own details and contact details on arrival and before the ride briefing.

RIC Contact List

Please click on this link and read our Branch's Club Ride Guidelines before going on any of our organised rides.

Need a Printable copy of the latest RUNS LIST? CLICK HERE **to download.**

Switch to Calendar View?

The Rider in Charge (RIC) will be organizing the day. Contact them for details. All riders participating in a Ulysses Ride are expected to hold a current motorcycle license, wear suitable clothing, and to have a registered and warranted road-worthy motorcycle. They participate entirely at their own risk. The Organizers and/or the Ulysses Club are not responsible for participants' safety and all participants participate at their own risk. All participants are aware that they are traveling on open public roads and are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all road Rules and Laws.

Questions relating to rides call the RIC or Chris Moller (Runs Co-ordinator) 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996.
General questions to Mark Benton (President) 027 836 166 or Secretary auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz

Tuesdays

April 4,11,18,25 May 2, 9, 16, 23

Tuesday Rides

Pick your own RIC and Destination on the day. Departs Papakura Service Centre 10:30am. For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Sun- 2nd Apr LEIGH FISH AND CHIPS WITH BRIAN. *MEDIUM*
Brian is RIC - Phone 09 849 3263 or 021 806 833 Anyone
Departs Warehouse Cvrd Car park, Albany 10-30am

Mon- 3rd Apr CLUB NIGHT, CRUISING CLUB

Tue- 4th Apr MIDWEEK FORAY

Sun- 9th Apr HIGHWAY 30 WITH VANCE *LONG*
Vance is RIC - Phone 09 278 7229 or 021 023 83498 Anyone
Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 11th Apr MIDWEEK FORAY

Thu- 13th Apr WEST AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Sat- 15th Apr COFFEE, CAKES AND CONVERSATION - SOUTH
KARAKA GENERAL STORE & CAFÉ. 257 LINWOOD ROAD KARAKA.
Meet at 10:00am for a coffee and chat, choose your own departure time.
257 Linwood rd, Karaka.

Sun- 16th Apr Mc LAREN FALLS CAFÉ WITH CHRIS *LONG*
Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996 Anyone
Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 18th Apr MIDWEEK FORAY

Sat- 22nd Apr LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES *SHORT*
David is RIC - Phone or 021-901-274 Anyone
Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sun- 23rd Apr SOUTH WITH OLE *MEDIUM*
Not sure where we will end up, but am definitely sure it will be a Anyone fun well-run outing.
Ole is RIC - Phone 09 299 3705 or 021 214 3323
Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 25th Apr MIDWEEK FORAY

Thu- 27th Apr SOUTH AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT
Papakura Club,5 Croskery Rd,off Hunua Rd.
Contact Chris 092891702 or 0210347996.

Sun- 30th Apr DIRTY BIKE SUNDAY *MEDIUM*
We are planning on heading north without using Highway 1 and Highway 16 by using the back country gravel roads. This will be at a cruisy speed ride exploring our way north.
PLEASE NOTE! : All bikes are welcome however his ride contains lots of gravel roads. You don't need to be an off road expert but you should have previous experience with riding metal and be comfortable on such roads.
Craig is RIC - Phone 021 797 487 or 021 797 487
Departs Warehouse Cvrd Car park, Albany 10-00am

Club Night Meeting Monday 1st May
Held at Manukau Cruising Club on the

1st Monday of the Month.
Meals available from 6:00pm and meeting starts at **7:30pm**

REMEMBER: North Harbour Ulysses have extended an open invitation to our branch members to attend all rides, meetings, and social events. Link here

Things can change between newsletters!

Check before departing on a club ride

To keep up-to-date with Branch events, runs and news between newsletters visit our website for the latest information www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz
We also have a face book page.
Join the Auckland Ulysses Facebook page. You will find notices of upcoming events, ride reports immediately after (or during!) rides, ride cancellations, and much more. It is a closed group (to post messages), so you need to apply for membership. Send your name and membership # to the Secretary for verification. Note that if you use an alternative name on Facebook, you need to email these details as well.

JUST A REMINDER - RAFFLE DONATIONS

It's not just the committee's job find to find the raffle prizes at the monthly meetings - it's up to all members. The raffles (and the modest run fees) form a vital part of our Branch's income.

- Idea 1: if it's **your birthday** in a particular month please donate a bottle of wine or something else of similar value.
- Idea 2: consider donating any unwanted Christmas - or birthday - gifts as a raffle prize. That way it will still bring joy to someone.

- A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING OUT WITH THE RAFFLES!

BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT AUCKLAND ULYSSES

ULYSSES MEMBERS' DISCOUNT

There are a range of businesses throughout New Zealand that recognise the value of the Ulysses Membership.Note that to obtain the discount you will need to produce your current club membership card.

CLUB DISCOUNTS 2022

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5. KIWI MOTORCYCLES current Ulysses card Christchurch
6. APEX AUTO CENTRE HAM current Ulysses card
7. TREVOR PIECRCE YAMAHA CHCH current Ulysses card
8. BUTT BUFFER WHANGANUI current Ulysses card
9. EZIBED NZ “ULY10” current Ulysses card
10. FRANKTON LAW current Ulysses card
11. ASURE ACCOMM GROUP Join Azure Group
12. TOP TEN MOTOR CAMPS Join Top Ten Group

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QUARTERSAWN Custom Wood *Creations* We are experienced craftsman that will create your custom piece to your requirements. Furniture, cabinetry, library, doors any wood project. For examples click on https://www.quartersawn.co.nz/ Phone Aaron **027 228 9724** email **aaron@quartersawn.co.nz** Paul B #8082	*These adverts are for Ulysses Auckland members only and are free of charge.* *Email the Editor. Support your fellow members.*
LEATHER JACKETS & VESTS SALE Vests from $150 Jackets from $159 Made to measure and repair of leather goods. 5% - 10% discount for Ulysses members with ID. 921 Dominion Road, Mount Roskill Ph 09 620-6168 or 021 0825 9168 *John Davidson #7823*	**BRIAN MOORWOOD JEWELLERY** Diamond Setter. For all your jewellery requirements Best prices for old gold. Good discounts for Ulysses members Ph 021 806 833 *Brian Moorwood #2239*

BUSINESSES WE LIKE

LIFESTYLE IMPORTS: For all your motorcycle gear and clothing. Shop online at www.lifestyle-imports.co.nz They have now set up shop at 13 Queen Street Waiuku. Call Florence at 027 262 5287 for opening hours.

CAFES:

Waiomu Beach Cafe - 622 Thames Coast Road. Great coffee and food. Good parking just across the road.

Native Tree Cafe - 7 Church St, Mangatarata (on SH27 about 200 meters south of intersection with SH2). Great food & coffee. Sheltered outdoor seating. Excellent parking off main highway.

Coach Cafe &Takeaways - 37 Seddon Street, Raetihi An excellent stop in the central North Island.

CLUBS:

Manukau Cruising Club offer memberships to Over 65's for $6 and $30 per year for everyone else. A great opportunity to have a spot for a few drinks with friends or to join in with their great entertainments!

Parnell Returned Services Club - 139 Parnell Road, Parnell

We welcome anyone from Ulysses to pop in and enjoy a beer at a reasonable price. We don't have pokies or TAB – but we do have pool tables, dart boards, and a juke box. We are surrounded by some of the best eating places in Auckland including pizza at La Porchetta, local Indian etc - bring the takeaways back to the club - they are virtually next door.

Guests will need to sign the visitors' book, but please consider membership at $30 per calendar year. (This will give reciprocal rights with clubs all over NZ: see https://clubsnz.org.nz/) There is a bike parking space across the road next door to the Windsor. Generally we are open 2pm to at least 9pm daily.

- Paul Edgar # 8897

Please send details of any businesses that treat Ulysses members well to the editor for future inclusion in this list.

MORE ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

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The newsletter is distributed by email on or about the Saturday prior to the monthly meeting. Eleven monthly issues are produced, January being the missing month. **If a printed copy is required the annual subscription will be $30**. Printed newsletter is available for pick-up at the monthly social night at the Manukau Cruising Club. Copies not picked up by hand may be mailed out.

The editor encourages right of reply, correspondence, criticism, and suggestions.

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