



FEBRUARY 2026 Newsletter



CLUB NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2026

Location: Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Drive, Onehunga

Doors open: 6.30pm - Dinner available (from \$16)

Raffles, Prizes, catch up with friends, chat etc.

Welcome to 2026 - from Grant Johnston - Vice President



February 2026

The new year has started with mixed emotions and firstly I would like to extend the Club's deepest condolences to Clive and the family on the passing of Clive's beloved Pat. I didn't get to meet her, but I understand she was well loved by those that knew her. All the best Clive and to your family.

I have been told of many rides over the Christmas and New Year period. I was away in Aussie and had a couple of rides over there. Both the Boxing Day and New Years Day rides went well with those participating enjoying the events.

The first event I was able to attend was the coffee and catch up at the Karaka Store and Café. There was a great turnout and we successfully merged all the tables across the front of the café, allowing some room in front of the door for punters to come and go. The mood was buoyant and people looking forward to the events of 2026, whilst regaling tales from the festive season.

These, coffee and catch ups, always see a good turnout, however the Newbies and Oldies rides, which happen twice a month, only seem to get about half a dozen turn up. Nathan does a great job of organising these rides and would like to see more members attending. The latest Tuesday ride went well, with mixed weather and a variety of bikes, going by, the post on Facebook, it bodes well for future events.

Something else on the calendar is The Auckland AGM at the Club night in March. We could do with some help on the committee, so please come forward. The positions for President and Vice President have been nominated. Both the Treasurer and Secretary positions are covered, however we could do with a Welfare officer.

Well, that's it from me for now, apologies for the lack of photos, hopefully I'll have some for my next article.

See you at the first Club Night being, Wednesday the 4th February.

Grant Johnstone 10808
Auckland Vice President
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February 2026

**Member # 1295
Rosemary Grant 35 years**

**Member # 5028
John Wallbank 25 years**

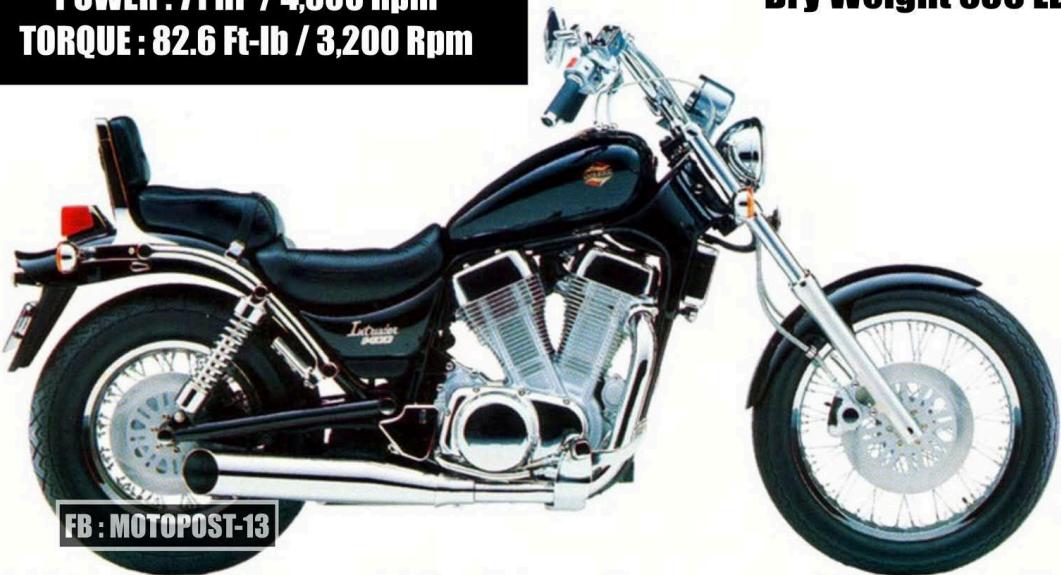
1988 HARLEY SPRINGER SOFTAIL
POWER : 54 HP / 5,000 Rpm
TORQUE : 68 Ft-lb / 3,500 Rpm

1337cc V-Twin
Dry Weight 617 LB



1988 SUZUKI VS1400 GLP INTRUDER
POWER : 71 HP / 4,800 Rpm
TORQUE : 82.6 Ft-lb / 3,200 Rpm

1360cc V-Twin
Dry Weight 536 LB



FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
4 th March 2026	Auckland Branch AGM	Manukau Crusing Club
27 th – 29 th March 2026	National Rally & AGM	Nelson
8 th Aug 2026	Remembrance 2026	Taupo Rotary Club

**** RIDE OF NOTE - SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2026 ****

A couple of years ago I organized a visit to Dream cycles in Kaipara flats. Dream cycles is an Italian bike restoration business. The owner has an amazing collection of classic and rare Italian motorcycles. We had a great morning there and then made our way to a café afterwards.

I have had some requests from people who missed the visit wanting a repeat.

Talking with Mike the owner we have a one off opportunity to do another visit as he will be travelling most of the rest of the year.

This is on Sunday 15th February. This will be a cruise up to the workshop. All welcome
Check out the website to see some of what is there plus a collection of rare race bikes and replica's

If you are interested please make an effort as this may be a one time visit.

Note: we will assemble at the Warehouse Albany on Sunday morning for a departure at 10.00am.

Cheers

Craig Moodie



Ulysses

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Inc Since 1988**



Whether you are an experienced rider, returning to riding or just starting out - No matter your age, gender or style of bike - We are the club for you!

*What makes us different from the basic social media riding groups?
For less than \$1.50 a week, Ulysses members enjoy:*

- Over 20 branches spread across the country, working together to provide interesting riding, rallies and social events to cater to all members' needs.
- A dedicated rider safety training fund that subsidises member's training, first aid courses and safety equipment.
- An annual National Bike Raffle where members have a one in less than 3000 chance to win a new motorbike.
- The *Ulyssian*, our national magazine which contains national and branch news, information about upcoming events and articles of interest to riders.
- Branch and national level long service and recognition awards - Including Odyssey and Life member awards.
- Various member discounts.
- Supporting multiple charities at a national and branch level.
- National level strategic plan initiatives including marketing, networking, member support and coordinated events, provided by an enthusiastic volunteer National committee and paid National Administrator.
- An annual National Rally with fun themes and camaraderie.
- Remembrance Rides to honour fallen members.
- Proudly sponsored by AA Insurance.



National Administrator: 021 072 3636 • admin@ulyses.org.nz



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 Ulysses Club NZ Inc

Contact your local branch for upcoming events and joining information:

1975 SUZUKI GT550
POWER : 48.5 HP / 6,500 Rpm
TORQUE : 42.8 Ft-lb / 5,000 Rpm

2-Stroke 543cc Triple
Dry Weight 441 LB / 200 KG



1975 KAWASAKI H1 500
POWER : 59 HP / 8,000 Rpm
TORQUE : 41.2 Ft-lb / 7,000 Rpm

2-Stroke 498cc Triple
Dry Weight 407 LB / 185 KG



NOTICE OF AGM
ULYSSES CLUB OF NZ INC, AUCKLAND BRANCH

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2026

Location: The Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Drive, Onehunga, Auckland

Date: Wednesday 4th March 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductory Comments
2. Attendees and Apologies
3. Minutes of 37th Branch AGM held on 5th March 2025
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Runs Co-ordinator Report
7. Social Events Report
8. General Business and remits
9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Committee

Note: All Apologies, Remits / items for General Business and Officers and Committee completed Nomination forms -

Please email to: Auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz

or mail to The Secretary, 6 Jackies Place, Pukekohe, Auckland 2120

**Nomination form for Uylsses Club of NZ Incorporated.
Auckland Branch Committee Positions 2026/2027**

Name: Position nominated for:	Ulysses Number:
Nominator:	Ulysses Number:
Seconded:	Ulysses Number:
Nominees Consent Signature: Date:	

ULYSSES CLUB MERCHANDISE

Show your club pride with some of our Ulysses branded merchandise. Decals, Patches, Clothing and Badges all available online.

Click this link to purchase online: [The Ulysses Club of NZ | Club Store](https://www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz/shop)

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 INCLUDE YOU NAME AND ULYSSES # IN THE DETAILS

Job done thanks.

The Calendar and runs list: Live and up to date

We now have a runs list which can be updated live at any time. As new events are organized (or if an event gets cancelled) it will go up live on the website, so please save the link on your phone and/or computer and always check before you leave on a ride to ensure you have the latest information.

<https://www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz/new-runs-list>

If you have any questions with regards to the calendar please contact
Craig Moodie 021 797 487

RIDES AND SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

When attending a Club Ride be at the departure point 10 Minutes early with a **FULL TANK OF FUEL** and an **EMPTY BLADDER**.

If you are not sure if the ride may be cancelled because of inclement weather, check the website or phone the RIC.

Unless the Ride shows '**EXPERIENCED**' beside it, the Ride is for all experience levels and bike types.

RIDE DISTANCE GUIDE

Short - 150kms

Medium - 150-300kms

Long - 300 + kms

Each RIC will carry a Mobile Phone for emergencies. In an emergency use the number listed next to the relevant RIC. If no answer leave a message.

- The Rider in Charge will be organising the day. Contact them for details. All Riders participating in a Ulysses Club Ride are expected to hold a current licence, relevant to the motorcycle that they are riding, wear suitable clothing and have a registered and warranted road-worthy motorcycle.
- Riders are asked to complete the Rider list on the day and give your contact number and that of a contact not taking part in the ride.
- Direct ride related questions to the displayed Runs Co-ordinator / RIC of the day. General questions to Clive Thomas (President) 027 481 2700 .

Sun 1st February

Sunday Ride to Cambridge

RIDE - MEDIUM

Chris is RIC Ph 0210347996. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 3rd February

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

David is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Wed 4th February

CLUB NIGHT – Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Place Onehunga –dinner available from 6.30pm, licensed bar and drinks available, event starts at 7pm, raffles and chat. A great nite of socialising and catching up

Sat 7th February

Littles Newbies & Oldies

RIDE – SHORT

This is a slower paced shorter ride. Ideal for new riders smaller bikes and those who enjoy pleasant cruise with friends. All riders are welcome.

Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342

Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 10th February**TUESDAY EASY RIDERS***RIDE - MEDIUM*

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Thurs 12th February

SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night. New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn. Meet from 6.30pm onwards.

Sat 14th February

Coffee Cakes and Conversation – Ardmore Airfield Cafe- We have heard that the cafe is under new management. Reports have been good. Its time to check it out. 10am onwards. see you there.

Sun 15th February**Sunday Ride to Dream Cycles***MEDIUM Cruise*

Craig is RIC Ph 021797487. Departs The Warehouse Albany at 10.00am.

Dream cycles is a workshop specializing in the restoration of classic Italian motorcycle. The owner has an extensive collection to show us. All welcome. After the visit we will make our way to a cafe.

check them out <https://www.dreamcycles.co.nz/motorcycles>

Tues 17th February**TUESDAY EASY RIDERS***RIDE - MEDIUM*

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Sat 21st February**Littles Newbies & Oldies***RIDE – SHORT*

This is a slower paced shorter ride. Ideal for new riders smaller bikes and those who enjoy pleasant cruise with friends. All riders are welcome.

Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342

Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 24th February - Medium and Long ride options**TUESDAY EASY RIDERS***RIDE - MEDIUM*

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

OPTION for Longer ride*RIDE - LONG*

Our LONGER RIDE is a repeat of our attempt for a ride to Te Kuiti which was rained out on route in October 2025.

Tony is RIC Ph 020 4148 5160.

Departs Bombay Autobarn at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

Today we are going to **explore roads between Cambridge and Te Kuiti**. In order to make this happen within our timeframe, we will tackle the ride a little differently. On leaving Bombay, we will stay on the SH1 Expressway to Huntly.

Thurs 26th February

SOCIAL – Sth Auckland Dinner & Social Night.

Papakura Club [5 Croskery Rd](#) (off Hunua Rd). Questions Chris Ph 021 0347996.
Meet at 6.30pm onwards.

Sun 1st March

Sunday Ride to Kawhia *RIDE - Long* Dave is RIC Ph 0211486831.
Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 3rd March

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS *RIDE - MEDIUM*

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SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night. New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn. Meet from 6.30pm onwards.

Sat 14th March

SOCIAL – Coffee, Cakes & Conversation

Karaka General Store & Café 257 Linwood Road Karaka

Meet at 10.00am, choose your own departure time

Sun 15th March

Sunday Ride

RIDE - MEDIUM

RIC to be confirmed Ph 021797487. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 17th March

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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.ulysessauckland.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.

JUST A REMINDER - RAFFLE DONATIONS

It's not just the committee's job 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 2025

1. Interislander and 2. BLUEBRIDGE [Click Here](#)
3. VTNZ current Ulysses card 31 Dec 2025
4. KIWI FUEL LTD current Ulysses card 0800 438383 or info@kiwifuelcards.co.nz
5. KIWI MOTORCYCLES current Ulysses card Christchurch
6. APEX AUTO CENTRE HAM current Ulysses card
7. TREVOR PIERCE 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
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12. TOP TEN MOTOR CAMPS Join Top Ten Group

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Phone Aaron **027 228 9724**
email aaron@quartersawn.co.nz
Paul B #8082

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.

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



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Socialize over lunch at
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* Weekends away * Dinners and Social Events

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www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz



Your Auckland Committee meets once a month and a record is kept of the meeting, its attendees and any motions and discussions.

If you would like to attend a meeting to present an item for discussion please contact the Branch President - auckland@ulysses.org.nz or 027 481 2700

If anyone would like to see the minutes of a meeting you just need to request such from the Branch Secretary - auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz or 021 844 040

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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.

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