



JUNE 2023 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it's pretty much been the wettest Autumn on record with Auckland receiving 90% of its annual rainfall in the first part of this year. This has meant that many of our ride and events have had to be postponed.

Never-the-less our inaugural "dirty bike ride" headed out with 18 bikes around the Kaipara district covering some lesser-known roads. Other than a broken chain it was a great ride and very successful. Look out for further similar rides in the events Calander. Tuesday riders have been very active and if rained off have sometimes joined the Waikato Ulysses runs on a Thursday. Cool to be part of a national club that has things on all over the place. Keep an eye out for more Social Evenings, always fun with food, a few drinks and catching up with friends. Especially when the weather keeps us off our bikes.

Planning for Remembrance weekend, second weekend in August, is well underway. Many of us will be riding to Taupo and winter riding conditions are invariably more challenging. It's now that I'd suggest you'd be wise to have a once over winter check of your bike and your gear. Tyres, brakes and lights are critical. Here's some food for thought.

Tyres tread depth especially considering riding in rain and needing to pump out water to achieve grip. Tyre pressure, adjusted correctly for best grip. Manufactures tyre pressure recommendations are usually based on a 20-degree Celsius ambient air temperature. This is fine in summer but in winter when the temperature maybe well under 20 you might need to add a little more air. Some people advise dropping pressure. This makes the tyre flex more, heat up and gives a slightly wider contact patch with less water dispersion. Great if you're on a track chasing lap times but on the road at "legalish" speeds..... Modern road

tyres are designed to perform at their best at the recommended pressures.
If you don't do many kms in a year and have the 10 year old OEM tyres still on your bike chances are they might need changing regardless of tread depth as tires perish.

Brakes, check pad thickness and fluid reservoir level. If you have an older high km bike , check the brake disc thickness. With all things brakes, if you're unsure see a qualified technician.

Lights - to see and be seen, pretty straightforward.

Ride safe

Mark.

Auckland Branch President #8668

LONG SERVICE MEDAL THIS MONTH

Congratulations to the following member who will receive their service medal::

#4146 Rob East - 25 years

#7487 Karel Pavich - 15 years

#4123 Terry Ramshaw - 25 years

NEW MEMBER

James Maddox # 10525

NATIONWIDE FUNDRAISING EVENT

4th November 2023

Purchase the merchandise and then tell people you have them for sale. Be proactive and you will be amazed at what you can sell. Lots of people want to support the cyclone event.

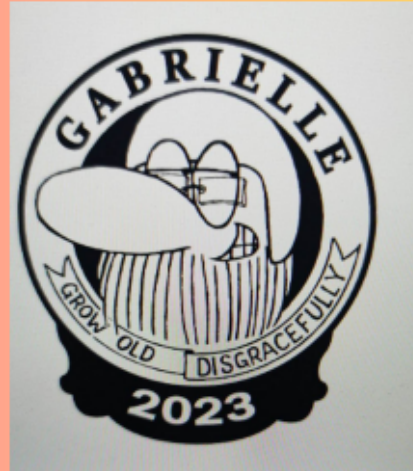
BADGES AND PINS

- DROP OFF AT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTRES
- CAFES & PUBS IN YOUR AREA
- MOTORBIKE SHOPS
- INFORMATION CENTRES
- FACEBOOK COMMUNITY PAGES

You don't have to wait for the 4th Nov, to start selling merchandise. Product is ready for sale now.

**CONTACT ROTORUA ULYSSES
SMILEY M: 021 0266 0528**

PINS



STITCH ON BADGE



Branches **BUY IN**

Pins at \$4.00 SRP \$10.00

Badges at \$7.50 SRP \$14.00

BANK DETAILS :

Rotorua Ulysses Branch

02-0412-032076-00

REF with your branch details

What's been happening

Sun 28th May Dirty Bike Sunday.

What a great day we had. 18 bikes showed up. Fine weather all day. From ablaney we went Riverhead Forrest, waitoki, through to Makarau up to West Coast road, over to Kaipara flats, down to Tauhoa, Wharehine and finished up at Port Albert for lunch of fish and chips. Dave Potter dropped his chain and had to wait for the rescue

trailer. A great day was had exploring the back country roads. Hoping to get a gravel and back country ride in the calendar every month. Next month Waikato through to Raglan on the cards. See below for details.

Cheers

Craig Moodie



Next month

Sun- 2nd July DIRTY BIKE RIDE SOUTH

South from Port Waikato to Raglan harbour with the editor.

Returning to Tuakau bridge via inland roads. There are no suitably placed cafes so **bring lunch.**

Paul is RIC - Phone 021 0296 9786

Departs Bombay Z, 10-00am

<https://goo.gl/maps/dGUc8TvSuotjPMno9>

Sat- 27th May LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES

I looked out the bedroom ranchslider this morning and though eeeehhhh looks a bit shifty. Maybe a couple might turn up.

The day got better quite quickly and when we headed off we had 12 riders 3 x 3 and the rest on 2 wheels. You work it out maths is not my thing.

We headed south of course and went up GSrd to Bombay. As we went past the Z servo I noticed a Guzi with someone with a red paneled jacket and thought mmmm looks familiar. End if thoughts back to watching where I was going.

We went down through Pokeno onto SH1 and off at Island Block to Falls rd. Took the scenic route (didn't see to much as we did run into a bit of fog. Lots really.)and went along Frost rd. More than a couple of riders commented on that part of the ride. Frost has a run of flowing left and right curves that unfold infront of you tempting the twisting of the right had..

It was a newbies and oldies ride so I resisted the temptation as did the others.

Yes we did have a fresh newbie to the club on the ride.

We stopped at public rest facility for the obligatory liquid transfer and it was there I realized we now had 13 on the ride..

The rider at the Z at Bombay recognized us and joined. He was made welcome having not seen him for a while..

We headed off again to have a very nice repast at Hopin Stopin.

After much chit chat and back patting we headed off and made our way home in several groups.

Thanks John Leith for being our TEC.

Thanks Jane for popping down to say hi.

Another damn good day riding.

Thanks for your company ladies and gents.

David Tantrum



Tuesday Ride

16th May

On today's ride we had 4x 3 wheelers and 5 x bikes.

Pedro's outing on his T120 side car.

Looks the bomb. I really like the retro style of the chair.

After much looking and some touching we mounted our chosen steeds and did a follow the leader south to Morrinsville.

Was nice and warm in the sun but got a bit nippy when we ducked into some fog.

Some picniced and some went to Ronnie's for lunch.

On the way home 2 x went via the expressway and the rest some other way.

Great to get out for a run.

Thanks John for being TEC.

See ya'll next Tuesday. 🏍️

David Tantrum

MEMBERS DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Interislander "XJULY1" 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.



- * 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 INCLUDE YOU NAME AND ULYSSES # IN THE DETAILS

Job done thanks.

**ULYSSES AUCKLAND
RUNS AND SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR**

Mid winter lunch at Craig and Raewyn's

Every year Auckland and North harbour branches get together for a mid winter lunch at our place. We generally have about 70 people show up and have a great afternoon of eating and socialising.

As part of my new role as National Vice president I would like to extend the invitation to Ulyssians in general. If you are up in Auckland and want to join us you are more than welcome.



Craig and Raewyn Moodie in conjunction with the Auckland Branch invite Ulyssians to attend a mid winter lunch at their place.

July 1st 12 noon

Come and enjoy an afternoon with great food and company.

DETAILS:

- 11:30am start lunch starts 12:30 ish
- Address: 278 Matua Road, Kumeu (turn right past 2 storey white house, heaps of parking)
- Meat, tea and coffee provided for a koha, BYO drink
- For those that can, bring either nibbles or salad or dessert to help out.
- Text Raewyn 021797427 or Email vice.p@ulysses.org.nz to RSVP
See you there.



North Island Remembrance Service

**Saturday 12 August 2023, 2:00 pm at Great Lake Centre, Taupo
(Tongariro North Domain, Story Place, Taupō)**

Ulysses Auckland Branch, in association with Ulysses Taupō Branch, invite all Ulyssians to come together at our annual Remembrance Service and remember members who have passed away.

If you intend staying in Taupō, please make your own accommodation arrangements.

Evening meals are available at the Taupō Cosmopolitan Club.

An organized social even is intended for the Saturday evening. Once planning is finalized, details will be available on the Auckland Ulysses website.

Badges and Patches will be sold on the day, both at the morning organized Taupō ride and at the venue. Hot drinks and biscuits will be available in the main foyer on your arrival in the afternoon. A donation will be appreciated.

The Remembrance Service starts at 2pm, please be early so you can be seated in the hall before that time.

A group ride on Friday 11 August from Auckland to Taupō is being planned.

A formal ride of respect through Taupō will be held on the day of the service. All ride details

will be available in the Newsletter and website closer to the event.

Please plan and keep the weekend of the 12-13 August 2023 marked for this enduring annual event.

For questions, please contact

Auckland Branch President Mark Benton, or Peggy O'Neal.

Please also keep visiting our website www.auckland.ulysses.org.nz for further information.

To help you book your branch Remembrance Service calendars in the future, the North Island Remembrance Service is in Taupō every second Saturday of August.

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 organising the day. Contact them for details. All riders participating in a Ulysses Ride are expected to hold a current motorcycle license and to have a registered and warranted road-worthy motorcycle. All riders are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all road Rules.

**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**



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Tuesday Rides

June 6, 13, 20 27 July 4, 11, 18, 25

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- 4th June SOUTH WITH TONY KAY MEDIUM

Come and find out where Tony is going to take us!!
Tony is RIC - Phone 020-414-85160
Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Mon- 5th June CLUB NIGHT, CRUISING CLUB

Tue- 6th June MIDWEEK FORAY

Thu- 8th Jun WEST AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Sat- 10th Jun LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES SHORT

David is RIC - Phone or 021-901-274
Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sun- 11th Jun MANUKAU HEADS WITH VANCE MEDIUM

Vance is RIC - Phone 09 278 7229 or 021 023 83498
Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 13th June MIDWEEK FORAY

Sat- 17th Jun 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- 18th Jun CAMBRIDGE WITH CHRIS MEDIUM

Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996
Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 20th June MIDWEEK FORAY

Sun- 25th Jun NORTH WITH BRIAN SHORT

Note the later start time 10-30am.

Brian is RIC - Phone 09 849 3263 or 021 806 833

Departs Warehouse Cvrdr Car park, Albany 10-30am

Tue- 27th June MIDWEEK FORAY**Thu- 29th Jun SOUTH AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT**

Papakura Club,5 Croskery Rd,off Hunua Rd.

Contact Chris 092891702 or 0210347996.

Sat- 1st Jul SATURDAY CRUISE TO CRAIG & RAEWYN'S PICNIC VERY SHORT

Meet at the cruising club from 10.30am for an 11.00am sharp Anyone departure to cruise up to Craig & Raewyn's place at 278 Matua Road, Huapai for a get together. BBQ lunch, tea and coffee will be provided for a Koha.

Pick your own RIC on the day.

Manukau Cruising Club, Onehunga 10.30 am.

Sun- 2nd Jul DIRTY BIKE RIDE SOUTH WITH THE EDITOR MEDIUM

Please note NO Café. So please bring your own Lunch.

Plenty of gravel roads so you will want to be comfortable with this.

Paul is RIC- 021-0296-9786

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Mon- 3rd Jul CLUB NIGHT, CRUISING CLUB**Tue- 4th Jul MIDWEEK FORAY****Sat- 8th Jul LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES SHORT**

David is RIC - Phone or 021-901-274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sun- 9th Jul WAIHI WITH CHRIS LONG Anyone

Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 11th Jul MIDWEEK FORAY**Thu- 13th Jul WEST AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT****Sun- 16th Jul PICK YOUR R.I.C.AND DESTINATION ON THE DAY MEDIUM**

PICK YOUR OWN R.I.C.

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 18th Jul MIDWEEK FORAY

Sat- 22nd Jul COFFEE, CAKES AND CONVERSATION - EAST

Back to Lime Tree Café

Meet at 10:00am for a coffee and chat, choose your own departure time.

Lime Tree Café. Whitford\

Sun- 23rd Jul CORO LOOP WITH DAVE LONG Anyone

Dave is RIC - Phone or 021-148-6831

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 25th Jul MIDWEEK FORAY**Thu- 27th Jul SOUTH AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT**

Papakura Club,5 Croskery Rd,off Hunua Rd.

Contact Chris 092891702 or 0210347996.

Sun- 30th Jul A DIRTY BIKE RIDE NORTH WITH CRAIG MEDIUM

Maybe another Dirty bike ride North with Craig

Craig is RIC - Phone 021 797 487 or 021 797 487

Departs Warehouse Cvrdr Car park, Albany 10-00am

Tue- 1st Aug MIDWEEK FORAY**Sat- 5th Aug LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES SHORT**

David is RIC - Phone or 021-901-274 Anyone

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sun- 6th Aug OTOROHANGA WITH CHRIS LONG Anyone

Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Mon- 7th Aug CLUB NIGHT, CRUISING CLUB**Fri- 11th Aug REMEMBRANCE WITH CHRIS - MORNING RUN LONG**

Early start 09-00am

Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996

Departs Bombay Z 09-00am

CLUB NIGHT MEETING AND SOCIAL EVENING. Starts at approx. 6-30pm. Dinner Tea & Coffee are available at all venues. Name badges must be worn. Visitors Welcome.Venue; Manukau Cruising Club. Orpheus PI, Onehunga. 1st Monday of each month

WEST AUCKLAND SOCIAL EVENING; Venue -New Lynn RSA. 2 Veronica St, New Lynn

SOUTH AUCKLAND SOCIAL EVENING; Venue - RSA Papakura, Elliott Street, Papakura

PUKEKOHE SOCIAL EVENING; Venue-Downstairs Bar,Ed Street Bar,27 Edinburgh Street Pukekohe.

Committee Meetings are held at 7:00pm on the second Monday of each month at The Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Road, Onehunga

"After Match Function" means an organized group ride returning back to a venue.

Rally Entry Forms etc. are available on Club Nights.

Club Night Meeting Monday 3rd July

Held at Manukau Cruising Club on the
1st Monday of the Month.

Meals available from 6:00pm and meeting starts at **7:30pm**



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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

1. Interislander "XULY1" 15 Dec 2023
2. BLUEBRIDGE "ULYSSES10" 31 Oct 2023
3. VTNZ current Ulysses card 31 Dec 2023
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
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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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MEMBERS' FREE ADS

<p>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 quartersawn Phone Aaron 027 228 9724 email aaron@quartersawn.co.nz Paul B #8082</p>	<p><i>These adverts are for Ulysses Auckland members only and are free of charge. Email the Editor. Support your fellow members.</i></p>
<p>LEATHERLAND NZ Repairs for leatherwear 5% - 10% discount for Ulysses members with ID. Text 021 0825 9168 - do not phone or leave a message (Dominion Road shop not currently open) <i>John Davidson #7823</i></p>	

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.



ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is freely available to any non-members who wishes to subscribe. Members receive it automatically. Feel free to forward this on to anyone who may be interested. To subscribe email the editor.

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