



JUNE 2024 Newsletter

MONTHLY MEETING DAY CHANGE

TO ALL AUCKLAND MEMBERS

Your committee requested and received feedback to the proposal our branch social night be moved.

This notification is advising, starting from July, branch social nights will now be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you

Committee of Ulysses NZ – Auckland branch

Presidents Report

Well here we are again the days are getting a bit colder but we are still having nice fine weather good for riding which we seem to doing .our rides look like they are being well attended thank you members .At our last meeting we had a few long service medals to give out Congratulations to John Leith 30 yrs Bob Leeper 25 yrs Ian Methven 15 yrs and Lynette Leeper 10 yrs Good on you folk it,s members like you that make our club what it is today .We have a social event On 20th july consisting of a evening dinner followed by a movie at Ryders Cinema & Restaurant [177 Riversdale Rd Avondale](#) Please make a Massive effort to attend this event as we need a good number to come Bring your own beverage and movie sweets Invitation to North Harbour is out there This event is open to your family so drag them along Gonna close now keep cool stay upright not like I nearly was couple of weeks ago ??/? Thank You

Neville Kerr #4658

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What Has Been Happening

For the latest click on this link [Ulysses Auckland Facebook Page](#)

Coming up! Don't miss this one!

Saturday 20th July
Movie and Roast dinner
Club Night Social
Register Now (numbers limited)



We have a great night in July so come along. This is open to all Ulysses Auckland & North Harbour members, our family and friends.

We have organised a dinner and a movie night at JC Ryders Cinema (was Westwind Cinema). Details are as follows:

TIME: 5.30pm arrival - 9.30pm departure

PLACE: Ryders Cinema & Restaurant,
177 Riversdale Road, Avondale

COST: \$45.00 PER PERSON

Please pay by direct credit into the Ulysses Auckland branch account with **MOVIE** and your **NAME** as the references:
03-0296-0046891-000 or pay cash at our June or July club night to Sheryl.

WHAT TO BRING: Your own beverages and movie treats.

The dinner consists of:

Beef and Chicken. Their meats are slow cooked the old-fashioned way in their coal range. The result is an incredibly tender and flavoursome meat. Served with • Their Famous Crispy Roast Potatoes • Roast Kumara • Roast Pumpkin • Mixed

Vegetables and gluten free gravy.

Optional Extra's available • Ice cream cone - \$5 per person

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE 'RYDERS':

We ask that you bear in mind that Ryder's is our family home, so certain areas are private and allow no admittance. Strictly No smoking in any indoor area. Please ask to be directed to designated smoking area. Please be respectful of our neighbours and consider them when leaving the premises e.g. no loud and excessive car tooting as you vacate the property. 24-hour security cameras on the property.

PLEASE NOTE: The Dining Room area holds 50 seats with an additional 30 in the outside covered area. The Cinema holds 64. So let Sheryl know how many seats you want for you &/or your group as once they're taken that's it. BOOKINGS MUST BE IN BY JULY CLUB NIGHT.

See you there

Sheryl Boyd

VICE-PRESIDENT

ULYSSES NZ – AUCKLAND BRANCH

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**Saturday 10 August 2024, 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 on staying in Taupō, please make your own accommodation arrangements. Evening meals are available at the Taupō Cosmopolitan Club. An organized social event 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 may be planned on Friday 9 August from Auckland to Taupō. Visit our website www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz for updates on this.

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 10-11 August 2024 marked for this enduring annual event.

For questions, please contact Auckland Branch President Neville Kerr, or Peggy O'Neal. Please also keep visiting our website www.ulyssesauckland.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.

Editors Note:

Below is Craig Moodie's report from this months Ulyssian. While most of you have probably read it I would recommend it to anyone that has not.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CRAIG MOODIE #8602



**Turning differences into
unity rather than Division.**

**As a club we are a varied bunch of people held together by our
interest and passion for motorcycles.**

**I am proud to be a part of this awesome bunch of people
and I'm committed to preserving what makes us special.**

Let's celebrate the good times riding and socializing and belonging to a great group.

We have members who enjoy one or many of the following things:

We like to ride long distances, short distances, different speeds, highways, byways, off-road, gravel, long tours, adventure camping, drag racing, track days, and the list goes on.

Some members ride and don't go to branch meeting nights.

Some go to branch meeting nights and don't ride much.

Some do most things that are happening, and some only occasionally join in.

Some enjoy a beer, and some don't drink.

Some like going to social events, and some don't.

Some no longer ride for various reasons but appreciate belonging to the club.

We have people of various ages, sexes and interests. Creating an environment where everyone is welcome is the recipe for a thriving branch.

Yes, we all have an interest in motorcycles but we have a wide range of other interests, opinions and backgrounds. So how do we bring everyone together and have a good time?

To have something that

pleases everyone is a big ask and we will never get it right for everyone.

In my time as Auckland branch president, Raewyn and I made it our top priority to make everyone welcome without judgment.

As Auckland branch president and now on Natcom I have seen how differences can turn into conflict, and if it carries on, it can lead to division.

The purpose of this article is aimed at giving some suggestions that can help turn these situations around and make them into something positive.

In order to create unity we must welcome different ideas and interests. Let me explain with a fictional illustration.

Suppose we have a runs co-ordinator that puts on great rides which are generally about 250km, and the pace is such that it suits more experienced riders who maintain a steady speed with very few stops. They corner efficiently and therefore cover the distance quite quickly. This will attract riders with similar interest and style. This style of ride then drops into the regular format.

Unfortunately there are also new riders who are learning the skills, older riders who would prefer to cruise at a more sedate pace, riders who love putting around on their scooters, riders who love exploring back country trails, like doing ultra long rides, like multi day tours etc etc etc.

What we need to do is turn these differences into a good and positive thing. Rather than relying on the runs co-ordinator to come up with something for everyone, we should turn this around and encourage those people with different interests to get out there and put together a ride/event which suits their interests and let everyone know they are welcome to join in. The role of the runs co-ordinator should be to co-ordinate the runs, i.e. manage the calendar to avoid timetable clashes and let everyone know what is happening.

Having a good turn out should not always be the measure of success but rather whether you had a good time. Keeping everyone informed as to what's happening and how it went adds to the fabric of the branch.

This same principle should

also be applied to all the activities happening within the branch. Rather than having a runs co-ordinator, the role needs to be expanded to calendar co-ordinator.

We all naturally tend to gather into groups of common interest and catch up with our mates etc. This is quite often evident at branch meeting nights. To some people, especially new members this can be seen as a bit of a clique. Most of the time this is not the case. We all need to put forward an effort to make people feel welcome and if you are organising a bit of a gathering of Ulyssian friends, consider opening it up by putting it on the calendar e.g. an open invitation to come around on a Saturday night for a BBQ or meeting up at the pub on a Friday night. You may not get extra takers but it adds to what is going on in the branch.

New Guard vs Old Guard syndrome:

This often comes up as an issue. On one side the older members hold onto the traditions and the way things have always been done, and the new guard see a need to change things up to revitalize the

club and make it more attractive to new and prospective members.

Both positions are valid and important to the life of the club. Achieving a balance is key here. Our history, our culture, our heritage and our older members are vitally important to the ongoing success of our club. On the other hand making changes to ensure our future is also an essential part of moving forward.

What we have to avoid is digging trenches and lobbing grenades at each other. There is room in the fabric of our club for both aspects to co-exist and work together to create an environment where our heritage is honoured and we have a programme that offers options for everyone to be a part of it.

Bullet points for creating a

culture that people want to be part of:

- Don't lose sight of the bigger picture. We are a social club of people with a common interest in motorcycles.
- Be proud of who we are.
- Make an effort to create an environment where everyone is welcome.
- If you don't like what is on offer and want something else, think about offering to get in there and make it happen.
- If you are in leadership, welcome anything that adds to the fabric of the club.
- Don't hold onto grudges, life is too short for that. And you look better with your nose still attached.
- Don't try and force people to do things your way.
- Be tolerant of other people's opinions

• Support those who are volunteering their time to help run the club.

• Don't criticise without being prepared to step up and help.

• Choose your battles wisely. Take a 'chill pill', stop and think about it. Does it really matter? Is it trivial and is it really worth creating a big fuss about? Will your actions damage the club? If you are prepared to destroy the club to get your own way then you should question whether or not you are actually a Ulyssian and do the honourable thing.

• If you don't like the leadership, suck it up and get on with joining in with what is happening. Later on you can always put your hand up to have a go at the next AGM.

• If you are considering volunteering for the

leadership of your branch, check your motives first. You should be there because you want to serve to create a better club and not for any reasons of control, power or self-importance.

*You may say
I'm a dreamer
but I'm not the
only one. I hope
someday you will
join in and the
branch will have
more fun.*

*(My apologies to John for
butchering his lyrics)*

Hope this helps.

Cheers,

CRAIG MOODIE #8602
National Vice President



MEMBERS DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Interislander "XUlysses1"

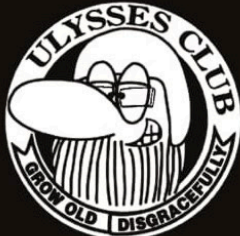
BLUEBRIDGE "ULYSSES10" 31 Oct 2024

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.



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**Join other
Motorcycle Enthusiasts.
Enjoy riding our country roads.
Socialize over lunch at
many great cafes**



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

For more information go to our website:
[www. ulyssesauckland.org.nz](http://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.





Venue: Okataina Education and Recreation Camp, Okataina Rd, Rotorua

\$95.00 per person includes: Bunk room or campsite, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast, tea/coffee, and home baking. *Registrations close 20 May 2024.*
 Note: No BYO (a cash bar will be available), no pets allowed, and sorry, but we can not cater for any special dietary needs. Rally badge can be ordered for \$15.00 below.

Name: _____	Ulysses Membership #: _____
Pillion: _____	Ulysses Membership #: _____
Email: _____	
Phone: _____	Rally badge (\$15.00) <input type="checkbox"/>

I agree to follow all rules and regulations set by the rally organizers, and will not hold them responsible for any harm or loss that may occur during my participation in the event, or while traveling to and from the event.

Rider Signature: _____	Pillion Signature: _____
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Please email the completed form to: rotorua.sec@ulysses.org.nz. A confirmation email will be sent once the payment and registration form are received.

Direct credit to 02-0412-0032076-00. Please put "your name" as particulars, your "Ulysses Membership No" as code and "Rally2024" as reference.

Queries to 021 026 60528 or 020 408 80205.

**AS I WATCHED THE DOG
CHASING HIS TAIL,
I THOUGHT DOGS ARE
EASILY AMUSED.
THEN I REALIZED I WAS
WATCHING THE DOG CHASE
HIS TAIL.**

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 Neville Kerr (President) or Secretary auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz

RUNS AND SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat- 8th Jun

LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES SHORT

David is RIC - Phone or 021-901-274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sun- 9th Jun

WAIHI WITH VANCE MEDIUM

Vance is RIC - Phone 09 278 7229 or 021 023 83498

Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 11th Jun

OLD FARTS MIDWEEK FORAY

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-30am

Thu- 13th Jun WEST AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Sat- 15th Jun

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- 16th Jun

MYSTERY RIDE WITH CHRIS MEDIUM

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

Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 18th Jun

OLD FARTS MIDWEEK FORAY

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-30am

Sun- 23rd Jun**ROTORUA WITH DAVE POTTER LONG**

Dave is RIC - Phone or 021-148-6831

Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 25th Jun**OLD FARTS MIDWEEK FORAY**

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-30am

Thu- 27th Jun**SOUTH AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT**Papakura Club, [5 Croskery Rd](#), off Hunua Rd.

Contact Chris 092891702 or 0210347996.

Sun- 30th Jun**TAURANGA WITH ROCKY LONG**

Rocky is RIC - Phone or 021 204 8159

Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Saturday 20 July**Movie and Roast Dinner - Club Night Social**

This is open to all Ulysses Auckland & North Harbour members, our family and friends. We have organised a dinner and a movie night at JC Ryders Cinema (was Westwind Cinema). Details are as follows: TIME: 5.30pm arrival - 9.30pm departure
 PLACE: Ryders Cinema & Restaurant, [177 Riversdale Road, Avondale](#) COST: \$45.00 PER PERSON Please pay by direct credit into the Ulysses Auckland branch account with MOVIE and your NAME as the references: 03-0296-0046891-000 or pay cash at our June or July club night to Sheryl. WHAT TO BRING: Your own beverages and movie treats. The dinner will be beef and chicken.

Date: Sat 20 Jul 2024

Time: 05:30 PM - 09:30 PM

WED- 3rd Jul**CLUB NIGHT, CRUISING CLUB****Please note change of day!****Club Night Meeting Wednesday 3rd July**

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

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



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.

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
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
11. ASURE ACCOMM GROUP Join Azure Group
12. TOP TEN MOTOR CAMPS Join Top Ten Group

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NEW EDITOR REQUIRED

This year a new newsletter editor will be required. If you are comfortable using your laptop or PC, are ok with spending a few hours learning a new piece of software (Mailchimp), and can spare a couple of hours at the end of each month then the newsletter editor is just the job for you. If you

have ever fancied yourself as a bit of a moto journalist then even better. Make yourself know to the editor, president, or vice president and we will get you underway.

MEMBERS' FREE ADS

<p>QUARTERSAWN Custom Wood Creations</p> <p>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>

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.

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.

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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