



JUNE 2025 Newsletter



CLUB NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE

Location: Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Drive, Onehunga

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

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



President's Report

Hi folks and welcome to the June edition of my ramblings. First off I would like to say a huge thank you to Chris Moller for doing a great job and his dedication over the last 17 years as our runs coordinator. Don't worry folks until we find another person to take on the roll Craig Moody has stepped in and created an interactive calendar to keep everyone

informed of the upcoming rides. Thank you Craig so far it looks great. Because the subject of Facebook and who can join it has come up several time lately I will give an explanation that I hope everyone will be able to understand. Every member of this wonderful club of ours joins the Ulysses Club of NZ Inc. Then you are deemed to be a member of the branch whose boundaries you reside in. As far as the Auckland Facebook page goes any financial member of the club can join not just Auckland members. This is a reciprocal thing with other branches so you can join their page as they can join ours. If you want to join any page please remember when you make the friend request to add your name and your Ulysses number so it can be checked that you are a financial member. Please remember these are private pages for a reason, we don't want to be getting hit with a load of spam, we just want to read stuff that is of interest to the members. Because we are looking at ways we can attract new members we are looking at the possibility of starting a second Auckland Facebook page that would be open to the public so anyone can see some of the activities that Auckland members have been up to. Neville has organized another get together Onehunga RSA on Wednesday 18th June for dinner and socialising. On the 28th June we have a BBQ at Craig and Raewyn's place in Kumeu, Meat is supplied but please bring a salad or desert. Please remember this is your Branch and if you have any ideas that can help us move forward and grow then please drop me line but if you do not like putting pen to paper then a phone call will do as I am always willing to listen. Ph 5354579 or 0274812700

.Cheers

Clive Thomas # 2383
Auckland President

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to:
Peter Woodfield # 8081 - 15 years in March 2025

**SOCIAL GET TOGETHER - ONEHUNGA RSA WEDNESDAY
18TH JUNE
7.00pm**

Dinner available, bar and normal RSA facilities. Come along for a chat, meal and good night out.

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Name Claudia Wilson #10221

Role on Committee Committee member

Year of Birth and Born 1963 in Aarau, Switzerland

First Job Secretary Apprenticeship with Jura Cement Fabriken (now Holcim) in 1979

Current role Stocktaker at Mitre10 Mega Takanini

First bike Honda XL 125cc in 1979



1979 Honda XL125cc - 12.5hp at 10,000rpm, 5 speed, 106kg

When I started riding, you were not allowed more than 125cc. The bike had to be registered for 2 years after you had passed the riding test (A1 license). I only rode it to commute.

As soon as I had my learner's licence for over 125cc I bought a Honda CB 750 Four (1976) which was turned into a "race bike" with short handle bars and other custom made parts. I really love the sound of this bike, still. When I did the test ride for the full licence, I had a Honda VF750 because the expert would ride pillion and the CB was solo only (insurance was cheaper if your bike was registered for one person only).

Because of pain in both my wrists I decided to change back to a bike where I could sit upright. The Honda XL 600 Paris Dakar (1984) seemed to be perfect even though much slower than the 750cc (only on the straights).



Later the XL for two 17" rims like the XR 650 which made it noticeably easier to ride on the twisty passes in Switzerland.



Then Honda brought out a fun bike, the FMX 650 and this became my next ride. She stays at my sons place in Switzerland and I can go for a ride when I visit him.



When I came to NZ to meet friends in Te Puke and to travel the Sth Island in 2016, all the campervans were gone, so I decided on to tour on a bike instead and bought the BMW F800 ST. What a fantastic bike for travelling on tar seal!. I thanked every campervan driver I overtook on that trip!

On this trip I met my current husband, who was travelling the Sth Island at the same time.



There are so many beautiful places in New Zealand where you only can get to on gravel roads which meant that I needed a different bike. Soon I had the opportunity to buy a Kawasaki KLR 650 (2019). I found myself happily back on an enduro. 2020 and 2022 I finished the TT2000 on the KLR.



My current bike is a Yamaha Tenere 700 (2022).

My husband and I had to wait for 9 months for the bikes after we ordered them (Covid). Because I felt uncomfortable on loose ground I lowered the suspension and then also needed a shorter side stand which a friend custom made for me. I'm very happy with the T7 and I hope to be able to travel around Australia on it sometime in the future.

What I enjoy about the Ulysses Club is the meetings, rallies etc where I found new friends and meet interesting people every time.

Claudia



North Island Remembrance Service

YES, ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL, this year Saturday 16th of August 2025

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

If you intend to stay in Taupo, please make your own accommodation arrangements.

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

Badges and embroidered cloth badges will be sold on the day, both at the morning organized Taupo 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 formal ride of respect through Taupo will be held on the day of the service. All ride details will be available in the Branch Newsletters and websites closer to the event.

Any questions, please contact: Auckland Branch President auckland@ulysses.org.nz or Peggy O'Neal at remembrance@ulysses.org.nz.

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

[Ulysses Club - Auckland Branch \(ulyssesauckland.org.nz\)](http://www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz)

Bob and his wife started dieting a week ago.

Bob's wife proposed that they should have a cheat day today.

She brought home McDonald's and KFC wings. Bob brought home his secretary.

From his hospital bed, Bob is wondering when men will ever begin to understand women.



Why would you want a Trike or a sidecar on your bike?

The advantages and disadvantages

by member Tony Kay, owner / rider of both variants

To open this dialogue, the starting consideration is that although there are many visual similarities, riding a bike, a trike or driving (which is often used as the correct term) a bike with a sidecar, are each very different and each require different knowledge and ability to ride safely. In the following, I will exclude the inclusion of reverse trikes - those are the trikes with two front wheels and the drive wheel at the back, other than to say this: try to follow one with a keen rider in the seat and you will find out how stable and fast they are. They are also in NZ, the most popular of all three wheelers and these days seen everywhere. Like the Morgan three-wheeler, which also is not included here, the Canam reverse trike is legally defined in NZ as a car and registered for use as such. The saving on annual registration cost is immediately obvious.

The question I was asked – why would you want a trike or a sidecar, in my mind doesn't have an answer to produce strong argument. My own reason for having both and not riding a solo, came about through one of perceived safety, and that point is simply one of size. The increase footprint and therefore, the hope that I am more visible. For others, there is the often-cited position that neither a trike nor a bike and sidecar fall over when stationary. The question I was asked – why would you want a trike or a sidecar, in my mind doesn't have an answer to produce strong argument. My own reason for having both and not riding a solo, came about through one of perceived safety, and that point is simply one of size. The increase footprint and therefore, the hope that I am more visible. For others, there is

the often-cited position that neither a trike nor a bike and sidecar fall over when stationary.



So, what is it like to ride a trike of conventional configuration. Like many questions, the first response is "that depends". The dependency is on whether the trike has a differential or does not. I am yet to see a kit trike or a bespoke built trike that does not have a differential. The forerunner to the recent and current range of Harley trikes, the Harley ServiCar, which remains HD's longest running model built (1932 to 1973), does have a differential. The modern range of Harley trikes does not have a differential and therein lies a critical difference. The modern range has a cush drive system that allows for individual rear wheels to be turned when stationary and changes to a near locked axle when underway. You could speculate that these trikes in the minds of the HD designers, were built for US freeway cruising. I've even read forum comments ex the USA, of them being dangerous as they do not go around corners. To those (likely former) riders, I would say they simply don't understand the technique required to ride them. The critical understanding and the skill development required is that the difference between a freeway and most of NZ's roads, is we have corners, bends, and curves in the horizontal plain and often affected by vertical change as well. The Harley trike underway provides the rider with massive understeer (that is, they want to go straight ahead on a corner). They are neutral in this regard, not discerning between turning left or turning right. It is the understanding of this understeer that will allow you to love or hate riding a Harley trike. The successful achievement of cornering becomes familiar at this point to most solo riders; approach the bend in a gear where you are able to get the power on, enter slower than you want to exit, increase the power once the exit point is seen or determined and power your way to the exit. There's the other obvious input needed on a trike. They don't lean, so you can't counter steer. Some movement left or right of the bars is always needed to steer a trike anywhere. In our NZ curve undertaking, in my mind, steering is the more minimal input. The order being, correct entry position, correct gear, right place in the power band followed by pressure on the bars, which is normally more push than pull. Get the entry position, the gear or power level wrong and steering quickly moves to being the most important but least effective input.



Onto sidecars. These have various descriptions; a rig, a hack, a bit on the side and the sidecar itself, described as a chair, a tub, a car, etc.

Sidecars, like a trike, can have issues in getting around a bend. Unlike the trike, which behaves the same when turning left or right, a sidecar reacts differently when turning left or turning right. This reaction is complicated by whether the sidecar is mounted on the left or on the right of the bike. The mounting left side or right side comes about from driving on which side of the road the rig was built for. NZ, Oz, Japan, South Africa and UK, where we drive on the left have the sidecar mounted on the LHS. Where the driving position is on the right side of the road, the sidecar is mounted on the right. Both options are presently legal in NZ.

The success of driving a sidecar is first reliant on the 'rig' being setup correctly. There's no one exact model to set up a rig, only a set of parameters that the setup must fall within.

These are lead (the distance of the sidecar wheel forward of the rear wheel of the bike, the degree of lean of the bike away from the sidecar (to account for the typical camber of the roads you will likely drive on), and toe-in of the sidecar wheel relative to the longitudinal centreline of the bike. As for a car, get the toe-in out of spec and the rig doesn't steer well and tyre wear is increased. Setup is accomplished statically on a level solid floor with the suspensions maintained compressed throughout setup. This is to replicate the weight of the rider and passenger, tools etc. that the rig will be typically carrying. Other than lead, which becomes fixed, setup is never a straightforward process as one adjustment affects the other. As sidecars are attached to the bike by either four or five adjustable struts, setup is a process of following a rotational pattern to arrive at the setup required. Once accomplished, the setup should provide an outcome where the rig will accelerate and brake close to a straight line and without uncontrollable steering shake. This last point is relative to whether or not you have achieved the correct trail (the relationship at ground level between the steering head angle and the front axle position). In general, a shorter trail will be required than the manufacturer of the bike has provided you with.

Arriving at the correct setup you are ready for a ride. After very quickly realising that counter steering is no longer an option to get around a bend, the next surprise should be that the rig drives asymmetrically. Turning towards the chair, as a minimum, tends to lift the wheel of the sidecar off the road. Push it further and the sidecar wheel will be off the ground. At this time, should fear take over, you will slacken off the throttle and the rig will drop the sidecar wheel and straight up in the line of steering. At this time, fear will definitely be evident as you will be heading into the on-coming traffic lane. Turning away from the chair is far less dramatic and you can get through these bends at your speed.

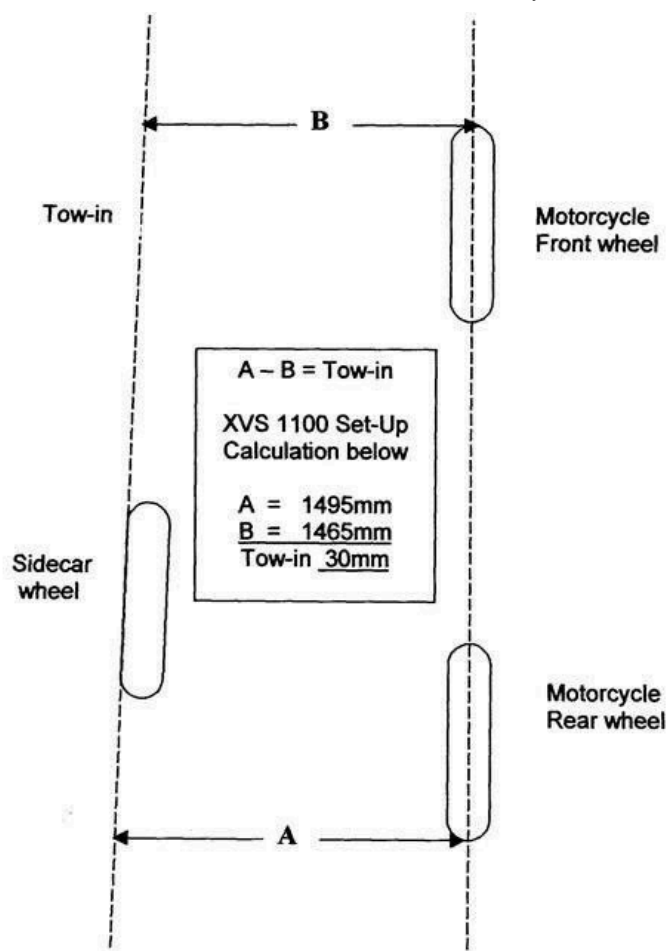
There are options for the left turn (with LH mounted sidecar). Putting weight in the sidecar is the most common. If your fitness allows, riding as if you were in a small sailing dinghy, i.e. moving your body weight towards the sidecar, provides you with a variable amount of weight shift to suit each curve you wish to attack. The turn towards the chair can be comfortably mastered.

Like the trike, physical work is required to steer the rig. It will not go left or right without you turning the bars. This is another indicator of correct setup. Wrongly setup, you will physically ache.

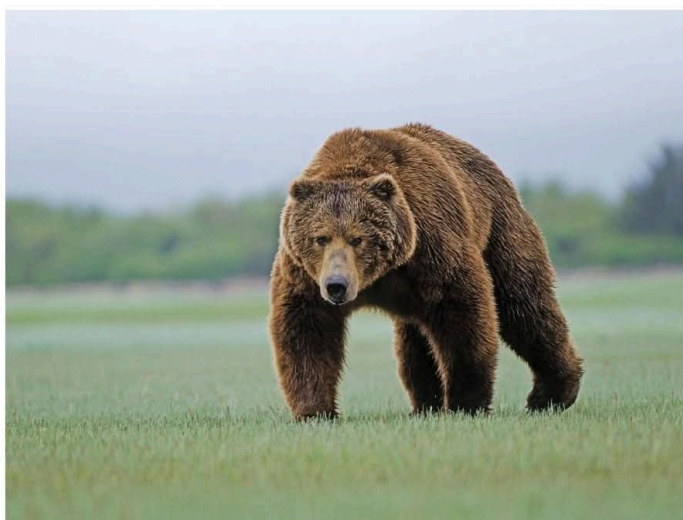
Once you have your rig setup correctly and mastered the uniqueness of driving it, you will realise your achievement. You will be in a place of having acquired riding skills that not many others have (and perhaps do not want). The same can be said for a trike without a differential.

In NZ, building and operating a trike or a sidecar rig has one regulatory disadvantage. Such builds or modifications require each to be complied and certified by the LVVTA (Low Volume Vehicle Technical Authority) which is a subset of NZTA. In NZ, it is not as for the USA, for example, which you can simply get on with your build and generally, that's legal. In NZ, the technical requirements to be legally compliant are demanding. So, if you are intending to own and get a WOF for your rig or trike, ensure you understand the compliance issue.

Tony K



Man survives a Kodiak bear attack with just a .22 pistol



The friend he shot in the knee was not as lucky.

DID YOU HEAR THERE'S BEEN A
BIG CHANGE OVER AT ULYSSES?!

**OVER 18 & LIKE MOTORCYCLES?
JOIN THE ULYSSES CLUB!**

**With branches all over Aotearoa NZ, you are never far
from other motorbike riders of all ages - no matter what
brand you ride (or even if you don't ride).**

Our branches organise social events, group rides,
fundraising events, training and more!
Join us and you'll see that there's lots to do and fun to have
- for beginners and more experienced riders alike.

**To join, head to our website or email the Club administrator
admin@ulysses.org.nz and join over 2500 members who are
out riding and having a great time!**

www.ulysses.org.nz



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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.ulysses.org.nz/club-store)

MEMBERS DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

There have been changes to the Interislander and Bluebridge discounts.

[Click here for the new details.](#)

Re the Interislander please note if you are a senior tick the seniors box and enter the discount code. You will get discount on the seniors price. Also the Interislander on occasions has discount promotions.

There is currently one for twenty percent but subject to conditions. [Click here for details.](#) Note you cannot use two discount codes at the same time.

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.

For further discounts click on the link above

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.

Runs Co-ordinator Change of Guard

The legacy

For more years than I have been a member of Auckland Branch of Ulysses, Chris Moller has been the runs co-ordinator. He has put in countless hours running and co-ordinating rides.

Chris's leadership and the quality of the rides, was part of the reason I chose to stay with Auckland branch after the Auckland/North Harbour branches divided up, even though I lived in the North Harbour area. We currently have a comprehensive list of rides and events largely due to Chris's hard graft.

For the past few years Chris had signaled that he wanted to step down and take a break. Nobody stepped up to fill the roll. This year Chris let us know that this was it, and he stepped down. I would personally like to thank Chris for his service over the years. It is also great news that Chris will continue being RIC on some of our rides. Nobody put their hand to take over the role. As this position is vital to the ongoing success of our branch, I put my hand up to keep everything going.

Chris has organized the next couple of months' rides. Beyond that I will take over maintaining the calendar.

THE CALENDAR

Over the last 2 weeks I have been working with Charlie Truel. We have developed a calendar that can be easily accessed and updated by RIC's, myself and Charlie. There are still some minor issues to do with layout etc that need sorting out, but we have gone live with it on the website.

Changes to ride plans or weather cancellations etc can be updated to the website in real time. So if you intend going on a ride, check the website before you go. That way you can get the latest on potential cancellations and possible details of the proposed rides. Until it has been fully tested and completed, please let me know of any errors, additions, alterations or cancellations needed.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST UPDATES

Refresh your favorites tab on your phone or computer now.

THE VISION GOING FORWARD

Getting the Branch calendar up and going with all the events with easy real time updates is the first priority.

After this there will be a fresh look at what we are doing. It would be great to get feedback from committee and general members about what is working well and what

is not. I need feedback.

HELP NEEDED

My end goal is to develop a calendar system that runs efficiently with the minimum amount of time to maintain it. I view my tenure in this role a short term one as I still have a lot of commitments with my role as National Vice President. If the whole system is easy to maintain and keep up to date, this will hopefully make it easy to find someone to pick it up and carry forward into the future. If there is anyone out there that can work with me on this job with a view to maybe taking over in the future it would be awesome to hear from you.

Let me know,

Cheers,

Craig Moodie

Runs/Calendar Coordinator

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 Chris Moller (Runs Co-ordinator) 09 298 1702 or RIC of the day. General questions to Clive Thomas (President) 027 481 2700 .

DATE	EVENT
Tue 3 rd June	RIDE – OPTIONS – Tuesday Easy Riders “LONG RIDE” with a short ride option. Tony is RIC Ph 020 4148 5160. Departs Papakura Autobarn at ** 9.30am ** Destination is Whangamata. This is the postponed long ride from May. <i>For those not wanting a longer ride, the regular ride will depart at 10.00am, pick your own RIC and destination.</i>
Wed 4 th June	CLUB NIGHT – Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Place Onehunga –dinner available from 6.30pm, licenced bar and drinks available, event starts at 7pm, raffles and chat. Wear your Club badge or face a fine from the Sheriff!
Sun 8 th June	RIDE – MEDIUM – North with Rocky. Rock is RIC Ph 021 204 8159. Departs Bombay Z at 10.00am
Tue 10 th June	RIDE - MEDIUM – Tuesday Easy Riders, Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Thur 12 th June	SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night. New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn. Meet at 6.30pm onwards.
Sat 14 th Jun	RIDE – SHORT- Littles Newbies & Oldies. Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342 Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Tue 17 th Jun	RIDE - MEDIUM – Tuesday Easy Riders, Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Sun 22 nd June	RIDE – LONG- EXPERIENCED – Highway 30 with Vance Vance is RIC Ph 021 023 83498. Departs Bombay Z at 10.00am
Tue 24 th Jun	RIDE – OPTIONS – Tuesday Easy Riders “LONG RIDE” with a short ride option. Tony is RIC Ph 020 4148 5160. Departs Papakura Autobarn at ** 9.30am ** Destination is Tirau. <i>For those not wanting a longer ride, the regular ride will depart at 10.00am, pick your own RIC and destination.</i>
Thus 26 th June	SOCIAL – Sth Auckland Dinner & Social Night. Papakura Club 5 Croskery Rd (off Hunua Rd). Questions Chris Ph 021 0347996. Meet at 6.30pm onwards.

Sat 28 th Jun	RIDE – To Craig and Raewyn's. Departs Manukau Cruising Club 10.30am sharp.
Sat 28 th Jun	SOCIAL – Lunch at Craig and Raewyn's. See separate flyer. 11.30am to ..
Tue 1 st July	RIDE - MEDIUM – Tuesday Easy Riders, Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Wed 2 nd July	CLUB NIGHT – Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Place Onehunga – dinner available from 6.30pm, licenced bar and drinks available, event starts at 7pm, raffles and chat. Wear your Club badge or face a fine from the Sheriff!
Sun 6 th Jul	RIDE – LONG – EXPERIENCED – Matamata with Chris Chris is RIC Ph 021 034 7996 Departs Bombay Z at 10.00am
Tue 8 th Jul	RIDE - MEDIUM – Tuesday Easy Riders, Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Thurs 10 th Jul	SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night. New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn. Meet at 6.30pm onwards.
Sat 12 th Jul	RIDE – SHORT- Littles Newbies & Oldies. Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342 Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Tue 15 th July	RIDE - MEDIUM – Tuesday Easy Riders, Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Sat 19 th Jul	SOCIAL – Coffee, Cakes & Conversation – South Karaka General Store & Café 257 Linwood Road Karaka Meet at 10.00am, choose your own departure time
Sun 20 th Jul	RIDE – Medium – Tairua with Dave Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Departs Z Bombay at 10.00am
Tue 22 nd July	RIDE - MEDIUM – Tuesday Easy Riders, Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Sat 26 th Jul	RIDE – SHORT- Littles Newbies & Oldies. Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342 Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Tue 29 st July	RIDE – OPTIONS – Tuesday Easy Riders "LONG RIDE" with a short ride option. Tony is RIC Ph 020 4148 5160. Destination is Matamata. Departs Papakura Autobarn at ** 9.30am **. <i>For those not wanting a longer ride, the regular ride will depart at 10.00am, pick your own RIC and destination.</i>
Thurs 31 st Jul	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 3 rd Aug	RIDE – MEDIUM – Smoko Café with Vance Vance is RIC Ph 021 023 83498 Departs Z Bombay at 10.00am
Tue 5 th Aug	RIDE - MEDIUM – Tuesday Easy Riders, Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Wed 6 th Aug	CLUB NIGHT – Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Place Onehunga – dinner available from 6.30pm, licenced bar and drinks available, event starts at 7pm, raffles and chat. Wear your Club badge or face a fine from the Sheriff!
Sat 9 th Aug	RIDE – SHORT- Littles Newbies & Oldies. Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342 Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Tue 12 th Aug	RIDE - MEDIUM – Tuesday Easy Riders, Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.
Thurs 14 th Aug	SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night. New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn. Meet at 6.30pm onwards.
Sat 16 th Aug Sun 17 th Aug	REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND TAUPO Keep this in mind. This is a "Must Do" event for club members. Please try to keep this weekend free. Arrange own accommodation. Awesome party to balance the solemnity of the remembrance speeches. Saturday morning, Remembrance Ride, TAUPO - ROTORUA - TAUPO. Leaving Taupo College in Spa Road, 9:30am ON THE DOT, heading to Aroma Cafe by 10:30, then regroup at Whakarewarewa (about 5minutes up the road). TO AVOID A TICKET, PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THEIR FOOTPATH. Leave Rotorua 11:45am heading to Taupo AC Baths and leave AC Baths at 1:30pm for ride through town to the Great Lake Centre. Service starts at 2pm, please be seated at that time. So, when you get there, grab your tea or coffee as soon as possible so that you can be seated by 2pm.

All Ulyssians welcome for lunch at Craig and Raewyn's

On Saturday the 28th of June 2025, Auckland and North harbour branches will be getting together the annual winter lunch at our place. We generally have about 70 people show up and have a great afternoon of eating and socialising.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ulyssians from all branches to attend

this event.



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

28th June

Come and enjoy an afternoon with great food and company.

DETAILS:

- Saturday 28th June 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.

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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.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 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
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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

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