August 2013 Newsletter

Ulysses Club Waikato Branch Meets at the Waikato Commerce Club, 197 Collingwood Street, Hamilton, on the first Monday of each Month except January. Visitors Welcome.

Evening Meals available from 6.30pm.

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We now have a new committee after our AGM last May. I would like to thank outgoing members Lou Brown, Rodger Green, Rosemary Mac Kinven, John Turkington, Graham Smith, Chris McKinnon for the great work they have done.

Anthony our Social Coordinator has organised a 12 Point Challenge sponsored by Honda Hamilton to end with a social evening on the 12th October 2013. All members are welcome at a cost of $10 each. The Branches annual Pureora Rally is on the 9/10th November 2013. It would be great if you could come along to this for the weekend, or join the ride we have on Saturday to the Rally. This year the Branch will supply Lunch for all day riders.

Planning is well underway for the annual Child Cancer Toy Run so put a ring around 2nd March 2014. We need all our members help on this date to do marshalling, sell badges, parking, setting and cleaning up in Cambridge, en route to Hamilton and Garden Place. There will also be the usual bike display and fundraiser on the Friday before the Toy Run.

If you want to keep up with what’s happening check out our website ulyssesclubwaikato.wordpress.com. You will find up to date runs information, meeting minutes, newsletters and links to different motorcycling sites.

So put a smile on your face, get on your bike, keep your eyes up and have a great ride.

Cheers, Rowena #6890. Branch Co-ordinator
After some rather average weather in the preceding weekends 16 bikes gathered at BP Rototuna for a club ride to Kaiaua for fish & chips, many riders were showing signs of cabin fever and were in obvious need of a blow out on two wheels. We had 4 new people in attendance, Eric & Lynn on their Shadow, Mark on his RF 900 and last but not least Greg on a shiny new M109. Greg was being mentored for the day by Turk & Annie, first lesson of the day should have been “put a visor on your helmet” it’s only 9 degrees Celsius, no wonder Greg had a look of fear frozen on his face by the time we reached Kaiaua.

As the rider in charge I gave a quick brief of what we were up to, making sure I spoke slowly & clearly (I knew Weka was present, but I didn’t have time to draw a picture) explaining we would split the ride at Huntley power station, Mick (on his dishmaster) would lead those who wanted an easier route heading off in one direction & those who wanted more twisty roads to follow me in an alternative direction. I said we would regroup at Te Kawhata, and then once on our way the bikes more into twisties would hang a left into Falls Road & everyone else to proceed straight ahead and we would meet at the fish & chip shop, I’m sure this was clear to everyone (turns out I should have drawn that picture).

I also noticed Rob was there on his quacka, last time Rob came on one of my rides he got lost, twice, so I specifically asked Rob not to be a problem child again, stay in the middle of the pack and watch for any turn offs that will be marked by other riders, Rob assured me that he would behave himself & not have any senior moments!

So away we go, Rototuna to Huntley power station, just a quick stop to split the ride – ah who’s missing? – can’t be! It bloody well is, Rob’s not here, we’ve being riding for about 10 minutes & Rob’s not made it to the first brief stop. Turns out he had a minor issue with his bike he stopped in Huntley to fix it (well so he said, but I have my suspicions) and he’s lead Roy astray as well. So I shoot back to find them, no sign of them, so we carry on to Te Kawhata.

We all re-group at Te Kawaita, when I say all, I mean everyone except Rob & Roy – no sign of them, I try ringing them – no reply. Turk & Annie have strained looks on their faces, but are managing to smile, their student whose face is half frozen, I think with fear, seems to be exhilarated by the speeds they have been hitting, up to 70 km/hr I’m told. Turk, Greg and Annie blast away ahead of the
rest of us, they have a two hour ride ahead of them to Kaiua (that’s the reason I don’t own a Suzuki).
The rest of us depart, the small group of twisty riders lead out and turn off into Falls road and when we hit the main road I stop so we can re-gather. Where’s Weka? Topher tells me he waited at the corner of Falls road, why I ask? Who knows & if you ask Weka later on it’s unlikely he’ll know either, (mental note to self – bring pen & paper to next ride to draw picture for Weka). So it turns out Weka made the other bikes turn into Falls road & he headed off to try and catch the rest of us, his words (should be a Tui ad) and he basically got lost, which also means all the bikes that he diverted also got lost. But thankfully Mick has a reasonable amount of common sense and took charge of the situation and continued onto the fish & chip shop.

When we arrived at the fish & chip shop, guess who was there? Yes Rob & Roy, they had already ordered & eaten their lunch, claiming innocence, protesting that we had just left them without a care, said they waited at Te Kawhata for us, but I still have those sabotage suspicions. We all road home as a group home, Turk & Annie hurtling across the roads at break neck speeds still, the two mentors had been tormented all day by their student (who incidentally put the M109 up for sale that same night on Trademe). We finished up back at a bar in Rototuna where everyone was talking the usual shite about this corner that bump in the road, meanwhile I was on the phone booking Rob into the vets to have a microchip inserted!
Phil McKinnon  #7645
This is my life by; Phil Mc Kinnon
I’m your newly elected; Vice Coordinator & Runs Coordinator.
I work as: Farm operations manager on the Tokanui Research farm.
I work for: AgResearch
My partner is; A lovely lady by the name of Sharon
Interests in life are; Family, music, Motorbikes, rugby, cricket and trying to keep my eyesight, hearing & my hair.
What do I ride: an Aprilia Shiver – and on rare occasions, my partner 😊
I’ve been a Ulysses member since; late 2008
What do I wish to achieve for the club: Disgraceful Fun, enjoyable rides for all members no matter what their bike or riding style. In my view Ulysses is a social club where likeminded old buggars/buggaress’s get together, talk crap, ride their bikes and enjoy each other’s company with a pint or two. I don’t want to endure inflated egos & political crap in a social club, I can assure you I deal with this enough in my work environment.
Phil # 7645.
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Doctor Mick.
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2 Titles in NZDRA National Series for Modified B Hamilton Ulyssians and their Kawasaki ‘s take No 1 and No ike.

Hamilton’s Husband and Wife Team of Alan and Violet Thoresen of Black Thunder Racing NZ have taken out the Number 1 and Number 2 Titles respectively in the 2013 NZ Drag Racing Association Series in Modified Bike. Alan Thoresen who is well known in Drag Racing in NZ has taken out his third National Series Title on his Kawasaki ZX14 named “Black Thunder”, while his wife Violet rides a Kawasaki 250 Ninja.

Both Alan and Violet Thoresen have competed in the National Series Events held around New Zealand with events held at Tokoroa, Taupo, Masterton, and Motueka Drag Racing Venues.

The season finished with the NZDRA National Awards evening being held at the Claudeland’s Events Centre last Saturday where the winners were presented their Trophies, with an audience of almost 200 fellow racers, families and sponsors.

The evening was supported with Sponsorship from Castrol NZ, Go Logistics, Pirtek, Cuda Imports, Henessey Performance, and Home Plus Waikato, which was described by many attending as the best NZDRA Awards evening ever held. The evening also included an outline on the NZDRA Plans for the upcoming season, and the future direction of NZDRA Drag Racing.

Check www.nzdra.co.nz for more information.
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November 2013 is the date set for our next Newsletter
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