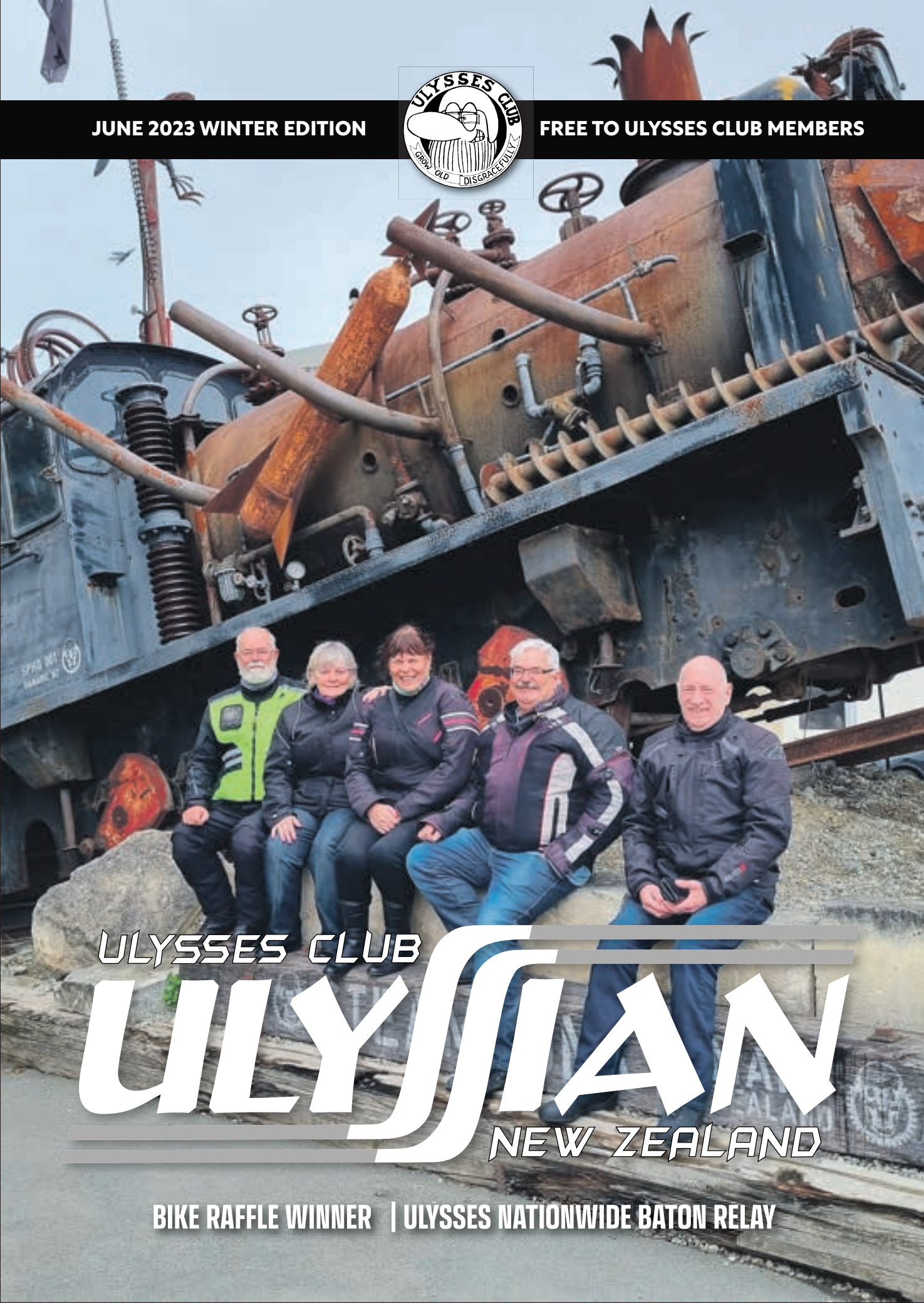


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COVER IMAGE: A group from Wellington Branch had a great six-day trip around the top of the South Island. Read on Page 60.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



ANDY WILSON #7169
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Welcome to the latest edition of the *Ulyssian*, but my first report as president.

I joined Ulysses in 2007 in the Wairarapa and never in my wildest dreams did I think I would ever be writing the President's Report, but here we are.

After being on NatCom for the past four years and seeing the club through Covid and lockdowns, as well as the issues that were raised within the club and the fall-out in some branches, it was a challenging and frustrating time for Tim Stewart and the rest of the committee. The National Committee and branches on the whole remained consistent and dedicated to seeing the club remain stable and fun. We came out of Covid into winter and then a summer that never happened, well, I was told that the South Island had a good summer! All of a sudden it is AGM time and I'm in the hot seat and we still haven't really had a good run to get the club back to normality with rides, rallies and disgraceful antics, which really is what we are all about.

Ulysses Club means many different things to many people and through a membership life those things may also change for each person. Some join just for the rides, rallies and camaraderie, others do that as well as join their local branch committees, and others of us get coerced on to the national committee. Whatever the involvement, we all make some fantastic and lifetime friends from around the country.

Tradition also has a major part to play. Such as the Remembrance weekends in both the North and South Islands

every year. These are well attended by members and are a time for catching up with friends who you probably haven't caught up with from the year before, which we missed out on due to the Covid years.

With the passing of the joining age remit at the AGM, we hope to maintain membership numbers and possibly grow as we start getting some associate members. But this will not change our traditions and values.

On returning from the AGM, Karen and I had the honour of attending a Wellington Branch club night in April and presented Sandie Payne with her Odyssey Medal, as she was unable to attend the AGM due to ferry cancellations. Her branch members managed to keep her nomination and subsequent success from her all that time. She was blown away. It's really these kinds of people at branch level who make this club what it is. So, thank you to all in our branches who keep Ulysses going.

Later that week, we travelled to Auckland to present Noel Hutchins #10434 from Whakatane Branch with his motorbike raffle prize. We met him at Europe Imports (the distributor) as he had chosen a Moto Guzzi V85TT in green. I must admit, it is a fantastic looking machine and I know he is already checking out accessories for it. Well done, Noel, enjoy your new ride.

The National Bike Raffle brings me to the subject of the Rider Safety Fund, which is funded by the raffle. The money is there to subsidise courses for members. Just ask.

While we were in Auckland, we also met up with Wayne Painter at

Cyclespot's new multi-franchise superstore, the venue for the 2024 Rally & AGM. What a brilliant venue for us. Talking to the staff and branch members about it, we are going to have an awesome Easter weekend next year – the first time the Rally & AGM will be held in a dealership. Great idea, Wayne and the North Harbour team. Looking forward to it.

Thank you to Craig and Raewyn Moodie for their hospitality on Friday night, it was great to spend the time with you and get to know you better.

On our way home from Auckland we called in at Taupo and met up with Rotorua, Waikato and Tauranga branches, which were having a 10-pin bowling challenge. Again, great catching up with members. These inter-branch activities are what being a Ulyssian is all about – meeting and making new friendships and having a great time.

Now, some great news. A very enthusiastic new member is going great guns in resurrecting the South Canterbury branch. He is advertising and contacting members in that area as well as putting posts on our Facebook page. Hopefully, he will get a good response. So, contact him and support him all you can. It will be brilliant to have representation in this area of the country again.

Best of luck, Trapper.

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s.canterbury@ulysses.org.nz

On April 20, Karen and I were interviewed on a local radio show by Paul Nees – Kapiti Branch Co-ordinator, about Ulysses and what it means to us. The interview went well and was done in one take. Thank

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANDY WILSON #7169
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

goodness we didn't make any mistakes or boo boos. The interview airs in May on Coast Access

Radio 104.7FM.

I feel now, with Facebook, the new video, updated *Ulyssian* and associate members, we should have all the tools we need to grow and sustain our club again.

Thanks to Tim Stewart for his dedication to the club over the past four years as president and before that on national committee as well as Hawkes Bay

President and committee member. I have had the pleasure of his and Sally's friendship over our time spent with Ulysses. They will both be lifelong friends to Karen and I. I have his number on speed dial and will be using it often.

That's enough from me. See you on the road somewhere.

ANDY WILSON

#7169

National President Ulysses Club NZ Inc



Andy congratulating Bike Raffle Winner Noel Hutchins. See more on page 34.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CRAIG MOODIE #8602



Greetings. As part of my vice president role, I have taken over the management of the rider safety fund from Andy Wilson.

This fund is comprised of the accumulated profits from the national raffle, which currently stands in excess of \$20,000. These funds are for the Ulysses branches for rider safety initiatives.

So, what is the Rider Safety Fund used for and how can you access the funds?

Below is a summary of the current guidelines. We are, however, very open to suggestions from the branches.

Seventeen members of Wellington Branch participated in a gravel riding course thanks to the Rider Safety Fund



CRAIG MOODIE #8602
National Vice President

RIDER SAFETY FUND GUIDELINES

- \$50.00 Ride Forever Course fee if paid by members
- \$110.00 to join IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) and test fee to gain Advanced Riding certificate.
- \$50.00 per person up to \$1000.00 for a branch to hold a Crash Scene Management or First Aid courses. These must be instructed by accredited providers.
- \$50.00 per person for Off Road skills' courses by accredited instructors

Progress is being made with local manufacturers to get the high-quality hi-viz vests supplied again, and these will be available to members at a subsidised price.

Many of the previously subsidised First Aid kits will now be out of date, so we are looking at another run of these in the near future.

We have put together a form to apply for funding for branch-organised training. I will send this to your branch representative on request.

To ensure we use the funds responsibly and fairly across the club, the following conditions will have to be met:

1. Funds will be deposited into your branch account only as a subsidy towards costs incurred, i.e. receipts attached, names and membership of participants.
2. Providers of training courses must be accredited providers.

Feel free to contact me with your proposal, fill out a form and apply.

If you have any good ideas for rider safety initiatives, please let us know as WE WANT TO HELP.

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021 797 487 and have a chat.



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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

JUNE 2023

SUZIE PENTELOW #8532



Kia ora team Ulysses.

Well done to Canterbury branch for making the 2023 National Rally an awesome event! I had a great time as usual, catching up with the many friends I've made over the years and making new ones – I can even remember it all this time!

What follows is a quick rundown of the National AGM held on the Saturday during the rally:

Remit 1 to allow associate membership passed, so now younger riders can join the club and be a part of the fun. The updated Rule Book is just going through the NZ Companies Incorporated Societies process and will soon be able to be viewed on the club website.

We approved the Relay Baton national fundraising ride. Rotorua coordinator Leigh-Anne (Smiley) and her branch are leading the organisation of this event and have been in touch regularly with all branch co-ordinators with updates etc. Please support this worthwhile event in whatever way you can and help get the Ulysses Club name out there.

Odyssey Medals awarded this year were to Sandy Payne #8127 (Wellington), Ray Hunton #260 (Canterbury) and Barbara Hunton #2809 (Canterbury).

Unfortunately, Sandy couldn't make the rally and AGM due to the ongoing ferry problems many of us experienced, but I think everyone was able to keep it a secret until it was formally awarded to her. All the recipients epitomise what the

Odyssey Medal means, and we congratulate and thank them all for their long service and good work in their respective branches.

We also awarded a Life Member medal to Stuart (Smokey) Burns #3703 (Canterbury).

Stuart is a valued member of his current branch and his recent branch of Rotorua. He has done a lot to support the club at the national level through his position of Club Treasurer (twice). Stuart's knowledge of the history of the club and his attention to detail were of great benefit to me as National Secretary and the club as a whole and he is continuing to support our new National Treasurer. A very worthy recipient of this award – Congratulations Stuart!

Your National Committee was elected:

- **National President:**
Andy Wilson
- **National Vice President:**
Craig Moodie
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Vicky Noda
- **National Secretary:**
Suzie Pentelow
- **National Committee Members:**
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Pip Were
and Maree Vincent

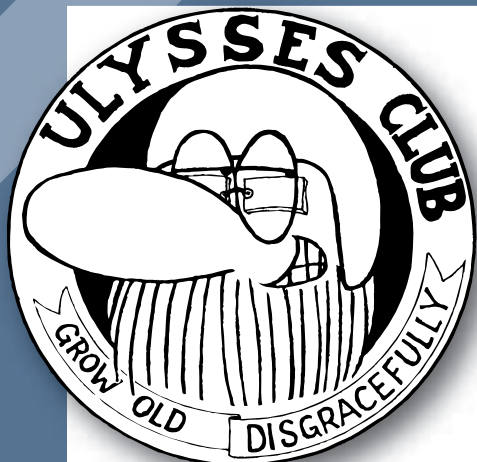
The 2024 National Rally is to be held in North Harbour and the venue sounds like it is going to be amazing! Some Taranaki folk have already booked our accommodation and plans are afoot for a trip up through the Far North.



Thank you to the eight branches that have so far sent me their 2023 Branch AGM details. I know I thought it was crazy to be thinking so far ahead when I was a branch secretary, but believe me, as National Secretary, it's really important. I need these ASAP to put into future *Ulyssian* magazines. Branch secretaries, please remember to email your 2023 AGM minutes (with 2024 AGM details), co-ordinator report and treasurer report to me once you have held your 2023 branch AGM.

Thanks!

SUZIE PENTELOW #8532
National Secretary



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- The supply of Ulysses club branded gear through the National Quartermaster.
- Financial and administration support provided by the club's paid contracted administrator.
- Correct accounting and use of club funds through Xero.
- A support system for branches and members to call on for information and support with club procedures and disciplinary matters.
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- Rider training and mentoring, as well as investigating and funding rider training initiatives
- Yearly AGM and national rally, attended by many members. Natcom supports each branch as required and covers costs associated with meetings.
- Purchasing the required Odyssey and Life Membership badges to be presented at AGMs
- Biennial Coordinators workshop which supports and strengthens the branch network. Coordinators travel and accommodation and meals are covered by Natcom.
- Welcome packs and membership cards for new members.
- Rules, policies and procedures to help guide branches and members.
- Plenty of fun and enjoyment with like minded people.

Please feel free to use this to inform members old and new of what the Ulysses club has to offer and what a great time members all over NZ have.

ADMINISTRATOR'S JUNE 2023 REPORT



ANNIVERSARY BADGES

This item probably belongs under the gear sales heading; however, I do have a number of members querying when they will receive their anniversary badges.

I have in stock, the 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 35-year anniversary badges for sale through the online Ulysses gear sales. These cost \$12.00 each, if purchasing direct through me.

Some branches, however, do present these anniversary badges at branch meetings, so please in the first instance, check with your local branch co-ordinator to see if your branch does.

Furthermore, if you are requesting a replacement bike or name badge, please contact me or ask your local quartermaster to arrange with me the supply of your badge. These cost \$15 each, orders are generally sent to the supplier weekly, so there will be a small delay of up to two weeks.

You may also contact me if you need a replacement membership card; there is no cost at this time for this service.

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National Administrator

Debby Morgan



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Well, we use our resources, our branches across NZ and we do a Baton Relay, for a Great Cause!

Start date 5th Nov 2023

Departing from Lorneville Intersection Junction Invercargill at 10am

The baton ride will start in Invercargill and head North, encompassing all the Ulysses branches. Each branch will have a donation amount to add to the baton. This would be from a fundraising event or donations from the public (each branch can choose how they want to contribute).

As the baton is passed from branch to branch, we need social media coverage, photos up on our Ulysses FB page and shared between our own fb pages to get the word out there.

Other things that will be going on in the background to support the cause are

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As the baton travels North, each branch will write on a stick or something how much money they raised and the stick goes into the baton. You need to take photos of the amounts so that the public can be engaged.

Firstly - so they can take a guess at the end amount raised

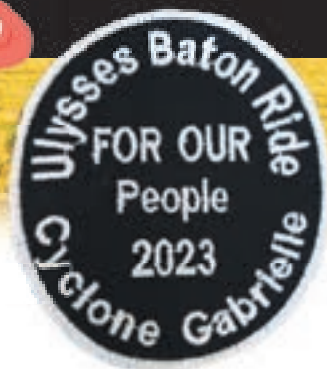
Secondly - interacting with them, creates a great community following

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As for the bikers and hot rodders who want to join in the relay, there will be many who will hop in, hop off across New Zealand.



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OUR BATON OF HOPE...



Pukekohe Finale 2023

EPIC, that is the only word I can think of to describe the weekend. Cath pointed out, and I had to agree, the long weekend on track (Friday to Monday, Waitangi weekend), the number of bikes, riders, spectators and the atmosphere matched our successful trips to the International Classic at Phillip Island.

I likened it to four days of Woodstock. (Not that I was there, but ...). Full on. And, yes, they did have a live band.

This festival meeting was to be our last ride at Pukekohe Park and is now recorded as the biggest motorcycle race meeting in New Zealand's long history, with more than 400 bikes and 350 riders.

As you all know, it came as a bit of a shock to get the news last year that Pukekohe Park would resound only to galloping horse hoof beats from March 2023, and that motorsport at the venue was a goner. Equestrian expansion the goal. Pukekohe has been the "home" track for the New Zealand Classic Motorcycle Race Register and therefore it was planned that the farewell had to be substantial. So, the planned weekend was for a Moto TT practice day on Friday, February 3, qualifying and racing on Saturday, racing on Sunday and Monday, a warbird flyover and demo Sunday lunchtime, prizegiving for last year's club championships and a massive parade of bikes on the Monday after a round of racing, as the last laps ridden there.

So, you can see, a massive organisational feat was under way for this meeting. Brother John first rode Pukekohe in 1973, Bruce in 1976 and I first raced there in 1978/79 on the rather iconic Yamaha RD400, so a fair Woodley history there personally to sign off on. Planning, bookings, bike maintenance and all associated stuff

needed to be sorted. I put a new top end, pistons, rings, little end bearings in the 250 and made some jetting changes after a good chat with my bro, Bruce, at PowerFlow. Julian had to order in some new brake pads as I tend to burn a set out in two meetings. A new water temperature gauge was needed as the old one had fallen into disrepair.

After winning that two-year long NZCMRR Pre 82 Championship 2021/2022 on the TZ350, we opted to race only the TZ250 at this meeting and just have the wonderful 350 on display. This would allow me to concentrate on racing the 250.

The trailer was loaded up with everything we needed, including 70 litres of "Avgas" to ensure we would not go short. A new set of Metzler slick tyres that Julian had got in for me from Mark at the Metzler distributors, Forbes and Davies, and the load list goes on. In among all that, it became apparent that I had a major tooth disorder developing in my eating department and leading up to the week before Pukekohe, I realised I had an abscess and infection that was rearing its head with gusto, affecting my whole body, not just my mouth.

Thankfully, my wonderful dentist John was able to fit me in on the Tuesday and fixed me up. Taking medication for a few days after, I healed quickly, and this enabled me to concentrate on the important job at hand at Pukekohe. It would have been a disaster otherwise as I was dealing with rather bad pain.

The alarm went off at 12.50am Thursday morning and I was dressed and ready to go check in at the ferry when I received a text saying the new check in time was 0330, so back to bed I went for a restless broken sleep before arriving at 0330 to the place all locked up and dark. We finally set sail after 6am from the original time of 02.30, so I was running a bit late, and tired, for the long trip directly to Pukekohe, then Auckland. All went well and after dropping the trailer at Pukekohe, I headed to Ollie and Kate's for dinner, shower and bed. On the motorway south of Mangere, I was met with a stark reminder about road riding and the possible perils: a utility verses motorcycle accident. And let me tell you there wasn't much left of the motorcycle. Anyway, I hit the pillow ... and then I awoke minutes before the alarm on Friday morning and got myself sorted and to the track for the practice and set-up day.

The weather was wet at first, then dried up. I had three runs on track and after a sprocket change one tooth bigger on the rear wheel to slightly lower the gearing, and a change of the throttle slides in the carburetors, I headed off to Ollie and Kate's, where Cath would also be after finishing her latest tour and therefore looking forward to the coming weekend of racing. Dylan, Rach and wee Zoe were there, too, so we got our "grandy" fill as well.

We set up at the track on Saturday morning ready to attack the qualifying and me to really get my head around the coming challenge. The gearing change showed a very positive return and the carb slides gave the bike low down response, so out on to the back straight, out of the chicane and hairpin all benefited from that change. Forty-four bikes on the grid including 750s, 600s, 400s and the little guy,

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me, on the 250. We managed 1st in class and grid position 2nd overall! What a positive start with a time of 1:15:87, which was faster than any lap I had done on the 350. The whole front row within 0.78 of a second!

Race one came around and as the lights went out, with me feeling my own pressure and a little nervous, I nearly duffed the start but went into turn one side by side with Jordan Leslie on his Honda 600. I managed to hold him out and take the hole-shot to then lead the race for two laps before being taken by first Jordan on the 600 and then on lap 5 by Nathan, who slipped by just before the red flag came out stopping the race. The rule is placings as per the last crossing of the start/finish line, so I was recorded as 2nd Pre95 F2 and 2nd overall.

I was grateful to have found definite positives from the changes that we made and was now looking forward to Sunday. At the forefront of my mind was the sweeping fast turn four onto the back straight. I crashed there many years ago while leading the NZ Senior TT in the rain, on slick tyres! The demons came every time I approached that corner, and I feathered the throttle, with that crash digging at me. I thought this is the bike that might help me sort that demon, but I would have to be brave.

Anyway, the club had a BBQ and prizegiving for the 2021/2022 club championships and hence we came away with a lovely framed certificate to add to the trophy cabinet. That was Saturday done and dusted.

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Lester and I with the Trophy.



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Pukekohe Finale 2023

Where I like to be, leading the pack, just tipping into turn one off the main straight.

The weather was looking good for Sunday, so we arrived early, as usual, and I made the decision we would put the new slick tyres on for the rest of the weekend. The previous set, although hadn't done a lot of work, had been on the bike for nearly two years. I carefully balanced the wheels and we fitted them up. Lester also felt we needed to change the "power jet", an electronically controlled additional jet that adds fuel in the later stages of the power curve to give safety from seizures, and give the extra fuel required to allow the bike to rev out at the top of the rev range.

We lined up for race two and a very determined and less nervous pilot managed to nail the start and again hole-shot the race leading through lap one and into lap two. Nathan got by on the seriously fast Ducati 750 Cobas, but I was determined and losing little or no ground coming onto the back straight, finally having faith in all good and fast things, and over that

very rough hill onto the front straight. I secured 1st Pre95 F2 and another 2nd overall with a very respectable fastest lap time of 1:14:70, so we were rapt. I'll say here it was a treat to see Anthony and Robyn from BASIS there to watch and support, they have been helping me for 15 years, so it was good to race well for them.

No adjustments had to be made to the bike; we were very happy with how everything was going. We lined up in the afternoon for race three and what made that one rather special was the Pukekohe Trophy race. The nerves were non-existent and when the lights went out, we leapt off the line and tore away on the back wheel. Really on it and confident now, 12500rpm in first gear, then into second 12000rpm, into third throttle on the stop and into turn one with just the slight feathering of the throttle, through the bump then on it again before braking for turn two. Again, Nathan was the only one to challenge and, somehow, I managed

to squeeze a whole half a second off the race two lap time. 1:14:20. Again, 1st Pre 95F2, and second to Nathan on track. This race secured for us the Pukekohe Trophy for Pre95 F2 – a new trophy put in the mix by the race register that will never be contested at Pukekohe again. I'm rapt to be the first winner recorded on the new trophy.

We drove out of Pukekohe Park that night pretty damn chuffed with what we had achieved. Enjoyed a nice relaxing evening meal with the Auckland family all there before trying to clear the head enough to sleep ready for the Monday morning, which had a rather dismal looking forecast.

We put the wet wheels on, and Lester put in some richer main jets for extra engine safety.

There were large puddles on the track, which were worrying the stewards. They called me, Dennis Charlett and Paul Pavletich to race control and we were taken around the

track to assess the risk. No huge issue to the post-classic brigade where true wet racing tyres are an option, but our concern was for the classics, where they run what they have wet or fine. We decided to race but put the post-classics and sidecars out first to disperse the water. Plus, the rain stopped, so things were looking up.

By the time we lined up for that last race of the weekend the track was essentially dry, so the wet tyres were going to take a hammering. Another hole-shot, 1st Pre95 and 2nd overall followed, so we were totally chuffed.

What followed was so incredible: farewell laps behind NZCMRR President Ken McGeedy's car, waving to the flag marshals, other volunteers and the crowd to say thank you for supporting us. We all stopped on the front straight grid for many photos then a final lap

and into the pits for the very last time at Pukekohe ... ever.

We packed up the trailer and headed south feeling, as I said at the start of this report, parallel with the Phillip Island International.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your support over the years. We just attended a historical event and, as I often allude to, we could not do this without you.

Thank you, too, to all my family. Cath's sanction is the pivot that allows us to do this, I would not do it without that. Lester, two amazing bikes that we have put together over time from pretty abysmal beginnings. Julian at Picton Tools and Tyres; Anthony and Robyn at BASIS; Sean, then Richard, then Dave and the Australian depot of PENRITE OILS. I've yet to catch up with our new sales manager Greg Stone but thank you. Bruce, at Sign images, you have been so good to

us; my hero bro at POWERFLOW; Son you rock; Grant and Sheryl at NZ Cylinders, your plating jobs are fantastic and totally reliable; Blank Canvas Wines gave us an amazing experience all the way to Italy to get parts and are always recommended if you have a wine pallet; Dusty at LEDA Leathers; and previously Dave and Bev of Elite Tyre and Alignment; John from Hendersons; Rob from IMS; Bazz from Graphic Fishing Company; Pete and Dell from Whitehorse Optical Laboratories; Mike Gilbert isn't with us any more, RIP, but Mike and Samantha from Beatnik Motorsport in Blenheim.

I would also like to thank my Ulysses family, a great group to be involved with and incredibly supportive.

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Electric motorbikes

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YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

by **TONY CUTTEN** #9279 — Librarian

Electric motorbikes have been around nearly 10 years. They are quiet and smooth with scintillating acceleration of 0-100kph in just over two seconds. A big one will rip the hair off your skull. Your socks have already been ripped off. Just the whirr of a direct drive electric motor and the blast of the wind.

Certainly not for everyone. In some European countries it won't be possible to buy a petrol-driven car, so it's safe to assume the same will apply to motorbikes. Sorry, you've

been warned, get used to the idea.

The global electric motorcycle market was valued at \$2 billion in 2020 and this is anticipated to grow at 20% per annum in the forecast period, 2022-2026. In the US, sales of electric two-wheelers, e-motorbikes plus e-bikes exceeds the sale of electric cars. Of course, small e-bikes and e-scooters account for far north of 50% of this figure, especially in Asia, but e-motorbikes are a growing percentage.

Popular in the UK

This is just a small sample of the more popular e-motorbikes marketed in the UK, just to whet your appetite for your future riding.



Energica Ego+

Italy

Cost: 20,000 stg

Range: 400km

Power: 21.5kW

Speed: 240kph

Accel: 0-100kph 2.6 sec

Charge: 80% in 30 min fast charger



Zero DSR

USA

Cost: \$US15,695

Range: 262km

Power: 14.4kW

Speed: 164kph

Accel: 0-100kph 3 sec

Charge: <1 hr with 12kW fast charger



Xiaomi Super Soco TC Max

China

Cost: 4,995 stg

Range: 95km

Power: 5kW

Speed: 96kph

Accel: 0-100 N/A

Charge: 10 amp home charge 4 hrs

So, you love your petrol-driven two-wheeler, don't we all. Yes, well enjoy your last few years on these lovely, noisy beasts because they are on their way out – to museums. You won't have a choice; government regulation will decide for you.

Instead of that grunty rumble, you will come to delight in the subdued whine of a powerful electric motor. Electrons are coming in mega quantities to push you along, and hydrocarbons are out. Not a gram of CO₂ out the back, in fact, no exhaust pipe at all. Oil changes, gearboxes, clutches, spark plugs, sprockets, chains, all that unnecessary stuff – all gone. No oil stains on the garage floor. In fact, if your partner allows, you could keep

it in the living room, or even your bedroom; it won't smell. The future will involve the odd wing mirror, brake pads and tyres to replace, of course, and almost nothing else. Imagine the savings on servicing costs.

WHAT ARE THE NEGATIVES OF THESE MAGICAL MACHINES?

1. They are somewhat heavier than an ICE machine.
2. No one will hear you coming; they are quiet and herein lies the danger that must be addressed by enhanced rider attention.
3. You will, initially at least, become attuned to the phenomenon of range anxiety, calculating ahead to your next charge stop.

Popular in the USA

For latest info on e-motorbikes go to www.luxe.digital/lifestyle/cars/best-electric-motorcycles/



Harley-Davidson - Livewire

USA

Cost: \$US29,000

Range: 95km

Power: 15.5kW

Speed: 153kph

Accel: 0-100kph 3 sec

Charge overnight domestic.
1hr fast charger

The Livewire is available in New Zealand at \$54,000, so maybe price will be an issue. The silver torpedo object slung down low for weight distribution is the longitudinal design electric motor. The Samsung lithium battery is above the motor (lighter); it's the black box. One rider considers the bike sounds like a jet turbine or large vacuum cleaner due to the bevel gear and belt drive. Livewire has been split off as a separate company from Harley-Davidson. Some business caution operating here, keeping it as a separate profit centre. Dipping toe in the water. By way of comparison, the Livewire is only 15% of the price of an Arc Vector (right), so quite a steal, really.

Lightning LS-218

USA

Cost: \$US38,888

Range: 160km

Power: 12kW

Speed: 215kph

Accel: 0-100kph 2.2 sec

Charge: 30 min on fast charger
50 amp

So, here's a look at the future. The Lightning is the fastest street legal e-motorbike available. Lightning also manufactures three Lightning Strike models in the US\$13,000-\$20,000 price range, which incorporate lower specs. These are not the insane Bonneville speed machines but aimed more for the electric experience at an affordable price point. The motive power comes from a three-phase 380V radial flux induction motor. For a detailed engineering report, go to www.emobility-engineering.com/lightning-strike-electric-motorcycle/ You have to agree this is one cool bike.

Arc Vector

UK

At the luxury end of the spectrum there is the Arc Vector @ US\$120,000 but you can read about this machine yourself. Claims to be the most advanced e-bike in the world. It does 200kph. The battery pack is 16.8kWh, providing a range of up to 322km.

The body is carbon fibre monocoque incorporating the battery case. And, wow, there's actually a chain and sprocket. The ARC company was bankrupted along the way, but has sprung back to life, claiming a good healthy order book.

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Electric motorbikes

by **TONY CUTTEN** #9279 — Librarian

The main Japanese motorbike manufacturers who have given us so many excellent machines over the past 50 years seem cautious in their approach to launching the electric version. I'm sure they are avidly watching how their competitors are progressing before jumping in.

The Japanese motorbike industry appears to be taking a remarkably cooperative, but very cautious stance on how to approach the manufacture of e-motorbikes. Rather than each company using a different battery type, which would be both expensive and wasteful, Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki and Suzuki – the “big four” of the Japanese motorbike industry – agreed in April 2019 to cooperate in a collaborative trial with the aim of producing mutual-use swappable batteries. Each company potentially wrapping their individually engineered product around the same battery pack.

The e-Yan Osaka trial in 2020, bringing together this concept, is centred at Osaka University. The trial will loan students and staff of the university electric bikes to use within the campus. Battery-swap stations will be set up on the university's campuses and at local convenience stores. It seems Honda, with its mobile power pack, has taken the lead in the collaboration with the bike used being the Honda BENLY e.

The trial period is one year and addresses concerns about range, charge time and finding recharging points and optimising these issues. This is essentially

a 50cc scooter equivalent trial, a cautious stepping-stone as part of a slow phasing in of the technology in Japan.

In March 2021, Honda, KTM, Piaggio and Yamaha linked up in a Japanese-European initiative with the common goal of a swappable battery. Honda and Yamaha are working toward a goal for “low-voltage vehicles (48V) up to 11kW capacity, based on international technical standards”. Nothing is firm but it's likely to be based on the “Honda Mobile Power Pack” system seen at CES in Las Vegas in January 2018 (CES is the world's largest electronics' trade show, a gathering of tech companies in Las Vegas). The HMPP is used in the Honda PCX Electric and BENLY e, both of which are available to corporate customers in Japan. With 1 kWh capacity, it also powers a robot and an experimental ATV.

As you may guess, I'm into electric motivation. Marion and I have had three different EVs, starting in 2017 with a 24kW Nissan Leaf, a great little fully electric runabout, but with limited range. After this was rear-ended at the traffic lights, we went for a hybrid. This current car, a green-gold colour, is called The Frog, with a 1200cc petrol motor and a tiny 1.54kW battery. This Nissan Note hybrid has a much bigger range than the Leaf. Finally going electric myself, I opted for an AWD SUV in the shape of a 2018 PHEV Mitsubishi Outlander. This has a 2000cc petrol motor and a 13.4kWh battery with total range of about 500km, depending

on driving demand and style. Only about 43km on pure electricity with 55km claimed when new. I once saw 51km on the

dash in summer after a full overnight charge. In winter, at temps between 0 and 8C, the range is reduced to about 39km.



As the revolution gathers pace, more start-up companies will appear and the big motorcycle companies will come to the party. The early adopters of the technology will come out with more models to suit the different segments of the two-wheel fraternity. A brief look through Trade me in NZ located a few e-dirt bikes available but none of the above that I could find. That will no doubt change. Here's a beer from me for the first of any of the above electric motorbikes shown in this article to be owned by a Nelson Ulysses member.



White Motorcycle Concepts WMC250EV

The bike to break the 250 mph (402kph) EV bike record. The WMC250EV is the brainchild of Robert White (UK) who approached the design of his e-bike from the viewpoint of superior aerodynamic engineering. Simply speaking, the bike is wrapped around a rectangular wind tunnel, claimed to give a 69% reduction in drag.

No fewer than four electric motors propel this radicle bike forward. The front wheel contains two hub motors, with the brake discs external to them. Regenerative braking of course. Two 30kW motors, mounted at the front of a swinging arm and linked to the rear wheel by a fully enclosed chain, drive the rear wheels. Thus 100kW (134hp) all up.

The system is called "v-air" and reduces frontal air pressure while providing a downward pressure on the front wheel.

The battery is a 15kW lithium. The rider lies on his knees along the top of the wind-tunnel, with 200kph air blasting between his legs, giving a whole new meaning to a brass monkey.

EV powertrains can be flexible in their size and shape, whereas combustion engines are fixed within the frame. The electric powertrain sits down low, keeping the centre of gravity low.

Voxan Wattman

It is hoped the WMC will challenge the speed record currently held by the Voxan Wattman. The 250 an aspirational number of the speed record of 250mph the WMC intends to break.



BMW CE 04



German engineering at a price. First impressions of the BMW CE 04 are of a motorbike sent back in time from the future. Critical comments suggest it's big, it's heavy and it's expensive and, crucially, it's not for everyone. A Stormtrooper with two wheels maybe – British comments for sure (probably a Triumph owner). A more generous description would be it's a smart motorbike disguised as a scooter.

This heavy teutonic machine is really a maxi-scooter. It weighs in at 231kg, (somewhat heavier than the BMW F750 petrol bike). It is good for 120kph from the 31kW electric motor, while the battery is 8.9kWh. For parking manoeuvrability, a reverse button gives you a reverse parking gear.

With a powerful 31kW (42hp) liquid-cooled electric motor, it's no slouch. Price in the UK is equivalent to NZ\$23,000. Acceleration is 48kph in 2.5 sec to get you away at the lights.

The motor is chassis mounted (unlike the swingarm-mounted engine on a conventional scooter) and drives the rear wheel via a set of single-stage primary gears, and then a belt final drive. Heated seats and heated grips are options, but I really don't like the solid wheels, especially that ugly rear wheel. The online blog comments from the UK and Asia centre around what wrecking yard that rear wheel was found at.

Maeving (UK)

Looking primitive and exceedingly retro is the British-built Maeving. Range 65km with top speed 72kph. Good luck with that one. It may appeal to dedicated Anglophiles. Like the Honda, it has a swappable battery pack, which is a 57 Volt RM1 battery made by LG (Korea). Those wheels look like leftovers from a 1930s Brough Superior; perhaps they are. Black rims and black spokes – very pre-War.

So that's it, a few production bikes a few experimental ones and several outright speedsters to vie for the speed record. Take your choice.



WHO'S UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

The 2023 TT2000

CHRIS "CAPTAIN CAREFREE" CAREY #3497



South Tip Head,
Westport

I'd done a bit of the scouting for TTHQ through the autumn, so I was familiar with where a lot of the checkpoints (CPs) were, but nothing prepared me for the deliciously devious and devilish themes and challenges the boffins at TTHQ had come up with.

Despite all the options available, the core principle remained unchanged, namely no less than 2000 kilometres while accumulating a minimum of 2000 points in under 48 hours. Easy, eh! Well, it is, or it isn't because it's as easy or as hard as you want to make it.

There were four "themes" to choose from; the Pilot, Engineer, Driver and Captain, each with 10 compulsory CPs and each worth 100 points. But this gave you only 50% of the minimum point tally required, and insufficient kilometres.

So, having chosen your theme, whatever route you decided to take to round up the compulsories while gathering up the required points deficit from other CPs or CP combos (challenges) along the way, was entirely up to you. However, despite your overall points and kilometre totals, miss one compulsory of the 10 of your chosen theme and it amounted to a DNF.

I've been in the top-10 finishers many a time, been the top kilometres and points for a road bike on several occasions but my experience with the 2022 TT2000 showed me it can still be challenging but also relatively relaxing.

So, what to do? Obviously, I was compelled to follow the Captain theme despite it having two CPs in far flung corners of the mainland that consumed copious kms, so it was out with the Excel spreadsheet and Google maps and months spent in front of the tele with the laptop on my knees. "Yellow Brick Roading" as 'er indoors calls it. Do I attempt a TT Seal with 34 CPs and 5000 points, or stick with the same format as last year, i.e., exactly 2000km and exactly 2000 points from as many low-value CPs as I could gather up?

It was only a month or so out from the start that I decided to go with option two. Google maps gave me 34km up

my sleeve (to allow for speedo error etc.) and my spreadsheet said I'd finish around 2230 Saturday night if I maintained the average pace I'd set myself.

The words of an old sea shanty spring to mind:

Come all you no hoppers, you jokers and rogues.

We're on the road to nowhere, let's find where it goes.

It might be a ladder to the stars, who knows.

So, come on you no hoppers, you jokers and rogues.

Arriving at the Croydon lodge on a Thursday afternoon, I was removing my helmet when a smiling Chris Wiltshire greeted me, followed soon after by Julian Boyd with a smoke in hand, the rest of the afternoon and into the evening spent in the bar catching up with other riders I'd not seen for 12 months.

Friday morning in the car park of the Gore Vintage Car Club, the familiar faces, handshakes and smiles and the usual banter; "What theme are you doing? Picking up any of the challenges? Got all the mysteries?" and while it's not a competition (yeah, right) answers cautiously given with, no doubt, a fair bit of misinformation thrown in, just in case.

The old chestnut: "All fishermen are liars, except you and me. And I'm not too sure about you."

Hectic as it always is, I was checking riders off, issuing T-shirts, gathering up late indemnity forms before Mark

and Shannon gave the pre-departure safety briefing, followed by the four words we'd waited a whole year to hear: "Gentlemen, start your engines!"

Enjoying a coffee and a bit of banter with a member of the car club, the time passed quickly as I waited to see if there were any latecomers. However, by 1220 and with no motorcycles in sight, I said goodbye with a thanks to whoever it was that made those scones, jam and whipped cream. Spectacles, testicles, wallet and watch, I tucked myself in, inserted my ear plugs, pulled on the balaclava and with the Shoei snug, took a photo of Charlotte and T-shirt in front of the Gore VCC sign, punched the first CP into my phone, checked both trip counters on the odo were zeroed, and I was off.

Being right next to the road, I grabbed the 50 pointer at Mataura Station CP to keep in the back pocket, just in case. If I didn't need it, no biggy. From there, it was straight south on SH1 to the Maritime Museum in Bluff, grabbing the 25 pointers of Bill Harrison's Transport World, Motorcycle Mecca, E Hayes & Sons and the Pig Station along the way.

The road from Fortrose to Waipapa Point and on to Curio Bay is one of the more enjoyable rides in Southland. I'd been up that way in January leading a tour group. With the road covered in cow shit, the slippery green stuff inevitably splattered right where you didn't need it to be. But not today, it was clean, dry and I made good time.

I think it was at Owaka where I passed Julian and Wayne Graves gassing up, however, they soon overhauled me just before we turned off the

Southern Scenic Route at Ahuriri Flat. The compulsory at Nugget Point was the first time I had ever visited the spot and I made a mental note that if and when I was back here, I'd take the time to check it out properly. But we were on a mission and that old chestnut, time waits for no man, was never more apt. I followed along behind the two of them to Balclutha, where I stopped for my first fuel stop and a chance to clean my visor – covered in bugs and salt spray. A steak and mushroom pie washed down with a Mammoth milk would see me right until I eventually stopped for the night.

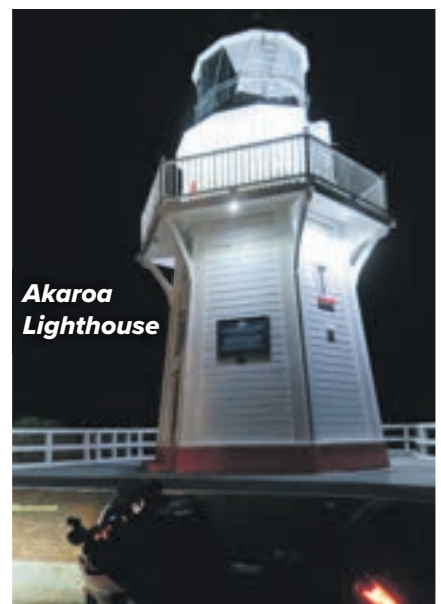
I caught up with them again at Tokoiti School. Shannon's Secret Squirrel checkpoint options had us scratching our heads. Doable? While Richard Pearse's homestead was just around the corner, thus no biggy, his memorial on Main Waitohi Rd was quite a few kms off my beaten track. And where the hell was Mt Hutt Aviation? Near Methven?

Grabbing the two CPs (with no points value) close by, we carried on north on SH1, only to become separated by a traffic log jam at East Taieri. The congestion and detour not only carved out a big chunk of time but also chewed into my km reserves, which didn't please me one bit.

Julian and Wayne were parked up at the Port Chalmers HQ having something to eat and drink, and we discussed whether or not the other two "Secret Squirrel" checkpoints were worth pursuing. Bugger it, I'll make my mind up when I'm at Levels, where I'd have a better idea of how things were going.



Bluff Maritime Museum



Akaroa Lighthouse

Stopping at Washdyke for gas, I put on another layer and got myself sorted then grabbed the 25 pointers at Richard Pearse – Timaru airport and Levels International Motor Raceway. Julian and Wayne were also there.

It was dark. I didn't have a GPS, nor a mapping programme I could use to calculate point loadings per km, and if I did grab these other two, would I have to drop others in order not to exceed the 2000km? Trying to read the run sheets in a stiff breeze in the light from my headlight wasn't making it easy. And where the f__k was Mt Hutt Aviation, anyway? The pin drop on my phone showed it near Methven, and I knew that wasn't right! I know that area, there's no bloody airfield there! Aagh, sod it! Stick with the plan, Stan. I'd committed it to memory and if there's one thing I've learned doing these TTs, it is to not second guess yourself and start bugging about with routes along the way unless Danu, the Earth Mother, or mechanical failure forces you to.

I'd two choices from here: 1. Head

home to a hot meal and a soft bed at Lincoln and then grab the Akaroa points in the wee hours while the rest of the country slept, or 2, grab them first. It made more sense to grab them now, and while I'd arrive home a few hours later, it was a few hours less to ride tomorrow and I'd be heading west from the onset, not doing a massive backtrack. It also saved me a precious 3km doing it this way. So, just past Dunsandle, I hooked a right on to Selwyn Lake Road and rode east toward Akaroa.

Julian and Wayne flew past me somewhere along Leeston Road and I followed them through to Little River, where they'd stopped for gas.

I arrived home around 0030hrs, checked my Scott Oiler level, gave Charlotte a quick look over to make sure nothing was amiss, nuked my tea 'er indoors had left for me, had a quick shower, and slipped into bed.

As I slid out from between the covers trying not to wake her, a small voice said, "Ride safely and have fun".

My mum always made sure we had clean undies whenever we went out, in case we were hit by a bus, and I guess it's ingrained because there's still nothing like a clean pair of daks to make a man feel on top of the world, and I was feeling on top of the world, that and a quick calculation and I reckoned I still had enough kms up my sleeve to finish without dropping any CPs ... at this stage.

Filling Charlotte for the third time at Tasman Fuels, I grabbed what 25 pointers I needed around the western fringe of Christchurch before heading to the West Coast. Stopping for petrol at Greymouth gave me the opportunity for brekkie, a couple of Danishes and a hot chocolate, which should see me through to mid-arvo when I'd planned to stop for 15 to 20 minutes in Nelson for something to eat and drink, a final fuel fill and allow Charlotte to shut down for a spell and catch her breath, before her and I made the final push to the finish.

The ride up the West Coast from Rapahoe, through Punakaiki and



Waipapa Point

Charlston, is always good. Just past Addison Flat I turned left on Wilson Lead Rd towards Cape Foulwind and Carters Beach. I was cooking, so after picking up the MV Kaitawa Memorial CP, I found the shade of a tree and stripped off, much to the amusement of a couple of locals walking dogs. Hey, needs must. I had a hydroponics farm growing down there and my knickers were in a knot. Sorry, Mum.

Not far from Murch I was reminded of one's vulnerability. I was in a happy place. Warm, dry, fantastic scenery. Charlotte was purring along. I could barely feel her through the pegs. I was in the zone. That is until something caught my attention and after glancing to see what it was that had suddenly appeared alongside from out of the bush, I looked back to see a 45km right-hander ... right there, right in front of me!

Scrubbing off as much as I could I was leaning in when the rear end stepped out, Charlotte straightened back up, as did I, my rear end left the seat as her two gyros fought in unison to keep her straight and upright and I was off into the grass, heading for the bushes with the glint of the Buller River just beyond.

I'm not sure how or why I recovered, but I did. The back end stepped out again so now I was running parallel to the asphalt but still in the weeds. Narrowly avoiding two large 100 x 100 white posts holding up a sign ... I think

I went under it, unsure, but I missed them. Charlotte wagged her tail again and I was heading back to Terra Firma. I think maybe it was a combo of Charlotte's geometry and years of Ride Forever courses being told to look where you want to go, that got me pointed back in the right direction. Suffice to say, the rest of the ride to Murchison was one of reflection and self-admonishment and a realisation that at any time, usually inconvenient, a moment's inattention and it can all turn to custard.

Filling up in Murch, I necked a large chocolate Up&Go and a punnet of very average fruit salad, while having a damned good look at Charlotte's rear end. The Pilot Road sixes were all good; they were nearly new with heaps of tread and the pressure was spot on, so there had to be something on the road because I was off the brakes before I leant her over and she'd never done that to me before, even in the wet.

The next leg was another long one, up and over Takaka Hill to Waitapu, just down the road from the River Inn, a watering hole once owned by my great-grandfather, Archibald Page. A quick photo and it was back up and over that hill, through Motueka, whose main street is far too long and far too congested for a town of its size, and a huge soaker up of time.

It had started to rain as I was picking up the clutch of 25 pointers in

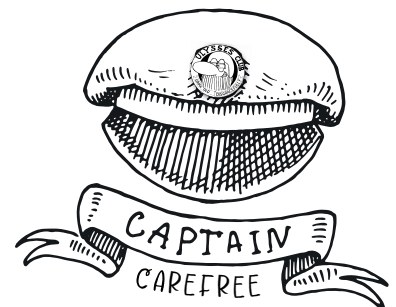
Havelock, so under a verandah, I pulled on the wets, and it got steadily worse closer to Renwick and fair hammering down by the time I'd got to Marlborough Airport.

A security guard wandered up, curious, but upon seeing my T-shirt and my camera, asked if I was on one of those rallies? Yeah, mate, and I explained what I was doing. Cool, maybe one day I'll have a go, as he wandered off. Under the verandah, I did a quick mental calculation. My pace notes said one thing, my odo the other, but they were both on the right side of 2000. However, it was going to be close!

From Spring Creek to Koromiko and on to Picton was simply a matter of riding through the pelting rain and sheets of standing water, feeling the stiction as the sixes fought to clear the water and provide traction. With the last compulsory of Edwin Fox ticked off, I rode along Waikawa Rd towards Endeavour Park, riding up and down until the odo ticked over 2000km right out the front of the Port Marlborough Pavilion. It was also 2230 and that, as they say, was that. The 2023 TT2000 for me was done and dusted.

The owners of the Holiday Park had left instructions and the light on. With wet weather gear, boots, gloves draped over chairs and dripping, I had a cuppa, went through my photos and checklist and breathed a sigh of relief I'd got the right number of points with not a kilometre more and crawled into the sack, the rain still hammering on the roof.

To Shannon and Mark. My sincere thanks to an awesome event. The time and effort you put into this ride; I know it is appreciated by all who take part.



CHRIS "CAPTAIN CAREFREE"
CAREY #3497



Nugget Point

RECIPES



Zucchini Fritters

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cup zucchini, grated
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ cup plain flour
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large egg, beaten
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 1 tbs butter

DIRECTIONS

1. Place grated zucchini in a colander or sieve over the sink where the excess liquid can drain away easily.
2. Add salt, tossing to combine and let sit for at least 10 minutes. Using a clean dish towel, squeeze the zucchini completely – you definitely want as much of the liquid gone as possible because your fritters will fall apart if the mix is too wet.
3. In a large bowl, combine zucchini, flour, Parmesan, garlic and egg; season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Heat the olive oil and butter in a large pan over medium-high heat. Scoop tablespoons of batter for each fritter, flattening with a spatula, and cook until the underside is nicely golden brown, about two minutes.
5. Flip and cook on the other side, another minute or two longer. If the butter browns too much in pan, wipe quickly with a paper towel and add in more of the oil and butter combination.
6. Serve immediately with sour cream.



Spanakopita Bites

With its unique blend of textures and flavours, this appetiser may just steal the show at your next party.

Servings: 12

INGREDIENTS

- 12 whole walnuts
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 green onion, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 300 grams frozen spinach, thawed and drained
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup parsley, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon dill, finely chopped
- Zest of half a lemon
- Juice of half a lemon
- 1 cup feta cheese, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 sheet puff pastry, thawed and cut into 12 equal squares
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 190 C (375 F). Place the walnuts on a baking sheet and bake them for 10 minutes. Let cool and set aside.
2. In a large saucepan, melt the butter, then sauté the onions for about 5 minutes. Add the garlic, green onion and spices. Continue cooking for about 2 minutes. Add the spinach and cook for another 2 minutes, making sure to thoroughly break up any big pieces. In a bowl, pour the spinach mixture and let it cool for about 30 minutes.
3. In the bowl with the spinach, add 1 egg as well as the parsley, dill, lemon zest, lemon juice, feta and Parmesan cheese. Mix well and adjust the seasoning as desired.
4. On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, place the 12 squares of puff pastry. On each square, put about 2 tablespoons of the spinach mixture. Pull the corners of each square toward its centre, and seal with a walnut.
5. In a small bowl, whisk the remaining egg. Brush the egg mixture over the puff pastry and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake for 25 minutes.



Banana Cinnamon Muffins

Paired with a steaming cup of tea or a tall glass of milk, these light and fluffy muffins topped with crispy cinnamon flakes are sure to delight your taste buds!

INGREDIENTS

(Makes 12 muffins)

TOPPING:

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon

MUFFINS:

- 3 very ripe bananas, puréed
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- A pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups flour

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 175 °C and line a muffin tray with 12 cups.
2. In a small bowl, mix the sugar and cinnamon to make the topping.
3. In a bigger bowl, mix the bananas, butter, sugar, egg, baking soda, salt and vanilla extract. Next, add the flour and delicately mix with a spatula.
4. Pour half of the batter into the muffin moulds, taking care not to overfill, and sprinkle half of the cinnamon topping onto the batter. Once done, add the rest of the batter and topping to the moulds.
5. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. To make sure the muffins are cooked through, insert a toothpick in the middle. Continue baking until the toothpick comes out clean.



Beef Stroganoff

This classic Russian dish is hearty and easy to make — and perfect when paired with a glass of red wine. It's best enjoyed on a cold and frosty evening but can be made anytime you need to whip together a quick meal.

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

INGREDIENTS

- 700 grams beef sirloin, cut into strips
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped finely
- 450 grams button mushrooms, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1 sprig fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon old-fashioned mustard
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. Coat the beef strips with a thin layer of flour. Shake to remove any excess.
2. In a deep pan, heat the butter and olive oil over high heat. Sear the beef on all sides. Remove and set aside on a paper towel.
3. Lower the heat to medium and sauté the onions in the same pan. Cook for 5 minutes or until golden. Add the mushrooms and garlic and continue to cook for 3 minutes. Add the beef and stir to combine.
4. Add the red wine, beef broth, thyme and mustard and stir well. Lower the heat and simmer for 15 minutes.
5. Remove from heat and add the sour cream to the sauce, stir well to incorporate. Salt and pepper to taste.
6. Garnish with fresh parsley and serve over egg noodles.



HOLIDAY FROM HELL

It was meant to be a great holiday around the South Island in conjunction with our AGM.

My holiday around the South Island had three intentions: To go to places I had not been to in many a year, to visit family members and school friends I had not seen in years in Dunedin and Invercargill and, lastly, to visit Richardson's Museum in Invercargill as the last time I was there it was closed. It is one place I have always wanted to see.

The ride to Wellington was uneventful. The ferry crossing was even on time, the night in Picton was all good and the road to Geraldine, then Lake Tekapo, Twizel, was good. However, it rained from Dunsandel to Twizel and I was riding my new Honda NT 1100. Well, all I can say is that the Dunlop tyre on the back was and still is s*** in the rain, with the rear end sliding out on every other corner. Dry roads are no worries.

I normally stay ether at backpackers or cabins, but none were available in the above towns

mentioned as some school rowing competition was on. I ended up riding through to Omarama and using my emergency accommodation; yes, my tent. I did 658 kilometres that day, a little more than intended.

Next day was a short ride, probably the long way over the Crown Range to Alexandra. Although I have ridden across the Crown Range several times over the years, it was never in that direction.

Day four and I was not feeling so good, so had a quiet day riding around the area to reminisce my youth and take it easy through Ophir, Cromwell, Clyde etc.

Day five and things went downhill. My intention was to ride to Invercargill, taking a longish route on roads I was not familiar with, then have a couple of days sightseeing around Invercargill. I left Alex feeling like s***, got to Roxburgh and had to get off the bike as I was having trouble breathing,

etc. Being a Sunday, nothing was open, so I changed my planned route and took a direct route to Invercargill. Stopped a couple of times to get my breath and I think put every layer of clothing on I had. (I'm exaggerating but you have the idea.) Rode into Gore and decided to head for the hospital. The nurse quickly told me I had Covid, then she said "the doctor wants to see you". Anyway, I was told to go to bed and isolate for five days minimum as I also had fluid on my lungs. He gave me some magic pills and sent me on my way.

Arrived in Invercargill and found my accommodation. Wearing a mask the doctor had supplied, I asked if I could get into my room early. Coughing etc, I admitted I had Covid. I was quickly told I could not stay there as I could not share toilets and shower. Not feeling good, I asked to sit down as I wanted to phone around to find a motel. Nope, I had to get out as other guests may come in.

Although I understood all that, I was not happy, and it was raining. I did not fancy sitting on my bike trying to phone around to look for a motel.

Back on the bike, I rode around looking for an information centre. No joy. Rode down Tay Street and called into a motel even though they had a no vacancy sign out. That lady was lovely, although her first comment was, "sorry, the town is full". I explained I had Covid so she asked me to sit down and she would find me somewhere. Now that's Southern hospitality. After 10 minutes, she had a motel for me, although it was for only two nights. Back on the bike again and off to the motel, pulled up and the owner apologised the room was upstairs and offered to carry my bags. Whoo, what a difference.

I think I slept for most of the two days but still had to find somewhere to stay for another few days. Rang the Ulysses co-ordinator and he suggested I try Winton. Great, they had a bed for a

night. My wife suggested I put an SOS on the Ulysses Facebook page, but no joy there, which was a little disappointing.

Riding into Winton, I thought it looked nice I would have a walk round the town and take some photos. Nope, walked 50 metres, felt terrible, so into bed. When not sleeping, I was trying to find a motel for another couple of nights. Nothing in Gore, Balclutha, Milton, Mosgeil or Dunedin. Phoned i-Site in Dunedin and they eventually found a motel in Dunedin for \$360.00 a night. Too late, I found one in Oamaru. Originally, I was to stay with an old friend in Dunedin but couldn't do that with Covid.)

Rode to Oamaru feeling quite a lot better, although far from 100%, and decided to go and find Birchall Road – named after my grandfather – at the Scout camp just out of Dunedin before riding to my bed for the night. State highway 1 was a lot of traffic, especially big trucks and plenty of roadworks. Just North of Dunedin it started to rain again, and it stayed with me all the way to

Oamaru. Checked into the motel and again the lady was fantastic and offered to let me use her own laundry, so I could do some overdue washing.

Next day had a text from Covid NZ, who said I was free to mix in public. So, still coughing, I walked into town and took in the sights and, of course, the Steam Punk Museum. Andrew From Oamaru Ulysses phoned me and asked how I was and was I still going to the AGM. Yes, I said, as I had clearance to mix and mingle. Didn't tell him I slept most of the afternoon. He arranged for him and his wife to meet me outside my motel in the morning and they would escort me to Christchurch, although we had to go early as his wife had to go to the co-ordinators' meeting.

Friday morning and sure enough, two bikes turned up. I had one request, we stay off State Highway 1 where we could. No worries, Andrew led me on roads I didn't remember riding on before, so that was a bonus. That night I attended the Ulysses AGM dinner, and the meal was fantastic even though I still

did not have my normal appetite. It was great to catch up with many old friends, especially from Auckland and North Harbour branches.

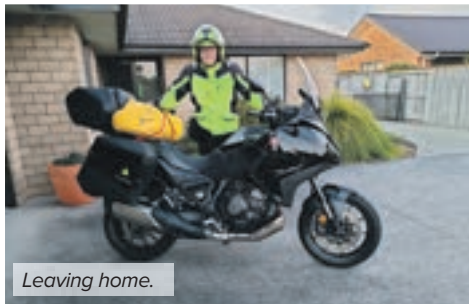
Saturday morning was the AGM and I'm sure enough has been said about that. After lunch, did I just say after lunch, what lunch? I joined the Dice Run, which was well organised and took me on roads I did not know. Canterbury, you have too many long straight roads, though not complaining as I always enjoy roads I have not been down. The locals took all the prizes, though. Dinner was just great. Any other branch putting on an AGM has a lot to live up to. Congratulations Canterbury branch. Unfortunately, I left early as I was not yet 100%, so quite happy to tuck myself into bed.

My ferry sailing changed to an earlier time, so I decided to forgo going over to the West Coast as planned as I really wanted to go to Denniston. Another time. I had now made plans to ride to Picton with Chris Brown, my branch co-ordinator. I said, "Chris, you might as well lead as I am only

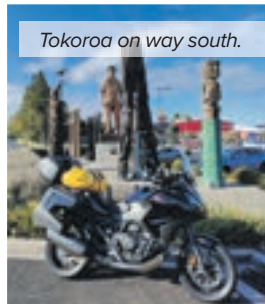
90%." Chris was in no hurry as his sailing was not until that night. I had a cabin in Picton booked, so all good. I have been having Chris on ever since, as I believe, he was on an economy run as I got the best kms to litre that day than any other in my time on the road. I think I must have saved \$10 on petrol. Good day, though, and good company. The ride up the North Island was just another wet day in the saddle.

To sum it up, I did not get to meet many of the people I had intended to, spent three times the amount on accommodation that I had budgeted on as I don't normally stay in motels on my own. Did not visit many of the places I intended to, especially in my hometown of Dunedin, and Richardson's Truck Museum in Invercargill. The reason for riding on my own was so I could do all those things, but they just did not happen. Other friends riding down there at the same time as me did not have a wet day, so why did I get all the rain? Somewhere above I had a 74th birthday.

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Leaving home.



Tokoroa on way south.



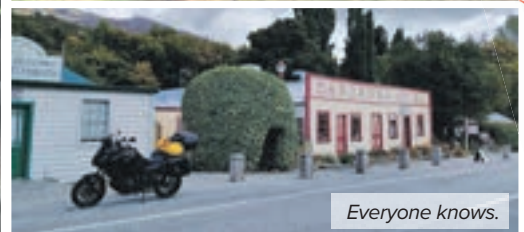
Birchall Track at Scout Camp outside Dunedin named after my Grandfather.



My 74th birthday present to me, Honda NT 1100.



Accommodation in Oamaru



Everyone knows.

NATIONAL BIKE RAFFLE WINNER



CONGRATULATIONS

NOEL HUTCHINS

HAPPY RIDING

Thursday, April 13, we left Foxton for Auckland to carry out one of the best jobs in Ulysses. We were going to present the National Motorbike Raffle winner with his new bike.

Noel Hutchins from Whakatane has been a member for only three or four months: his membership number is #10434. His choice of bike from the extensive list was a Moto Guzzi V85TT in Green. What a great choice and fantastic looking bike.

We met up with Noel at Europe Imports – the Moto Guzzi distributors – for the handover, along with Vice-President Craig Moodie. I don't think Noel was without a big smile on his face the whole time. On his ride back to Whakatane, Noel called into NV Motorcycles in Morrinsville to introduce himself, as he will be using NV Motorcycles for his servicing and will, no doubt, purchase his accessories from them, too. They have an excellent reputation for fantastic customer service.

Once again, congratulations, Noel, and happy riding.

I would also like to thank all the suppliers, importers and dealers who

support this venture every year as without your help this raffle would not be as successful as it is.

Also, a big thanks to all the branch coordinators who look after the ticket sales and all the members who, year in year out, purchase the tickets.

Let's see what bikes we can get for next year – watch this space!

ANDY WILSON #7169

National President/ National Raffle Organiser



Stephen (Europe Imports) congratulates Noel Hutchins on his new Moto Guzzi V85TT.



Andy, National President/Raffle Organiser hands over the epic prize to Noel.

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BUT BABY, IT'S DARK OUTSIDE

I like riding in the dark, but I know it's not for everyone. Some people are more comfortable than others.

This can become more of an issue as we age, unfortunately, as it can become a physical issue as your eyes start letting you down.

However, physical decay aside, the big issue about riding in the dark is that you can't see where you are going ... but the thing is you often can ... you just need to use different clues.

Sometimes it's not a problem, on a bright night with a full moon and no clouds, you can see extremely well, almost as good as daytime. I have

fond memories of riding the likes of the Rimutakas and Waioeka Gorge at speed in such conditions.

Great fun!

But what do you do when the conditions aren't perfect?

These days modern bikes can have very good lights and it is easy to add extra LED driving lights, which are literally brilliant.

If your bike isn't like that or you want to spend less dosh, you can upgrade your headlight bulbs. Standard bulbs, generally, don't have a very bright white light. They are easily replaced with aftermarket bulbs with a brighter light. Don't go higher than the

standard wattage, though, especially for the dip beam, because the higher the wattage, the higher the heat – you may melt your light surround. Be careful replacing your bulbs with LED items, though, you may fail your next WOF.

However, if you don't have great lights and there are other vehicles about, to my mind the best thing to do is to "get a tow". Use the headlights of a vehicle in front of you to see the road ahead. A car is a great thing to follow. Their headlights stay flat and make following easy.

Don't just follow their tail lights. You need to use their headlights

NIGHT RIDING

A refresher from nzta.govt.nz

WHEN TO DIP YOUR VEHICLE'S HEADLIGHT:

You must dip your vehicle's headlight:

- When other vehicles are coming towards you, so that you don't blind the oncoming driver
- When following other vehicles
- When approaching an enforcement officer who is directing traffic

At other times, use your high beam so you can see further.

SPEED AT NIGHT

At night, just as during the daytime, you must ride at a safe speed.

This means that:

- On a road with lanes, you must be able to stop in the length of clear road you can see in front of you
- On a road with no lanes, you must be able to stop in half the length of clear road you can see in front of you.

WEAR THE RIGHT GEAR

It's important to wear clothing and equipment that help you be seen at night:

- Put reflective tape on your clothes, or better still wear reflective clothing.
- Wearing a reflective vest
- It's also a good idea to have reflectors and/or reflective tape on the side of your motorcycle.
- Wearing a scratched face-shield is dangerous. It will pick up reflective glare from oncoming vehicles. Replace a scratched face-shield immediately.

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These articles are my own opinion, and you may not necessarily agree.

That's a good thing, discuss it with your mates.

***If you come up with something
that works better for you that you have
consciously considered, that can only be good.
Just don't get sucked into bad habits.***

and look ahead of the vehicle you are following. It is just like looking where you want to go, you can look through a corner using their headlights, you just need to make the conscious decision to use their headlights, not yours.

However, don't drop back too far. For this to work properly, you need to be reasonably close. You may end up crossing the centre line if you are too far back.

If there is no car to follow and there are two or more bikes with similar headlights, take turns at being lead.

Ok, so you are either alone on the road or it's your turn to be lead and you need help.

Great tools to use are the edge marker posts. These are the white flexible posts on the side of the road. There are three kinds. The most common are white with a red band. These mark the side of a straight road. The other two either have one white reflector over the red band or two yellow reflectors, one on top and one below the red band.

The single white reflector type is always on your left and indicates a

right-turning bend. The two yellow reflector type is always on your right and indicates a left-turning bend. Now here's the trick ... the edge marker posts show you the way a corner goes and how tight it is. The tighter a corner, the closer the posts are to each other.

There are other reflector types as well showing different things. I just find the edge marker posts the most useful.

The edge markers work just as well in the wet if it's dark as well.

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SAFETY TIPS FOR NIGHT RIDING

Riding at night is more dangerous than riding during the day. To improve your safety on the road at night:

- Make sure your visor and the motorcycle's lights are clean
- Never wear dark or tinted glasses, visors or goggles
- Watch for pedestrians and cyclists – they are harder to see at night
- Stop and rest if you are sleepy
- Don't blind other drivers with your vehicle's headlight – dip it when vehicles are coming towards you or when you are following another vehicle
- If you are blinded by the lights of oncoming vehicles:
 - Slow down or stop
 - Try to keep your eyes on the left side of the road, so you're not looking directly at the light
 - Ride at a speed that means you can see the road at least two seconds ahead
 - Use the lights of the vehicle ahead – tail lights bouncing up and down can alert you to bumps or rough patches.

Be aware that at night, because most road signs are highly reflective, your light shining on them may make you think you can clearly see further than you really can. Make sure you ride more slowly and carefully at night, particularly on unfamiliar roads.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/motorcycle-code/road-code/about-riding/when-conditions-change/night-riding/>



Easter Toy Run

We haven't had a Toy Run since December 2020 what with Covid etc. A big thank you to Stumpy, Greg and Julie for all their hard work organising this toy run at short notice. Also, a big thank you to all our sponsors who gave us prizes. A big thanks also goes to Tauriko Playcentre, which put on the BBQ to raise funds for the playcentre, although I heard that they spent the profit from the BBQ at Kmart for gifts for kids in hospital.

We had 48 bikes turn out, as well as many people turning up for a look at the bikes and to drop off either toys or Easter eggs.

It was short notice getting the message out for the run and the wet start didn't help with numbers. It wasn't long before the sun came out and it got very hot.

Everyone mixed and mingled, looked at the

various bikes, from old classics to modern bikes (including a replica Britten bike) and trikes.

Perfect time to visit the Bethlehem markets or get a coffee at our local supporter, Columbus Café Bethlehem.

A total of 46 bikes went for a short ride out to Te Puna and then up Minden Rd and back to Bethlehem. Unfortunately, one of the riders had a little off. The ambulance arrived quickly and gave him a free ride to the hospital. He ended up with a few bumps and bruises, so thankfully it was nothing serious.

The prizegiving was held when everyone got back, with a number of people getting prizes.

This Easter Toy Run was for Tauranga Hospital Children's Ward and the profit will be going to the AeroCool Rescue Helicopter.

LEE WHITE #5925
Branch Secretary





TWO KRUSTY OL' COASTERS

GRUB #5457

Where does one start? At the beginning I hear you all say. Well, you're right of course! A huge congratulations to Canterbury Branch for hosting the Forgotten Rally; what a tremendous job you all did and I'm sure everyone will agree the whole weekend went off without a hitch. Special thanks to the organising committee; you should all pat yourselves on the back for a job well done. Papanui Club was an awesome venue and all their staff, from the kitchen to the bar, outdid themselves.

I don't think I've ever been to any function where there has been such a variety of food, and it just kept coming out. I can still hear Mike Dew, prior to dinner, saying, "I promise we will not run out of food". How right he was, people could've had as many servings as they wanted. Although us Krusty Coasters were tucked away around the corner from the band, it was easy to see they were playing the right style of music by the large number up dancing and sitting around foot tapping whilst keeping themselves hydrated – some most certainly keeping the club motto of Grow Old Disgracefully alive and well. Did I mention I never won

a raffle – just thought I'd mention it.

I'd like to congratulate all the recipients of long-service badges and Odyssey Medals, and a special congratulations to Stuart Burns on his Life Membership award; very well deserved. I must take this opportunity to thank my offsider and his wife for the accommodation for the night, not to mention a very enjoyable hearty breakfast Sunday morning before I ventured back home to Amberley.

Us Krusty Coasters haven't been on many Wednesday rides lately with the Canterbury Ulysses Knitting Group, mainly due to other commitments or the dastardly Canterbury weather. Funny how, as the years tick by, one gets a little reluctant to venture out in the rain or even when there is a dodgy forecast. Although we really did enjoy the ride up to Motunau, cruising up State Highway 1 on this particular Wednesday when there was very little wind and a very pleasant 20 degrees. After a recent storm with tidal surges, the rest area had been cleaned up reasonably well, with a few piles of slash remaining.

After finishing our lunch, Dave and I were discussing the history of the island at Motunau, encouraging me

to seek out the information panel with all the facts we were looking for. However, I discovered the posts that were supporting said info panel had been bowled over by the action of the surf. The balance of our lunch break was utilised by returning to our knitting for a wee while before stands up and heading to the Fossil Cafe for a posh coffee and, if you're that way inclined, a fancy cake of some sort. The staff situation was a little down for the day, hence one of our own became the waiter and delivered all the coffees etc. I believe in return the said waiter had negotiated to have his coffee served first, a very fair trade off I would have thought.

The return journey home was uneventful and with the

toot of horns at my turn off at Amberley, the day drew to an end. Other activities us Krusties have been up to include attending the Sound of Thunder and the King of Ruapuna meetings, plus a couple of great nights watching the sprint cars at Ruapuna Speedway. Very exciting to watch and one must also admit to having a Speedway hot dog it's a tradition, I thought.

Hopefully the weather is kind to us over the next few months and we get out on a few more Wednesday Knitting Club rides; they are a great bunch of guys to spend a day with for good company and a few laughs.

Well, until next time, keep warm and watch out for those Tin Tops

GRUB #5457





Kapiti Kapers

PAUL NEES #6782

RETURN OF THE TIME TRIAL

Following the unqualified success of last year's Great Parapara Challenge, the Rides Committee decided to repeat the exercise, this time using a circular route. That meant I had to stay put at the start/finish line to set participants off and welcome them back.

We called the route Summerhill to Summerhill. The ride took us from Summerhill Shopping Centre in Palmerston North, over Pahiatua Track, through the Ballance area, almost to Woodville before returning over Saddle Road to Ashhurst and back to Summerhill via Aokautere – a total of 62km exactly.

This was a different sort of ride to the Parapara one, with a little urban riding and areas of significantly more traffic and fewer overtaking opportunities than the previous route from Whanganui to Raetihi. A few days before the event I rode the route by myself to post the guide time of 53min. I stuck to the speed limit or below and did have to follow a police car for a while up Saddle Road, then I was further delayed behind a very slow truck and trailer on the descent.

Participants had to nominate a time they would take to complete the run, and the person closest to their nominated time would win a prize – this time a \$50 fuel card. Fourteen riders turned up and were told many times this was not to be a race!

We met at Z Levin, rode to Palmerston North, sort of together, and over a coffee at Suny Café each person selected a time, some changing their minds several times before committing.

One by one they set off, a few minutes apart. By the time the last rider departed the first returnee was expected.

Pleasingly, everyone returned safely with no breakdowns, accidents, or speeding tickets. There were, however, various reports of people riding exorbitantly slowly or quite quickly for some.

There were three riders who managed their exact nominated time, so their names went into a hat and Holly Cane, last year's champion, drew out the winner.

The winner was Roland Bastet on his Suzuki large capacity scooter. Typically organised, Roland had put the route into Google Maps and selected their guide time as his target. The strategy paid off and Roland received the fuel card.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN CHRISTCHURCH

Several members made the trek to Christchurch this year. We left early to take the opportunity to visit Hanmer Springs and Akaroa before arriving at Papanui Club. On the second day in Hanmer, some went over Molesworth and back while a couple of us spent the time reading books and sampling the local hospitality (read bars and pubs).

The meeting was really well organised – thanks Canterbury – and the venue and food was magnificent. It is always great to meet other members at this event. I caught up with Trevor Birchall who, a few months earlier, had asked me to test ride a unique scooter he had seen on Trade Me for sale in Raunaki. He bid but did not win

the auction!

After the AGM, a few of us kept riding towards Twizel and detoured to Mount Cook. The weather was absolutely stunning, and we were rewarded with wonderful, clear mountain views.

The Twizel weather forecast wasn't good, so we negotiated an extra night at our Air BNB and chilled out. More reading, more drinks, tall stories and a couple of great meals at Twizel's excellent Thai restaurant – then we were ready to go again.

The penultimate night was spent in Fairlie with an Indian food truck outside our door – wonderful food. We all went on diets and detox programmes when we got home.

Unfortunately, there were ferry issues on our day of return to the North Island and our afternoon departure wasn't until after 9pm. The upside of that was no Wellington traffic, so a quick zip over Transmission Gully to collapse into bed.

A wonderful time was had by all.

RADIO SHOW

Kapiti Ulysses has a half-hour radio show every four weeks. It is heard on Coast Access Radio 104.7FM and shows are archived on www.coastaccessradio.org.nz/Programmes/Details.aspx?PID=3cffe27-3718-4539-b01a-e3e2abcf7fa

That's a mouthful! In the latest show I interview new National President Andy Wilson and Karen Wilson from NatCom. If you are interested, have a listen.

PAUL NEES #6782



Holly, defending champion- ready to go.



Kiaran hoping for a good run.



Roger, Kiaran and Steve Mt Cook Road.

Southland "Scribbles"

ROSS L #1177

Hi folks, there is no doubt that compared to some of our fellow branches, we had quite settled summer weather and our members really benefitted from this.

The weather on the day of our first ride for 2023 could not have been better and, pleasingly, it was well supported. The ride took the members on roads less travelled to the lunch stop at Curio Bay before returning to Invercargill via the very scenic coast road.

It was a real pleasure to be joined on the day by a Ulysses club member from Western Australia who was visiting the area. Pleasingly, a few weeks later we received a travel update from him. He advised us that he and four friends had just completed a 2400Km ride around the South Island. I can report that they really enjoyed the road between Westport and Murchison.

Subsequent branch rides had mixed success, with one affected by the weather on the day, however, even so, two cars and one

intrepid rider did travel to Mossburn for lunch. Other rides appeared to be impacted by work commitments, other events on the calendar and so on.

Our monthly branch dine-outs and Sunday coffee mornings continue to be well attended and are really enjoyable social occasions. However, the decision to have a change of café for our coffee mornings was apparently tempting fate. A few weeks after we dined, the cafe was sold, the new owners then changed the opening hours and the menu. I really hope it wasn't anything we said or did.

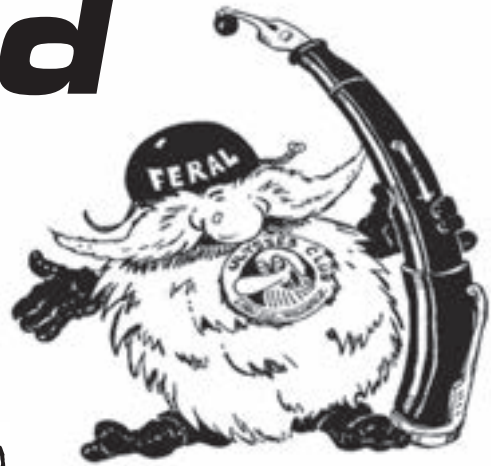
As to the future, we hope to get some branch rides in before winter truly arrives, plus continue with our usual indoor activities.

Regard to all.

ROSS L #1177

Westland Co-ordinators Discourse

KERRY CHAPMAN #3443



Autumn Riding Season

Once again, we are very busy riding all over the country. First up was the Woodstock Rally here in Hokitika, run by the Westland Touring Club, with very good attendance from all over the country. Then followed the Burt Munro down at Invercargill; a couple of mishaps on the hill climb, and the drags, but a very well-run event, as usual. Lots of Ulysses members went down for the week.

The branch Saturday coffee meetings get a steady number of members, where we generally discuss and decide what will happen over the next couple of weekends. It is a very good chance to plan any rides that need to be sorted, although as the weather can sometimes be a bit dodgy, we can never plan to have a dry ride, but hope for the best – various rides to Hari Hari, Reefton, Arthur's Pass, Westport, Punakaiki, Nelson Creek Hotel and Charleston, to name but a few.

There are also events like Kids Day Out, where all the kids from the area can have a go at lots of things all for free. Our group offers rides on the bikes. The track is approximately 1km and the queue for a ride never seemed to diminish from 10am to 2pm. But there is nothing more satisfying than the smiles as they get off the bike, saying, "that was great can I go on another ride".

The 2023 AGM in Christchurch was very well planned and executed. Thank you and well done to Canterbury Branch. Great venue and

food. Lots of "catching up" with friends.

April Fools' Day coffee morning had the wettest weather; the car park of Honey Cafe (at the Kumara roundabout) was about 300mm deep and it was the biggest turnout we have had all year. Just shows that Coasters do not worry about a bit of rain before venturing outdoors.

I have purchased a little LS650 Suzuki to make it a bit easier to ride with my bung hip. My grandson (who is now doing his motorcycle licence) and I went for our first ride together to Lake Kaniere boat racing champs (Easter weekend). He is using the LS650 for rides.

It will not be long before the family has three generations in the club. He is going through the Ride Forever system and doing really well so far. His mother, our daughter Vicky Noda, is also doing very well, (now the National Treasurer). Well done, Vicky, proud of you.

The latest ride on my Harley with side chair was to Hari Hari for coffee and a pie. Another very good day for a ride, last weekend we were off to Punakaiki, with the grandson coming along on his first club ride on one of the top-10 rides in the world. That was a great ride with grandson up the coast road; he did very well, gave himself a bit of a fright on one corner but otherwise enjoyed himself. Hopefully many more to come.

Hope you are all enjoying the roads as much as my family.

Keep the shiny bits up.

KERRY CHAPMAN #3443

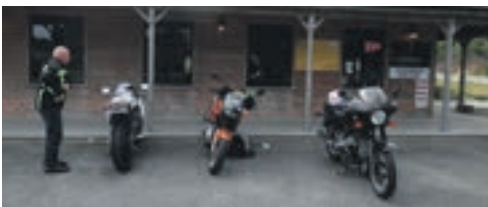


Ulysses at Nelson Creek.



Levi's first ride up coast road.

Kids Day Out...



Ulysses at Punakaiki.



Ulysses at Arthurs Pass.



Monthly club dinner with our oldest member, John Delatour, in the front seat.

Taupō

RICK #7552

G'day from Taupo.

We have had a few things happening in this part of the country - rides every second Sunday as well as a few impromptu rides in between. We are having a club dinner at the local Cossie club once a month, which is well supported and always a bit of a giggle.

There was an inter-club bowling competition in Taupo that was organised by the Rotorua branch. I couldn't be there myself but heard that it was a great occasion with a short ride, after bowling, to the Rotary House for a sausage sizzle.

A few of our members went out to Mangakino Lake at Easter to cook a few sausages for the kids' raft race day. As a result of that, there were some potential new

members interested. Well done to the team who went there.

Our sheriff's fine book is still fairly empty as there is not a lot of misbehaving going on, unless my deputies are being bribed because I haven't been on many rides myself this summer.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with the people of the Hawkes Bay, East Coast, Coromandel and Auckland after cyclone Gabrielle. I travel to Napier two to three times per week and the devastation is horrendous. All the best to everyone who has been affected by this disaster.

Finally, to quote German wheat farmer Klaus C Clausmann: "While today was just a hard day, there is always hope for tomorrow."

Cheers from **RICK #7552**



10 PIN CHALLENGE WITH TAUPO & WAIKATO



Rotorua RAMBLINGS

SMILEY #10243

Another quarter and here we are again; should we share our special moments? Reckon it would be rude not to, so here goes.

The middle of March had some of our members hitting the South Island to attend the AGM. Usually, I am a rebel and will give the AGM a miss, but after hearing about all the antics that goes on at these get-togethers, I thought, "Oh, this could be fun."

Not that the party is the major "pull" factor, but it was on my radar.

Leading up to the AGM, I had an idea ... Over the course of a couple of months I got to thinking about Cyclone Gabrielle and the disaster that it left behind. So many people have been affected by this event. When I pitched my "idea" to our amazing Rotorua members, there was a little eye rolling ... But the team was on board! The enormity of the challenge is huge, but certainly achievable.

Our idea has started to develop and we will be doing a NZ-wide Baton Relay event. Exciting stuff, really! Without repeating it all, there is another page in this magazine with the lowdown on the event.

We are all getting older, every day, so grasp the adventure and get involved; don't be the one sitting inside watching the world go by.

This will be something a little different, but the upside is that it will put the Ulysses brand out there. The relay will go from branch to branch, and any biker or supporter is welcome to join in the convoy.

OTHER ANTICS

Taupo hosted the second Tony Baker 10-pin bowling challenge, and this was another great day out. We even had a special visit from Andy and Karen from NatCom. They weren't keen to get thrashed on the lanes, but it was nice to see them and have a catch-up over a barbecue, put on by Taupo branch.

We must have scared the Tauranga, Whakatane and Waihi branches away as they were a no show. However, Rotorua did manage to take out the win and the next 10-pin challenge has now moved to the Waikato branch. If you are keen to get to know other branch members, all you have to do is turn up and talk. We are a lovable bunch really! Don't take that as it sounds, though, and be disgraceful. Some of our members attended the Shiny Side Up event at the Millennium. These events are highly recommended as they have great speakers and lots of information.

Following on from this event, six riders attended the Silver Course - Ride Forever. Great to have a refresher and, well, another awesome day out on the bike, really!

The highlight of the month would have to be our branch overnighter to Te Kaha. Saturday started with coffee at our local Aroma Cafe and as we were all tucked away inside, sipping coffee and eating hot food, outside the rain continued to fall.

Ole mate Chris Seaman texts and says, "I'll try not to moan about the weather, but I am English." As only a kiwi could respond, "Will fall on deaf ears, it's all about the ride bro!" And with that, Chris donned his wet

weather gear and joined the ride.

We rode to The Craic in Whakatane in the rain; nothing like a truck going past, through a big puddle and the water spray landing on top of ya. Didn't matter, we were wet anyway. Lunch was served and then we were off to Opotiki to refuel before our coastal ride. Arriving at the Te Kaha Resort, what a welcoming sight that was. My sidekick Kebin was completely sodden, so he was popped into the dryer. No, not child abuse, he is a teddy bear.

Dinner was a bit of a laugh when Chris thought he'd ordered Mac 'n Cheese — like a burger. His plate arrived with mac 'n cheese and the state of confusion between him and the waitress was classic!

Carol took up the challenge to short sheet Hartley's bed, and I got locked out. Sometimes, after an evening of some drinking, you can't think of a solution and at midnight I was calling Hartley to help me get to the second floor. He came up with a suggestion of using the stairs at the other end of the building ... Ahh bless, such a knowledgeable man. And to think we short sheeted his bed.

It appears that all was not well on the ground floor, with Paul claiming that it was something he ate. We know it was the wine he drank lol. Thanks Maryanne, for that update. Bryan had a shine on and wobbled off down the hallway after trying to drink every bottle on the shelves in the bar. Grand effort, I reckon.

We sang pretty badly the

song *Red Red Wine* to missing member Cameron, but cheers, dude, you were with us in spirit, wine and beer!

Our ride home was more subdued, and the sun came out, which was great. Mal got to practise his skills at fixing a flat tyre when we got to Opotiki, with help from his wife Lynda and Carol. Coz we gurlz know how to fix a flatty.

From all reports - they are still married =>

Anyway, we have had a range of other rides going on, but as our members are so busy riding, no-one has time to write to me, so it's just my ride story this edition.

Another highlight this month was the Far North team ending up in Rotorua for an overnight stop. We hustled a get-together for dinner at the Pig n Whistle and Steve is really amped for the Relay event.

Our awesome member Jimmy joined us on the night from his hospital bed. Thinking of you, mate xx.

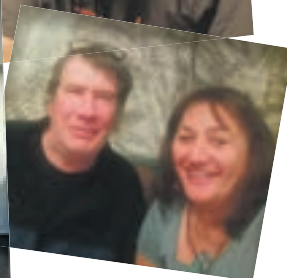
Well, would you know it, it's nearly coffee time at Aroma, so I had best put the keyboard away and go and find my tribe.

Blessed to have you all in my life and love meeting new members from other branches.

**SMILEY 'N'
KEBIN #10243**



DINNER AT PIG 'N' WHISTLE



<<< HAVE YOU MET MAL? WHO DOESN'T DRINK... LOL



BEST LAUGH OF THE EVENING!...



Waihi and **TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060** Thames Valley

This last quarter has not been a lot of fun for me. However, I will get to that later. Our branch has been very active, with record numbers attending our dinner nights and, as per usual, held in different towns to suit our membership, which is quite spread out. I am hoping to attend some soon.

Thursday rides are extremely popular, with most just under 300 kilometres door to door. Once a month, we try join our neighbouring branches. I was unavailable to take several rides in March and it was great to see other members step up and take them in my absence. One Thursday, I went to the start at the Bottle in Paeroa to mix with the group then took off to an appointment at Hamilton Hospital. Joe and Karel had offered to take the ride to Raglan. As my appointment finished early, I hopped back on the bike – not sparing any horses – for Raglan to

see if I could join the group for lunch. Arriving in Raglan, I could see the group crossing the bottom of town. Great, knew where they were going, so took a small shortcut to catch up. How wrong I was; Karel and Joe knew a fish and chip shop right on the wharf I did not know was there, and their lunch looked great. That is exactly why I like others to take rides occasionally, as they know places I don't.

Weekend rides have been rare as nobody really puts their hand up to take many. I organised one to Kinloch to see a private collection of bikes owned by a gentleman I met on the ferry a few weeks earlier. Our ride down was a mystery even to me as I took some forestry roads I thought I knew, however, I must have taken a wrong turn somewhere. No worries, I had punched into my GPS the lunch venue, so decided to follow it for a

change. I think it even found a couple of roads I did not know existed. Most of the time the nine riders behind were completely lost. Not only that, I did not do my homework as the cafe in Kinloch had closed. Just as well I took my sandwich, and I wasn't sharing it either. The private collection was well worth seeing, with some very rare bikes. Mainly off road, however, old racers as well. Thanks, Russell, for letting us see your prized collection.

Instead of a Sunday meeting at the RSA in Paeroa, we had an informal meeting and barbecue at Waiomu Reserve by the beach, which was a roaring success and with more requested like it. The perfect weather really helped.

Well, that's it from the Branch Scribe this issue. Safe riding.

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060



Sunday ride to Coromandel.



Lunch break on a Thursday ride.

Auckland Actions

MARK BENTON #8668

At the Auckland AGM in March, I had the honour to be elected branch co-ordinator. I'd like to firstly thank Craig and those committee members who've stood down for their dedication and hard work over the years – it is greatly appreciated by the entire branch. Navigating through COVID and the challenges of extended lockdowns was a situation we never thought we'd see. For his sins, Craig moves on to higher honours with NatCom.

Secondly, welcome and thank you to all those who have remained or joined the committee. We have several new

RICs and event leaders, which is superb as new blood and ideas are always welcome.

It's been a busy ol' time in Auckland Branch of late. This summer has been one of the worst on record, with multiple cyclones and general rubbish weather. This is all a bit disappointing given the lockdown restrictions of previous summers. Flexibility has been the key word with all runs and events, and I appreciate all those who have juggled to make things happen.

Our weekend rides, social events, "coffee & conversation" and the popular Tuesday rides have all

continued, offering options for all. Our first "Dirty Bike" ride is in the calendar for those who want to take roads less travelled ... or is that roads less gravelled?

The next big event on the horizon is the Remembrance Weekend, August 12-13, in Taupo. This is a great weekend, a celebration of Ulysses past and present, a time to catch up with friends from around the country. Make sure you book accommodation early to get the best deals.

See you down there.

Cheers

MARK BENTON #8668

Private Collection of bikes at Kinlock.



'Naki News

MARTIN PEYERL #9483

February to April 2023

Ulysses Taranaki held its AGM in February 2023. It was a well-attended AGM with plenty of chatter and banter ... especially when one Bill Kidney queried (some would say argued) his membership number in the last AGM minutes, quoted what he thought was his correct membership number ... and was then proved wrong!

As usual, there was the acceptance of the previous minutes, the President's Report, and the Treasurer's Report. Thanks to the 2022 Office Bearers and Committee who stepped down. Janice Weston (Secretary), Graeme Weston (Vice President), Scott Mills (Committee), Bill Kidney (Committee) Shayne le Breton (Committee). Your input over the last period is much valued by the branch.

The new Office Bearers and Committee are:

President – Martin Peyerl #9483; Treasurer – Harry Bayliss #9680; Secretary – Gemma Peyerl #9484; Vice President – Mark

Lundt #10045; Committee: Andrew Pentelow #8533; Blair Campbell #2772; Graeme Asquith #10113; Helen Bayliss #9681; Nigel Davis #10256. Welcome, and let's keep the ship steaming ahead. Graeme Asquith is the new Sheriff in town and means to clean up our act – good luck with that!

We also congratulated Andrew Pentelow #8533 and Suzie Pentelow #8532 for 10 years of membership. Time flies when you are having fun.

This year, I would like our committee to focus on supporting the National AGM committee for the 2025 AGM and as many events as necessary to keep our members engaged. I think 2023 will be a busy year for the committee.

The new web page will be fully operational by the time you read this. Feel free to go and check it out at: <https://taranaki.ulysses.org.nz/>. Our thanks go to Greig Neilson from Web21 and Gemma Peyerl #9483 who

gave generously of their time to help us move to the new system. We are excited to have now strong links to the Ulysses.org.nz "Mother Ship".

Our rides' committee has just had its meeting, with the next 12 months now mapped out. Lots of rides and a few overnights. The details will be added to the new website over the next few weeks.

We have welcomed two new members – Vicki Aylward #10486 and Wayne Higgins #10485. We wish them a long and happy association with like-minded bikers growing old disgracefully!

We had 10 members attend the Christchurch National AGM. We did a week-long tour ahead of the event, from Picton to Blenheim to Kaikoura to Hanmer to Greymouth and then to Christchurch. Some great roads well worth revisiting and some great sites along the way. We dressed up as Akaroa French pioneers, had a theme song and a flag. Saturday night was a

great night of festive fun, and our enthusiasm was not dampened by none of us winning the bike raffle. Better luck next time! As always, it was a great experience for those of us who attended.

Our monthly club nights continue to be well attended, as do our Stumble Inn Lunches. For the April lunch, we handed out a 35-year badge to Owen Blundell #541. Impressive and inspirational. We were also delighted to welcome an international Ulysses guest along from Perth and two new members. Quite a lunch.

We have had numerous rides around the region, some better attended than others, but always worth the effort as we have some great roads around here. We had our last Pie and Pint ride for the season, which we managed to squeeze in before daylight savings.

MARTIN PEYERL #9483





Ulysses Taranaki 2023-24 Committee.



Stumble Inn Lunch.



Ulysses Taranaki AGM.



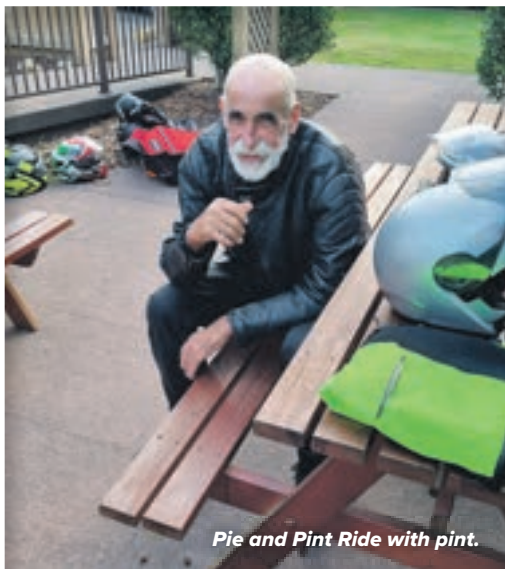
The team having fun at the AGM.



French Akaroa Pioneers.



Owen Blundell #541, 35 years!



Pie and Pint Ride with pint.



New Sheriff in town!

Marlborough Musings

KELVIN WATSON #3602

Marlborough branch has had lots of rides over the past few months and the weather here has been treating us pretty well, although not so good in some other areas.

We had a Rescue Services ride recently from Havelock to Blenheim, led by a fire engine and raising funds for the Blenheim Fire and Emergency service. Fortunately for us, we managed a fine day and 41 bikes attended. We sold all our badges, which was a big help, and donated \$850 to the cause. The brigade put on a sausage sizzle at the end of the ride, which raised \$180, so a total of around \$1000 for the afternoon; a pleasing result.

Our mid-winter dinner is coming up in early July, where we present a couple of trophies and give out some service badges to our members. This year, Melissa Wills #8852 gets a 10-year badge; Ian McKercher #7499, Peter Nelson #7468, Ian Wilson #7515, all get 15-year badges and Barry Hope #5723 a 20-year badge. Don Best #4250, Grant Johnstone #4004, Gary Tyson #4232, earn 25-year badges and Marilyn Kavanagh #2325 and Stuart Paul #2365 30-year badges. Congratulations to them all. It's good to be able to acknowledge such long-standing members in this way.

With the cooler temperatures now, you would think that would put some riders off coming out to ride their bikes. Our Thursday Retreads Group is still getting upwards of 30-plus turning up some weeks for the weekly lunch rides.

Must be doing something right!
The average age of our members

for the Marlborough branch is 69 years. Most of our members are retired or close to it and I suppose that is one of the reasons we get such good attendance on most of the midweek rides we put on. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for our Sunday rides.

For those of you who read Stuff news on the Internet you may have read recently about Pelorus Bridge Café closing. Something to do with DoC tendering policies. The previous managers have decided quite rightly that they don't want a bar of it. Pelorus Bridge café was one of the places we went regularly with our Thursday Retreads Group. It is now closed until next Summer, always assuming someone will lease it in the future.

We all know about Ride Forever Courses that are run for motorcyclists to brush up their riding skills etc. Locally, the courses are paid for by our MDC, with a free lunch for all participants. Some of our members who have been riding for years should just give one of these courses a go. You are never too old to learn something that you don't remember you have forgotten. It might just save your life. I know all the guys who do these courses speak so highly of them and are still learning. I wish I could do one on the Spyder.

Take Care Over Winter Everyone.

"Keep the Rubber on the Road"

Kelvin Watson #3602
Marlborough Branch Coordinator

Last Hurrah at Pelorus Bridge Café





SERVICES RIDE

from Havelock to Blenheim

to raise funds for the Blenheim Fire and Emergency Service.



Pre-lunch Millars rest Thursday.



Sunshine Millars Rest Rai Valley.



Millars Rest Rai Valley Thursday.



Enjoying lunch Rai Valley.

Manawatu Murmurs

MURRAY CROSS #7908

Manawatu Branch has been affected by some of the nasty weather around the southern North Island. Although our coffee mornings and monthly meetings have been well attended, the organised rides have struggled with attendance. The February Scavenger Hunt attracted five two-person teams and those who joined in had a fun time. The annual Shiny Side Up event at Southward's Museum on February 26 saw a group of about 15 bikes travel down SH1 for a day of interesting presentations and lots of bikes to check out in the parking area.

The branch was well represented at the Ulysses AGM in Christchurch. A group of members and friends had headed south well before the AGM and explored the South Island's great roads, before joining other Ulyssians from around the country for a night of disgraceful conduct. Over a beer, I even convinced one of the group to buy my 1955 AJS 18S single. He called in at my home after the weekend to view the bike and we agreed on a price. The first time I had sold one of my bikes in over 12 years! It was also great to see that Andy Wilson, who regularly attends our branch events, has been elected as National President, and his wife, Karen, has also continued on NatCom.

Other branch rides included the much-feared LEFT-RIGHT ride. This was postponed from March to April and gave the small field of participants lots to talk about. Apparently, one rider did 200-plus kilometres on what was meant to be a 90km route. Must have had lots of fun getting lost.

The branch AGM will be held on May 3, with most of the committee staying on for another term. Big thanks for all their efforts to make our branch relevant and an enjoyable organisation to belong to.

Our secretary, Howard Asplin, has been leading a number of weekday Retreads Rides for those retired members with time on their hands. They have ranged over the lower North Island, causing some mayhem and consuming a lot of pies and cups of tea. Howard has just advised he is going back into part-time employment, so hopefully one of the other committee members can step up and run these popular mid-week events.

Les Maddaford and I are organising the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride from Feilding as part of this worldwide charity event. All rides are on the same day around the world, in this case, May 21, 2023. We have planned a very scenic back road route, to be covered by classic-styled bikes with riders in their best dapper clothing. Men's health is a great cause to support, by either participating or donating to the event.

The next big thing is our mid-winter dinner and the preparations for the bi-annual North Island Compass Rally (4 Points). The new committee will be meeting soon to develop the ride and social event calendar through to Christmas. Lots to look forward to.

Be safe on the roads.

MURRAY CROSS #7908

Manawatu Co-Ordinator



February Scavenger Hunt, Rob Wishcott (left) and the starting line up (right).

March Retreads - Dave Moore, a hit with the ladies at Pointons Masterton.



April Coffee Morning - a really good turnout!



April Retreads visit to the Rush Collection, Feilding.



March meeting - Lance Nixon receives 30 Year Badge.

A motorcycle rider is shown from a front-three-quarter view, riding a red and black motorcycle. The rider is wearing a black helmet and a dark jacket. The background is a blurred road with trees. The text "LET'S START THE JOURNEY" is overlaid in large, bold, black letters. At the bottom, the logo for "ULYSSES CLUB ULYSSIAN NEW ZEALAND" is displayed, along with the email address "advertising@ulysses.org.nz".

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Gizzy News

CHRISSY #5993

As such as it is with the weather events that have happened on the East Coast, riding has been very limited, more so than usual.

One of our members managed a solo ride and found some sun.

As I write this, members are heading away for an adventure. This coming weekend, some to Waihi for the Tauranga Rally, others to Awakeri for a soak in the hot pools. Then it's time to plan our next adventure.

CHRISSY #5993

Gisborne Branch President

Chrissy's bike under rebuild.



Dave found some sun.

North Harbour

KARL BETHELL #6900

Kia ora, fellow Ulyssians,

Firstly, I am completing this on behalf of Wayne.

As some of you may be aware, Wayne, after spending considerable time extending the durability and life of his once Indian Motorcycle into a fantastic-looking and performing trike, is looking at shifting his attention to his own personal power plant. Wayne has been waiting for some time now to get the required specialists and engineers to help repower his combustion engine, and to this end he is looking at a port and polish, re-valving and fixing any leaks that he has around his pump. As is the case with rebuild procedures, there will no doubt be some tweaking etc before the new and improved version hits the

streets.

All the best, mate, look forward to our next ride.

We have completed our AGM and have a committee to move forward. I would have to say it has a very familiar look to it; one notable change is our secretary. National decided their needs were greater than ours and Vicky Noda has left us for greener pastures at National; our loss your gain; congrats, Vicky. Thanks to Anna Bethell for stepping in. Well, what a month. We are hopefully going to get our twice-postponed Westpac Helicopter Ride completed on May 7.

We have the Bike Show at Trusts Stadium in May where Ulysses will



have a stand and this could be a good recruitment drive for the club, for both North Harbour and Auckland.

National AGM work is progressing well. Cyclespot will be a fantastic back drop for our AGM. I can't think of it being in a better place, surrounded by so many diverse brands and types of motorcycles for a motorcycle club AGM, (yes, there is Heaven on Earth). That's it from me, see you at the next meeting.

KARL BETHELL #6900

Vice President North Harbour Ulysses

Tauranga News

STUMPY #9475

The Tauranga BOP Branch is having an excellent turnout at 9am at Columbus Coffee at Bethlehem Town Centre for breakfast or just a coffee.

Greg, the branch runs co-ordinator, is coming up with a wide variety of rides to accommodate all levels of rider skill and size of bike. We have been traveling through BOP, Waikato and the Coromandel finding new roads and cafes, and meeting new people on and off bikes to tell our tales to.

We have a diverse range of bikes within our club: Harley Davidsons, Indians, Triumphs, Suzuki, Honda, BMW, Yamaha, and four trikes.

Beach Hop week at the end of March is always huge. We had several members attend the Waihi warm-up party held on the Wednesday. Plenty of cars and bikes on show as well as rock 'n roll music, live band Sock Hop girls and lots of food and drink. (Could organise as an annual event).

Tauranga Bop Toy and Easter egg Run 2023 was a great success; we had a show and shine with the bikes then off for a ride in our beautiful backyard. We have some amazing sponsors. Thanks to you all for the 27 raffle items you donated. The trophy and the \$250

cash for the best bike at the Show and Shine was won by a cool Triumph chosen by Bethlehem town centre manager. The weather was great, the turnout was awesome, kids had a blast and we raised funds for our charities and collected toys and easter eggs for the kids who were in the kids' ward in Tauranga Hospital over the Easter holiday weekend.

Rotorua hosted 10-pin bowling, so we sent 12 of our best players to bring the title home but, alas, we sucked, but we did come home with a gold dangler for playing the most games.

Welcome to our new members.

Tauranga BOP Rally is on May 5,6 and 7 at Waihi beach. We will have pictures and stories next month. As well as other adventures we have.

On April 18, Tauranga BOP had our AGM. Welcome to all our 2023 committee members, some in new positions, some continuing with their old positions.

As the Tauranga president, I look forward to working with you all.

Thank you for wanting to help grow our club.

ROGER SHUTTE (STUMPY) #9475



Kevin Beagley, a long-serving member, won the most "Disgraceful Member" of the month for his "off" on the toy run on his brand-new bike.



Stumpy winning his Gold Medal for Ten Pin Bowling.



Stumpy's brand new trike being used to allow kids (and adults / Denis Linde) to sit on.



Wellington Witterings

JIM F #2098

An Odyssey for Sandy



Last year, Kevin, Mike, Sandy, Camp Mother, and I all had a great six-day trip around the top of the South Island to get to Christchurch. It was originally planned to coincide with others from our branch at the 2022 National AGM Rally, but of course, that event was postponed until this year. Better luck next time, as the saying goes, and so we decided that we would travel to the 22 in 23 AGM Rally on the Friday, catch up with everyone and then take another 12 days to cover the lower South Island.

However, Murphy decreed otherwise and channelled Robbie Burns and John Lennon by putting away the plans of hundreds of mice and men by throwing various Spaniards into the inner workings of the Cook Strait ferry services. The oft-uttered Anglo-Saxon variant of “botheration” was loudly wailed to the uncaring Universe when the notification came through that our Friday sailing was cancelled.

Luckily, Kevin got straight on the phone and secured a rebooking early on the Sunday morning. I tried to get

earlier bookings for us all, however, we had three bookings between us to manage, and InterIslander would deal only with two at a time, so the safest option was to get the rest of us on the same sailings as Kevin, which was reasonably easily achieved. We were no longer in dire straits but, unfortunately, we would be not crossing Cook Strait until after the AGM.

Besides wanting to be there for the AGM and our chance to welcome in Andy and the new NatCom members,



as well as thank Tiny and Stuart for their service, we were once again going to miss that annual opportunity to catch up with fellow Ulyssians. Camp Mother and I could not let on to the other three, but there was another compelling reason for us all to be at the AGM – Sandy was being nominated for an Odyssey Medal.

It was just as well that we had previously arranged for Gavin to represent the branch at the co-ordinators' meeting on the Friday arvo in my place, and for Young Bryan to do his best to present the branch's case for Sandy's Odyssey Medal nomination. Camp Mother and I received a few texts and calls on Saturday – the remit had passed and Bryan's efforts on behalf of Sandy's nomination had been successful. Now we had another problem, we wanted to keep her from hearing about it until we could surprise her at a branch meeting. Over the next few days, it was agreed that Andy and Karen would come to our April meeting under the pretence of a meet and greet, and then Andy would surprise Sandy with the award of her well-deserved medal. Easier said than done.

Sunday morning duly arrived, though arguably it was still very much night

as we all made our way to be at the ferry before 5:15. It seem that our fortunes had returned as the weather was clearing and we had what would be by far the smoothest ferry sailing I have ever been on – not even the slightest roll going through Tory Channel entrance.

Off the ferry and on to Ward for a cuppa, however, the tearooms were closed, so it was on to The Store at Kekerengu (www.thestore.kiwi/home/cafe). Unfortunately, it seemed that the b*****d Murphy was not finished with Kevin. His bike suddenly started blowing more smoke than a Wings over Wanaka aerial display. No unhealthy noises, no warning lights, but just as suddenly, the smoking stopped. Everything checked out at Kekerengu, though, once again, there was a cloud of smoke for a few seconds before it abruptly stopped again. It seemed that there might be oil getting through the airbox somehow. It doesn't take much more than a few drops in the intake system to make a whole lot of smoke, so the decision was made to keep an eye on things and ride on to Christchurch, where there would be more assistance available if required.

Amid all the concern over Kev's bike, I hadn't noticed who the other

riders were about to depart the café carpark. National Secretary Suzy had spotted us, though, and came in for a quick catch-up, and with a quiet word about keeping the Odyssey Medal secret, I introduced her to the others. After the obligatory cuppa and lavatorial relief, we were on our way again to Kaikoura for lunch. Kev's bike had a couple of brief emissions along the way but otherwise it was easy riding to our motel.

Last year, Camp Mother had booked our branch team into the Asure Abella (www.abella.co.nz), and as we had been superbly hosted by Sunny and Mark, she had duplicated all our bookings for the 2023 AGM before we booked out in 2022. Due to the various ferry cancellations and rebookings in the interim, as well as the need to get Young Bryan down a day early so he could be at the co-ordinators' meeting, Camp Mother had to make several calls to Sunny with numerous adjustments to the original booking. Nothing was a problem; not even when Young Bryan's ferry sailing was put back at the last minute, which meant that he would then arrive at the motel around 4:30am.

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An Odyssey for Sandy

Wellington Witterings continued...

Once we had a cuppa and a shower, Mike's brother Graeme and his friend Barb called around to take us to the Papanui Club, where we met up with Mike and Maureen Dew. Mike got an "accidental" kick in the shin from me when he went to congratulate Sandy. Fortunately, my apology seemed to deflect Sandy's bewilderment about what was actually going on with Mike's greeting. It was great to catch up with Mike and Maureen, as well as Graeme and Barb.

Monday morning we were off to our only other pre-planned stop of the tour, the Top 10 in Oamaru (<https://top10.co.nz/park/oamaru-top-10-holiday-park>) Unfortunately, Murphy and Burns were still in Celtic cahoots and conspiring against us. Messrs Murphy and Burns were leaving Kevin's bike alone, which was good news, but that Monday was Otago Anniversary Day. Oamaru was a ghost town, and we, along with other travellers, were the ghosts haunting the otherwise deserted streets.

Overnight the bad weather set in, and

with the wind gusting hard enough to overturn a campervan near Dunedin, we extended our stay with Top 10 and booked for Wednesday night in Dunedin. We were fated to haunt the town for another day, but the delay offered the opportunity to get our laundry done and post back an excess of clothing to make pannier repacking easier.

Not much else to do in Oamaru on a wet day, as it turned out. Even the locals said the only options were "eat and drink". So, after wandering the streets in the rain for an hour or so on Tuesday, that is exactly what we did. Monday night's dinner was a lovely meal at the Star and Garter (www.facebook.com/StarAndGarterOamaru), where we were introduced to Scotts' 1905 Golden Ale, which with a good recommendation from our waitress, decided the establishment we would haunt for Tuesday night's dinner; the Scotts Brewing Company (scottsbrewing.co.nz). That was another great meal with good ale, and the obligatory T-shirts procured

by the lads.

Next morning, breakfast in town was followed by a visit to the Steampunk HQ (www.steampunkoamaru.co.nz), before we headed off to Dunedin. Our destination was Motel on Carroll (www.moteloncarroll.co.nz), which was nicely central. Our apartment unit comfortably accommodated the five of us with its three double bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen and a huge lounge and dining room area. Our bikes were safely parked undercover in the internal carpark just down the hall.

We did the Dunedin touristy stuff over the next couple of days, with a walk around the city centre and the railway station, morning tea and a walk around Larnach Castle, a visit to the albatross colony, lunch at Portobello with a ride around the peninsula, leading to a ride around the other side of the harbour out to Port Chalmers and returning to the city via Mt Cargill, which conveniently took us past Baldwin Street on our way back to our motel.



Next stop was two nights at Gore, where we stayed at the Riverlea Motel (www.riverleamotel.co.nz) as we could not get into the local Asure. Riverlea had brand new units that were still being outfitted, with the old part of the motel complex having been recently renovated, to the point that we thought all the units were new. On talking to the manager, it turned out that Riverlea was owned by the same people as the Asure Townsman (www.townsman.co.nz) in Invercargill. The Townsman has been our motel of choice since the first Ulysses AGM held in Invercargill way back in the mid-1990s, and our host over all those visits, Tony, was doing all the fitting out of the new units at Riverlea. Once he knew Camp Mother and I were there, he came across to catch up and show us all around the new units. It was our relationship with Tony during my time on NatCom that led to Asure providing a discount for Ulysses Club members (ulysses.org.nz/member-discounts) .

Dinner each night in Gore was at the local RSA, which served good food at very reasonable prices. A wet day ride to Invercargill for a visit to Classic Motorcycle Mecca (www.motorcyclemecca.nz/) and E Hayes & Sons Hardware (www.ehayes.co.nz/) allowed Sandy to catch up with her cousin, but the inclement weather precluded a ride to Bluff for oysters. The weather cleared on the way back to Gore and was fine but cold for our

trip the following day to Cromwell. The coffee cart at Garston was busy catering to about 30 people, so it was on to Kingston for our early morning cuppa, which warmed us nicely for that gorgeous ride along the Devil's Staircase with its fantastic views of the lake and mountains.

All seemed well with the world, but as we cruised into Queenstown, the Celtic curse of Murphy and Burns once again awoke the Bavarian gremlins in Kevin's bike. Sandy and Camp Mother had intended going for a trip on the MV Earnslaw, but as we waited for Kevin to ride back to Frankton for oil, it became apparent that the lake was quite choppy, so the idea of a cruise was rapidly abandoned. Once Kevin returned, we set off along that other great road for lunch at Glenorchy.

From Glenorchy it was off to the Cromwell Motel (www.cromwellmotel.co.nz) for another couple of nights. By then I had done some research on Kevin's bike's underage smoking habit and it was apparent that while the problem was not common, it has been known about in various forums for a number of years. In simple terms, the overly complicated sump and crankcase ventilation system can allow an excess of oil to pool in the bottom of the airbox, which then gets sucked into the motor. Any excess oil would normally be separated and return to the sump. However, the problem was a significant quantity of oil getting into the airbox, filling the drain tube, and being sucked into the

motor when engine vacuum increased under deceleration. Draining oil from the tube solved the problem.

The local supermarket in Cromwell had a special on fresh Bluff oysters, which ensured that Kevin and Sandy were finally able to tick that item off our odyssey bucket list. Our next day's ride was out to Wanaka for coffee, back to the Cardrona Hotel for a beer, and then over the Crown Range to Arrowtown for lunch and a walk around the shops. Just as we were wandering past the café across from our bikes, I spotted Dick Hubbard having a coffee. Dick and his wife Diana have done a couple of our branch's Anniversary Weekend trips to Hanmer Springs through the Molesworth, so it was nice to have the opportunity for a quick catch-up with him.

From Cromwell, it was off to stay with Mike's brother Graeme in Rangiora. It was around 3 degrees when we left, and there was sufficient snow on the Lindis Pass for someone to have built a snowman off the side of the road. Our first stop was Omarama for a cuppa, but first we raided Glen Craigs Clothing for merino socks, inner gloves, balaclavas and the like. The ladies in the store were very helpful and highly amused as Camp Mother and Sandy fell about the place laughing as they struggled to get their boots back on over the extra socks.

The next stop was lunch at Fairlie for the obligatory pie from the Fairlie Bakehouse (www.fairliebakehouse).

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An Odyssey for Sandy

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co.nz). There was a bit of a wait as the queue was 15 deep and well out the door when we arrived. Although they do a really great pie and cream doughnut, their tea was certainly nothing to write home about. From there, we pushed on to Rangiora, stopping briefly in Tinwald to gas up and shelter under the service station canopy as we put on our wet weather gear. It seemed as though Murphy and Burns were conspiring with the Cailleach to bring on some stormy weather for us.

We reached Graeme's slightly wet, but before the weather got too bad. Before we all headed out to Rangiora Club for dinner, Barb introduced Sandy and Camp Mother to the joys of Allan Scott Cecilia, which proved to be fortuitous as lunch at Allan Scott's Winery was another must-do on our odyssey agenda.

Sandy cooked breakfast the next morning. The weather was slightly showery and cold for our ride to the Number 8 café in Cheviot (www.facebook.com/numbereightcafe). As

we were leaving the café, we were warned about the stormy weather south of Kaikoura, with waves breaking on the road. Duly warned, we set off for our next stop at The Store in Kekerengu. Sure enough, while it wasn't that wet, it was windy and there were huge rollers crashing on to the shores around Kaikoura. Luckily, the tide had changed and the waves were no longer breaking on to the road, which was just as well as there were some very large rocks, gravel and other debris still across both lanes in some places. North of Kaikoura we could still see and feel the spray from the waves for quite some distance inland, so it was still damp even though it was not raining.

I took us around the back of Blenheim directly to Allan Scott Winery (<https://allanscott.com>) just in time to share a lunch platter and a bottle of Cecilia to celebrate our last full day's riding before the kitchen closed. Then it was a short trip to the Harbour View Motel in Picton (www.harbourviewpicton.co.nz) for our last night in the

mainland. Getting to the address was easy, however, access to our unit on fully laden two-wheeled touring bikes weighing around 500kg was somewhat more fraught.

The motel itself was basic three stars with really great views over the harbour, and the units get those views from their steep elevation above the surrounding streets. Even without getting a look at what was clearly going to be a steep driveway, it was obvious from the opposite side of the adjoining street that it was going to be safer if the girls dismounted and walked up. That proved to be a very sage decision as Mike found out when he led the way.

On making the turn into the single vehicle-width driveway he was confronted by a car trying to back down. Due to the street also being on a steep slope at right angles to the driveway, Mike was committed and had to stop on the footpath so that he could get his foot down to hold his bike up. The car driver drove back up and pulled into a car park, and Mike pulled up alongside him. All the carparks on the flat area outside the office were full, so I stopped halfway up the driveway.

Our units were right at the top, which would necessitate some manoeuvring around all the parked cars and the tight uphill bends, which were steeply cambered on the inner radius. The motel staff were not at all interested in making any changes to parking to ease our predicament. I helped Mike turn his bike around and get up to the unit, and then found out that parking on the steep driveway had not been such a good idea. It was so steep that with the weight of the bike, it was difficult to balance the clutch and throttle against the brake to get sufficient traction to go forward rather than backward, until Mike provided assistance in stopping the bike from rolling backwards. On reaching the top, there was plenty of room for our bikes at the far end, so we turned them round for an easier descent in the morning, which was just as well as a large ute arrived in the night and was taking up the remaining spaces on the flat area beside our bikes.

The last supper for us was at the Texas Tea Bar and Grill. Our plan



for the last day was to catch up with Sandy's sister Debra in Blenheim for breakfast and then tour the Omasa Aviation Heritage Centre (www.omaka.org.nz) before catching the ferry for an early afternoon sailing. Kevin made the call to hang around Picton as his bike had been caught smoking in the boys' room again. Fortunately, it gave up just before we rounded a corner where the local constabulary were watching the world go by.

By the time we were ready to leave the motel in the morning, several of the cars on the lower level of the motel unit driveway had already gone, which gave us the opportunity to ride our bikes down one at a time. Without having to manoeuvre around those cars on the narrow driveway, the ride down still needed some care, but was

not as difficult as it would otherwise have been. While we were having breakfast in Blenheim with Debra at Herb + Olive Café (herbandolive.co.nz) Murphy and Burns gave their tormenting dice another roll and raised the fickle finger of fate one more time – our ferry was going to be delayed by two hours. At least it had not been brought forward, so our breakfast was able to be followed by a leisurely walk around the shops before we headed out to Omasa. Unfortunately, the classic car area was not open that day, but besides the tour of the two air museums, we did get to see a couple of Yaks doing aerobatics, complete with smoke trails. The Celtic duo were clearly having a laugh. By the time we finished our tour of the two aircraft displays, Debra was waiting for a last catch-up and another cuppa before we left for the ferry.

Apart from the longer wait, the ferry crossing was uneventful, though a bit lumpy in places. It wasn't too bad, but Camp Mother soon regretted having the butter chicken and rice when we boarded. Thankfully, she managed to keep it down by sucking on ice, and she and Sandy had to resort to chasing ice cubes across the table top a couple of times.

Safely docked in Wellington, we were grateful for the short ride home to our own beds after covering over 3000km. Everyone managed to keep Sandy from finding out about her Odyssey Medal for the next 11 days, until newly minted National President Andy surprised her at the April meeting. All up, despite the best efforts of Murphy, Burns et al, the flexibility of our itinerary ensured that it was a great odyssey.

JIM F #2098



Wairarapa Whisperings

KEVIN MORGAN #6559

Hello from the now sunnyish Wairarapa.

We have had a few outings and events happening over the last few months. One was a maintenance workshop at Tony's place. I think there were a few attend. Our end of month meal outings are well attended. Always good for a social catch up.

We had only two members attend the AGM this year. We had more intending to go last year but they were not available to go this year. Pity as it was a great event. Both in location and night out. Great band and venue.

After the AGM, the two who went were joined by another member and we headed on down the inland route to Geraldine and to Fairlie as one member of the group is a keen pieman. So we had to sample the pies at the Fairlie Bakery. After waiting in the queue for at least 15 mins we got our just deserves. Yum. From there we headed to Omarama for the night. The view getting there was

very barren. Unlike at home where it has been so green. But the views of Lake Pukaki and its calm waters was great. We then headed to Te Anau as we were going out to Milford Sound on Tuesday and onto a boat trip. We were treated to an overnight deluge and were wondering if we would have to head out on a bus instead of riding. We checked weather apps and they said that it was going to ease after 9.00am. The only dampness we got was just before the Homer Tunnel and just after it. The weather cleared while we were out on the boat but wasn't warm though. Same scenario, damp both sides of Homer Tunnel. Next day we headed for Haast as we had to get back to Picton on Saturday. From there we headed to Lake Brunner Hotel / Hostel. Great having accommodation at the pub. Not far to stagger home. Nice place to stay. Recommend it. From there we headed over to Reefton and through the Lewis Pass to Hanmer Springs as we were meeting some friends there for lunch.

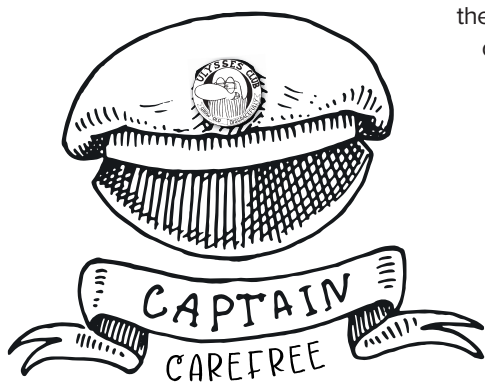
We opted for the Mt Lyford route to Kaikoura and on up to Blenheim but we could see no vacancies' signs there so headed to Picton instead. We got a bed at the old top 10 camp. Next was a walk into town for a feed. One of the first pubs we came to was an Irish Pub. Shamus I think it was called. We had a great time there, and it was a great way to end a great trip.

Next day, was when the s*** hit the fan with the ferries. We got a txt Saturday morning to say that our ferry was cancelled and there wouldn't be room for about two weeks. Two of us had to start work on Monday. So we raced down to the Terminal to see what we could do. We were put on the waiting list. Needless to say that we got home on the other ferry that day. One of us on an early sailing and the other two later. Great trip with great mates.

KEVIN MORGAN #6559

Secretary, Wairarapa Ulysses.

Canterbury Capers



CHRIS CAREY #3497

Sitting here with a glass of hazy in hand, a yellow dawg curled at my feet, I reach for a few Copper Kettle Sea Salt chips and conclude life doesn't get much better. But then Beth Dutton, at her best on a Yellowstone re-run, appears on the tele and I waver. Perhaps I should've been a cowboy.

Canterbury is taking a bit of a breather. With the success of the 2023 Forgotten Rally and AGM behind us, we're in cruise mode, although the ANZAC Day St John fundraiser ride was still on, albeit in an altered format. This year it was a simple Dice Run in lieu of the large BBQ and raffle draw normally held at Little River.

Our branch committee remains unchanged for the most part, with Chrissie Binnema filling the void left by Maree Vincent, now a member of NatCom. Having said that, we are also blessed with a large number of members, when asked, who will roll

their sleeves up and get their hands dirty where and when needed, and for this I'm truly thankful.

The awarding of Odyssey Medals to Ray and Barb Hunton was not before time and we believe has opened the door for deserving couples among the branches. In situations like this, it's unfair for one spouse to be awarded the recognition, the other having to wait until next year and risk not being recognised, or the nomination accepted. We put forward this remit because as often as not, it's the sum of both parts, and not the individuals, that make teams like these so valuable to a branch.

With winter coming and the ride and rally scene beginning its winter hibernation, the only events our branch will be involved with are our mid-winter dinner at Papanui RSA, Euan's Old Bones overnighter in Oamaru, and the Remembrance Service in September at the Top Ten Holiday Park, Kaikoura. Watch this space, or website, or FB.

But I guess the big news from down this way is the incentive by new member Graeme Stilwell to resurrect the South Canterbury (Timaru) branch. Canterbury will help wherever we can and NatCom is on board as well, so Graeme is in full recruitment mode to meet the 20-member benchmark. An overnighter is planned for May 20th in Temuka. While our branch continues to grow, I expect a few of our more distant members domiciled down

that way may transfer across to South Canterbury once that's up and running.

Our monthly branch night held on the second Thursday of every month continues to draw around 30-50 members, many of whom rock up around 6-ish for a meal and a pint beforehand. At our last meeting, Paul Schroeder talked about his travels around the West Island on a Tiger 800 XC, and we have another global venturer willing to tell his story at a later date. I know the RSA really appreciate us using their rooms for these meetings and I guess the revenue from meals and beers is also appreciated because it's clubs, sporting groups etc like ours doing so and keeping venues like these afloat.

Our branch Facebook page has been upgraded, with the co-ordinator and secretary now the administrators of the site. It was an untenable situation prior to this as no-one knew who owned it, thus there was no way to join members or remove content where necessary. The new site is open only for financial members, whether here or overseas, so please become a member.

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AND THAT
AS THEY SAY,
IS THAT.

Regards,

CAPTAIN CAREFREE #3497

Nelson nibblings



LORRAINE
#1117

Good turn out for the recent ride to Rivers Café, Murchison

Hi everyone. Well, here we are again, as co-ordinator, for the third time.

There did not seem to be anyone wanting to take on this role, even though there were experienced committee members promising to back them up.

I quickly cobbled together what is looking like a great committee made up of a couple of us oldies and the rest are new members and not new members, but new to committee. These cover all age groups as well.

At our first meeting we brainstormed and reviewed finances, rides and social events. We have come up with a great new coffee morning venue that is excellent in every way and has hosts who are very welcoming and supportive of us. For any of you who

are visiting from out of town, you will now find us at Alioke Café (Berryfields drive Richmond. Off lower Queen Street) on Saturday mornings. Easy and safe bike parking right beside us.

Some of our new members have come up with interesting and useable rides for us to do.

Please check our website for info on these as they come through.

As we need to fundraise, we have opened these to other riders from other branches and outside our membership.

We are going to restore some of our overnights and club nights.

One thing our committee was adamant about was to open communication with our neighbouring

branches i.e. Marlborough, Canterbury, Buller and Westland.

We have appointed an overall rides and events co-ordinator who will put together a large wall calendar that will go up on our website so everyone can see this.

Our weather has been awesome, so lots of rides happening on Sundays and now we have Thursday rides as well. Quite often tying in with the Retreads of Marlborough. On the Thursday rides we have been inviting riders from other riding groups in the area. Consequently, we are getting some new members from this.

Six new members have signed up in the last six weeks, so hopefully we are doing something right.

LORRAINE #1117



Ulysses Nelson gives \$1308 to the Salvation Army from the November Toy Run.

Whakatane TIDE...ings

RICHARD BARNETT #10359

Greetings from a (currently) wet and windy eastern Bay of Plenty.

At the recent club AGM there were a couple of changes to our office holders. I was elected co-ordinator, Jerry Newell secretary and Alan McClumpha generously stays on as our treasurer. The club members expressed their gratitude to Greg and Nicky, who stood down from office after many years' service. Thank you for your leadership and hard work.

It's as well there are many long-term folk in our club whose experience and help on the committee will ensure the club continues to provide a friendly, social environment and interesting events for our members.

Despite the approach of winter we continue to have rides organised every Thursday and Sunday as weather permits. A recent ride to Rhubarb Café, Arapuni, was enjoyed by nine of us. As someone who had

lived in the Waikato most of my life, I was happily surprised by the extent of quiet country roads our leader, Theo #10057, took us on the return leg. About 400km all up.

We were excited to learn one of our newest members. Noel Hutchins #10434, was the winner of the Ulysses Bike Raffle. Our warmest congratulations to Noel and we look forward to viewing the new Guzzi. Noel's experience follows.

I joined Ulysses a few months before Christmas after hanging around the group in Whakatane for a few years, Our co-ordinator, Greg, offered raffle tickets, so being a new member I duly brought two and considered it a donation to the club, in my mind the end of that particular thought process.

Some weeks later, my wife and I were wining (note wining, not whining...) on the couch and the phone rang to our surprise it was someone quite

unruly and we almost hung up thinking it was a prank call (luckily we didn't) It was the club telling us we had won the motorcycle in the raffle.

It took a few days to sink in and we immediately started looking through the list to see what we wanted.

My wife

Lorraine doesn't ride herself and often pillions with me and after looking at pictures of a lot of bikes the only two on the list that really had a rear seat came down to the VStrom 1050 and the MotoGuzzi 850, both mighty fine motorcycles. We read every pillion review we could find (surprisingly not many) and it came down to a single YouTube video on each.

The Suzuki VStom was not liked at all by the lady in the UK who rode on the back during a review (no offence intended to VStrom 1050 owners) and the Guzzi was absolutely loved by another lady, so after a few more Guzzi videos we informed Andy that the Guzzi was our choice, the wheels were set in motion and we now have a very nice Moto Guzzi V85TT Adventure bike in our shed — the old GSX sitting next to it is on Trade Me.

I do want to say thanks to the club and the members for making this happen, as far as I can figure out the odds are like 1 in 2500, so we did pretty well and it's still hard not to think in wonder as I ride the new bike; done 1200km now.

There's another story around how I came to be wearing a Moto Guzzi T-shirt, I went to a Moto Guzzi happy hour in New Plymouth, before Christmas, you could only come if you were wearing something Moto Guzzi, so I already owned the T-shirt, and I wrote my Ducati off on the way to the happy hour. General opinion from the crowd that night was the Ducati just wasn't happy going to a Moto Guzzi Party, and showed its displeasure.

Noel Hutchins #10434

RICHARD BARNETT #10359

Whakatane Coordinator

Noel with his new Guzzi...



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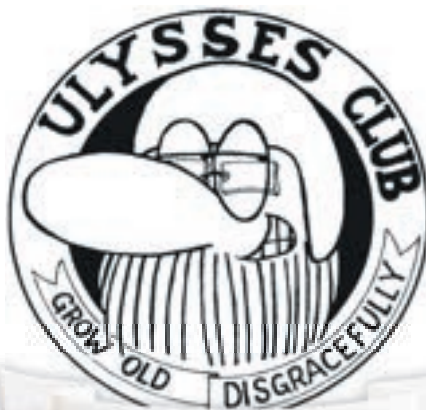
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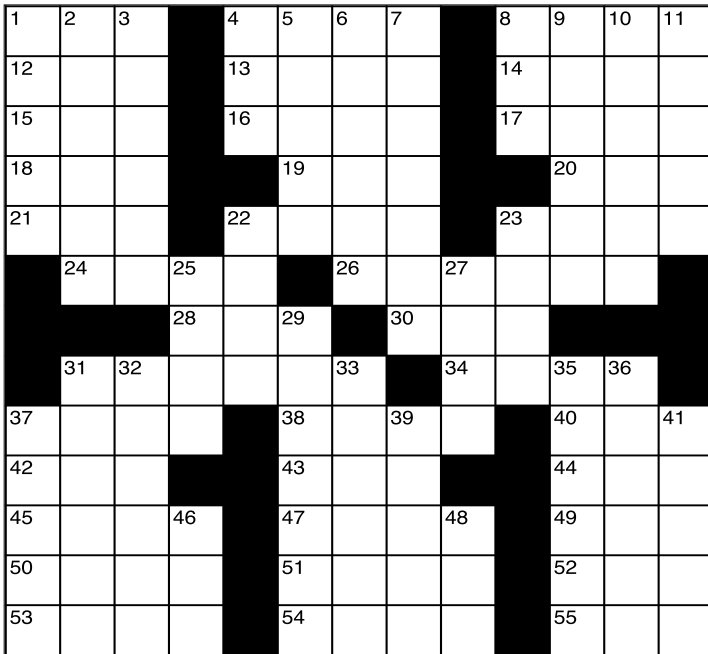
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PUZZLE NO. 153



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ACROSS

- 1. Hill builder
- 4. Circular plate
- 8. Poses a question
- 12. Carpenter's cutter
- 13. Indication of future events
- 14. Examine
- 15. Connection
- 16. Filled tortilla
- 17. Brave one
- 18. ____ at ease
- 19. Understood
- 20. Capture
- 21. Clergyman's title: abbr.
- 22. Fender damage

- 23. Morsels
- 24. Food shop
- 26. Mar
- 28. Circle portion
- 30. Like the Sahara
- 31. Revolver
- 34. To the ocean
- 37. Dart
- 38. Overly inquisitive
- 40. 22nd letter
- 42. Car engine's need
- 43. Coffee container
- 44. Give weapons to
- 45. Seize
- 47. Amend text

- 49. Spotted playing cube
- 50. List of activities
- 51. Baseball's Rose
- 52. Hearing organ
- 53. Remarks further
- 54. Part of a forest
- 55. Stallone, to chums

DOWN

- 1. Out of bed
- 2. Tacked
- 3. Dozen
- 4. Morse code symbol

- 5. Mental picture
- 6. Minute part
- 7. Tightly entangled
- 8. Blond shade
- 9. Pleasing to the eye
- 10. A martial art
- 11. Snooty ones
- 22. ____-cheap
- 23. Inlets
- 25. Eyelid hair
- 27. Fight
- 29. Idea
- 31. Coupled
- 32. "Treasure ____"
- 33. Noisier
- 35. Dodges
- 36. Antenna
- 37. Belief
- 39. Grudge
- 41. ____ board (file)
- 46. Motor coach
- 48. Ball holder

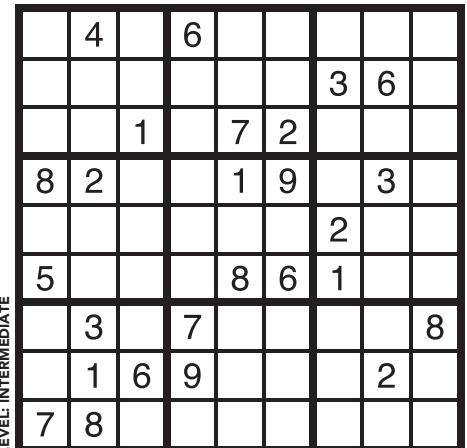
SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: you must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column or 3x3 box.

PUZZLE NO. 889



LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

Answers to these puzzles are on page 77



South India (Ride to Tea Plantation, Beaches & Backwater) (2 Weeks)



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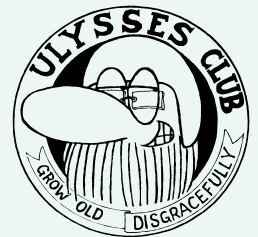
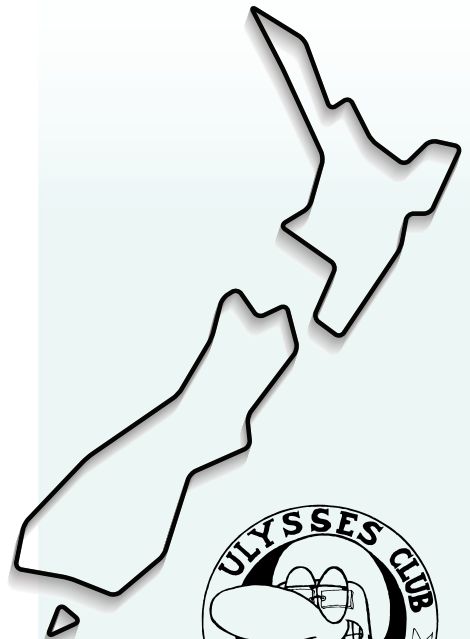
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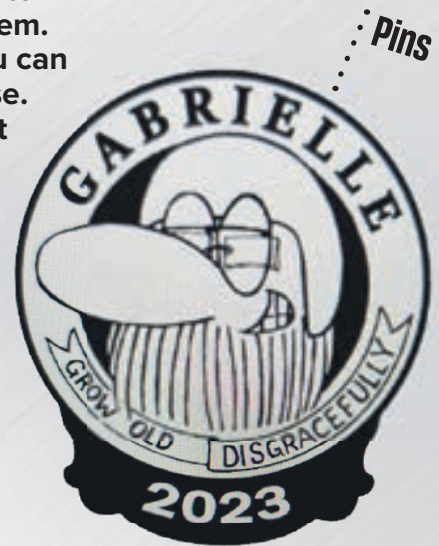
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UPCOMING RALLIES

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**2023 North Island
Compass Rally**

**2024
National Rally
& AGM**

**Okataina
Rally 2023
- Who Dunit
Mystery Weekend**

**North Island
Remembrance
Service**

**South Island
Remembrance
Service**

2023 NORTH ISLAND COMPASS RALLY

Register now for the North Island Compass Rally.

This year starting on October 1st, and finishing with the drawing of your last card at **Palmerston North** on 28th October, cards drawn in your own time at **Pukenui** (North), **Coromandel** (Bonus), **Te Araroa** (East), **Rahotu** (West) and **Lake Ferry** (South), with a final card at the prizegiving function.

ENTRIES OPEN NOW!
All are welcome to participate.

For further information, contact the organising committee.

HOWARD ASPLIN #4594
4pointsrally@gmail.com
Ulysses NZ Manawatu Branch

Complete all or any 5 points in any order from Sunday, October 1st and finish with the drawing of the last card in Palmerston North on Saturday, October 28th. Point photo may be required in lieu of a point card (eg dealer shut). All points are currently accessible but some careful route planning may be required. Best 5 cards counted.

Prizegiving is in Bunnythorpe. WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT. All riders welcome!
Badge orders for hand-out at prize-giving close August 30th.
\$40 per card hand (includes light refreshments)
Badge please add \$10. Pillion at Prizegiving (if not playing poker) add \$5.

Further information for the event and destinations, including your score sheet will be sent by email in the week prior to the rally commence date. Let us know of bike changes if necessary.

REGISTRATION FORM

2023 NORTH ISLAND COMPASS RALLY

RIDER NAME.....

ULYSSES # (If member).....

PILLION NAME.....

ULYSSES # (If member).....

ADDRESS.....

BRANCH (OR OTHER CLUB).....

YEAR & MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE.....

REGO (FOR PHOTOS).....

MOBILE NUMBER.....

HOME PHONE NUMBER.....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

Internet banking 03 0726 049 5751 00

Please include 4Points23 in 'Particulars' and your NAME and ULYSSES NUMBER (if applicable) in the 'Reference' field, then email this form to the email address below.

I have paid \$_____ being _____hands, and _____ badges* on this date _____

*Badge orders have to be in with the supplier by September 1st, 2023. Later entries requiring badges may have to wait for them to be sent AFTER the prizegiving.

Email preferred (or post) your completed form (once the internet payment is done) to:

The Secretary, Manawatu Ulysses Branch, 361 Ruahine St, Palmerston North 4410

Email:

4pointsrally@gmail.com

Text (enquiries):

021 102 8855





**Ulysses
Club NZ Inc.**

2024 National Rally & AGM

Hosted by:

Ulysses North Harbour Branch

Dates:

*Friday 29th and Saturday, March 30th, 2024
(Easter Weekend)*

Venue:

*Cyclespot Group, 10 Wairau Road, North Shore, Auckland
www.cyclespot.co.nz*



**SCAN QR CODE
FOR DETAILS**

***Cyclespot have kindly donated their
premises for the Ulysses Club of New Zealand Inc.
2024 National Rally & AGM***



***Come along and enjoy a great weekend on the friendly North Shore
Keep up to date through our website:***

ulyssesnorthharbour.org.nz/national2024agm

ULYSSES CLUB (NZ) INC. NATIONAL RALLY & AGM



Friday 29th to Saturday 30th March

Hosted by the North Harbour Branch

Registrations Close Wednesday, 28th February

Registrations will be acknowledged via Email.

For any queries, please email: 2024.agm@ulysses.org.nz

More info at: www.ulysses.org.nz

Venue: Cyclespot Group Showroom, 10 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland

Theme: Best Dressed Biker, promote your brand/ride



Name _____	Address _____
Ulysses Membership # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tick if Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> and/or Natcom member	_____
Email _____ Ph _____	_____
Partner Name _____	Branch _____
Ulysses Membership # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tick if Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> and/or Natcom member	

Options and payment	Number	Per person	Amount
National Rally/AGM Registration Fee - Payable by everyone attending		\$35	
National Rally Badge		\$10	
2024 North Harbour Badge		\$10	

Meals and drinks available for members and partners

Friday evening - Billy's Special Build Your Own Burgers & Fries Bar opens 4pm		\$25	
Saturday evening - Billy's Roast Dinner Live band and dancing to follow Bar opens 4.30pm		\$40	

Rally T-Shirt (Circle your choice of size) *CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS JAN 20TH, 2024*

S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL		\$25	
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Rally Polo Shirt & T-Shirt Active Wear (Circle your choice of size) *CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS JAN 20TH, 2024*

Men: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL		\$45	
Women: 8 10 12 14 16 18 20		\$45	

CAMPSITE - for self-contained motorhomes/caravans only at Cyclespot. Friday and Saturday only.
Must be off site Midday Sunday 31st.

Per night		\$10	
TOTAL (add total \$ here)			

Please list any **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** for all meals:

Payment by bank deposit or online banking to Kiwibank account number:
38-9015-0847301-03 Please include your surname and Ulysses number in the details
 Scan and email registration form to: 2024.agm@ulysses.org.nz
 Or post to: Ulysses Club (NZ) Inc. North Harbour Branch, PO Box 100-054, North Shore, Auckland

Cancellation Policy: In the event of a COVID or similar related Regional or National Lockdown, any payments made will be refunded unless the purchase of items ordered has been committed in which case the items will be shipped and the refund reduced accordingly.

Ulysses Club NZ Inc.

2024 National Rally & AGM



VENUE: Cycle Spot, 10 Wairau Road, North Shore

ALADDIN MOTEL

325 Wairau Road, Totara Vale
09 444 9703

aladdinmotel325@gmail.com
Approx distance from venue:
2.2 km via suburban streets

ALBANY ROSEDALE MOTEL

243 Rosedale Road
09 415 1542

albanyrosedalemotel@gmail.com
Approx distance from venue:
7.1km via Motorway and suburban streets

ANDELIN GUEST HOUSE

100 Victoria Rd, Devonport
021 302 854

Andelin@outlook.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
8.4 km via suburban streets

ANZAC COURT MOTEL

43 Anzac Street, Takapuna
09 489 4315

anzac-court@xtra.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
2.4 km via suburban streets

ARISTOTLES NORTH SHORE MOTEL

20C Link Drive, North Shore
09 444 1177

northshore@aristotles.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
2.5 km via suburban streets

CARNMORE HOTEL TAKAPUNA

2 Rewiti Avenue, Takapuna
09 486 1069

book@carnmorehoteltakapuna.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
3.9 km via suburban streets

CHELSEABAY MODERN APARTMENTS

19 Rawene Road, Birkenhead
Approx distance from venue:
5.1 km via suburban streets

CITY OF SAILS MOTEL

219 Shakespeare Road, Milford
09 486 9170

city.of.sales@xtra.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
0.7 km via suburban streets

EMERALD INN

16 The Promenade, Takapuna
09 488 3500

info@emerald-inn.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
3.4 km via suburban streets

ESPLANADE HOTEL (DEVONPORT)

1 Victoria Road, Devonport
09 445 1291

reservations@esplanadehotel.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
9.1km via suburban streets

FERNZ MOTEL & APARTMENTS BIRKENHEAD

23 Rawene Road, Birkenhead
09 480 2323

Info@fernzmotel.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
5.1 km via suburban streets

NORTH SHORE MOTELS AND HOLIDAY PARK

52 Northcote Road, Northcote
09 481 1200

info@nsmotels.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
2.1km via suburban streets

OCEAN BREEZE HOTEL

1 Beresford Street, Bayswater
09 445 0338

reservations@oceanbreezehotel.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
8.2 km Via suburban streets

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

OCEAN INN MOTEL

27 Ocean View Road, Northcote
09 419 8080

oceaninn@xtra.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
2.6 km via suburban streets

PARK LANE MOTOR INN

2 Rewiti Ave, Takapuna
09 486 1069

book@parklane.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
4.1km via suburban streets

POENAMO HOTEL

31 Northcote Road, Hillcrest
09 914 3373

Approx distance from venue:
2.1km via suburban streets

QUEST TAKAPUNA

215 Shakespeare Road, Auckland
09 280 6900

Approx distance from venue:
1.0 km via suburban streets

RAMADA SUITES BY WYNDHAM ALBANY

254 Cornerstone Drive, Albany
09 974 4568

Approx distance from venue:
8.0 km via Motorway and suburban streets

SEA VIEW GUEST HOUSE

17 Heath Avenue, Northcote
021 706 054

Approx distance from venue:
4.9 km via suburban streets

SPENCER ON BYRON

9/17 Byron Avenue, Takapuna Beach
09 916 4972

reservations@spencerbyron.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
3.0km via suburban streets

TAKAPUNA BEACH HOLIDAY PARK

22 The Promenade, Takapuna
09 489 7909

info@takapunabeachholidaypark.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
3.3 km via suburban streets

TAKAPUNA INTERNATIONAL MOTEL

1B Lake Pupuke Drive, Takapuna
09 486 0009

info@takapunainternational.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
2.2km via suburban streets

TAKAPUNA MOTOR LODGE

28 Taharoto Road, Takapuna
09 486 3338

reservations@takapunamotorlodge.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
1.8 km via suburban streets

WHITBY STUDIO

2 Whitby Crescent
027 541 0103

info@whitbystudio.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
5.8km via suburban streets

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www.bookabach.co.nz
www.booking.com
www.expedia.co.nz
nz.hotels.com
www.online-reservations.com
www.tripadvisor.com
www.trivago.co.nz/en-NZ
www.wotif.co.nz

AGM DATES: MARCH 29TH - 30TH, 2024 - EASTER WEEKEND



OKATAINA RALLY 2023 WHO DUNNIT MYSTERY WEEKEND

Saturday night will feature a 'Who dunnit mystery' theme, live music with Maranda, raffles and more.

Venue: Okataina Education and Recreation Camp, Okataina Rd

Date: 23-25th June 2023 (Check-in from 2pm Friday 23rd)

\$85.00 per person includes:

Bunk room or campsite, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast, tea/coffee, and home baking.

Note: No BYO (a cash bar will be available), no pets allowed, and sorry, but we can not cater for any special dietary needs.

Name: _____	Ulysses Membership #: _____
Pillion: _____	Ulysses Membership #: _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____

Registrations close 20 May 2023.

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 "Rally2023" as reference.

Queries to 021 026 60528 or 020 408 80205.



ROTORUA ULYSSES BRANCH



South Island Remembrance Service

Hosted by Canterbury Ulysses

**Kaikoura Top 10 Holiday Park, 34 Beach Road, Kaikoura
1pm, Saturday, September 23, 2023**

We have the use of the conference facilities.
Refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided after the reading of names. An 'After Match Function' for recovery and rehydration will be held after dinner. Members are asked to BYO a plate and whatever type of plonk tickles ya fancy, to put the world to rights whilst striving as best we can to get back to core values by behaving disgracefully. Those whose names were read out would expect nothing less.

Ride badges are \$20 and must be paid

for online. Email Debbie at canterbury.sec@ulysses.org.nz and she'll take your order.
Online payment to: Westpac 03-1594-0041946-00. Please include your name and Rembadge in reference fields.

Punters are urged to book accommodation, tent sites etc at the Top 10 sooner rather than later.

**For bookings: 03 319 5362,
or reception@kaikouratop10.co.nz
and use Ulysses as the reference.**



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 Branch Newsletters and websites 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.**



JUST FOR FUN

Some thoughts on the LAW:

LAW OF MECHANICAL REPAIR

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

LAW OF GRAVITY

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the room

LAW OF PROBABILITY

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of the act

LAW OF RANDOM NUMBERS

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers

VARIATION LAW

If you change queues or traffic lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you moved to

LAW OF THE BATH

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring

LAW OF CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with

LAW OF THE RESULT

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

LAW OF THE RESULT PART 2

When you try to prove to someone that a machine will work, it won't.

LAW OF BIOMECHANICS

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach

LAW OF THEATRE, ARENA, OR STADIUM

At any event the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food/drink, or toilet, and who leave early before the performance or game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk who don't like to be disturbed.

LAW OF THE LOCKER ROOM

If there are only two people in the locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

LAW OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

BALLAD FOR ULYSSES



By **HOWARD** #4594

Verse 1:

They roar down the road with the wind in their hair
Bikers from Ulysses, they've got no care

Their motorcycles are their pride and their joy
With the motto "Grow old disgracefully," they'll never be coy

Chorus:

Riding wild, living free

Ulyssians have got their own destiny

With the road as their stage and the bike as their lead
They'll grow old disgracefully, indeed

Verse 2:

They've travelled through cities, towns, and the land
From coast to coast, they've seen it all firsthand

They've met friends and foes, but they're never alone
For they've got a motorcycle and their own way to roam

Chorus:

Riding wild, living free

Ulyssians have got their own destiny

With the road as their stage and the bike as their lead
They'll grow old disgracefully, indeed

Verse 3:

As they get older, they don't slow down

Their spirit still young, their passion still found

They'll never give in to the worries of life

For they'll grow old disgracefully, without any strife

Chorus:

Riding wild, living free

Ulyssians have got their own destiny

With the road as their stage and the bike as their lead
They'll grow old disgracefully, indeed

Outro:

So let them ride, let them be

These bikers have got their own legacy

With the wind in their face, they'll never surrender

For they'll grow old disgracefully, forever



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MICHELIN - 98.5/140

METZELER - 97/140

CONTINENTAL - 95/140

WET HANDLING TEST

92.5/110 - BRIDGESTONE

88.5/110 - DUNLOP

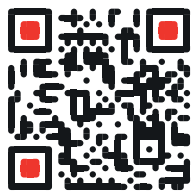
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