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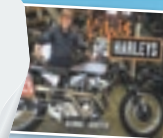
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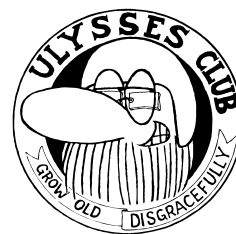
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANDY WILSON #7169
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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At the time of writing this, we have just finished booking our accommodation for the Baton Run from Feilding to the Far North, with a bit of a break to stay with friends who moved to Whangarei a couple of years ago and we hadn't had time for a visit. So, now that we are doing the Baton Run, it has given us a great opportunity to catch up, then we will meet up with the Run in Napier then on to Rotorua for the end of the run.

The Baton Run has just started in Invercargill and it's great with all the photos coming through on Facebook. Thanks to all involved at the start, especially ex-President Mike Dew, who travelled down from Christchurch to officially send the baton on its way.

This event just shows what can happen with a lightbulb moment and an eye roll and when energy and drive are applied. What started very small has become this nationwide event with ideas and help for Ulyssians all over the country, which just shows what a great club we have; even the smallest bit of help or donation goes to make up this great triumph. Thank you to the Rotorua Branch for the effort they have put in to get this off the ground. I am proud to be a member of such a great club.

We have started receiving some great input from the branches and individuals for the five-year Strategic Plan. We will be taking these into consideration and enter them into a framework and we will see where they all take us. Thanks so much for all your input.

Nominations are now closed for next year's National Committee, which will be voted on at the AGM and National Rally hosted by the North Harbour branch. This is also a first, to hold an AGM in a Motorcycle shop, but what a venue. This should be a great weekend, so get registered and be a part of it and join in the fun and live the motto!

We would also like to wish every Ulyssian and their families the merriest and most enjoyable Christmas, and safe travels over the Holiday season, from myself and the National Committee.

A big thank you also goes out to those members in the branches who do all the unseen volunteer work to keep this club going forward and something good to be a part of. Also, those who put their hands up to help NatCom on some of the projects we work on. This helps a great deal as most of NatCom are still working full-time as well.

We must send a

BIG thank you to our administrator, Debby, who in the background keeps us going and fixes a lot of issues for us all, with very little negotiation at times.

Our good weather riding season is starting; it's time to contact members not seen for a while and get them involved again. Let's have some real fun and frivolity again after the pandemic and changeable

weather we have endured over the past couple of seasons. Time to get reconnected and let the fun begin.

Hope to see a lot of you on the road this summer!

That's all for now.

Keep safe.

ANDY WILSON #7167

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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Kia ora fellow Ulyssians.

The new idea of holding branch secretary Zoom meetings was a success, according to those who attended, with lots of support, information and ideas bandied about. Thank you to those who were able to join in and, hopefully, we will see more of you when we hold these again.

This edition of the *Ulyssian* has a lot of important information about the 2024 National AGM hosted by the North Harbour branch and your local branch AGMs, so please read carefully.

North Harbour 2024 National AGM

In this edition of the *Ulyssian*, you will find the Agenda for the National AGM. The NatCom nominations received for 2024 are advertised. As all candidates are unopposed, no vote will be required for these.

There are no remits for rule changes this year.

Branch 2024 AGMs

The branch AGM notices for next year are advertised, as well as the generic branch AGM nomination form. It has again taken a lot of work for me to get the details for some branch AGMs, so if you are the coordinator or secretary of your local branch, could you please, please remember to add this item to your Branch 2024 AGM agenda. That

way I'll be able to check your AGM minutes for elected position holders and your 2025 AGM details and I won't have to chase these up :).

Please email myself and Debby (National Administrator) copies of your AGM minutes and financials asap after your meeting, so we can both keep up to date with any changes in officers.

Odyssey Medals - Reminder

Up to four Odyssey Medals can be awarded each year and can be for a single person or a couple. Nominees must have been continuous financial members for at least 10 years, not a Life Member, and given valued and meritorious service to the club, particularly at branch level.

Nominations for a person or couple must come from the branch coordinator and secretary and are limited to one per branch per year.

Life Members - Reminder

Our club rules state that there can only be 15 living Life Members at any one time, and currently there are two vacancies. It is an award for valuable service to the club – particularly at national level. Nominees for Life Membership need to have been a continuous financial member for at least 15 years.

All nominations for the Odyssey

Medal or Life Member must be accompanied by:

- Nomination form (available on the national website). Couple nominations for the Odyssey Medal can be combined into one form.
- A detailed justification setting out why it is believed that the nominee deserves the honour
- A photograph of the nominee.

All forms, justifications and photos for Odyssey Medal or Life Member nominations are to be sent to the National Secretary by email or mail no later than December 29, 2023 (mail must arrive no later than two business days after the close-off date when the club post box is cleared).

See you at the 2024 National Rally and AGM in North Harbour.

The Taranaki contingent is planning a ride up in Northland afterwards, so we may see some of you there too.

Annual Calendar

If your branch holds a major event such as a rally or fundraiser and it isn't on the calendar, you can either contact me directly, or get your coordinator or secretary to do so.

Thanks!

Suzie Pentelow #8532
National Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#10606	Wayne Moulton	Hawkes Bay
#10605	Marie Mitchell	Hawkes Bay
#10604	Ray Burge	Auckland
#10603	David Millar	South canterbury
#10602	Hayden Sunnex	Tauranga
#10601	Clive Groos	Far North
#10600	Alistair Graham	North Harbour
#10599	Cristina Chersano	Nelson
#10598	Diego Angeli	Nelson
#10597	Paul McInally	Waikato
#10596	Trevor van Herpt	Canterbury
#10595	Ben Tiatia	Waikato
#10594	Greg Mules	Canterbury
#10593	Arthur Goodson	Canterbury
#10592	Neil Boyd	North Harbour
#10591	Terry Carson	North Harbour
#10590	Rod McMahon	Nelson
#10589	Jeff Champion	Marlborough
#10588	Craig Kennedy	Waihi-Thames Valley
#10587	Michael read	Waihi-Thames Valley
#10586	Tracey Runciman	Auckland
#10585	Lindsay Frame	Nelson
#10584	Charlie Ogston	Canterbury
#10583	Garry Ellis	Taranaki
#10582	Andrew Wright	South canterbury
#10581	Matt Smith	Hawkes Bay
#10580	Grant Clearwater	Far North
#10579	Brian Hobson	Wairarapa
#10578	Barney Barnes	Canterbury
#10577	Nick Tullock	Wairarapa
#10576	Carl Pickering	Southland
#10575	Peter McMillan	Southland
#10574	Edmund Jones	Waihi-Thames Valley
#10573	Rachael Greaves	Waikato
#10572	Tracy Manktelow	Waihi-Thames Valley
#10571	Michael Tobin	Canterbury
#10570	Carol Hall	Wellington
#10569	David Olliver	Marlborough
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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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NB: If you have moved throughout the year, and not sure if you have advised your change of address, please contact me via email admin@ulysses.org.nz, as I need your up-to-date details, so I can post your renewed membership card to you.

Christmas Gear Orders:

If you want to purchase gear items for Christmas, I recommend you order sooner rather than later.

As advised in my October eNewsletter, the last date for Tribal design orders was 20th November.

I can take orders; however, it is unlikely that the supplier will have them ready before Christmas, but they should be available mid-January.

The last date for Christmas gear orders is the 11 December, this includes any name or bike badge orders. Apex Badge Makers are closing for Christmas on the 20th December and reopen Monday 15th January 2024.

New Member Applications:

Lastly, can all branch Coordinators/Secretaries please make sure any outstanding new member applications you have are emailed to me by the 9th December, so I can process them and make sure their badges are included in the last order for the year.

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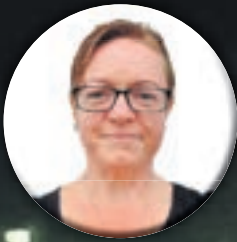
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NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

I hope everyone has been keeping safe and well. I think we're going to be in for a doozy of a summer with El Nino, although the predicted occasional rain with it can stay away as I'm looking forward to some good riding days.

Now I have heard some questioning about the current "bank balances" after the last magazine and published report and that NatCom is not putting subscription money "back into the branches". This is not the case. Most of the funds are subs in advance from those who chose to pay three-year memberships vs one-year, so obviously a percentage of these funds need to be held back in reserve for future years or we wouldn't be able to sustain the club.

If you see the Balance Sheet report, it shows our current position as at the end of September compared to the same time last year. However, this is not a true indication of funds

available for general use.

The below 2014-2022 year-end comparison goes hand in hand with a few notes from our fantastic honorary accountant, Stuart Burns (aka our previous club treasurer).

"When looking at our situation, you need to look at the financial year-end figures rather than the mid-year reports as the figures presented during the year do not represent an accurate picture, primarily due to all our income (subs) falling in the Q4 period (Oct-Dec).

As you can see from the comparison, our subscription income has increased over the years due to sub rate increases to reflect the actual costs of running the club and membership increases. Interest income has decreased significantly over the years, but is currently on the increase, however, so are everyday costs.

Over the period covered in the comparison, you can see that our profit/loss can fluctuate significantly (the biennial mid-year co-ordinators meeting, AGM location and number of NatCom face-to-face meetings has a big effect on the year's financial outcome).

But to the question of term deposits and "excess funds". The comparison shows the level of "Surplus" or general reserve funds from term deposits. Subs in advance shows the effect of the previously declining membership until 2022. (Nearly \$25k more subs in advance when you compare 2022 with 2020).

AGM Reserve - NatCom reduced the level to be held in reserve, hence the drop from \$26k.

Rider Safety Reserve - This is the raffle surplus, and it needs to be matched by funds on hand and the funds cannot be used for any other purpose."

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Subscriptions	63,982	72,792	75,870	70,006	89,354
Interest Income	9,415	6,669	5,423	3,338	3,812
Profit /(Loss) for the Year	(14,271)	(27,545)	185	(5,105)	8,078
Term Deposits	150,000	200,000	150,000	150,000	175,000
Subs in Advance	100,100	112,748	102,304	96,087	120,997
Rider Safety Reserve	17,150	28,285	17,509	17,743	24,798
AGM Reserve	26,193	19,264	15,726	16,598	15,861
Committed Funds	143,443	160,297	135,539	130,428	161,656
Excess Term Deposits over committed Funds	6,557	39,703	14,461	19,572	13,344

As you can see, the comparison shows we are only just covering expenses with a small amount of padding for emergencies and other requests due to the decline in membership in the previous years. Luckily, among other savings, the skipped co-ordinators' face-to-face meeting due to Covid, we haven't had to have as many in-person NatCom meetings, which has helped save a bit as well.

The one good thing Covid-19 showed the world is how we can adapt to the current technological climate, learn how to "Zoom"

and continue to grow as a club. Coming out of the pandemic, updating the rules and opening our doors to the next generation of Ulyssians and slowly replenishing our ranks will only help put us in a better position moving forward and to not fall victim to the pandemic as so many other groups / clubs have or "dying out" as our membership ages.

Get out there, crew, and get more people interested in joining us, especially the younger ranks, and help get rid of the "Oh, no thanks, Ulysses is just for old folks" stigma ... because I don't know about

some of you, but I ain't "OLD" yet!

I hope to see many of you at our North Harbour AGM at Cyclespot next year; the crew have been doing a great job planning and it's going to be fantastic! What other bike shop lets you have an AGM or rally event IN THEIR SHOP SURROUNDED BY BIKES.

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As always, if you have any questions or need any help, you can get me on

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As at 30 September 2023

	30 SEP 2023	30 SEP 2022
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank		
BNZ - On Call Account	24,010.94	29,334.59
BNZ - Bike Raffle Account	1,013.26	1,002.97
BNZ - Non Profit Org Account	2,683.68	11,625.41
Kiwibank Now Account	4,526.16	620.90
Paypal Account	34.92	34.92
Total Bank	32,268.96	42,618.79
Accounts Receivable	300.90	9,100.50
Interest Receivable	-	1,768.39
National Rally/AGM - Branch Loan	2,000.00	2,000.00
Payments in Advance		
Payments in Advance	-	2,795.96
Total Payments in Advance	-	2,795.96
Inventory		
Life & Odyssey Medals On Hand	1,390.00	2,540.00
Inventory - Bumper Stickers	385.00	385.00
Inventory (Xero perpetual account)	9,103.62	9,038.31
Total Inventory	10,878.62	11,963.31
GST Payable	1,864.03	-
Total Current Assets	47,312.51	70,246.95
Non-current Assets		
Fixed Assets	2,121.18	2,864.44
Total Non-current Assets	2,121.18	2,864.44
Investments		
Kiwibank Term Deposits	175,000.00	150,000.00
Total Investments	175,000.00	150,000.00
Total Assets	224,433.69	223,111.39
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Receipts in Advance		
Accounts Payable	2,876.25	4,911.35
Sponsorship in Advance	1,260.00	6,541.66
Total Accounts Payable & Receipts in Advance	4,136.25	11,453.01
BNZ Visa account	425.01	180.12
GST Payable	-	548.21
Funds Held for Branches in Recess	645.64	-



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PHYSIOLOGY OF FEAR

Recently, I enjoyed riding in the North Island 1600, in which participants attempt to ride 1600 kilometres in 24 hours. Yes, long-distance riding is a real thing in New Zealand.

While I was riding along, I got to thinking about a book I had recently read. It was a book on aviators in New Zealand, but one of them was a real genuine fighter pilot and flies F35 Lightnings for the RAAF. He was talking about training other pilots and, in particular, the physiology of fear.

What he was applying to fighter planes struck me as very appropriate for us motorcyclists and it ties very nicely into my last piece, "Experienced or skillful".

In an emergency situation we can get a scare. We feel fear and it happens very quickly.

When we experience fear, our heart rate rises, cortisone and adrenaline are dumped into the body and we go straight into a biological response of fight, flight or freeze.

Now we should probably fight. I guess flight is saying no more riding for me

and freeze is, well ...crash because doing nothing doesn't sound healthy in an emergency.

When you get a scare, the body increases the blood flow into your muscles and takes more blood out of the brain, beginning with the frontal cortex. This is bad because this is where we do our high order thinking.

So, when you have a scare, you're unlikely to make a rational decision and you revert to your old "trained" responses. What this means is that you act automatically without thinking about it. Does this sound familiar to anyone? It sure as hell does to me!

The scare elicits a fear-based response that has been burned into the hippocampus. This is the part of the brain that stores our learning and memory and therefore our reactions.

We all need to explore these trained responses to see if they are appropriate.

The three absolute classics of inappropriate responses in our case I would think is grabbing a large handful of brakes, getting fixated on what's in your way or not looking where you want to go. These can all be very unhealthy.

What do you do when you get a scare? Be honest,

really think hard about it. Talk to your mates, see what they do. The physiology of fear is a natural thing that affects us all and we all need to be aware of it and consider how to train ourselves to act accordingly.

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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.



South Island **INDIAN BIKE TOUR** 2023

February 2023 came around very quickly, along with our long-planned trip to Invercargill for a coffee.

We loaded up the bike and headed off on a fine sunny day. The plan was to stop at Feilding for a night with friends, however, health issues had other plans and we ended up staying two nights, which upset our long-booked ferry crossing.

Two days later we set off for Wellington not knowing if we could get on a ferry that day or not. We arrived at the ferry terminal to find a very helpful and accommodating receptionist who put us on a ferry later that afternoon. Being on two wheels certainly seemed to help.

The crossing was smooth and uneventful, however, we still learned a thing or two about lashing down the Roadmaster, as this was the first trip across to the mainland on it.

Following a short stay in

Renwick with friends, we headed out on SH6 towards Havelock and Canvastown. On the way to Pelorus Bridge, we passed a number of patched-up bikers and, at Pelorus Bridge, saw the inevitable police patrols waiting in eager anticipation.

Through the Rai Valley we went; what amazing roads. We stayed for a few days at a camping ground just out of Nelson and the next day we took a ride to Collingwood for lunch over the Takaka Hill. On that day trip we saw only one tin-top, which seemed to spend too much time on the wrong side of the centre line.

Before we headed off from Nelson, we took advantage of a free tour around the Pics Peanut Butter plant – a must see if you're a peanut butter fan!

On to Westport we went via the Buller Gorge – another fantastic road on two wheels. We were lucky enough to score some great accommodation in Westport,

where we decided to stay over for a few days. There are some great eateries in the middle of Westport, even the beach was welcoming.

We headed south towards Punakaiki, where we stopped for brunch at the Pancake Rocks Café and a quick catch-up with a friend who was heading back home from the Burt.

Through Greymouth we went and on to Hokitika, where we stopped for lunch. We hadn't bothered booking any accommodation there, believing there would be plenty to go around. It turned out that around 800 school students had descended on Hokitika for a careers seminar and had taken up every spare corner of the region. It seemed the situation was made only worse due to Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle, along with ferry breakdowns, cumulatively stranding a lot of North Islanders. After almost two hours on the phone looking for

somewhere to rest up for the night, we headed back to Greymouth to what seemed to be the last room in the last hotel on the West Coast. Oh well, at least the weather stayed fine for us.

The next day, we headed up over Arthur's Pass, stopping at Arthur's Pass Village for lunch. The kea there are huge, and certainly not shy when it comes to stealing food right off your plate!

Heading down to the Canterbury Plains was the first time on the trip that was wet, and who would have thought you could get lost on the Canterbury Plains looking for Geraldine.

Following a few lazy days in Geraldine, we headed south to spend a couple of nights in Oamaru. While there, a compulsory visit to the steampunk HQ seemed in order.

Southwards we went to Dunedin and on to Milton to visit friends, before riding

south to Balclutha and out to Kaka Point for a few days.

We left the south-west coast, riding due east to Gore and on to the end of SH1 where we got the obligatory photo, then back to Invercargill for a few days. While down in that part of the country a feed of blue cod is a must. Regretfully, we were outside the oyster season, so that'll have to be another trip. Invercargill included a visit to the Classic Motorcycle Mecca, which was totally mind-blowing. There's also the Richardson's Truck Museum, which is always worth a visit, not to mention all the other places in and around town. You could spend so much time there and still not see everything that's on offer.

Leaving Invercargill behind us, we headed north on SH6, stopping for brunch at the Route 6 Café & Bar, which is a nod to Route 66 in the US. By this time, we had donned our wet weather gear for only the second and last time on the whole trip. Leaving Lumsden, we carried on to Queenstown around Lake Wakatipu and on to Arrowtown, where we stopped for a few nights at a camping ground. The next day, we decided to ride to Glenorchy for lunch. It was then back to Arrowtown where we caught up with our neighbours from home, who happened to be staying in Queenstown at the same time.

We left Arrowtown, heading up over the Crown Range Road and on to Lake Pukaki, where we found some more friends from the North Island. It seemed like half the North Island was touring the

mainland in February.

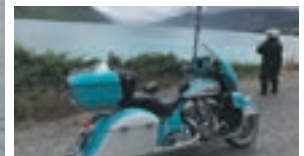
We stayed the night at Lake Tekapo, before riding to Akaroa via Mount Somers. Akaroa is one of those places we've always wanted to visit, and it certainly did not disappoint. If you ever find yourself there, it's always worth a visit to The Giant's House. We were in Akaroa for three nights, and on day two took a trip into Christchurch to visit friends and see how much has changed since our last visit.

We finally left Akaroa, riding to Kaikoura for a night, and taking a detour to Rangiora for brunch. From there, it was straight up SH1, stopping at The Store Café at Kekerengu Beach for lunch. It was there we decided that our Roadmaster was most likely the most photographed bike in the country. We then rode back to Renwick before returning to the North Island, leaving many North Islanders in our wake who were unable to secure passage in their tin-tops.

Two more stops were made – a couple of nights in Wellington visiting a rellie, and a stop-over in Carrot Town (Ohakune), before making our way back home to Te Awamutu.

All up, we were on the road for 30 days and covered more than 4500 kilometres. It was certainly a fantastic trip, riding on some of the best roads around, meeting some amazing people and seeing some fabulous scenery. Even a month was nowhere near enough time to see everything that's on offer in the mainland. So, I can see another trip looming on the horizon.

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Counter Steering

(or Push Steering)

This article has been in the Nelson Branch newsletter several times. Many of you will have read it before, but with so many new members it is a great time to include it in the magazine.

A MOTORCYCLING EPIPHANY

For me, riding a motorcycle is always an enjoyable and fulfilling adventure. That can be when I am idling in traffic in the city, going to work on a weekday, or heading down the highway on the open road. But it wasn't always like that. For quite a while I had problems in corners especially at high speeds. I would often find myself going wide and crossing the centre line, or having to brake in the corner.

During that time I thought you steered a motorcycle around a corner by turning the handle bars and leaning your body first to bring the bike over (I more or less understood I needed to lean), but I never felt stable in the corner and was often relieved to be out of it.

Now every corner is a pleasure and I rarely get it wrong. That is because I heard about and tried 'counter steering'. Actually, I heard it from William Glendenning over coffee after a committee meeting of the Otago Ulysses one night back in 1994. He explained it to me. I thought it was the weirdest thing I'd ever heard. I tried it on the way home (to Balclutha in the dark), and I had a motorcycling epiphany.

WHAT IS COUNTER STEERING?

(Referred to by some as 'push steering' but I prefer counter steering).

You may not have realised it but actually at speeds from 30kph up it is impossible to turn a bike round a bend without

using counter-steering.

Counter steering is where you turn the handle bars in the opposite direction of the turn in the bend. Now doesn't that sound weird?

For example: in a right hand bend, you turn the bars to the left and in a left hand bend you turn the bars to the right. The majority of riders start two wheel careers on bicycles, and at low speeds turn the handle bars in the direction of the turn. However, contrary to this, at higher speeds this is reversed and you use counter-steering.

Actually 'turning the bars' is a little over dramatic. What you actually do is to apply a downward and away pressure on the grip that is on the inside (on the same side) of your turn (in the same direction). Turning right? Press away and down on the right grip. The bike will obediently come over to bring you into the turn. Hold the pressure in proportion to the amount of lean you require. Push harder (you came in too shallow) and the bike will lean more. Ease the pressure (you came in too deep) and the bike will straighten up.

It's magic – 'technically' you could take your hand right off the left grip for a right hand turn, even at speed, and all the control (and I do mean control) would be from the pressure on your right grip. Do not try this (and especially not with a left hand turn for obvious reasons).

Understanding that it is counter-steering that causes the bike to turn, greatly increases your ability to control the behaviour of the bike in bends, and allows you to make quick and small

adjustments while you are turning.

SOME TECHNICAL STUFF

Motorcycles always want and are the happiest being straight up from the ground when the front tyre is rotating (when you are moving). This is true because of the gyroscopic effect of the front wheel spinning around. Remember playing with a gyroscope when you were little and how hard it was to upset its balance from spinning straight up? Well that is the same with a motorcycle as well!

Basic Explanation: As the gyroscope spins, the force of the spinning causes the gyroscope to want to stay upright and be stable.



As with the motorcycle tyre: As the front motorcycle tyre spins, the force of the spinning causes the motorcycle body to want to stay upright and be stable.

What happens when you counter-steer is you only temporarily lean (as long as you are pushing on the grip) the motorcycle to the left or right while looking where you want to go. It requires MORE force to lean the motorcycle to the left or right than it does to bring it straight back up because of the gyroscopic effect. Thus the motorcycle always wants to be stable and will bring itself back up right and therefore the motorcycle won't fall down.



KEEP YOUR HEAD UP AND UPRIGHT

By looking as far into the turn (where you want to go) as you can, and with your head upright, you assure yourself of making the whole push-steering job easier on yourself! You will always go where you look (or look at), so why not look into the turn rather than stare at the ground or a few feet ahead? Why make it more difficult on yourself!

This is even on the tightest corner, and is really magic

at slow speeds and on roundabouts. When in a turn, never look down at the ground in front of your wheel. Look as far down the road as possible. The bike will automatically follow the line of the curve and come around.

It will rescue you in an emergency – look at your exit out of the danger and put on the power to go there.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO LEAN OVER

So will the motorcycle ever fall completely over by counter steering? If by "fall" you are meaning skidding it sideways (off the tyres) so you do not have any tyre grip anymore then yes. BUT it would require quite an extreme lean angle that you would have to do this on purpose before it would happen. And thanks to other things getting in the way (pegs, exhaust, side/centre stand), these things would touch the ground long before you ran out of tire

traction! Even if these things scrape the ground you still have good control and it is a breeze to bring the bike back straight up! The moment you ease up on the pressure on the inside grip the bike will straighten up due to the gyroscopic effect described above.

Motorcycle racers do extreme turns around track corners and if you are starting to scrape things on the ground in a turn, then you have clearly mastered counter steering and are bored with this article!



Now, that is an extreme lean and the motorcycle still has not fallen over! Note that they are looking into the turn, not directly in front of them.

SO LET'S REVIEW:

- Motorcycles are extremely stable machines that highly prefer to travel straight up from the ground thanks to the rotating front wheel causes a highly stable gyroscopic effect.
- To counter steer, push away and down on the side you want to turn to. Push on the right grip to go right, push on the left grip to go left.
- It requires more force to temporarily lean (turn) the motorcycle than it does to bring it back up.

In fact, the motorcycle will do it almost 100% on its own!

- To counter steer you need to be going 20km/h or greater.
- It is extremely difficult (0.001% chance) to have the bike fall down without doing it on purpose.
- Always look as far down the turn where you want to go to make counter-steering easier on yourself.

ALLAN SMITH #2426



Safe and sound

Story and photography by Julia Mahony for the Wairarapa Times-Age Midweek

Motorcycle riders have put their helmets behind Wellington Free Ambulance [WFA] - by donating to the emergency service they don't want to call.

The Wairarapa branch of the Ulysses Club of New Zealand last week handed WFA a \$2000 donation, which will contribute to the service's new station build on the corner of Russell and Queen Streets in Masterton.

The money was raised by Ulysses Wairarapa members who complete annual motorcycle marshalling at summer cycle racing series. Marshals are reimbursed for expenses and the club receives money for organising the team.

Some of this is used to subsidise club activities and a portion is put aside for donations to a worthy cause.

The \$2000 donation was received by WFA Wairarapa community liaison Cheryl Watson, with about a dozen riders lining up their bikes beside an ambulance at the current depot.

"It is always humbling to receive support from the community, clubs and organisations across the Wairarapa," Watson said.

"I would like to thank the Ulysses Club for getting in behind the Wairarapa station build with their fundraising. This donation is what it's all about, as the station is built for the community."

As a club committed to safety and rider mentoring, Ulysses members would rather not meet Watson or her colleagues again - on the road anyway.

Ulysses Wairarapa has been running for 25 years and has 53 members from Eketāhuna to Pirinoa. The oldest active member is aged 89.

The Ulysses Club began in Australia, set up for motorcyclists over the age of 40, with the motto 'Grow Old Disgracefully'.

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While some members have a few bikes, others no longer own them for physical or financial reasons but they still have an interest and they're "more than welcome", Allen said.

The last Wednesday of the month sees a get-together at a local establishment for a meal, with an organised motorcycle ride every second Sunday.

"Rides can go as far as Manawatu, Wellington or even Taihape, Whanganui, or Napier in the summertime, for a full day's ride with lunch," member Rex Bateman said.

"There may be a destination for a particular purpose, like a motor museum, a truck show, or hotrod show."

Short rides are also organised, so members are home for the afternoon to spend time with family. Longer trips away may include two weeks in the South Island, with 15-18 bikes on tour.

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Mentors are trained to the highest level through the Institute of Advanced Motorists [IAM] motorcycle division.

"That training is based on police pursuit training in the UK, so it's the most intense one-on-one motorcycle training available," Allen said. "If someone needs a quiet word about the way they are riding, it will quietly be pointed out to them."

Bateman added: "It's about giving younger riders advice and suggesting another way of doing things if they're inexperienced, particularly around following distances and speed."

Bateman has been riding motorcycles for 55 years — when he started a motorcycle was the affordable way to get from A to B.

"The days of head down across the tank and going hard out are pretty much gone — that's why I'm still alive now" he said.

Ulysses clubs encourage members to leave home with "all the gear, all the time", Allen said. "If you don't turn up in good quality safety gear, you'll get talked to."

With three new club members signed up in the past two months, Ulysses Wairarapa is still looking for new riders. In the meantime, the club will continue to support local causes.

"We support organisations our members may use one day," Allen said. Past recipients have included Wairarapa's volunteer fire brigades and the rescue helicopter. The club has purchased a satellite phone for WFA in the past.

Of course, the aim is that emergency services will only be called on to receive those donations.

• Ulysses Wairarapa committee meetings are on the third Monday of the month at Club Carterton on Broadway. Email: tonyallen@callplus.net.nz or visit the national website of Ulysses New Zealand.

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The Ulisses Club NZ logo.



Kevin Morgan arrived on his car with a 2000 donation.



An ambulance is something members don't want to need on the road.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

On August 15, our branch held a very special night to celebrate nine members receiving their 35-year service badge. They call themselves "The Originals".

We supplied them with a free bistro meal and drink, which included their wives or partners. Unfortunately, Jim McGill was unable to attend, which would have made it 10.

After the presentation, several of them got up to tell us a few stories from way back, including some very disgraceful happenings at rallies and on their runs. Photographs have been found and now can be shown. Evidence of their misdemeanours are available to view and each month some are included in our newsletter. (I wonder if we can back date the fines?)

It was an enjoyable night that also included several ex-branch members who attended to catch up with old friends. We have a few more members who will receive their 35-year badge early next year.

Brian Lissette (a former "Original") offered to scan and digitise all our old photos and documents, so they can be viewed for years to come. Our branch can now go right back to day one when Ulysses New Zealand was born and the first meeting held in Tauranga.

We very much appreciated the work and time Brian put in to do this. This is our way of celebrating and remembering the members from days gone by. Brian and his wife also attended this special night. At the previous meeting, we presented Brian with a Ulysses challenge coin for his hard work.

As current members, we should try to bring back to the branch members who have retired their membership or who very rarely attend club functions because of health or age, but who keep their membership paid up each year. We, as a branch committee, don't want to forget what these members did for the club at the start and for the many years they have been members. So, we now invite these members to any future special event or even look at hold an old-time get together once a year.

LEE WHITE #5925



Brian Lissette with Stumpy.



#5780 JEANETTE WALKER
Receives her 20-year Badge.



#5834 DAVID WEST
Receives his 20-year badge.



#4214 DON LEEK
Receives his 25-Year Badge.



#2521 DAVE DAWSON (LEPRECHAUN)
Receives his 30-year Badge.



#5925 LEE WHITE
Receives his 20-year Badge.



#10547 PETER JACKSON
Receives his New Member Pack.

35-YEAR BADGE PRESENTATION

AUGUST 15TH, 2023



**PAUL SELLARS, PAUL CARSON, JOHN CUFFLIN, RAY MORROW,
PAUL BARNARD, IAN DAVISON, JOHN CHRISTIANSEN, GRANT BULKELEY**

Dean's NZ Frolics



It has been about two years since I joined the Ulysses family, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. Since I joined, I have been organising trips away for the Far North Ulysses members around the North Island. These have been great experiences and enjoyed by the members who have attended. Great times were had, along with some mischievous incidents and banter ... normally after a few beers at the end of the day.

So far, I have organised three trips, the first involving six riders. All riders were grumpy males, NOT, as the wives were not present, however, we did have all the night sounds, ranging from snoring to, well, you can guess what else. It was off from Whangarei to Rotorua for the first night, then a jaunt over to Whakatāne, ending up at Mt Manganui for a swim, with some interesting "exotic wildlife" sighted by Mike, Noel and myself, (sorry, Tony, you were having a nanny nap) and a pleasant night eating in. Next, it was on to Whangamatā

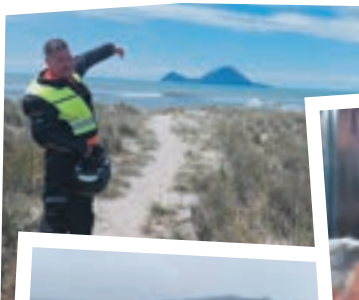
for a night, with the day starting fine, however, halfway the rain set in. Unfortunately, due to this bad weather, we cut the run short by one day. Luckily, we did as we had a major weather storm event the next day and just managed to make it home. If we had stayed the next night, we would have been trading the bikes for boats.

Second trip was with eight members and included a couple of wives. We started the trip with a night at Miranda Springs, then on to New Plymouth for two nights, which included a ride around the mountain. The next day, we proceeded to Rotorua where, unfortunately, we lost a man as his trusted steed decided to play up and thus left him stranded in Rotorua for a couple of days. We met up with the Rotorua club for a meal. Then off home it was, minus Tony. With the ladies around, the boys behaved themselves, well, some of us. Everybody enjoyed the trip, and a great time was had by all.

The last trip involved five, yes five, males getting up to the same banter and strife. This time it was straight down to Rotorua for a night then a leisurely cruise to Taupō the next day. We stayed in a very flash BnB, courtesy of my lovely wife's sister. We did get to experience the perils of the Taupō night life by getting ripped off by the local taxi service, however, the food was great and most of us had a king-size bed each for a great night's sleep. The next day we headed over to Napier for a couple of nights, where we met up with the local Ulysses branch for morning tea and then dinner at a local bar later that night. This time the taxi fare was fair. The devastation was certainly evident as we rode into Napier. Most of us got up to our own thing, as three of us had family in the area. We were then off to the Mount for a final night, but due to personal matters, two of us had to flag the last night and the others decided to also head home. Wally's wife was happy as it was their wedding anniversary the next day!

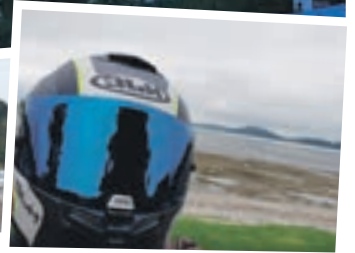


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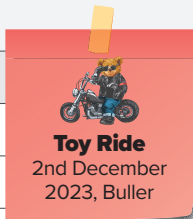
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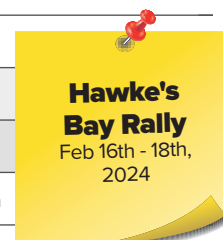
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**2024 National
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**Okataina Rally
Rotorua
Masquerade Ball**

June 23rd, 2024

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RECIPES



Roasted Tomato and Goat Cheese Bruschetta

Are you having guests over for a casual meal? These cheesy starters are sure to be a hit.

Servings: 8

INGREDIENTS

- 20 cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 8 slices of baguette bread
- 8 tablespoons goat cheese
- Fresh basil, coarsely chopped
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Honey, for garnish (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. Toss the cherry tomatoes with olive oil and spread them into an oven-safe baking dish. Season with salt and pepper. Bake for about 15 minutes or until the tomatoes start to pucker.
3. Lay the bread slices on a baking sheet and toast in the oven until crisp.
4. Spread a tablespoon of goat cheese on each slice of bread.
5. Add some fresh basil and the roasted tomatoes.
6. Drizzle some honey over the bruschetta before serving for a subtle sweetness.



Mexican Corn Salad

What type of corn is best? Grilled and lightly boiled corn are fine, as is frozen corn cooked according to the package instructions. Canned corn isn't recommended because it lacks crunch and is high in sodium.

Servings: 4 to 6

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 cups corn kernels
- 1 large tomato, seeded and diced
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1 avocado, peeled and diced
- 2 tablespoons parsley or cilantro, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, lime juice, honey and paprika.
2. In a large bowl, toss together the corn, tomato, onion, red pepper, avocado and parsley.
3. Pour the oil mixture over the vegetables and mix well. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Watermelon and Grapefruit Mocktail



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups watermelon, seeded and cubed
- 1 cup pink grapefruit juice
- 4 tablespoons simple syrup
- Grapefruit-flavoured sparkling water
- 8 lime slices
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, mash 1 cup of watermelon cubes with a muddler or fork until they have a coarse texture. Divide the purée between 4 tall glasses.
 2. Add 1/4 of the grapefruit juice and 1 tablespoon of simple syrup to each glass. Mix with a spoon.
 3. Fill each glass with the grapefruit-flavoured sparkling water. Divide the remaining watermelon cubes between each glass. Garnish with lime slices and a sprig of rosemary.
- Serves 4.

HOW TO MAKE SIMPLE SYRUP

Combine 1 cup of water and 1 cup of sugar in a small saucepan. Simmer over medium heat, stirring often, until the sugar is completely dissolved (about 3 to 5 minutes) and the mixture has thickened. The syrup can be stored in the fridge for at least two weeks.



Cold Pea and Mint Soup

This refreshingly smooth soup is the perfect light snack on a hot day! Share this delight with friends and family. This recipe can be frozen (without the cream) or stored in the refrigerator for three days.

Servings: 6

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 4 cups fresh or frozen peas, thawed
- 900 millilitres chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/3 cup fresh mint, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 125 millilitres whipping cream or plain yogurt
- A few mint leaves for garnish
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large saucepan, heat the vegetable oil over medium heat and sauté the onions for about 10 minutes. Don't let them brown. Add the garlic and cook for another minute.
2. Add the peas and stock to the pot and bring to a gentle boil. Simmer for 5 minutes.
3. Remove from the heat and allow to cool for a few minutes. Add the mint and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Blend in a blender or food processor until smooth. Add a little water or stock if necessary. Adjust the seasoning if necessary.
5. Whether serving the soup warm or cold, add a splash of cream and a few mint leaves as a garnish.



Pumpkin Muffins

As nutritious as they are delicious, these muffins smell incredible as they're baking. Serve them as a dessert or a quick snack.

Servings: 12

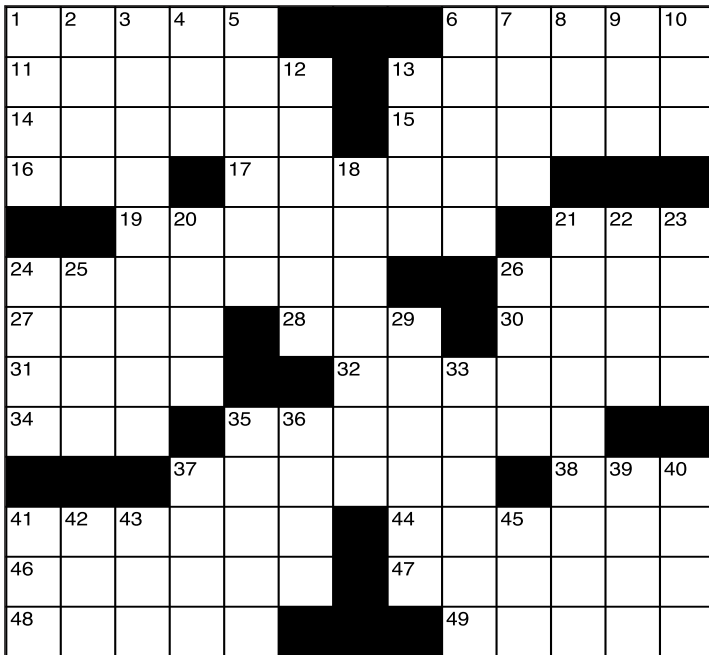
INGREDIENTS

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 400ml pumpkin purée
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
- 12 walnuts, whole
- A few fresh mint leaves

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 375F. Line a muffin tin with paper cups.
2. Whisk together the flour, white sugar, brown sugar, baking powder and spices in a large bowl. Set aside.
3. In another bowl, combine the eggs, pumpkin purée, melted butter and vanilla extract. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix gently until the batter is smooth.
4. Add the chopped pecans and gently stir to combine.
5. Place about 2 tablespoons of the batter into each cup. Top each with a whole walnut.
6. Bake for 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean. Place the cooled muffins on a serving platter and garnish with mint.

PUZZLE NO. 155



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ACROSS

- 1. Type of beam
- 6. Get rid of whiskers
- 11. Resounded
- 13. Garden tools
- 14. Daze
- 15. Lion groups
- 16. Perch
- 17. Involve
- 19. Coloring
- 21. Feather adhesive
- 24. Threw out
- 26. Certainly!
- 27. Fables
- 28. Excavate
- 30. Cradle
- 31. "____ Gotta Have It"

DOWN

- 1. Hires
- 2. Property unit
- 3. Smashed
- 4. Eternity
- 5. Modern
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- 34. Conclude
- 35. Art galleries
- 37. Sews loosely
- 38. Child
- 41. Mountainous
- 44. Flourish
- 46. Egged on
- 47. Paint undercoat
- 48. Stared at
- 49. Rigid

- 6. Twig
- 7. Frozen precipitation
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- 9. 22nd letter
- 10. Tee preceder
- 12. Dimpled
- 13. Extent
- 18. Least messy
- 20. Sherbets
- 21. Subway-station item
- 22. Desertlike
- 23. Confederates, for short
- 24. Otherwise
- 25. Wayne of films

- 26. Scheme
- 29. Welcomes
- 33. Dashes
- 35. Like a lion
- 36. Exploited
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- 39. Atop
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- 41. Back in time
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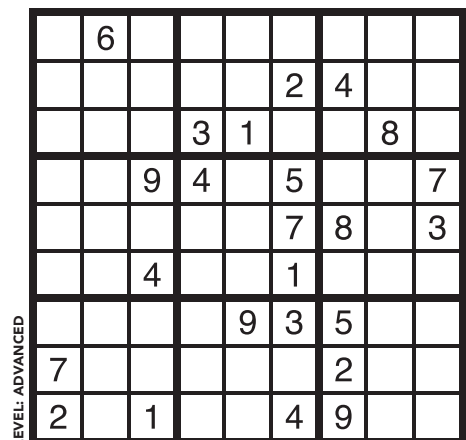
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HOW TO PLAY:

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. 899



Answers to these puzzles are on page 62



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Manawatu Murmurs

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The Manawatu Branch has had a busy spring with a number of rides and social events, culminating in the biennial North Island Compass Rally. This event was a big success, with a near-record number of entrants, including some from the South Island.

The weather played a significant role in our organised rides. The August branch ride was to be a led version of the infamous left-right ride format. Bruce Ebbett designed the route and it was planned for August 20. The forecast was really bad, so an early decision postponed the ride for a week. You guessed it, the day ended up with fine weather. When the ride went ahead a week later, the group got rain, wind, cold and some sunshine. The left-right part of the ride started at the entry to Pahiatua and involved some urban riding before getting out into the countryside. The route ended up at Madison's Café in Masterton for a very nice lunch, before taking Route 52 back through Alfredton and Pahiatua. The greasy road claimed a victim on the way home, but the group soon had the bike out of the ditch and both it and the rider were good to continue. Beware diesel on the road out of farm driveways.

The August retreads ride stayed closer to home and took in the back roads to lunch at the Salt & Pepper café in Levin. The group then ventured to Waikanae Beach, before heading home. At least the weather was fine and sunny.

In September, the branch tried a new concept, a gravel-adventure ride. The day was organised by Daz McMaster and departed from his

property in Kiwitea. Four intrepid riders and machines took part in a route that included local logging roads and loose gravel roads between Kiwitea and Vinegar Hill, then over SH1 to Turakina Valley Road behind Hunterville. There were a few thrills and spills, nothing that cable ties and duct tape couldn't fix.

The September Retreads Ride took the road less travelled to Waipawa. The ride was a bit challenging coming home due to wind gusts, but at least there was no rain.

The branch ride for the month was another that suffered from the weather, this time high winds, and was postponed a week. The Scavenger Hunt event was set up by Michael Dittmer and attracted a reduced field of six bikes for a day of getting lost trying to find the 11 checkpoints and 2 bonus points. Some enjoyed the ride more than others, covering an additional 44km after suffering some geographical embarrassment.

The North Island Compass Rally kicked off on October 1 with a branch ride to Lake Ferry to get the first card. Over the month, various groups and individuals criss-crossed the North Island in pursuit of the best poker hand while trying to avoid the worst weather. The prizegiving

on October 28 at the Bunnythorpe Tavern saw 50-plus riders, pillions and supporters gather to get their last card. The overall winner (after a minor protest and recount) took away the first prize of \$700 for his hand of three Queens. The feedback was that this was a great event and people are keen to repeat it in two years' time.

With daylight saving and better weather, the branch plans to do some evening Pie & Pint rides before Christmas, with our next major branch event being the Coast-to-Coast charity ride on December 9.

Be safe on the roads.

MURRAY CROSS #7908

Manawatu Co-Ordinator



**September
Retreads Ride**



Gravel Ride



**September New Chums ride
- Life don't get much better than this**



**Compass rally prizegiving and our
happy prize winners**

Waihi and TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060 Thames Valley



I am not sure where this last quarter has gone. I am meant to be retired and putting my feet up. What did I do wrong? With the tasks I take on at our local Ulysses branch and my local RSA, I seem to spend less and less time just getting out and enjoying myself. In saying that, I wouldn't do it unless I enjoyed it, although at times it is a juggle working out what comes first, such as writing this or the RSA News Update.

Our branch started off this quarter by replacing our normal Thursday ride with a St Johns First Aide course, with the emphasis on first responders at an accident and the dreaded cardiac problems many in our age group seem to have creep up on them. Twenty-odd members turned up for the course and I can honestly say 95% learnt something. Although it was not a course we came out with a certificate with as it was run by two local ambulance drivers. We owe them a big thanks.

We have had a wide range of rides, too wide to mention all the places. As I seem to put my hand up and take most of the rides, there has always been someone step up when I haven't been available, which is always pleasing, although sometimes they take the ride to somewhere I wanted to

go, and I then miss out. Sometimes, the rides are planned as just great rides with narrow country windy roads, like our ride next week around the Coromandel Loop, while other times it's been about the destination, such as a private gallery or private car collection. These seem to attract as many out as the great ride. I admit it is getting harder and harder to find new roads and destinations.

Our Thursday rides attract big numbers while our Sunday rides, unfortunately, average only half a dozen riders. I guess that is mainly to do with our age group, most being retired, or is it tired. Some of our members like only very short rides and that is fine with me as we advertise where the morning tea stop will be and that's as far as they go. It seems to work. I read about other groups, especially on Facebook, and try and learn from them what works. For instance, I read what the Knitting Group is up to in Christchurch and about their destination, often a nice reserve for a picnic. I think we have to look at this more, especially with the price of petrol. I often take my lunch, but, I have always said I have to as I am a poor pensioner.

What is certainly hurting right now is the price of petrol, although I can't understand why petrol is so much cheaper in some towns than others. It is really starting to annoy me. Ngatea, where I live, used to have cheap petrol and since the Gull changed hands the new owners put the prices up, so then the only competition in town, the Z station, put its prices up too. I always filled up at home before going on a ride, but I now fill up in Paeroa and save 2 cents a litre. I know I should support the local economy, except I ask myself, why? I know I have waffled on, I just needed to say my piece.

Our dinners still seem to be very popular, although I attend very few. Our branch coordinator, Chris Brown, has been talking to the coordinator in Hamilton to see if we can have the odd combined dinner in the Morrinsville area. With daylight saving I think it's a great idea, except they are always held on a Wednesday night and I have to be up early Thursday morning to get to the Bottle in Paeroa.

By the time you read this, our Charity Event Icons 150, where all the funds raised go towards the Baton Relay, is over. It has been more work than any of the committee imagined. We made one mistake, we should have asked everyone to pre-enter as I really have no idea how much

bacon or sausages to buy, how many runs' sheets to print and I could go on. My wife and I planned the route, although it has been thoroughly checked by most of our committee members and I know the entrants, no matter where they come from, are going to go places they have never been to before. We now have some great sponsors that we must thank and, if in Ngatea, please support them: Four Square Ngatea, Central Motors Ngatea, Hauraki Plains Motors Ngatea, Motozone Paeroa, Hauraki RSA Ngatea, and Harcourts Whangamata for all the printing. A special thank you goes to our treasurer, Philip Welch, for all the help checking my mistakes etc. and many more things he has done behind the scenes. I am sure I have missed some, but I will make up for it on the day.

On behalf of the Waihi / Thames Valley branch, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. All I wish for is better weather than we had last summer. The next major event on my calendar is, of course, the Baton Relay and for me will be Auckland Branch's New Year's Day ride. Yes, guys and girls, hope to see you all there.

WTV Scribe,

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060



Rotorua RUMBLE

SMILEY #10243

By the time you are reading this, we would have completed the

OTBT - Nationwide Ulysses Baton Relay Fundraiser Ride

How amazing are you guys 'n girls for getting in behind this event. The profiling of Ulysses throughout New Zealand is very cool. So many other bikers and the public have become aware of the Ulysses Club, their branches and we have even managed to get new members. A huge thank you from the Rotorua branch members to all of you who could see the vision and support us. The way you all got in behind the fundraising for the cyclone victims was truly inspirational and made our hearts swell with pride.

The fact that we can come together as a united front and achieve a great result says a lot about the Ulysses Club and its members.

Meeting other members and riders, the awesome kilometres travelled, the lovely, hard-case banter, stories shared over a pint or three has just been magical. When the locals come out of their homes to wave and cheer

us on, it just sends out such positive vibes. What a sight to see, true fist pump moments, and all to support the people still struggling with the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle.

The hospitality of our members and sponsors throughout this event has truly touched our hearts; the friendships and camaraderie that has been shown is etched into our hearts, and memories that are ours to keep.

New Zealand as a nation has come together, and for that we need to be truly proud of our achievements. We feel that this event has been the catalyst for future events on a grand scale. We can do it.

Thank you all so much, you all rock and we are all so proud to be a part of this amazing Ulysses Club! To the coordinators, secretaries and each individual who helped pull this event together, nga mihi.

Now I would say, "Party at mine!" but I think I am partied out for the next 24 hours ... However, I have an Idea!

NOW A BIT OF BRANCH NEWS

On the 12th of August we had a few

members from other branches meet us at Aroma Cafe before we all rode to Taupō for the Remembrance Ride.

Paddy and I were honoured to be asked to read the names of those who have left us. It is quite heart-wrenching to read out the names of those who have left this world, and it just makes one realise that we will all be there, on that screen, one day. Super grateful to Peggy, who does a stellar job at keeping the records up to date, and the Taupō branch for hosting. It's always a bit of a sad occasion but, on the flip side, nice to catch up with other members from other parts of the region. Note to self and visitors to Aroma cafe: don't park ya bike on the footpath! Hope not all got a "letter" in the mail.

The Tauranga branch invited us for a ride to Waihi, so we saddled up our trusty steeds and hit the road. Was another great day out riding many back roads and lunch with ocean views. On the way home, we thought we had all our crew, but it turned out we had a random rider and our newbie was in the midst of the



First Aid Course

Tauranga riders heading to their local. Sorry, Kevin.

Our lead rider, Cameron, had us at a steady pace, came around a slight bend and hit some gravel in the middle of the road, which then put him into the path of the oncoming traffic. Was a bit of a tight butt moment, but he managed to pull back to the left side of the road. I was the third rider and was hit by a large piece of airborne gravel and as the scene was slowly unravelling it was surreal watching everything unfold. You attend the Ride Forever courses, to subconsciously prepare yourself, but sometimes the decisions have to be made in split seconds and some things are out of your control. We all got home safely, with a few WTF moments to discuss at the meeting later that night.

We had a great turnout for the Daffodil Day as we manned the stand at Bunnings. Nice to give back to our community. We were all encouraged to head back to the HQ office of the Cancer Society as the local Indian Restaurant had donated loads of butter chicken and naan bread. There was a feast fit for a king. Pastries, sausage rolls and croissants as well. Not sure why all that was there, but we all were ordered to go and collect the food as they couldn't do anything else with it, so we did.

Another item on our busy agenda was the First Aid Course. We invited some

of the Taupō members to join us and the 20 of us spent the next four hours together learning about the basics of First Aid, tying each other up with bandages and learning the code, Drs ABCD.

D - Danger – Assess your surroundings

R - Response – Ask the patient questions – Tap top left of chest

S - Send for help Dial 111 – Look for markers, power poles have numbers, bridges have names

A - Airways B – 10 secs – Check breathing, breath, chest, face, look down the body for signs of breathing

C - CPR

D – Defibrillator

Highly recommend these courses, it could save a life.

As the days go by and the weather ... oh s***, not the weather again. As the days go by, it is great to catch up with our members on outings and make some great connections with the surrounding branches. Our next challenge is a Darts and Pool get together with Tga, Waikato, WTV, Whakatāne and Taupō, GAME ON. Mind you, getting those darts onto the actual board is going to be my next challenge!

Keep on Riding cause that's what living is all about.

Till next time,
Kebin and I.

Let's Ride!

Regards

LEIGH-ANN AKA SMILEY #10243

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Ulysses Branch Coordinator

FB Ulysses Rotorua Branch



Thank you to all who contributed to the fundraising efforts for the Cyclone victims.

Canterbury Capers

CHRIS CAREY #3497

It's a busy time of the year. The summer rally and ride season is kicking in and it's bloody hard to decide which event to support; and with so many of the younger generation choosing not to work or working to their own agenda, it's being left to us older ones to do more and more of the hard yards, with many of us now finding ourselves "time poor" and tired.

The South Island Remembrance Service was again well attended, with riders from across the South Island present. A bloody good night was had by those who stayed up there. However, this is a service for the South Island. It's hosted by Canterbury and it would be nice to see a few more Ulyssians from the far south make the effort. If Charlie Brown and his team can ride up from Dunedin ...

The next event on the calendar at the time of writing is the Cyclone Gabriel ride. The baton will be making its way north from "Invergiggle" and arriving in the Garden City on Monday, November 6, where I've asked our members who can to meet those riders at Spitfire Square around 4-4.30pm. If it's wet, I'll be heading to the Coffee Club across the parking lot from the Spitfire statue. After accepting the baton, riders will be finding their way into the CBD and Riverside Market for the obligatory rehydration and post-ride debrief.

Canterbury will take the baton through to Moana (Lake Brunner) the following morning (Tuesday, November 7) leaving from the NPD station on Yaldhurst Road, stands up 09.00. There will be a brief stop at Springfield for those with small tanks and smaller bladders, otherwise

it'll be a straight fang over the pass and through to Moana. Once we've handed the baton to Westland, it will be taken through to Westport, where those participating have a choice of following it there with an overnighter or high tailing it back home with me. The Wednesday Knitters Group were asked to ride on Tuesday to boost the numbers, at least to the Bealey or Arthurs.

What to do? Which ride can I, or should I, do, because I don't have the time or the annual leave up my sleeve to do them all because the Friday after the baton run, I'm heading to Alexandra for the iconic Chatto Creek 1000 (1600km) on November 11.

The Helicopter Hunt & 1000km Ride are also on again, with both kicking off from 1 November. The "seek and you shall find" Helicopter Hunt raises money for the rescue chopper, which heaven forbid, none of us ever have to use. From memory, I think it's a 1100 or 1200km ride from my door back to my door so easily doable in a day, or as an overnighter, or done in dribs and drabs over the summer. You've got a lot of time in which to do it. Likewise, with the 1000km ride. Do it on the day, as an overnighter, as part of another ride, make up your own route or use one of the eight route options favoured in the past, clockwise, anti-clockwise, whatever smokes your tyres, just do it. In fact, why not register for both events, ride one ride, and earn two badges. You won't get a deal like this at the Warehouse.

Adding to the choice, or conflict of events, is Euan Quade's iconic Old Bones Weekend, and the

Summer Solstice Safari.

And of course, who can forget the TT2000. With more and more of our branch becoming addicted to this event, there are still a number of procrastinators wanting to have a crack but the thought of planning and executing a ride to get the required points and kilometres has put them off. Well, have I got a deal for you! Shannon has done all the planning for you; a route and checkpoints to get the 2000 points and 2000kms. All you have to figure out is where you're going to stay on the Friday and Saturday nights. All the thinking, the anxiety, the insecurity has been eliminated. Follow the route and tick off the cPs in order and you'll have done it. If you want to talk to me about it, please give me a ring and I'll do my best to allay your fears. www.tt2000.org

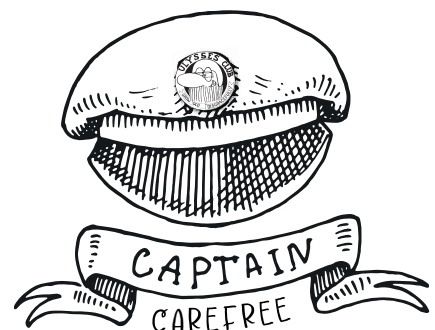
And that as they say, is that.

Regards,

**CHRIS 'CAPTAIN CAREFREE'
CAREY #3497**

Coordinator

Ulysses Canterbury Branch.



Southland "Scribbles"

ROSS L #1177

Since the last report, our branch activities have continued to have a strong indoor theme. Pleasingly, these have been well supported. Unfortunately, our planned outdoor events have been far less successful. These have been badly affected by the very changeable spring weather we have been experiencing, with most having to be cancelled.

Several members, myself included, have attended one of the ACC-sponsored open meetings held at local motorcycle shops during September and October. These were held as part of ACC's recent Motorcycle Safety Campaign. I, for one, found the one I attended extremely worthwhile and encourage members to attend if the opportunity arises.

On the local front, two of our branch members have put a lot of time and effort into organising the "SOUTHLAND 300". This event involves a ride of 300km on our

excellent Southland roads and, to add to the challenge, includes answering a number of questions on the way. This will definitely be a fun event, plus a great way to see more of Southland.

Looking to the future, we have several social events planned, including our annual Christmas function, which this year will be held at a local restaurant in early December. It's also important to continue to show some positivity, so we are ever hopeful that we will get to go on some of our planned rides in the weeks ahead.

*Regards from the Deep South,
keep safe.*

ROSS L #1177

Gizzy News

CHRISSY #5993 / RAY THOMAS #6110

Spring riding on the East Coast is sublime. 23 degrees. 10-15 minutes to cross the whole town...and virtually no weekend traffic.

Flushing willows over flushing rye. Azure skies matching the ocean views. Be warned though, due to a lack of close quarry rock and a landscape that could be called a movable feast...the road surface is a real challenge and must be respected.

While at an awesome pot luck dinner, at Mark and Helen's place the night before, we decided to adjust our usual Sunday launch time to allow us time to first do Sunday

prayers: for a quarter-final All Blacks win over the Irish... what a game that turned out to be!!!

Everyone was sure in a happy mood for a good ride "up the Coast", to catch up with a couple of other club members living beside the Tokomaru pub. Mark works daily in logging hydraulics support so he knows every "challenge" on the road surface and was able to steer that ST1300 like Rossi and show us the lines to avoid...HA! as we passed the Tokomaru café, which sells the famous paua pies, we saw a new sign saying "Boil Up Pies, Here, Now" - only on the East Coast!



Nelson LORRAINE #1117 NIBBLINGS

It is with much sadness that we have lost another long-time member, Barry Fisher #5893. He fought a very long battle over quite a few years and was such a bright shining light among our membership. He enjoyed rides and events right up to the last minute, where he was awarded his 20-year badge.

Our condolences go out to Robyn, his wife of 28 years, who is also one of our much-valued committee members and holds the role of Rides and Events Coordinator.

We provided a motorcycle escort from the service to his last resting place.

In August, we held our annual Awards Event. It was an awesome luncheon put on by the Waimea Club and was really well attended by our members. The tables were groaning under lots of food, plus many raffles donated by generous members and businesses that we support, plus another table of giveaways from Ride Forever. Tony, our very efficient librarian, displayed his full stock of books (motorcycle) and DVDs. These are free for any of our members to take home at any time.

Our service badges were awarded, along with three of our trophies: 1) Service to the Branch, 2) Spirit of Ulysses and 3) Shit Happens. The Mystery Ride Trophy will be awarded at our AGM next year as there will be three or four events to take part in before an overall winner is

awarded.

Our Thursday rides are going well. We are mixing these up with members from other clubs who are joining us (mainly Babes on Bikes and Spyder riders). Quite often we meet up with the Retreads from Marlborough Ulysses if they are coming into our area. There are lots of laughs and camaraderie.

The South Island Remembrance Ride was attended by more of our members than ever before. Good to see. Unfortunately, there is still the attitude out there that is "we don't know any of them, so why should we attend?"

My thoughts and experience over the years has come to the conclusion that if the current coordinator doesn't support this, then nor do the members. Good to see some of our newer members joining us to experience one of our more traditional events on our national calendar.

We are working on the usual end-of-year exercise of encouraging existing members to renew their membership for the ongoing future and trying to ascertain why some choose not to renew, so that can we know what we can do better to keep members in the future.

I have noticed that new members joining up nowadays join for only a year (probably to check us out first). Do other branches notice this? This makes it especially hard for our

administrators dealing with all the renewals and the branch to stay on their case. It still amazes me when we call them and the reply is, "Oh, I didn't know!"

In the end, it all comes down to communication with your members all the time, and that is what makes your branch members more engaged.

Look forward to seeing you all at the National AGM

LORRAINE #1117



ST HAPPENS TROPHY
John Clifton #8006**



**ULYSSES NELSON AT REMEMBRANCE
KAIKOURA 2023**



35-YEAR BADGE
Claire Newcombe #129



35 YEAR-BADGE (Posthumus award)
Robert Gall #128



30-YEAR BADGE
Allan Smith #2426



20-YEAR BADGE
Kevin Guthrie #5759



20-YEAR BADGE
Barry Fisher #5893



15-YEAR BADGE (L to R)
John MacDonald #7528
Phil Allan #7590
Trevor Brown #7334



15-YEAR BADGE
Rodney Barnes #7334



10-YEAR BADGE
Donna Wells #8786



SPIRIT OF ULYSSES TROPHY
Robyn Fisher #10205

Marlborough Musings

KELVIN WATSON #3602

I would like to wish you all great weather, and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the far north to the southern shores, and everything in between, hopefully with family and / or friends and, of course, some riding time!

We have had two new members join our Marlborough branch in recent times. Welcome back to Jeff Champion, who has renewed his membership after a few years break. He has bought himself a Harley Davidson, a big brother for his wife Wendy's HD. David Oliver, who rides a Can Am Spyder F3 Ltd, is the other new member. I'm sure everyone will make these members welcome.

The Top of The South Toy runs will have been held by the time we get this issue of the *Ulyssian*: Nelson, Buller and Marlborough. I know we had a good turnout of members over at Westport for the Buller Branch Toy Run. Most stayed two nights to enjoy the hospitality they

turn on. It's always a good ride down through the Buller Gorge and back. Our own Toy Run combined with the Riverlands Roadhouse on the first Sunday in December, where a vehicle display was put on that included bikes, trucks and cars, and breakfast was available for anyone who wanted.

Our branch weekly rides and coffee mornings have been very well supported throughout the year. Our Thursday Retreads ride is our most popular, with good attendance, even through winter. The branch Christmas function this year is being held at The Marlborough Aero Club Rooms, a very good venue with its own bar and indoor-outdoor seating and lots of shade outside on the grass area. A two-course catered meal is provided for everyone who attends, and hopefully a bit of disgraceful behaviour will take place to provide ammo for Jock the sheriff, and of course we will have the secret Santa sack with gifts for everyone.

Keep the Rubber on The Road.

KELVIN WATSON #3602

Two Spyders And A Pilot



MJ's Ward - 5th Oct 2023



North Harbour

WAYNE PAINTER #1756



That time has come again where we have to remind everyone to renew their subs. By now you should have received your renewal letter. If you have changed address and not notified NatCom, give me a call, I have a full list of branch renewals. Our branch has 91 members who need to renew. If North Harbour members are reading this and haven't been to club night in a while, we would love to see you again and we hope you renew your membership. We are slowly gaining new members and now the weather is coming right we are getting some good rides in.

Our September club night raising funds towards the Baton Run was a great success and we raised \$700 for the Cyclone Gabriel Fund.

By the time you read this, our Ronnie Run will be done and dusted, and although we lost two major sponsors, we still managed to get some impressive prizes from our local businesses, which included product and vouchers.

Entry forms for the 2024 National AGM & Rally are coming in slowly; this is making it hard to estimate things like gift bags, badges, tables and chairs etc. Come on folks, you know you are coming, get those entry forms in.

Christmas is just around the corner and the North Harbour Branch would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. We hope you all stay safe over the New Year and 2024 is good to you.

WAYNE PAINTER #1756

**DON'T REGRET
GROWING OLDER..**



**IT'S A PRIVILEGE
DENIED TO MANY.**

Otago OPUS

MIKE #7808

Yay, summer is here, and the ride list has been prepared, with some runs completed already.

Future rides will be to Moeraki, Te Anau, Taiaroa Head, Christmas BBQ Taieri Mouth, Mandeville, Naseby, Burt Munro races, Teretonga, Invercargill and Roxburgh. Members are encouraged to rock up on your two wheels (or tin-top) and join in the fun.

In September, Otago Ulysses participated in the Autospectacular, held at the huge Edgar Centre. We had seven members' motorbikes on display, to go with the hundreds of stunning new and old cars, and other motorbikes. We may have a new member from an inquiry on the day.

MIKE #7808



Hawkes Bay

BUZZ



TONY HICKMOTT
#10416

With the weather starting to show signs of improvement and the grip of winter behind us, it has been a busy time with regular fortnightly Sunday rides going full steam ahead, along with the welcome return of the Tuesday night diet club runs and the regular mid-week riders out enjoying the fabulous Hawkes Bay Spring. With a full calendar of rides and events such as the Birthright Twin City Toy Run, Ulysses Baton Relay and an anticipated ride to Smash Palace to look forward to over

the next couple of months, it will be a busy time for members in the Hawkes Bay.

One of the anticipated rides to start the year off was to Paloma Gardens and Moto 71 Bike Museum, with 12 riders heading away from Bay Suzuki for the journey to the gardens in Whanganui.

Having braved the winds on the way down, the team made a stop at Rusty Radiator café to stock up on tasty treats and coffee, before continuing on the final leg of the trip.

Reports from the day were that all members enjoyed the stroll around the gardens and were fascinated with the spectacular collection of motorcycles at Moto 71, with some rare and very collectable bikes on display. The return ride home challenged the team; strong winds bordered on gale force in places, giving them some exciting moments in the saddle, but all returned home safe and well with tales of the day's travels to share.

With October being Rider Awareness Month, a number of events have been organised by various organisations and clubs and the branch was, as always, eager to attend these events and support other clubs in the region. One such event by the HBMCC was well attended by our members. Liam, Marty and Trevor took out prizes for the various rider skill challenges on the day. A second event, again supported by the members, was put on by Anthony and his team at Motoland, in Napier. A great evening of information was provided by



local first responders and Balance motorcycle training. Free bike safety checks were offered by the company's team of mechanics and there was a good helping of pizzas and soft drinks – to fill the belly as well as the mind. To round out the month, a Ride Forever Gold course was organised with our local trainer, Tom, from Balance Motorcycle Training, for six members. The training day was held in sunny but blustery conditions. Most attendees had previously done a gold - or silver - level course, so it was an opportunity to learn new skills or brush up on ones that had lost a bit of their shine. Having practised our slow riding manoeuvres, such as one-handed slalom riding through a set of cones, it was off to practise braking skills on gravel – a new experience for most. I have to say, as a person who has recently returned to riding and never had to do such an exercise, it was daunting to set off riding and at a reasonable pace, pull the brakes on at such force to activate the abs functions of the bike, and to stop safely was a real eye opener. From this, we moved on to highway riding and practising all manner of techniques to assist and enable you to cope with most situations faced on the road. This was a fantastic day and we all walked away with new skills and a greater understanding of our bikes' capabilities, as well as our own.

The time spent in this

club means many things to different people, with friendship, camaraderie, and spending time with like-minded individuals who share a passion for motorcycling and who are happy to pass on lessons learnt and advice to others, to share a story from past rides and have a laugh. This is what I enjoy about our branch, and with that the people who make it such a great club to be involved with.

Some members have been involved in the club for many years, and so we get to honour them and show our appreciation for their years of involvement. We celebrate three members this month: Trevor celebrates 30 years membership and received his 30-year service badge from Mac at the latest branch meeting.

Along with two other long-serving members, John and Maurie received their 35-year service badges. Congratulations to you all on such a great achievement.

Keep an eye out for the Hawkes Bay Rally information and get in your booking for a spot at the upcoming rally, to be held at National Park in the New Year. This will be a fantastic weekend and it will be great to have the HB rally up and running again.

With a great summer on the cards, there will be plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy a ride with friends and family, so be safe and have a wonderful time.

TONY HICKMOTT #10416



ABOVE: Trevor receives his 30-year service badge from Mac at the latest branch meeting.



ABOVE: John and Maurie receives their 35-year service badges.

'Naki News

MARTIN PEYERL #9483

In August it felt like it had been a long while since we, as a branch, had a good ride somewhere with good numbers. The type of events we have had have been dictated by the seasons and other events taking place in our lives. So, we aim to bring that around and make this a summer of rides and social events like no other!

A lot of work went into the Baton Relay. Taranaki's leg of the relay to Hawera to collect the Baton on Friday, November 10, and a ride to hand it over in Pio Pio the next day. We encouraged all our Taranaki Members to register for the ride and to come ride on either the Friday or Saturday – or both.

Thank you, Helen Bayliss (#9681), for organising the Baton Relay Quiz held at the Good Home on September 13. Thank you also to those who donated raffle gifts. It was a great turnout for the quiz with many more non-members than members there. Some non-member teams thought they were disadvantaged as they didn't know the Ulysses questions, so as a shining light in the winning team, I suggested they join Ulysses! I copped it all week. Lesson learnt. Don't be so pushy! We raised over \$1300 for the Cyclone Gabrielle fund. This, with our badge sales and ride registration for members who may go on the November ride, should give us a total in excess of \$1500 raised by the branch for the Baton ride.

It was a sad loss for us with the passing of Owen Blundell (#541). In the relatively short time he was with us he was always at events, and we enjoyed his company. A true Ulyssian who earned a 35-year badge recently. He was known to ride from Taranaki for Club night in North harbour and back again, just so he could join in there. What a legend!

Our monthly "ride" in August was a social event of family and friends,

of 10-pin bowling and mini putt. We were competing for the prestigious Taranaki Odyssey Trophy (but mainly for bragging rights). A good morning out was enjoyed by all who attended ... and Blair and I share the bragging rights ... we tied!

Our monthly ride in September was through the coastal region with some great roads and typical four-seasons-in-one-day weather. A fair turnout with 15 attending lunch at Butlers at the end of the ride. Well done, Alan Foster (#9050), and thank you for organising.

In October, we started our ever-popular summer Pie and Pint rides. The regularity of the date, meeting place and stands-up time make it a reliable event and it is normally very well attended and enjoyed.

Our monthly ride in October was a poker run but was postponed due to the weather. It was then held on Sunday of the Labour Day Long Weekend. Not the greatest of attendance but, hey, quality over quantity, right? We still played a round of poker at Awakino Pub over lunch and raised a couple of \$\$, which went towards the Baton fundraiser.

Ulysses Taranaki will be "represented" at the North Harbour AGM. We currently have about 12 people attending. More may join as the time approaches. We are planning a Northland trip after the AGM.

Plans for our Energy Rally in November 2024 are already under way. If you've not been to a Taranaki Rally before, think about coming along. It's a great and enjoyable weekend full of Taranaki welcome and hospitality!

We continue to enjoy well-attended Club Nights, lunches at the Stumble inn, and our monthly ride.

MARTIN PEYERL #9483



ABOVE: September monthly ride with shiny new toys.



ABOVE: Listening Intently to riding brief for Pie and Pint.



Owen Blundell, a true Ulyssian, #541. We will miss your company.

RIGHT: Martin and Blair share the trophy.



BELOW: Our August ride was a social event with our family and friends playing 10-Pin bowling and mini-putt.



Nearly as valuable as the Ranfurly Shield.



Ulyssians behaving as Ulyssians.



Proud club flag.



VANESSA GRAY #9802

from the **Far North**

RIDER DOWN

Prevention, Scene Management and First Aid

Well, September was a busy month for us here in the Far North. After many months of meetings and discussions over coffee, our multi-agency working party delivered the Rider Down programme trial to 60-plus motorcyclists across Northland, as part of Motorcycle Awareness Month.

This was the culmination of an idea to utilise my road safety networks from a former life, to fill a gap to provide a motorcycle-specific, first-response workshop.

The sessions were supported by ACC and NTA (Northland Transport Alliance), The Northland Road Safety Trust and delivered very ably by St John Critical Care Paramedic Mark Going.

With the first 20-place session at Ruakaka reserved for Far North Ulyssians, additional sessions in Dargaville and Kerikeri were a mix of Ulyssians and other riders.

Our Far North branch now has over 20 members with knowledge of what to do in the event of a crash, and how to manage the scene and look after anyone who is injured until

the ambulance service arrives. There are nearly 40 other Northland riders who have also learnt this knowledge and skill. While we hope that we never have to use this knowledge, it is good to feel confident that when the worst happens, we will know what to do.

Participants had a great opportunity for practical application of the techniques covered by the course and, from the feedback received, this was one of the most valuable parts of the session.

On completion of the training session, each participant went away with a specialised first aid kit worth \$100, which contained the gear they had learnt to use during the course.

We have had some excellent feedback from participants on the three sessions around our region and the team is looking to organise at least one more in Whangarei. Then, subject to demand, the course may roll out to other regions via the networks of our working party agencies, which include ACC, Hato Hone St John and the Transport Alliance / Waka Kotahi.

TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED:

- > **Causes of crashes**
- > **Managing the scene**
- > **Calling for help and how to provide the best information to ensure the correct level of help is dispatched to the scene.**
- > **Assessment of patients**
- > **Managing bleeding**
- > **When and how to remove a helmet if necessary**
- > **CPR, using the AED finder app, using maps to find your location co-ordinates.**

Feedback samples:

"This was a great course & I highly recommend it to all riders."

"Excellent course, facilitator was really good and the content was relevant."

"Having a facilitator who created a relaxed environment, made it easy to soak up the information"

"Thoroughly enjoyed the day and learnt more than I ever have on any other first aid course."

"The practical hands-on activities were really useful."

"First aid kit was a real bonus – decent stuff targeted for vehicle crash rather than domestic cuts and scrapes'.

"Thanks for a great day of learning"

"Bring on more of these courses – PLEASE"

"This should be made NZ wide if possible"



Here are a few guys ready to put their hands up to help!



VANESSA GRAY #9802

Kapiti Kapers

PAUL NEES #6782

November 2023

October was the month of Kapiti Coast Ulysses' 30th Anniversary. There was some dispute over the precise date of our birth – President Andy Wilson producing Peter Mitchell's book on the club's history, which cited a slightly different date to the branch records. We went with our records (we trust the secretary of the time) and began our celebrations accordingly, and in fine style!

Our branch was birthed from the Wellington Branch in October, 1993. The southern boundary was set at the northern end of Pukerua Bay, where the 80km/h signs now sit. The reason for this was that Wellington had a committee member who lived in Pukerua Bay and wanted to be either the last member in Wellington

territory or the first member, depending on the direction of travel. The northern boundaries were set at Foxton and Shannon. Things were a lot more territorial in those days and, thankfully, that isn't the case now. We have members residing in Pukerua Bay, for instance.

Later in the 1990s, the branch was having difficulty in appointing a coordinator. Thankfully, one Red Fred (Fred Bonnette) agreed to the role. The problem was he lived in Porirua. There were worried phone calls between the national organisation and the Wellington committee member. Jim Furneaux giving his blessing (willingly, I might add) meant that Fred could become the branch coordinator. He served in the role for 12 years, until his death, and is our longest-serving coordinator. For the record, Kiaran

King is the second-longest serving at five years. Kiaran is, thankfully, still with us and regularly plans trips away for members, the latest being a November South Island sojourn.

Red Fred was a true Ulysses character. He rode a bike with a sidecar and travelled all around the country on it. He was so used to the sidecar that when he rode one of his regular bikes, he sometimes forgot to put his foot down when he stopped. He also took his Santa role seriously and led many Toy Runs in the latter part of each year. One year, dressed in full Santa regalia, he was on his sidecar set up, riding forestry roads in the Central North Island. He came upon a group of forestry workers, stopped to chat and offered them a beer. When they accepted, he produced the bottles from his sidecar.



Members gather at The Winemakers Daughter.



Pete Whittington taking full advantage of the 30th Anniversary Dinner spread.

It was an early and memorable Christmas gift for the workers.

A long-serving Secretary, Kathy Ellis – queen of Ulysses rallies and avid collector of badges – was instrumental in introducing legendary branch pub stays. Typically, these were Saturday rides to rural or small-town establishments, accommodation and a roast dinner with all the trimmings for \$50 or \$55 per person – she negotiated mercilessly with the pubs. We usually had large numbers in attendance, and a great time was had by all. Tired but happy members then rode home on the Sunday. Drinks were an additional cost, of course, and usually there were quite a number consumed. However, on one stay at Raetihi Pub there was no alcohol. The liquor licence had not

come through for the new owners. Thankfully, a Four Square within easy walking distance saved the day.

For those interested, there are radio interviews I conducted with Kathy, and with Cheryl Roberts, the only female coordinator of the branch. They are available here:

<https://www.coastaccessradio.org.nz/Programmes/Details.aspx?PID=3cffde27-3718-4539-b01a-e3e2abcf7fa>

Our 30th Anniversary celebrations included an excellent dinner at The Winemaker's Daughter in Otaki. Around 45 members in attendance enjoyed a great evening, with Kathy sharing her memories, along with special guest Barbara Talbot, speaking on behalf of her father Keith

Lyndsell, a long-term member who moved to the Northland region in 2017.

National President Andy Wilson presented service badges to Kathy and to Lance Watkins. The following day we had a special coffee morning in Waikanae. At this function, I was delighted to present Gary Randall, #44, with his 35-year service badge. Gary joined on September 5, 1988, in Wellington, before moving to Kapiti in the 1990s.

Then, we held a 30th Anniversary Ride to Taihape on October 28. This was ably led by Roger Bergin, apart from getting lost at the start in Levin.

We now look forward to our 50th Anniversary in October 2043.

PAUL NEES #6782



Gary Randall #44 receives his 35-year badge from me.

Westland CO-ORDINATORS' **KERRY CHAPMAN #3443** DISCOURSE *Summer Riding Season*

Well it's that time again; the real riding season for me started with a couple of short rides to get used to getting the leg over again (over the bike that is). Then my grandson and I headed off to the Cold kiwi, the ride was great, the weather even better. I think most dads will agree that having your family riding with you is a good feeling.

This weekend is Father's Day weekend as well, so to have my daughter, son in law, and grandson at the rally is extra special. My friend from Hamilton had three generations at the Cold kiwi as well. I went to wellington to pick up a new toy; after a 15 minute handover and learning about the trike, I headed off to catch the ferry back to the mainland. I got halfway through Wellywood and wondered why everyone was going so slow. I started to overtake this van in front of me, the driver waves frantically at me then in front of and to the left of his van. That is when I spotted the officer's car, checked my speed and saw the double row of numbers, the brain finally clicking to what was happening. I really missed my radar detector but got away with it. Arriving at the ferry terminal, there was a very familiar rider sitting there also waiting for the ferry, Peggy O'Neal, heading to the Remembrance Rally in Kaikoura. So, we decided to ride down the coast together after staying in Picton, a good ride trying

to get used to this new trike with tons of grunt and a very light rear end; breaking loose at 90 kilometres is a bit daunting. We arrived in Kaikoura after a bit of drizzle. It was a good catch-up with a few old friends from around the country, including reading the names of a few old friends that will never join us again for a ride. Caught up with my cousin, bike had a flat battery, finally got mobile and headed to the coast via Hanmer and Reefton, slowly getting the hang of this new beast. Have since replaced the battery and put two bags of cement in the boot to keep the traction under control. Branch ride to Punikaiki was very interesting, but a lot of fun around all those tight corners with seven bikes. Still the best ride in the country (Coast Road). We had a Bikers Brunch at Hokitika Heritage park promoting ACC Ride Forever Group with a free breakfast and coffees for all those who attended, we had a good turnout even though it rained heavily at times. Next was the Greymouth Street races and as a branch we were asked to provide gate keepers to support the organisers'. Peter had this under control, and 13 off us were kept very busy all day selling tickets to what turned out to be an excellent day's entertainment with a record



crowd attending in nice hot weather. This is one of only two towns that still have street races open to the public. If you are into fast bikes; you cannot get any closer to the action than at these events. Drag races on Saturday and street races on Sunday. See you all down here next year, maybe. Been very busy and the riding season is just getting going. In a couple of weeks, we have the Baton Ride, the HOG rally in Cromwell, The Top of the South ride is coming up soon and we have a good number of riders already signed up for this four day ride over our Westland anniversary weekend.

Keep the shiny bits up.

KERRY CHAPMAN #3443

Westland branch Coordinator.

Wellington

ROSS #8542 *Witterings*

As expected with any club that boasts "Growing old" in its logo, maintaining membership will always be a challenge. Our numbers have held steady over the past year, and it has been good to see newer members taking an active role in the branch: organising rides, joining in with social events, and attending monthly meetings.

Our branch Facebook group continues to attract new members. We now have over 170 on the group compared to just 102 paid-up members. The Facebook group is a great way to promote what Ulysses stands for: what we do, what it feels like to be a Ulyssian, and ensuring that our branch is a well-known part of the Wellington motorcycling scene.

Since our last Wittering, we've taken advantage of some fine and relatively windless days for longer rides through the Wairarapa. The local café catch-ups continue to be popular and provide a great way to keep in touch, regardless of the weather or time commitments.

Our monthly meetings have been well attended with speakers including:

- Branch member Adrian Sparrow sharing tips and traps from his motorcycling trip to Vietnam.
- Keen motorcyclist and physiotherapist Paul Butler talking about comfort and safety while motorcycling.
- Bryan Fergusson (aka The Sheriff) sharing his experiences of his recent Route 66 adventure (look for

his article in a later issue of the *Ulyssian*).

At our upcoming November meeting will be Mark Shakespeare from Wellington Free Ambulance talking about road accident management.

A number of branch members have also taken part in the NI800 and 1KC 1,000km Cruise distance rides, as well as the North Island Compass Rally.

Our annual quiz night was very well supported this year with over \$2300 being raised to supplement our ANZAC Day donation to Wellington Free Ambulance. Thanks to the organisers, the Catholic Women's League, and St Brendan's School.

At this time of the year, we would normally be looking forward to our three-day ride in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). This has been an important part of the Wellington branch calendar for over 30 years. It has involved staying on marae in Hawkes Bay and Taranaki and hosting local MDA families. With increasing costs, and declining numbers of families attending, the committee has decided instead to have two one-day rides to deliver gifts to the children in Wairarapa, Wellington, Kapiti, and Horowhenua. Many of our members will miss the camaraderie of the overnights, meeting up with the families in Hawkes Bay and Taranaki, and the end of a proud Ulysses tradition.

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MARTIN PEYERL

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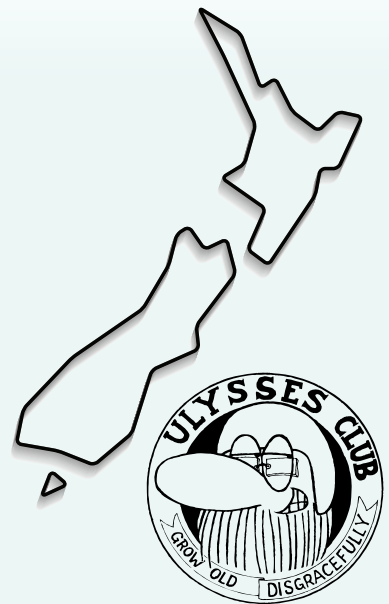
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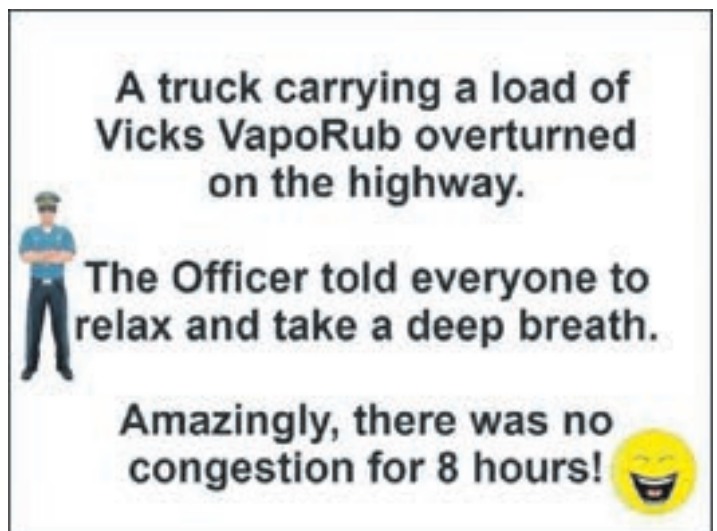
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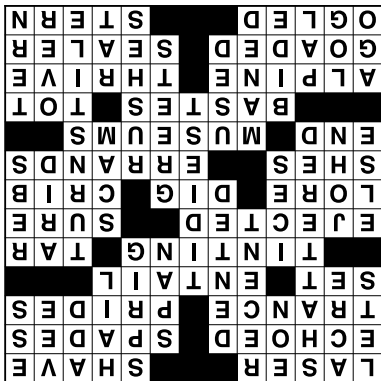
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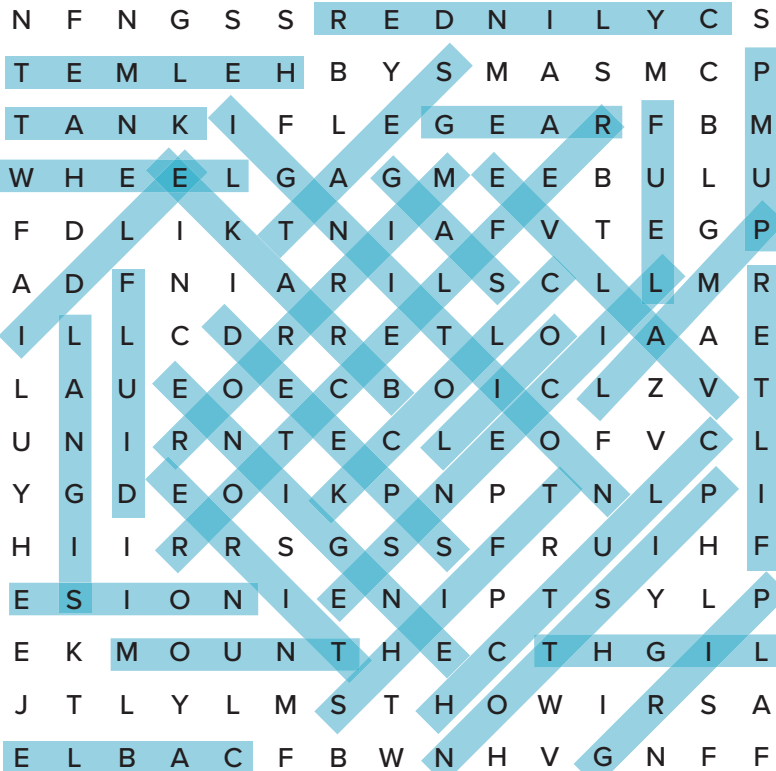
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2024 National Rally & AGM

Hosted by:

Ulysses North Harbour Branch

Dates:

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Ulysses Club NZ Inc.

2024 National Rally & AGM



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Approx distance from venue:
8.4km via suburban streets

ANZAC COURT MOTEL

43 Anzac Street, Takapuna
09 489 4315

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

ARISTOTLES NORTH SHORE MOTEL

20C Link Drive, North Shore
09 444 1177

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

CARNMORE HOTEL TAKAPUNA

2 Rewiti Avenue, Takapuna
09 486 1069

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

CHELSEABAY MODERN APARTMENTS

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

CITY OF SAILS MOTEL

219 Shakespeare Road, Milford
09 486 9170

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

EMERALD INN

16 The Promenade, Takapuna
09 488 3500

info@emerald-inn.co.nz
Approx distance from venue:
3.4km 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:
5.1km 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:
8.2km via suburban streets

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

OCEAN INN MOTEL

27 Ocean View Road, Northcote
09 419 8080

oceaninn@xtra.co.nz

Approx distance from venue:

2.6km 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:

1.0km via suburban streets

RAMADA SUITES BY WYNDHAM ALBANY

254 Cornerstone Drive, Albany
09 974 4568

Approx distance from venue:

8.0km via motorway and suburban streets

SEA VIEW GUEST HOUSE

17 Heath Avenue, Northcote
021 706 054

Approx distance from venue:

4.9km 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:

3.3km 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:

1.8km 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.online-reservations.com

www.tripadvisor.com

www.trivago.co.nz/en-NZ

www.wotif.co.nz

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

THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NZ INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and greetings
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of AGM held at Christchurch 2023
4. Matters Arising
5. President's Report
6. Matters arising from Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Matters arising from Report
9. Co-ordinators' Meeting Report
10. General Business
11. AON Presentation
12. Odyssey Medal Presentation (if any forthcoming)
13. Life Member Presentation (if any forthcoming)
14. 2025 National AGM - Presentation
15. Election of officers

Nominations for National Committee received by Friday, Nov 3rd, 2023 deadline, with their proposer and seconder are listed below. All other candidates are unopposed, so no vote will be required for these.

Nominee	#	Nominator	#	Seconder	#	Incumbent?
President						
Andy Wilson	7169	Michael Dittmer	10067	Les Maddaford	3691	Y
Vice President						
Craig Moodie	8602	Suzie Pentelow	8532	Raewyn Moodie	9872	Y
Treasurer						
Vicky Noda	9990	Wayne Painter	1756	Martin Noda	10136	Y
Secretary						
Suzie Pentelow	8532	Alan Foster	9050	Andrew Pentelow	8533	Y
Committee						
1. Karen Wilson	7787	Howard Asplin	4594	Gavin Croad	9630	Y
2. Phillippa Reynolds	8849	Nick Grbin	1688	Anne Grbin	4150	Y
3. Vanessa Gray	9802	Marcus Gillum	9310	Steve Gray	9627	N

GENERAL BUSINESS

2024 North Harbour AGM

Please note that only those items of General Business or Members Questions which are notified in writing, (including by email) to the **National Secretary by Monday 29th January 2024** will be accepted for discussion in General Business at the AGM.

Current Membership

Please note that if your membership is not current at the time of the National AGM, then any vote cast will be invalid and although you may attend the AGM, you will be unable to vote.



OKATAINA RALLY, ROTORUA

MASQUERADE *Ball*

LIVE MUSIC | FOOD | DRINK

FRIDAY 21 –
SUNDAY 23 JUNE, 2024

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

\$95.00 per person includes: Bunk room or campsite, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast, tea/coffee, and home baking. *Registrations close 20 May 2024.*

Note: No BYO (a cash bar will be available), no pets allowed, and sorry, but we can not cater for any special dietary needs. Rally badge can be ordered for \$15.00 below.

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

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

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

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

Queries to 021 026 60528 or 020 408 80205.



— ULYSSES TAURANGA BRANCH PRESENTS —

MCLAREN FALLS

SUMMER

Rally

26TH TO 28TH JANUARY 2024



**ULYSSES
FAMILY DAY OUT**
"BRING THE KIDS,
GRANDKIDS"
All welcome
SATURDAY 27TH
JAN - 10AM TO 4PM

**35TH ANNIVERSARY
1990 - 2024**



*"A Blast from
the Past"*



1990

— ULYSSES TAURANGA BRANCH PRESENTS —

MCLAREN FALLS SUMMER Rally

26TH TO 28TH JANUARY 2024

Itinerary

FRIDAY 26TH:

Turn up, setup, get to know each other over a few drinks, marshmallow's by the fire pit.
Dinner will be MIY Burgers, fruit Salad & Ice Cream.

SATURDAY 27TH:

Breakfast from 6.30am
Toast, Cereal, coffee, tea, juice.

Ulysses Family Day Out

"Bring the Kids, Grandkids"
(10am to 4pm)

Ulysses Tauranga Branch Invites all our Family and extended Family, young and old for a Fun full Day out with Games.

Tug of War, Egg & Spoon races, 3 Legged races, Sack races, Lolly Scramble etc

Free Sausage sizzle Lunch and cold soft drinks will be provided

Once our Family & Guests have left some free time until Dinner

Dinner will be BBQ Spit Roast
Desert - Pavlova, Trifle & Ice Cream

The Theme for the Saturday Night is

Summer of 69

So get out your Tie dye outfits, long hair and come party.

Live Entertainment by Charles & Di

SUNDAY 28TH:

Breakfast from 6.30am
Bacon & Eggs, Toast, Cereal, coffee, tea, juice.

Pack up and say our goodbyes



Yes we are bringing back the McLaren Falls Rally 35 years after the first one in 1990!

Venue: Hostel McLaren Falls

Entry from Service lane McLaren Fall Road
(on right not far passed Walter Henry drive)

Cost: \$100.00 per Person

includes a McLaren Falls Rally Patch (& all meals included - Friday Night Tea, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Sunday Breakfast).

Just like in days gone by: **BYO DISHES, CUPS AND UTENSILS**

Tent or Campervan? *

Tent: Yes / No

Campervan Yes / No

**We do have 10 bunks inside the Hostel which can be used if you can't Tent or Campervan (Please let us know if you require one as these will be on a limited basis so will be reserved)*

We/I agree to abide by the rules and regulations for the Rally & hold blameless all organisers for any injury or damage while participating at the Rally.

NO BYO Reasonable priced Bar on site.



Name _____

Sign _____

Ulysses # _____

Email _____

Ph _____

Pillion _____

Sign _____

Ulysses # _____

Closing Date for entry forms 31st Dec 2023

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM: TAURANGA@ULYSSES.ORG.NZ

(confirmation Email will be sent once payment has been confirmed)

**Contacts: Stumpy 021 872 850
or Greg 027 228 9964**

Direct Credit to **01-0434-0208650-02**

Please use: PARTICULARS: Name | CODE:

Ulysses Number | REFERENCE: Rally

Thanks for coming & see you next year



HAWKE'S BAY

RALLY

16-18 FEBRUARY, 2024

Mangatepopo Camp, 47 Turewa, Volcanic Loop Highway

\$100 per person
Bunk rooms and camp sites
Friday and Saturday dinner
Saturday and Sunday breakfast
BYO Drink

Arrive Friday, 3pm
Saturday ride for lunch
\$2 Raffles
Take away your own rubbish

Payment before February 1st, 2024

Bank Account:

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Please use Branch Number as reference

Email: hawkes.bay@ulysses.org.nz
and include your

**NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND
BRANCH NUMBER**

Hawke's Bay President
Mac Macaulay
027 487 6380

FORTHCOMING BRANCH AGM NOTICES 2024

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Branch	AGM date	Venue	Time	Positions	Noms close	Address for nominations
Auckland	Mon, 4th March, 2024	Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Dr, Onehunga 1061	7 pm	S, Com	4 Feb	Branch Secretary, 6 Jackies Place, Pukekohe 2120
Buller	Sat, 13th April, 2024	Star Tavern, Cape Foulwind, Westport	12 pm	C, T, S, Com	13 Mar	Branch Secretary, 71 Snodgrass Road, RD 2, Westport 7892
Canterbury	Thurs, 14th March, 2024	Papanui RSA, 55 Bellvue Ave, Papanui, Christchurch	7:30 pm	C, S, T, 5 Com	14 Feb	Branch Secretary, 588 Pound Road, Yaldhurst, Christchurch 7676
Far North	Sun, 19th May, 2024	Whakapara Hall, Whakapara	12 noon	C, VC, S/T, 4 Com	19 April	Branch Secretary, P.O Box 3207, Onerahi, Whangarei 0142
Gisborne	Tues, 7th May, 2024	Bushmere Arms, Gisbourne	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	7 April	Branch Secretary, 14 Mullolly Road, RD 1, Gisborne 4071
Hawke's Bay	Wed, 1st May, 2024	VC Room, Clubs Hastings, Victoria St, Hastings	7:30 pm	P, T, S, 4 Com	1 April	Branch Secretary, 48A King St, Taradale, Napier 4112

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Branch	AGM date	Venue	Time	Positions	Noms close	Address for nominations
Kapiti Coast	Tues, 7th May, 2024	Manakau Bowling and Sports Club, 10 Mokena Kohere St, Levin	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, 3 Com	7 April	Branch Secretary, 3 Te Nehu Dr, Paraparaumu 5032
Manawatu	Wed, 1st May 2024	Bunnythorpe Tavern, Bunnythorpe	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Up to 8 Com	3 April	Branch Secretary, 361 Ruahine Street, Palmerston North 4410
Marlborough	Thurs, 15th Feb, 2024	Redwoodtown Community Hall, Cnr Weld & Cleghorn St, Blenheim	7pm	C, VC, S, T, up to 8 Com	15 Jan	Branch Secretary, 94 Howick Rd, Blenheim 7201
Nelson	Sun, 25th Feb, 2024	Club Waimea, 345 Lower Queen Street, Richmond 7020	4 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	25 Jan	Branch Secretary, 76 Berryfield Drive, Richmond, Nelson 7020
North Harbour	Thurs, Apr 4th, 2024	Hobsonville RSA, 114 Hobsonville Rd, Hobsonville, Auckland 0618	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	4 Mar	Branch Secretary, 14 Waimoko Glen, Swanson, Auckland 0612.
Otago	Tues, 7th May, 2024	Otago Motorcycle Club, 3 Clarke St, Dunedin	7:00 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	7 April	Branch Secretary, 20 Stewart Street, Waikouaiti 9510
Rotorua	Sun, 28th April, 2024	CT Club, Moncur Drive, Rotorua	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	28 March	Branch Secretary, PO Box 1791, Rotorua
Southland	Tues, 14th May, 2024	Function Room, Ocean City Rest, 282 Dee Street, Invercargill	6.00pm	C, S/T, 3 Com	14 April	Branch Secretary, 12 Martin Street, Strathern, Invercargill 9812
Taranaki	Wed, 21st Feb, 2024	The New Plymouth Club, 55 Gill St, New Plymouth	6:30 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	21 Jan	Branch Secretary, PO Box 76, New Plymouth
Taumarunui	Wed 1st May, 2024	RSA Club, 10 Marae Street, Taumarunui	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	1 April	Branch Secretary, PO Box 244, Taumarunui 3946
Taupo	Thur, 9th May, 2024	Taupo Cosmopolitan Club, Taniwha St, Taupo	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	9 April	Branch Secretary, 189 Rifle Range Road, Taupo 3330
North Otago Not in minutes	Wed, 17th April, 2024	13 Stour Street, Oamaru	7 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	19 Mar	Branch Secretary, 13 Stour Street, Oamaru 9400

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Tauranga	Tues, 19th Mar, 2024	Tauranga Citizens Club. 170 Thirteenth Ave, Tauranga South	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, Com	19 March	Branch Secretary, 31 Ponga Place, Golden Sands, Papamoa 3118
Waihi-TV	Sun, 12th May, 2024	Paeroa RSA, 67 Belmont Rd, Paeroa	2:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	12 April	Branch Secretary, 22 Waimarei Ave, Paeroa 3600
Waikato	Tues, 7th May, 2024	Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club, 32 Claudelands Rd, Hamilton East	7:30 pm	C, T, 5 Com	7 April	Allan Brunskill, 444b Tristram Street, Hamilton 3200
Wairarapa	Mon, 20th May, 2024	Club Wairarapa, 20 Essex St. Masterton	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Com	20 April	Branch Secretary, 10/239 Lake Ferry Road, RD 1, Martinborough 5781
Wellington	Tues, 14th May, 2024	Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy St, Petone	7:30 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	14 April	Branch Secretary, 81 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington
Westland	Sun, 5th May, 2024	Greymouth Rodders Club, Anzac Park, Greymouth	11.00am	C, S, T, 4 Com	5 April	Branch Secretary, 16 Stafford Road, RD 2, Awatuna, Hokitika 7882
Whakatane	Wed, 10th April, 2024	Ohope Chartered Club, Bluett Rd, Ohope	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Com	10 March	Branch Secretary, 15 Myrtle Street, Hamilton East, Hamilton 3216

1. Contact secretary@ulysses.org.nz with changes, which will be printed in the March Ulyssian.
2. You may use the following Generic Branch Nomination form.



GENERIC BRANCH AGM NOMINATION FORM 2024

THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

I nominate:

For the position of: (please circle one)

Co-ordinator
Vice-Co-ordinator
Branch treasurer
Committee member

Member No.# _____

Branch president
Branch vice president
Branch secretary

Nomination accepted by: _____

Date: _____

Nominated by: _____

Member No.# _____

Seconded by: _____

Member No.# _____

All nominations are accepted with no pre-conditions

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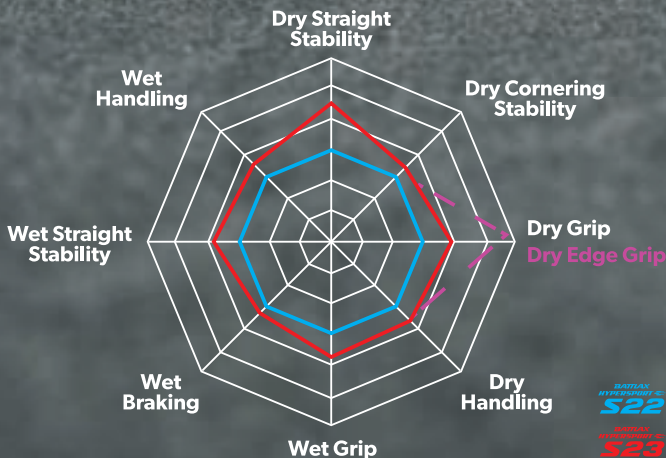
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