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Welcome to the Rum City Riders

February 2016 Newsletter

AGM Meeting Minutes, 2nd February 2016

6.30 pm at Sugarland Tavern, Bundaberg:

Record of the meeting of the Ulysses Club Inc. Bundaberg Branch at the Sugarland Tavern on Tuesday evening the 2 February 2016 at 6.30pm.

Neil began the meeting at 6.45 pm with 15 members present. The very inclement weather may have affected attendance as storms brewed around Bundaberg.

APOLOGIES: were received from Syd Poole, Ross and Bev Thiele, Lolit L, Rocky and Dee, Chris and Cheryl P.

NEW RIDES: A surprise **new ride** was announced with David H declaring his affection for Ducati and a new MultiStrada on its way to replace the Honda Cross.

FINANCES: A **financial balance** of \$740.44 was reported.

RAFFLE: The **raffle** was conducted with a pot of \$26 being available to the winner. At the draw later in the meeting, Anne took home the bounty.

CORRESPONDENCE: The **postbox** contained the usual bank statement but was devoid of anything more substantial in the form of Christmas cards or friendly communications from members or other clubs.

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RIDE REPORTS were given on rides to Mungungo and a number of Thursday rides. Whilst not reported in writing in this section, they are hopefully presented in other parts of the newsletter as separate items.

Don't forget to write some rides up. These reports are really important content for the newsletter and our editor relies upon your input. Please note that facts don't really matter here either! Please help out and write a report for the newsletter. Photos would be most welcome.

Thursday rides continue with good numbers and great company.

Upcoming rides were noted:

Sunday 14 February - Hivesville – Regular departure time – 9.00 am

The Gympie Branch members will be joining our Branch riders for lunch.

Sunday 28 February - Many Peaks – *early* departure time - 8.00 am.

The Gladstone Branch members will be joining our Branch riders for lunch.

The Black Dog Ride Day will be Sunday 20 March leaving from Buss Park. Details can be found on a website at <http://bundabergqld1dayer2016.eventbrite.com.au>

A ride sheet was circulated for suggestions for rides. Please let Neil know of your suggestions.

It was noted that the Brisbane Moto Expo has again been deferred with no dates available.

Julie noted that there will be a **Women's Ride** to be convened in Dubbo on 9 April with a world record attempt on the numbers of women attending a bike ride. Julie will provide more details separately.

Neil noted that UCARF tickets had been returned to Natcom.

Neil closed the general meeting to allow the Annual General Meeting to begin.

Members were reminded that the **next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 March** at the Sugarland Tavern convening at 6.30 pm.

Ulysses Club Inc - Bundaberg Branch - Rum City Riders

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 2 February 2016 –Sugarland Tavern.

Ron Henry chaired the meeting for the appointment of officers.

It was noted that a quorum was present.

Nominations for the following positions were called with nominees duly elected:

Branch Coordinator	Neil Cook	unopposed and supported
Branch Treasurer	Jill Cook	unopposed and supported
Newsletter Editor	Neil Cook	unopposed and supported
Minutes Takers	Julie Holmes & June Mell	unopposed and supported
Ride Coordinator	Neil Cook	unopposed and supported
Events Coordinator	Jill Cook	unopposed and supported

The outgoing “doers” were thanked for their diligence and efforts over the past year.

Neil Cook for his leadership and efforts at facilitating club activities;
Jill Cook for her fine stewardship as treasurer and events coordinator;
Julie Holmes for her persistent and quality work as newsletter editor/producer/writer over the past couple of years;
Ron Henry for his minutes recording.

And all others who continue to make equally important contributions in many ways!

Jill noted that the annual financial report had been submitted and accepted and that a GST refund of approximately \$11 was to be provided.

The Branch Newsletter was the subject of much discussion.
The following points were discussed:

- The reliance of some members on the written form of communication;
- The need for regular timely communication with all members on matters of interest to all members;
- The increasing costs of printing and postage;
- The effort involved in gathering sufficient relevant and meaningful material for a monthly newsletter with a length of 12 (twelve pages);
- The possibility of reducing the newsletter to both 8 pages and bi-monthly publication;
- Alternatives to the current format.

It was agreed, after considerable discussion, that:

- The newsletter would continue in both electronic and hard copy on a monthly basis;
- The length would be reduced to 8 (eight) pages;
- The cost to members would remain at \$25 per year for hardcopy mailed to members monthly;
- The newsletter processes and these decisions would again be reviewed at the July meeting with regard to timelines, cost and member satisfaction.

This means that:

- Subscriptions of \$25 per year are now due for continuing access to hard copy of the newsletter;
- Members need to make an effort to contribute to the newsletter with ride reports and articles;

The AGM was closed at 7.42 pm.

Hard copy newsletter subscriptions!

These are now due for 2016 – cost is \$25 for 11 issues Feb to Dec
See Jill for payment or contact her on 0414 579 608



RIDE REPORTS



Mungungo – 24th January, 2016

First Sunday ride for the year started with a flat battery in the Goldwing, so it was out with the jumper leads to get her fired up after sitting for 4 weeks between runs. It's good to have a security system, but they'll flatten the battery if left long enough. Weather was overcast with the chance of showers and storms in the afternoon / evening, so all going well, we should be right. Being overcast, the riding was brilliant, not having to put up with the summer heat.

With the earlier start of 8.00am, there was still time for a coffee and catching up before our departure, and as it was, it was 8.20 before we got away from Quay Street. Six bikes with riders and one pillion (Jill), made their way across the old Burnett River Bridge, towards our first planned stop at the Puma servo at Gin Gin, where we topped up with fuel (for some), put some water into the body at one end, and let some out at the other, and had a chat with some endure adventure bike riders on DR Suzuki and CRFL Honda's. They had started off from Rockhampton, staying mainly off the bitumen, and their next stage was in the direction of Cania Gorge.

From Gin Gin, we made our way to Mount Perry, and then onto the Ceratodus rest stop on the Burnett Highway. This is where Trevor on his Honda NT700 (Deauville) missed the fact that we had all turned into the rest stop, and he continued onwards towards Monto. "Oh will, he come back" we thought, but he didn't.

After doing everything you normally do at a rest stop, and no sign of Trevor, we mounted up and continued onto Monto, thinking he'll be waiting for us there. As Puma now operate both servos in Monto, the one on the western side of the rail line is the one that is their roadhouse, and to our surprise, it now has Premium ULP. With fuel tanks filled, and no sign of Trevor, we crossed back over the rail line and headed out the Gladstone - Monto road for Mungungo.

On our arrival at the Mungungo hotel, we found Trevor sitting up at the bar, beer in hand, chatting with the adventure bike riders we had met up with in Gin Gin. They had crossed over the Burnett Range via Kalpowar, which is about half the distance than what we had travelled, but the roads are dirt / gravel and not suited to riders who want to stay off those types of roads.

We ordered lunch, and with cool drinks in hand, the publican recommended that the front veranda would be the coolest place for us to settle whilst the kitchen did our orders, so after checking out the beer garden and the lounge, we settled out on the veranda as the publican was correct in his recommendation. The trip and road conditions so far had been good, with very little traffic, and no roadworks, with the only thing of note, was the amount of small branches on the road in places, due to strong and recent wind gusts.

Although the lunch menu was not extensive, the steak sandwiches were the best I've had for quite a while, which was backed up by those who had the same, and there was no complaints from anyone that had ordered differently. At 1.30pm, I suggested what we start heading for home, as the trip is close to 3.5 hour including the stops, so with that, we made our farewell's to the publican and the adventure bike riders, and set off in the direction of Monto.

At Monto, Trevor tagged on to the procession, as he had left a few minutes earlier to fuel up the Deauville, and we travelled back down the Burnett Highway to Ceratodus, and after a few minutes stop there, we continued back to Mount Perry via Kerwee Road. The last 20 kms to Gin Gin, we were following along behind a fairly decent storm, and when we arrived at the Puma servo, we were advised that there was no power, so no fuel. Ray on the Harley 1200 Sportster, was the only rider who thought he wouldn't make it back to Bundaberg, so he advised us to continue on. Hopefully he didn't have to wait too long for the power to come back on, and that everyone else got home safely, and avoided the rain.

Good company and a good ride (except for the last stage), and no doubt we'll return to Mungungo again in 2017.

Neil Cook
Member 57265



Paradise Dam 4th February, 2016

Another cloudy day in Bundy again, but five bikes and one spider set off for Paradise Dam for a BYO day out the ring road onto the Isis hwy. Via the Isis Mill and headed for Dallarnil for a pit stop.

We mounted our machines and headed over the hills for Degilbo, then turned right and headed for the dam. Very green out that now and all the dams are full or part thereof. A great lunch was had and a good yarn until we decided it was time to head back as the clouds were looking a bit dicey. We made it to Booyal for ice creams and then down the Bruce to Apple Tree Creek and home via the Isis hwy.

A great day with good company. Thanks to all the riders and also to Bruce W for tail end duties again

David M

Mount Perry 11th February, 2016

It seems almost compulsory that we have at least some showers on a Thursday, and so it was on this ride. Five riders started out all thinking the same thing; we are going to get drenched. The sky to the west looked very dark and we were headed straight into it. The decision to go to the "Perry" (because the rain was only along the coast) didn't seem very smart as we left town.

With Greg leading and Greg in fourth spot we headed for the usual stop at Gin Gin where Greg met the troupe for the run out to "Perry". Other than a few spots of rain we thankfully missed any heavy down pours and had a good run to our lunch venue. On dismounting Phil became concerned for Wayne's welfare when he noticed a small electrical connector on the ground at Wayne's feet. On inspection Wayne seemed to be working fine, so we put this to rest and headed for the shop.

Lunch was consumed with a relative of "The Hounds of the Baskervilles" doing his best to scare off anyone who dared walk down the footpath. He also took a dislike to some of our members, (can't work that out, such a handsome bunch).

With the sky still quite dark everyone decided to head straight for home. Some light rain fell on the way home but nothing too heavy. Despite the cloudy skies, it was a very pleasant day with good company; this is why we do what we do.

Greg D. (Boo Boo)

For Sale

Yamaha Scorpio 225cc. Approximately 7,000ks - unregistered

Cagiva Canyon 2004 - 500cc approximately 22,000ks, lowered seat - Rego till September

Both can be viewed at Kerry Ellis's, Bundaberg Wreckers. - Going cheap.

Margie & Tiger Bath - 0429 041 916

Hivesville – 14th February, 2016

After all the recent rain, today it was near on perfect for riding, and with Hivesville our destination, we weren't disappointed. Also, with Burnett Ulysses branch lunching there as well, what a better way to catch up with some of our southern neighbouring Ulysses members.

As it was also Valentine's Day, Jill and I made sure we were at River Cruz café early to get a table, and just as well, as most tables were reserved when we got there. As we had breakfast, riders started to turn up for coffee's etc., and by our departure time of 9.00am, we had nine riders & bikes; two with pillions, with more to pick up at Ban Ban Springs.

The first leg of the ride took us out past the airport, cutting through Isis Mill, down North South road, through Biggenden, and arriving at Ban Ban Springs at 10.30am. As we were leaving Biggenden, I felt a little unwell, but after a good drink of water at the Ban Ban Springs servo, I improved. I was possibly feeling the effects of dehydration, so it is important to keep the hydration levels up, and drink plenty of water when travelling.

Waiting for us at the servo, was Marty M and Helen, as well as Jill S on the Harley. After a bit of catch up chat, fuelling of tanks, drinking more water, I asked Ron to lead the ride to Hivesville, just in case I needed to pull over and rest. This he was happy to do, so we all mounted up and headed for our lunch destination of the Hivesville hotel.

On arrival at the hotel, Garry and his partner from Burnett branch was already there, and after a meet and greet, they were able to advise us that the rest of the members should be arriving soon. Today's menu was a special Valentine's Day lunch, with a choice of 4 mains and 2 desserts to pick from, which was possibly easier for the kitchen to do, especially with a bigger crowd there for lunch.

When Burnett Branch turned up, although I didn't count their numbers, they just about filled the dining room, so I would say that there were possibly twenty or so of them. I suppose we were lucky that we arrived before them and placed our lunch orders, as although the meals were good, they did take a little longer than usual for everyone's meal to be served.

Time seemed to pass quickly as it wasn't long before 2.00pm rolled around, and it was time to start heading for home. After a bit of discussion as to the route, most wanted to go via Kilkivan, with a few others deciding to return back the same way we had come. By this time I was feeling ok, so back into the lead again, we headed for Murgon and Goomeri, where we stopped for another fuel top up. Turning off before reaching Murgon, Harry S, Fred A, Jill S, Marty M and Helen, headed for home via Ban Ban Springs, which is definitely much quicker for Jill (living at Gayndah), and Marty and Helen (living at Coalstoun Lakes).

From Goomeri, we followed the Wide Bay highway through Kilkivan, turning off it to go via Woolooga and Gundiah, before joining the Bruce highway at Tiaro. From there it was a fairly uneventful ride back to Maryborough, stopping for a caffeine fix at Sexie Coffee, where we recounted the days ride so far, told some tall stories, and fixed most of the world's problems; (well maybe not the last one).

The last leg of the days ride is where the remainder of the riders split off at Lucketts road, with some going home via Childers and Apple Tree Creek, and the others via Goodwood. I'd like to thank James and Kingsley P, Ron H, Greg D, Greg B, Harry S, Jill S, Dave B, Fred A, Wayne C, Jill C and Marty M & Helen for making it a great day with great company and also not forgetting the Burnett branch members as well.

Neil Cook
Member 57265





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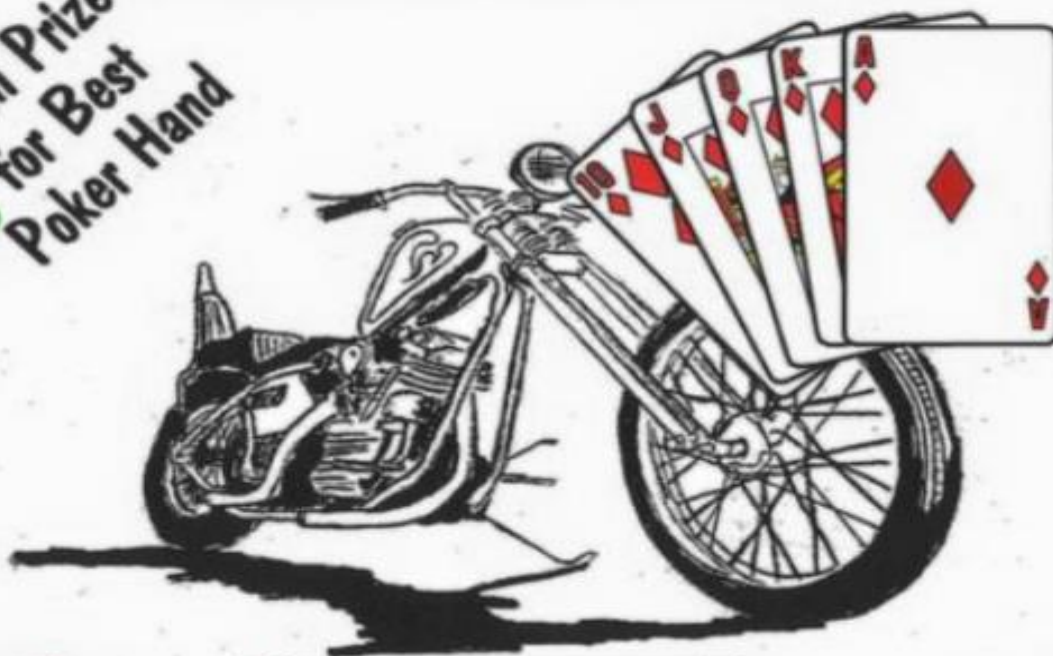
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Upcoming Sunday Rides

Many Peaks	28 th Feb, 2016 - Departure time 8.00am from Quay Street
Kilkivan	13 th Mar, 2016 - Departure time 9.00am from Quay Street
Black Dog Ride	20 th Mar, 2016 - Assemble at Buss Park 7.30am Depart 8.45am
Kingaroy	27 th Mar, 2016 - Departure time 8.30am from Quay Street
Rainbow Beach	10 th Apr, 2016 - Departure time 9.00am from Quay Street
Calliope	24 th Apr, 2016 - Departure time 9.00am from Quay Street
Gayndah	8 th May, 2016 - Departure time 9.00am from Quay Street
Agnes Water	22 nd May, 2016 - Departure time 9.00am from Quay Street

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Cat Helmets with Ears from Russia

by Julija Televičiūtė

Badass cat lovers, these helmets were created just for you. Coming in 12 different designs, “Neko Helmets” all feature cat ears.

Made by Russian company Nitriños motostudio, the helmets have double ventilation and a removable 100% polyester lining. The price range is from US\$495 to \$590, depending on the coloring of the helmet. They can also be customized according to your wishes if you seek purrfection!

“Fiberglass ears are firmly fixed to the body of the helmet, but in case of an accident, they are destroyed without any danger,” states the company’s website. “The ears are performed of through type. Thus, up to a speed of 100 km/h, the ears do not generate additional resistance.”

