



Ride Reports:

Weekend 20th and 21st May – Cania Gorge

The weekend got off to a great start on Friday afternoon when three bikes, two trikes and a quadricycle set out – well supposedly from the Mobil over North, but someone was running late! Anyway, we caught up at Gin Gin (you can run, but you can't hide). We had a really good run until John B pulled over, waving the others past ... flat tyre about 30km outside of Monto. Mind you, it was only flat at the bottom! The Fritzes drove on closer to Monto to make the call to RACQ and an hour later, Nigel the very friendly RACQ man from Marty's Spare Parts at Monto came to the rescue in his mighty flat bed, to cart John off into the night ...

What a friendly and accommodating bloke – the next day he opened up his workshop to John, full use of his tools and space. The guys at the Monto Tyrepower had the tyre fixed within an hour and John was back at Cania before we could even short sheet his bed! Excellent service, thanks!



Some of us camped, some of had cabins and some went turtle with their own caravan. We were a bit spread out across the camp but we found a great spot down the back for a fire, BBQ and some really crapp .. er... well most thought it was great, music. Even some of the neighbours thought it was good, but there is simply no accounting for taste. We were disgraceful but not too disgracefully behaved.

Saturday saw some more campers arrive and everyone did their own thing until we met around the camp fire again that night for more tucker, booze and music of again somewhat doubtful taste – OK maybe I am the only whinger but that doesn't mean I am the one without good taste!!!

We headed off on Sunday after John S chatted up a few birds – the feathered variety! It was a really great weekend. Thanks to the Scotties for putting the idea forward and catering for some. Thanks for the great company everyone!

If ever you are in Monto and need some work done, drop into Nigel at Marty's Spare Parts 07 4126 1755.



Check out the photos on the website!

Coffee Cruise - Sunday 2nd June

Mac and John and Linda H headed out for a short cruise out to Biggenden then on to Maryborough and back. Always great to get out, no matter where the destination and, as always, great company to boot. Bonus!

Sunday 2nd June – Theebine

The Scotts and Hendos doing their civic duty as Christmas Party planning committee members went down to Theebine to check out the pub as a potential party venue. A fellow Ulyssian, on recognising them as he drove in his car in the opposite direction flashed his lights in greeting. The hapless riders wondered for about 5km where the hell the bloody coppers were. Hard to recognise other drivers – eyesight, older, you know how it is ...

More on Theebine as a potential Christmas Party venue coming up ...

Sunday 9th June – Club Ride – Tannum Sands

Six bikes braved the cloudy skies and the cold and headed out from River Cruz to Tannum Sands.



John Hogeveen, Harry Siermans, John Blane, Heather Johnson, Kevin Cason and Bill Lumsden

departed River Cruz Cafe around 9am for Tannum Sands via Lowmead Road, Fingerboard Road and Miriam vale. No rain to speak of, just a few specks on the visor. Had lunch and good conversation at Tannum Sands. Return trip via Gin Gin with a cuppa and chat stop at the Hendo's. Leaving the Hendo's we returned to Bundaberg and went our own way. A good day was had by all.

Bill

Don't forget the Saturday rides – Rider's Choice. There are a number of riders who can only make Saturdays. See the meeting details for discussion about developing a phone call "tree" to make it easier for contacting people for impromptu and other rides.

The Meeting of 6th June

Once again, a great turn out – 38 people present. Not too many bikes though! Don't forget if you are coming to the meeting, come along a bit early and enjoy a tasty meal. River Cruz Café is open for business during our meetings so why not enjoy an evening meal and a coffee beforehand.

As usual, the date claimers were circulated – see the back pages for details

And as always, NATCOM minutes are available if anyone would like to read them

Ride reports on club and individual or group rides were provided

Money, money, money – Ron reported that the books actually balance and we have a healthy \$1104.32. There have been about 40 newsletter donations received. Remember, we are relying on that donation to keep producing the newsletter. ***For those who have not yet provided that donation, this will be the last you will receive.*** From July on you will need to access your copy courtesy of the free copies provided to the various bike shops and River Cruz. But we really don't want to lose your interest and certainly don't want to shift any costs to the bike shops etc. If you are having trouble with the donation concept, please give Ron Henry a call to discuss.

We were going to have a raffle at the meeting but there was a senior moment and the tickets were forgotten. No matter, a raffle is now planned for the July meeting – the prize is a great roof whirlybird, courtesy of the Roofin' Spot. Tickets will be \$1 each so bring along your cash!!!

And speaking of the July meeting – Margie and Tiger Bath will be heading back this way continuing their epic journey around the country spreading the word about awareness of Prostate Cancer. It was suggested that we should reschedule the July meeting to coincide with their arrival and all agreed. **Next meeting is now 11th July.** There was also discussion about having the meetings a little earlier during winter and all agreed that for the July meeting a **6.30 start** and for August a 7pm start. Again, we benefit and so do Sue and Andrew if you choose to come a little earlier and enjoy a meal. Quite a few members already do this and it is a great opportunity for a chat, share stories, take the piss – no, really, we wouldn't do that ... Where was I? ...

Polo Shirts – the first order is done and most were delivered at the meeting. MOST agreed that they came up well (shut up Scotty). There was a very small number of shirts that were made with the pocket on the right side rather than the left. If you have one of these and are unhappy, please let Cathy know and she will

arrange for them to be remade. Another order was placed on Wednesday (7th) and should be ready by the next meeting. Because Ron is hoping to have media coverage of the Prostate Awareness talk, if you have your shirt, please wear it that night.

Shave for a Cure – Bit of a kerfuffle, but eventually we managed to get the money to them. Leukaemia Foundation says thanks very much to all. Beard, hair and eyebrows all growing well in preparation for next year! On ya fellas!

Christmas 2006:

The Fun Committee has checked out a few options and present the following for your consideration:

1. Colosseum Creek, site of last year's now infamous "cross dressing in the Christmas Spirit" bash. Hard accommodation was \$50 per room, meals \$10 per head, camping free. We catered and cooked. There was a jukebox and even Mal danced.
2. Many Peaks – haven't got any info on this one as yet.
3. Theebine Pub – about 160km there, hard accommodation for up to 12 (\$25) and camping, (no detail re cost), meals can be fully catered at about \$13 all up for dinner and brekkie. They have offered to organise a band.
4. Hivesville Pub – around 210km to get there. Hard accommodation for about 26, no detail about camping. Meals catered and with accommodation will cost about \$38 per head

Please consider these options and be prepared to vote at the next meeting (11th July remember). We need to make a decision and get booking. If you can't be at the meeting you can let any number of people know of your vote by telephoning or you can email it to the newsletter's email address. Last year's party was a beauty, don't miss out for 2006!!!

Website – www.rumcityriders.org:

Check it out – it's great. Thanks to more hard work from Bill we now have members' only classifieds. You need your membership number to place a classified, but anyone can access them. Happy selling!!

If you have some photos to be published, please send them to webmaster@rumcityriders.org.

Items for the newsletter – newsletter@rumcityriders.org

Club Flag:

Ron has suggested that it is time we had our flag branded as Bundaberg Branch with the Rum City Riders name as well. Lyn Hendo will look into getting this done.

Impromptu Rides:

Impromptu rides are encouraged, even on ride days and there was discussion about how to best let people know about impromptu rides. There was some discussion about organising a bit of a phone call "tree" to make it easier to contact people in a short period of time. Ron is going to try and work this one up for the next meeting.

Thanks again to all those who attended the meeting and contribute so positively to the ongoing success of the Branch.

AGM 2007

At our last meeting, a member raised with me the matter of the 2007 AGM at Coffs Harbour and the prospect of the Bundaberg Group attending. My apologies for not following up during the meeting. Another senior's moment!! They are getting more regular.

However, I am aware from individual discussions that quite a number are going down and there are lots of questions about accommodation etc. I would anticipate that this AGM will have a big attendance due to its location. With this will come all the contingent problems. My experience is that most people will make their own choices about accommodation because some will camp, some will choose motels, some hotels and others will stay with friends or sleep on the beach. But the spirit of the AGM will not be lost by wherever we stay. If you feel the need to book your accommodation, I believe you should do very soon as it will be tight. We can all make arrangements about travel and meeting up later. But the real issue for individuals will be accommodation.

I am sure John and Linda Hogeveen (4159 8126) would love to hear from people intending to go to discuss possible arrangements but let's make sure we discuss it at our next meeting.

Help me with my senior moments, please! *Ron*

Date Claimers:

Rosevale Rally 25th – 25th June

Rosevale Retreat Hotel Call Zak 0422 383 459

Christmas in July 1st July

Stanthorpe Civic Centre, Marsh St, Stanthorpe Hosted by Stanthorpe Ulysses,

Must book 0429 832 565

Refer to website:

<http://members.optushome.com.au/memeau/rallies/stanthorpe/xmas06.htm> for more information.

Bucca Pub Annual Bikes Boobs and Bands Charity Bash 25th – 27th August 2006.

Saturday Charity and Poker run, commencing East End Hotel 10.30am, finishing at Bucca Hotel for:

- Show and Shine (7 Categories)
- Free camping
- Meals and Snacks
- Wet T Shirt Comp
- Band and BBQ Sunday Lunch

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More info call Scotty at the Bucca pub 4157 8171 or email buccahotel@dodo.com.au

Darwin Odyssey 1st – 3rd September 2006.

For more information log onto the website at:

www.ulysses.org.au/branches/topend/odyssey_2006.html

Gateway to the Rainforest Rally 9th – 10th Sept,

Border Ranges Branch

Kyogle Showgrounds. Admission - Pre-Paid - \$12.00.,
At The Gate - \$15.00 (includes badge)

All moneys to charity. Beneficiaries are: Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter, Summerland House With No Steps, Camp Quality and Arthritis Research Taskforce.

Family oriented rally, sealed roads to site.

Fully catered for by Kyogle Rotary Club and assisted by Border Ranges Ulysses.

Camping facilities, showers & toilets on site. All available from Friday night.

www.ulysses.org.au/branches/borderranges/rainforest.htm

Contact: Bill (0266331293), Peter (0266331203)

Jack (0266323767)

Sunshine Coast Odyssey 15th – 18th Sept,

Registration fee covers tea/coffee/biscuits during the weekend, metal badge and live entertainment.

Hosted by SUNSHINE COAST Branch

Contact: Sandy Ph: 07 5472-7496 or 0409-727-496

Email: aawun@aanet.com.au

Refer to website:

<http://ssulysses.org.au/ssc/SunshineCoastOdyssey2006.pdf> for more information.

Back to the Basics Rally 29th Sept – 1st Oct,

email: nifty@skymesh.net.au

Hosted by GYMPIE Branch

Refer to website:

<http://members.optushome.com.au/memeau/rallies/b2basic/backtobasics.htm> for more information.

Ulympics 21st and 22nd Oct

Hosted by Redcliffe Branch.

Bikers Dream Camp Ground, Goomburra

Compete in the tyre toss, Saturday night brew off and the 50 metre stagger.

For more information or to register go to

www.ulyssesredcliffe.org/html/ulympics_2006.html

NO GLASS NO BYO & DEFINITELY NO ATTITUDES!

Ulysses AGM 2007 21st May – 28th May 2007

Book early... It's going to be big...

For all hard bed accommodation contact the Coffs Tourist Information Centre Coffs Harbour NSW 2450.

Phone: 1300 369 070

email: tourism@coffscoast.com.au

Weather in May should be beautiful blue skies 20-24c. Coffs has the best temperate climate.

This Info as per Coffs Harbour Web site;

Cheers from Leigh Harvey Member No. 6764.

P.S. Don't forget to bring your togs !!

Hosted by Coffs Coast Branch (NSW)

Contact: Phil Johnson

Ph: 02 6653-6619

Email: coord2007agm@coffscoastulysses.org

Refer to website:

<http://robyn2450.tripod.com/agm2007.html> for more information.

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Some Shamelessly Stolen Jokes

Two hunters are out in the woods in New Jersey when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed.

The other guy whips out his phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps: "My friend is dead! What can I do?"

The operator says: "Calm down, I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a shot is heard.

Back on the phone, the guy says: "OK, now what?"

An old man was sitting on a bench at the mall. A teenager walked up to the bench and sat down. He had spiked hair in all different colours: green, red, orange, blue and purple.

The old man just stared. Every time the teenager looked, the old man was staring. The teenager finally said, sarcastically, "What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life?"

Without batting an eye, the old man replied. "Got drunk once and had sex with a peacock. I was wondering if you were my son."



For Sale:

Women's Draggin' Jeans, good condition, size 10.
Call Michelle Bragg 4151 1078

2003 Yamaha FJR1300 Silver. ABS, 33,000 kms, reg to 7/06. New tyres, factory panniers, top box, lambs wool seat cover, towbar. Full service history. Excellent condition. \$13,750 0418 743 900

Elite Trailer, fibreglass, silver and black. Reg to 4/07. 1400 x 900 x 900 and only weighs 50 kg. Tows a treat. \$1100 0418 743 900

Weatherproof Touring Jacket, full armour, removable liner, and lots of pockets. Size "M". good condition. \$50 ono 0418 743 900

2002 BMW F650GS Mandarin, 22,000 kms, Reg to 9/06, Heated grips, top box, lambs wool seat cover, full service history. Excellent condition. \$8,900 ono 0419 226 567

RJay Ladies Motorcycle Leather Pants. Size 34 (12-14) Excellent condition. \$125 ono 0419 226 567

Honda Goldwing GL1500 late 1995. Magenta. With Premier Sidecar for 2. Leading link. 12 month rego. 97 000 kms. Raked forks. Rear light truck tyre. External tank. Electric fuel pump. New alternator 1800. Intercom and stereo to chair. More than \$2000 in accessories. Towbar. \$25000, Bundaberg-QLD, contact James on 07 4157 7629

More of Cania Gorge ...



SOCIAL AND RIDE CALENDAR

<u>COFFEE GATHERINGS</u>	<u>RIDES</u> Contact Numbers for Ride Leaders on Back Page For Riders' Choice days, contact Ron Henry 0417 787 180 in the first instance.
MEETING PLACE RIVER CRUZ CAFÉ RIVERSIDE PARKLANDS	STARTING PLACE FOR RIDES RIVER CRUZ CAFÉ RIVERSIDE PARKLANDS Gather at 8.30 am (generally) to leave from <i>River Cruz Café</i> at 9.00 am – with some exceptions noted
	Saturday 17th June Rider's Choice Sunday 25th June Coffee cruise. Ron will lead the ride (unless someone else wants to) to Gin Gin for smoko, then Childers and down to Coral Cove via the Goodwood Rd. Ron and Lloyd will host a BBQ and Ulysses Tennis Classic at Coral Cove. 0900 for 0930 departure. Ron needs to know numbers by 22/06 please (Ron Henry Ph 07 4159 3449 Mob 0417 787 180)
Tuesday 11th July 6.30 pm NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!!! Margie and Tiger Bath will be along to talk about their Prostate Awareness Ride. Come along at 6.00 pm to enjoy a meal and some tall tales before the meeting!	Sunday 9th July Club Ride – Di Buchbach will lead the group to Silky Oaks – along the Tin Can Bay – Gympie Rd. Di needs to know numbers for 5 th for catering (4155 1608) Tuesday 11th July Depart River Cruz Café at 7.30 am for Gladstone or at least towards Gladstone to meet Tiger and Marg on their Eyes Wide Open Tour. We will meet both Marg and Tiger and return to Bundaberg by 4.00 pm to give all a chance for a break before the meeting at 6.00 pm. Join us and support Marg on her return. Contact Ron Henry (4159 3449) or Graeme Henderson (4157 4272) to advise of attendance on ride. Saturday 15th July Rider's Choice Sunday 23rd July Coffee Cruise
Tuesday 1st August 6.30pm NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!!!	Sunday 13th August Club Ride - ?Boobyjan Homestead – TBC Heritage Listed ... Pioneer Slab and Shingle Buildings Est 1847 <i>Boobyjan Homestead</i> - a unique example of a very early pioneer dwelling comprised of slab and shingle buildings which have been continuously owned and occupied by the Lawless Family since 1847 <i>Heritage-listed</i> Boobyjan Homestead is on the register of the Australian Heritage Commission, the National Trust of Queensland and the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 Saturday 19th August Rider's Choice Sunday 27th August Coffee Cruise
Tuesday 5th September	Sunday 10th September Any suggestions? Saturday 16th September Rider's Choice Sunday 24th September Coffee Cruise
Tuesday 3rd October	Sunday 8th October Any suggestions? Saturday 14th October Rider's Choice Sunday 22nd October Coffee Cruise

A possible phone tree

When I started to play around with this idea, I became acutely aware that this could be easy or it could turn out to be real pain in the butt...

So here goes -----

The objective would be to have a method of communicating among members of the club when somebody decides it would be good to go for a group ride.

Let's see what you think of this...

Groups of up six members should talk to each other and agree to be a cluster of members who may all would like to be informed of impromptu rides.

You only nominate to be a member of a group if you would like to be informed of such a ride.

Each group then nominates a leader to be contacted.

Anyone can call a ride but has the responsibility to call all the leaders – this may be 5 or 6 people – if they want to make a ride of it.

This means that no body makes any more than 4 or 5 calls and we have some agreements about the calls.

These agreements are:

Nobody gets upset if they miss out because they can't be contacted.

All **group** leaders agree to be called with ride details.

All **group** leaders agree to let group members know where possible.

All those who **initiate** a ride try all group leaders to let them know.

All conversations can be really short with the following details

- Ride Leader
- Meeting place
- Meeting date and time
- Destination.

All those who initiate a ride agree to furnish a **ride report** either personally or through another person.

NOW: It may sound complex but it shouldn't be and we should not let it get that way.

So what will it look like?

Sam calls a ride

Sam rings the 5 nominated group leaders and anyone else he likes

Group leaders ring their group members with details

And we go for a ride!!

So ... if we agree at the meeting, be ready to nominate a group of friends of up to 5 or 6 with a group leader and we will see what happens.

By the way..... other ideas would be welcome.

Ron

Got a caption???

A prize for the best caption suggested at the next meeting. Be kind. The dog has feelings.

