



BRANCH NEWSLETTER

April 2004

GEELONG AGM (Summary by Frank Hopkins)

I arrived at Geelong around lunch time on Monday and went to the Registration building and received numbers for the bike, trailer and my wrist. I also filled out the slip, put it in the barrel to be used for the Goldwing draw, the \$20,000 Yamaha package and the Aprilia prize.

Then to the showground nearby where I set up camp only to move a few hours later when I came across Hans and Ann, Hans had saved an area for the Eurobodalla Group and put up our Eurobodalla sign. The name 'Eurobodalla' was to become a talking point with many fellow Ulyssians who inquired where we were from.

On Monday night we met up with another couple from our group, Karen and Gary Erfurth from Narooma. They were camped nearby and through them we met a fun loving crew from Glasshouse Mountains, Qld. Including one 69 year old lady who rode her 250cc scooter all the way.

As the week progressed Mitch McAdam from Batemans Bay rode in, then Lyell Jenkins and Bob Edwards from Tuross, and a friend of Lyells', Des Ayres from Ungarie set up camp with us. James Murray, Far South Coast also camped with us, Secretary John VanDerHeul then arrived. Later we were visited by Dick Stephenson from Bawley Point who had set up camp in another part of the Showground. Ernie Baddeley and John Allen also joined us. We later met with Ken and Linda Jamieson, Dianne and Tony Pye and Dudley Lucas.

The Showground had heaps to spend money on apart from food and drink, numerous motor cycle manufacturers were in attendance and test rides could be arranged all day, every day. Trailers were on display, the Ulysses store was in full swing and a couple of ladies sewing on patches were running their machines hot.

I went on two scenic rides during the week, the first to Apollo Bay down the Great Ocean Road with Hans and Ann, and later in the week we went to the bollards where a bollard of Stephen Dernley (Old No. 1) has been erected, then to Bellarine Peninsula and the historic township of Queenscliff. Thanks to the local knowledge of Bob Edwards.

Friday and Saturday night dinners were excellent even though the Gold Wing or any other prizes didn't go to Eurobodalla especially Frank Hopkins. Our Group looked very smart in the new black and gold shirts and Ernie thought to bring some gold glitter party hats for our group to wear. We happily bought them from him and they set off the new shirts.

The Saturday parade to the Bollards was a blast with in excess of 4,600 bikes. After the Yamaha prize was drawn and a lunch break the National Committee AGM was held. I was unable to attend the AGM as friends from Melbourne met up with me at Geelong and we went for a picnic lunch. I went back to Melbourne on Sunday and rode home to Potato Point on Monday.

Be sure to go to Canberra next year, you will enjoy yourself.

WEBSITE

All our local branch news and info etc. is now also available 24/7 at www.vanderheul.com.au/EuroUlysses.htm

Presidents Report:

Hi One and All

Just a brief one this month as time is short, Most of us had a great time at AGM even though the grounds were very dry and dusty the group camping went well with most of the guys and the solitary girl chipping in and we had a very efficient camp kitchen happening at breakfast and dinner.

John (sec/tres) and I put together a quick ride calendar last week after Ernie informed me of his wish to resign from the position as ride co-ordinator with out leaving us a ride calendar this small calendar should keep us going while John with the help from Tony and Di Pye, Allen and Karen McFarlen, myself and other's suggestions for destinations makes up a new one, any other ideas are ALWAYS WELCOME so put pen to paper or finger to key board AND HAVE A GO.

I had suggested to Ernie as I have now asked John to try and include some regular overnight stays so we can do more socialising with less distance to the destination so we can relax more (e.g. Eden, Kiama), If you have any ideas let John know, bye for now.

Hans

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who assisted me when I collapsed at the AGM on Saturday evening. Your help was most appreciated. Investigations are continuing.

John Van Der Heul

AGM Photos

Photos taken by a few will be available on the website shortly.

Ride Calendar & Ride Details

A new ride calendar is now out, including a ride details page for further info.

This is also available on our website. Changes may occur, so keep updated on the website.