



BRANCH NEWSLETTER

March 2004

Presidents Report:

Hi One and All

The special branch shirts are a great success with every one pleased with the end result, I have already started a third list for any body wanting one of these great shirts please contact me as I will need at least 10 shirts ordered to keep the freight down.

The pre AGM trip nerves are starting to set in, the trailer's all but packed and Ann and myself are counting down the days as I am sure the others whom are going are too. For those that are not going RIDE SAFE and hold down the fort while we are all behaving disgracefully down in Geelong and we'll look forward to seeing you all when we get back. For those that are travelling down the various routes on the different days I will be looking forward to seeing you there after a safe and uneventful trip down.

I must thank Dukes Camping World in North Street Batemans Bay for generously giving us some of the components for our EUROBODALLA banner which we will be taking to Geelong. Also to Pro Art for making the banner at a reduced cost to the branch.

***Just to finish off I thought it might be nice and also make the newsletter more interesting if anyone has purchased an accessory or item for their bike/themselves eg jacket ,gloves etc., they might like to make a brief report outlining what the product is like or it's benefits gained. As an example I made up this report on the-----

Throttle Cruise Control, as advertised in the RIDING ON magazine. This very simple devise attaches to your grip and allows you to relax your grip therefore reducing forearm pump or as in my case (I have tennis elbow) cramps and numbness. Best part is that it is also very inexpensive and comes in different colours. They are available from Cycle Accessories Australia ph no 0412 871 266 and only cost \$16.50 delivered to your door or you might check your local favourite bike shop.

RIDE SAFE ,ENJOY LIFE AND MOST IMPORTANTLY KEEP ON RIDING ON

Hans



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FOR SALE

YAMAHA VIRAGO 250 1996

Only 18,843 km, new leather saddle bags. Silver and Maroon in colour. Excellent Cond., Great first bike. \$4,200.00

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CLUB SHIRTS

Anyone who wants a branch shirt please contact Hans for details etc.

Recent Ride by Joanne McRae

Kylie (from Mollymook) and I rode down to the Womens International Motorcycle Associations AGM which was held at Bacchus Marsh Vic.. We rode roughly a 1730km round trip over 4 days - not bad for girls - and we just had a ball. Rode down the Hume in one day from here - about 830km. It was so stinking hot and such a boring ride. We took turns in keeping each other going (awake) & taking the lead. We rocked into the pub at Bacchus Marsh after an 8 hour journey from Bungendore in about 35 degree heat. What a sight we were in the mens bar - Kylie in nothing but a purple crop top and leather pants and both of us with red faces and sweating from head to toe. Our tongues hanging out dying for a drink. Boy the beer went down quick. (and the next two and the copious amounts of wine that followed). We were quickly directed into the ladies lounge as the resident men also had tongues hanging out due to our arrival - not a pretty site. A swim in the pool at Lady Northcove Camp - our destination 19km out of Bacchus Marsh didn't go astray either.

Saturday night the theme was leather & lace - see picture of us grooving- this is why some of us were dressed in cow outfit & black lacy petty coat & fake studded dog collar. We had a ball, not to mention the couple of cowboys we downed that night..

Sunday morning after recovering Kylie & I begun our travel back via the Princes Highway and had a wonderful stop at Lakes Entrance that night. See picture of us in the spa.....you will note that the spa was in the middle of our room overlooking the water and we had bubbles, champagne & m&ms in the spa to help us soothe our sore limbs.

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We topped the night with more alcohol and a seafood platter at the floating restaurant across the road. MMMmmmm oysters, prawns, fish, bugs followed by sorbet & carmel waffles for dessert. We parked our bikes under the market umbrellas in the courtyard of our wonderful motel, the SV650S & ZZR600 had a good time too.

Home again Monday (see us stopped in picture at Eden). We had a fabulous time. Top undetected speed for the ride - 164km per hour. Not bad for girls not trying to break the speed limit but simply having a good time.



The Tumbarumba Gang



TUMBARUMBA RIDE

Saturday 21st Feb: Ernie, Dudley, Tony & Di, Ken & Linda, KareAllen, met for breakfast at Cafe 59, Cobargo, before being joined by 20-odd others from Tilba, Bermagui, Bega, etc and set off on what was to be a very warm ride to Tumbarumba. Outside Cooma, the less energetic group (8 above) went via Adaminaby, Cabramurra There was short break at Cabramurra, Australia's highest town. It was nice and cool at this altitude, but that changed very quickly as we headed down Elliot Way. Riding down some very steep and narrow road into a valley that has to be one of the most picturesque stretches in the entire park (with Steve Edwards joining us as "tour guide") and waited for the others at Tumba Pub over a much needed 'coldie'.

The other 20-odd arrived after taking the "long" way (Thredbo, Khancoban, etc) and after a SWIM !!!... smarties.

After accommodation was sorted between C'van Park Cabins and Pub, we showered and went back to the Pub for a 'riotous' tea.....you had to be there !!!....they certainly weren't expecting us! As a result, the whip-around tip for the waitress cost more than the tea. But good food and good time had by all. Carried on the party at the Van Park till after midnight and rolled into bed in comfy cabins (Dudley, Ernie & Steve shared ????)

Six bikes (9 bodies) took off at 8 am (!!) next morning and had a great brekky at Tumut, and after another tour by "guide" Steve to Talbingo Dam and Power Station. So far the day hadn't warmed up. In fact it was quite cold when we crossed the Great Dividing Range, but thankfully became more comfortable as we descended into Cooma and headed back to Nimmitabel for lunch.

A lot cooler Sunday and great riding, The trip down the Brown Mountain was a bit hairy. The fog rolled in and then changed into a misty drizzle. The road was very slippery so we all took great care negotiating the steep and tight turns. Although this was not an "official" branch ride, most were members and it was such a great weekend, Branch Ride Committee members will look to organizing more in the future.

By: Di & Tony Pye, Allen & Karen McFarlen.

(excerpts from two reports , put together by editor)

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ULYSSES MEMBERS NO:

AMOUNT: (\$10.00 per Single: Couple):