



NEWSLETTER

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QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting at Bermagui was very well attended with 27 present and also received 17 apologies.

The picture below shows Bob trying out a Bermie Burger and nibbling on some nuts a month earlier as the official food tester for the occasion before it was decided where to have the meeting.



QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

Over the three months that have passed since the AGM members have purchased 38 Branch items. As I have mentioned before we cannot expect this type of figure to be reached in the future

due to the fact that the majority of members now have all Branch items.

The introduction of a new Branch item has been raised by Hans Ottevanger in the form of a light weight jacket. Some members find the fleecy winter jacket can get a bit hot as the winter months pass and see the need for a lighter jacket. Those who were present on Sunday at the Quarterly Meeting had the opportunity to see the item. In view of the interest shown by a number of members I intend to add it to our Gear Shop items in the near future. I will take it up with our supplier/embroiderer and get back to the membership on a price.

Thanks for supporting the gear shop over the past three months. Well done.

Murray Osborne

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Weekend trip 6th&7th October 2007.

As discussed at the quarterly meeting it was decided to do a weekend camp to the "Big Hole" which is in the Deua National Park near Braidwood. The campsite is located beside the Shoalhaven River has fireplaces and toilets. Bitumen Road except for the last 100 metres, which is a good gravel surface.

"The north - western section of the Deua National Park is a karst of limestone layer containing 400 million year old cave systems. The big hole and marble arch are two fascinating features which can be seen without going underground."

The return walk starts from the camping area, an easy walk leads to the viewing platform, from where the remarkable Big Hole, a chasm some 96m deep and 50m wide can be viewed. I recommend you bring your binoculars.

Don't forget your walking gear. ed.

The campsite is quite large for those who want to bring their caravans and campers. If you prefer there is a range of accommodation in Braidwood.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party is set down for Saturday 1st December. It will be the special chinese banquet dinner at the Bodalla Bowling club. Cost will be \$15.00 per head. "Doc" Neil Adams has generously offered his property for us to camp overnight. There is a large shed with bunks and plenty of floor space. A mile of room for tents and caravans etc. The property is located right next door to the club. A big breakfast will be provided from club funds.

Bob Edwards

RIDE COORDINATORS REPORT

CANBERRA SWAP MEET

At the quarterly we discussed the proposed weekend ride on 27/28 October to visit the

Swap Meet at the Canberra Exhibition Park on Sunday 28th. The intention is to leave Saturday at 11am from Suzanne's at Mogo after the Saturday cuppa, with a ride to Mt Stromlo, Tidbinbilla, Corrin Dam that afternoon. Dinner at the Tradies Club at Dickson. Accommodation to be organised by the individuals at friends , family, motel or hotel. I have received advice that camping at Exhibition Centre is only for the stallholders. The swap meets starts at 7am for the early birds, then meet up to leave at 10am. Return after the swap meet was intended via Cooma , Brown Mountain. This has now changed to a return ride via Bungendore, Tarago to Wakefield Park to watch the Australian Motor Racing Series and join up with any Sunday riders. Several riders have already indicated the intention to go on the weekend ride.

PINK RIBBON RUN

The Eurobodalla Branch has been invited once again to join the Sapphire Coast Branch at Bermagui for the Annual Pink Ribbon Run Departure will be Sunday 21st October at 9am from Batemans Bay with expected arrival at Bermagui around 10.30am. A very good turnout last year and if the weather is kind it is likely to be repeated this year!

ULYSSES PINK RIBBON RIDE All Welcome

Members of the Sapphire Coast Branch of the Ulysses Club will be living up to their Club motto of "Growing old Disgracefully" on Sunday October 21st in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Ulysses Club branches around Australia support the Cancer Council of Australia in their efforts to defeat breast cancer

Funds raised will help The Cancer Council of Australia to:

- 1 Fund breast cancer **research**.
- 2 Help those affected by breast cancer right now, by offering **support services** to help them and their family through their cancer diagnosis and treatment.
- 3 **Educate** women to be 'breast aware'.

Sapphire Coast Members will meet at Kiss Lagoon before leaving for Bermagui at 9.30am to meet the Eurobodalla Branch who are riding from Bateman's Bay for lunch at Bermagui.

Members are encouraged to decorate themselves and their bikes in pink and prizes will be awarded for best dressed bike and rider.

Pink hair and pink bikes is the order of the day. Wander down and support a worthwhile cause that can affect every family.

Buy a pink ribbon to wear on Pink Ribbon Day, Monday 22nd of October

Monica & Gary Smith Sapphire Coast Branch

NOVEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING

Next quarterly meeting on 25th November will be held at Guerilla Bay. Our President, Suzanne McDonald, has kindly offered her place as the venue for the next quarterly meeting. The committee will organise a BBQ with cost to be covered by those present for a few dollars each. Details to be provided when closer to the date.

Robert Overdijk

ODDS & ENDS

John Gillett sent on this message he received from an old friend.

Dear John

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice on what could be a crucial decision. I've suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me.

The usual signs... phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them". I always stay awake to look out for her taxi coming home, but she

always walks down the driveway. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife, I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her. I decided I was going to park my BMW R1150 GS next to the garage and then hide behind it so I could get a good view of the whole street when she came home. It was at that moment, crouching behind my bike, that I noticed that the valve covers on my engine seemed to be leaking a little oil. Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the dealer?

Name withheld.

If you go to Canberra BEWARE!!



Canberra Ave and Hindmarsh Drive intersection has been fitted with Red light and Speed "loop" detectors, these are a new type of red light and speed camera, they detect how much time it has taken your car to travel from point A (first sensor) to point B (second sensor) instead of using radar, therefore they are extremely accurate. They are implanted under the road surface and are completely undetectable, they are also only 300 mm in front of the white stop line at these lights, so if you over shoot the line even by less than half a car length you will be charged, even though you didn't proceed through the lights.

These are also installed at the north bound intersection of Canberra Ave and Captain Cook Cres in Manuka. These will apparently replace all existing speed and red light camera's in the ACT within the next few years..

I personally think that the government should be spending more on driver training to help save lives instead of revenue raising camera's that only help to lighten our wallets a little more.

From: Adrian Bader Canberra
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Dear Suzanne,

I trust that I am not being "too familiar"-in addressing you by Christian name (Fact is I know not your Surname).

You ,as President of Eurobodalla Branch had posed a worthy question on page 2 of the June edition of our Newsletter >"What constitutes good fun".

Such a good ,"eternal kind of question too , "DEServing interesting Quote from >"ARISTOTLE--- -----(Would be acceptable methinks ,& I quote>"**Happiness does not consist of pastimes & amusements, but in virtuous activities"**

Keep up the good "stewardship".

Quite fair to surmise that there is much pleasure derived for yourself ,& the Branch surely has benefited already with the years of experience you have brought to the table.

Congratulations on taking up the position,-(Shall we all pray for less troubled water's?---MMMMmm

Well, If my small contribution has helped then I will rest easy knowing that your question had not fallen on deaf ears,

Fare Thee Well,
Member 26311 "'DDDes"



DDDes Ayers on arrival at Coffs AGM

Dear Des,

You were not at all "too familiar", I prefer to be known as Suzanne and rarely use my surname.

Thank you so much for your response to my question, I was delighted to receive it, particularly so in that it was the only one!!!!!! I will ask Robert Overdijk to include your contribution in the next Newsletter; it may even spark an interest in Aristotelian Ethics.

I have lived a "eudemonic life" for some time now. Following my retirement from the corporate world I re-read an old favourite i.e., Voltaire's 'Candide'. The conclusion to Voltaire's philosophical essay on

'whether or not we live in the best of all possible worlds" was a simple one, "tend your own garden". This set me on a cerebral journey to identify exactly what was growing in my garden. I discovered a few weeds so they have now been removed!!! More importantly I renewed my engagement with those things that need nurture to maintain a "virtuous life".

Once again, I really enjoyed your response. I send you my best wishes for your continued happiness and fulfilment.

Kind regards, Suzanne

A Place to stay on the way to the Moto GP

A new venture.... For years I have been dragging friends (and total strangers) up the mountains, mostly on bikes and spruiking about this little bar that has great steaks and an awesome outlook (both winter and summer) at the end of the best road in Australia (which ever way you come). Cold beer too.

Then the opportunity arises to actually own it. So here I am with Ben (son and chef).....

All it needs now is for someone else to bring people up because I'm already here. Or you could just come on your own. There's plenty of room mostly Best to call first to be sure.

Its been a month now since we opened so we get it mostly right. The attached pictures tell it better than any words. The Omeo way or from Harrietville. The ride is brilliant whichever side you approach from.

Take this note as an invitation to come visit.

There are quite a few riders meeting here on the way to the MotoGP. Please join us it's a great days ride to the Island from here.....

Cheers ... Billy Kaylock,.....

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