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President's Prerogative

Hello everyone,

Well the weather has not improved much has it? Still some reasonable riding to be had though judging by the number of rides held. Finally got to the midweek ride and had a great time - thanks Les.

Memorial Day is on November 6th with our own Rev Barry Wells leading the service on Mt Macedon. Many Ulysses branches attend so excellent chance to network.

Don't forget the Cops 'n kids day on November 12th, needing a few outfits and bikes to give rides to the kids. A very enjoyable few hours where the kids can forget they are ill.

Paul and I are overseas from October 13 to November 2nd but by the time you read this we will be home again (Jim Mills hopes we get a Harley t-shirt or two for him).

Stay safe.

Cheers,

Sharryn Nankervis #36204

President of Central Highlands branch



Road Condition Reporting Line Phone: 131170

Call the above number to report road conditions and suggestions for improvement on any road in Victoria. Can be called 24 hours a day.

Branch meets at the Bunch of Grapes Hotel - 401 Pleasant St, Ballarat 3350.

1st Tuesday of the month formally and social meeting on 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Informally at the **Krooze In Café**, Main Rd Mt Helen, **(from 9am on Saturday mornings)**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER

Valerie Millar	2 nd
Bruce Armfield	4 th
David Searl	4 th
Andrea Russell	6 th
Peter Holmes	7 th
Ken Ryrie	8 th
Bruce Turner	9 th
Neil Bradshaw	11 th
John McLinden	18 th

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A BIT OF A GIGGLE.....

Little Johnny

Little Johnny watched his daddy's car pass by the school playground and go into the woods. Curious, he followed the car and saw Daddy and Aunt Jane in a passionate embrace.

Little Johnny found this so exciting that he could hardly contain himself as he ran home and started to tell his mother. 'Mummy, I was at the playground and I saw Daddy's car go into the woods with Aunt Jane. I went back to look and he was giving Aunt Jane a big kiss, and then he helped her take off her shirt. Then Aunt Jane helped Daddy take his pants off, then Aunt Jane...'

At this point Mummy cut him off and said, 'Johnny, this is such an interesting story, lets save the rest of it for supper time .I want to see the look on Daddy's face when you tell it tonight.'

At the dinner table that evening, Mummy asked little Johnny to tell his story Johnny started his story, 'I was at the playground and I saw Daddy's car go into the woods with Aunt Jane. I went back to look and he was giving Aunt Jane a big kiss, then he helped her take off her shirt. Then Aunt Jane helped Daddy take his pants off, then Aunt Jane and Daddy started doing the same thing that Mummy and Uncle Bill used to do when Daddy was away on the oil rigs.'

Mummy fainted!

Moral:

Sometimes you need to just shut up and listen to the whole story

Drinking for the Family

An Irishman walked into a bar in Dublin, ordered three pints of Guinness and sat at the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn.

When he finished them, he came back to the bar and ordered three more.

The bartender approached and told him: "You know, a pint goes flat after I draw it, and it would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The Irishman replied: "Well, you see, I have two brothers.

One is in America, the other is in Australia, and I'm in Dublin.

When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days we drank together.

So I drink one for each me brothers and one for me self."

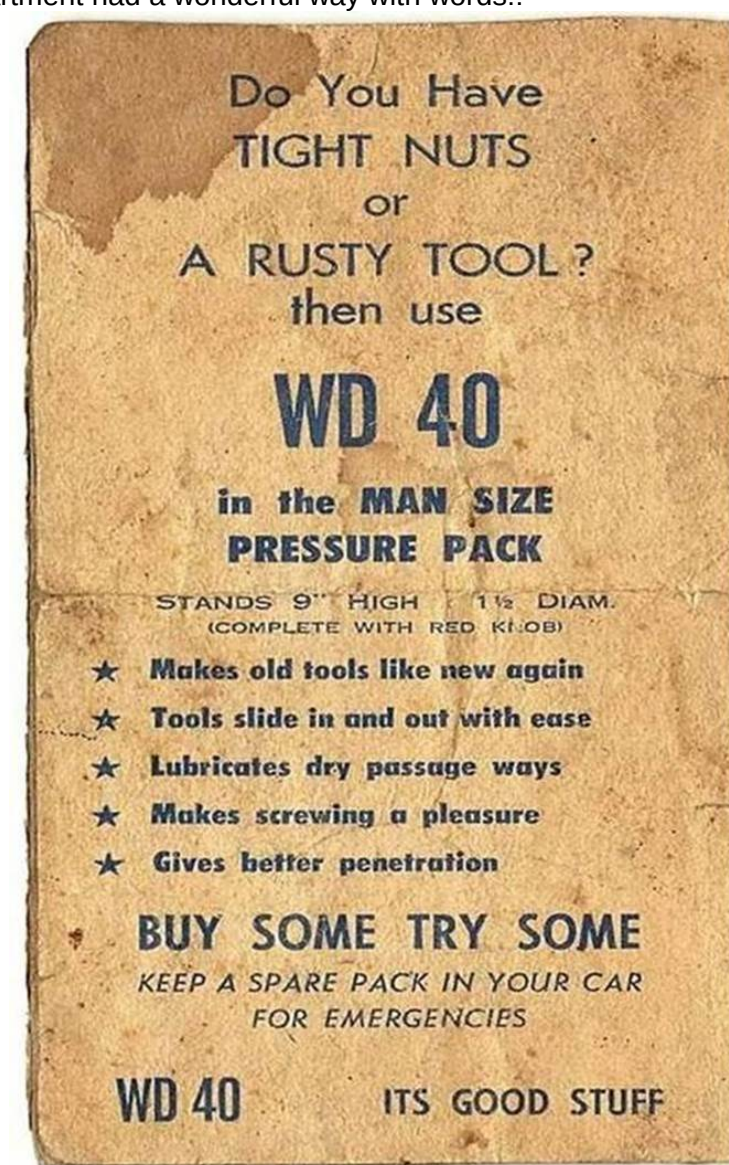
The bartender admitted that this was a fine tradition, and left it there.
The Irishman became a regular in the bar, and always drank the same way.
He ordered three pints and drank them in turn.
One day, he came in and ordered two pints.
All the other regulars took notice and fell silent.
When he came back to the bar for the second round, the bartender said: "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."
The Irishman looked quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawned and he laughed.
"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explained.
"It's just that my wife had us join that Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking.
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A reminder that we will advertise almost anything. **It doesn't need to be bike related.**

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Advertising in the newsletters

Do you know someone who runs a business and would like to advertise in our monthly newsletter?

\$60 per year (12 issues) for ½ page. (Larger and smaller adverts can be arranged)

November 2016

Date	Event Title and Details
Monday – 31 st October 2016	COMMITTEE MEETING Monthly committee meeting. Venue: Bryan's home. Meeting commences at 7.30pm.
Tuesday – 1 st November 2016	GENERAL MEETING Location/Departure Point: Leave from your house Monthly General Meeting: Bunch Of Grapes Hotel 401 Pleasant St, Ballarat. If dining, meals from 6.00pm. <i>Please order before 7.00pm. Meeting starts at 7.30pm</i>
Wednesday – 2 nd November 2016	MIDWEEK RIDE Contact/Leader: Midweek Ride Coordinator Location/Departure Point: Depart United Servo at 10.00am Our regular midweek club ride. BYO lunch for these rides. Destination and ride leader – TBA
Sunday – 6 th November 2016	VICTORIAN MEMORIAL RIDE Leaving from the United Servo at 9am (to be confirmed) Meeting at Centennial Park, Macedon, for a ride up to the Memorial Cross at the top of Mt Macedon. This Annual event includes members from all Victorian Ulysses branches. The names of our friends who have ridden on during the previous year will be read out and a short service will take place. When we return to Centennial park, the Geelong branch will have their Chuck Wagon set up with food and drink for sale. Great chance to catch up with old and new friends. Details from Barry Wells (5334 1664) or Bryan Cosway 0419 305 108
Saturday – 12 th November 2016	COPS N KIDS DAY Come along to the Cops 'n Kids day on Saturday 12th from around 10.30am at the Ballarat Airport and give the kids a ride with you on your bike. Members with side cars would be appreciated too for the younger children. Looking forward to seeing you there! Contact Sharryn Nankervis for further details (0417 355 326)
Tuesday – 15 th November 2016	SOCIAL MEETING Location/Departure Point: Leave from your house. Monthly Social Meeting: Bunch Of Grapes Hotel 401 Pleasant St, Ballarat. If dining, meals from 6.00pm. <i>Please order before 7.00pm. Meeting starts at 7.30pm</i>
Sunday – 20 th November 2016	MONTHLY CLUB RIDE This is the branch's monthly ride and the ride co-ordinator promises it will be somewhere in the Central Highlands. Location/Departure Point: United servo in Macarthur Street at 10am. For more details, contact Bryan Cosway, 0419 305 108
Sunday – 27 th November 2016	BRANCH CHRISTMAS BREAKUP Our Christmas break up will be at the Botanical gardens in Scott street, Buninyong from 12.00pm. Meat and salads will be supplied, just bring along your own drinks, a chair, and a small dessert or slice to share. For more details call Sharryn on ph 0417 355 326

December 2016

Date	Event Title and Details
Monday – 28 th November 2016	COMMITTEE MEETING Monthly committee meeting. Venue: Val O'Beirn's home. Meeting commences at 7.30pm.
Tuesday – 6 th December 2016	GENERAL MEETING Location/Departure Point: Leave from your house Monthly General Meeting: Bunch Of Grapes Hotel 401 Pleasant St, Ballarat. If dining, meals from 6.00pm. <i>Please order before 7.00pm. Meeting starts at 7.30pm</i>
Wednesday – 7 th December 2016	MIDWEEK RIDE Contact/Leader: Midweek Ride Coordinator Location/Departure Point: Depart United Servo at 10.00am Our regular midweek club ride. BYO lunch for these rides. Destination and ride leader – TBA
Sunday – 18 th December 2016	MONTHLY CLUB RIDE No formal ride in December - to be organised privately if a ride is wanted.
Tuesday – 20 th December 2016	SOCIAL MEETING Location/Departure Point: Leave from your house. Monthly Social Meeting: Bunch Of Grapes Hotel 401 Pleasant St, Ballarat. If dining, meals from 6.00pm. <i>Please order before 7.00pm. Meeting starts at 7.30pm</i>

RIDES

Due to the monthly ride having to be cancelled due to inclement weather, Bryan organised a group of dedicated Ulyssian's who gathered on Sunday 30 October 2016 to head out to Bendigo for the Shovelfest event. After setting out in a mixture of bikes and tin tops the group managed to make their way to Bendigo despite nearly being blown away by gale force winds. We were especially happy to see members of the Red Knights Motorcycle club represented by several members including their president Arran Foy and his lovely wife. The group had a great day at Shovelfest looking at all the bikes and even managed to beat the storms home. All in all a great day.





Our intrepid President and Treasurer Sharryn and Paul Nankervis have been off traipsing all over the US of A and having a fabulous time and stuffing themselves silly on American cuisine. Good to see they had a great trip and welcome home!!



THE CORNER MARKING SYSTEM

Definitions:

Ride Leader (RL) – is the rider at the front of the group 'leading' the ride. The RL knows the route and sets the pace. No rider should pass the RL. The RL should wear a distinctive vest.

Tail end Charlie (TEC) – is always at the rear of the group. The TEC should wear a distinctive vest.

Corner Marker (CM) – the rider placed on a corner to indicate a change of direction to the oncoming riders.

What the Ride Leader should do:

When the RL approaches a change of direction of the route at an intersection or roundabout, the RL will indicate with his left arm for the rider immediately behind to stop and mark the corner. This rider now becomes the CM. This process repeats at each direction change.

What the Corner Marker should do:

1. The CM will indicate by hand to the following riders which direction they should take to follow the RL.
2. The CM must ensure that he is readily visible to the oncoming riders.
3. The CM must not leave the corner until TEC approaches and indicates that the CM can depart in front of TEC.

How it goes wrong:

By far the most common problems are:-

1. The CM is not easily visible to oncoming riders and some or all of the riders go the wrong way. The CM should not stop in shadows, behind trees, where other vehicles can obstruct them or anywhere they are not easily seen.
2. The CM leaves the corner before the TEC arrives. If there has been a breakdown or accident there may be a considerable delay until TEC arrives. CM's must not leave the corner until the TEC arrives.

Notes:

1. CM's should always ensure they stop in a safe position. Park as far to the left as possible or mount the curb or median strip if able.
2. If there is no CM at an intersection or roundabout, riders should go straight ahead.
3. A rider should mark a corner at a change of direction even if the RL does not indicate to do so.
4. The RL and TEC should have each other's mobile numbers and try to get in contact should a problem or delay occurs.

Summary:

The corner marking system relies on all CM's doing their job. Just one errant corner marker and the whole system breaks down. It is like a chain with CM's being the links. One faulty link and the chain breaks.

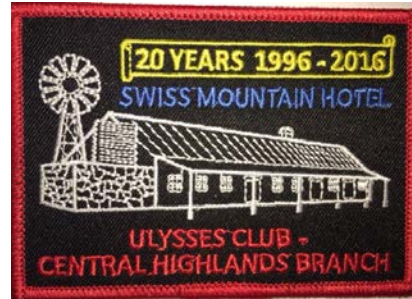
But when it works no one gets left behind or lost and the group all arrive at the destination.

Many thanks to Graham Boulter of the Classic Motorcycle Club of Vic. for allowing us to "borrow" his explanation

20TH ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE



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TO PURCHASE MERCHANDISE OR COLLOCET YOUR BADGE PLEASE SEE SHARRYN NANKERVIS, BRAD MITCHELL, JODIE PLOWRIGHT OR FIONA BEST.

RIDES AND RALLIES

VICTORIAN MEMORIAL DAY - SUNDAY THE 6 NOVEMBER 2016

This is the annual event where we remember our friends who have ridden on in the past year. Members from all Victorian Branches meet up at Centennial Park at the foot of Mt Macedon, we then ride to the summit parking area and walk out to the Memorial Cross. The names of our friends who have ridden on will be read out and a short service takes place.

When we return to Centennial Park the Geelong Branch will have fired up their 'Chuck Wagon' and we share some tucker and tell some stories before we mount our steeds and ride home.

VICTORIAN BREAKFAST CLUB – SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

The November VBC will be held at Antique Motorcycles, 1 Grange Road, Cheltenham, they have a good cafe, good snacks and some magnificent motorcycles on display.

This venue was chosen so Branch Secretaries and Presidents can join in at the breakfast then attend the inaugural Sec & Pres Meeting in the afternoon.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE – KRYAL CASTLE (RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB).



For the first time in Australia, the Red Knights Motorcycle Club National Association of Australia is holding KoRT - Knights of the Round Table at Kryal Castle, Ballarat, Victoria on the 25th to the 27th of November 2016.

The Fire Services social motorcycle club (Red Knights) will be joined by their police and law enforcement counterparts, the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club, their State Emergency Services friends in the Orange Knights Motorcycle Club and Australia's emergency medical services, the White Knights Motorcycle Club.

Some of the events being held over the weekend includes the "Shannon's Pack Ride", a Ballarat Regional Ride which will raise much needed funds for Shannon's Packs and is open to **all social motorcycle clubs or independent riders**. The ride also includes a tour of SEM Fire & Rescue where emergency vehicles are manufactured.

KoRT's Community Motorcycle Road Safety Expo on the grounds of Kryal Castle will be open to all members of the public, and will showcase as much motorcycle road safety related stalls and information we can pack into it! There will also be an emergency services road rescue simulation display.

The KoRT Tournament itself will be demonstrating and displaying motorcycle riding skills in a safe and fun environment for Knights to participate in; and to see which Knights Club can battle it out and claim the title of KoRT Champion. KoRT is a family friendly event, and if you are a member or relative of a Knights Club, registrations are now open through our website <https://rkmcnaoa.com/>.

Kryal Castle normal entry fees apply for the general public. The other option is to join a Knights Club before the event!

KoRT is being sponsored by Ambulance Victoria and Geelong Harley Davidson and supported by Spokes.com (TAC), MrBadges.com, and Shannon's Insurance. For more information on this and general event information you can see the KoRT links on our website <https://rkmcnaoa.com/> or you can contact the Red Knights National Executive Secretary Janine Nolan on 0473 978 800 or email kort@rkmcnaoa.com.

MOTO EXPO MELBOURNE 25 – 27 NOVEMBER 2016

Venue: The magnificent Melbourne Showgrounds. This EXPO takes place every second year, it is Australia's largest Motorcycle Expo, showcasing the latest in Motorcycles, Scooters, ATVs, UTVs, JetSkis plus related products and services. With over 100 exhibitors taking part indoors including the largest of manufacturers' custom displays to the smallest niche products and services related to the relevant industries.

The Ulysses Club Stand 16B – a corner stand.

PROPOSED MID WEEK ROAD TRIP BARHAM

Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th December 2016.

I am going for a ride in the northern district of Victoria and finally ending in Barham. The ride will start at the servo at 10 am sharp, Bring your own lunch and morning tea. A full tank of petrol will be required before heading off. The estimated distance will be 300km to 350km.

Wednesday 7th - Ballarat to Heathcote, Elmore and into Barham.

Thursday 8th - Barham to Swan Hill via Lake Boga and return to Barham 170 km

Friday 9th – Barham to Kerang, Bridgewater, Maldon returning to Ballarat 270 km

Accommodation will be Barham Caravan and Tourist Park Ph 5453 2553

Cabin standard	\$80/\$85	2 Persons Per Night
Deluxe	\$92/\$97	
Deluxe 2 Bed	\$128/\$133	

Note: Please ring and book your own accommodation.

The return trip will be in northern Victoria with an estimated distance of 300 km

Note. Those members who think the distance is too far to ride or who rather go by car are most welcome. Ballarat to Barham 270km.

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