



## ULYSSES CLUB – WAIKATO BRANCH

December 2015 - Newsletter



*Ulysses Club Waikato Branch meets 7.30pm at the Waikato Commerce Club 197 Collingwood Street, Hamilton on the first Monday of the month except January. Visitors Welcome. Evening Meals available from 6.30 pm except Public Holidays.*

Waikato Ulysses website: [www.ulyssesclubwaikato.wordpress.com/](http://www.ulyssesclubwaikato.wordpress.com/)  
*This Newsletter plus other information is available on this website.*

## Waikato Branch Christmas Get Together

**Come join us for dinner on December 5th 2015  
From 4pm  
At the Smith's 169A Kuranui Rd Morrinsville**

**BYO Drinks and dessert.**

**Branch will supply meat and salads.  
RSVP would be great but not essential by 28.11.15  
To: Rowena Smith**

**Text: 022 471 4012 or [rowenagsmith@gmail.com](mailto:rowenagsmith@gmail.com)**

**For all members and their families.**

## WAIKATO BRANCH COMMITTEE 2015 -16

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### Waikato Branch Activities, Dec 2015

Date	Destination	Leave From	Leave Time	Rider-in-Charge	Difficulty scale 1-4
Sat-28-Nov	Training day	Kart Track	9:00 – 4:00	Road-safe & mentors	1, 2
Sun-29-Nov	Training day	Kart Track	9:00 – 4:00	Road-safe & mentors	1, 2
Sun-29-Nov	King Country Cruise	Caltex Te A.	9am	Jim ST1300	1
Thu-3-Dec	Thurs Lunch Ride	Cycle track, Ham East	10am	Lance, NC 750	1
Sat-5-Dec	Wild Goose Chase to Xmas Party	Violet's, Frankton	Anytime 10 to 12	Goose	1
Sat-5-Dec	Xmas Party	Row & Trevor's, Kuranui Rd, Morrinsville	From 4pm	Committee	
Mon-7-Dec	Club Night	Commerce Club	7.30pm	Committee	
Thu-10-Dec	Thurs Xmas Special, Mamaku	Cycle track, Ham East	10am	David, Deauville	1
Sun-13-Dec	Afternoon Coffee Cruise	Caltex Hillcrest	1.30pm	Jim, ST1300	1
Mon-14-Dec	Early Bird Northern Odyssey Entries close				
Wed-16-Dec	Evening Fish 'n' Chips, Okoroire	BP Cambridge	6pm	David, Deauville	1
Thu-17-Dec	Thurs Lunch Ride	Cycle track, Ham East	10am	David, Deauville	1
Sun-20-Dec	Evening Xmas Lights	Commerce Club	8.30pm	Jim, ST1300	2
Sat-26-Dec	Northern Odyssey commences				
Fri-1-Jan	First Ride of the Year	McDonald's, Quay St, Auckland	8.30am	Auckland Branch	1
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## Goose's Gander

Hi all, I have a an apology to make this month, both due to selling our house in a relatively short time frame and having an even shorter settlement I failed to find the time to write anything for last month's branch newsletter or the December *Ulyssian*.

I haven't had much time to get out on the Sunday rides either, I am sure that Shrek will fill us in on how they went in the near future.

The Pureora Forest Rally has come and gone and the reports received are that it was a good one with attendance numbers around 60. I would like to thank Neville Tyler for all his hard work and effort he puts in to running a successful branch rally.

At the rally on the Saturday morning two venison back straps were handed over to someone at the rally site to be passed on to Brian Middleton, these never made it to Brian. If any of you can shed any light on what happened regarding this please let me know by email to [waikato@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:waikato@ulysses.org.nz)

Toy Run planning continues, a traffic management plan was submitted to Waipa District Council for the Friday fundraiser in Te Awamutu and they responded after consultation with the NZTA that a traffic management plan was not required so long as we are only using carparks and that the collection of donations remained on the pavement.

There is a Council subsidised training weekend on the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November which at \$50 for a full day's training is good value for money, with a further \$20 rebate available to members it's even better value.

Course information as follows:

<http://www.roadsafe.co.nz/course-overview/motorcycle-skills-training-hamilton>

Bookings can be made for each course as follows:

<https://roadsafe.arlo.co/courses/9-hamilton-skills-novice-intermediate-returning>

<https://roadsafe.arlo.co/courses/10-hamilton-skills-experienced>

To apply for the \$20.00 rebate, email me with your name and Ulysses membership number to [waikato@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:waikato@ulysses.org.nz)

Jim has arranged a guest speaker for the next branch evening on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, I will leave the speaker's subject as a mystery; appropriate for the silly season rapidly approaching.

Finally, don't forget about the Branch Christmas Party (and optional Wild Goose Chase) on 5<sup>th</sup> December at Row & Trevor's 169a Kuranui Road, Morrinsville – 4pm onwards.

If I don't manage to catch up with you there or before, have a safe and upright Christmas and New Year.

Cheers

Goose

## PUREORA, THE RALLY: PART ONE by Allan Waller #4813



We arrived at the Rally Site at 1-30pm on the auspicious Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> loaded up with the balance of the Gazebos, spare chairs etc for the weekend. We were really surprised that the campsite was already quite full – the fine weather must have encouraged everyone to come early. We had 64 Registrations – 51 stayed on Friday night and 60 on Saturday night. The number of camper vans at the Rally just about exceeded the number of bikes at the rally. (I think we may be turning into a pack of old softies)

A lot of the regular people came along again including Monty and Earl who travel from the Wellington Region each year. This year there was however about a dozen people who came from Tauranga to see how our Rally was run. Most of the Tauranga committee had decided to come and it was great to meet them. We will have to make an effort to attend their rally to return the favour.

They did however try for a few hours to get cellphone coverage and I enjoyed watching them going through the normal addiction withdrawal symptoms. The photos attached were unfortunately taken mainly when we first arrived – after a few beers and starting chatting I had forgotten I had a camera. The photos show our normal activities – bushwalks, sitting around in the sun chatting and the regular evening bonfires.

This year Peter Hill (from Hamilton) and Jim Dyson (ex Tokoroa) adding some background guitar music and singing while we sat around the Saturday night bonfire telling the usual bullshit and laughter and Neville Tyler was up to his old tricks letting off fart bombs under peoples' seats.

Apparently I was voted loudest snorer of the night so a big sorry to Mike Huisken camped next to me who had to put up with it all night. I wasn't worried about Neville camped on the other side as I thought he was worse than me. He sounded like a lion being tortured with a red hot poker.

We however woke up on Sunday Morning to rain, which put a damper on the weekend. Despite the rain, we still managed to have breakfast cooked for everyone by 7.30.

Thanks to Neville and Kay for looking after the Rally organisation, the Solid Energy Gazebo and kitchen setup and all the firewood. Big thanks to Robbie for getting up early each day and getting the fire and water boiler going so we could have an early morning coffee and to Trish and Dave from Te Kuiti for staying behind and helping us pack up the rally site in the rain.



This year we had only nine Hamilton people at the rally - it would be great to see a few more next time.

A great time had by all.



Allan Waller #4813

### **PUREORA, THE RALLY: PART TWO** by Annie Pegler #4954

I've been going to this rally (Waikato Branch's very own) for years and it's an enjoyable time spent with Ulybods and others. This time they came from Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Tauranga, New Plymouth, Auckland, Taupo, Tokoroa and Wanganui.

It's a great way to meet Ulyssians from other branches.

Highlights:

- Everyone sitting round the campfire with two old buggers from Waikato playing their guitars on Saturday night
- Someone from Tauranga had a mouth organ
- Kay & Nev and Allan & Christine's awesome organising
- Cooking your own dinner on Nev's awesome 44 gallon cooker
- Sunday breakfast cooked for you, all for \$20

Disgracefulness

- Only 10 of the 60+ people attending were from Waikato Branch (yeah, it's our annual rally)
- I slept in my car and not in my tent
- Rosalie's Kev tried to get into my car in the middle of the night (I was in the loo so saw it all and decided if he did, I'd bunk in with Rosalie)
- Mel from Tauranga reckoned there's a pub at Whakamaru (there isn't)

Let's do it all again next year, thanks heaps to the organisers and helpers.

Cheers, Annie #4954



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## **SOUTHERN ESCAPADE by David Coy #4412**

In early November, Lyn Ashton and two guys from Whakatane Branch, Roy Dawson and John Gibson, joined me on a trip south for the 2015 Southern Escapade, parent of the Northern Odyssey. This year 36 questions had to be answered on a loop around Central Otago and Southland. Many new roads, sights and sites for us all. We started in Wanaka, over Crown Range to Arrowtown & Queenstown, then south and west to Te Anau. Rain caused us to abandon the side trip to Milford and then it was down past Manapouri and into Central Southland through some rather depressing spots like Ohai & Nightcaps and into the splendid Catlins. After Balclutha we headed up the east coast into Dunedin and answered questions out on the Peninsula which took us along the spectacular Highcliff Road. I've been out to the Albatross Colony before but on the coast road; if you ever head out that way, do yourself a favour and go at least one way on Highcliff Road which follows the ridgeline for much of the way; stunning views. The final leg of the Escapade took us through Kurow Richie McCaw country and up into the McKenzie Country at Omarama where we were joined by Bruce Nelson. The others headed home direct while I had a couple of days in Christchurch to have a look around the re-shaped CBD and Lyttleton and attend the Canterbury A & P Show, reputedly, the best in New Zealand – pity about the icy southerly and heavy showers. Three memories of Chch stick out; huge amount of commercial building work in progress in the CBD; dozens of cleared old building sites being used as car parks and most of the roads are quite bumpy, ok to use carefully but clear legacies of the quakes. Overall, weather in South Island for us was pretty good; not so on our rides to and from Wellington where we all struck wet, windy, challenging conditions at times. Another good trip, do it while you can.

David Coy #4412



The Bra Fence, close to the Cardrona Pub on the Crown Range between Wanaka & Arrowtown. QUESTION: How many bras? ANSWER: I counted 436, all shapes, sizes & colours .....





The Ulysses 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tree at Twizel, mid-November 2015 looking spindly and forlorn; needs some TLC



Thursday Lunch Ride to Rhubarb Café, Arapuni, 19 Nov. Stopped at Maungatautari Southern Enclosure on way there, great views over Waikato bush & farmland (left); some of the assembled bikes at Rhubarb (right). Photos: Piet Smit



## Thursday Freedom Rides

Every Thursday, in association with Whakatane Branch, there is a casual ride to a café in Waikato / Bay of Plenty for lunch. The venue is decided at the weekend before and details are circulated by email to those on the Group List. Usually about 15 – 25 arrive for lunch, and 4 – 8 riders depart from cycle track lay-by at junction of Wairere Drive & Cambridge Road, Ham East at 10am.

If you want to be on the Group List advise David Coy of your email address (either by email to: dcoy41@gmail.com or TXT to: 021 168 1413).

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## WHO'S GOT A NEW BIKE?



Early Christmas this year for Mother Goose (Marion Gosnell #8595) collecting her brand new CB500F from Honda Hamilton.

## THE NORTHERN ODYSSEY 2016

You will be given a route of approx. 1000 kms of North Island roads selected for their good riding, great scenery and points of interest along the way. This year's route starts & finishes in Taupo and goes through Hawke's Bay, East Cape and Bay of Plenty. Every hour or so, you will need to stop and find the answer to a question.

The questions can be completed anytime between Boxing Day (26 December 2015) and ANZAC Day (25 April 2016). The route can be completed as one continuous ride or several short rides.

**REGISTRATION:** \$30.00 (includes Badge and complimentary drink at start & finish).

**ENTRIES:** Accepted until 31 March 2016 – **Early Bird Registrations before 13 December 2015 qualify for complimentary drinks at start & finish.** Entries open to all, Ulysses members and non-members.

**SEND:** Your Name & Contact details (address, email, phone) either by email to: [dcoy41@gmail.com](mailto:dcoy41@gmail.com) or by post to Northern Odyssey, PO Box 5232, Frankton, Hamilton 3242.

Either enclose a cheque for \$30.00 with postal entry or make a bank transfer to Ulysses Club, Waikato Branch, Westpac Account No: 03 1555 0013109 00 – make sure sender's name is clear.

Organisers, Jim Galt & David Coy of Waikato Branch, take no responsibility for any injuries or damage that may arise from participating in this event.

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### *Branch Shirts – Run out Sale*

*Limited stock and sizes at \$30.00 each*

LADIES: One each available of sizes 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18

MENS: Medium (2), Large (4), 2XL (2), 3XL (2)

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