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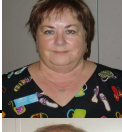


The members of the Wednesday Knotting/Knitting group.....



Christmas joy warms the heart

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Another year has just about rolled by and as usual I didn't complete everything I wanted to. Never mind there's another year starting on the 1st January.

Good numbers attending the Sunday rides and the Fish and Chip Runs on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Roger Mills has also organised an over-nighter at Okains Bay on 18-19 December. Please continue to support the Branch rides and functions that have been organised for you.

Captain Carefree was telling me the other day that he got pulled over by a

Policeman around the Kaikoura Coast for riding on the wrong side of the centre line. He didn't except the Officer's word, as he knew he hadn't been cutting the corners or riding on the wrong side of the road. The Officer then called up the spotter that was hiding back down the road to confirm the details. It turned out that Captain Carefree's bike was on the correct side of the road but his shoulders were over the centre line. He was not issued an infringement notice.

So if you're out there on your bike be very aware not to ride the centre line or cut the corners, as it is a very dangerous habit to get into (as Maureen keeps reminding me).

Our Christmas function is only a few days away (Wednesday 15 December) and 108 people have pre-purchased their meal tickets. This has given us at least \$535 worth of non-perishable grocery items that are being made up into a number of hampers that will be raffled off on the night. Your meal ticket is your lucky number.

There will also be prizes for the Best Dressed male and female (Christmas theme).

Don't forget to get your nomination form in if you want to stand for a position on the Branch committee. Nominations close at 5:00pm on Friday 14 January 2011 and the Branch AGM is being held on Wednesday 16 February at 8:15pm in the Cashmere Club.

The following positions are required to be filled on the Branch committee: Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) committee members.

I'm just finalising the dates for the combined Canterbury and South Canterbury Branch Motorcycle Mentoring training programme being held in Christchurch next year.

Our first preference is for 18 & 19 February 2011 with 8 & 9 April being our second choice. Please note that the training is being held on a Friday & Saturday.

If you're interested in being a Ulysses Club Motorcycle Mentor then please complete an application form and hand it to Bob Tanner or myself.

Bob Tanner is now taking orders for the tickets (\$10 each) in the Ulysses Club Bike raffle. The tickets can only be issued three months before the draw, so the tickets will be available at our January Social evening. Please remember that the tickets are only for Ulysses Club members and their immediate family members. The raffle will be drawn at the National AGM in Wellington on Saturday 26 March 2011.

This month's social evening will be held on Wednesday 15 December from 6:00pm at the Cashmere Club. Dinner will be served to those that have a meal ticket from approx 6:30pm.

Our first social evening for 2011 is on Wednesday 19 January and we will have two guest speakers that evening talking about their bike trip around the USA.

Finally for this year Maureen and I would like to wish everyone including our Ulyssian friends in Australia a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and please take care on the roads.

Until next month keep the shiny side up.

Mike Dew # 2415

You know when you wake and you've got the feeling in your water it's going to be a good day. Well, today was one of those and I was going to make the most of it. I guess there will come a time thought when what actually wakes me up is the feeling of water but by then I'll be spending most the day in my pyjamas, a nurse wiping spittle from my chin or maxing out in the day-room line dancing with the rest of the inmates.

I parked the VTR outside Trevor Pierce Motorcycles in Ferry Road and grabbed a collapsed cardboard box from behind the workshop area to catch the drips of chain lube before it stained their nice clean concrete.

Rachel as always, was beaming and greeted me like a long lost friend.

"Well, as you've got a ride day on Saturday and I won't be here so I was wondering..."

"You want to take a few bikes out. I've got the R6, FJR1300, FZ8N, R125 and Super Teneré, the XVS950 cruiser and an XJ6N. So take your pick."

"That one" I said, pointing to the Midnight Black MT-01.



I've always thought the MT's motor is the best looking V-twin on the market and when Rachel fired it up, it didn't disappoint. Yamaha call the MT's engine The Kodo; *'like the beat of a big drum; a vibration of the soul.'* There was a deep thump thump thump from the Titanium mufflers and a noticeable shudder as 1700cc settled into a rhythmic idle. Yamaha chose not to use a balancer when designing this motor. As I soon found out you don't need it, it's pretty damn smooth. Hell, I've ridden a number of V-twins that shake, rattle and roll but are positively agricul-

Maximum engine, minimum body is how Yamaha describe her design. And it is; it feels like you're sitting on top of the engine, that you're riding the donk because the frame, what little of it there is, is cunningly hidden. I'm 5 foot 10 on a good day. With a seat height of 825mm I can sit over the MT with both feet flat on the ground but you probably wouldn't want to be too much shorter.

Forgetting my camera and heading for home to collect it, it was a good opportunity to see what she was like negotiating the CBDs traffic.

She's a big girl but her bulk belies her agility and she was a pleasure to ride round town. Light and nimble, she coped with the stop-start and lane swapping with ease. 1st and 2nd gears were more than enough to cope with urban traffic and urban speeds. From the lights, a simple twist blew away boy racers and posers in V8's with disdain leaving them sitting there wondering what the hell just happened.



The MT-01 would be at home commuting but why would you? The hills are her playground. Riding towards Lyttelton along tunnel road I got to see what she was like with the bit between her teeth. Her 1670cc (102cu in) air cooled 4-valve OHV power plant red lines around 5½. She was pulling a meagre 2000rpm at 100km barely raising a sweat and like a good girl, she kept pulling and pulling.



Snapping a few photos in Lyttelton, I headed towards Governor's Bay.

The V-twin uses a 12-hole fuel injection system and Yamahas EXUP power valve system that increases torque further by operating a valve in the exhaust collector to increase diameter in line with the engine rpm. The V-twin develops maximum torque at 3750rpm, a little over mid range. The MT-01 inherited her Superbike specked brakes and suspension from the R1 so it was a doddle diving into the corners, through the apex then launching herself out with oodles of stump pulling torque. I kept expecting to see rooster tails of asphalt in the mirrors. The ride from Lyttelton to Governor's Bay and over the hill past the Sign of the Kiwi was a whole lot of fun but sadly I only had an hour and I had to take her back.

I found the seat comfortable. The mirrors do vibrate but still provided good vis behind and the single, multifunctional dash was easy to read and easy to select the various modes with a gloved finger.

Dressed in black, that lovely V-twin and burnished bronze headers she's an imposing beast and certainly draws the eye. I kinda think if Darth Vader were to ride a bike he'd probably choose this one. I had a lot of admiring and quite a few 'what the hell is it' stares from other motorists; and dare I say it I even got a nod from a chap astride one of Milwaukee's finest...sorry Mate, eat yer heart out!

If you're not happy with the MT's stonk in standard form, there are stage 1, 2 and 3 kits available offering up to 25% more grunt:

- Stage 1: Two [Akrapovič](#) mufflers, heat shields, and solo seat kit
- Stage 2: Full Akrapovič exhaust system, heat shields, solo seat kit, and a high performance ECU

Stage 3: As above, and a velocity stack kit, valve spring set, stronger diaphragm clutch spring, gasket kit, high compression piston kit, high performance camshaft, and high performance ECU

"Well, what do you think" asked Rachel.

"What a neat bike." It was all I could say really; because she was so easy to ride and simply fun doing so.

"So what would you like to ride next?"

"That one" I said; a kid in a candy store.

I've never ridden an R1, always wanted to but never had an opportunity. Pushing it out of the showroom I was surprised how small and light it was compared to my girl.

Hitting the starter the sound as the motor barked into life bought an instant grin. Wow! This is the new, MotoGP developed cross-plane motor; a firing sequence of 270° 180° 90° 180° and doesn't sound at all like an in-line 4 should. With standard cans it kinda sounds like V4 VFR but with the cans this girl was running it sounds like nothing else I've heard on two wheels. The R1 develops 180 horsepower at 12,500rpm and a maximum torque of 115.5Nm at 10,000rpm.

I'm not going to say much about the R1 because it's all been said before by far more qualified and experienced riders than I. Ever since her debut the R1 has set the benchmark in the Superbike world. As a layman I was about to be launched into a whole new world of my own albeit for a short a time only.

Rachel explained the D-mode selector switch. I had the choice of three engine maps; standard or 'Nana Mode', B and A, which I guess meant 'A for Angry'. I left it up to Nana until I was away from the shop because I didn't want to imitate a spastic kangaroo as I pulled away. But she was surprisingly tame and very well mannered until...

Tunnel Road was a lot shorter than I remember. The growl of those exhaust cans through the tunnel and bouncing back off the hills towards Governors Bay; was something else. It was simply awesome; gonad strangling awesome. If the MT-01 was the *Kodo*, this mother is a fire breathing dragon.

The handling, the steering...point and shoot, her brakes; what can I say; you've read the mags. Up and over the hill again and through the city and all the while the crackle, bark and burble of those GYTR exhaust cans were, well f__k me, I couldn't get enough of it.

Sitting at the lights on Moorhouse, the Brrrrp brrrrp brrrrp brrrrp from the cans had heads turning in cars to see what it was sitting beside them or just out of sight off their port quarter.

Back at Trevor Pierce I turned her off. Silence. What a machine.

"What do you think about that one" asked Rachel.

"Awesome. Unbelievably good fun." But an hour wasn't enough time. I simply wanted more time to get more familiar with her.

It doesn't matter what you ride, cruiser or tourer and I care not what you think of sports bikes; whether you're a died in the wool BEARs supporter or Japanese aficionado, I challenge you to take the R1 for a ride and then stand there with hands on heart look me in the eye tell me it wasn't fun. You won't be able to...unless of course you're the sad insipid sort who reaches a whimpering climax watching Oprah or Dr Phil.

Yes, yesterday was a great day and today as I write this I'm still smiling.

Many, many thanks to Rachel and Trevor.

Captain Carefree
#3497

Midweek Rides 2010

It's a shame really but sometimes there are only four Wednesdays in the month and we kinda get the feeling that we're missing out on a days riding. October was like that but the gods were kind to us and Canterbury was awash with geriatric motorcyclists (well about 10 anyway) on every Wednesday.

The most notable ride was on the 6th to Wainui on Banks Peninsular and is probably best summed up by this email we received from a non Ulyssian on his first excursion with the knitting circle.



Hi Bob,

I am the rider you and your group made me feel most welcome on your ride to Wainui on Wed.6th October, and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

However, while watching the Games on TV in the evening I became aware that my gold wedding ring was missing from my left hand! My wife was not impressed and I sat there mulling over the day's activities and trying to think just where I could have lost it. I remembered that just after lunch while we were sitting on the grass that the sandflies had got at me and that my ring finger was bleeding, so I licked the blood off and that at that time the ring was off my finger. Had I lost it at Shell Curletts Road when I took

off my glove? I really didn't have any idea. Then, on Wed.13th, when too busy to go on another ride (you were too) my wife opened the email and your message and pictures came up. My wife called me in to see it and while looking at the 6th photo she said "Hold on" and dashed off for the magnifying glass to scrutinise the photo of 6 of us eating our lunch on the grass and my left hand holding food. Yes, she was right - the ring showed on my finger, so it was on then, but within 30 minutes, when the sandflies had got me, it was not on, so I knew that it was lost on the grass.

It was worth the run over to Wainui to look for it, so we hopped in the car with print-offs of your photos to guide me and went to Wainui one week after our run. Using your photo I knew exactly the spot where we had been, and after about 20 mins of searching in the now much longer grass - "Eureka", I found it. All thanks to your photo, so thank you very much.

As if that wasn't good, we also were lucky enough to have Janet join us with a saddle bag full of freshly baked "Chocolate Afgans", far too good for such a motley bunch, but appreciated none the less.

The following Wednesday was a real bugger, I had some Aussie mates visiting and neither were into motorcycling so I was stuck. Not so the others though, 8 of them to be precise, went out and enjoyed themselves anyway. Seems Chas lead the way to Scargill at a rate of knots not normally associated with such a sedate group. The word must have got out however as they were joined at the lunch venue, Scargill Domain, by a local bobby who while purporting to be eating his own lunch was obviously casting a watchful eye.

Think we managed a ride every Wednesday in October and felt confident things wouldn't change in November, and they didn't. Had a magic cruise, in brilliant sunshine, over to Akaroa on November 3rd at least a dozen of us old buggers, lead by Laurie Payne and descending on Bully Hayes café in town, much to the delight of the owners. Of course as with every ride to Akaroa the ride home was even better, that road at this time of year, lack of traffic, is just fantastic.

I was away in The Bay of Islands on Wednesday the 10th so Graeme took the reins and led a fair team out to Terrace Downs, again under a clear sunny sky.

I was back again by the 17th and the vote was Okains Bay, which seemed like a really good idea at the time and even looking back it still was for most of us. However one of our number decided to adjust his suspension while we were having lunch in the camping ground and omitted to fully clip back the side panel which subsequently decided to part company with the bike on the ride over the hill to Akaroa. Thought we'd duck back to Bully Hayes place for another coffee, but nobody knew for sure if the offending panel was attached or not at that time. Either way it wasn't on arrival home so put a bit of a damper on the day.

Where to go next week the 24th was easy, back to Okains Bay and search for the missing side panel. Total retrace of our previous ride in reverse but the part had either been flattened by a car or truck, eaten by a mower or beamed up by aliens but it certainly wasn't anywhere we'd looked. Shame but "them's the breaks" and the riding was still good.

December started well with another trip out to Scargill Domain and on down to Waikari for a cuppa. Fantastic gently winding road from Scargill down through the Waikari Valley to the town itself. However some pretty serious road works north of Amberley though and we encountered fairly lengthy holdups both ways.

The 8th didn't look so good, we'd had a brilliant run of fine weather and suddenly it's overcast and pretty cool. However that didn't seem to matter 12 of us turned up at Shell Curletts for the ride down SH1 to Rakaia and inland to Methven. Seems those present had been taking this knitting thing rather seriously and each had bought his own creation to either show off to the others or to work on during lunch. Great industry during the lunch break, and then a magic ride through the Rakaia Gorge and into Hororata for coffee.

It's a shame there's not more than 1 Wednesday in every week.

Bob Tanner 2877.

2010 Magpie Madness Rally.



It's a wonderful world we live in. Born at an early age, with no knowledge or experience, no feelings or emotions and then it all begins. A continuous stream of learning and events, friendships and disasters. We make our way through everything life can throw at us, day by day, year after year, decade after ***** for a long time, but still there was something missing. It wasn't until I arrived at the Shell station, Rolleston, the sun shining, the row of dark clad figures mulling over their second coffee of the day and my trusted BMW purring like a bird that I realized this was going to be another milestone on

my journey through the cosmos.

Then reality hit. The clouds rolled in with sheets of fine rain to follow. The wet weather gear went on, as did the heated grips. Thankfully the rain stayed light with the occasional clear moment. It was what we positive characters call "refreshing".

Within an hour we were pulling over for morning tea in Tinwald, "Café Time" to be exact and what an outstanding choice. First rate pies, muffins, coffee, you name it. It was fresh as.

It wasn't long before we were back on the road for the final short leg to the Magpie Rally at Winchester. Entry to the Winchester domain was quick and



efficient. No queue or waiting around. Hand over the \$\$, pick up a badge and we make our way to the north corner of the paddock, to the magnificent Ulysses marquee. Centrally heated by a 44 gallon Environment Canterbury approved smokeless appliance and a chord of damp macrocarpa. No time to relax. It was strait into erecting our shelter for the night. Thankfully Bob and Grumpy had offered to accommodate me in their tent. It wasn't until later that other members suggested I should be cautious of such gestures. But I assure you they were unfounded (I would never admit otherwise)! The afternoon progressed around the fire, with a few cans, some lawn mower racing, a drag race of sorts, a slippery pole contest and a helmet tossing competition. Where were all the Ulyssians during all this. Not one volunteer for the slippery pole!

As darkness fell, our attention turned back to food. The locally prepared selection was first class. Roast pork, pies or fish and chips. They were all good. A collective effort from the members ensured we had a good supply of wood for the evening fire. And Maureen ensured no one pilfered our stash. (In fact, the ground was littered with those that tried)! It was a relatively early night for us oldies. The band played on and the roar of the stags faded into the night.

The morning saw a few enthusiastic early starters pack up and head home. The rest of us enjoyed the sunshine and waited for the tents to dry a little. Was that a wet T-shirt I saw drying over the tent! No one admitted to watching the wet T-shirt competition and unfortunately Mike Dew didn't put his photos on the web site. (Something about "what goes on tour – stays in the camera")!

Once we were packed up it was off for breakfast again at "Café Time" in Tinwald and a demonstration from our "tail end Charlie" on how to lose your tail end! No doubt you will hear more about this at the next Cashmere Club meeting – not to be missed.

The ride culminated in another coffee stop in Leeston.

In all, it was a very enjoyable trip, despite a bit of rain. I shall definitely join more rallies and I can thoroughly recommend it to all you other rally virgins out there.

Max Peacock #8053



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GROUP RATES QUOTED FOR *Ulysses Motor Cycle Club*

Group Booking Reference: FA5485

<u>Off Peak Fares:</u>	<u>Each Way</u>	<u>Off Peak Dates:</u>
Adult	\$39.00	26 Jan—20 April 2011
Children	\$24.00	27 April—20 October 2011
Motorcycle	\$37.00	26 October—15 December 2011
Car/Van up to 5.5 metres	\$122.00 each	
Each half metre over 5.5 metres	\$17.00	

<u>Peak Fares:</u>	<u>Each Way</u>	<u>Peak Dates:</u>
Adult	\$46.00	01-05 January 2011
Children	\$24.00	21-26 April 2011
Motorcycle	\$47.00	21-25 October 2011
Car/Van up to 5.5 metres	\$140.00 each	16-31 December 2011
Each half metre over 5.5 metres	\$22.00	

Group Booking conditions and instructions for members are:

Each reservation must be made direct with Interislander – Phone 0800 878-898

Group Desk Hours: Monday – Friday 0830-1730. Saturday 0800-noon.

- To access these rates members must quote group reference “FA5485”
- Every reservation will be given an expiry/payment date, required to be paid in full by that date
- Space is subject to availability at the time of the booking request
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Refunds—Once paid for fares are **90% refundable** if cancelled prior to check-in and non-refundable if cancelled after check-in.

Fares valid from 01 January through to 31 December 2011. Members to bring their own tie downs.

Ulysses Club Canterbury Branch 2011 AGM.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Ulysses Club of NZ Inc - Canterbury Branch will be held at 8.15pm on Wednesday 16 February 2011, at The Cashmere Club, 88 Hunter Terrace, Cashmere, Christchurch. Nominations for the positions of Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 Committee members will be accepted in writing only, and are to be in the Secretary's hands no later than 5pm Friday 14 January 2011. Nominations to be posted to:

The Secretary
Ulysses Club Canterbury Branch 2011 AGM
P.O. Box 4611
Christchurch Mail Centre
Christchurch 8140

Note—In the event of there being insufficient nominations received by the close off date, nominations may be received from the floor during the meeting before the election of officers.
Bob Tanner 2877, Secretary.

**THE ULYSSES CLUB N.Z. INC.
CANTERBURY BRANCH 2011 AGM NOMINATION FORM**

I Nominate..... Ulysses No#.....

Nomination accepted by.....Date.....

For the position of: Coordinator/Secretary/ Treasurer/Committee (**Circle one**)

Signed by proposer.....Ulysses No#.....

Seconded by.....Ulysses No#.....

Functions and Responsibilities of Committees

The function of a Branch Committee is to conduct the affairs of the Club at the place where the Branch is established as outlined in Rules.

The Branch Committee is responsible for managing matters of the Branch as the case may be within the constraints of the Rules and for the purposes of achieving the Objects of the Club as defined in the Rules.

Officer Bearers and Ordinary Members Positions

Officer bearers and ordinary members of the Branch committee shall be current financial members of the Club. No Club member shall be permitted to hold any office bearer position on the National Committee while simultaneously holding any office bearer position on a Branch Committee.

All Branch committee members

All Branch committee members shall be responsible for:

Promoting membership of the Club

Representing the diverse interests of the general membership

Attending and contributing to the meetings of the committees to which they are elected

Officer Bearers

The Office Bearers of a committee are as defined in Rule 1.2 (k) of the Rules.

President/Coordinator

The Branch President/Coordinator responsibilities are outlined in Rules.

The President/Coordinator's responsibilities shall include:

Supervising and coordinating Branch activities

Presiding over regular and special meetings of the Branch Committee

Serving as principal liaison with the other organisations

Attend the Club's Annual General Meeting, Coordinators AGM, meetings and workshops

Process all new Branch membership applications received and notify the Branch Secretary of their email addresses

Write a quarterly report for the Ulyssian and a monthly report/comments for the Branch Newsletter

Arrange for ads to be placed in the Weekend Press (Motorcycle column) advertising Branch Organised Rides & Events (Rides Coordinator to action).

Coordinate the Club's South Island Remembrance Service (Murchison first weekend in Aug)

Answer emails sent to the Canterbury@ulysses.org.nz email address

Award the Noel Simpson Trophy (at the AGM) to the most outstanding Branch member

Award the Most Improved Rider trophy (Laurie Payne) to a Branch member

Arrange for a someone to record the Speedo readings on ANZAC Day for those that what to compete for the Doug Parker Trophy (highest mileage over a twelve month period)

Appoint the Branch Sheriff & Deputy

Complete a full handover with the in coming Branch President/Coordinator

Secretary

The Secretary's responsibilities are as generally outlined in Rule 3.5 of the Rules, and as may be required by the Rules generally. The Secretary's responsibilities shall also include the following as agreed with the Branch *Coordinator*.

Ensuring the holding of the Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Calling for nominations for candidates for election to Branch committee

Arranging for a postal vote to be held if more than one nomination is received for an Office Bearers appointment or too many ordinary members. As per Rule 81.

Providing a copy of the election results to the National Secretary, following the Branch Annual General Meeting at which the election was held.

Prepare meeting agenda

Record/Minute meetings (*Branch* AGM & Committee)

Prepare draft minutes and forward to the Coordinator for checking and approving.

Email approved minutes to all Branch members on email and print off twelve copies for the social evenings.

Email out reminders for all Branch Organised Rides & Events.

Check the Branch Post Officer Box regularly and pass relevant information to the Branch Coordinator and Treasurer before the committee meetings e.g. Accounts for payment

Maintain an update to date list of all Branch members including postal and email addresses *as advised by the Branch Coordinator &/or National Administrator*.

Maintain a record of all committee and branch AGM minutes including **the** "*Financial Statement Summary*" *as compiled by the Branch Treasurer. This Summary to be recorded within the Committee Meeting Minutes as appropriate. (The Branch Treasurer to keep files of all Financial Statements).*

Complete a full hand over of duties with the incoming Secretary

Treasurer:

The Treasurer's responsibilities are as generally outlined in Rules 3.5 as may be required by the Rules generally.

The Treasurer's responsibilities shall also include preparing and presenting a Treasurer's report on financial position of the Branch to the Annual General Meeting of the Branch and a copy is to be attached to the Branch AGM minutes (the Branch Secretary will forward to the National Secretary).

The Branch Treasurer shall also provide a copy of the Branch Treasurer's annual report to the National Treasurer, following the Branch Annual General Meeting at which the report was tabled.

Maintain monthly spreadsheet of all deposits and withdrawals

Prepare monthly payments for authorisation

All money due to the Branch is collected, receipted and that all payments authorised by the Branch committee are made

Raise invoices and collect payments from Firms/Companies advertising in the Branch Newsletter

Correct account books are kept showing the financial affairs of the Branch including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Branch

Maintain a monthly up-to-date file of all Branch financials

Complete a full handover with the incoming Treasurer.

Committee members (x 5):

Attend Branch committee meetings

Takes on a roll within the committee e.g. Quartermaster, Welfare Officer, Branch Historian, Rides Coordinator, Social Director, 1000km Ride Organiser, St John Fundraiser Organiser, raffles Organiser etc.

Please note that these rolls don't have to be undertaken by a committee member.

The Branch committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Members of the committee take it in turn to host a meeting at their home.

Ulysses Club - Canterbury Branch Christmas Function

**Wednesday 15th December 2010
Cashmere Club from 6:00pm**

This year the Branch is again charging \$5 per person for the meal or you can bring along non-perishable grocery items to that value e.g. tins of baked beans, spaghetti, tin fruit, jams etc.

Please don't bring along soft drinks (coke etc) or bags of chips.

All the grocery items will be made up in to a number of hampers that will be raffled off on the night.

Maureen and Mike will be collecting the grocery items and they can be brought along to the social evenings in September, October and November or dropped off at his home before 10th December. You will be given a meal ticket in exchange for the grocery items.

Or

You can purchase your meal tickets from Maureen and they will be available at our social evenings.

Please don't leave this to the last minute, as we would like to get an indication of how many meals Brian and Raylene will be catering for by 30th November.

Your Committee thanks you for your support.



An airplane was about to crash; there were 5 passengers on board, but only 4 parachutes.

The first passenger said, "I am President Obama, the chosen one. The world needs me, I can't afford to die." So he took the first parachute and left the plane.

The second passenger, Julia Gillard, said, "I am the prime Minister of Australia and I am the smartest woman in Australian history, so Australia's people don't want me to die." She took the second parachute and jumped out of the plane.

The third passenger, John Kerry, said, "I'm a Senator, and a decorated war hero from the Army of the United States of America ." So he grabbed the parachute next to him and jumped.

The fourth passenger, ex-President George W. Bush, said to the fifth passenger, a 10-year-old schoolgirl, "I have lived a full life, and served my country the best I could. I will sacrifice my life and let you have the last parachute."

The little girl said, "That's okay, Mr. President. There's a parachute left for you. Australia 's smartest woman took my schoolbag."

Happy Birthday to our December Members!



Rex Smith
Jim Neither
Gill Richardson
Brent Howard
Michael Green
John Soper
Grant Hyde
Janet Carter
Peter Dew
Brent Howard

William Thompson
Raymond Hunton
Harold Williams
Gene Wyngaard
Phil Gannon
Christina Binnema
Terrance McConway
Bryan Scott
Debby Ahearn

ULYSSES CANTERBURY GOOSE BAY WEEKEND **Friday 25th and 26th FEBRUARY 2011**

Registration Form

All forms of transport acceptable (come by bike, car - bring your caravan, van, truck, or what-ever)

Please complete this registration form and return to Grant Lomax before
Monday the 1st February 2011, as we need to confirm catering requirements.

Registration form: (*must be completed)

*First Name:.....*Surname:

First Name:.....:Surname

*Address:

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*..... Post Code:.....

*Telephone:.....

*Email address:

Registration @ \$15 per person Total \$.....

Cabin @ \$20 per person (Be prepared to share) Total \$.....

minimum 4 people per cabin –(make up your 4)

Train-spotters Cottage @\$20 per person (sleeps 7) Total \$...FULL.....

Tent site @ \$13 per person – Powered and unpowered Total \$.....

Event Badge @ \$10 each Number required Total \$.....

Cheque Total \$.....

Please make cheques payable to: *Ulysses Canterbury Branch (Goose Bay weekend)*

**The \$15 Registration fee includes the Saturday night meal for the first 50 people registered only.
This has to be limited due to catering restrictions.**

Extra people are more than welcome to attend but they will need to provide your own meal on Saturday night.

Post this completed form with your cheque to:

Grant Lomax

Goose Bay Weekend,

PO Box 9421

Christchurch

Contact -Grant or Pauline: 03 322 8764 – 0274 472 685 or email g.lomax@xtra.co.nz

Please note:

Receipts will not be issued

If unable to attend there will be no refunds. It is your responsibility to fill your spot

If you turn up without booking (tent sites only) you are more than welcome **HOWEVER** all meals are your concern. Please bring a cheque for registration still, and pay your camping fees to the Camp Management.

FIRST IN GETS A CABIN/COTTAGE AND SUPERB MEAL ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Kaikoura Coastal Camp, Goose Bay, Kaikoura Ulysses Weekend

Date: Friday and/or Saturday nights **Friday 25 & 26th February 2011**

Departure Friday: Depart at 6.00pm sharp from the Belfast Hotel (the Peg)

or Saturday: Depart at 9.00am sharp from the Belfast Hotel (Peg)

(If any other departure times they will be announced closer to weekend)

For Canterbury riders – organise your RIC and rest stops before leaving

Saturday Afternoon: Group ride from Goose Bay, with refreshment stop, for those who wish to go

Saturday Night: Hot spit roast for those who are eligible, then music and a social chat with a drink of your choice in the camp dining area

Sunday: Make your own way home at your leisure.

There will be a \$15 per person registration fee as well as the cabin or tent site fee, which is to be prepaid to Grant Lomax. The registration fee includes the cost of the Saturday night hot spit roast meal with potatoes and vegies for the first 50 to register. (Refer Registration form below.)

Camp has:

5 x cabins which can take 4 -5 people - \$20 per person. 1 x double with single above and 1 x set of bunks includes toaster, jug and small oven. If using cabins, please organise yourselves into groups of 4 to utilize as many beds as possible in each cabin OR expect to be asked - who you can share with by Grant or Pauline.

1 x train spotters hut which sleeps 7 (already booked) so be early for the cabins

Tent sites available \$13.00pp and power site \$13.00pp

Usual camp facilities are available – toilets, showers, laundry and has a large kitchen which is reasonably well equipped with toasters, oven, pots, TV etc and has covered area with BBQ's, tables and seating where Saturday night dinner and get together will be held.

While at the camp tea/coffee/sugar and milk will be in the kitchen - provided by Ulysses.

Organise and take:

Own linen/sleeping bags – plates/utensils/cups/ drinking glass plus food for breakfasts etc as these are not provided

All registrations & bookings to: Goose Bay Weekend, PO Box 9421, Christchurch –

Contact -Grant or Pauline: 03 322 8764 – 0274 472 685 or email g.lomax@xtra.co.nz

Please book ASAP: Catering can only be provided for maximum of 50 people.

Extra people are welcome to attend but they will need to provide all of their own meals including Saturday night.

All Cabins will be held for Ulysses Members exclusively until end of January 2011 approx.

An invitation to attend this weekend in Goose Bay, Kaikoura has been extended to Nelson, Marlborough, South Canterbury and the West Coast Ulysses Members, so make your decision and book early.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at Goose Bay.

Grant (Sky) Lomax # 6851

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH
ULYSSES CLUB NEW ZEALAND

Beavertown SCOOTER RAMBLE

**\$10 per
scooter**

*Open to 50cc
and
stepthrough
Scooters & 50cc
Bikes (650
scooters are OK too)*



MARLBOROUGH BRANCH
ULYSSES CLUB NEW
ZEALAND

Early Postal
Registrations and all
enquiries to;
Jeff Champion
23 Bary Street
Blenheim 7201

Phone: (03) 577 9399
E-mail:
wjbwc@xtra.co.nz

VENUE: Moa Brewing Company,
Jacksons Rd, Blenheim

DATE: Saturday 12th February

REGISTRATIONS; from 9.30 am at Moa Brewery

START TIME; 10.30am

*Join us for a Ramble amongst the
vines in sunny Marlborough.
Scoot around the old Hawkesbury
race track and enjoy a sweet treat
along the way.*

*Bring your own lunch or
buy it at the Lunch stop.*

*Visit a bit of Marlborough history and return to the Moa Brewery
to enjoy a well deserved cold one at the end of the day.*

The Course will have 3 stops, total distance (approx) 75 kms



NB: All scooters must be roadworthy and meet legal standards for
road riding. Riders must have current driver/rider licence.

Prior to the start time, all riders will need to fill out a registration
form, pay \$10 registration fee and ensure scooters are gassed up and
ready to leave at 10.30am.

A chance to join other Canterbury Ulyssian on The "World famous Route 66" in the USA 2011

EagleRider's World famous Route 66 motorcycle tour travels the original Route 66, known as the "Mainstreet of America" or "Mother Road", is 2400 miles long from Chicago to Los Angeles, crosses three time zones and 8 States: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California.



Day 1 Chicago Illinois Day 2 Springfield Illinois Day 3 St. Louis, Missouri Day 4 Joplin, Missouri
Day 5 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Day 6 Amarillo, Texas Day 7 Santa Fe, New Mexico Day 8 Santa Fe, NM
Day 9 Gallup NM Day 10 Grand Canyon Arizona Day 11 Laughlin, Nevada Day 12 Las Vegas, Nevada
Day 13 Victorville, CA Day 14 Los Angeles, CA

Cost from only \$5865

Operates

Departs: On set departure dates: 19 May, 09 Jun, 4 Aug, 08 Sep and 30 Sep 11

Price:

\$5865.00 per person share twin (two people, one bike, one room)

\$0.00 per person for a single to share room with a friend (two people, two bikes, one room)

\$10,089.00 per person for a single (one person, one bike, one room)

** The above prices are for 19th May departure – prices may fluctuate slightly for other departures **

Includes:

Two Professional Tour Leaders

Support Vehicle equipped with spare bike, first aid kit, drinking water and additional tools

Late Model Harley-Davidson, Honda, BMW, or Triumph motorcycles (on a request basis)

3 and 4 star accommodation, Fuel and Oil, Unlimited Mileage, Eagle Rider Custom Riding Jacket

Pre-Tour Welcome Dinner, Post-Tour Farewell Dinner, Daily Breakfast

Souvenir Quality Road Book, Helmets for driver and passenger (limited)

Transportation between Eagle Rider Location and hotel (after arrangement; restrictions apply for various locations)

Daily Photos and Videos uploaded to Eagle Rider Face book page

National Parks entrance fees, Hotel Parking Fees, Discounted Activities

GPS Unit (depending on availability), One-Way Fees (if applicable), Environmental Recovery Surcharge

Sales Tax, Eagle Rider Gifts and Apparel

Excludes:

VIP Theft and Damage Walvers

Food, snacks and beverages

Tour Leader Gratuity

Airfare

Rental Requirements:

21 years of age or older

Valid motorcycle license

Minimum of one year of riding experience on heavyweight motorcycles

Major credit card

Note this is an unofficial version Details need to be verified Contact Grant Sellers # 6768 Ph981 2086 or Direct to

Rochelle Hannah-Evans at House of Travel Barnington Ltd PH 3-331-7182



Calendar of Rides Rallies and Events

Note --- unless stated below, ALL rides will leave from **Shell Curletts Road**, or from the **Belfast Hotel (usually known as The Peg)**. Sunday rides leave at **10.30am**, OR as stated below.' **Note** -- RIC = Rider in Charge TEC = Tail End Charlie

Any Time Saturday Mornings 9am-Meet at Dennys for a chat over Coffee/Tea, Breakfast - Stay as long as you want, drop in by car or bike.

Any time you eat/drink here, say you are from the local Ulysses Branch and you will earn reward points for the Club!

For a full up to date list of future rides and events go to:-

<http://www.ulysses.org.nz/canterbury/>

Date	Event	Remarks+
Sat 18 Dec	O'Kains Bay	Shell Curletts at 1000 hours see website for details (optional overnigher)
Sun 9 Jan	Greta Valley	The Peg at 1000 hours
Sat 22 Jan	Riding Skills training	0900 hours See Website for details
Sun 23 Jan	Three Gorges Ride	1000 hours at The Peg
Fri 28 to Sun 30 Jan	Woodstock Rally Hokitika West Coast	See website for details
Sat 5 Feb	Riding Skills training	0900 hours See Website for details
Wed 16 Feb	Ulysses Canterbury Branch AGM	Cashmere Club see website for details
Sat 19 Feb	Riding Skills training	0900 hours See Website for details
Sat 25 and Sun 26 Feb	Ulysses Goose Bay 2011 Weekend	See website for details
Sun 27 Feb	Chamberlains Ford	1000 hours at Shell Curletts

If not found, please
return to
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