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The Newsletter of The Canterbury Branch, Ulysses Club of NZ
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City Streets after earthquake on 22 February 2011

Our thoughts are with all who have lost either friends or homes.

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What a month it has been.

To all those who have been affected in one-way or another from the earth quakes this month, I wish you all the best in trying to get your lives back to some form of normality. I can't imagine the pain and stress that you are experiencing over this period of time, but please be assured that there are Club members out there that are prepared to offer assistance. All you have to do is ask for help.

I've also received a number of offers from Club members through out NZ and Australia offering free short-term accommodation so you can get away from Canterbury for a break. Those details have been emailed out to all the Branch members whom we have an email addresses for. The contact details for that accommodation will also be shown in the Branch newsletter for the next two months.



It's only six weeks until the St John Ambulance Run is being held on Monday 25th April (ANZAC Day). Chris and his team are putting in a lot of effort to ensure that this event runs smoothly and we raise lots of dollars for the Ashburton branch of The Order of St John.

Many thanks to Grant (Sky), Pauline and his friends for organising another very successful weekend away in Goose Bay on 25-27 Feb. The amount of work these people put in to making this weekend such a success is very much appreciated. The weekend was a great opportunity for a lot of us to unwind after the earthquake three days ago. It was also an opportunity for some to catch up on washing their laundry (no power or water at home) and it was also the first time that one member had seen any TV footage of the damage done to the CBD.

The National AGM being held in Lower Hutt in only two weeks away (25-27 Mar). A number of Branch members are heading up North the week before the AGM and I wish you all the best for your trip. Maureen and I will catch up with you all at the AGM, as we travel up on the 24th.

This month's social evening will be held on Wednesday 16th March from 7:30pm and we won't be having a guest speaker this month.

Until next month keep the shiny side up and please look after each other.

Mike # 2415

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GROUP RATES QUOTED FOR Ulysses Motor Cycle Club

Group Booking Reference: **FA5485**

Off Peak Fares:	Each Way	Off Peak Dates:
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	

Peak Fares:	Each Way	Peak Dates:
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
- Membership card is to be shown at check in - no membership car then retail fares will be charged.

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.

Top Ten Reasons Why Harley Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Afraid it will invalidate warranty.
9. Leather and studs make it too heavy to raise arm.
8. Refuse to wave to anyone whose bike is already paid for.
7. Afraid to let go of handlebars because they might vibrate off.
6. Rushing wind would blow scabs off the new tattoos.
5. Angry because just took out second mortgage to pay ACC tax on new Harley.
4. Just discovered the fine print in owner's manual and realized H-D is partially owned by Honda.
3. Can't tell if other riders are waving or just reaching to cover their ears like everyone else.
2. Remembers the last time a Harley rider waved back, he impaled his hand on spiked helmet.
1. They're too tired from spending hours polishing all that chrome to lift their arms.

Top Ten Reasons Why Suzuki Riders Don't Wave Back

10. They have not been riding long enough to know they're supposed to.
9. They're going too fast to have time enough to register the movement and respond.
8. You weren't wearing bright enough gear.
7. If they stick their arm out going that fast they'll rip it out of the socket.
6. They're too occupied with trying to get rid of their chicken strips.
5. They look way too cool with both hands on the bars or they don't want to unbalance themselves while standing on the tank.
4. Their skin tight-kevlar-ballistic-nylon-kangaroo-leather suits prevent any position other than fetal.
3. Raising an arm allows bugs into the armholes of their tank tops.
2. It's too hard to do one-handed stoppies.
1. They were too busy slipping their flip-flop back on.

Brian's 4th year Overnighter

Meeting at Rolleston BP leaving Saturday 16 April 2011 at 10.00am travelling to Geraldine, Tekapo, Twizel, Omarama through to Wahao Twin Forks Hotel just outside Waimate after travelling 430ks.

Depending on the weather we will visit Mt John, a salmon farm, ride the canal roads, ride over the Benmore Dam and see some fantastic scenery.

The theme of the ride is travel at your own pace but no one gets left behind.

Accommodation is typical relaxed country pub and cost is \$55.00 each.

For \$55 you get a bed with bedding, (shared rooms) showers and towels, an evening pub meal and a cooked breakfast.

Sunday is a short 220 ks home to Christchurch.

Booking is limited to 18 people.

If a southerly storm ride may be cancelled.

Booking is by the following:

Email schlaadt@paradise.net.nz

Or phone 981 2453

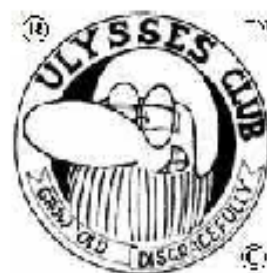
Calling all Bikers!



Life Flight

and

Marlborough Branch
Ulysses NZ Inc



RESCUE RIDE

SUNDAY 17 April 2011

ALL MOTORBIKES muster at Havelock Domain
10.30am, ride departs at 11.30am.
Destination, - Waterlea Racecourse, Blenheim

*Fundraising for Life Flight Trust,
Westpac Rescue Helicopter*

BBQ, hot & cold drinks, badges on sale
All motorbikes, scooters etc welcome
make a donation and enjoy the ride!

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Earthquake Assistance Page

NELSON—Hi Mike, I have had a couple more offers come in for accommodation for your members if they want to get a way for a few days.

Here are the people to contact;-

Rene Visser 03) 548 3900 rvisser@extra.co.nz – one bedroom with 2 single beds. Lives in city.

John Ross 03) 5419209 hotwash@xtra.co.nz - 2 double bedrooms Lives in Wakefield.

Hororata—Hi Mike & Maureen I would like to offer accommodation if needed to any Ulysses member displaced in Christchurch. We have a couple of bedrooms available if needed, while people sort themselves out. We didn't sustain any damage this time but feel for those who did. Fortunately our children were very lucky as well hence the offer. Just contact us on 03 3180885 and we will do what we can to help. All the best Jean and Richard Crawley

Accommodation in Dunedin—10A Wavy Knowes drive

Waldronville, Dunedin 9018

03 477 0748 / 021 709 604, but the cellphone is not always turned on. william@ulysses.org.nz

william@web-enz.co.nz william@old.geek.nz

CHRISTCHURCH—Hi Mike. Penny and I may have a room to spare for a fellow Ulyssian in need. J Dave. Contact Dave at dhawkins@xtra.co.nz

NELSON

Terry and Di are terryhainsworth@hotmail.com. Phone 546 6008 or 021 1105113

Also, if any of your members have a camper and want to park up on our 'landing strip' for free they are welcome. They will share a toilet and shower with us and can have absolute peace for a while.

Lorraine -eagleview@xtra.co.nz

CHRISTCHURCH—Mike Anybody needs a shower or washing done get them to call us and arrange it. Phone 3582500. Ray and Barb

Hi Mike,

Shattered to hear about the disasters... enough said.

As you are prob aware I am in Gympie, 60k from Noosa and 180 north of Brisbane.

If anyone wants/ needs a break please contact me.

I have a spare room (queen bed) and couch.... A Harley Road King, BBQ and a fridge full of beer.

I live on a golf course and the complex has a pool.

The temp is between 22 and 32... so no jumpers required.

It will only cost the airfare over and your green fees.

Take care

John Watson

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PATRIOTS DFMC 7TH POKER RUN

SAT MARCH 19TH 2011

Starting from RSA Templeton. Cnr Kirk Rd and Banks St
Registration Time 10am - Depart 11am

Cost \$25.00 per hand

1ST PRIZE \$300.00

2ND PRIZE \$150.00

... PLUS PLUS PLUS ...



**One very lucky person will get to ride
in a vintage Tiger Moth aeroplane
(And other prizes as well)**

BBQ & Patch all included in the price. Patch available after the run (postal address required) Event will be held rain hail or whatever the weather.

Tiger Moth ride will be at the last stop on the day, subject to weather conditions.

ALL BIKES WELCOME

Contact: Ron - 0274357777
secretary@patriotsmc.co.nz

Disclaimer: By participating in this event, you can not hold the Patriots DFMC responsible for any losses or damages that may occur while participating in this event.



I am going to put my bike on Trademe soon, I thought I mite see if anyone in the club is interested first, Please forward this on to the club and anyone you think could be interested.

Suzuki Bandit 2000. Reg until September and new warrant a month ago.

101000 kms, I have done 62000 kms on it in just over 2 years and loved every minute of it.

Oil and filter has been changed every 5000kms and it dose not use any between changes.

A new Z8 on the front, back will need changing soon, I will do that for the buyer if the price is right.

First reasonable offer accepted.

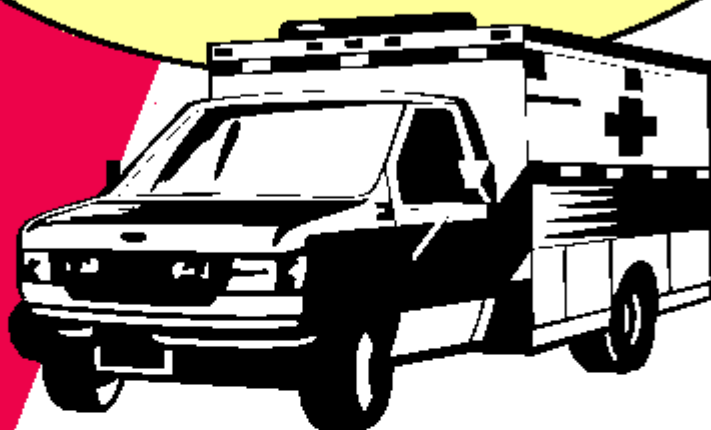
Cheers

Peter #7211



ULYSSES CANTERBURY

**Ambulance Run
2011
The Order of St John**



**Run Badges \$10.00
Sausage Sizzle & Raffles**

Monday April 25th 2011

Meet from 11am at

**South City Mall Car park
(Winchcombe Street Entrance)**



**The ride will depart at 1.00pm finishing at the
Awa-iti Domain Little River
(Northern end of township)**

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TT2000

That sound you can hear is the satisfied purr of a Tiger as it sits hunkered down in my shed recovering from the TT2000.

I spent Friday night after a wetter than wet ride, in the Trinity Court motel, downtown Dunedin, just a small block behind Mciever and Vietch, I can recommend this place, undercover off street and secure, a short walk to the Octagon. Just the place for a biker. Also over the road from the Lonestar.

The go signal for the TT2000 was given from M&V bike shop after we had been given our official event tee shirts and last minute instructions. 100 motorcycles lined up on both sides of the road at 6.00am is a pretty impressive sight. While it was not a Le mans type start, it kinda developed that way for the first riders keen to get away. The rest of us took our time with the first of our 12 compulsory photo shots, featuring the Tee shirt, the bike and the nominated background, this one being the M&V shop. Just to prove we were there.

The ride out of Dunedin along the motorway will rate as one of my motorcycling highlights, with a winding snake of 100 tailights in single file travelling at a comfortable speed with no one else on the road. By the time we got to Mosgiel the pack had broken up into smaller groups and the magic moment was gone.

The first check point was in the Catlins, the people who live next to the Niagara falls must have wondered WTF as a steady stream of bikes arrived, shuffled around to get the ideal photo shot with Tee shirt and bike and the Niagara falls sign then left again.

The pack was broken up big time at this stage so I found myself alone and riding at my own pace enjoying the ride, and the Catlins and the 2 flocks of sheep on the road and the cool morning air and the lack of traffic. I was pretty cold but had put the polyprop gloves on at the Niagara Falls stop and turned the heated grips up another notch.

Had a quick fuel stop in Invercargill, drink of water, banana and muesli bar and put my woollen jumper on as well.

One of the good things about being married to an endurance athlete, apart from her patience with me is the knowledge of endurance event nutrition I have learned. Basically it goes like this, eat little, often. Eat good stuff, avoid caffeine, tea, coffee, energy drinks. Drink water and sports drinks. If you must have chocolate leave it till later in the day when the finish line is within reach. So my health management plan was to follow these guides. More or less, it is supposed to be fun as well.

Next photo stop was at Riverton, then again at Tuatapere.

Te Anua greeted me with overpriced fuel and a pay toilet. I needed a full tank to make it into Milford Sound and back but I refused to pay a dollar for a pee. Had another quick banana and aimed for Milford. 11.30 am and making good time keeping the average speed up. Took a free pee at Knobs Flat info centre, saved a dollar. The ride to Milford was the best I have ever had, blue sky, no wind, minimal tourist traffic and stunning views, this is one of the all time great rides and should be compulsory for all good people, the dickheads can stay away. I got about $\frac{3}{4}$ way in when I met the first riders returning so was able to measure my progress against theirs. Had to wait for 10 minutes at the Hollyford tunnel for the green light and enjoyed chewing the fat with the same guys I had been seeing all morning. We all enthused about the tremendous riding conditions we were experiencing, and several comments were made about the lack of revenue collectors we had seen. I find it hard to believe the the local law was not aware of 100 motorcycles trying to accomplish 2000k in 2 days, I expected to find a cop behind every bush, but was pleasantly surprised.

Apart from time restraints, the the usual Milford Sound sand flies drove me away from the most photographed peak in the world, happy to know we had added another 100 odd photos to the list.

Topped off the tank in Te Anua again and headed east.

Pulled into Garston for a mini break, and was followed into the carpark by a busload of rugby boofheads from Winton on a stag party trip to Queenstown. They all had a pee, some in the toilet, some against the wall on the outside. Dumped their empty beer bottles into an already overflowing rubbish bin. They were going to create havoc in the tourist capitol of NZ and those who didn't spend the night in the cells were going to get back on the bus and return to Winton at dawn the next day. I find it hard to be civil to people like this and my disapproval was obvious. I must be getting old.

I ate my chocolate snickers bar at this point remembering the rules, and headed of Alexandra. my halfway point. 1000k ticked off. Checked in to my motel at 5.30pm. 11 and a half hours after kickoff. Average speed, pretty good.

While I was enjoying all that Alexandra has to offer, a large number of riders were still out there doing their own thing, because while the event is called the TT2000. There are a number of add on trips available, and riders can decide how many if any of these side trips they do. each trip is allocated a different point value depending on the distance or difficulty and the really hardy riders would cover an additional 1000 plus kilometres if they opted to do all the side trips, (clip ons).

They would earn a gold badge. But those who opted for fewer side trips earn a silver or bronze. Heros.

Sunday morning, I pushed my bike out of the motel cark park onto the road not wanting to wake up the other guests. I did use the motel towel to wipe the condensation from the seat but no one saw me ,so thats OK.

First target, Poolburn. Took a little while to get in the groove in the dark, with pockets of damp fog in the hollows and rabbits with a deathwish running backwards and forwards across the road. Score ; Tiger, 1. Rabbits nil.

No-one else about apart from a "suspicious character" with a tool box tinkering with a car outside the Omakau garage. Caught fair in my headlights as I slowed down to turn off to Poolburn and the Ida Valley. How do you take a photo of your bike, Tee shirt and the Poolburn pub in the dark with limited flash ability? The ride past the Brass Monkey site and onto the pigroot into a dawn-ing sky was pretty stirring stuff. I was hoping for a sunrise to reveal a Graham Sydney type landscape but all I got was a kinda greying and lightening of the sky. Still bloody beautiful. I have travelled this road many times before and never tire of it. Usually I am returning from the Brass Monkey and riding very conservatively, well below the speed limit, onscious of ice and grit. I figured I had built up a few credits in the legal department and took the opportunity to cash them in.

Yeeha. Never saw a soul until I reached Palmerston where the next photo stop was at the railway cafe. Convenient stopping point next to the toilet. Ran across another Tiger here. 2 up and had done 400k of clip ons the previous day and chopped out a rear tyre. They had it replace at 7pm the night before at the Suzuki shop in Alex. Big ups for the Suzuki dealer. We caught up again at the fuel stop in Oamaru and then again at the next checkpoint at the Alliance freezing works at the turn off to Kurow. We rode briskly through to Omarama where we photographed our bikes, and Tee shirts in front of the big merino sheep on the corner. Tigers rule.

We split there, each to ride our own ride over the Lindis pass and down to the Hawea turn off at Tarrus. Some riders went into Wanaka to fuel up or eat or whatever but I took a short bypass directly through Hawea and gassed up at the card operated servo on the road to Haast.

While filling up I heard 2 bikes coming the same route I had taken. I could hear them through my earplugs and helmet easy peasy. 2 women rolled in on 1200 sporty and a BMW 1200 cruiser, both with stubby straight pipes. (The bikes not the girls) I had briefly spoken to these guys at the Merino sheep. They had not done any of the add ons and had spent the previous night in Palmerston, arriving there at 10.30pm after 16 hours on the road. Their next target was the cafe at Makarora. They were using the short ride, long stop principle. Good luck ladies. I rolled out towards Haast.

Another brilliant ride, this is almost getting boring, ideal riding conditions.

Next photo, banana, muesli, sports drink stop was the outrageously priced service station at Haast.

Met a guy there who had done all of yesterday's add ons and kept riding through the night, he pitched his tent up a side road near Kurow at 5am when he fell asleep while riding. He was in zombie land while talking to me. He had decided not to do any more than get home to Christchurch today. This guy was a danger to himself when I left him. I felt guilty but he is an adult making his own choices.

Once again the West coast offered the most spectacular ride. I had a moment approaching Whataroa as I rounded a corner, and met a cop approaching from the opposite direction. Bugger! We saw each other at the same time and he hit the flashing lights. Bugger! As we flashed passed each other he waved his hand motioning the slow down signal. Yessir I said to my self and did so.

Next photo was at the Hokitiki river mouth where I ran across 3 riders I had been leapfrogging and meeting all day. As I got my camera out off the pannier I realised that the tyre puncture repair aerosol had developed a mind of its own and had spewed some of its contents around inside the pannier. Messy. Never mind, took the photo and repacked. Heard the canister give another squirt as I shoved everything back in. I wasn't too worried about it. I have had this thing for years and never needed it. Shouldn't need it now. I'll sort it out when I get home.

I had semi arranged to meet Sue on the road somewhere and travel back to Christchurch with her, I ran into her at Arthurs Pass. I was getting pretty tired by this stage and had been travelling at a good clip which requires more concentration so was glad to let her lead the way at a more casual pace.

Approaching Lake Lyndon I could see a guy standing on the other side of the road frantically waving his crash helmet. Uh-oh. We stopped to see what was happening. Fortunately there was nothing too dramatic. This guy had gotten flat tyre. No cell phone coverage here, could I give him a ride to Springfield so he could ring his mate to come and get him. But wait, I have just the thing for this. I have a aerosol canister to fix punctured tyres. Sort of. We went to the shelter thing where had pushed his bike to hide it from the road. It was one of those custom Ducati race bike Paul Smart special things, don't know how much these things are worth but I can see why he was worried about its security. Back to the flat tyre. The canister connection screwed onto the tire valve and he squeezed the trigger. White foam spewed out everywhere, just like it had inside my pannier a couple of hours before. Some of it went into the tire, and it semi-inflated, not enough to ride on though. Good try, but He climbed aboard and of we went to Springfield. 2 big boys and a load of luggage gave the Tiger a chance to show a Ducati race bike rider what it could do. It never embarrassed itself. The rider was a bit wobbly until he got used to the extra load. At Springfield, a very grateful and relieved Bernard phoned his mate and organised him to bring the trailer out to rescue him.

Sue and I rode on at a comfortable pace to the Yaldhurst Tavern for the last photo shot and check in. Arriving at 7.30 pm. 13 hours after starting this morning. I was tired and glad it was over but elated and buzzing from the experience. All my photos were downloaded and will be checked for authenticity and my badge will be posted out to me.

What have I learned from this experience?

Don't order the big pig Texas double stacker burger special at Lonestar prior to a 2000 k endurance ride, but if you do don't eat it all.

If you carry a puncture repair canister, keep it in a container of sorts inside your pannier.

Don't try to eat a banana without removing your helmet.

Book for next years TT2000 at the soonest possible opportunity.

Martin Boyle 4882

Hi to all,

I was musing in my philosophical peregrinations (my jeans were in the wash) on the truly sensual experience that is motorcycling. People often comment that sound and looks are an important factor in their bike choice, something they're sometimes a little embarrassed to admit. Personally I think how a bike looks and sounds is as important as the horsepower, the suspension and the comfort. When I walk out to the garage, open the door and look at The Beloved, the first thing that pops into my head is "damn that's a beautiful looking motorcycle". When I go to the pub or a cafe I like to park her where I can see her because she is such a stunning example of motorcycle art, and I love the sound of her when I wind her out - there is no sound that sends tingles up the spine like an angry bike.

I once heard riding a bike described as perfect dancing, and that's an analogy I can agree with. When you watch expert dancers, they share an intuitive connection where both partners know exactly what their partner is going to do, seemingly before they do it, as they respond, flow and move together with a grace that is crafted by the music. Dancing is not something I do very often (much to the relief of potential dance partners), but when I ride, my bike and I flow together in a unity that shaped by the curves and corners of the road. I don't need to dance, riding is much better.

Maybe that's why bikes are so addictive? They sound good, look good and feel amazing; there really is nothing that compares. And on that note, I have work to do so I'm outta here. Have a great day

Cheers
Robert

Ulysses #6969

Top Ten Reasons Why Gold-Wing Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Wasn't sure whether other rider was waving or making an obscene gesture.
9. Afraid might get frostbite if hand is removed from heated grip.
8. Has arthritis and the past 400 miles have made it difficult to raise arm.
7. Reflection from etched windshield momentarily blinded him.
6. The espresso machine just finished.
5. Was actually asleep when other rider waved.
4. Was in a three-way conference call with stockbroker and accessories dealer.
3. Was distracted by odd shaped blip on radar screen.
2. Was simultaneously adjusting the air suspension, seat height, programmable CD player, seat temperature, and satellite navigation system.
1. Couldn't find the "auto wave back" button on dashboard.

Occasionally, you'll see a Goldwing stopped on the roadside. There's usually a good reason.

15 reasons for a Goldwing to be stopped on the side of the road

1. The cappuccino machine needs fresh beans in the hopper.
2. His co-rider fell asleep and he hated to wake her.
3. He needed to put 10 new CDs in to the CD changer.
4. The refrigerator mounted on the trailer can't keep the ice cream frozen on hot days so he stopped to eat it.
5. He had a fax coming in on the first line, so he thought he'd better disconnect the modem from the second line in case someone was trying to reach him on the helmet phone.
6. The last big bump made the lazy boy seat come to a full upright position, so he had to stop and adjust it.
7. His tax accountant has scheduled a conference call with his portfolio manager, and he wanted to take a few notes.
8. He just crossed a time zone and he needed to reset the DVD recorder to record the right program for him to watch tonight.
9. His A/C vents were pointed too far into the wind stream to keep him cool.
10. He has a 200-mile gas tank range but a 175-mile bladder range.
11. He stopped to take the chocolate chip cookies out of the oven, but now the ice cream is all gone, so what can he eat with them?
12. He was confirming tonight's reservation at the Hilton 800 miles ahead.
13. He wanted to colour in another country on his travel map.



Happy Birthday to our March Members!

Mike Read
Bill Newton
Trevor Johns
Brian Schlaadt
John Wilson
Mark Fennell
Paul Millican
Adrian Melief
Robin Bull
Brian Ford

Bevan Weir
Lois Houston
Euan Cameron
Richard Crawley
Pam Orpwood
Ian Adams
Rosemarie Duder
Bob Tanner
Mark Lyons

Goose Bay Weekend

We planned the weekend for weeks, looking forward to a trip away from the small aftershocks we were experiencing every week. It would be good to get away and give the VMax a good long run for a change as we hadn't done many long runs since owning it after the accident that claimed our previous VMax last year. This is a newer model and runs perfectly just as it should.



However Mother Nature had a nasty shock in store in the shape of a large earthquake on 22 February, which now everyone is living with the after effects and disruptions to our lives.

Nevertheless we thought we should still go and get an even more earned break. We left under a cloudy sky and with the onset of rain had our rain gear on halfway there. I am only pillion but Santa had brought heated handgrips for my partner and so he was happy with warm hands even if his gloves were wet. I get less rain on me as I am sheltered to some extent by him in front of me.

We arrived just as the resident group were about to head out to view a classic car collection (gold coin donation). As my partner spent several years living in the Kaikoura area he enjoyed meeting some locals who were keen to showoff their classic Fords and other more exotic vehicles, most of which were in going condition and used occasionally for special occasions like high school balls, weddings etc.

We left there and cruised around for a while checking out what changes there had been since our last visit (very few) and then headed back to the camp to sort out our sleeping allotment for the night. We found we were sharing with two colleagues and warned them about our snoring championship capabilities, they were not worried however.

A few drinks later around the patio heater and it was time for the much talked about dinner – and what a spread! The choice was magnificent and there was more than enough for the whole group no matter how large the appetite. Well cooked and served piping hot despite the folk like ourselves who arrived without the promised eating equipment. Wonderful!!!!



Later we slunk off to bed and entertained ourselves getting the two sleeping bags out of their cram bags and zipped together plus undressing and climbing into the bags, all in the dark with only the aid of a cellphone light!!!

Next day dawned clear and bright with breakfast of toast and coffee. We had received a call from home warning of a flood in the house so wasted no time in getting home, only to find that our neighbours had cleaned it all up and all was well.

Thanks hugely go to Sky and Pauline for a great weekend which was just what we needed.

Carolyn Falkenberg #7210

ULYSSES CANTERBURY TRADE HELP

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NAME	SERVICE / WANTED	GEAR AVAILABLE	TRADE	CONTACT	TIME TO CONTACT
Ray Hunton	Can provide you with a 15% for cash Taxi discount		This offer is pre book only, it is NOT for when you Ulyssian swingers are leaving the night club at 1.00am	Ray direct at 021 969 873	Any reasonable time to discuss and make advance booking
Murray Hawke	can offer discount on house paints, minimum 4 litres		phone for details	(03) 381 0065 murray@prodec.co.nz (021) 272 8040	Any reasonable time
Grant Lomax	Can offer discount on Wood working machinery, from handyman to industrial.		Can offer a discount. Contact Grant for details	Contact Grant at Business contact 3436 737. mobile 0274 472 685 view machinery available on web site http://www.machines4wood.co.nz	During business hours
David Moore	Welder, general construction, chippy, painter, wood working.	For hire for your special and not so special jobs.	phone for details	027 322 5599	Any reasonable time
David Moore	Carpets, curtains, blinds, mattress cleaned	Have the special equipment	phone for a free demo	027 322 559	Any reasonable time
Working on	WOF for cars.	WOF	work in progress	to be confirmed	
I.T.S.	discount on Motorcycle, Cars & Truck tires			Pls Alan Grant on 03-366-9379	Normal business hours
Steff & Linn Grenfell	Can offer to convert 8mm and old home videos to DVD	20% discount to members			
Dick Gurney	discount on Nitrile Blue gloves \$13.50 per box 100. Latex clear \$9.50 per box 100				

3272298 evenings or 027 2218990 (most times)

Every effort has been made to get the details correct. As an advertiser if you require details corrected or updated please E Mail Brian Schlaadt

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 Mar 19	Riding Skills Training	See website for details
Sat/Sun March 19/20	Overnighter at Moana	See website for details
Sat Mar 19	Patriots 7th Poker Run	See website for details
Sun Mar 27	Port Levy for Picnic Lunch	Meet Shell Curletts Rd at 10 am to leave at 10.30am
Fri-Sun April 1-3	Rakaia Gorge over- nighter	Meet Shell Curletts Rd at 10am to leave at 10.30am
Sun Apr 10	Mt Lyford Lodge	Meet Belfast Hotel (The Peg) at 10 am to leave at 10.30 am
Sat/Sun Apr 16/17	Brian's Annual Over- nighter	See website for details
Mon April 25	Ulysses Canterbury An- nual St Johns Ride	Meet ANZAC Day at 12 noon South City Car Park— Ride to Little River

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