Sad news at the Nestle factory today.

A member of staff was seriously injured when a pallet of chocolate fell more than 50 feet and crushed him underneath.

He tried in vain to attract attention but every time he shouted "the milky bars are on me," everyone just cheered!!!

Above; Sunday ride to Nelson, - certain members show their best sides for photos—guess who?
Saturday Morning Coffee with Ulysses at the Vines Village on Rapaura Road from 10 am.

Shelly’s is open 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch and great coffee.

10% Coffee discount for Ulyssian’s

Phone 572 7170 for group bookings, Birthdays or visiting guests!
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**Coordinators Report...**

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**Ulysses Marlborough Branch has a new Welfare Person.**

Chris Donaldson #8972
30 Lawrence Street
Havelock
Ph: 03 542421
Email: donaldsons@gmail.com

We are very privileged to have a member with the experience and welfare knowledge that Chris brings to this position.

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**WEBMASTER**

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**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

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**Deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is:**

August 20th
Minutes - Committee Meeting

Minutes: July 3rd, 2014
Red Cross Hall, Redwood Street - Blenheim
Meeting started at 7:00pm

Attendees: John King, Kevin Bright, John Laing, Evan Teale, Maurice Bain, Jeff Champion, Wayne Brock.

Apologies: Kelvin Watson, Rob Pears, Jane Laing. Apologies accepted. J.K @ J.C Guests: Murray Brooks, Jo de Reeper and Ian Wilson. Welcomed by J.K.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read; J.K. moved that the minutes were a true and accurate record, W.B seconded.

Matters Arising: No matters arising.

Inwards correspondence: E.T @ K.B.
06/06/2014 Letter re Odyssey medals to be sent on to Nat Com. From John Laing.
08/06/2014 Chris Donaldson offered to become our welfare person.
09/06/2014 Reply from Natcom re service badges.
09/06/2014 News letters from Canterbury, Nelson and Far North clubs
11/06/2014 ACC levy make up.
13/06/2014 Delivery of badges from Natcom.
20/06/2014 Thank you letter from Alzheimer’s Marlborough
21/06/2014 Join the club advertisement.
27/06/2014 Reply from Natcom re Odyssey medal nomination and voting process.

Outwards correspondence: E.T @ K.B.
06/06/2014 Natcom. Letter re Odyssey medals.
08/06/2014 To Natcom ordering Service badges.
08/06/2014 To all members, looking for a welfare person.
11/06/2014 To all members. ACC make up.
28/06/2014 Letter to Megan Trilford accepting her resignation from our committee.

Treasurer’s report: J.K @ J.C.
Cheque Account $6,182.02.
Bonus Savings Account $3,168.01
Two accounts presented for payment
Natcom New Membership Robert Graham $65.00 (paid cash so need to send cheque)
Natcom Service badges $50.00

General Business:
Rides co-ordinator is pleased with the increase in members attending most Sunday rides. They would still like some R.I.C helpers.
Nelson / Marlborough Rescue Helicopter fund raiser ride. 100 badges ordered. K.B to talk to Marlborough roads and Police re traffic management. M.B to see if Carters B.B.Q is available.
Queen Charlotte relay. J.C to email membership re helpers for this event.
25th Anniversary committee. All under control. 310 members and former members to be sent invitations very soon.
Mid year dinner. Only 26 members have brought tickets so far. We may end up sharing to Taylor room As 70 plus people are needed to have the room to ourselves.

Hanmer Remembrance event. This is on the 1st, 2nd @ 3rd August. Every member is encouraged to attend this worth event. Arrange your own accommodation.

Web site upgrade, this has been approved and should be very beneficial for our club.

Bank signatures have been arranged for John King.
Join the club promotion. This has been approved subject to the fee being for one year. Also approval from Natcom re funding.

Welfare Person. Chris Donaldson offered to look after this position and his offer has been accepted.

40 Ticket raffle. This was discussed and is to carry on as a fund raiser for our club.

Ride forever courses. Natcom, ACC and some bike insurers recommend these courses. The next course is on the 26th and 27th July. Details will be emailed to members.

Questionnaire results were read out. Only 12 replies.
J.C to send out in email format for easier replies.

Gear sales. Jo de Reeper told us sales are very slow at present. No new product at this time.

Jo has also taken on organising our branch Christmas function. Idea’s were discussed. Jo has been looking at venues and this will be advised once one is found. The date for this year’s event is Sunday 14th December.

John King offered to host another Fish @ Chip evening at his house. His offer was accepted and will replace the mid month dinner on Wednesday 13th August.

Ian Wilson has done some research on the materials used on the Picton to Blenheim safety barriers. The material used to make these (cheese cutters) is dangerous to both Motor bike riders and cyclist. It also has the ability to catapult vehicles all over the road if struck in the right angle.

Ian plans a course of action to bring this to the public’s attention.

Odyssey medal voting system was also discussed. It was agreed to hold back from any action at this point as Natcom are looking into the whole system.

John declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Next meeting, Thursday 7th August. Red Cross Rooms, Redwood Street, Blenheim

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

Secretary Jeff has emailed a ‘Questionnaire’ out to all our members.

This is a Survey put together by last years Committee to find out what you, the members, want from your Ulysses Branch membership.

PLEASE complete the form as soon as possible and return it so we can collate the results and make changes where necessary.

HAVE YOUR SAY we really do want to hear what you think. If you need a hard copy—ask Jeff for one.
Quarter-Mistress Corner

Ulysses Gear - **COVER YOUR HEAD— SHADE YOUR EYES—**
*keep a spare in your top box.*
(is last years cap looking a bit faded?)

If you would like to purchase one of these caps or any other item of Ulysses Gear, check out the Gear on the Ulysses NZ website, www.ulysses.org.nz and make a note of what you want. Then get in touch with me to order. That way you don’t have to pay the freight.

Our **Marlborough Branch Polo shirts** stocks are limited;

- In stock I have: Black size 2XL x 1, White size M x 1 & White size XL x 1
- **Price is $45.00.**

I will take orders for those who want other sizes and when we get sufficient numbers I will place another order with Newman Graphics.

Jo de Reeper #6608  Jo’s contact phone # 579 1173
Jo’s email: jo.dereeper@gmail.com

**Marlborough Branch Cap with local Branch Logo.**
Unisex sizes, adjustable rear buckle to fit.
$25

**Ladies Cap;**
Black with pink piping.
’Life Begins at 40’ written on the back.
All sizes with adjustable buckle at rear.
$15

Shortest Day Ride to South Bay Kaikoura, 22 June

RIC Maurice Bain. Great turn out for a cool winters morning. On the ride today we had Gisela Schulze, Megan Lawson, Maurice Bain, Jeff Champion, Peter Beckett, Wendy Champion, Gerald Satherly, Ian Wilson, Bryce Abelen and Denise, and myself. Colin Simpson stopped by in a vehicle to have a chat while we waited for the off but he wasn’t heading south with us today.

We had a gentle southerly head wind but the road was dry and with very little traffic, it was a brilliant ride. On arrival at Kaikoura I stopped at Subway to buy some lunch and Jeff headed off to the Bakery to buy a pie. Then Gisela, Megan, Jeff and I rode to the recreation area at South Bay for our picnic lunch.

Unbeknown to us, the others had stopped at a warm café to have their lunch – possibly they chose one which served cement pills so they could harden up a bit!! (Ha Ha Ha).

The scenery at South Bay was spectacular with the surf breaking over the rocks, we found a sheltered spot in the sun to eat our lunch and enjoy the views. The ride was supposed to include a mid-winter swim, I did take my togs and put my hands in the water which actually didn’t feel all that cold, but the wind was pretty thin, no-one else was keen, and in the end even I chickened out.

Our return ride to Blenheim was hastened by a tail wind, made up for the head wind on the way down – much warmer. Seven of us stopped at Kekerengu for a tea/coffee. Megan Lawson even managed to score two cups of coffee for the price of one – how does she do that? - you’ll have to ask her.

Thanks everyone, I really enjoyed the ride today.

John Laing #5083
Welcome to new members who have joined (or rejoined) our Ulysses Branch during the past 3 months; Bill East, Jeff Atkinson, Jeff Eales and Rob Graham.

Kermit Jagger

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a $30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog explains his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager. Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about half an inch tall - bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office. She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow $30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

The bank manager takes the tiny ornament, turns it over in his hand then passes it back to her and says...

"It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone." 😎😎😎
My 9th Brass Monkey Rally

**Thursday 29 May:** Left home 11am. Nice warm ride to Christchurch, temperature at Kaikoura 23deg, lots of road works. Hit a cold southerly at Amberley about 3.30pm. Stopped the night in Christchurch, staying with family.

**Friday 30 May:** Nice fine day, rode to Timaru to stay with my cousin who owns and lives in an 1880 Cob Cottage.

**Saturday 31 May:** Good frost in the morning but it turns out to be a clear fine day. Left Timaru at 10am - heading for the Rally site. Enjoyable riding day but struck by sunstrike at the top of the Pig Route, I was also being cautious of loose grit on the road. Snow on the surrounding hills.

Arrived at the rally site about 1.30pm. Found the Ulysses campsite, Mike Dew came up and welcomed me to the rally. Met up with Christchurch Ulysses group. As I was putting up my tent, Evan Teale and John Laing approached me with a warm welcome.

A walk around the campsite followed, looking at nice bikes, talked to many people. One guy rode over Danseys Pass – which was closed because of snow. Another guy was my old work mate from the 1980’s, he has been to every Brass Monkey Rally from day one - 34 years ago! He has always stayed on site Friday and Saturday nights. He told me the temperature was minus 6.2 on the Friday night.

At the gate, a tent provides free soup and apples, I had two of each. Walking back to the tent, someone set off an orange flare inside the toilet block – orange smoke went on for some time. Then on top of another toilet block near our tent site, someone’s motorbike! – It was still there the next morning (until the owner climbed up and rode it off! – hit the ground upright and kept on riding!!).

About 5.30pm the big fire was started by using a homemade flame thrower. I hung around the fire most of the evening talking & laughing with fellow bikers. Bought a 6 pack of beer for $20 and had Lambshanks & Chips for tea -$6.00.

I’m disappointed there are no Fireworks this year but I did see many Chinese lanterns floating up into the night sky. Went to bed late, couldn’t sleep because of the loud music, even after I turned my hearing aid off! The band finally finished playing about 1.30am. Then my feet got cold so I got up and put on another pair of socks (I sleep in a -30deg sleeping bag).

**Sunday 1 June:** Up at 7am for a free cup of coffee and a $3 breakfast of Bacon, Eggs, Hash Brown and Muffin. Ate it beside the warmth of the big fire which was still burning. Overnight frost reported; minus 5.5.

Waited till 9.30am for the sun to rise and melt the frost off my tent and bike cover. Load up the bike and head off for another night in Christchurch, via the pig route.

**Monday 2 June:** After a bit more visiting I headed home to Blenheim.

Report from the Rally said that 1800 people turned up at the Rally site. Someone told me that the firewood cost them $14,000?

My Kawasaki Vulcan went well, I travelled 1558 K’s, spent $208.20 on fuel. This was my 9th Brass Monkey Rally, - I will be back next year for my 10th (and then you’ll be a member of the 10 up Club - nice one Paul! – Ed).

Paul Marks #06827
DISCOUNTED INTERISLANDER FARES

All members please take note.

Good morning
Can I please ask that you reiterate to your members that their current membership card is to be shown at check in?

We have had a couple of instances over the last couple of weeks with passengers turning up who have booked using your discount, but having no membership card, or are no longer paid up members.

As from today, if anyone turns up without their membership (card) we will be charging full retail fares.

If you have any queries please contact me.

Kind Regards
Faye Allison | Groups Manager
Interislander, a division of KiwiRail

SOUTH ISLAND REMERANCE SERVICE
HANMER SPRING 2nd Aug 2014
Hot Springs Motor Lodge

PROGRAMME

12 noon  Buffet table with tea and coffee on arrival $2.00
12.30pm  People gather, the bar may be busy
1.00pm   Move through to the room to be seated for the Memorial service
3.00pm   Tea and coffee break, everyone disperses for the afternoon $2.00
6.00pm   People start to gather back here for a casual evening of catching up
          The main conference room will be set aside for everyone to utilize at their leisure

CATERING  Is confirmed as follows:
12.30pm;  Tea and coffee available - $3.50 per person inc GST (We will subsidize this by $1.50 per person) – people will pay for this on consumption.  $2.00 COIN PLEASE.
3.00 pm;  Tea and coffee station available again with people purchasing a cup from us to fill at their leisure.  The cost will be $3.50 per person inc GST (We will subsidize this by $1.50 per person) $2.00 COIN PLEASE

Evening meal:  6pm.  I have been talking to our Head Chef about how we can cope with a large number of people dining with us on the evening and how we can make it easy for all parties to have a good meal whilst enjoying everyone’s company.  We think the best option will be to offer a two course roast buffet with dessert for people at $30.00 per person inc GST.

Tickets for this are purchased prior for this (from the raffle table when people are arriving for the memorial).  Any questions please contact me directly.——
Robert Edgeler Ulysses Canterbury Coordinator. canterbury@ulysses.org.nz

We would like as many as possible to attend the evening meal so we can all socialise together. Also we can draw the raffles at this time if all sold.
Hi everyone.

Well I attended my first Natcom meeting as your National Secretary on June 21st. The meeting was held at the Wellington Airport Conference facility and all members of Natcom travelled into Wellington for the meeting. It was our first meeting of the new National Committee and first chance for us all to get to know each other. I am very confident in our new National Committee and what we can achieve on behalf of The Ulysses Club for the forthcoming year. 

My role is developing into a large one for which I relish the work. We are a busy Committee dealing with all the issues and matters of a National Organisation.

Some items of interest, & updates from our June meeting that may be of interest to you are:

National Financial Accounts – I know that you will be pleased to hear that the new National Treasurer is under going a project to review the account structure with a view to simplifying our National Club Accounts. This will mean an easier format for understanding when reading our financial statements when printed in the Ulyssian each year.

National Committee Members to be available at Remembrance Services. As part of our commitment to be available to talk with Coordinators and branch representatives at National events, Natcom members are going to be in attendance at both Remembrance Services each year. These services are held in Hanmer & Taupo on the first & second weekends in August each year.

NZ Logo – Most Countries have a Ulysses Logo which represents their country. We are currently in the consultation phase with members to put together something for a NZ Logo. Put your thinking caps on and get your ideas into the National Committee soon.

Media matters – If you are approached by the Media for any comment regarding matters in relation to The Ulysses Club then you should not make any comment and refer them to the Branch Coordinator.

National AGM 2015 – Tauranga – Planning is well in hand for next year’s AGM in Tauranga. Hope you are all planning your next year’s motorcycle holiday around attending. For further information about this event get in touch with me and I can fill you in. Also there is information in the Ulyssian and on the National website.

Odyssey Medal & Life Membership processes – There is to be a review of the process and remits drafted for consultation at the next Coordinators Meeting (October 2014). It is expected that the 80% voting pass threshold will be reduced and that the need for abstentions to be removed for calculating the pass threshold will be removed altogether. This will allow for a more simplified voting process and I trust goes some way towards alleviating the Marlborough branches concerns on this matter. We are aware of the concerns and are attempting to address the issue as we can.

Portfolios – each Natcom member has certain portfolios alongside their role on Natcom.

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Public Liability Insurance – we have renewed our policy and added some new ones to make our cover more comprehensive. They are Public Liability, Statutory Liability & Sport Law Safe. Your Branch Coordinator will have access to these policies shortly.

Discounts – we are continuing looking at adding new offers for the membership. If you have an idea for something then let Jim Furneaux know so he can make an approach to the company and see if a deal can be negotiated.

Well that’s my report for this month. Look forward to seeing you out and about.

Cheers, Nicky #7125
Today you are the oldest you’ve ever been and the youngest you’ll ever be. Enjoy this day while it lasts.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS… Readers really appreciate your contributions—keep ‘em comin’!!
Please NOTE that the CLOSE OFF date for contributions to this newsletter is 20th of the month.

NB. Some months, space in the newsletter is limited by the time I fit in all the advertising & other regular features. Recently I have had a large article sent to me at the last minute with the demand that it MUST be printed—this isn’t on. If you know you will be sending me something that will take up a whole page (or more), please let me know earlier in the month so I can reserve space for it, otherwise it will be held over for next month.

Thanks, Jane
MEMBERS FREE NOTICE BOARD.

Buy Sell & Swap
FOR SALE
(from Murray Brooks #3161)

Good Two up ride
1998 Honda ST 1100 53000 Kms
New Tyres
Top Box K&N air filter
spare screen
good condition
Stored, - selling as is, - rego on hold
personalized plate RVAV8

CONTACT: Miles Anker;
Email; ankers.aweigh@xtra.co.nz
Phone; 5737106

FOR SALE
Yamaha Scorpio 225, 2008 model,
36,000 km, current WOF & Rego,
Excellent condition
$1995 ono

Phone Piet on (03) 572 8556 (evenings)
Piet Verbeek #8526

Mid Month Dinner
Wednesday 13 August, 6pm.

FISH & CHIP NIGHT!!

Where; At the home of John King, -
1/8 Boyce Street, Springlands, Blenheim

Cost; $8 per person

What to bring; Your own cold drinks,
NOTE: Tea & Coffee will be supplied

John needs to know numbers attending for this
evening, Please ADVISE JOHN (ph; 5786858)
before 13 August if you are going.

HELP WANTED

10 Marshalls are needed for the Queen Charlotte Relay
on 20 September.

This is something we have done to help out the
Harriers Club for many years.
We get a donation for our Club funds and you get a
pleasant afternoon out with afternoon tea at the end of
the race.
If you can help please contact our Secretary,
Jeff Champion

Interested in riding on Thursdays?

If you are interested in joining in on the
Thursday rides,
Get in touch with Murray Brooks.
Email; brookse@xtra.co.nz Ph: 570 5530

Thursday’s ‘Retreads’ Riders meet at 11am
at the
North End Railway Stn/iSite
Carpark.

2nd ANNUAL (Back to Basics)
KAITUNA RALLY
20, 21, 22nd FEBRUARY 2015

Yes folks it on again after many requests for it to
continue. We have brought it forward by almost
a month so that it doesn't clash with the annual grape
harvest and hopefully nice and hot weather.

Registration forms will be in the December
Branch newsletter.

Cheers, Murray Brooks #3161

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Travel Plans for 2014

Sorry, not biking trips, but I'm sure many of us can relate to this:
I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.
I've also never been in Cognito I hear no one recognizes you there.
I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.
I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.
I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.
I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.
Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.
One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!
I may have been in Continent, and I don't remember what country I was in at the time. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.
Life is too short for negative drama and petty things.
So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quick

Mothers Milk

This is straight from Scotland. Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was, Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk. The question was worth 70 points or none at all. One student, in particular, was hard put to think of seven advantages. However, he wrote:

1) It is perfect formula for the child.
2) It provides immunity against several diseases.
3) It is always the right temperature.
4) It is inexpensive.
5) It bonds the child to mother, and vice versa.
6) It is always available as needed.
And then the student was stuck.
Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote:
7) It comes in two attractive containers and it's high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it.

He got an A.

The Kiwi & the Aussie

A Kiwi and an Aussie go into a pastry shop.
The Aussie takes three biscuits and puts them into his pocket with such speed the baker doesn't notice.

The Aussie says to the Kiwi: "You'll never beat that!"
The Kiwi says to the Aussie: "Watch and learn!"

He says to the baker “Give me a biscuit, I'll show you a magic trick!”
The baker gives him the biscuit which the Kiwi promptly eats.
Then he says to the baker: “Give me another biscuit for my magic trick.” The baker is getting suspicious but he gives it to him. He eats this one too.
Then he says again: “Give me one more biscuit.” The baker is getting angry now but gives him one anyway. The Kiwi eats this one too. Now the baker is really mad, and yells: “Where's your famous magic trick?”
The Kiwi says: "Look in the Aussie's pocket!"

The AUditor #6607
Hi Jane
Megan Trilford asked me to forward this write up from our VCC newsletter on to you, it’s all about the sheriffs last wee trip away… Cheers Chris (De Wagt)

Hi Jane
This was put together by Chrissy and others from the VCC and published in their last newsletter. We have their permission to reprint it but should maybe put a note saying something like “reprinted (or copied) with permission of the Marlborough Vintage Car Club. Thanks very much, Megan T.#8013.

Here beginneth a Lesson….

It came to pass in the Autumn of the year of our Lord 2014 that our respected member whom we referred to in an earlier epistle as ‘he who is ancient but wise’ felt the urge to travel south. He cast his eyes over the steeds in his stable and choose the one he called ‘Ka Wa Sa Ki’ to carry him upon his journey. And Ka Wa Sa Ki did carry him safely for many hours over many leagues to the place called Oamaru. There the wise one drank fine wine, feasted and made merry with old friends.

On the eve of his departure he beheld a vision of the prophet Jim Hickey who foretold of a great storm that would ravage the land.

The wise one was not afraid as he had ridden bravely through many storms and had suffered no ill.

Upon reaching the city of Christchurch storm clouds were gathering but still he feared not and urged Ka Wa Sa Ki to speed northwards at a faster pace.

At the town where the eaters of crayfish dwell, darkness and rain descended upon him and now he gave thought to seeking shelter at the inn. His wisdom said to stop but his courage said “at home your hearth is warm and your bed is soft… press on, press on ” … And onwards he did go.

Soon rider and steed were being lashed by rain and mud and yea soil; great stones fell from the hillside around and before them. Great was their peril but Ka Wa Sa Ki’s bright eye shone forward allowing he who is wise to pick a path through the debris though their speed was reduced to that of a lame turtle.

Suddenly a log washed across their path; with a burst of speed and skill they crashed over it but the impact caused the bright eye to flicker and die and all around them was darkness and danger.

The Wise One now stumbled forward on foot pushing his steed before him. Some distance ahead a worker was toiling to clear the road and great was his fright when the wise one and Ka Wa Sa Ki appeared before him for he knew not what it was that had come upon him.

Was it man or beast? An ancient Taniwha washed from its lair by the storm or just a ball of mud blown along by the wind? His eyes and mouth sprung open, his heart raced, and his bowels rumbled.

Great was his relief when the apparition spoke saying”; am I bl- dy pleased to see you mate”.

Recovering from his fear the worker drove his large chariot slowly through the storm with the wise one riding closely behind using Ka Wa Sa Ki’s small orange light that goes wink wink blink wink to see the road between the chariot and his steed.

Terrible was the strain on his eyes but at last they came to the hamlet of Kekerango from where he could summon help. T’was the fair Maid Megan, (who sometimes rides with us) who travelled thorough the night to rescue him from his perils.

For several days after he spent many hours cleaning his riding clothes and that many more hours times twenty removing the mud and water from Ka Wa Sa Ki.

Even then his trials were not over as a pestilence came upon him and for many days he could not talk but croaked like a frog and barked like a dog. He lay prone and did partake of many potions to clear the fluids that ran from his eyes and his nose.

We take heart that he is now cured of his ailments and fit again to ride with us once more; an even more ancient and wiser one than before.

Here endeth the lesson.

Ps The lesson to be learnt from this almost true story is if you are riding a motorcycle and the voice of caution should take precedence over the voice of courage and if Jim Hickey says it will rain there’s a very strong possibility It Will Rain!

Jim Barrett #8504
26th June 2014 – Pelorus Bridge.

The Retreads direct line to the big guy upstairs seems to have withstood the latest weather bomb as Huey decided to designate today a lay day between adverse weather systems and thus allow us to enjoy yet another outing. Today’s crew included Noel D, Ray B, Tom B, Peter B, Evan T, Murray B, Lindsay L, Peter N, Malcolm H, Grant & Liz J, Lou J and yours truly. Peter U made an appearance at the iCentre minus his bike which is still in bits. He had come into town to have something done on his chainsaw. One can only assume he is having the chain bar removed so that he can attach the chainsaw motor to the back of his broken bike and thus hook the bike chain up to it to provide a means of propulsion. God forbid!!! Also in attendance but not riding today was our Branch Coordinator, John King, who wished us well for today’s ride.

After a brief pep talk from Murray we duly headed off for an uneventful ride out. He advised he had rung the Café to let them know we were coming. They informed Murray that they were low in staff as things are fairly quiet at this time of the year and service might be a bit on the slow side. Murray obviously took these comments seriously and in order to give the staff a little bit of extra time to prepare for our rabble, decided to make a grand entrance into the Café parking area as “Tail End Charlie”. He roared into the parking area on his new toy and decided to park it in a very prominent place as close to the Café as he could get. The only problem with that was he forgot the golden rule of not to hit the brake while turning the handle bars on some loose metal. The next thing both the rider & the bike were contemplating the universe from an “arse up” perspective. Normally I would not report about such mishaps; however there was such a hue & cry from everybody telling me that this could not go unnoticed & must be mentioned in dispatches, that I had no option but to bow to the wishes of the majority. Fortunately the only damage done was to Murray’s pride.

Grant and Liz J opted to park miles away from the rest of us, which prompted Tom B to question whether or not Grant had used his deodorant today. While queuing to place our lunch orders Grant related an interesting experience he had in younger days on how not to woo a member of the opposite sex. After finally plucking up the courage to ask a girl to go to a ball with him, receiving an affirmative response, and hours & hours of work by the girl’s mother making a white ball frock, he duly rocked up the girl’s house to take her to the ball on the back of his motor bike. Being forever hopeful he suggested to the young lass that it might be prudent if she hitched up her ball frock to mount the bike. Naturally the modest young thing would have none of that nonsense & so off they went with her frock “au natural”. Somewhere along the ride the obvious happened & the frock got caught in the chain, thus giving the frock an irregular black highlight to spice it up a tad. You have to give the girl credit however as she opted to continue on with Grant to the ball where presumably they danced the night away. Things came home to roost a couple of days later when Grant tried to ask her out again. It seems she had a problem with her hair which always needed washing whenever Grant rang her!!

Ray B. advised that Dutch is a tad sore after his operation but on the road to recovery which is good news. After a good feed & pleasant company it was time to depart for home.

Bob # 8033

3rd July 2014 – Flaxbourne Café, Ward

Running a bit late this morning. Had to top up with fuel and arrived at the iCentre after Lindsay’s briefing and just as everybody was starting to depart. Noel was the first cab off the rank and managed to yell out to me we were heading to Ward as he took off, so at least I knew where I was heading to. I must admit the severe frost this morning was a major contributor to my lateness. I had a humungous struggle with myself as to either stay snug as a bug between the sheets or toughen up and brave the elements. The clear blue sky & bright sunshine finally convinced me to stop being a wus and get A into G.

Today’s riders included Lindsay L, Noel D, Terry M, Thomas F, Grant J, Evan T, Peter B and me. It was good to catch up with Thomas who has been conspicuous by his absence. Apparently he has been pretty busy over the last few months and hasn’t been able to join us until now.

The ride out was uneventful but enjoyable. I was a bit cautious at first after the frost we had been subjected to, however after a few kms. I relaxed and enjoyed the ride. Even the coolness around the neck and extremities couldn’t dampen the invigoration of the ride.

Upon arrival we all placed our lunch orders and then moved out onto the balcony to enjoy the sunshine. As mentioned above Thomas has been absent for a while, but nothing has changed during his absence. He had hardly sat down before he started complaining. It seems he got rather cold feet on the ride out. Upon checking, he had no one else to blame but himself. It seems he had forgotten to zip up his boots. At least he can be grateful it wasn’t his fly!
We had all just started tucking into our lunches when Grant announced rather loudly that no one was allowed to tell Liz just what was on his plate.

Well Liz please avert your eyes for a moment while I disclose to the rest of our membership just what constitutes a good healthy lunch snack;

An extra-large plate is required to ensure an attractive and appealing presentation of:
- 3 Sausages, 6 Rashers of Bacon, 2 Hash Browns, 2 Slices of Toast, 3 Eggs and a Sole Sprig of Parsley, presumably as an apology to healthy eating. This was eventually followed by an indecently large helping of Chocolate Cake and a Triple Scoop of Ice Cream.

Please everybody, remember Mum’s the word; Grant doesn’t want Liz to hear about this.

I tried to tune into what was being discussed at the other table and must admit I may be misinterpreting what sounded like a medical discussion along the lines of somebody suffering from an unusual disease described as a case of “paraplegia of the old fella” which seems to strike one down when subjected to “frosty conditions”! Unfortunately I couldn’t ascertain just who at the other table had the misfortune to become inflicted today. I wish whoever it was a speedy recovery.

As the balcony had started to lose the sun, it was time to bid adieu to Ward & head for home after another good ride, good tucker & good company.

Bob #8033.

Letter from Alzheimers Marlborough
(after Retreads visit the Day Centre on Wither Road)

To Secretary, Ulysses Marlborough Branch

18th June 2014

Dear Geoff

I am writing to thank the Ulysses Motorcycle Club members for visiting the Alzheimers Marlborough Day Centre with their bikes for “Men’s Day” earlier this month.

What a great range of bikes! Our Clients thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to look at them and hear about the different features. Even the next day, the Clients who saw the bikes were still talking about them. It really is lovely watching their reaction to the various bikes.

We really appreciate the generosity of our community in assisting us to provide a quality Day Centre programme. Please pass our thanks on to all your members who participated in the visit.

Thank you again

Yours sincerely
Heather McClay
Office Administrator


Today’s riders included Jeff C and his granddaughter Rhianna, Brooksee, Lindsay L, Evan T (aka Extra Terrestrial or ET for short), Lou J, Tom B, Gisela, Ray B, Peter B, Grant J, Peter N, Noel D, and myself. We were later joined by Bryce Abelen who caught up with us at Picton. Peter U also fronted up, albeit in a tin top as his bike is currently undergoing major surgery. Obviously it must be costing mega bucks to fix as he was sporting copious quantities of bum fluff on his face, a sure sign he currently can’t afford to buy razor blades!!!

What started out as a sort of OK type of day turned out to be most pleasant and rather mild. Murray commented upon arrival at the Jolly Roger that there was absolutely zero wind on the ride out. I beg to differ on that comment as I had a severe attack of flatulence somewhere along the line.

The Jolly Roger has had a bit of a face lift as far as the covered seating area between the main bar & the wharf area is concerned, which makes it a very attractive area if the weather is a bit iffy. As the day just kept on getting better, we all opted to eat outdoor on the wharf area. The selection of food on offer was pretty comprehensive and for some of us it took a while to decide. Not so for Grant J. Obviously after last week’s humungous all day breakfast, he had a severe case of the guilts and went to extraordinary lengths to explain to me that irrespective of what he ordered today, I was under threat of an unmentionable surgical procedure if I reported anything other than the fact that his meal today was nothing more than a bowl of vegetable soup. I will say nothing further on this topic apart from the fact that normal people consume their soup by way of a spoon. In Grant’s case it was with a knife & ****ing fork!

Tom B has a bit of a split personality. I casually sauntered over to the table he was at after lunch to see if there was anything of note being discussed which
Retreads continued...

could be included in today’s report only to be told to “Bugger Off”. How charming!
Five minutes later he came up to me in a rather agitated state and informed me that I must report that Murray finally lost the plot today and failed to let the Jolly Roger know that we were going to descend upon them for lunch. This in turn prompted Peter N to mutter something along the lines of it’s either a case of “immaculate conception” or “immaculate degeneration”. Not quite sure if he was referring to Tom, Murray or both.
After a leisurely lunch a majority of us mounted up to head for Havelock via Queen Charlotte Drive. It’s a lovely ride provided you don’t meet too many overseas tourists, however today there was another hazard to contend with in the form of liberal doses of ice grit everywhere, which had the immediate effect of us opting to exercise a fair degree of caution, especially in areas which didn’t get much sunlight.

A leisurely coffee at the Havelock Town Café was a most enjoyable way to conclude today’s outing. Lou J & Peter B are off to USA in a week or so for a month of bike touring; lucky buggers. And Grant J informed me he and Liz are heading up to the Turoa Ski Field on Mt Ruapehu next week with their grandchildren. Grant is in for a shock, they do not sell vegetable soup at Turoa!

Ulysses Retreads Ride Thursday 17th July

After a short discussion prior to our ride we opted for today’s outing to Pelorus Bridge Cafe. A smaller turnout today with some members looking after grandchildren including Our usual scribe Bob in Christchurch.
In attendance today were Tom Brown, Lindsay Learmonth, Noel Duff, Evan Teale, Coordinator John King, Ray Beard, Gary Tyson and grandson Colby, and welcome back to Dutch after his layoff and the writer.

Prior to leaving Lou Jowers called to say goodbye before his departure this Saturday with Peter Beckett for their USA Harley motorcycle tour.

All agreed it was a lovely ride today and we agree we as retirees are very lucky to be able to enjoy our weekly rides.
Interesting too was to see 3 or 4 BOF’s from Nelson Ulysses on the road heading for their planned lunch at Ward. Got to hand it to them they are not afraid to continue doing long rides in the middle of winter.

Obviously the staff at Pelorus Cafe welcomed our arrival as things are very quiet for them at this time of the year. Even suggesting we dine inside provided we kept quiet and didn’t misbehave LOL 😊 well of course we were on our best behavior and the staff were suitably impressed. This cafe turns out incredibly good food so we all like to eyeball who buys what. Evan decided he needed a top up after his first course and returned with a lovely large piece of chocolate fudge that we all at his table decided our resident Doctor Grant (who was absent this trip due to a weeks family skiing in the North Island )would have approved of provided he could have had some.

After about an hour or so we left in our usual dribs and drabs with a leisurely ride home.

Murray #3161

ONE LINERS...

1. Only Bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out car windows.
2. Bikes don’t leak oil, they mark their territory.
3. Never ask a biker for directions if you’re in a hurry to get there.
4. Don’t ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.
5. Pie and Coffee are as important as gasoline.
6. Sometimes it takes a whole tankful of gas before you can think straight.
7. Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you’ll ride alone.

Jim Barrett #8504
Well Sunday morning dawned cold and cloudy, I was keen for the Sunday ride as I hadn’t been on a ride for a few weeks, I did put on plenty of clothes before I set off to gas up my old beemer and trundle on down to the railway station. Waiting there was Jeff Atkinson having a chat to Gill who had come to see us off he’s still waiting for his shoulder to heal after an operation before he can ride again. Soon to arrive was Ian Wilson followed by Kerry Millard a quick photo shot then new club member Robert Graeme turned up so there were five of us heading on to Ria Valley for the first stop, Kerry was heading back from here.

The remaining four of us had a good ride over the Rai then Whangamoa saddles, no frost just a little frost grit and some damp corners to keep us on our toes, also a cop hidden behind some trees. We arrived at The River café (ex Oasis) at the Millers Acre car park in Nelson right on 12 midday. It was a very pleasant lunch I had a brilliant sea food chowder then after a bit of a chat we put our gear back on and headed for home. Stopped again at Ria Valley for a final catch up and last photo shoot, with Ian giving me his best side. The others carried on home while I stopped at Havelock to see Bob Marks as he had been working on the Branch website and was about to go live with it.

I arrived home about 5pm after a brilliant winters day ride. To those who came today thanks for the company.

Cheers John #5083

### Sunday Ride; To Nelson for Lunch, 20 July.

#### Training & Education for Motorcyclists

4th or 5th October 2014

Major costs covered by ACC

Supported by The Ulysses Club of NZ Inc. (members receive a rebate)

Supported by major Motorcycle Insurance Providers (discounts on premiums)

Training providers are Andrew & Lynne Templeton from Roadsafewww.roadsafe.co.nz

We will stop on route for lunch and coffee breaks or bring your own if you wish.

Receive 8 hours of on road time with a maximum of six others for $50.00

Groups will be organised with people of similar bike styles and abilities or tell us if you want to be in a particular group with your mates.

Contact Kevin or Nicky 572 8588 with any questions or for further information.

Register with www.rideforever.co.nz

After completion of your course Ulysses Club members will receive the following rebate

$20.00 Gold & Silver Level & $10 for Bronze level.

Check the Ride Forever website to decide which Level course is best for you, or we can help you with this on the day.

24 places available for the weekend

Open to the entire motorcycle community being advertised for Ulyssian’s first

Register early.
Take a close look at this smart city mover and forget about bus timetables, taxis, unreliable pick ups from friends. Feel the freedom with a Suzuki AN125H Scooter. With a push of the electric start button this fuel-efficient four-stroke will take you around town quietly and with style. With no gearbox or clutch to worry about it’s just a case of twist and go and let the automatic transmission power you smoothly toward your destination – it’s that simple. A front disc brake and large under seat storage head up an impressive list of stand-out features, making the AN125H hard to go past.

Ulysses Members receive 10% discount on all parts & service when card presented
Looking on down the road...

Sunday Rides
Unless otherwise stated, all Sunday rides leave from south end Blenheim Railway Station car park.—check the rides calendar.

Mid Week Rides-Thursday’s-departing North end Railway Station/iSite Carpark at 11 am.

Come on your bike or in your car, it doesn’t matter, just as long as you come along and join in.
If you have an idea for a ride, get in touch with one of the Rides Coordinators.

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Further on down the road...

26 July- Marlborough Branch Ulysses, mid-year dinner.
2-3 Aug—South Island Ulysses Remembrance Service, Hanmer Springs
23 Aug—Saturday, Marlborough Branch annual Rescue Ride. 10.30am at Havelock Marina carpark.
20 Sept; - Hari Hari Rally. Theme “Gold Rush”
31 Oct—2 Nov; MATES Rally, Waimumu (near Gore), info and entry forms online at; www.matesmc.co.nz
12 Oct, Branch mystery ride with Gisela and Jeff. Cost - $5 per person, great fun with challenges along the way, afternoon tea included.
7.8 Nov; Marlborough Branch Ulysses, 25th Anniversary celebrations NB –this will replace the 2014 Beavertown Rally.
13 Dec; - Saturday—Marlborough Branch Ulysses Annual Toy Run
20—22 Feb 2015; Marlborough Branch, Kaituna Ridges, Back to Basics Rally.
10—12 April 2015; National Ulysses AGM and social get together, Tauranga.
MYSTERY RIDE!!
(Advance Notice…)

Gisela and Jeff are organising a ride with a challenge.
You will visit new and old places which you didn’t know existed.
You can go on your own, with a partner or as group.

This ride will be held on Sunday 12th October.

You will need to register 3 days before the event and pay a $5 fee per person.
The fee includes a map, pen and of course, afternoon tea.

Keep Sunday 12 October free and go for a fun ride!

NEW BRANCH WEB-SITE !!

Have a look at; www.ulysses.org.nz/marlborough

Many Thanks must go to our new Web-master Bob Marks for the massive amount of
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Soon there will also be link from the National web-site.

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