

# Wellington Ulysses



Apr/May 2012

ISSUE 70

[Wellington@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:Wellington@ulysses.org.nz) [Wellington.sec@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:Wellington.sec@ulysses.org.nz)

## COMMITTEE 2011

<b>CO-ORDINATOR:</b>	Jim Furneaux	971-2893	021-2442091	<a href="mailto:furneaux@paradise.net.nz">furneaux@paradise.net.nz</a>
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Mike Payne (Sheriff)	235-5535		<a href="mailto:mike.payne@slingshot.co.nz">mike.payne@slingshot.co.nz</a>
<b>TREASURER:</b>	John Maroulis	976-1079H	479-8451W	<a href="mailto:john@tvcook.co.nz">john@tvcook.co.nz</a>
<b>QUARTERMASTER:</b>	Sandy Payne.	235-5535.		<a href="mailto:mike.payne@slingshot.co.nz">mike.payne@slingshot.co.nz</a>
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Ken Wilson	476-8532		<a href="mailto:ken-wilson@clear.net">ken-wilson@clear.net</a>
	John(Buzz) Busby	(04)9040988	021-02338135	<a href="mailto:j.busby@clear.net.nz">j.busby@clear.net.nz</a>
	David Kerr	9725755	021769687	<a href="mailto:dkerr@clear.net.nz">dkerr@clear.net.nz</a>
<b>EDITOR</b>	Les Prescott	565-0419 (Phone and Fax)		<a href="mailto:l.prescott@xtra.co.nz">l.prescott@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>WEBSITE:</b>				<a href="http://www.ulysses.org.nz/wellington/">www.ulysses.org.nz/wellington/</a>
<b>WEBMASTER:</b>	Mark Wilkins			<a href="mailto:mark.wilkins@xtra.co.nz">mark.wilkins@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>RUNS COMMITTEE:</b>	Ken Wilson	476-8532		<a href="mailto:ken-wilson@clear.net">ken-wilson@clear.net</a>
	John Maroulis	976-1079		<a href="mailto:john@tvcook.co.nz">john@tvcook.co.nz</a>
	Steve Klaui	970-9847		<a href="mailto:klaui.dec@paradise.net.nz">klaui.dec@paradise.net.nz</a>
	Warwick Austin	233-9711		<a href="mailto:christineandwarwick@hotmail.com">christineandwarwick@hotmail.com</a>
	Colleen Furneaux	971-2893		<a href="mailto:furneaux@paradise.net.nz">furneaux@paradise.net.nz</a>
	Allan Ward	934-0500	029-9340500	<a href="mailto:allan.ward@paradise.net.nz">allan.ward@paradise.net.nz</a>
	Daryn Short	563-8561		<a href="mailto:Dazza6201@gmail.com">Dazza6201@gmail.com</a>

*Note! The comments and views in this newsletter are attributed to each respective contributor and are not necessarily the views of the committee*

## Contents:

Editors File:.....	2
Scurrilous Scribblings.....	3
Murray Mentor's Riding Tips.....	4
TSS Red Baron.....	5
Group Discounts.....	7
Rider Training.....	9
This Newsletter is sponsored by:.....	10

## **Editors File:**

John Maroulis  
Affiliated Insurance brokers Ltd  
P.O.Box 29-002 Ngaio

Ph: (04) 479-8451

Fx: (04) 479-8453

Member of: Allied Insurance Group of Brokers  
and The Insurance Brokers Association.

Picked this up in the Hutt News.

### **Become a better rider**

Workshop run by Roadsafte Ltd NZTA APPROVED only \$20.00 per rider

Advanced riders: Sunday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 10.am til 4.30

Or Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (am til 4.30

Contact: Jan Simmons Road safety coordinator

04-570-6730

027-480-7206

roadsafety@huttcity.govt.nz

Took a trip up to The 75<sup>th</sup> NZAF celebrations over the weekend, what a head ache getting there, alright for us on bikes, only 1 hour from Plimmerton to Ohakea, but however, when talking to those in tin-tops, the time varied from 5 hours from the Hutt Valley to 2 hours from Sanson!!!

The show was great! Ran into Long John Maralous on the field connecting with his past. Jono Lowe from Auckland organised the weekend for us, so there was Pete Trousdale came down from Whangamomona, DaveLowe, Graham Browne, Chris from Tauranga, Peter and Grant from New Plymouth, Tim from the Wairarapa and Grant and Bob from Wellington 11 riders in all. We road on up to Apiti and 12k up the Pohangina Valley road to Mataura Lodge. Mataura was a real surprise, really top class! Lovely surroundings, attractive roomy accommodation, and great meals with a well stocked bar and great open fire in the spacious lounge.

Riding back Sunday, the crew split for their varied destinations with Graham, Bob and I coming back down through Fielding, or that was the plan!! About 4k North of Kimbolton, Graham's back tire gave out, no, not a puncture, just worn out! A call to AA resulted in a callout - delivery charge somewhere in the range of \$700.00!! not an option! So Graham organised his son to come up with a trailer so that left Bob and I to carry on. Bob's BMW gave up at Tatum Park, some electrical problem.

Conveniently, Jason was already coming up with a trailer for Graham's Guzzie so all was well. And me? Did I ever tell you how well the V Strom goes??

Les 4161

## ***Scurrilous Scribblings***

Hi, I am writing this the weekend before the national AGM in Nelson, and as we will be away for another week riding around down there, there won't be time once we get back to get the scribbles done in time to be printed for the April meeting. There was a branch ride on today, around the bays, but I had to give it a miss in order to get a few things done around the house and garden before we go down south. Ken tells me that there were 25 or so on the ride which was good.

The previous weekend had been our Sunrise Ride to the beach at Castlepoint to see the sun come up, followed by breakfast at Wild Oats. There were 28 bikes and several with pillions on that ride, so the rides committee are doing well if we can get that sort of turnout even when it means getting up early enough for the ride to leave Brown Owl at 5am.

Around six of us turned up at the Working Mens Club for dinner with around half a dozen of the All Branches Of Ulysses Tour (ABOUT) riders. Like the AGM itself this is another opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet members from other branches.

Writing of AGMs, our branch AGM is on the night of 8<sup>th</sup> May meeting. As usual we will have a supper after the AGM, so we hope to see you there.... Nominations for branch committee will have closed on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Between the April and May meetings we have the Ambulance Run, which as usual will be on ANZAC Day. This is a national event, run by each branch, or collection of branches within a region. Wellington branch has supported the Wellington Free Ambulance for nearly 20 years with this ride. The ride itself does not often bring in a lot of cash, so the branch tops it up for a meaningful donation. Its only a couple of hours out of your day so come along. It is a great opportunity to show your thanks and support for a really great emergency service.

There won't be another newsletter before the AGM, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for their support over the last year, and give special thanks to the committee (Mike, John, Ken, Dave, Buzz), runs committee (Ken, John, Steve, Warwick, Colleen, Darryn, Allan) Mike the Sherriff, Les the Editor, Mark the webmaster and to Sandy for the gearsales and raffles. It is thanks to your time and efforts that the branch is in such good shape. Thanks team, much appreciated.

Ride safe,

Jimbo

## ***Murray Mentor's Riding Tips***

If you have any comments or questions for Murray Mentor, please forward them via Uncle Les (l.prescott@xtra.co.nz ) or Uncle Jim (furneaux@paradise.net.nz )

QUICK TIPS: Ten Things Motorcyclists should consider that 'All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles'... but have they considered it?!

1. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognise" a motorcycle; they ignore it (usually unintentionally). They should look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection....but have they seen you!!
2. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks....have they seen you and are they going to give way?...be prepared to give them room!!
3. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections....have they seen you filtering?...are they going to take that gap in the traffic?...how is your positioning behind the car you are following?
4. Because of its small size a motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is. Don't assume all motorcyclists are speed demons....Good news...If they've seen us and think we're fast, they should give way then?
5. Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning....how close is that cage behind you?...Do you need to tap the brakes anyway?
6. Turn signals on a motorcycle are usually not self-cancelling, thus some riders, (especially beginners...& MurrayM) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real....Does that car at the next intersection, or coming the other way, think you're turning?
7. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimise the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them....What does that cage driver think you're up to?
8. Manoeuvrability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way....Space is your friend...give yourself lots!
9. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes it difficult to stop quickly. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime." ...,Space is your friend but how close is the cage behind you?
10. When a motorcycle is in motion, don't think of it as motorcycle; think of it as a person....Ooohhh, that's nice!

Prepare for the worst and hope for the best! Space is your friend...use it to give yourself room and promote your visibility.

## **TSS Red Baron**

TSS Red Baron of Alicetown has recently taken up the Suzuki Agency. This along with the tasty KTM brand, and a line up of Spiders, plus a great choice of pre-loved machines gives them a choice of over 140 machines on the show room floor.

A Message from Stuart.

1. We now are Wellingtons largest Motorcycle shop
2. We have the largest range of parts and accessories
3. And the largest range of tires in Wellington
4. Parts and accessories now open SUNDAYS 9a.m. - 4p.m.
5. SUZUKI - KTM - HYOSUNG - SPYDER
6. Boulevard Cruiser rides every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 9 a.m. from the shop



Hey you Gravel grovelers! KTM time! Rearing to go!



A sample of what's on offer at your Local Suzuki Emporium.



Tires for Africa!! You won't be lacking for choice here, there's a tire for everyone amongst this lot!



Wall to wall Helmets, and this is only one rack! There are more! A great range of off- road and Road riding Helmets in fact all wearing apparel both off-road and cruising

can be found on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor entirely devoted to Motor-Cycle accessories.  
Where are we?  
421 Cuba St Alicetown right next to the over-bridge in Alicetown Lower Hutt.

TSS Red Baron Phone 04-569-3989

And don't forget Ullyssians, present your membership card for discounts on workshop, Parts and accessories.

## **Group Discounts**



# **interislander**

NGĀ WAKA · NEW ZEALAND'S FERRIES

### GROUP RATES QUOTED FOR Ulysses Motor Cycle Club

Group Booking Reference: FA5485

The below rates are based on return travel, prices to date, inclusive of GST and subject to availability.

Off Peak Fares:	Each Way
Adult	\$41.00
Children	\$25.00
Motorcycle	\$37.00
Car/Van up to 5.5 metres	\$124.00 each
Each half metre over 5.5 metres	\$17.00

Off Peak Dates:  
01 - 09 February 2012  
13 February - 04 April 2012  
11 April - 15 December 2012

Peak Fares:	Each Way
Adult	\$48.00
Children	\$25.00
Motorcycle	\$47.00
Car/Van up to 5.5 metres	\$142.00 each
Each half metre over 5.5 metres	\$22.00

Peak Dates:  
16 -21 December 2011  
13 - 31 January 2012  
10-12 February 2012  
05-10 April 2012

Super Peak	
Adult	\$62.00
Children	\$39.00

Motorcycle	\$54.00
Car/Van up to 5.5 metres	\$142.00 each
Each half metre over 5.5 metres	\$30.00

Super Peak Dates:  
22 December 2011 - 12 January 2012

Group Booking conditions and instructions for members are:

- Each reservation must be made direct with Interislander -
- Logging onto: <http://www.interislander.co.nz/Booking/Group-Bookings.aspx>  
Putting FA5485 into group code box or  
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
- 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 16 December 2011 through to 30 June 2012
- Members to bring their own tie downs.



# RIDER TRAINING



## LEARN HOW TO BE A BETTER RIDER

Register for a motorbike or scooter training course and learn some helpful tips to stay safe on your bike. One of the best ways to avoid crashes is to develop your riding skills. So, the more experience you have, the better rider you'll be.

- > **BEGINNER:** For those just starting out. Learn some basic techniques and get practical riding lessons.
- > **REFRESHER:** For those advanced riders wanting a tune up. This is a chance to brush up on your skills and fill any gaps in your knowledge.

### PLACES ARE LIMITED, SO TO ENROL OR FIND OUT MORE CONTACT:

Kapiti	Jane Pearson	(04) 296 4854	027 555 5854
Lower Hutt	Jan Simmons	(04) 570 6730	027 480 7206
Porirua	Mark Kairua	(04) 237 1493	027 530 3378
Upper Hutt	Joanne Kinnaird	(04) 527 2169	027 554 1188
Wairarapa	Ruth Locker	(06) 377 1379	
Wellington	Anna Blomquist	(04) 803 8635	021 227 8635



**scooter survival**  
www.scootersurvival.co.nz



*This Newsletter is sponsored by:*

“THE COLOUR GUY”  
42 PHARAZYN STREET  
LOWER HUTT

PHONE 570-0355  
[www.colourguy.co.nz](http://www.colourguy.co.nz)

For all your printing needs  
Prompt service  
Quality finish