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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to this month's issue of July 2009. We have had a busy month in June and I am sure we have endured our activities with a smile. We are certainly a group of social butterflies.

It would be great if we could have some interesting topics for the newsletter. Any thing of interest would help give the newsletter some variety. You can email me which is on the contact list and newsletter as long as it is not in PDF.

Also I thought I will be asking other members to contribute to the ride reports. This does not need to be lengthy but enough to give others the aspect of the ride and any thing of interest which may have happened on the ride. This way the newsletter will become our newsletter with members contributing. Photos are usually taken care of by either Gadget or myself so there is no worries in that area.

I am looking forward to seeing some interesting reading starting from next month. Your support in this area will be most appreciated.

Vibes



GONNA BE A BEAR

In this life I'm a woman. In my next life, I'd like to come back as a bear. When you're a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.

Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that too.

When you're a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute, cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you're mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you're a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Yup, gonna be a bear!

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another month has past and the end of another financial year, so as we start to get our taxes in order and hopefully we get something back to spend on our bikes. We have to wonder where we are going to be in another 12 months they say we avoided the recession but that's anyone's guess and the politicians don't want to admit to anything.

It has been a mixed financial year with interest rates going down fuel cost going up and rego going up it all means that more and more people are turning to riding bikes we as the older generation riders have to worry about young people on bikes and what they are doing to themselves they seem to think there indestructible.

Well enough of that the month of June where to start.

Around the World Dinner at my place ended up a fun night we had French, Italian, Indian, Mexican, New Zealand, Irish and English food to feast on, I have never eaten so much international food in one night, we even played some international games thanks to Vibes.

The following day a few of us set of to go and find Bikers Dream which turned out to be an oasis in the middle of nowhere but I was blown away by the place and cant wait for the Christmas in July party there.

Holler and my self will be heading out there on Friday the 17th of July so if you want to get up there early we will let you know when we will be leaving when we get closer to the date.

The cost will be \$15.00 per head for dinner and breakfast plus camping at \$11.00 per person per night.

This promises to be a top weekend and we will play the memorable stealing secret Santa. more details are in the flyer. Vibes and myself attended Brisbane's monthly meeting to invite them along to our Christmas in July party and we seem to have raised some interest so hopefully we will see some of them there.

Vibes is also coming up with some games to play so be ready for anything. Gringo his son and myself with Jade on board braved the conditions to go on the Ride for Daniel run it was a day to remember not just for the ride but for all the rain as well, I have asked Jade to write a summary of the ride for you all to read this is her first time on a run with Ulysses and to such an event but despite the rain she had a blast.

Next month we have the Nimbin run on the 5th and the Christmas in July party so I hope to see you all there.

Gadget

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BRIAN'S FIRST LEAD RIDE



At the beginning of the month a ride had been organized instead of the Kin Kin Ride which was cancelled because of the busy schedule of the month.

Two riders turned up one being Vibes who was tail end charlie and Brian who was lead rider.

We rode out to Beaudesert but turned off at Cedar Creek Road which led through the local farming area and stud farms.

We stopped for a top of fuel at Beaudesert and headed to Darlington Park which was rather busy full of campers for the long week end. We met up with four other Ulyssians who were there for the weekend and chatted over morning tea. They might be coming on one of our rides to check us out.

After that we ventured further and criss crossed over to Lions Road which brought us out at Rathdowny. We stopped at the pub for lunch which was a typical country pub with a great atmosphere. We were not alone as the BMW bike group was there I would say they had 20 riders.

I was fascinated by the amount of armor these guys and girls were wearing. It made me feel a little undressed with no armor on same for Brain.

They wear dressed for what ever may come their way from either above or below.

After lunch we headed for Mount Barney. It was a road which I had not been on before it was narrow and weaved through the valley the views were spectacular. This brought us onto the road which lead us back to Boonah.

We topped up with fuel and while we were there the BMW ride caught up with us. Not sure what happened there as they left some time before us and we were ahead of them at Boonah. Must have had something with the riding ability of Brian and myself. LOL on our 250's.

It was a great day Brian did well as ride leader though he did get some X's for some little things but lots of ticks for effort and variety.

We did take turns to lead to break up the ride. It was nearly 5.30 by the time I hit the hot shower we clocked up nearly 300 kms for the day and to top it off we did not get wet for the whole day.

Well done Brian and looking forward to the next ride.

Vibes

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WORLD THEME DINNER

Our dinner which was held on the 13th June was a success in its own right. We had eleven people participate on the night. It was good to see people get into the theme of the dinner.

We had the mafia and Italian chef who were Jamie and Kaylene. Mexican Rob and Liz the French pastry chef wearing apron armed with the tools of the trade in the pockets.

Vibes was an Indian dressed in traditional dress. Though she had her thermals on with ugg boots to keep warm.

Cathy and Michael were Kiwi's dressed in the winter woolies. Cathy brought along her light up glass which was great until it decided to stop part was through the night so much for her \$2 investment.

Les was from Ireland and Bob cat was an Aussie

Todd and his girlfriend joined us which was good. They seemed to enjoy the company of the group and joined in with the games.

The food varied Mexican dips. French pastries and breads. Lasagna, garlic bread and casserole with dumplings. Leek and potato soup and Butter chicken.

Finished off by cheese cake and custard tart.

We had games organized by Vibes in the theme of the party which had the thinking caps on. We had a lot of fun on the night. The fire kept us warm. There was great company on the night even though the evening was a bit on the cool side.

Conversation was very topical from the amount of speeding fines. Bikes and ladies on sports bikes showing part of their anatomy and lots more which escapes my memory now.

So thanks to those who came to the dinner. Looking forward to the next social event.

Please see photos on the next page.

Vibes

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WORLD THEME DINNER



ROB AND LIZ

KAYLENE
CHILLING OUT



CATHY AND MICHAEL
LOOKING COSY



CATHY ON THE BLONK



LES LOOKING SERIOUS

JAMIE
LOOKING
LIKE A
IRANIAN



SUE, ROB, MICHAEL AND JAMIE



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MOTORBIKE MOVIE MARATHON

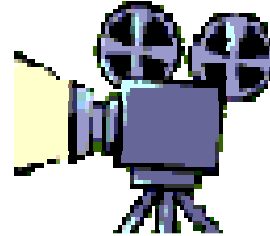
Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of *Easy Rider* with a showcase of three classic motorbike films...

THE WILD ONE (1953) (PG) (75 min)

Two rival motorcycle gangs terrorise a small town after one of their leaders is thrown in jail.

Starring Marlon Brando.

Screens 6.00pm



EASY RIDER (1969) (M) (90 min)

Two counter-culture bikers travel from Los Angeles to New Orleans in search of the *real America*.

Starring Dennis Hopper, Peter Fonda and Jack Nicholson. With a soundtrack of psychedelic '60s classics.

Screens 7.30pm

STONE (1974) (R18+) (100 min)

Members of the Grave Diggers Motorcycle Club are being knocked off one by one - and someone needs to find out why!

This film is Australia's answer to *Easy Rider*.

Screens 9.15pm

Metro Arts Studio, 109 Edward St, Brisbane

(next to The Victory hotel)

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2009

TICKETS – Single film \$10.00 / Two films \$13.00 / Day Pass \$16.00

With licensed bar - a donation will be made to Endeavour Foundation

Minors are permitted for 6pm and 7.30pm sessions if accompanied by an adult

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For full details regarding upcoming events, visit www.kristianfletcher.com

THE SUN MAY NOT WARM YOUR BODY NOW, THE RAIN MAY NOT GENTLY KISS
YOUR FACE. THE SUN MAY RISE IN ALL ITS GLORY AND SET IN A BLAZE OF
OF MANY COLOURS

BUT NOTHING WILL REPLACE THE MUSIC AND THE LOVE YOU SHARED WITH THE
WORLD. YOU WERE A UNIQUE PERSON IN YOUR OWN RIGHT.

YOU WILL BE MISSED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

MICHAEL JACKSON

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Once again the Logan City Branch is holding its World famous Christmas in July party. The details are given below

- Date** 18th and 19th of July
- Location** Goomburra Valley Campground (Old Bikers Dream)
2013 Inverramsay Road
Goomburra, 4362
- Cost** \$27.00 for a two course dinner and breakfast. BYO Alcohol
- Park Fees** Arrange your own park fees at the park reception on arrival. The fees are very reasonable being \$11 per night per person for camping, \$17.00 per person per night for the bunkhouse, and day visitors at \$2.50 per person
- Time** The gates are open from 0800 hrs to 1900 hrs daily, outside these times by arrangement only
Saturday night meal will start at 1830 hours
- Payment** All payment to be made by CoB Friday the 10th of July into Logan City Branch Westpac account, BSB 034 264, Account No. 167926. Please put your name and some description of the event. e.g. Joe Banker Xmas Alternatively cheques or postal notes to the secretary Mr. I.J. Clark, 5 Alberton Court Eight Mile Plains, Qld, 4113, by 10th July, again with details of Secret Santa
- Secret Santa**
All attendees are requested to bring a present to a maximum value of \$10. We will be running a "thieving" secret Santa this year, so if you do not bring a present, you will not be eligible to play.

Please Note

No dogs, bitch's, or other animals. No bad attitudes.
Ice, firewood, hot/cold shower, flushing toilets, powered sites available

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DANIEL MORCOMBE RIDE

MY FIRST ENCOUNTER ON A RIDE WITH ULYSSES



My name is Jade I'm sixteen years old and my good friend who I call my father is Gadget. The ride started off with a sunny sky as we made our way to McDonald's at Woodridge to only find out that we were left by ourselves for the ride to the BP garage at Caboolture. There we met up with Gringo and his son. As we waited around to get on with the rest of ride a car hit the side of a bike in the car park therefore knocking it over. Everyone was in a panic to find the owner and tell him of the bad news. A few small showers passed over us, but we were yet to find out we were only going to pass straight through them again anyway. We put our helmets ,gloves and jackets on and we were ready to rumble. The ride to the big pineapple was pleasant and comfortable from my seat. anyway. With more and more showers and some a little bigger than the others we got a little wet but the experience was too good to complain about. As we rolled into the parking lot at the big pineapple we saw an easy 2000 bikes ahead of us. We were showed to the spot we had to park up the bike and wait around to get going. Gadget registered the bike as I stood behind him complaining about my incredible cold feet. The first group was on the go, up the road and then out of sight. Out of the blue a lady pops from the car park next to us. " A guy over there , I think he is having a heart attack" Gadget and I stood there in amazement . The four of us stood chatting to a guy from Fraser coast and his daughter, the wait was so long it was ridiculous. A few tiny showers passed over our heads and then we heard someone had fallen off their bike during the ride, which time, the next group was off. We stood there getting some stuff together, getting anxious to go but no co ordination by the officials was horrendously bad. My feet were getting sore as there was no where to sit because of the wet ground. We were casually waiting around, a cloud was rolling in, and we didn't think anything of it until we were suddenly completely drenched. We got ready to go on our journey, as we sat on the bikes waiting to leave sitting in the pour rain. Yes we were leaving. We rode far down the road until we hit Nambour and then Yandina, Even though it pouring people still stood on the side of the road to greet us as we rode past. We came to highway still pouring but yet not as much traffic as I expected . We came to a quick stop as a small amount of traffic built up under the next overpass. The traffic started to ease and as we passed the problem we yet again saw a Harley on the side of the road. We picked up speed and instead of stopping at the Edumunga pub we kept going because it was too wet to stand around. Gadget , myself Gringo and his son went to get a feed from the BP yet again. We decided to put our wet weather gear on despite the fact we were already wet. We got gear on before it started hammering down. We got going and the ride was comfortable now that we had our wet weather gear on. I kind of looked like a black balloon. We had a very delightful ride home. We got on to the gateway bridge and said goodbye to Gringo and his son.

On coming home I was just pleased to get rid of the wet clothes and hop into my pyjamas. Overall the ride was a wonderful experience and I would love to do it again.

Jade

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FERNVALE BRISBANE BRANCH RIDE COMBO

Our wonderous day of delightful events started off at yet again Woodridge Mc Donald's. We met up with Rowdy, Keith and Sue. We had a short but delicious breakfast consisting of hash browns and coffee. As it was coming on to 7.30am we left the Mc Donald's and set off on a day of adventures.

First Stop was Mc Donald's at Goodna, there we met up with the Brisbane Branch and along with that our other colleagues Brian and Bobcat. By the time the Brisbane Branch got there we had gone around the block looking for them. We left in a snake of 25 bikes up the highway, until we hit Fernvale. A slow but steady ride into the markets and a park up. We looked around for about an hour, Jamie was yet again being a stick in the mud and wouldn't let me get a kitten or a chicken. Everyone was gearing up to leave, Jamie and I were ride leaders, don't know how that happen. A fast and long ride to Linvale and then out of the blue a Black 4WD stopped dead in front of us without warning, stupid 4WDers. We arrived at the Pub for a \$5 feed, a damn good one at that. We didn't think we gave the pub enough time to prepare, they thought they didn't have enough food. But everyone got a feed and we were soon on the road again. Most of us went our separate ways. Sue, Rowdy and Brian came with us for a beautiful scenic tour around Somerset Dam. Then all the way through to Mt Glorious, it was so cold once we got up the top. My fingertips were nearly purple. Then we came to a Coffee Shop on Mt Nebo but it was shut so we kept going until we hit a service station in The Gap. From there we set home for a sleep. Though the city and onto the highway. When we arrived home Jamie and I were so pleased that it didn't rain like last weekend. But overall another great day with Ulysses, so pleased they had me along for the ride.

JADE

You are welcome any time

Vibes



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NEVER KNEW THIS BEFORE

I wonder how many other people know about this?

A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car. A resident of Woollongong. N.S.W. she was traveling between Woollongong and Sydney. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydroplane and flew into the air.

She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence. When she explained to the policemen what had happened, he told her something that every driver should know. **NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON.**

She had thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. But the policeman told her that if the cruise control is on and your car begins to hydroplane .. When your tyres lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed and you will take off like an airplane. She told the policemen that was exactly what had occurred.

The policeman estimated her car was actually traveling through the air at 10 to 15 kms per hour faster than the speed set on the cruise control.

The policeman said this warning should be listed on the drivers seat sunvisor. **NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY.** Along with the airbag warning. We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed– but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the road is dry.

The only person the accident victim found, who knew this (besides the policeman.) was a man who had had a similar accident, , totaled his car and sustained severe injuries

I wonder if this applies to bikes which have cruise control I could see the same thing happening with worse results.

Thank you Carolyn for this information

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TINNY RALLY 7/8/9

AUGUST 2009

For Motorcyclists

10 year anniversary !!!!

At Tingoorra 22kms north of Kingaroy

All proceeds to local charities. Catered and licensed

Usual gymkhana & trophies. Shaded campsites

Firewood provided – Great social rally

Camping from Friday morning

Admission \$15 includes badge

Organisers Two Dogs & Maneater (07) 41641224

Glasshouse Mt Poker Run

\$10:00
per
Player



8am
BP
North
Leave
9am

Sunday 5th July 2009

Prizers: Best Hand \$250:00

Worst Hand \$100:00

*Hard Luck Story for the Day
\$50:00*

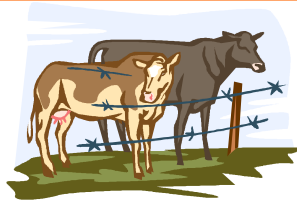
Come and join in the fun and good company, expect to be back at the Glasshouse Mts Club House at Approx 4 to 4:30pm where prizers will be handed out.

Contact : Drums - Home 38690356. Mob: 0438690354

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GOOD JOKE PAGE

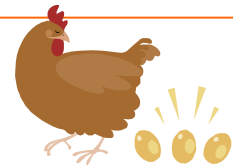


A young boy comes down for breakfast. Since they live on the farm, his mother asks if he has done his chores.

“Not Yet,” said the boy.

His mother tells him no breakfast until he does his chores.

Well, he’s a little ticked off so when he feeds the chickens, he



kicks the chicken.

When he feeds the cows, he kicks a cow.

When he feeds the pigs, he kicks the a pig.

He goes back in for breakfast and his mother gives him a bowl of cereal.

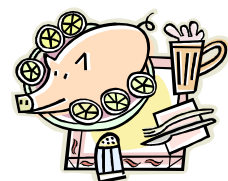
“ How come I don’t get eggs and bacon, and why don’t I have any milk in my cereal?” he asks.

“Well,” his mother says, “I saw you kick the chicken, so you don’t get any eggs for a week. I saw you kick the pig, so you don’t get any pork or bacon for week either.

I saw you kick the cow so for a week you aren’t getting any milk.”

Just then his father comes down for breakfast and kicks the cat halfway across the kitchen.

The little boy looks up at his mother with a smile, and says, “ You gonna tell him or should I?”



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Ride Etiquette

Ride Leaders

1. Before leaving, advise riders of the destination and where designated stops are to be.
2. Be aware that you are leading a convoy of many bikes and stay in one lane as much as possible.
3. Minimise lane changes
4. When at rest stops, give 10 minutes notice of leaving to riders.

Riders

1. Keep at least 2 bikes in view of your mirrors
2. Notify tail end Charlie if you are leaving the ride
3. NO overtaking on corners/ bends
4. Bikes to be fully fuelled before start of ride
5. Remember – Always ride safety and within the law

Ride Leaders are advised to restrict their pre-ride instructions to the job specification

i.e. timings, directions, distance, coffee or lunch stops etc. Any further advice would be outside the limit of a ride leader's authority and should not include advising members on how they should ride their bikes.

There is a statutory requirement that each rider be licensed to operate a motorcycle

and do so in accordance with the rules of the road and in a safe manner. This would imply that a rider must rely on his/her own abilities and senses, under all conditions and not rely on the comments and judgement of others, such as a ride leader.



RIDE CALANDER

JULY

5th Nimbin
10/12th Cooloo Rally
17/19th Christmas In July
18th Merlo Coffee Blood Run
19th Laverda Concourse

AUGUST

2nd Clarrie Hall Dam
8th Brisbane Trivia Night
16th Sue's Breakfast
22nd/23rd Jandowae Bowls
30th Samford