



TUESDAY NIGHT NOTES

21st April 2009



Well, what a huge turnout tonight, thanks to all the “Rumble To The Top(pers)”! They certainly boosted the numbers nicely.

Snacks

It was definitely “Feast Night” tonight with Caroline & Hendry supplying pizzas and Beth & Peter trotting-out the delicious sandwiches.

Andy and Sofia have volunteered to provide next weeks snacks. Something from the wok perhaps?

Birthdays

No birthdays this week.

Sunday Rides

The ride last Sunday was to Bark Hut.

The ride this Sunday will be to the Hayes Creek and will depart at **8.30am** from BP Palms.

Please note the change in departure time to “The Dry” timing!

Rumble to the Top

It was terrific to be able to welcome a bunch of the riders participating in this event to our meeting tonight, and we also took the opportunity to present them with a donation and some Top End Branch memorabilia (Odyssey stubbie-coolers and some patches).

It’s great to see such a worthy cause so well supported. I was told by Sandy that they’ve raised over \$40,000 whilst on the road - a great result.

Renner Springs

- I have created a new website for Renner Springs which can be found at <http://sites.google.com/site/rennersprings/>
- The link to this page will also be available on the Top End website.
- At present, there are only two pages - The welcome page and the photo's page, but I've managed to upload a couple of hundred photo's so far, so enjoy!
- Please e-mail me your photo's (ulysses.renner.springs@gmail.com), articles or snippets or give them to me on CD or memory-stick so I can post them up for everyone's edification (and embarrassment???)

Other stuff

- Ray is really enjoying his retirement, but we're a bit worried he might be getting bored, so we've given him a couple of tasks.....
- He has volunteered to "edit" the Branch Newsletter and his first one will be published prior to the AGM.
- He has created a draft trip-plan for the Albany AGM and this will be available on the website soon.
- The Ladies Formal Evening is all set for the evening of the 2nd May at the Darwin City RSL. At present it looks like the cost per head will be around \$25.00, depending on which menu we choose. We need firm numbers by this Friday at the latest!
- As soon as Ray sends me the menus electronically, I'll get Pauline to e-mail them out to you all and then you can [e-mail Pauline](#) back with your numbers and choice of menu. There are three choices and we will be opting for the most popular one, so get your votes in! Oh, did I mention that Ray is also organising this (along with the assistance of his wonderful sub-committee of course)???
- Brian and Vicki have been busy renovating and have an electric cook-top available free to a good home.
- The RSL is running two Anzac Day raffles at present with one prize being an outdoor setting and the other His n' Hers watches. Please support this worthy cause as they still have lots of tickets available.
- The RSL Club has called for volunteers to help with the Anzac Day celebrations; they specifically want someone to be the Spinner for the 2-up games. Anyone who's interested can contact the club over the bar.
- It has been noted Down South that some of the media have mistakenly lumped the Ulysses Club in with the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OLMG) in some of their articles, so if anyone "hassles" you, please explain to them very politely that we are a social club with an interest in motorcycles and are, most assuredly, *not* a "Bikie Gang". It shouldn't become an issue, but you never know.
- Fred is organising another Advanced Riding Course at Hidden Valley. At present he has five or six people interested. If we have eight, we can book our own course. Don't forget; Natcom will reimburse you 50% of the course-cost on production of a receipt. We're possibly looking at early June at this stage.

Members Benefits Register

- I will be creating a “Member Benefits Register” on the website which will list all those businesses who offer discounts to Ulysses Club members. If you know of any businesses offering discounts that aren’t mentioned, please let me know by e-mailing me at ulysses.topend@gmail.com
- Apparently someone had words with a staff-member at Litchfield Caravan Park recently because they mistakenly believed they should have received a discount on a certain item. When informed this wasn’t the case, apparently it all got a bit nasty and the staff-member in question was most upset. Please don’t act like this!
- If a vendor tells you they don’t offer a discount, that’s it - end of story. If you’re not happy, take your money elsewhere, but please don’t bring the Club into disrepute by arguing with the vendor and causing a scene.

Top End Branch AGM

Nominations for Office Bearers for the Top End Branch Committee (to be elected at the AGM in June) are now open and Pauline has e-mailed out the Nomination Forms and the AGM Notice to all members. The AGM Notice will be published in the NT News this weekend. Paper copies of the form will be available at next weeks meeting with the final nominations being accepted on Tuesday, the 19th of May.

Reminders

- Please ensure that **ALL** correspondence relating to Branch matters is sent to Pauline in the first instance. She is the official record-keeper in her capacity as the Secretary and will record the communications before forwarding them on to the relevant person(s).
- If anyone has any photographs they’d like to see “published” on the website, please get them to me via e-mail, memory-stick, CD or DVD and I will add them.
- Please make sure that you check the Ride Calendar periodically as there are occasionally changes to the schedule.

Upcoming Events

- Ladies Night - 2nd May - at the City branch of the RSL. This is a formal evening for ladies and their partners and is a chance for you all to get dressed-up. If you intend coming, please ensure you get your names & meal choices to Pauline BY THIS FRIDAY (the 24th of April)
- Pine Creek Races (overnighter) - 9/10th May. Don’t forget that the 10th is also Mother’s Day! It might be worth giving She Who Must Be Obeyed her present **before** you head off... lotsa’ Brownie Points dontcha’ know.....
- Top End Branch 15th Birthday - 23rd May - Brekkie at Adelaide River in the morning and a BBQ at the North Darwin RSL that night.
- TEB AGM - (overnighter) 20/21st June - at the Litchfield Caravan Park.



See you all next week!

Take care and Ride Safe,

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