



TUESDAY NIGHT NOTES

11th August 2009



Great to see everyone tonight. Once that sun went down though, the bities were out in force, huh?

Snacks

Garry did a top job with the sandwiches tonight – bloody nice mate!

Rob & Jill have volunteered for next week.

Sunday Rides

The ride last Sunday was to Litchfield and this Sunday it's off to Hayes Creek.

Birthdays

Peter Karpati will be celebrating his birthday later this week... thought he'd got away without us singing to him, but we gotcha' mate!

Last Race Ever At Oran Park

Pauline received this information via Mike Graham:

We are running the last race meeting for Motorcycles to be held at Oran Park and was hoping you could put the details on your web site or send to your members.

We are bring back the 6-Hour Production Race to be held on the 20th - 22nd November.

This will be the biggest Motorcycle meeting of the year and we invite all Motorcycle fans to come along and enjoy the day/weekends racing action.

The 6-Hour race will be flag away by the last winner Kevin Magee.

Before this we will have a parade of past and present Australian Champions.

Saturday will be practice and support races.

The whole weekend will be action-packed.

With admission fees of just \$35 for riders and students \$25 to watch the ultimate test of man and machine and Oran Park's last race ever, it is well worth placing this date in your diary.

Please visit our web site www.the6hour.com.au for all the events information.

Grove Hill Overnighter

The Grove Hill Overnighter is on the weekend of the 29th/30th of August, with this being a popular weekend.



This information is provided by the Ride Captain (with much of the content courtesy of Brian Hulands, or so I believe):

Our annual run to the historical Grove Hill Hotel is on the weekend of 29-30 Aug. This is always a great overnighter at a real heritage pub. Stan, the proprietor, will once again put on his famous BBQ dinner, free of charge.

Over the last couple of years, Stan and Mary are continuing to find it tough. They are unable to continue with the free camping that they used to provide, but advise some very cheap rates specifically for the Ulysses weekend.

Camping is available either powered or unpowered, however, there is also a range of accommodation available for those who do not wish to carry a tent or camp. Stan has available 5 x single AC rooms or 3 x double rooms with ensuites. To book the room accommodation, give Stan a ring on 08 8978 2489 and mention you are a Ulyssian.

The hotel is the original hotel situated on the original stretch of the Stuart Highway and North Australia Railway which has had continuous occupation and has been operated as a hotel for most of its lifetime, except for the period during the war and between 1976-1990.

The original Grove Hill settlement was located about four kilometers south of the current hotel site and was near the first payable gold reef found in the district - by Henry Roberts

in 1872.

In the 1920s and 1930s Grove Hill was a centre for numerous prospectors in the area, one of which was Irish-born Bill Lucy who, between 1933 and 1936, used material from the mines and old Mt Ellison tramway and galvanized iron to build the Grove Hill Hotel which stands today. This unique hotel is on the NT Heritage Register and the Register of the National Estate.

As usual some members will be travelling to the pub independently and others will be going down on Friday to make the most of the weekend.

The pub is situated about 82 Kms to the south of Adelaide River. Heading south the turnoff is approximately 50 Kms after Adelaide River on the left before Hayes Creek. There is approximately 15 kms of good gravel road to traverse to the pub.

Make the most of the dry and join us for what is normally the pinnacle of our overnight bashes.

Black Dog Ride

We've received a request to assist with this ride from Diane Kempton (Nightcliff Lion's Club):

No doubt you would have heard about Steve Andrews ride around Australia to bring awareness to mental illnesses and depression and along the way raising money for Suicide Care Support Services. This ride is supported by Collective Support an online counselling service and Lions Clubs.

Steve will be in Darwin on Thursday evening and spending Friday in Darwin with an interview on 104.9 at 0920hours. At lunch time there will be a BBQ at the Honeycombes Car Sales yard where Steve is having his bike serviced. At this BBQ the Darwin Nightcliff Lions Club will be presenting Steve with a cheque in support of the cause. You are invited to the BBQ to meet with Steve and ask that numbers may be provided to me by Wednesday morning for catering purposes.

I also ask if available, that some of your members ride out as escort with Steve as he departs early Saturday morning to head off down the West Coast heading for home.

I know it is short notice for everyone concerned but I am hopeful of a good response to such a worthy cause. I thank you for your consideration to my request and for your response on Wednesday morning.

If some members could make it to the BBQ at Honeycombes on Friday, that would be great. I imagine it will start at around noon. We will also present Steve with the proceeds from tonight's raffle. Can you please let Pauline know numbers by e-mail ASAP?

We don't know what time he's heading off on Saturday (or from where) so we'll find that out ASAP and get back to you all via e-mail.

Werewolf IV

The annual night-ride to Corroboree Tavern (otherwise known as the Werewolf Ride) will be held on Saturday the 5th of September, leaving BP Palms at 7.00pm for a leisurely ride out along the Arnhem Highway.

I've done the last couple and it's a very pleasant evening. We cruise along at about 80-90 km/h (just in case there's a territorial dispute with the local wildlife) and then people make their own way back when they're ready.

Raffle

We had our first raffle tonight and the lucky winners were Chubba and Graham. Chubba took off the cosmetics and Graham took the wall-sconce. We're donating the proceeds of this to Steve Andrews (Black Dog Ride).

RSL Stuff

- The RSL has organized somebody to cater meals on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and this will commence on or about the 20th of August.
- On the 6th of September, Father's Day, the RSL will be having bowls for the kids and a meal in the evening.
- The AFL Grand Final is on the 26th of September and there will be food available during the day and a band that night.

Formal Evening

We are looking at venues for the next Formal Evening. Ray has investigated the idea of a Harbour Cruise, but thus far, it's looking pretty expensive.

If anybody has any suggestions for a suitable venue, we'd love to hear from you.

Other stuff

- Pauline & Graham have volunteered to coordinate this year's Toy Run. Thanks guys! Andy Hinks has agreed to come in as the major sponsor – thanks Andy!
- A bunch of people are off to the Speedway this Saturday night to watch the interstate and overseas competitors. Something about deck chairs and the hill?
- Ray would like an idea of numbers for the Albany AGM. Please e-mail him if you're going (<mailto:contact@rayswann.com>)

- Macca (of “Breakfast With Macca” fame) will be running his show from the War Museum at East Point from 5.30am this coming Sunday. Feel free to drop in.
- The RSL is in the process of re-entering the NT Bowls competition and need players. Experienced (Senior Members) or beginners (all the rest), it doesn’t matter; please get involved.
- Carpentaria Disability Services is having an open day at the Patch Thursday the 10th of September. They would like motorcycles to take their people for a ride. I know this is a work day, but if you could attend between 10.am and 12 it would be appreciated.
- If you’d like anything from the Ulysses “Gear Shop”, please see Frances. When we have enough interest, she’ll submit another order.

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). Her e-mail address is pbuxton59@gmail.com and this address can also be found on the “Contact Us!” page of the website.
- If anyone has any photographs they’d like to see “published” on either website (Top End Branch or the Renner Springs site), please get them to me via e-mail, memory-stick, CD or DVD and I will upload them to the relevant album.
- Please make sure that you check the Ride Calendar periodically as there are occasionally changes to the schedule.

Upcoming Rides & Events

- 14th August – BBQ at Honeycombes in support of Steve Andrews (noon)
- 15th August – Ride to accompany Steve down to Adelaide River (time TBA)
- 16th August – Sunday Ride to Hayes Creek
- 23rd August – Corroboree Park
- 29/30th August – Grove Hill Overnighter
- 5th September – Werewolf IV night-ride to Corroboree Park (full moon)

Take Care & Ride Safe,

Dave Alford #48719

President

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