



# TUESDAY NIGHT NOTES

10<sup>th</sup> February 2009



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Fairly small turn-out tonight, but it was great to see everyone.

## Snacks

Thanks to Gary and Francis for the tasty sandwiches tonight. Beth and Pete have volunteered for next week. Something was mumbled by Hoppy about some very special sausage-rolls?

## Birthdays

Vicki doesn't have her diary at present, so we're not sure if there have actually been any birthdays. Don't worry though; we'll catch up when she gets it back! ☺

## Visitors

No visitors tonight.

## Sunday Rides

Last Sunday's ride was to Lake Bennet and there were about 12 bikes.

The ride next Sunday is to Mandorah (and Fred's not here! Bugger.)

***Don't forget – rides leave BP Palms at 8.00am during The Wet.***

## Upcoming Events

### **BUACA - Bikers United Against Child Abuse**

The Darwin Chapter of BUACA is proud to announce an event that will bond all Darwinite's in their quest to help raise the awareness of child-abuse in the Northern Territory.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009 they will be conducting an "Awareness Ride" from the Mindil Beach Market Car Park to Livingstone Reserve. People will start congregating there at around 12.00 noon and the ride will leave at 2.30pm for the Reserve. The event is open to bikes, cars, trucks and mopeds (?) with bikes to lead-off, followed by the cars and trucks.

On arrival, parking-attendants will direct traffic to suitable areas which will be put aside for cars, trucks and bikes. Afternoon festivities will include live music, games and activities for the children and speeches by invitees. A licensed bar will be onsite and food will be available throughout the day and into the evening. Camping sites are available and security will be in attendance as this is a family-orientated event.

Participants will be asked to donate \$10.00 towards this worthy cause. When I manage to get an electronic version of the flyer, I'll put it up on the "Upcoming Events" page.

## Go-kart Competition

The Patriots have indicated that they are considering running an inter-club event at the Go-Kart track during The Dry. The idea is that the individual clubs will conduct a knockout competition to select two members who will then go into the finals later in the day.

Apparently they're thinking of inviting the 'Angels, so I guess the winning club is somewhat of a foregone conclusion, huh? ☺ Should still be a top day though, and I think we should consider entering a team. More information closer to the event.

## Bikes Thru A Bar

This event is being run just after the Penrith AGM this year. Please see "Upcoming Events" page for the flyer.

## 15th Birthday of the Top End Branch

- NatCom have confirmed that some of their members will be attending.
- It has been decided that we will have a Dinner/BBQ at the North Darwin RSL.
- John Allwood proposed that we have a Commemorative Run to Adelaide River for breakfast on a suitable day that is as close as possible to the anniversary of the first meeting. That first meeting of the Top End Branch was apparently held in the park which is between the Adelaide River shops/servo's and the Stuart Highway on the occasion of the first Cannonball Run.
- A patch will be produced to commemorate the birthday.

**If anyone knows the correct date for the anniversary, please let me know ASAP!**

## Chris Raines Memorial Weekend (Renner Springs)

After initially supporting the name-change for this event to the Chris Raines Memorial Weekend, the Central Deserts Branch has decided that they no longer agree to the change. Apparently at a recent committee meeting, it was decided that:

- They already have their own Memorial Ride each August to support one of their own members who died on a run.
- A lot of their members didn't know Chris Raines and it's all "a bit remote".
- Not a lot of their members would wear the patch as it was somehow inappropriate.

We're not sure whether this means they're not supporting the weekend or just not supporting the name-change and patch.

The consensus was that whilst this is unfortunate, it would probably have very little bearing on the success of the event. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

## 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 ensure that you check the Ride Calendar periodically as there are occasionally changes to the agenda.

## New Toys

Ray Swann has returned from his personal Odyssey Down South with a very manly orange ute! So that's where the Super payout went, huh Ray?

## Joke Time



***How quickly the years pass, and how unkind bloody gravity is!***

Have a great week!

***Dave Alford #48719***

***President  
Top End Branch  
Ulysses Club Inc.***