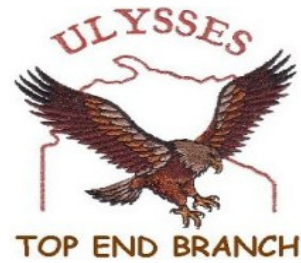


TUESDAY NIGHT NOTES

3rd February 2009



Great to see you all tonight!

Snacks

Thanks to Hendry and Carolina for the nibbles tonight. Gary and Francis have volunteered for next week. Thanks!

Birthdays

No birthdays this week, so the larynxes and eardrums were given a rest.

Visitors

No visitors tonight, but I'm sure we'll see some more soon.

Sunday Rides

Last Sunday's ride was to Bark Hut and included a fun little jaunt through a massive storm! About nine bikes left with four actually making it to Bark Hut.

The ride next Sunday is to Lake Bennet.

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

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 16th 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. See the website for the flyer.

Go-kart Competition

Whilst at the Australia Day Ute Muster, I shared some space with the Patriots (who were very

relieved not to see the scooter... bad memories of a certain trip to Litchfield Park, huh fellas'???)

They 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.

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.

Sharon Pearson

We're told that Sharon continues to improve and we're all looking forward to seeing her soon. All the best Sharon and if there's anything we can do.....?

New Toys

Just in case nobody noticed (e.g. you're profoundly deaf), Clayton has some new pipes on the VTX. I don't think he's stopped grinning since we fitted them on Saturday!

Committee Meeting

Last night we had our TEBCom meeting which was the first of the meetings now scheduled monthly on the first Monday instead of at six-weekly intervals.

A couple of items were decided:

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.

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.

Anniversary

We took great delight in congratulating Beth and Peter on their 44th Wedding Anniversary.

Joke Time



"Taking the dog for a walk.... Darwin Style"

Have a great week!

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