



TUESDAY NIGHT NOTES

13th January 2009



We had another good turnout tonight - it's wonderful to see so many members supporting the Branch.

Snacks

Thanks to Jill and Fred for the "sausage sizzle" tonight - they went down a treat! John Allwood has volunteered for next week.

Birthdays

According to Vicki and her wicked calendar, the only birthday this week is Barts, but he wasn't present tonight, so we couldn't embarrass.... errrr..... celebrate his birthday.

Visitors

A warm welcome to a prospective member, Kevin, who hails from Bakewell and rides (I think he said) an FJR1300.

Presentations

John and Wendy Friend from The Salvation Army were our guests this evening and it was with great pleasure that we were able to present a cheque for \$1,600.00 being the proceeds from the 2008 Toy & Tucker Run. They thanked us all for our efforts and praised the long association - 21 years - between the Ulysses Club and The Salvation Army in Darwin. We also took the opportunity to put our hands together for John Allwood for all his work in making the event such a success.

Reminders

- Annual RSL subscriptions are due by the end of January, so if you haven't got your renewal in as yet, please do so as soon as you can.
- The next Top End Branch Committee Meeting will be at the RSL on the 19th of January. If you have any items you'd like discussed by the Committee, please pass them to Pauline for inclusion as soon as possible.
- 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.

Sunday Ride

Last Sunday's ride was to Mandorah and next Sunday the destination is Hayes Creek.

Don't forget – rides now leave BP Palms at 8.00am instead of 8.30am.

Renner Springs

- I rang Renner Springs today (Tuesday) and accommodation is filling-up fast for the Chris Raines Memorial Weekend (Easter 2009). They've reserved accommodation for us, but they're running-out of beds fast and only have five rooms (and campsites) left, so if you intend going and don't want to "rough it", you need to book your accommodation soon. Their number is **(08) 8964 4505**.
- The patches are due soon. We will be sent 35 and they will be on sale at \$10.00 each. I suspect they will sell-out quickly, so get yours "whilst they're hot!" The patch will be re-coloured and the date changed for each biennial event. John Ilko is creating the plaque for the trophy and Alice Springs are creating the trophy itself, with lots of room for Top End's "winner's shields"!

Other Stuff

- The Honda 750/4 S.O.H.C Club is running an event at Gatton, Qld from the 8th to 11th of May 2009 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Honda 750/4. They will be attempting to set a couple of new World Records and it looks like being a really good event. Please see the website for the flyers.
- For those interested in tagging-along to Kakadu for Pom's tour in July, it has been suggested you book accommodation early as it will be the middle of the annual inundation by the terrorists.... errr..... tourists. See Pom for details.
- We took the opportunity to congratulate Ray Swann on his impending retirement this coming Friday.... lucky bugger!
- Pom is also planning a trip (or should that be "pilgrimage"?) to Philip Island for the bike-races in October. Once again, if interested, see Pom.
- Adrian is back on his feet after his inadvertent fall the other week and is looking well. Congratulations to Karen for the "Florence Nightingale" stuff!
- Apparently Crasher Barnes, not content with crashing motorbikes, is now doing something similar with a blower or whipper-snipper.... or some other garden implement. Please see him for the gory details....

See you all next week!

Take care and ride safe,

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