



TUESDAY NIGHT NOTES

20th January 2009



Another lovely tropical evening in Darwin, with the obligatory shower and balmy humidity levels!

Snacks

Thanks to John for the pizzas tonight - they certainly disappeared fast! I missed who volunteered for next week, but Vicki mumbled something about “Uncle Fester”? Any questions (or recriminations), please see her.....

Birthdays

Vicki's wicked calendar revealed no birthdays this week, but we must be due for some soon!

Visitors

We had a couple of visitors tonight. Reg is a prospective Ulysses member who hails from Palmerston and is looking to purchase “something” two-wheeled in the near future.

We also welcomed a new branch member – Bruce Graham – who is a Squadron Leader with the RAAF and has just transferred up from Queensland. He rides a Suzuki Boulevard. He is up here “unaccompanied” (his family are still in Queensland), so he should have no excuses for not attending lots of meetings and rides!

Sunday Rides

Last Sunday's ride was to Hayes Creek and next Sunday the destination is the Litchfield Caravan Park.

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

Committee Meeting

The Top End Branch Committee (forthwith known as TEBCom!) met last night at the RSL.

- As mentioned at tonight's meeting, the RSL has allocated us the space above the double-doors leading into the bar as a bit of a “trophy wall” where we can put plaques, awards, etc. John Allwood and Gramps have been tasked with organising a suitable board.
- We discussed the 2010 Odysseys and it was decided that planning for that event will kick-off after this year's AGM, probably in July or August, with a sub-committee formed of interested members.
- It was decided that we would change the frequency of TEBCom meetings from every six weeks to monthly, with meetings on the first Monday of each month. It was felt that the six week interval was somewhat long, especially if there is a lot of things happening.
- Details of how the Member's Draw will operate, which we have mentioned in the past, are still being finalised, so hopefully we can put that in place very soon.
- Given my change of role to that of President, another position became available on the

Committee and it was decided to offer this position to Fred Vanda who has been a tireless ex-officio member of the Committee. Fred accepted and we welcomed him aboard. Please join me in congratulating him!

- During 2009 the Top End Branch will be celebrating its 15th birthday and we discussed combining those celebrations with the Formal Evening that Vicki has suggested previously. Ray is looking into different venues, but the RSL Club in the city is one possibility. We have invited NatCom to send a representative and they have previously indicated they would be interested in attending, but as yet, no formal reply has been received.

Rumble To The Top

As I mentioned tonight, The Rumble Riders are a group who support The Prostrate Foundation Of Australia and every year, they run a ride to raise money for research into this insidious disease.

Riders converge from all over Australia and ride to a given location. Last year the destination was Ayers Rock and this year it is Darwin. This year riders will meet in Rockhampton and depart for the trip to Darwin on the 14th of April, raising money as they go.

For more information, please see the website.

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.

Renner Springs

- The Renner Springs Roadhouse have reserved accommodation for us, but they're running-out of beds fast and only have a few (if any) rooms left, although they have ample camping sites. 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"!
- There will be a quick get together after next week's "words" to allow members to work out an itinerary for the trip there and back.

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.

- 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..

For Sale

2004 Classic GT Trailer

Great condition. Has just been advertised on the Ulysses website for \$3,200 but will sell to a Top End Branch member for \$2700.

12 Months rego. Now’s your opportunity to take everything (including the kitchen sink) on those weekend getaways.

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See you all next week!

Take care and ride safe,

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