

# Disgraceful Old News



December 2011



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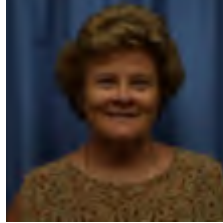
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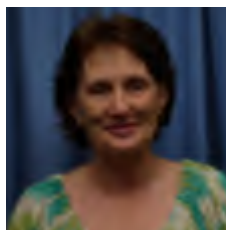
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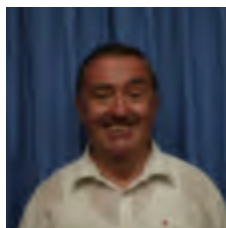
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# The Editor's Stuff

**John Reid**

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Hello, All.

OK, I know - the front page picture is sheer personal indulgence! Just to prove that we actually did get the bike back in time and head for tasmania, we stopped at 'The Dish' in Parkes on the way to Melbourne and took a photo.

Thanks again to the nice guys in the Brisbane Motorcycles workshop for pulling out all the stops and giving Freda back to me in time to stop me calling the Ferry people to postpone our booking!

Thanks to all our contributors for a full house DON this month.

But you may notice that we are a little shy of advertising just now, so if you know of (or can think of) someone who might like to advertise with us, just let me know, or get them to contact me.

I had to go to Sydney last weekend, to deliver Christmas presents to one of Lil's daughters (don't ask, but it was an excuse for a ride!).

Got as far as Singleton on the Saturday, then did the Putty Road on the Sunday, had a coffee and a chat with Jen as I delivered the prezzies, then thought about how to come home.

Decided to travel up the F3 and then take an old favourite road - Buckett's Way and Thunderbolt's Way - up through Gloucester from the Pacific Highway.

**THEY HAVE RUINED IT!**

From the South end (near Raymond Terrace) to near Nowendoc (well North of Gloucester) the maximum speed limit is now 90 kph.

Large chunks of it are posted at 80kph.

And some of the best twisties now have a speed limit of 40 on them - it's enough to make a grown man cry.

I went up hill through one set of corkscrew twisties, opened her up as I got through, and was doing 120 when I realised I was just passing the sign that said 'End of 40'.

Oops.

I have no idea why some faceless bureaucrat has to do this - possibly just to save us from ourselves, possibly because a few signs are cheaper than fixing up the road since it was damaged by the Big Wet, but we all have to live with it.

Never mind - like 'safety cameras', it's all for our own good, isn't it?

At least it was a good ride, mostly in the dry, and I packed 1107km into 14.5 hours, including rest stops - gotta love dem bikes!

A very merry Christmas to both my readers.

Live long and prosper

John



# Bruno's Babblings President's Report

**Bruno Cavendish**

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Well it is almost Christmas time again and hasn't the year gone fast. I completed a TAFE Training Course early in the year and became a qualified Trade Training Teacher. I haven't been able to get any TAFE or RTO work mainly thanks to the State Government for re-directing funds from the training sector to assist the flood and cyclone devastation from early in the year. Never mind that's the way it goes.

Our branch has had a busy year with rides going all over the place and a couple of overnight runs just to keep everyone happy with a variety of places to travel to and things to see. Don't forget the Presidents Ride on 31<sup>st</sup> December just to finish off another great year for the Brisbane Branch.

We have been busy with raising funds over the year, visiting our advertisers where possible and getting the members to visit them and perhaps purchase some of their goods. These sausage sizzles that we have with our advertisers is a good way for us getting to know them, what they have for purchase or what they can do for you and me. At the November Committee meeting we decided to donate some funds to (3) community organisations, they are:- Careflight, Salvation Army and Queensland Institute of Medical Research (this organisation conducts research into all types of cancer and other diseases) For more information see or contact The Treasurer.

I am asking for a member to take over the use and storage of the Branch trailer and associated bits and pieces. You would need to have sufficient space to park the trailer, space to have the freezer connected to power as there are frozen goods inside, 2 esky type containers, 3 plastic storage containers for condiments etc, 1 folding shade tent and a tub containing the branch banner. Of course your vehicle needs to be able to tow the laden trailer, a six cylinder or small turbo diesel would be ideal for this purpose. Also you will be requested to stock the trailer prior to any events and clean any utensils after use. You do not have to be a committee member if you do not wish to be. If anyone can assist with this request, please contact me for any further information.

Only a couple of days until Christmas so on behalf of The Brisbane Branch committee we wish you and your family a most enjoyable Christmas, a pleasant and Happy New Year. If I don't see you on the ride on the 31<sup>st</sup> December I will see you all next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BRUNO

## MID WEEK RIDE 20 OCTOBER 2011

The day started out overcast with the forecast for morning showers in Brisbane, we assembled at Springwood coffee club at 0900 for a 0930 departure, over coffee it was decided to go down to Murwillumbah via Springbrook, with a stop at Chillingham. Come 0930 there was Ken, Claire and I. We headed off down the Pacific Highway in reasonably light traffic, so it was as good as any highway riding gets.

The closer we got to the gold coast the busier the traffic and it was a relief to wheel off at Mudgeeraba for Springbrook. The traffic eased up and it was just great riding, fine and dry as we headed into the mountains. Mudgeeraba to Springbrook into Chillingham was nothing short of a beaut ride, the road was dry, and the scenery brilliant, it is too easy to forget what great riding country we have right on the door step to Brisbane.

Arrived at Chillingham general store, a pit stop, and some serious shopping for country made goodies. The home-made marmalade was very popular. A bit of a spell and it was back on the bikes for Ocean Shores via Murwillumbah. The ride into Murwillumbah as always was really enjoyable, through the mountains, then down into the cane fields, through Murwillumbah and on to the Tweed Valley Way to Mooball.

Through Mooball and on towards Brunswick heads, on the Tweed Valley Way. The turn off for Ocean Shores came up on our left and we wheeled in, not really knowing where to go, we just headed for the shopping centre, and as luck would have it, the sign for the 'Ocean Shores Country Golf Club' appeared and in we went.

Plenty of parking and the clubhouse looked pretty swish! Signed in and off to the bistro, the meals were really good quality, big, and reasonable prices, so we will be back. A drink and a sit out on the back deck which faced the hinterland. Over lunch discussions hinged around the trip back, and we decided back through Murwillumbah, over Mt Tomewin and down into Currumbin to the highway.

Once again a great ride back into Murwillumbah, fuelled up and thru town and out to the turn off to Mt Tomewin. What a fabulous piece of road for motorcyclists, quite tight on the turns all the way up and down. Into Currumbin and the fun bit was over, we were back in traffic, quite heavy, but at least moving reasonably well.

Claire and Ken wheeled off at Springwood and I kept on the Gateway for the North side. A great day out, and good company. Certainly a ride we will do again soon.

Ian W

## RIDE TO IMBIL SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2011

Left Caltex Carseldine on time for once! It is far too easy and too boring to go straight up the highway, so we headed towards Dayborro and over Mt Mee and into Dayboro for morning tea. We then headed towards Maleny, Kenilworth and into Imbil for lunch, where we met up with Laurie, who had ridden up on Friday.

After lunch we rode out to the Dam, it's so pretty out there, must have a lunch ride out there sometime next year! Laurie and Jennie stopped at the Imbil Rally, while Mark W, Bruce, Ian W and self-carried onto Gympie for fuel. David and Anne-Marie were still in Imbil when we rode back through. We rode out through Kilkivan and then stopped at the pub at Goomeri for a cold drink, and a bit of air conditioned comfort out of the heat. Mark and Bruce were enjoying just being out on their bikes and decided to just cruise along towards home. Ian and I travelled a little quicker and made it home before curfew!

Thank you Ian for leading the ride.

Claire S



## MID WEEK RIDE 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011

Over a nice lunch at Minnipi Parklands at the end of the Nav Rally we arranged for a mid-week ride the coming week, and after much to and fro through the week it ended up on the Friday leaving Carseldine.

Friday dawned overcast but no rain forecast!, come 9 o'clock on the day it was Claire and I, Roy had to work, Ken was busy, so a coffee and discuss where to wander, we had an errand to attend to first, call in at Leading Edge Motor Cycles, Brendale, who are closing the door soon and see what we can purchase for our Branch raffles. And then off to Kilcoy via Mt Mee.

We got away about 9:30, traffic was light and we pulled in to Leading Edge within a few minutes. Caught up with Mark and Robin for a chat and worked out our branch requirements. Then it was off to enjoy the day. Claire did mention if we could find the Clear Mountain Rd turn-off along the Eatons Crossing Road we might go explore.

Once again traffic was light as we headed for Cashmere, heavy overcast conditions but no rain, yet! Through Clear Mountain and on to towards Lake Samsonvale and we found the Bullockys Rest turn off, it was a great ride, much twisting, turning and hill climbing, and quite tight. We eventually arrived at the intersection to take us on to Dayboro; we eventually got to Dayboro, and wheeled off to Mt Mee.

Cloud base was lowering, overcast getting heavier but no rain, well we had a great ride over Mt Mee, coming into D'aguilar we hit some drizzle, wet road but nothing to write home about. It was a left at D'aguilar intersection and on to Kilcoy via Woodford, just a few slow motorists in the way, otherwise easy going.

We got to Kilcoy and thought, well, we should try the other pub today, and in the past we had always dined at the Exchange Hotel, so we will try the opposition (Stanley Hotel). Walked in and were promptly thrown out! Evidently they were overbooked for meals, (Gold Coast pensioners – on tour). Anyway off to our regular, and what a treat, Fish pie \$8, it doesn't sound good but it really was.

Discussions soon came around to the ride home, and we settled on, Somerset to Mt Glorious, then Mt Nebo and home. The riding was easy, dry roads, no traffic and picturesque, a pit stop at the Ulysses garden site, and off to Glorious. Through both mountains, the roads were wet, with some leaves etc. across the surface, so it was careful going, but enjoyable.

As we came into the Gap, Claire pulled over and explained the next left at the Mobil would take me back to Samford and on to home, without battling the peak hour through town. So our good-byes done, I headed off and it did work a treat.

A fabulous day, missed our other riding friends, looking forward to next time.

Ian



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## OVERNIGHTER TO EBOR 5-6 NOVEMBER 2011

It was a late start for such a long ride, left 8.30 from Macca's Goodna. Bruno and Roy joined us for a cuppa before we headed off, pretty well on time. Bruno could not join us as work was building up and he must do what needs to be done. Roy however was able to ride out to Warrill View with us. Our first stop was in Warwick for a very quick pit stop and then onto Stanthorpe – Glen Aplin for fuel, again just fuel and off we rode again. The New England Highway is not a bad road; at least the scenery is interesting in spots. We had our eyes peeled for the Kangaroo statues near Dalveen, Laurie said they had T-shirts and jocks on when he went down for Splitters Swamp weekend recently, they were undressed this time. We stopped at the roadhouse at Deepwater for lunch, good food, service and value. No time to rest, off again to Dundee where we turned left and headed for Bald Knob (very rough road) and onto the Gwydir Highway to Grafton. This road has some beautiful scenery, some hills to climb and a few sweeps, nice! Another quick fuel stop and off to Nymboida and on to Ebor. The road out of Grafton is fairly easy, a few curves, a few hills all good, and then it gets to the twisty bits, lots of them, left, right, good camber and some badly cambered. Needed to have your mind in the right place for this section. Because of daylight saving we arrived at 5.45 EDST, just in time to put our order in for dinner and settle into our two rooms – David, Ian and Ken in one, and Jennie, Laurie and self in the other, (poor Laurie, putting up with TWO girls in the bathroom!). Good dinner and plenty of chat time, but early to bed, we were all fairly tired from the ride down.

Next morning Ken and Ian took a little walk up the road and found a little coffee shop (not much else in Ebor!) So we packed our bikes up and had a big breakfast at Fusspots Cafe, before heading over to Ebor falls for a look and then off towards Dorrigo. Wow the scenery here is awesome from my point of view, rolling hills, great distance scenery overlooking huge valleys. Ken found a great tourist spot to have a look over the valley, and then off to Bellingen for fuel, then onto the highway to Coffs Harbour. Turned off to Coramba, Nana Glen (always wanted to go there, but I blinked and was through without really taking it in). Stopped at Kingala at the Yellow dog hotel, busy little pub for lunch in the middle of nowhere. Quick – off again through Grafton, where Ken left us to go visit his mum. We kept onto Casino, Kyogle and Rathdowney on the Summerland Way, another good road. David left us here to go visit at Mt Alford and the rest of us – Ian, Laurie, Jennie and self stopped at Beaudesert for a cool drink and to say our goodbyes, and to send message to dearest – will be home to cook dinner!! Arrived home 6.30. So Saturdays ride was 8 hrs riding, and Sundays ride 6hrs, a good practice for our trip down to Tassie next year. I did 1,131kms all up. It was a good weekend.

Claire







# Financial Facts Treasurer's Report

**Brian (Max) Smart**

**November 2011**

**Opening Balance**

**\$5,367.12**

**Income**

Raffles - November meeting (net)	95.00
Magazine sales (DON)	63.00
Activities/functions income (net)	23.95
Bank interest	2.60
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>184.55</b>

**Expenditure**

Magazine printing (DON)	0.00
Activities/functions expenditure	240.86
Natcom - membership	90.00
Office expenses	175.50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>506.36</b>

**Net profit in trading for period**

**-\$321.81**

**TOTAL CASH**

**\$5,045.31**

**Represented by:**

Cash at bank account #426	4,108.76
ING account	536.55
Petty cash floats	400.00

Unpresented Cheques total \$520.56

Brian (Max) Smart, Treasurer, 10 December 2011



# Looking Forward

**Claire Shortridge  
&  
Jo Dillon**



## **LOOKING FORWARD DECEMBER 2011 - JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2012**

**SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> - PRESIDENTS' RIDE** - Spoke to the President and he is not divulging where he is going to take us, it is not far only about an hour's riding, so we all should be home by lunchtime or thereabouts and a nana nap afterwards.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - Ride up to Kin Kin or thereabouts for Lunch. PLEASE NOTE STARTING TIME IS EARLIER, due to the summers heat. I love getting up early!!

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Australia Day Ride Somewhere down in the Gold Coast Hinterland is a good place to head to keep a little cooler during our hottest months, again an earlier start.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - Bikers Blessing with Redlands Branch

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> - Should be the Interbranch ride with Northern Rivers and Mt Lindsay

Have you got an idea for a ride, or wish to lead a ride, would love to hear from you. We have some of the best branch members in the Brisbane area, who love a ride and rarely criticise! Please share your favourite destination with us, you don't necessarily need to lead the ride, just be on the ride.

# Ride Calendar

## Ulysses Club - Brisbane Branch

DATE	DESTINATION	DETAILS	START
31 December	President's Ride	Details Next Month	Maccas Goodna 0830
January 2012			
Sunday 15	Kin Kin for Lunch	To be decided	Caltex Carseldine 0800
Thursday 26	Australia Day Ride	More details next month	Maccas Springwood 0800
February			
Sunday 5	Bikers Blessing	Church of the Nazarine, Carina	Maccas, Dan St Capalaba 0830
Sunday 12	Interbranch Ride with Mt Lidesay and Northern Rivers	More details next month	?
Sunday 26	Claire is working on it...		Caltex Carseldine 0800

### RIDE START POINTS

**(N) Caltex Carseldine**

Gympie Road, Carseldine (North of Beams Road). **UBD Map 109 ref. J16**

**(S) McDonalds Springwood**

Corner Rochedale Road & Springwood Road (opposite the old Ikea)

Mobil petrol station nearby. **UBD Map 222 ref. E13**

**(S) Springwood Suzuki**

112 Kingston Road, Underwood, **UBD Map 222 Ref. B16**

**(W) Coffee Club Goodna**

12 Queen Street. **UBD Map 216 ref. M14**

**There have been roadworks and now the only exit to Goodna is near where the Logan Motorway joins Ipswich Motorway. It is signed GOODNA/REDBANK EXIT. Next exit is Redbank!**

## MID WEEK RIDE 9 NOVEMBER 2011 WITH NORTHERN GATEWAY BRANCH

Left Caltex Carseldine, only a little late with 4 from Northern Gateway, and 6 from Brisbane. Keith L from Northern led, he always has some interesting roads to travel on, and as usual he did not disappoint us.

We travelled via Eatons Crossing, Clear Mountain, another way to Dayboro, up over Mt Mee. David F had trouble with his brakes as we were going up, but got the problem sorted before a nasty accident occurred. We stopped at Woodford for morning tea and a chat. Onwards through Kilcoy, we stopped for lunch at the general store, Somerset.

Decision time, do we ride over Mt Glorious or home via Fernvale and the Warrego Hwy – yep we did, Mt Glorious just beckoned us to come on up. The weather being so hot we just had to stop for another cold drink. From Mt Glorious some of us returned home via Samford, others via Nebo.

Life is hard for us mid-week riders, which road, where to stop, and worst of all not much traffic, it really is a hard life, but we have made this sacrifice for you. Just another great day, on the bikes.

Claire S





It doesn't matter what you ride, but jump on it and come to the

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# Minutes of Last General Meeting

## Minutes of the General Meeting of the Ulysses Club, Brisbane Branch, held at the Morningside Services Club, Morningside.

Meeting opened at 7.35pm on 20 November, 2011. 42 members in attendance.

**Apologies:** Sue, Jo, Jennie, Wayne & Marie.

**Guest speakers:** Kenn, Glen & Des from Redlands Branch; Dale Butel from Route 66 T.Yours; and Wayne from Brisbane Bike Tow.

**Minutes:** It was accepted that the minutes of the previous meeting, as published in the DON, be considered as read.

**Business arising:** nil

### Secretary's Report:

Inward Correspondence: Membership enquiries responded to. Congratulations to John McCreanor on having a very clever daughter (lead role in How to Train Your Dragon which opens in Melbourne next year before going on a four year world tour) – she obviously takes after her mother 😊.

### Treasurer's Report:

See p 11 – we're looking good which will allow us to make substantial donations to various organisations – decision will be made at next Committee meeting. Any questions? See Max.

### Ride Coordinator's Report:

- Monday and Wednesday rides this week;
- Brekky ride Sunday meet at Browns Plains Bunnings;
- Toy run 4 December meet at Target Grand Plaza Browns Plains;
- Short run on 18 December;
- President's ride – watch website for details.

### Guest speaker: Wayne

Described the problems associated with towing bikes and proper tie-downs so as to keep them firm but without damage.

**Dale:** Described the history of the Route 66 ride and his background within the industry. His company has special itinerary for the different bikes but specifically runs 3 tours;

**Kenn:** Bikers' Blessing 5 February 2012 – ads will be in December and January DON.

### Raffles:

Lucky door prize (with thanks to Dale and Route 66 : Bruce

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Graham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Roy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Roy

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Next General Meeting: 19 December – Christmas Party. Meal and one drink free to all members, please remember to bring your current membership badges. Partners are welcome for a small fee of \$10. Everyone attending needs to bring a Secret Santa gift to the value of \$10. Looking forward to all 'old' and 'new' faces.



## OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

For the election of office bears of the Ulysses Club Brisbane  
Branch elections to be held 20 February, 2012

Nominations are invited for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Magazine Editor, Ride Coordinator, Social Director, Welfare Officer, Regalia, Webmaster, and 3 Committee Members.

Position \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert one of the abovementioned positions)

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name) (Required)

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name) (Required)

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name) (Required)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) hereby declare that I am a financial member, in good standing, of the Brisbane Branch of the Ulysses Club Inc and that I will perform all duties and responsibilities of the nomination position, if and when I am so elected by general ballot at the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Brisbane Branch of the Ulysses Club Inc, and that I will continue to so serve for as long as I hold the position.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Nominee's signature)

### IMPORTANT NOTE

Both the **Proposer** and the **Nominee** must be **current financial members** of the Ulysses Club Inc and each is responsible to the membership to be certain that the **expenditure of time and energy required by the position can and will be met by the Nominee if elected.**

Nominations must be submitted or postmarked no later than 1 February 2012.

## RIDE TO ROADVALE PUB 13 NOVEMBER 2011

We left Macca's Springwood, pretty well on time, with Ken leading us. One member did not make it in time. We headed down the highway and headed towards Springbrook, nice roads down there. Just after we turned onto the Beechmont Road, Ian (Doc) lost his Baffle, I managed to find enough stuff in my top box to keep it wrapped up and keep it safe.

We rode through Canungra (12) of us and then took the shortcut through onto the Beaudesert Road to Beaudesert, down to Rathdowney, around to Boonah, Kalbar and explored the Road to Roadvale.

Another branch was having lunch there as well, I think it was the Gold Coast branch, as well as another club (my memory has gone, again).

My Rob rode out directly and joined us for lunch, which shocked a few members, that he actually remembered how to ride, and that far!! It was a hot day and we all enjoyed a cool drink or two before heading off in different directions for home.

Thanks Ken for leading us.

Claire S





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A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop.

The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage.

"Hey, Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I make \$39,675 a year and you get the really big bucks (\$1,695,759) when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic.....

"Try doing it with the engine running."

## 4 NOVEMBER 2011 – RIDE TO KILLARNEY VIA THE FALLS ROAD

We started from Target at Browns Plains where we all made a donation to Mt Lindsay's Toy Run, where we had a chance to have a chat to lots of mates (Roy bought his new BMW for show and tell), before heading off to Boonah for a quick morning tea. A few of us had to dodge Christmas baubles as they came off a bike (who's bike?) (I presume!). Phil and Madonna left us here, they had other things they needed to do. We took the Falls Road, which leads past Queen Mary Falls. We did stop for a photo shoot at a lookout, it was much cooler up there and the forest smelt beautiful and yes the road was pretty good too.

Lunch at the pub in Killarney, not a bad feed. John Mc called a guy who is running a tour on route 66 and we were all able to hear all the details for the trip, sounds great.

Ken thought going home via Woodenbong was a good idea, just for a change, rather than head towards Warwick, we all thought this was good. It was a great road, except for all the bumps, potholes and occasional road subsidence. If they fixed the road it would be a bikers blessing!

Needless to say we all made it back to Beaudesert for a cool drink and farewells.

Thanks Ken for leading us, in the right direction.

Claire





**More details from the Killarney ride - secret toy run business (above) and jenny looking very ..... Jenny.**





**Of course, it wouldn't be the same if you were buying a new bike and your mates didn't turn out to cheer you on, would it Roy?**



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## LAUGHS PAGE

I would like to share an experience with you about drinking and driving. As you well know, some of us have been known to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the odd social session over the years.

Well, I have done something about it: a couple of nights ago I was out for a few drinks with some pals and had a few too many whiskies as well as beers and some rather nice claret; but knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before - I took a bus home.

I arrived back safely and without incident - which was a real surprise, since I had never driven a bus before and am not sure where I got this one.

For all of you who grind your teeth when reading about the mid-week rides by our retired members, a few thoughts about retirement:

How many retirees to change a light bulb? Only one, but it might take all day.

Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors? The term comes with a 10% discount.

What is considered formal attire among retirees? Tied shoes.

Why do retirees count pennies? They are the only ones who have the time.

What do retirees call a long lunch? Normal.

Why are retirees slow to clean out the garage? They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store something there.

The biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree? If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

When is a retiree's bedtime? Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour - but by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different kinds of medication that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet any more. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.

Have lost all my friends.

But, thank God, I still have my driver's licence.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated; second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Woolworths.

"Woolworths?" the preacher exclaimed, "Why Woolworths?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week!"

## **Top Ten Reasons Why Harley Riders Don't Wave**

10. Afraid it will invalidate warranty.
9. Leather and studs make it too heavy to raise arm.
8. Refuse to wave to anyone whose bike is already paid for.
7. Afraid to let go of handlebars because they might vibrate off.
6. Rushing wind would blow scabs off the new tattoos.
5. Angry because just took out second mortgage to pay luxury tax on new Harley.
4. Just discovered the fine print in owner's manual and realized H-D is partially owned by Honda.
3. Can't tell if other riders are waving or just reaching to cover their ears like everyone else.
2. Remembers the last time a Harley rider waved back, he impaled his hand on spiked helmet.
1. They're too tired from spending hours polishing all that chrome to lift their arms.

## **Top Ten Reasons Why Gold Wing Riders Don't Wave**

10. Wasn't sure whether other rider was waving or making an obscene gesture.
9. Afraid might get frostbite if hand is removed from heated grip.
8. Has arthritis and the past 400 miles have made it difficult to raise arm.
7. Reflection from etched windshield momentarily blinded him.
6. The espresso machine just finished.
5. Was actually asleep when other rider waved.
4. Was in a three-way conference call with stockbroker and accessories dealer.
3. Was distracted by odd shaped blip on radar screen.
2. Was simultaneously adjusting the air suspension, seat height, programmable CD player, seat temperature, and satellite navigation system.
1. Couldn't find the "auto wave back" button on dashboard.

## **Top Ten Reasons Why Sport Bike Riders Don't Wave**

10. They have not been riding long enough to know they're supposed to.
9. They're going too fast to have time enough to register the movement and respond.
8. You weren't wearing bright enough gear.
7. If they stick their arm out going that fast they'll rip it out of the socket.
6. They're too occupied with trying to get rid of their chicken strips.
5. They look way too cool with both hands on the bars or they don't want to unbalance themselves while standing on the tank.
4. Their skin tight-Kevlar- ballistic- nylon-kangaroo- leather suits prevent any position other than fetal.
3. Raising an arm allows bugs into the armholes of their tank tops.
2. It's too hard to do one-handed stoppies.
1. They were too busy slipping their flip- flop back on.

## **Top Ten Reasons Why BMW Riders Don't Wave**

10. New Aerostich suit too stiff to raise arm.
9. Removing a hand from the bars is considered "bad form."
8. Your bike isn't weird enough looking to justify acknowledgement.
7. Too sore from an 800-mile day on a stock "comfort" seat.
6. Too busy programming the GPS, monitoring radar, listening to ipod, XM, and talking on the cell phone.
5. He's an Iron Butt rider and you're not!
4. Wires from Gerbings are too short.
3. You're not riding the "right kind" of BMW.
2. You haven't been properly introduced.
1. Afraid it will be misinterpreted as a friendly gesture.



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