



DECEMBER 2024 Newsletter



MONTHLY MEETING - WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Location: Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Drive, Onehunga

Doors open: 6.30pm - Dinner available (from \$16) - raffles (meat packs and other goods) - catch up other members and friends.

Note : this will be our last monthly meeting for the year with the next meeting not being until the 5th February 2025.

President's Report



Hello from Sheryl

NEWSFLASH: Our Christmas themed bike ride that was to be happening on 15th December has been moved out. Instead, we will be doing something along these lines in early 2025.

I've just arrived home from a dinner out at the Papakura Club with branch colleagues. We're a good bunch to meet and mix with "after hours". If you can make it along to one of our branch dinners, which happen every month in both South Auckland at the Papakura Club and West Auckland at the New Lynn RSA, do it,

it's....entertaining! Check our Events page for details.



Drinks sculled and everyone's happy!



Chris earning his keep by clearing up the dishes for us....but does he do this at home ??

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend our branch rally at Port Waikato this year. Fortunately, we have branch members Varian and Claudia who attended it sharing their report of it with us in a future Newsletter issue.

We're putting out the call for new ride leaders. There is always a requirement for ride leaders to share the load. In addition to this we'd like to challenge the women riders of our branch to plan and lead one of the rides. As it was put to me "We believe in the strength and leadership of every member in our group and it's time to put that to the test!" On that note, I'm calling on the incredible ladies of our branch to take the

reins and step up to plan and lead one of our upcoming rides....myself included. Whether it's a scenic route, a challenging trail, or a fun and leisurely ride, the ride is yours to plan from start to finish. We can't wait to see what exciting and creative rides you'll bring to the table. Let's ride!

Regarding rides, I was recently shown a website that is sure to interest the "adventure" riders, or potential adventure riders, in our branch. If you are looking to find a new place to take your adventure bike you might be interested in this place www.thundercrossvalley.co.nz The only private dirt bike park in NZ with a variety of tracks in a 750-acre private park.

Riders with Own Bikes: Pay for 5, 6th FREE!	
Youth male - under 16 years	\$25.00
Youth female - under 16 years	Free
Adult male - 16 years & over	\$45.00
Adult female - 16 years & over*	\$25.00
Adventure bikes	As above
Quads**	As above
UTV***	\$55.00
Passes:	
Annual Season Pass:	
Youth male & adult female	\$299.00
Annual Season Pass:	
Adult male	\$499.00

thundercrossvalley.co.nz

They hire out dirt bikes as well. Theres lots of info on their website

Branch AGM

A correction to the date advertised in the latest "Ulyssian" magazine which shows our branch AGM being held on Monday 3rd March 2025. Our branch nights are held on the first Wednesday of each month. Our AGM will, therefore, be held on **Wednesday 5th March 2025**. The time and place remain the same as advertised. Closing date for nominations is Wednesday 5th February 2025.

Are you passionate about shaping the future of your branch? What an opportunity then. We're seeking dedicated, innovative individuals to apply for our committee. We currently have experienced committee members that will be standing again but there are still positions that will need to be filled. We are accepting nominations for all committee positions...the more the merrier. Your contribution can make a difference. As a committee member you'll help direct your branch and make a tangible difference in its future. I can say, as in my case, no experience required....guidance and encouragement will be given.

Wisdom from the Workshop

Have you checked the adjustment of your chain / drive belt recently? There will be detailed information in your handbook or Mr GOOGLE can provide a wealth of information. If the adjustment is correct is there a requirement for lubrication? It is best to lubricate your chain after every ride, this gives the lube a chance to soak into all the joints. If you lube just before a ride, you will find most of the lubricant will fly off - onto your tyre, your paintwork or your clothing. If you have been riding in the wet allow to dry before lubricating and you will then also reduce the likelihood of the dreaded rusty chain.

Our branch nights are held on the first Wednesday of each month **except January** at the Manukau Cruising Club, with people arriving from 6.30pm for the meeting start at 7.30pm. You are welcome to donate something to the raffle table. Perhaps you have a story or a bit of news you'd like to share...we'd love to hear it.

Happy riding

Sheryl Boyd

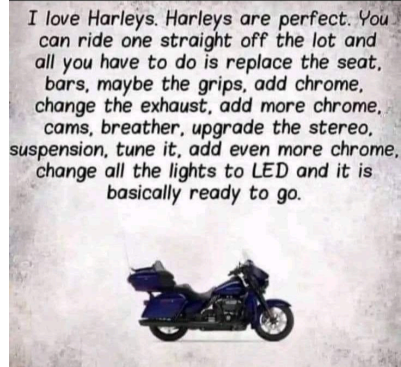
PRESIDENT

ULYSSES NZ - AUCKLAND BRANCH

Member #9443 Mob: 021 675-328 Email: auckland@ulysses.org.nz

LONG SERVICE BADGES DUE THIS MONTH

Member #4690	Rainer Leonhardt	25 years
Member #7984	David Young	15 years
Member #7986	Tony Brighthouse	15 years



Looks like December is 'pick on Harleys month'....



Merry Christmas to all !

Please except best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from your committee. Its that time of the year when you can eat and drink plenty without the need to feel guilty, the diet starts next week! enjoy..

And a couple of quotes to start the joviality's with:

- Dear Santa, this year please give me a big fat bank account and a slim body. You mixed those two up last year.
- There are four stages in life: 1) You believe in Santa Claus. 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus. 3) You are Santa Claus. 4) You look like Santa Claus.
- I'm dreaming of a white Christmas. But if the white runs out, I'll drink the red.
- How is Christmas exactly like your job? You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.
- Santa told me you were very good this year, I told him it was just a lack of opportunity. Merry Christmas!



DID YOU HEAR THERE'S BEEN A BIG CHANGE OVER AT ULYSSES?!

**OVER 18 & LIKE MOTORCYCLES?
JOIN THE ULYSSES CLUB!**

With branches all over Aotearoa NZ, you are never far from other motorbike riders of all ages - no matter what brand you ride (or even if you don't ride).

Our branches organise social events, group rides, fundraising events, training and more!

Join us and you'll see that there's lots to do and fun to have - for beginners and more experienced riders alike.

To join, head to our website or email the Club administrator admin@ulysses.org.nz and join over 2500 members who are out riding and having a great time!

www.ulysses.org.nz



PHOTO: MANAWATU BRANCH





Some of our members enjoying the various activities the club offers !

ULYSSES CLUB MERCHANDISE

Show your club pride with some of our Ulysses branded merchandise. Decals, Patches, Clothing and Badges all available online.

Click this link to purchase online: [The Ulysses Club of NZ | Club Store](#)

MEMBERS DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

There have been changes to the Interislander and Bluebridge discounts.

[Click here for the new details.](#)

Re the Interislander please note if you are a senior tick the seniors box and enter the discount code. You will get discount on the seniors price. Also the Interislander on occasions has discount promotions.

There is currently one for twenty percent but subject to conditions. [Click here for details.](#) Note you cannot use two discount codes at the same time.

KIWI FUEL LTD current Ulysses card 0800 438383 or info@kiwifuelcards.co.nz

Motorcycle Doctors 10% discount for Ulysses members to use at the online store www.shop.motorcycle-doctors.co.nz. Enter "Ulysses" as the discount code at checkout.

For further discounts click on the link above



Tail End Charlie (TEC) waiting for Vance to catch up on his scooter...

Are you a financial member?

There are still some people who have not renewed their membership yet. If you think this might be you please go and get out your Membership Card.

- Check the expiry date. If your membership expired last year, it is still not too late to renew your membership.
- Go online now and pay your sub.

One Year Individual Member is \$70.00,

Three Years Individual Member is \$190.00

One Year Joint Member is \$66.00 per each member

Three Years Joint Member is \$180.00 per each member.

Pay money into:

BNZ Bank A/c: 02-0412-0001771-097.

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOU NAME AND ULYSSES # IN THE DETAILS

Job done thanks.

RUNS AND SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Important Runs Information

For all rides, please be at the departure point 10 Minutes early with a FULL GAS TANK and an EMPTY BLADDER. If you are not sure if the run may be cancelled because of inclement weather phone the RIC before leaving home.

Ride format

SHORT: 150 km, **MEDIUM:** 150 - 300 km, **LONG:** 300 - 500 km, **XTRA/LONG:** Over 500 km.

CRUISE: These runs, usually monthly on a Saturday are offered at a more leisurely pace and of short distance.

ANYONE: A ride for any Club member, noting that you are to assess your own capability in relation to the RIC of the day, the destination and likely distance.

EXPERIENCED: Intended for experienced riders these are generally longer rides with less stops to regroup.

Each RIC will carry a Mobile Phone for emergencies. You will be required to provide your own details and contact details on arrival and before the ride briefing.

RIC Contact List

Please click on this link and read our Branch's Club Ride Guidelines before going on any of our organised rides.

The Rider in Charge (RIC) will be organising the day. Contact them for details. All riders participating in a Ulysses Ride are expected to hold a current motorcycle license and to have a registered and warranted road-worthy motorcycle. All riders are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all road Rules.

Questions relating to rides call the RIC or Chris Moller (Runs Co-ordinator) 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996.

General questions to Sheryl Boyd (President) or Secretary auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz

DECEMBER 2024 RUNS LIST

Tue- 3rd Dec

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Wed- 4th Dec

CLUB NIGHT, CRUISING CLUB

Sat- 7th Dec

BRONZ 40TH ANNUAL TOY RUN SHORT

Meet 9am, leave 10am. Destination Salvation Army. Papakura.

Anyone

Finn 027-6326 or 09-625-5533

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Sun- 8th Dec

MOKAU WHITEBAIT FRITTER RUN. LONG

Please note.Early start 09-00am. Expncl

Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996

Departs Bombay Z 09-00am

Tue- 10th Dec

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Thu- 12th Dec

WEST AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Sat- 14th Dec

LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES SHORT

Nathan is RIC - Phone or 0274633442

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sun- 15th Dec

HOPIN STOPIN CAFÉ WITH VANCE MEDIUM

Vance is RIC - Phone 09 278 7229 or 021 023 83498

Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

The Rider in Charge will be organising the day. Contact them for details. All Riders

participation in a Ulysses Club Ride are expected to hold a current licence, relevant to

the motorcycle that they are riding, wear suitable clothing,

Tue- 17th Dec

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Thu- 19th Dec

SOUTH AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Papakura Club,5 Croskery Rd,off Hunua Rd.

Contact Chris 092891702 or 0210347996.

Sat- 21st Dec COFFEE, CAKES AND CONVERSATION - EAST

Back to Lime Tree Café

Meet at 10:00am for a coffee and chat, choose your own departure time.

Lime Tree Café. Whitford

Wed- 25th Dec HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

Seasons Greetings from Chris(#5401) and Karen. Hope you all have a great day, doing what you love most with those you love best.... I know I will.

JANUARY 2024 RUNS LIST

Wed- 1st Jan MILKY BAR RUN 2025 *MEDIUM*

Take a gentle cruise around the streets of Auckland without the Anyone

traffic, possibly the only chance we will get to do this is early on the first day of year. Have a laugh with your clubmates, celebrate the fact the new year is beginning without a hangover.

Those of you who regularly come on this run, please note, the later start time.

John is RIC - Phone 098109160 or 0211285806

MacDonald's Quay street at 09.00 am.

Tue- 7th Jan TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Thu- 9th Jan WEST AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Sat- 11th Jan LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES *SHORT*

Nathan is RIC - Phone or 0274633442

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sun- 12th Jan RAGLAN WITH TONY *MEDIUM*

Tony is RIC - Phone or 020-414-85160 Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

The Rider in Charge will be organising the day. Contact them for details. All Riders

participation in a Ulysses Club Ride are expected to hold a current licence, relevant to

the motorcycle that they are riding, wear suitable clothing,

Tue- 14th Jan TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sat- 18th Jan COFFEE, CAKES AND CONVERSATION - SOUTH

KARAKA GENERAL STORE & CAFÉ. 257 LINWOOD ROAD KARAKA.

Meet at 10:00am for a coffee and chat, choose your own departure time.

257 Linwood rd, Karaka.

Tue- 21st Jan TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sun- 26th Jan WAIHI WITH VANCE *MEDIUM*

Vance is RIC - Phone 09 278 7229 or 021 023 83498

Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 28th Jan TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day.

For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Thu- 30th Jan SOUTH AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Papakura Club, 5 Croskery Rd, off Hunua Rd.
Contact Chris 092891702 or 0210347996.

FEBRUARY 2025 RUNS LIST

Sun- 2nd Feb CAMBRIDGE WITH CHRIS MEDIUM

Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996

Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 4th Feb TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C. and Destination on the day.
For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274
Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Wed- 5th Feb CLUB NIGHT, CRUISING CLUB

The Rider in Charge will be organising the day. Contact them for details. All Riders participation in a Ulysses Club Ride are expected to hold a current licence, relevant to the motorcycle that they are riding, wear suitable clothing,

BRANCH SOCIAL NIGHT Starts at approx. 6-30pm. Dinner Tea & Coffee are available at all venues. Name badges must be worn. Visitors Welcome. Venue; Manukau Cruising Club. Orpheus Pl, Onehunga.

WEST AUCKLAND SOCIAL EVENING; Venue -New Lynn RSA. 2 Veronica St, New

SOUTH AUCKLAND SOCIAL EVENING; Venue -Papakura Club, 5 Croskery Road, Papakura

Committee Meetings are held at 7:00pm on the third Monday of each month at The Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Road, Onehunga

"After Match Function" means an organized group ride returning back to a venue. Rally Entry Forms etc. are available on Club Nights.



THINGS CAN CHANGE BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS!

Check before departing on a club ride

To keep up-to-date with Branch events, runs and news between newsletters visit our website for the latest information www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz
We also have a face book page.

Join the [Auckland Ulysses Facebook](#) page. You will find notices of upcoming events, ride reports immediately after (or during!) rides, ride cancellations, and much more.

JUST A REMINDER - RAFFLE DONATIONS

It's not just the committee's job find to find the raffle prizes at the monthly meetings - it's up to all members. The raffles (and the modest run fees) form a vital part of our Branch's income.

- Idea 1: if it's **your birthday** in a particular month please donate a bottle of wine or something else of similar value.
- Idea 2: consider donating any unwanted Christmas - or birthday - gifts as a raffle prize. That way it will still bring joy to someone.
- A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING OUT WITH THE RAFFLES!

BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT AUCKLAND ULYSSES

ULYSSES MEMBERS' DISCOUNT

There are a range of businesses throughout New Zealand that recognise the value of the Ulysses Membership. Note that to obtain the discount you will need to produce your current club membership card.

CLUB DISCOUNTS 2024

1. Interislander and 2. BLUEBRIDGE [Click Here](#)
3. VTNZ current Ulysses card 31 Dec 2024
4. KIWI FUEL LTD current Ulysses card 0800 438383 or info@kiwifuelcards.co.nz
5. KIWI MOTORCYCLES current Ulysses card Christchurch
6. APEX AUTO CENTRE HAM current Ulysses card
7. TREVOR PIERCE YAMAHA CHCH current Ulysses card
8. BUTT BUFFER WHANGANUI current Ulysses card
9. EZIBED NZ "ULY10" current Ulysses card
10. FRANKTON LAW current Ulysses card
11. ASURE ACCOMM GROUP Join Azure Group
12. TOP TEN MOTOR CAMPS Join Top Ten Group

MEMBERS' FREE ADS

<p>QUARTERSAWN Custom Wood Creations We are experienced craftsman that will create your custom piece to your requirements. Furniture, cabinetry, library, doors any wood project. For examples click on quartersawn Phone Aaron 027 228 9724 email aaron@quartersawn.co.nz Paul B #8082</p>	<p><i>These adverts are for Ulysses Auckland members only and are free of charge. Email the Editor. Support your fellow members.</i></p>

BUSINESSES WE LIKE

LIFESTYLE IMPORTS: For all your motorcycle gear and clothing. Shop online at www.lifestyle-imports.co.nz They have now set up shop at 13 Queen Street Waiuku. Call Florence at 027 262 5287 for opening hours.

CAFES:

Waiomu Beach Cafe - 622 Thames Coast Road. Great coffee and food. Good parking just across the road.

Native Tree Cafe - 7 Church St, Mangatarata (on SH27 about 200 meters south of intersection with SH2). Great food & coffee. Sheltered outdoor seating. Excellent parking off

main highway.

Coach Cafe & Takeaways - 37 Seddon Street, Raetihi An excellent stop in the central North Island.

CLUBS:

Manukau Cruising Club offer memberships to Over 65's for \$6 and \$30 per year for everyone else. A great opportunity to have a spot for a few drinks with friends or to join in with their great entertainments!

Parnell Returned Services Club - 139 Parnell Road, Parnell

We welcome anyone from Ulysses to pop in and enjoy a beer at a reasonable price.

We don't have pokies or TAB – but we do have pool tables, dart boards, and a juke box.


We are surrounded by some of the best eating places in Auckland including pizza at La Porchetta, local Indian etc - bring the takeaways back to the club - they are virtually next door.

Guests will need to sign the visitors' book, but please consider membership at \$30 per calendar year. (This will give reciprocal rights with clubs all over NZ:

see <https://clubsnz.org.nz/>) There is a bike parking space across the road next door to the

Windsor. Generally we are open 2pm to at least 9pm daily.

Please send details of any businesses that treat Ulysses members well to the editor for future inclusion in this list.



**Join other Motorcycle Enthusiasts.
Enjoy riding our country roads.
Socialize over lunch at many great cafes**

*** Several rides every month * Rallies
* Weekends away * Dinners and Social Events**

For more information go to our website:
www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz

AUCKLAND BRANCH OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

Office holders

President Sheryl Boyd #9443 021675328
auckland@ulysses.org.nz
 Treasurer Evan Swenson #803 027 2370860 ewswb@xtra.co.nz
 Secretary Roger Judd #9372 021 844040
rogerdj49aa@gmail.com

Committee members

Chris Moller #5401 0210347996 mollerz@xtra.co.nz
 Peggy O'Neal #2849 021523976 peggyulysses@hotmail.co.nz
 Doug Biene #8665 027 8741912 dbene41@gmail.com
 Mark Benton #8668 027 836 166 mark_roch@hotmail.com
 Janny Nicoll #9471 021 070 0994 jannynicoll@gmail.com

Other roles

Runs Coordinator Chris Moller 0210347996 #5401 mollerz@xtra.co.nz
 Sheriff Clive Thomas 0274812700 #2383 clv6pat@gmail.com
 Webmaster Charlie Truell 0223459309 #8956
charlietruell@gmail.com
 Newsletter Editor Roger Judd 021 844040
 #9372 ulyakld.editor@gmail.com
 Facebook Admin Adrienne Dodge 0211655349 #9247 ajdodge@xtra.co.nz

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is freely available to any non-members who wishes to subscribe. Members receive it automatically. Feel free to forward this on to anyone who may be interested. To subscribe email the editor.

The newsletter is distributed by email on or about the Saturday prior to the monthly meeting. Eleven monthly issues are produced, January being the missing month.

If a printed copy is required the annual subscription will be \$30. Printed newsletter is available for pick-up at the monthly social night at the Manukau Cruising Club. Copies not picked up by hand may be mailed out.

The editor encourages right of reply, correspondence, criticism, and suggestions.
 Address newsletter correspondence to: The Editor: ulyakld.editor@gmail.com

AUCKLAND ULYSSES POSTAL ADDRESS;
PO Box 96219, Dominion Road,
AUCKLAND 1446.
Web site: www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz