

ROTORUA RAMBLINGS February 2019

EDITORIAL

It has been a very busy February and due to a few other issues the newsletter this month is a limited edition.

Stuart returned home from his two week South Island ride which took in the 13th Annual Burt Munro Festival and has been busy with work related matters since getting back. I managed to get a long weekend in Christchurch with my brother and his family which included catching up with Stuart for the night as he made his way back to Rotorua.

It was great to see on our return from the South Island that our passports were back complete with our South African Visa's stamped in them. Graeme and Sandy's applications are in train and we now count down until we hit those African roads.

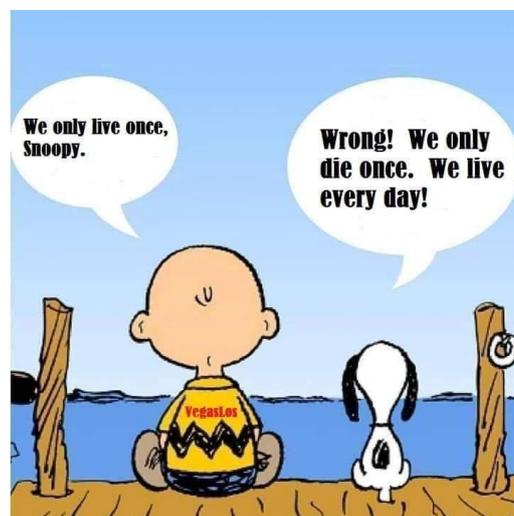
I understand that with the great weather that we have been having that there has been quite a bit of activity and our Rotorua members continue to actively support the Thursday lunch rides. Our thanks go to Mal and Lynda for making their home available for the social "Ham it Up" night. I think that we made a bit of a dent in the ham.

Unfortunately mal had some issues with his computer which have now been resolved, so next month we will have the photos from the night and also some of the February rides.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the branch meeting on Sunday 3rd March.

Andrea

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FLASHPOINT



Firstly, I mentioned my Suzuki was in the shop for a fuel injection check, and the gear position indicator. Well, replacement of the gear indicator module cancelled the Fuel Injection warning light – isn't computer control fascinating!

As a branch, I think we did quite well selling the National Bike Raffle tickets, thanks to you all who bought a chance to own a new machine. We sold more than our original allocation.

Good luck!

I got 80% of the Northern Odyssey Run completed last week. On Saturday, I rode from here to Te Kuiti, Piopio, Mokau, Three Sisters, Mt Messenger, Waitara, answering questions in regard to landmarks on the way. Then two venues in New Plymouth, on to Pukeiti Gardens, Manaia, and finally, for the day, two venues in Whanganui. I stayed there, with my brother, for Saturday and Sunday nights.

Monday I travelled through Fields Track (where road works sent me across farming fields!), Tangiwai, Waiouru, Taihape, Springvale, Kaweka Forest Park, Hastings, and then Napier for the night.

Tuesday, rode off through Te Pohue, Rangitaiki, Taupo, Aratiatia, Waimungu, and the final two questions for the day in the Redwoods and Hamurana. I still have Okoroire, Hobitton, three venues in Hamilton, Pirongia, and finally Otorohanga, to be done. Sorry, no photos of my travels.

All this for another badge! While locating some of the venues was somewhat difficult, and the end of each day I felt quite pleased and satisfied with my accomplishments. I would recommend it to anyone.

This year we have started having our meetings, not on the last Sunday of the month, but on the first Sunday of the following month. This was because of the Auckland Anniversary day and also because the A.G.M. is on the final weekend of March.

The committee nomination form is at the bottom of the newsletter, please get your nominations in to me ASAP'

Because of the National Rally in Hastings, our March meeting, and our own Branch A.G.M. will be on the 7th April. This is our A.G.M date advertised in the Natmag. Please prepare for your own contribution to the management of Rotorua Branch, ready for the 7th April.

I would hope by now you would all have some costumes planned for the "Last of the Summer Wine" A.G.M. Theme. Who is putting a ferret up their trousers?

See you Sunday, stay upright with the sun on your back

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RUNS UPDATE

COFFEE

Join us for a coffee and chat each Saturday at the [Aroma Café](#), 1126 Fenton Street, at 10.00 am.

RUNS

[Runs leave from the Z Petrol Station on Fenton Street.](#)

Please read each ride with care as the times and leaving place may be different. If you are not sure if the run may be cancelled because of inclement weather, phone Hartley on 021 91645.

Rides and upcoming events

The rides committee has put together a few rides for the next couple of months.

Sunday 3rd March - Waikato Ulysses Child Cancer ride. Meet Selwyn Park, Te Awamutu 9.30 so we need to leave Rotorua at 8am from Z Fenton St. Details of the event are in the latest Ulyssian.

Sunday 3rd March - Branch meeting 7pm St Johns Hall - Pererika St.

Sunday 10th March - FRANKTON THUNDER. A ride has been organised to leave from the Cambridge Raceway at 8.30am to travel to Frankton. Leaving Rotorua at 7.15am from Z Fenton St.

Saturday 23rd March - A Brunch ride to the Rhubarb Cafe Arapuni. Leave Z Fenton St at 9am.

National AGM Hastings - weekend of the 29th to 31st March. Some of us are planning to leave on the Thursday 28th and travel to Gisborne and then on Friday travel down to Hastings. More details at next meeting.

The runs committee are working on further rides for early 2019
Please let Hartley know if you have an idea for a club ride





Jokes

BOSS: DO YOU BELIEVE IN LIFE AFTER DEATH?

EMPLOYEE: CERTAINLY NOT! THERE'S NO PROOF OF IT.

BOSS: WELL, THERE IS NOW. AFTER YOU LEFT EARLY YESTERDAY TO GO TO YOUR UNCLE'S FUNERAL, HE CAME HERE LOOKING FOR YOU.



NEXT BRANCH MEETING SUNDAY

3rd March 2019 AT 7PM

(St John's Ambulance Hall, 31 Pererika St, Rotorua)

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GENERIC BRANCH AGM NOMINATION FORM 2019 THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

I nominate: _____ Member No. # _____

For the position of: (please circle one)

Coordinator
Vice-Coordinator
Branch Treasurer
Committee Member

Branch President
Branch Vice-President
Branch Secretary

Nomination Accepted by: _____ Date: _____

Nominated by: _____ Member No. # _____

Seconded by: _____ Member No. # _____

All nominations are accepted with no pre-conditions