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Macedon Ranges Newsletter

Social Nights are held on the Third Monday of each month at the Sunbury Football Club Rooms “Clark Oval Riddel Rd Sunbury from 6.45 pm onwards. Come along and enjoy a great nights chat and a nice meal.

Saturday Morning Coffee’s are at the “Jolly Miller” in the Gisborne shopping centre, Brantome St Gisborne from approx 10AM onward till about 12.00 noon. Just look for the Bikes and Foxy’s happy smile or even Michaels (yet I doubt it).

Midweek rides are from the Caltex Servo in Station Rd Gisborne on each Wednesday Morning at 10 AM. (Gentlemans hours) Usually arranged on the day

Calendar Rides Sunday rides leave from Mac Donalds Horne St Sunbury at 9.30 AM unless otherwise organised. see ride calender on www.mrug.net for dates
Saturday rides leave from Jolley Miller about 11-ish and end up somewhere for lunch,yumm.....

Please read this

Some jokes may be deemed to be offensive to some people. However, it should be recognised that most jokes, if not all jokes, would be deemed to be offensive to some people. Let's face it; just about every joke ever told contains something offensive that will get right up the nose of someone.

Just because jokes offend some people it is no case for censorship. Humour, of all varieties, exists for those who enjoy it.

Never forget how to laugh!

COVER: Now come on Otoos it cant be that bad can it?

Your Committee

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	Anthony has resigned		

A Word from your President.....



Well, Hi everyone. It has been a while since my last report but I am sure, under the circumstances, you will forgive me. A few things have happened within the branch since then, so I will go through each of the important items.

The Sad News

The hardest thing in life is losing a friend or someone you consider to be a great gentleman and unfortunately, both have recently happened. We lost loveable Lucy Freestone (Thursday 4 April), who always had a smile on her face, always happy to see you, and always loved a good joke. Lucy's passing was a shock to everyone at the branch and I sure our hearts all go out to Mark.

Last week (Friday, 19 April) we lost the elder statesman of the Branch and a founding father of the Branch. This too was very sad news for me as Ron was a true gentleman who always had time for me, and was a person some people in the branch admired. Ron will be sadly missed as well, and our hearts go out to Colleen.

As these people are part of our extended family, we should reach out to Mark and Colleen, offer them any assistance and show them how much we care.

February Branch AGM

Our AGM was a non-event, basically because no one nominated for any of the role positions on the committee. All of the previous year's committee just re-stood again unopposed. However, as I have said before, you really cannot sit on your hands forever and a day and expect the current committee, me included, will be standing every year. After all, it is a voluntary role and at some stage, the current committee will say 'enough is enough' and sit on their hands. So you have a about nine months to decide if you will sit on your hands again or stand up and have a go.

One thing that did happen at our AGM was Ian Cowie did not run again for this year's committee. I thank Ian for his contribution to the committee for the past two years.

We had no nominations for Ian's position so Steve Clarke took that role. The committee decided to invite Anthony Henry on as an extra committee member to add a few more ideas to the pool. Well, all I can say is that our branch had nothing to offer Anthony nor did we agree with his ideas and views so Anthony, after about one month, resigned his position on the committee and from the branch. I wish him well and hope he finds what it is he is looking for.



Ulysses Rally

As you all know this year's Ulysses Rally (formally AGM) was held at Mornington Racecourse and about 20 of our branch members attended. We had a Branch Breakfast on a Wednesday morning which was well attended by branch members at the rally. The Branch Dinner was held on Thursday and we had around 30 people at the dinner as we had invited some friends from the Grampians and Whittlesea branches and everyone had a great time.

The usual things were at this year's Rally with Tuesday night being a meet and greet night, Saturday night was the main rally dinner; with over 700 people in one place, they do make some noise!

There were more bike manufacturers represented this year than last year and many people took the opportunity to test ride a few different brands. We even managed to get Victor (Wings) to sit in the new Spyder and he looked like it was made for him.

The only disappointment was the number of attendees was down this year compared to last year and because of this, I would hate to see NatCom panic and start making changes. After all, as you have heard me and others say before, it's not about the Rally it's about the journey to get there and the people you meet. It was a little unfortunate that the journey this year was only down the road but the next Rally is going to be in Lismore so come on 2020.

Events

For those who don't know there will be an overnigher to Cowes on Phillip Island on 4-5 May. This ride will be led by Mal and Jenny Percy and they are going to take us the long way to get there. We will be staying in cabins at the caravan park for the night. So, if you want to join in the fun please contact Sylvia or Vicki urgently or email events@mrub.org.au

Christmas in July has been booked and this year it will be at the Galli Estate Winery, 1507 Melton Highway, Plumpton. More info and pricing will start going out in June.

All about Me - I have been completely exonerated

As you all know I had an off on my bike at the roundabout in Bulla and ended up in ICU at the Royal Melbourne Hospital with 7 broken ribs, bleeding of my spleen and kidney as well as a small puncture in my lung. That's why I haven't been around to either Gisborne or Sunbury. The good news is I'm on the mend and I am over the bad pain caused by the broken ribs. The internal bleeding stopped pretty quickly. The only issue that is of concern is I am having trouble from time to time with the puncture in my lung taking its time to heal. Today I saw my doctor and he has halved the pain medication and given me the okay to drive a car. I don't know at this stage when I will be back on a bike as Sharon now hates bikes more than ever. If the insurance company writes off my bike as far as she is concerned I'm not getting another one. The bloody insurance company did just that so it will take me some time to win her over again. (Ed. Can you say Spyder?)

Wind Up

Well, that's about all I have to say in this report. I know you are thinking to yourself thank god so, unto the next time, bye everyone.

Your president
Trumpy





A Word from our Secretary

Well what a quarter this has been. Not one I'd ever like to see repeated. Although there are many who will have something more profound to say I can't let the passing of Lucy Freestone go unacknowledged in my report. She was a very special lady who was loved by all and she will be missed by the members of MRUB. A joy to have on any ride and good company in any situation... miss you Lucy.

Of course we must also mention the spill taken by our august leader Michael Bevan. Mick managed to bang himself up quite seriously and has been sidelined now for several weeks. He thinks he's on the mend (but a few doctors might disagree) but even from his sick bed / chair he has been active keeping things ticking over on the MRUB communications front. Hopefully by the time you read this he would have made an appearance among us.

So what else has been happening? In February we had our AGM and a new committee was elected. Most of the old faces remained with 'Moose' and Jim Atkinson stepping down from their positions. I'll acknowledge here our thanks for their efforts and point out that we as a group depend on people who are willing to put in.

We elected three new people to committee, Andy Brady as Ride Coordinator, Steve Clark as General Committee and Anthony Henry as General Committee. Just recently Anthony has resigned from the committee and indeed from MRUB (philosophical differences) so I will take this opportunity to welcome the two new people to the committee. They've already had one meeting and survived so give them a thanks when you see them next. I know Andy is getting to grips with the challenges of being ride coordinator so if you could help by leading a ride, suggesting destinations or just coming along let him know!

We have several new affiliates or potential new affiliates joining so please make them welcome. I say this in spite of the fact that I firmly believe we are a great group who do look after our people – keep up the good work. I should also mention the great job being done by Ken Hagar as Web Master. If there is anything you'd like to see let him know, if it's possible, practical and okay by the committee then I'm sure he'll be happy to help. Remember the web site, our Facebook, this newsletter and emails are the way we communicate.

I won't steal Andy's thunder by listing the rides coming up but make sure you know what's happening and join us if you're able – we always have fun.

Cheers,

Fluffy.



From Your Friendly Editor.....



And so the AGM has happened. I know Trump, Mark and Wings all shackled up together. Wings reckons its his last AGM, we will wait and see hey

The new committee have all been voted in and not much changed. Moose stepped down (thanks mate for the effort over the past time) and we now have three new members. Word has it that the Ant (Anthony) is looking at the ride co-ord job. Hope he gets great support if that's the case.

The footy club never ceases to amaze me as our AGM was shifted from the room where we have at least a little privacy to the main room where it was so bloody hard to hear anything. But then I guess the tiddly winks club which meets once a year has greater leverage than a club that supports them once a month all year round hey....

It came as a hell of a shock when I got the call from Stud to say Michael had had a fall off his beloved Suzy. Just goes to show no matter how careful a rider you are that there is some F.W. that says SMIDSY. Any way it was awesome to see how the entire club showed support for both Michael and Sharon.

Seen the new club calendar for coming events for the year and was impressed. There is heaps of variety in what the committee have planed and it is hoped you as branch members get behind the various events planed. Mrs Puss and I are going to the Philip Island weekend. Hope to see you come along.

Went for a ride on the new Enfield twin with Enfield Australia a few weeks ago. They assembled at Torquay and road down to wye River along the GOR. Great day great weather and real good company. Was interesting to get the frustrated side of the distributor trying to get product. Seems Aussie is just a small pebble in a bloody big ocean.

But finally it has arrived. I now own an Enfield 650 twin. Hope to see you around on it soon.

Any way that's about it and my grumblings for a few months.

As always...

Keep upright

Meow

**It is with great sadness that we have lost one of our more cherished members of our branch this month. Lucy was always the bright light in any crowd and she will be so missed by all. Hope to catch up again upstairs one day Grumpy
RIP.**





A Word from our Welfare Officer

I pleased to say, that everyone that went to the AGM in March had a great time. All came home safely and without incident. From the feedback, it was a very successful event. Well done!

Flowers were sent to John Barry to aid his recovery in hospital and at home.

And flowers and a card were sent to our president Mr Michael Bevan, along with all our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

After having a little oops on his bike, was ferried to hospital, originally diagnosed with three broken ribs. Michael now has to deal with seven broken ribs. Having spent a week in the Royal Melbourne, Michael was sent home without having to visit rehab. (Our thoughts are with Sharon.)

Being the ever popular president as he is, our Mr Trump was inundated with many phone calls, texts, emails and visits. All wishing and hoping that he will be back on his feet very soon.

Anyone enquiring about his bike, apparently it's none the worse with the oops.

On a sad note, flowers, cards and constant phone calls and messages were sent to Mark. Our thoughts, tears and big hugs are with him at this time.

As, the job of the Welfare Officer, is as only as good as the information given. Please don't hesitate to let me know if anyone is in need of any assistance.

You can contact me on [0413269022](tel:0413269022)

Kind regards,
foxy
Moira Burgess





A Word from our Paparazzi and Event Coordinator

Well, the new Committee got off to a flying start. We are going to try some different ways to spread the word about our MRU Branch, by attending Meet and Greet in Sunbury Karz 4 Kids. This is an annual event with many cars and bikes arriving for the Show and Shine. Some members have put their hand up to man or woman the stall.

I am still looking for articles for the Newsletter: "My First Bike" or "Caught In the Headlight". Please think about writing a short 250 words or so, everyone branch member is interested in these stories but we need the written word to publish. So, come on if you have not submitted a piece yet or you have another to share send it to me. events@mrub.org.au

Kindest regards... Vicki.





A Word from our Quartermaster

Winter is coming ... again. So, good time to make sure you have enough Winter woollies to ward off those biting winds. Last year the beanies from Ulysses were very popular, along with their scarves and neck warmers. They also have long sleeve T-shirts and skivvies with the old man logo. Certainly worth going into the Ulysses webpage and entering your details so you can access the gear shop to have a good look at what they offer. Don't forget that if you order through your friendly Quartermaster, our branch benefits from the sale and I am always happy to put an order in for you.

Another warm alternative and one that helps you identify with our branch, is our MRUB jumper at just \$35. They are warm, comfortable and wash well. A lot of members comment on the quality, a tribute to Smokey who originally sourced them. I have most sizes in stock, so just let me know what you need and I can get it to you promptly.

As I reflect on how our members identify with our branch through our patches and clothing, I also remember the lovely people who made me feel that I belonged. One of those people is Lucy Freestone, always welcoming, always a good friend, always ready to ride. She was a beautiful soul who will not be forgotten.

Say Hello to your new recycled Committee plus 2.



From L to R... Sylvia (Blondie) Moira (Foxy), Michael (Trump), Vicky (Pappa), Mark (Fuzzy), Jim (the Cat), Anthony (the Ant) ,John (the Stud), Anthony, and Steve

Ever wonder what the feathers in an Indian's head-dress stood for?

A female reporter, interviewing an American Indian Chief, asked the significance of the varied number of feathers in Indian headdresses.

"Feathers show number of sexual partners," the chief replied.

Pointing to a nearby young brave, he continued, "Him? One woman, one feather. Him?", pointing to a second, older man, "Three women, three feathers."

The reporter looked at the Chief's headdress. "But you have so many feathers!"

The Chief proudly slapped his chest. "Me Chief. Sleep with all women. Big, small, fat, tall."

Horried, the female reporter said; "You ought to be hung!"

The Chief said, "Damn right. Me hung big like buffalo, long like snake"

The offended reporter said, "You don't have to be hostile!"

The Chief replied, "Hoss-style, dog-style, wolf-style, any style!"

The reporter cried, "Oh, dear!"

"No deer," said the Chief. "Arse too high; run too fast !!



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MINUTES OF 2019 A.G.M.

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

The meeting was attended by 36 financial members including all current committee members and 4 guests. All attendee's membership was checked against a current Ulysses membership list.

Michael Bevan thanked the outgoing committee, in particular Ian and Jim who were not re-standing. He further expressed a wish that the committee numbers be expanded to 10 so as not to discourage "new blood". Michael then declared all positions vacant and asked senior member Ron Weste to conduct the AGM.

Ron Weste said he had single nominations for the following positions -

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee</i>
President	Michael Bevan
Secretary	Mark Behan
Treasurer	John Barry
Quartermaster	Sylvia Behan
Editor	Jim Alley
Welfare Officer	Moir Burgess
Ride Coordinator	Andy Brady

As there was only one nomination for each position they were declared elected.

Ron then confirmed the meeting was in favor of expanding the committee to ten members. Having received affirmation from the floor he declared the three nominations for committee persons elected.

Committee Person	Vicki Cronin
Committee Person	Steve Clark
Committee Person	Anthony Henry

There being no further business the

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Dear Editor,
Another year another AGM only this time, it was a Rally.

Unfortunately, this year we felt the void, that is, the fact that two "Amigos" were missing from our group - Jim (The Cat) and John (The Stud). Due to circumstances beyond their control, they were unable to attend. I have had the honour of your company in the past nine AGMs', over the fourteen years I have been a member of our club.

However, we were guided by the presence and company of our leader, Michael who organised a great BBQ breakfast and a night out at Grand Hotel in Mornington. We all had a great time in the company of our group and friends.

I take my hat off to Smokey and Dawn for their valued contribution to making the event a success in spite of the obvious domination of our hosts who provided the venue, catering etc.

The return journey home was uneventful; we left mid morning on Sunday the third enjoying a straight run on the freeways home.

I would like to extend my thanks to Michael, Mark and Karen for your company and in helping to make this Rally a memorable one, for all the right reasons.

Wings





20190216 Saturday MRUB Tyre Kick. What a day, the sun was shining and many bikes came down to Gisborne for the regular get together. At my count there were 35 bikes and some parked on the paddock and some under the trees. Great to see the Branch having a strong presence in the community. I noticed that some branch members have new rides, looking good. We have new faces turning up in the crowd so please make these new club members welcome.





20190216 Tyre Kick



Saturday the 9th March - Tyre Kick in Gisborne - perfect weather - a great meeting of like-minded riders. Cheers, Wings



So I get home yesterday and my dog is laying on the front porch covered in mud and has a rabbit in his mouth. He's not bloody, just dirty.

Now, my neighbors raise rabbits for showing and have blue ribbon winners. I instantly knew it was one of theirs. So I get the rabbit away from him, I take it inside, wash all the dirt off and before my neighbors got home I took it over, put him back in the cage and went back home. Not 30 minutes later I hear my neighbors screaming.... So I go outside, play it up etc..... They tell me their rabbit died three days ago and they buried it but now it's back in the cage. I think they're gonna move.

"Four insurance companies are in competition. One comes up with the slogan, "Coverage from the cradle to the grave."
 The Second one tries to improve on that with, "Coverage from the womb to the tomb."
 Not to be outdone, the third one comes up with, "From the sperm to the worm."
 The fourth insurance company really thought hard and almost gave up the race, but finally came up with, "From the erection to the resurrection."

Aboriginal Tracker Somewhere between Karratha and Onslow

An Australian tour guide was showing a group of American tourists the Top End. On their way to Kakadu he was describing the abilities of the Australian Aborigine to track man or beast over land, through the air, under the sea. The Americans were incredulous! Later in the day, the tour rounded a bend on the highway and discovered, lying in the middle of the road, an Aborigine.. He had one ear pressed to the white line whilst his left leg was held high in the air! The tour stopped and the guide and the tourists gathered around the prostrate Aborigine.

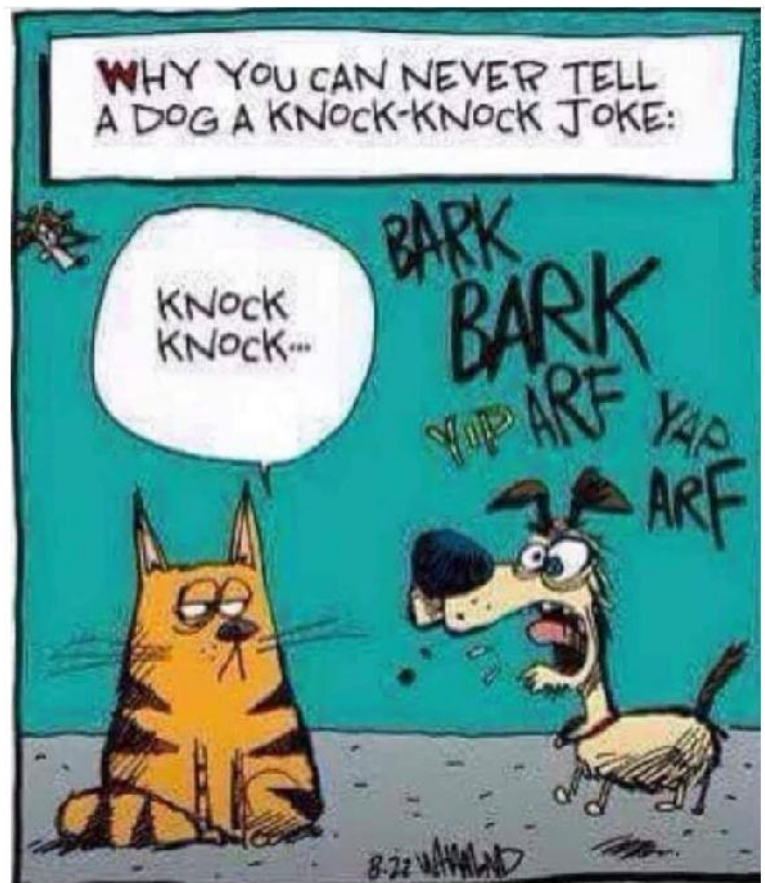
"Jacky," said the tour guide, "what are you tracking and what are you listening for?" The aborigine replied, "Down the road about 25 miles is a 1971 Valiant Ute. It's a red one... the left front tyre is bald. The front end is out of whack, and him got bloody dents in every panel. There are 9 black fellas in the back, all drinking warm sherry.

There are 3 kangaroos on the roof rack and 6 dogs on the front seat."

The American tourists moved forward, astounded by this precise and detailed knowledge.

"God man, that is amazing. How do you know all that?," asked one.

The Aborigine replied..... "I fell out off the bloody thing about half an hour ago!"





Not very often three birthdays turn up to a meeting. Happy birthday to Foxy, Wheels and Paul

Paddy rings his new girlfriend's door bell, with a big bunch of flowers. She opens the door, sees the flowers, and drags him in.

She lies back on the couch, pulls her skirt up, rips her knickers off and says 'This is for the flowers!'

'Don't be silly,' says Paddy, 'You must have a vase somewhere!'



Report: Ride Co-ordinator Andy Brady.

Lunch Ride 2-March-2019

The ride was still marked as To Be Advised "TBA" as we convened for Coffee, Tyre Kicking and Lies on Saturday, we quickly decided on a ride to Daylesford via Ashbourne Road setting off at around 11:00 am o'clock. One of us had to withdraw to deliver the next generation to prescribed Sporting occasions. At the designated hour we set of and found that our chosen route was mostly shaded by the beautiful forests of central Victoria (a wonderful cool ride with great views).

On arrival great shaded parking was found a short walk from the "Daylesford Hotel"

The meals were lovely as was the service; we did however find that even the small meals were too much for us, after lunch we found that we had family commitments in different directions so we split up and went our own ways from there.

A lovely ride and social meal, unfortunately many missed out by believing the as usual inaccurate weather forecast,

See you all next time.

20190213 Wednesday Ride



**Another great day with the midweek Macedon wanderers.
l/r Richard, Henry, Jim, Geoff(with a G) Peter, Rod, Bill,
Macca in helmet, Annie, Dennis, Dean, Dave, Colin & wally
on camera.
Smoko at the Castlemaine Koffehaus, lunch at Clunes,
return via Daylesford.**

Report from Richard: Added to Wednesday Ride 20190206

A most enjoyable ride with the Wednesday A team. Thanks to Colin for leading and everyone for your company. Redesdale for coffee, and Strathfieldsaye for lunch via many scenic less travelled back roads. The fish was very popular at lunch. A great way to enjoy part of my birthday, thanks to all

20190206 Wednesday Ride

Another day with the A team. l/r Richard, Geoff, Colin, Phillip, Rod, Macca, Terry2 & Wally on camera. Over the Mountain to Lancefield, Baynton & Redesdale for smoko, then onto Strathfieldsaye for lunch. Good weather, good company and not too many lies told.

[Colin Randall](#) Checked out a few roads not travelled for a while. Over My Macedon to Redesdale via Lancefield. Over My Alexander to Strathfieldsaye via Mandurang. Bike now covered in cooked grasshoppers, don't tell the Greenies.



20190227 Wednesday Ride



Another great day with the Wednesday Wanderers. l/r Daryl, Colin, Phillip, Dave, William, Dennis, Dean, Bruce, Macca Wally on camera. Guildford for smoko, Buninyong for lunch

Blessed are those that can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.'

The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.'

The cop was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.'

The Congressman was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

As Ronald Reagan said: "Both politicians and diapers need to be changed often and for the same reason."

201900306 Wednesday ride



Another day on the scooters for the Wednesday wanderers, I/r William, Ron, Geoff, Annie, Keith needing another suck on the pipe, Dennis, Terry2, Ron, Peter & Wally on camera. Redesdale for smoko, managed to split into 4 groups, 3 made it to Maldon, 3 ended up back in Redesdale

A guy goes to the supermarket and notices a very attractive woman waving at him. She says, 'Hello.'

He's rather taken aback because he can't place where he knows her from. So he asks, 'Do you know me?'

To which she replies, 'I think you're the father of one of my kids.'

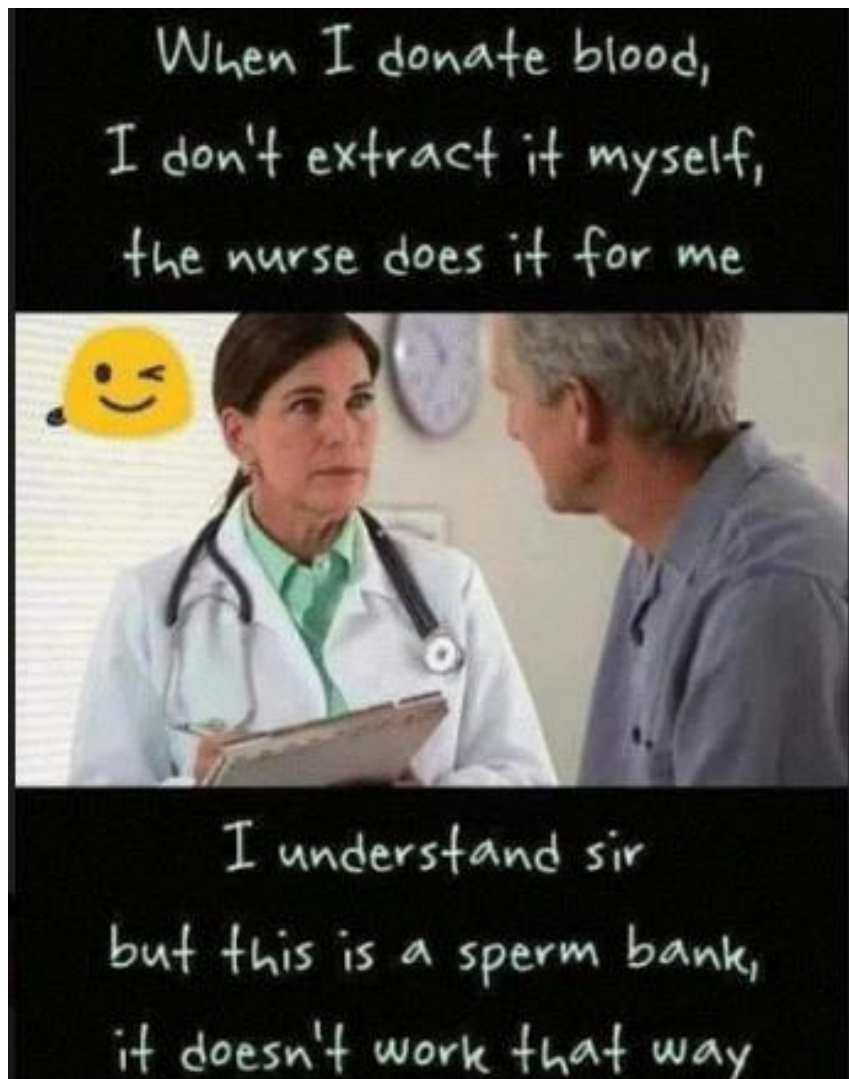
Now his mind travels back to the only time he has ever been unfaithful to his wife. So he asks, 'Are you the stripper from the bachelor party that I made love to on the pool table, with all my buddies watching, while your partner whipped my butt with wet celery?'

She looks into his eyes and says calmly, 'No, I'm your son's teacher.'



"Joe wanted to buy a motorbike.
He doesn't have much luck until one day, he comes across a Harley with a 'for sale' sign on it.
The bike seems even better than a new one, although it is 10 years old.
It is shiny and in absolute mint condition.
He immediately buys it, and asks the seller how he kept it in such great condition for 10 years.
'Well, it's quite simple, really,' says the seller, 'whenever the bike is outside and it's gonna rain, rub Vaseline on the chrome. It protects it from the rain.
And he hands Joe a jar of Vaseline.
That night, his girlfriend, Sandra, invites him over to meet her parents.
Naturally, they take the bike there.
But just before they enter the house, Sandra stops him and says,
'I have to tell you something about my family before we go in.'
'When we eat dinner, we don't talk.
In fact, the first person who says anything during dinner has to do the dishes.'
'No problem,' he says. And in they go.
Joe is shocked. Right smack in the middle of the living room is a huge stack of dirty dishes.
In the kitchen is another huge stack of dishes. Piled up on the stairs, in the corridor, everywhere he looks, dirty dishes.
They sit down to dinner and, sure enough, no one says a word.
As dinner progresses, Joe decides to take advantage of the situation.
So he leans over and kisses Sandra.
No one says a word.
So he reaches over and fondles her breasts.
Still, nobody says a word. So he stands up, grabs her, rips her clothes off, throws her on the table, and screws her right there, in front of her parents.
His girlfriend is a little flustered, her dad is obviously livid, and her mum horrified when he sits back down, but no one says a word.
He looks at her mum.. 'She's got a great body,' he thinks.
So he grabs the mum, bends her over the dinner table, pulls down her panties, and screws her every which way right there on the dinner table.
After she has a big orgasm, he sits down again.
Now his girlfriend is furious and her dad is boiling, the mum is pleasantly beaming.
But still, total silence.
All of a sudden there is a loud clap of thunder, and it starts to rain.
Joe remembers his bike, so he pulls the jar of Vaseline from his pocket...
Suddenly the father shouted....

'Alright, I'll do the fuxxing dishes!!!'



Into a Belfast pub comes Paddy Murphy, looking like he'd just been run over by a train. His arm is in a sling, his nose is broken, his face is cut, and bruised, and he's walking with a limp.

'What happened to you?' asks Sean, the bartender.

'Micheal O'Connor and me had a fight,' says Paddy

'That little skinny O'Connor?,' says Sean, 'How could he do that to you? He must have had something in his hand.'

'That he did,' says Paddy, 'a shovel is what he had, and a terrible beatin' he gave me with it.'

'Well,' says Sean, 'you should have defended yourself ta same. Didn't you have something in your hand?'

That I did,' said Paddy. 'Mrs. O'Connor's breast. And a thing of beauty it was; but useless in a fight.'

Retired Irishmen were playing poker in O'Leary's apartment when Paddy Murphy loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest, and drops dead at the table. Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing standing up.

Michael O'Connor looks around and asks, 'Oh, me boys, someone got's to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?'

They draw straws. Paul Gallagher picks the short one. They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

'Discreet??? I'm the most discreet Irishmen you'll ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me.' Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs. Murphy answers, and asks what he wants. Gallagher declares, 'Your husband just lost \$500, and is afraid to come home.'

'Tell him to drop dead!', says Murphy's wife.. 'I'll go tell him.' says Gallagher.



20190313 Wednesday Ride

Only 5 starters today, Ron, Wally, Macca, Henry, & the photographer. Wondong for coffee Tallarook for lunch, home via Lancefield



HIGHWAY PACK

Comfort Rider Seat - Black
Pillion Comfort Seat - Black
Passenger Backrest
Chrome Luggage Rack
Deluxe Backrest Pad - Black
Dresser Bar - Chrome
Longhaul Screen
Waxed Cotton Pannier RHS - Black
Waxed Cotton Pannier LHS - Black
Waxed Cotton Pannier Rail - LHS
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<https://www.triumphmotorcycles.com.au/configurator/bike/...>



While attending the Ulysses Rally in Mornington (What, you didn't go?) I did a test ride on this Triumph Bonneville Speedmaster with the Highway pack. Since I like a bike with a windscreen and some place to put things this was a worthy contender.

Things I liked about the Speedmaster.

- Comfortable seat.
- Handlebar-this is very much like the pull back bars on early 1910s bike.
- Windscreen-small but effective.
- Engine- 92 hp from 1200cc makes it go in a hurry and smoothly.
- Cruise control-works well.
- Instrument cluster-nice big speedometer was easy to read, with all the other information available in the centre via a switch on the left switch cluster.
- Nice Brembo ABS brakes.
- Highway Pack-nicely thought out.
- Relatively light weight-245 kg dry weight.
- Fuel Consumption 4.3l/100km (66 mpg) data supplied by Triumph, YMMV.

Things I was annoyed about on the Speedmaster.

- Ignition switch-it has one. low on the right side. Best reached when seated. Easy to leave the key behind.
- Panniers/saddlebags-see description above. They are small. Cut sandwich and a pair of gloves for each bag and it is full. Awkward closures-straps through slots then twist locks through another slot.
- Heavy front end-doesn't change directions easily at low to medium speeds. Not really noticeable until riding another bike.
- Chain drive.

A nice bike which would be worth considering for downsizing or one-up travelling. It would be a cosy ride for two people! A couple of days later, I had the opportunity to re-visit an Indian Scout. Both bikes are similar in size and weight. The Scout is quicker and faster (there is a difference) and more willing to change directions at low to medium speeds.

Hey Yu

Ride Report 27 February Part 2

http://www.motoguzzi.com/au_EN/motorbikes/custom/California/California-1400-Touring-2017/

While attending the Ulysses Rally in Mornington (What, you didn't go?) I did a test ride on this Moto Guzzi California Touring. Since I like a bike with a windscreen and some place to put things this was a worthy contender. Also, with a name like that why wouldn't I ride it!

This bike was stock, no extra anything! There is a reason for that. There isn't really anything else you would want! Big. Powerful. Well finished.

As you may have noticed from the website details, this bike hasn't been updated since 2017. It has a 1380 cc engine with 92 hp and will carry two people comfortably all day. At 345 kg kerb weight, this is a big bike.

Things I liked about the California.

- Comfortable seat-a bit tall for me but doable.
- Handlebar-comfortable reach and height.
- Panniers-BIG.
- Ignition-key with alarm. Showing it age a bit here. Should be keyless.
- Windscreen-good at doing what it is supposed to do.
- Handling-easily changes directions at low to medium speeds. Much easier than the Speedmaster.
- Acceleration-nice linear rapid increase.
- Brakes-ABS helps to stop this beast in a hurry.
- Shaft-drive.
- Cruise Control-one button-easy.
- Key switch-located on top of the top triple tree. Easy to find and use.

Things I was annoyed about on the California.

- Acceleration-Smooth as any 4 or 6 cylinder bike above 2200 rpm, below that and this thing VIBRATES! Makes my 2002 Sportster or 1971 Triumph Bonneville smooth, very off-putting.
 - Instruments-tachometer is on the outside circular edge and has to cover a lot of distance to show the change. The other gauges are digital and in the centre and accessible by a switch. Big (about 50 mm) digits for the speedometer and 10 mm or less for the rest makes reading the gauges relatively easy, until the sun gets on them. Then you have to guess at what is on display.
 - Weight-not so much how much but where. I didn't ride it long enough to determine exactly where, but this was much more awkward at low speed than my Indian, Victory, or any Harley I have owned or rented. If it got off-centre while stopped there was no way to stop it from dropping to the ground.
 - Alarm fob-very easy to activate accidentally and not be able to start the bike.
- This was the most surprising bike I have ridden. Surprisingly smooth and yet rough. Surprisingly good acceleration. Surprisingly good handling. Surprisingly bad instrument cluster design.

If I had to pick between the Speedmaster (Ride Report 27 February Part 1) and the California it would be difficult as each has its features and faults. Fortunately, I have bikes I am happy to ride! I pick the Speedmaster over the California. Now if Triumph would give it a belt or shaft drive and decent panniers then it would be worth further consideration. Until then I will enjoy the bikes I have.

Hey Yu



20190210 Wednesday Ride



The dirty dozen, another great day on the scooters with great people, well led as usual by Colin. l/r Geoff (with a G) Colin, Ron, Dennis, Phillip, Heidi, Henry, William, Macca, Terry2, Keith & wally on camera. Wandong for smoko, Kinglake for lunch, return via Whittlesea, Wallan and scattered from there.

[Geoff Eustace](#) and Phillip next to Dennis and Keith on the end. A great ride with a good bunch of blokes (and girls).

I stopped by the Ford dealership yesterday, for a look at the new 2019 F-150 pickup.
Just for fun, I took it out for a test drive. I wanted to sense that new truck "feel" before they become old.
The salesperson (a nice looking lady wearing a "#metoo" lapel pin) sat in the passenger seat next to me, describing the truck and all its "wonderful" options.
The seats were of particular interest. She explained that the seats directed warm air to your bum in the winter and directed cool air to your bum in the summer heat.
I mentioned that this must be a LIBERAL truck.
Looking a bit angry, she asked why I thought it was a LIBERAL truck.
"I explained that if it were a GREENS or a LABOR truck, the seats would just blow hot air up your arse all year-round!"
I had to walk back to the dealership, but it was worth it...



Caught in the Headlight

Hi I am Anthony Henry 61 years young and only returned to riding last year as the passion never died. My first bikes were in WA two racers a Kawasaki H1 Mach III and a Kawasaki H2 Mach IV both 1973's and both killer bikes handled well for the days engineering and went like the clappers. My weekender was a Norton 750 Commando 1972 and a great bike when it was running.

Now in considering what bike to get on returning to biking I choose a cruiser a 1997 Kawasaki Vulcan 800 with a bobber kit and rides like a dream, for traffic I opted for the not so sophisticated 2018 Kawasaki 900 ABS and goes fast enough for me and handles great. The third bike added was an Atomik 125 which I scored by chance on a Sheriffs action for \$300 almost new and goes well. Hoping to get the grandsons into biking soon using this bike.

Why do I ride, as I explained to my wife, who is not into biking, for that feeling you get on a motorcycle with no distractions, just you concentrating cornering at speed on a winding scenic road has no equal in life experiences for those that are true motorcycle persons?

Why Ulysses, after reviewing the number of groups to join in Melbourne I found the manifesto history of the club to suit my age, interests, beliefs and the closeness of the Macedon branch suited.



**Anthony has since left our branch in search of a more suitable branch with a more understanding and progressive membership
We wish him all the best in his ambitious endeavours**

20190317 Ride to Rochester

Photos by
Mal Livesay.



Thank you to Hey Yu for organising a wonderful ride, with a chilly start, great ride and of course Culture and Cuisine.

Who: Ride Leader-Ken Hager (Indian), Matt & Michelle Dridan (BMW), David (BMW)& Charles (Triumph) Meson (yes, both on the same ride and it wasn't a ride they organised), Christo (BMW), Vicki (H-D Sportster), Annie (H-D Sportster), Andy & Louise (Honda Civic) and the dog.

What: Culture and Cuisine. Culture = works of art, and St Patrick's Day. Cuisine = Lunch at Kit's Kafe.

Where: From Sunbury to Rochester and return. We traveled to Rochester via Woodend, Newham, Lancefield, Pyalong, Heathcote, Nagambie, Rushworth, and Stanhope. Stopped in Heathcote for relief and refill. Everyone had the opportunity to ride on previously unknown roads. Not the same roads for all people, but each did find an unknown road. Lunch at Kit's Kafe was good as it provided for vegetarian and gluten intolerant diets as well as the good stuff for the rest of the group.

When: Read the title!

Why: To view the painted silos (see photos) and have lunch.

How (far): 286 km there and 186 km back for me, 24 km less in each direction from Sunbury.

If you haven't taken the time to see the silos in Rochester, then consider this. It is less than two (2) hours from Sunbury to Rochester! Do yourself and the people of Rochester a favour and go. Stop for lunch, brunch, breakfast, dinner, stay overnight. Whatever. Haven't seen the other silo art around the state? Well, get going!



20190130 Wednesday Ride Report:

7 riders this Wednesday, Bill, Jim, Geoff, Ken, Macca, Dennis plus the owner of the yellow jacket at Guildford for coffee, with 2 of Wally's mates. He'd gone home. Lunch at Kyneton via Chewton & Sutton Grange



20/3/2019

Attached is the report and photos of the latest Wednesday Ride.

Wednesday all stars, l/r Dennis, Ken, Richard, Colin, Rod, and wally on camera. Redesdale for smoko, Strathfieldsaye via MT Alexander for lunch



20190324 Meet Greet Adventure Ride to Vaughan

The Adventure boys on the way to Vaughan Springs.

Adventure ride to the Annual "Meet and Greet" Event at Vaughan Springs.

Keith (BMW R100GS), Russell (Honda CRF230), Dave (Suzuki DR650), Dean (BMWGS 310), Mark (YamahaXT600), Dete (Honda XR250) and Peter (KTM690) met at the Jolly Miller for a coffee before we headed for Vaughan Springs "the other way". A beautiful day for a ride on dirt roads and tracks in the bush through the Wombat State Forest, although it was a bit dusty in some places.

We headed west from Gisborne and when we stopped to regroup at O'Brien's Crossing we discovered that someone was no longer with us! A text from Keith let us know that we had apparently zipped when he had zagged so he was taking the leisurely route to Glen Lyon and would meet us there. We continued west and then headed north toward Lyonville and then on to the historic Lyonville Mineral Springs for another chance to regroup and have a drink. Every time we stopped, Deans smile was getting bigger; he was clearly enjoying the blast in the bush on his impressive little 310 cc BMW.

We continued north and rode through Glen Lyon, but Keith was nowhere to be seen so we moved on. Keith had left shortly before us and decided to head for home. Time was marching on, so we were back on the dirt and heading back into the Wombat forest and on to Vaughan Springs for lunch and a bit of Meeting and Greeting. We caught up with Jim and the MRUB bitumen crew and after a chat we were back on the bikes and on the dirt.

One of the "Meets" was Brian from the Melbourne Branch who has ridden with us before, so he joined us for the run back to Gisborne on his BMW GS1200. Another big smile at the end of the ride.

Fortunately, the wind had picked up a bit, so the dust was reduced as we headed south via Porcupine Ridge, around the back of Glen Lyon and onto some single track before a quick fuel up for some in Trentham.

Then Dete led us back through some more good roads and tracks in Wombat forest before we said our goodbyes at Gisborne. Over all, a bit more than 200 kms return trip to Gisborne, almost all on dirt, through some fabulous bush and forest with no traffic and a good bunch of riders. Thanks to everyone for a fun day on our Adventure bikes.

I will attach a couple of photos of some of our ADV riders plus some of the other MRUB group at Vaughan Springs, along with our route through the forests.

Until next time.

Peter



Meet and Greet 24/4/2019

A few members, Fred (Honda), Jim (Spyder F3), Darryl (Scout), Ken (Victory), and Annie (Sportster) managed to get their acts together for a ride to Vaughan Springs on a beautiful Autumn Sunday. This was an easy ride around the countryside to Gisborne, following the old Calder to Kyneton, skirted around Kyneton, past the airfield, through Metcalfe to Chewton. Turned left to Fryerstown and then Vaughan Springs. A small group of 65-70 Ulyssesians gathered for food and discussions about world affairs. After the compulsory speeches the group headed home via Guildford, Glenlyon, Spring Hill, Tylden, and Woodend, where we went our separate ways. A wasted opportunity for a pleasant ride for those members who chose not to attend this annual event.



20190323 Wednesday Ride

The Wednesday warriors, l/r Geoff (with a G) Colin (the leader) Henri, Ivan (the terrible), William (the Bill), Annie (Oakley) missing in photo, Richard & Wally on camera. Anakie for smoko, MT Helen for lunch, glorious day for a ride with great company. — with [Colin Randall](#)



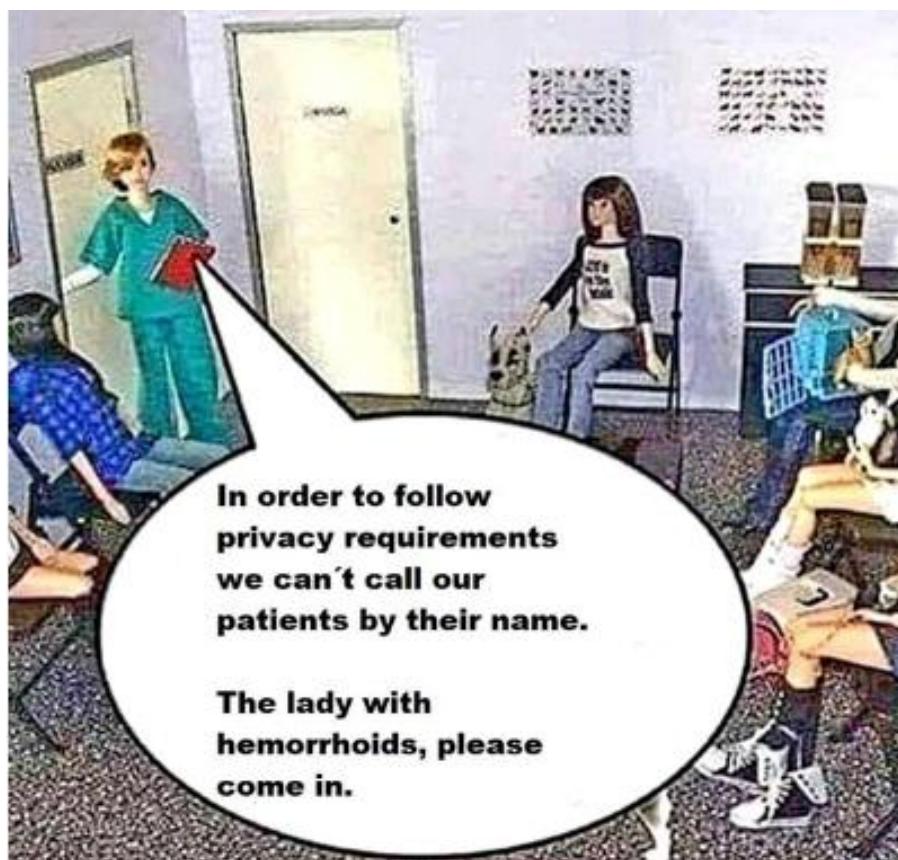
IN CASE YOU DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW THIS LITTLE TIDBIT OF WONDERFUL TRIVIA.....
ON JULY 20, 1969, AS COMMANDER OF THE APOLLO 11 LUNAR MODULE, NEIL ARMSTRONG WAS THE
FIRST PERSON TO SET FOOT ON THE MOON.
HIS FIRST WORDS AFTER STEPPING ON THE MOON,
"THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND," WERE TELEVISED TO EARTH AND
HEARD BY MILLIONS.
BUT, JUST BEFORE HE RE-ENTERED THE LANDER, HE MADE THE ENIGMATIC REMARK "GOOD LUCK, MR.
GORSKY."
MANY PEOPLE AT NASA THOUGHT IT WAS A CASUAL REMARK CONCERNING SOME RIVAL SOVIET
COSMONAUT.
HOWEVER, UPON CHECKING, THERE WAS NO GORSKY IN EITHER THE RUSSIAN OR AMERICAN SPACE
PROGRAMS.

OVER THE YEARS, MANY PEOPLE QUESTIONED ARMSTRONG AS TO WHAT THE 'GOOD LUCK, MR. GORSKY'
STATEMENT MEANT, BUT ARMSTRONG ALWAYS JUST SMILED.

ON JULY 5, 1995, IN TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA, WHILE ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOLLOWING A SPEECH, A
REPORTER BROUGHT UP THE 26-YEAR-OLD QUESTION ABOUT MR. GORSKY AND
THIS TIME HE FINALLY RESPONDED BECAUSE HIS MR. GORSKY HAD JUST DIED, SO NEIL ARMSTRONG
FELT HE COULD NOW ANSWER THE QUESTION.

HERE IS THE ANSWER TO
"WHO WAS MR. GORSKY?":
IN 1938, WHEN HE WAS A KID IN A SMALL MID-WESTERN TOWN, HE WAS PLAYING BASEBALL WITH A
FRIEND IN THE BACKYARD.
HIS FRIEND HIT THE BALL, WHICH LANDED IN HIS NEIGHBOR'S YARD BY THEIR BEDROOM WINDOW.
HIS NEIGHBORS WERE MR. AND MRS. GORSKY.
AS HE LEANED DOWN TO PICK UP THE BALL, YOUNG ARMSTRONG HEARD MRS. GORSKY SHOUTING AT
MR. GORSKY,
"ORAL SEX! YOU WANT ORAL SEX?! YOU'LL GET ORAL SEX WHEN THE KID NEXT DOOR WALKS ON THE
MOON!"

It broke the place up.
NEIL ARMSTRONG'S FAMILY CONFIRMED THAT
THIS IS A TRUE STORY.





BEST LAWYER STORY OF THE YEAR, DECADE AND PROBABLY THE CENTURY!!

Charlotte, North Carolina. USA.

A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires"

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued... and WON!

(Stay with me.)

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire" and was obligated to pay the claim!

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars lost in the "fires".

NOW, FOR THE BEST PART

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine. This is a true story and was the First Place winner in the recent Criminal Lawyers Award Contest!

ONLY IN AMERICA!

I met a magical fairy yesterday who offered to grant me one wish.

I said "I wish to live forever,"

"Sorry," said the fairy, "I'm not allowed to grant that particular wish."

"Fine," I said, "then I want to die the day after Parliament is filled with honest, hard-working, bipartisan men and women who act only in the people's best interests!"

"You crafty bastard," replied the fairy.

20190403 Wednesday Ride

They came out of the woodwork today, l/r Macca, Ken, Colin, Terry2, Dennis, Jim, Henry, Ivan, Bill, missing from photo are the late comers, Annie & Dean, Wally on camera. Ballan for smoko, Maldon via uncharted byways for lunch, return via Harcourt, Taradale, Kyneton. Life's good



At St. Peter's Catholic Church in New York, they have a weekly husbands' marriage seminar.

At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, 'Wella, I've tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!'

The priest responded, 'Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?'

Giuseppe proudly replied, "I gonna go picka her up."

**THANKS TO THESE MEMBERS THAT MADE THE LETTER
WHAT IT IS.....**

Dennis (Dutchy) Holland (Great Jokes)
Ken (Hey – you) Hager (Always puts in)
Vicky
Stud
Peter
Anthony
Victor

Not that many out of a club of 100 plus
So.....Where the hell are you ALL
So what about it.....
Where's your bit.....
E MAIL TO ME AND SEE YOUR NAME IN LIGHTS
Or are you just like the rest and do Bugger all.....