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Hi Troops,

As well as being Ulyssians I reckon we all qualify to be OWLS (Older, Wiser, Laughing Souls). So, as Ulyssians, we are encouraged to "Grow Old Disgracefully" so, as "OWLS", I want you to consider these skills that have enabled us to qualify:

- On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past - but never the present.
- We've reached a point where we stop lying about our age and start bragging about it.
- Old age is when our former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize us.

But the ones that truly defines us Ulyssians are:

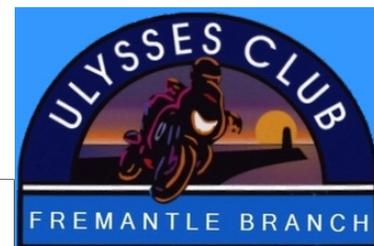
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not us, we want people to know "why" we look this way. We've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved!
- How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?

The last month has seen us celebrate the latest blockbuster – "Spyderman Returns" on St Patrick's Day – didn't make that ride (sorry Andy)! The call of a drop of the black with a taste of 'uisce beatha' on the rare occasion the day falls on a Sunday was too much temptation! But then the following weekend on Mike Smith's annual '5 Towns Ride' the next sequel to Spyderman nearly had a different ending when the trusty steed had to limp home a bit lame in the hock or gambrel! (Look it up!!)

Also on the 24th March there was the Black Dog Ride at which we had some representation in the form of Eric, John Hilton and another. Unfortunately, as I discovered this morning, they didn't have the necessary Lady Luck riding as pillion! Instead, she rode pillion with an old friend of mine from Manjimup and watched over his shoulder as he purchased the winning ticket for the grand prize of a BMW K1600 GTL. Thing is he doesn't want it!!! I told him when he called me this morning that I'd offer him the price of his ticket as an exchange deal – I even offered double! But he wants more! Seriously, if you fancy one of these at less than list and are prepared to make him a reasonable offer – let me know!



We don't care.... We ride there



On Easter Sunday Tony led the attending warriors to Donnybrook for the Apple Festival. I had hoped to be on this ride as the owner of a new helmet that will help me handle the rhinitis that's kept me from rides for a few months but I guess Easter Saturday wasn't a good time to try to buy one – "That size and colour is out of stock, Sir". And I've been too busy since – but it will happen and I will be going on rides again soon – I hope!

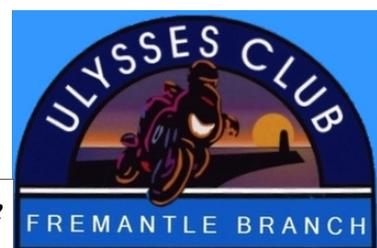
In closing don't forget that the AGM is only a short time away - June 12th. This Wednesday night we'll announce it and written nominations for committee positions have to be submitted 28 days before hand which effectively means by the May meeting. Hardly seems like a year has gone by but look at what we've achieved!! I'm proud of you all!

All positions are resigned each year therefore requiring nominations for all positions including renomination of any incumbent that wishes to continue. I hope some new faces will have a go and – believe me – it isn't onerous with approximately 7 meetings a year. See you all soon and remember –

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Spence (53780)



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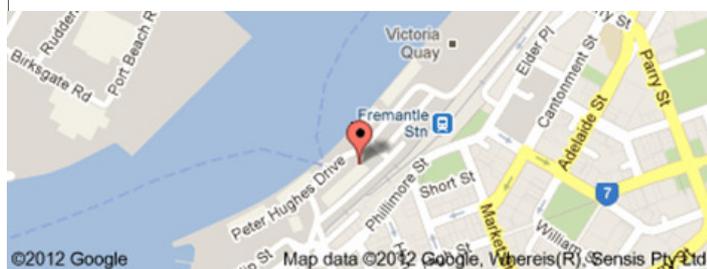
Note: Next meeting, Wed 8th
May 2013

And as always

Wednesday morning Plods from South beach kiosk assemble at 9:00am for a 9:30am start. If you're an early riser, some members meet for breakfast at 8:00am before the Plod.

The group will meet at the Ill Capriccio Café Bar corner of South Terrace and Commercial Street South Fremantle. There is 2 hour parking across the road and also behind the Indian restaurant on the opposite corner of Commercial Street.

The Saturday morning coffee get togethers commence at 10:00am. at the Victoria Café. This café is located at the eastern end of the Fremantle 'E' Shed Markets. Great Coffee, come and give it a try.



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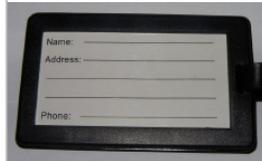


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Some exciting news this month is that Ulysses Club has had the opportunity to purchase some leather vests and leather jackets that will be available for sale at the Fraser Coast 2013 AGM Event. These have the Old Man Logo embroidered on the back and are stock from XDC who had a licence agreement with us but is now closing his business.



The Office Staff have asked me to remind you about your Christmas orders. The office will be open up to & including 21st December 2012, but to guarantee delivery before Christmas, the cut off date will be 30th November 2012. Orders will still be processed after this date but may not be delivered in time.



Have very Merry Christmas!

*Chris Glover
National Purchasing Officer*



The Sharpie Bike

Reflections of the West Coast

Pretty girls and motorcycles go really well together, don't they? Now, put art into it and you will have a combination hard to beat! Meet Breece Knudson, an Interior Designer whose passion for motorcycles and art has led her to create one of the most unique designs ever on a bike.



Breece's ride is a 2003 Suzuki GSXR 600. She bought it from a friend four years ago and, not happy with the original design, she came up with her own providing a fresh look for her bike. Art so original and so inspiring that you cannot help but stare at it and ask questions; the bike tells her story: Breece spent time living in the Pacific Northwest before moving to Los Angeles. She later moved back to the Seattle area. The sketches reflect her life in LA on the right side of the bike, and her life in the Puget Sound on the left.



Breece is no regular girl; she is a sweetheart with a dark side, a duality that you can see and appreciate through each illustration on her bike. She did all of the illustrations for the first time using just her Sharpie, and even more impressive, it took her only 5 months to complete.

To our pleasant surprise, when we asked her what her favourite design on the bike was, she answered without hesitation, it was the part that represents the Seattle-Tacoma area; including the Pacific Science Centre and the Space Needle, because that's where her roots are. This gorgeous Seattleite has no tattoos, as expected from the stereotypical view of a rider; all the drawings that can possibly represent her are beautifully Sharpied on the bike, as she explains.



Such art should be known and shown in the motorcycle world, and Breece's bike is certainly there. She has had the opportunity to attend numerous events in the motorcycle and automobile industry, presenting her bike and design with a clear success. She has a Facebook fan page reaching almost 400 followers and a bunch of invitations to events involved in the motorcycle world. For Breece, all of this wouldn't have been possible without her partner's help. Matthew's support plays an important role in this busy motorcycle world and his presence is a motivation for her.

Good news for fans who are interested in Breece's work: she also works on other motorcycles, not necessarily in the black and white Sharpie technique. As a good artist, she also uses several sources and a variety of colours; it all depends on the clients needs. Her signature technique when designing and painting is to tell a story more than just showing off her artistic skills. She puts personality into each bike she works with.



Breece's plans for the future are full of events, a ride through the west coast, invitations to shows in the Midwest and more. If you want to keep up with this local artist and get to know more about her work, we invite you to follow her Facebook fan page www.facebook.com/thesharpiebike. You can comment, support and cheer for her stunning work.

Article by Giselle Garzon, photos by [Turkphotos](#)/Spring 2013

Manjimup via the Hilton route

By Sticky Beak

Some of us are remembered for good things, others forwell not such good things however Johnnie Hilton is renowned for putting together some memorable rides. So it was then, that when I found out that the Manjimup ride and weekend away was on again this year and at last being in a position to attend my paw was up there right away.

The day dawned sunny and bright and a goodly gathering of Fremantle faithful arrived at the start point however there was one person lacking. It transpired that the author of the days ride was off swanning around on some cruise ship with "She who must be obeyed" bless him. He always was a wise feller young John! This in effect made little or no difference as Steve Zaretsky had stepped into the ride leaders position and as we had the perennial duo of Geoff and Jill to bring up the rear (with suitable blasts to be reported I am sure) so it was tally-ho and away we went.....straight to Collie. As Sticky the Beak is more often than not at the front or the back this was a novel experience and more than once when the corner marking fell to me I was nearly, but not quite, caught napping so to speak. In due course after a rather brisk and straight run we landed in good order in Collie.

Bikes refuelled, coffee and other matters dealt with away we went again, however where we had been going in fairly straight lines before, we were soon experiencing the magic Hilton touch as we swung onto bendy and hilly roads zigging and zagging hither and yon in the general direction of South, I think. Not sure if it was, as the Coriolis affect was having an influence on my built in mental compass which was starting to precess and wander all over the place. I was having fun though. I had to pull into a farm at one stage to inform the farmer that one of his cows was caught in the fence however it seems it was his neighbours, the cow that is and the fence. Anyway it was not there the next day as I passed on the way home nor was the offending leg so I guess it was dealt with.

By the time we arrived at Boyup Brook for fuel the troops were revolting. They were giddy, hungry and very happy however there was no way they were going to continue to Greenbushes as planned. Poor old Steve had to make a humble apology to the Greenbushes Bakery however Eric bought some buns and we promised to do a special trip there in the near future. Ride leader volunteer PLEASE! Front and centre.....

Once the recalcitrant bunch of reactionaries had morfed back into their usual sunny and smiling selves we were away again winding and wandering until presto.....we popped out onto the road to Manjimup. Rolling into town at around 3 pm after another brilliant ride we all slotted into our various perches and made ready for the evening. The Pub and supplies were important to most and some of the smarties got a lift with Tony to save walking. That would have been fine if one of the offenders had not driven by giving the royal wave to some of those walking there. Never thought some of the ladies knew how to flip the "bird"

Manjimup via the Hilton route (cont.)

The evening meal was excellent and the company brilliant and the stories got worse as the evening grew older. Nothing new there however at the amazingly early time of before 11pm we were all asleep full of good food, good cheer and happy memories.

The morning dawned fine and cool and the smell of the bacon and coffee soon had us heading in for breakfast. A few were staying over for another night, Sticky had to get home however the rest headed off with Eric to Bunbury and more enjoyable and windy roads were ridden. Another great weekend away and this was all the sweeter for me as it has been a long time since I have been able to enjoy one. Thanks to all and to the Motel staff for a great time and see you on the next jaunt.

Your occasional wandering reporter Sticky Beak.







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THE UCARF STORY

Ulyssians have always been generous people and right from the start have opened their hearts to worthy causes. At the Wagga AGM in 1997 it was decided that in the absence of a specific alternative, the Ulysses Club would designate research into arthritis as its own preferred charity. The impetus for the choice came from the death at only 72 the previous year of Jo Dearnley who finally lost a 20-year battle against rheumatoid arthritis. Because arthritis is so slow, insidious, painful and debilitating it does not attract the same publicity as the more obvious and 'dramatic' diseases, yet not only is it by far the most common cause of painful and severe handicap in this country, it can also be deadly. In its various forms it affects nearly five million Australians and accounts for more deaths than AIDS or MS, yet because the disease is so diffuse it does not attract a lot of media attention.

In the beginning with funds were passed to the Arthritis Foundation but after some internal problems and the discovery that only a minute portion was directed to research, it was decided that the Ulysses Club would channel donations directly to the front line. Consequently the club has given significant support to a number of post-graduate students in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne and supplied their laboratories with expensive items of equipment. As the Ulysses Club Arthritis Fund we have had progress reports from the researchers themselves and direct evidence of where our contributions are being applied.

For 2011 NatCom has agreed to take this a step further by offering a full fellowship to a brilliant research scientist, Kelly McKelvie, from Otago University in Dunedin. This calls for UCARF to commit \$80,000 over the next twelve months and in return Kelly will be providing the Club with regular progress reports and updates. I hope members will have the opportunity meeting her personally at the Newcastle AGM in March. With research now moving to the forefront of genetic and molecular biology I would like to feel that the Ulysses Club was taking a lead in unlocking the secret of auto-immune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis; in looking for a cure, not just another palliative measure.

Stephen #1

The fund raising continues in 2012-13 with the Annual Raffle and all members are asked to sell at least one book each. Tickets are \$2 each with a book containing 20 tickets.

Each branch will ask its respective members to nominate how many books they'll sell and will then order the required quantity from Head office administration.

So come on fellow Ulyssians – get behind our own worthwhile cause and let's try and top all previous records for the amount of funds raised. You never know the research may lead to the ease of the suffering of one of your loved ones in the future.

This year there is a fantastic set of prizes:

- 1st prize - Honda VT750S including ORC (Value \$9500)
- 2nd prize - A trip for 2 people to the Australian Superbike Championship at Phillip Island in 2013 including 3 night's accommodation, car hire and 2 tickets to the VIP area. Value \$3300 (conditions apply) Sponsored by QBE.
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Spence # 53780

Some Light Humour

5 surgeons!



Five surgeons from big cities are discussing who makes the Best patients to operate on.

The first surgeon, from Toronto , says, 'I like to see accountants on my operating table because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered.'

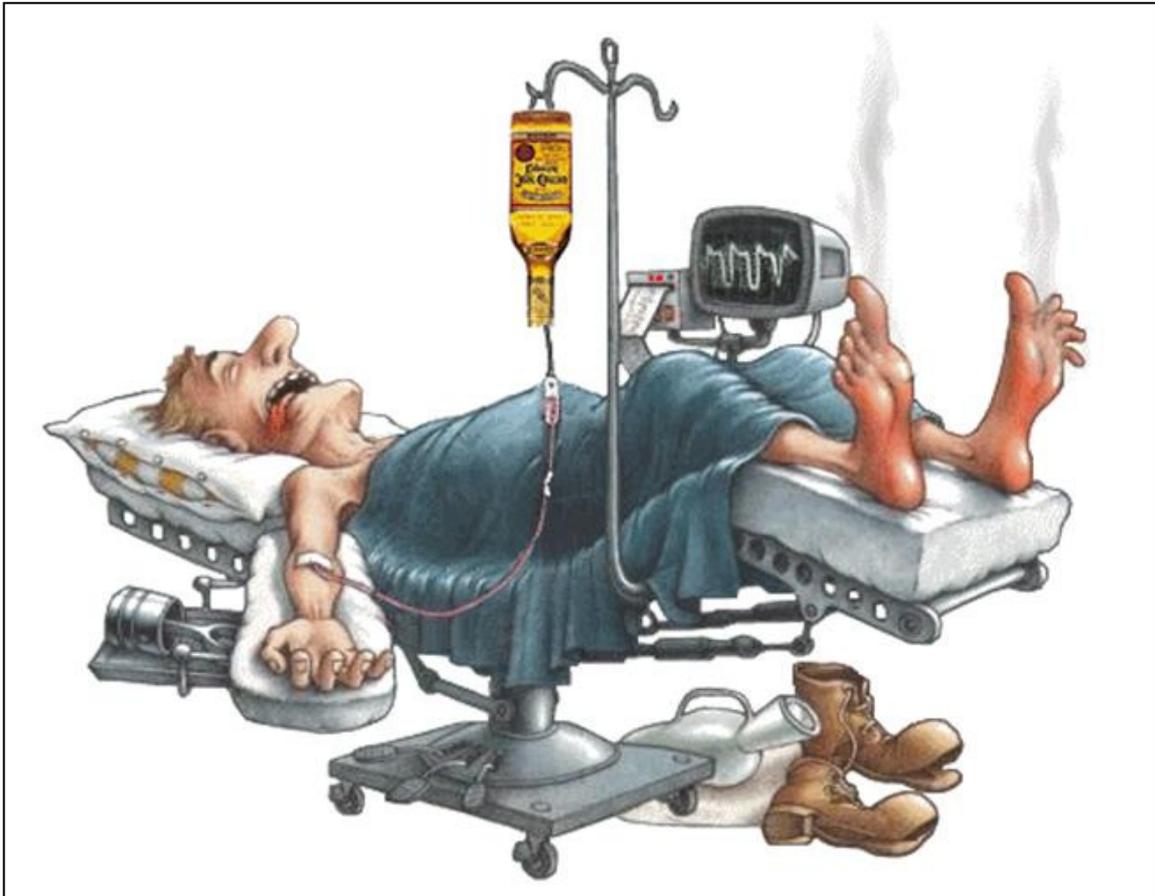
The second, from Montreal, responds, 'Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is colour coded.'

The third surgeon, from Vancouver , says, 'No, I really think librarians are the best, everything inside them is in alphabetical order.'

The fourth surgeon, from Winnipeg chimes in: 'You know, I like construction workers...Those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over.'

But the fifth surgeon, from Ottawa shut them all up when he observed: 'You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on.

There's no guts, no heart, no balls, no brains, and no spine. Plus, the head and the arse are interchangeable.'



Oops!!!

The Agony of Ageing

On the morning Daylight Savings Time ended, I stopped in to visit an ageing friend.

He was busy covering his penis with black shoe polish....

I said to him, "You dumb idiot! - You're supposed to turn your clock back".