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Wife, being the very romantic sort, sent her husband a text message:

"If you are sleeping, send me your dreams.

If you are laughing, send me your smile.

If you are eating, send me a bite.

If you are drinking send me a sip.

If you are crying, send me your tears.

I love you!"

Husband, a typical non-romantic male, replied,

"I am on the toilet. Please advise."

Greetings Troops,

October and the riding weather, after a shaky start, has definitely improved!

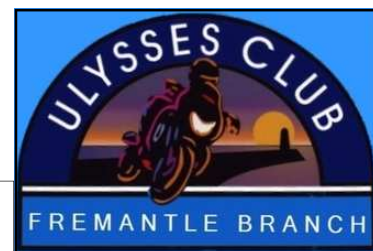
We went on Dick Berry's ride on September 29th but only as far as Toodyay for morning tea. Headed back to the city at a nice sedate pace accompanying a member (no names – no pack drill here. Will leave that to the M.U.G. police!) who noticed some bright shiny stuff sticking out of a rear tyre and thought it prudent to head home!! We just made it home by minutes when the skies opened and it fairly pelted down. Spoke to Dick a few days later and heard they saw no actual rain at all on the ride. I guess the old adage for property applies to rides too – Location, Location, Location!! Another remarkable occurrence on the day was the arrival at my place in the midst of a huge downpour of a member whom we all regard as someone "never seen in the rain" but this time on 2 wheels and resplendent in state of the art wet weather gear! "Blooming amazing" – is all I can say!!

Unfortunately, the past month has also seen some sadness in the Branch with the passing of an old friend, Ross Hook. Ross battled an illness for the last few months and whilst we will miss him his brother Baxter summed it up well after the service when he said to me "Ross' gone to a better place". Baxter asked me to share his thanks with the Branch for their condolences and for the excellent turn-out of members at the service. My thanks to those who attended with me also and to Mike for, once again, being our 'elder statesman' and delivering an excellent eulogy.

Our "Foreign Affairs" delegates have also returned safely from the US and whilst the blogs have made intersecting reading I'm sure we are all keen to hear the stories behind the stories!



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



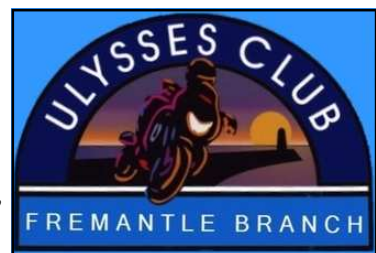
Looking forward we have a couple of overnights in the offing – the annual “Search for the Sea” to Jurien Bay in November and later this month the inaugural “Koorda Pub Run”. The latter run to Koorda did have me as a participant but something’s come up and I can’t go so if you’re interested please contact the pub and ride leaders and take my spot (contact details are on the calendar).

Lastly – October Social Meeting. I’ll be making a significant announcement relating to our branch and its history at the meeting. PLEASE make every effort to come along so we can mark the announcement with all the importance it will deserve. Drinks and grub from 6.30pm at the Swan Yacht Club for an 8pm start.

See you Wednesday!
Ron (53780)



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Note: Next meeting, Wed 13th
November 2013

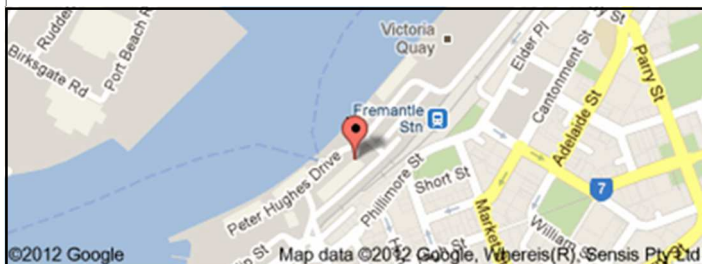
And as always

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 is meeting at the South Beach Kiosk until another venue is found. The cafe closed a few weeks back.

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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Get yer ride lead happenin'

Every now and then an opportunity to contribute comes along and some of us, well we just jump straight in and have it done. Others of us well we sit back a little and wait and see and then we make a considered decision. Well, get over it! Without ride leaders there are no rides. People love to browse on our website and see our calendar because it is interesting. What's that? It's got a whole bunch of rides listed on it, that's what interesting is. Now, earlier I mentioned an opportunity.

For the early adopters here I will promise...

- *no steak knives*
- *no three for two*
- *no 50% off deals, just this;*

If you put your hand up for a ride leader role I will not fend off vigorously all those fanatics who consistently lead rides so that you, one of the lesser heard voices, can take us to some of your favourite places.

I will even verbally defend your honour to a limit (normally about \$20) if others should slander you or say naughty things about you.

To the late adopters I will make sure every TV deal that has ever been touted is rerun in your bedroom for a month. Then I will personally inundate you with steak knives and hair products.

So to the Opportunity.

Below are nine dates in the **PREMIUM** riding season which I want filled with your names.

You need to realise that these are the only dates vacant to the 30 March. So get to it.

Remember that this is a highly competitive environment and if necessary we will go to the ballot box so don't hold back, be early.

Now, put your name against a date and get it to me at rideco@ulyssesfremantle.com or tear it off and push it in my face.

Sunday 2 nd Feb	
Sunday 16 th Feb	
Sunday 23 rd Feb	
Sunday 2 nd March	
Sunday 9 th March	
Sunday 16 th March	
Sunday 23 rd March	
Sunday 30 th March	

Some interesting shots from the US Trip (Mick Katarski)



Arch made from deer antlers in Jackson



Inside Coors Brewery in Denver

...cont.

The following photos are of the largest motorcycle showroom in the world (Bert's)



They move around 600 motorcycles per month



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Red Tag Sale \$10,995 for this Centenary Edition Harley V-Rod



Red Tag Sale \$19,999 for this brand new Honda Goldwing

LIMITED EDITION URAL GAUCHO RAMBLER

By [Tom Roderick](#) October 7, 2013



Russian manufacturer of motorcycles with sidecars, Ural, is now taking orders for the limited edition Gaucho Rambler. To create the limited edition Gaucho Rambler Ural teamed up with world class woollen weaver, Pendleton Woollen Mills. The unique matte finished Pacific Blue colour and sunburnt canvas upholstery for the sidecar are from the creative minds at Pendleton Woollen Mills as is the "Journey West" blanket with a limited commemorative label that comes with each bike.

The limited edition Gaucho Rambler features Ural's on-demand two-wheel-drive and each sidecar is accessorized with a passenger windscreen, a spare tyre and a GSI Outdoors camp kit. There will only be 50 of these bikes built, with an MSRP of \$14,350.



"Ural and Pendleton are two companies which at different points in time ventured out to find home in the American West, both of which endured many challenges and yet all the while maintained their authenticity," says Madina Merzhoeva, Ural's VP of Sales & Marketing.

"This year Pendleton's anniversary celebrates 150 years of weaving textiles in America and Ural marks its 20th year in the US. Paying homage to our beginnings and the pioneering spirit is what connects the two brands and inspired this collaboration."

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Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th October, 2013. Supporting our push bike friends.

Riding throughout Western Australia's scenic countryside in two days. Sure, it sounds like a lot — and it's meant to be. But make no mistake, this event isn't just for athletes or cycling enthusiasts.

The Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer® benefiting the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR) is for anyone who wants to challenge themselves for a great cause. All you need is motivation, a bike and a helmet. The money you raise for The Ride will benefit WAIMR, Western Australia's premier adult medical research institute.

Your 2-day cycling adventure begins as you gather with fellow Riders for an inspiring Opening Ceremony, where we'll remember those lost to cancer and honour those continuing the fight.

Discovering some of Western Australia's most dramatic landscapes, you'll experience Perth's urban excitement juxtaposed with rolling countryside at the foot of the Darling Range

Lining the route every 25-30 kilometres, you'll find fully stocked Pit Stops with all the snacks and hydration you'll need to keep going. Day One culminates with arrival at Camp, where you can enjoy a cold beer, a hot shower, and a well-deserved massage before a fun evening of entertainment and socialising.

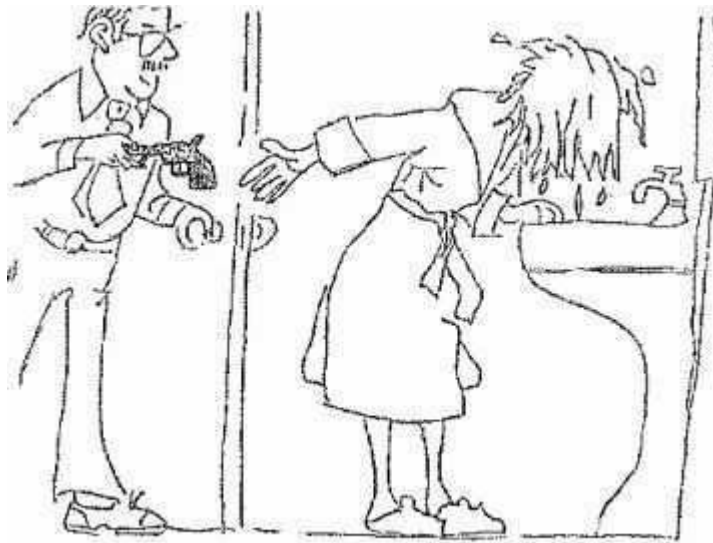
With an overnight campout in the Mandurah area, the dynamic contrast between wildflower-specked green pastures and the rugged coast of the Indian Ocean will provide the perfect backdrop for your epic journey. You may even spot a dolphin cheering you on!

After camping overnight under the stars, Day Two will lead you further through the inspiring landscape, as you make your way towards the Finish Line — a high energy celebration of your epic Ride and the amazing impact you've made in the quest to conquer cancer.

Support crew on motorcycles are needed to look after the ride. This will not be like the ride that we tackled last time however if you are interested in helping out on the ride contact Shinean Nolan on the website below and she will point you in the right direction.

www.conquercancer.org.au/Perth

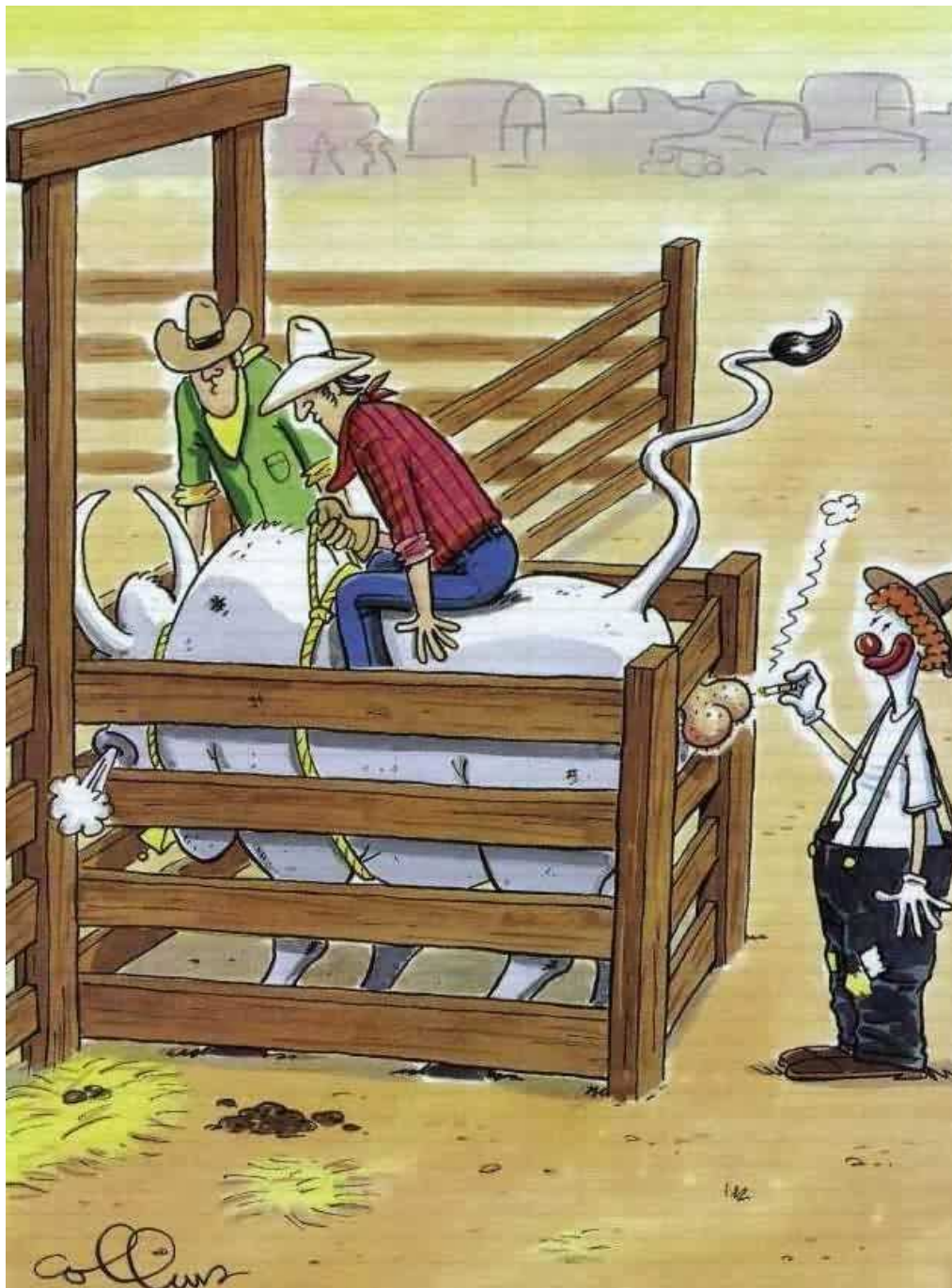
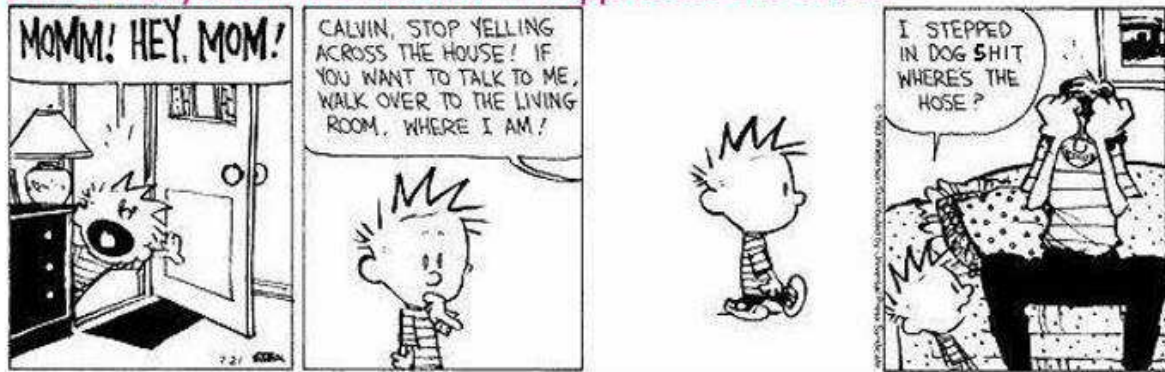
SOME LIGHT HUMOUR



"Hand me the Hairdryer"



I'm sure anyone who's had kids will appreciate this one....



A FINAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

After having undertaken what has arguably been the best holiday of my life I am now back in the fold and can share some interesting stories over the next few months.

In relation to the US adventure, I would take my hat off to Tony Collins who has been working on this dream for around three years. Tony's meticulous planning ensured we visited the most interesting places and where we had to compromise because of distance or weather the outcomes were still the same. All the troops got on extremely well and I believe the experience will stay in our memories forever.

I also believe a commendation should be extended to Colin and Alli who tirelessly kept all informed with the 'blog' on the website albeit the truth got stretched a little.

Although Tony and Colleen toured with a pre-booked itinerary, we were still fortunate to catch up with them from time to time. Many thanks to them for also keeping everyone up to date with their blog.

Whilst Colin and Alli appeared happy with the Harley, we are of the opinion that Simon may soon be converted to a six cylinder 1.8 litre variety. Whilst many Americans complained that the price of fuel was too high we thrived on paying around \$4 a gallon for premium which in the US equates to 91 octane. The other petrol octanes available are 87 and 89 and understandably these are much cheaper than 91.

We started at San Francisco and travelled over 7,100 miles on our trip. The company we hired the 5 Goldwings and Harley from is called California Motorcycle Adventures and I cannot speak highly enough about them. The bikes were 1st class and any issues were dealt with by a simple phone call. The few issues we did experience were self inflicted and not the cause of the company or motorcycles.

Understandably there are many experiences and much information to share and this will be disseminated over the next few months.

Photos include the countryside, points of interest, car museums, a Bugatti Veyron and Rodeo Drive (millionaire shopping strip) in Beverley Hills with a hobo rummaging through a rubbish bin.

Thank Tony, Simon, Rick, Alli, Colin, Colleen and Tony B.

Catch you all soon.

Mick Katarski
(Wheezy Editor)