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**Newsletter of the Fremantle Branch of the Ulysses Club of Australia Inc.**

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For many reasons this will be a sad note to write.

Our Branch, as well as the Club, was rocked to its core with the recent, sudden, passing of one of our branch founders – Mike Smith. Mike was a colleague to us all, an elder statesman to the Club and a friend to many. His passing was felt deeply by many of us – myself included. Mike in company with notable members such as Alf Bridle, Brian Lowther and Dick Berry, who were part of the Perth Branch, split and formed Fremantle Group – later to become Fremantle Branch in it's own right. Brian, with others, went on to form yet another Branch at Warnbro – these were the trail-blazing guys who contributed to the Club's growth in WA. Mike was awarded the Dearnley Medal at the 2007 AGM for services to the Club - for our new members' knowledge, this is the highest award attainable in Ulysses. For at least the last 10 years, Mike was the leading light for the Plod ride every Wednesday and has served as Returning Officer for many elections as well as being Editor and contributor (Captain Sticky Beak) to this newsletter. On the Branch's behalf, and with the assistance of Dick Berry, I've already written a piece on Mike for the "Ridden On" section of Riding On – the Club magazine - so that we could make the next issue's deadline. "Ride on", Mike – you will be missed.

Another sad event in the last month was the "off" experienced by Dale "Wock" Watkinson on the Plod. At the time of writing Wock has started on what looks like a long road to recovery but, no doubt, you will have more up to date information via email on his progress by the time you read this. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Wock.

On a pleasant note – we had the Biennial Hyden Trip. Thirty nine registrations made it a good turnout and the weather held out and stayed dry. Those that rode in the main group enjoyed morning tea at Pingelly and lunch at Kondinin – though some complained that the ride between both stops was a tad "leisurely"! We had a sumptuous BBQ on the night of arrival followed by a catered meal on Sunday night provided by the local Lions Club as a fundraiser. We were very happy to be able to contribute to the local community in this fashion – isn't it good to ride our bikes and be part of the 99% in the community not the 1%! Unusual for a week-end ride but we had an actual, nominated in the Calendar, ride home via Kulin, Corrigin, Quairading and York (where a leisurely lunch was enjoyed) before scattering for our respective homes.

Over recent weeks many of you have offered to nominate me as President for a third 'tour' but I've had to decline and after the AGM this Wednesday you will have a new team headed by a new President. Over recent months my "day job" has placed a lot of pressure on my time leaving me very stretched to give the Branch the level of dedication and attention I believe it deserves - the current diesel crisis in Perth meant I was unable to join those of you who attended Mike's Wake after the funeral – a typical example of my need to decline nomination.

The future in that space is also far from certain due to some big changes in ownership at work—so I have to keep myself flexible.

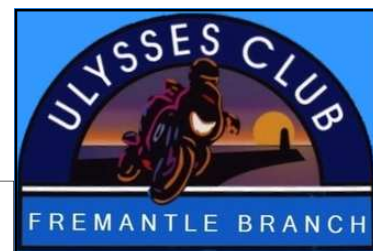
I'll close by thanking you all for your support over the last 2 years. I've enjoyed being your President and I look back with fondness at the many achievements we made together – The Cancer Ride, The Walk to End Women's Cancers, The Ride Incentive Program, The Christmas Parties and Telemachus to name a few.

God speed to you all and remember – Paint UP, Rubber DOWN!

**Ron Spencer (53780)**  
President, Fremantle Branch.



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**Note: Next meeting, Wed 9th**  
**July 2014**

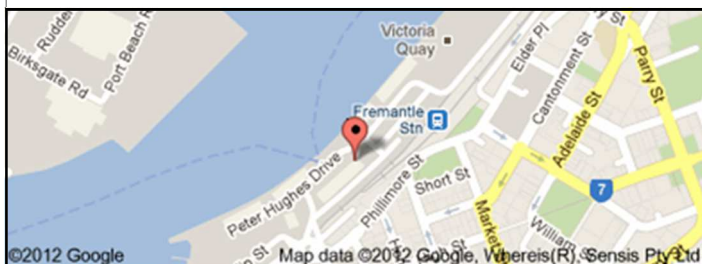
**Plods and Saturday morning coffee**

Wednesday morning Plods have reverted back to South Beach at 9:00am for a 9:30am start as previously however if you are an early riser members will still meet at the Victoria Café that is located at the eastern end of the Fremantle 'E' Shed Markets for breakfast. Great coffee. After breakfast members will migrate to the South Beach start point via Marine parade in order to meet the 9:00am start time.

For Plodders having breakfast at the Victoria Café, there is plenty of parking over near 'B' Shed outside the other cafe if the bays outside the Victoria Cafe are full.

The Saturday morning coffee get togethers will also continue to take place at the Victoria Café, however commencement will be from 10.00am.

Any enquiries regarding plods can be directed to Mick Katarski on 0415 568 089





# Matchless is back on drawing board

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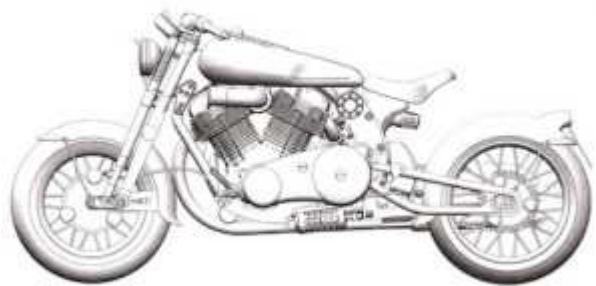


*Kate Moss and Matchless*

Matchless is literally back on the drawing board with these sketches being registered in European patents offices by owner Franco Malenotti.

The Italian has revitalized the Belstaff motorcycle clothing brand and now appears to be about to do the same with one of Britain's oldest motorcycle marques.

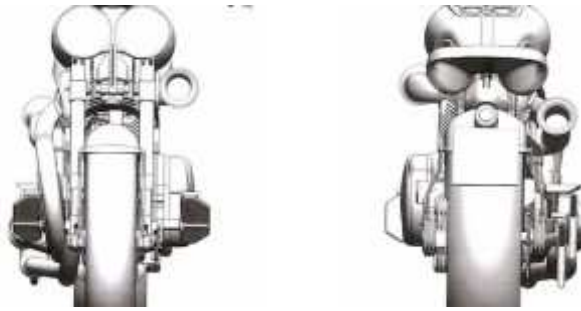
These sketches, obtained by online motor magazine Autoevolution, show how a new Matchless could look. Unlike many of the British bikes at the time, old Matchless bikes were largely powered by side-valve V-twins and it is believed a new bike would have an S&S heart.



*New Matchless sketch*

This one appears to be modeled along the lines of the old classic G80, Silver Hawk and Silver Arrow. It is highlighted by a mix of vintage and modern technologies. It has a solo tractor seat, naked tail, chain drive, twin headlights, spoked wheels, leading-link forks, fishtail twin exhausts, double-sided swingarm and an underslung mono rear shock.

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***Kate Moss on Marlon Brando's Matchless***

Meanwhile, you can indulge yourself in the venerable brand with a range of men's and women's branded leather and waxed cotton jackets produced through the owner's connection with Belstaff. The ad campaign for the 2014 collection features controversial British model Kate Moss.

Interestingly, their website says the ad campaign "features Moss on Marlon Brando's motorbike from generation-defining film *The Wild One*." However, Brando rode his own Triumph in the 1953 film. But there is a black-and-white photo of Brando on the *Wild One* set, sitting astride his 600cc Matchless Scrambler. Perhaps that is the bike Moss is seen sitting on in an odd pose with the bike sprawled on the floor.



**Marlon Brando on his Matchless**

## **Special request from one of Mike Smith's national mates**

*Mike and I had a pact.*

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*We've had some good times in the 20 years I have  
known Mike.*

*Who could forget that irascible, boisterous  
character with a certain form of authority  
that left an indelible mark on everyone he met  
and usually for all the right reasons.*

*We will all eventually meet up on that Big Ride of  
the skies highway.*

*Keep the sun at your back and nose to the breeze.  
Ride on me old mate.*

*Max Heazlewood  
Old Ulysses No. 7216  
Burnie, Tasmania*

## More shots of the US



Long Beach California



Long Beach California



More shots of the US (cont.)



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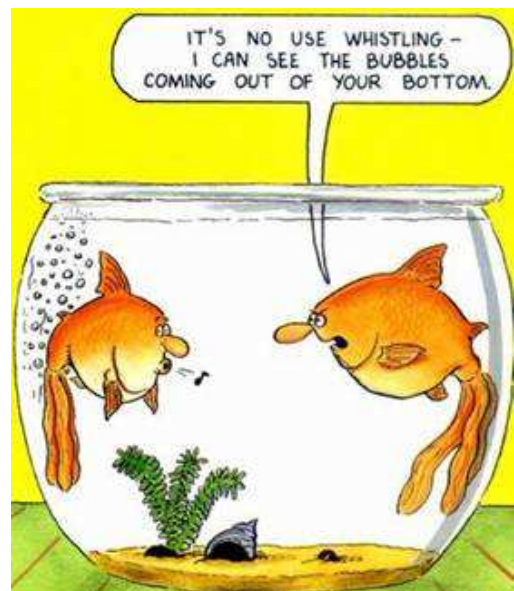
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