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Hi All

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2015. Let us hope it is a safe year of riding and good times with other members of the Fremantle Branch and the wider Ulysses Club.

On behalf of the members (I'm sure many will do it personally) I would like to congratulate our TEC and his "Speed Limiter", Geoff & Jill Ball on reaching the milestone of 50 years of marriage. Their sons have sent us a tribute that has been published in this Wheezy.

Have a fantastic day on January 9th Geoff and Jill

The ride calendar is full thanks to Patrick's "Ride Raffle" at the November meeting. Even if it is a bit warm some days, the rides are usually in the coastal areas so come along.

I am leading a ride down to Harvey and Brockman Weir for lunch hopefully it will not be too hot.

There will be an Australia Day Celebration at Tony Collins Place on 25th January following a ride to be led by Mick Katarski.

Social night at Zeretzky's 14th February for a fund raiser for PMH. The fundraiser is along the same format as last year. This year it's called 'An evening at the Hotel California' Party in honour of the Eagle's concerts happening around that date.

Cost: is \$10 (goes to PMH) and it's BYO: drinks, nibbles & a glass.

There will be a band.

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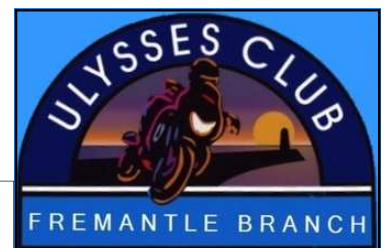
Vale: Stephen Dearnley, Old # 1 on 11th February pause for a minute to thank him for the great club we all enjoy today.

Remember— it's not what you ride, it's your attitude that counts!

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President Ulysses Fremantle Branch



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FREMANTLE BRANCH MEETING
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT SWAN YACHT
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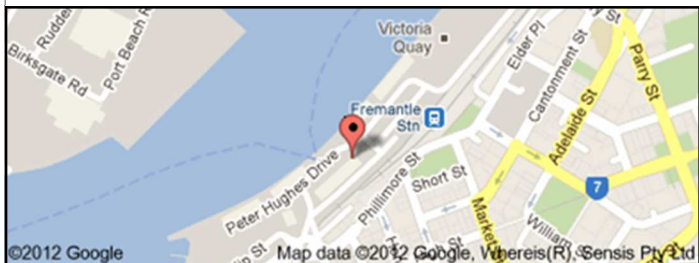
Note: Next meeting, Wed 11th
February 2015

Plods and Saturday morning coffee

Wednesday morning Plods have reverted back to South Beach for a 9:30am start as previously.

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

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



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Hi members,

Tony Collins has kindly prepared draft itineraries for two rides later this year.

Details are as follows:

ESPERANCE STONEHENGE 4 DAY RIDE

DRAFT ITINERARY

Friday Sept 4th 2015

7.30am Depart Karragullen Service Station Brookton Hwy – route to be confirmed

Two nights at Esperance

Motel Contact for booking.....to be advised

Dinner by consensus – pub, own choice ...

Saturday 5th Sept

Own choice

Half day Island Cruise – contact for booking.....to be advised

Wild Flower Tour – contact for booking.....to be advised

3pm Ride to Stonehenge – sunset watch

Dinner with Local Ulysses Members

Overnight at Esperance

Sunday 6th Sept

Ride to Albany via Ongerup and Stirling Ranges

Lunch at Borden Pub if available

Otherwise sandwiches etc. from Jerramungup Road house to eat at The Lilly Dutch Windmill (entry fee payable)

Albany – Sleepwell Motel (Metro Inn) 270 Albany Hwy – to be confirmed

Dinner at Earl of Spencer with Local Ulysses members and then walk to pub in York street for drinks as Earl closes at 8.30pm

Maxi taxi transport from and return to motel

Monday 7th Sept

Return to Perth via back roads - Darkan Quindanning etc.

Lunch probably at Quindanning pub if open

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Jurien Bay Blessing of the Fleet
(Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November 2015)

32 beds in three cottages have been put on hold for Ulyssians for 2015

Dinner will be a barbeque with salads and desserts provided at cost.

Money will be collected on prior to meal.

Sunday breakfast will be DIY.

Three cottages have been booked for Ulyssians for Friday and Saturday nights.

If demand warrants Dianne will hold a further cottage or two for Ulysses members.

A deposit will be required to hold a booking for you as this is a busy weekend with the Blessing of the fleet on Saturday morning 7th November at 11am and fireworks at night after sunset.

Any rooms not confirmed by August/ September will have to be released for other people so get in now while beds are available.

WHAT TO DO

- ◆ Mark dates in your calendar
- ◆ Phone Dianne at Apex on 9652-1010 and book your bed for one or two nights
- ◆ Pay deposit
- ◆ Volunteer for a job as below

I NEED

- ◆ Ride leader for Friday 6th for early birds
- ◆ Ride leader for Saturday 7th
- ◆ Event Treasurer to collect food money on the day
- ◆ Three TONGMASTERS to cook the barbeque on Saturday night
- ◆ A few assistants to help prepare the salads on Saturday afternoon
- ◆ Slaves to wash up after the meal

Details on the program for the blessing of the fleet will be forwarded when available.

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RAISING FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH

RIDE FOR A CURE



POKER RUN



SATURDAY 18th APRIL 2015

Departs from Stockman's Rest Café

1409 Karnup Road, Serpentine

REGISTRATION: 9.00am to 10.00am

RIDE DEPARTS 10.15am – INCLUDES LUNCH

This "Ride For A Cure" will travel via Pinjarra, Dwellingup for a break stop, Marradong, Boddington for lunch, back onto the Albany Highway to Williams and finally finishing in Quindanning at Ye Olde Quindanning Inn where good times are had by the river with our hosts George & Neta Lavender. This event will raise much needed funds for research into this life threatening disease. The most common affecting our children today.

EVERY 4 DAYS A CHILD IS BORN WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS. We need your help! *"Together We Can & Together We Will"* Don't miss out on the fun planned for the evening with live entertainment. Accommodation is available at the inn but book early. Contact Neta on (08) 9885 7053.

Contact Teresa on 0407 433 321 or Email cf.cure@hotmail.com

A milestone for two of the clubs most loved stalwarts

“Geoff and Jill Ball’s 50th Wedding Anniversary”

On the 9th of January 2015 two members of the Fremantle branch Geoff and Jill Ball will be celebrating a very important milestone in their lives; they will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

A huge time in anyone’s lives. I would like to share with you some of their amazing journey so far:

It all started with the most unlikely paring that you could possibly imagine, Geoff Ball a young surfer from Mount Hawthorn with a reputation for trouble and Jill Maddeford a nice young girl from the quiet surrounds of Nedlands! How could two such diverse people cross paths? Simple, they both shared a love of Rotto. Geoff and his younger brother Martin were regular visitors to the Rotto Camp Grounds with an appetite for mischief and meeting girls and Jill would make regular visits to stay in Cottage F in Thomson’s bay with her family.

Jill caught the eye of Geoff one day when she was standing underneath a fig tree outside the General Store, sadly that special tree is no longer there, the first meeting did not go well but Geoff is nothing else if not persistent and he eventually won the heart of his girl and on the 9th of January 1965 they were married.

That was the beginning of an amazing adventure, they were not alone for long, soon two boys joined them in their adventure, Marc was born on 25th Aug 1965 and 4 years later Jeremy was born on 4th of June 1969, all this before they were both 22!

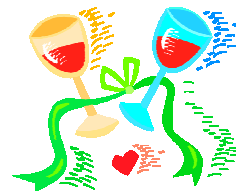
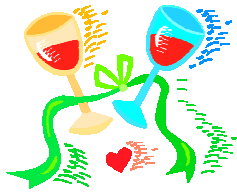
You would think that been married at such a young age with two small children would slow down their sense of adventure, no way, their love of life shone through and we went with them on this wild adventure, I’m sure not too many people have a childhood memory of a full rock band setting up in the lounge room of our house in Northam and performing regular concerts when friends of theirs, Deep Image the band, came to stay! I can assure you as an 8 year old with a love of music, I thought that was the coolest thing ever! Dad at the time worked as a Rep for Cooper’s Australia so we moved around the state a fare bit and we lived in many different places, during that time Mum was taking care of us two boys until we both started school and then Jill started making adventures of her own, first as a assistant kindy teacher, then advertising manager at the Albany Advertiser and when we returned to Perth medical Secretary, Shop Assistant at Ardon’s Art Gallery and even working together with Geoff at WH Evans where Geoff’s father Bruce and Jill’s Uncle Thorold also worked.

Their love of life and the love for each other has been a true inspiration to both Jeremy and I and we are both so thankful for the life we have shared with them over those years. When we were growing up they were always there for us and supporting us in whatever we wanted to do and as Jeremy and I grew into adults and married ourselves me soon to be 13 years with my beautiful wife Jodie and Jeremy just this year to his lovely wife Andrea that same love and support that Geoff and Jill have always given to us they give in spades to our wives.

We would just like to take the opportunity to congratulate Mum and Dad on this very special occasion 50 years together and we know that there are many adventures yet to be done and we can’t wait to share them with you!

All our love from Marc, Jodie, Jeremy and Andrea

Happy Wedding 50th Anniversary Geoff and Jill
from all your friends at the Fremantle Ulysses
Branch



The Plod

What a fine looking bunch

The culmination of a year's plods on Wednesdays was with a Christmas Lunch ride to the Quindanning Pub led by Will Duncan.

Weather was great as well as the scenery in Pinjarra, Dwellingup and the route onto Quindanning.

Nice meals were served by two Swedish sisters who felt at home when communicating with Carl Furuskog.

A great ride, thanks Will.



An excerpt from TheWorldofMotorcycles.com

Production Sportbikes | MV Agusta F4 'Motorcycle Art'



Cagiva's Purchase of MV Agusta

The historic [MV Agusta](#) name was purchased by fellow Varese motorcycle maker *Cagiva* (pronounced *Ka-jee-va*), in 1997. Cagiva (for: 'Ca'stiglioni 'Gi'ovanni 'Va'rese) was founded in 1950 by Giovanni Castiglioni, beginning motorcycle production in 1978.

Cagiva, MV Agusta, and Husqvarna motorcycles (another Cagiva/MV Agusta acquisition) were all produced under the MV Agusta SpA ('Societ' per Azioni') company umbrella until 2004. see recent history below.



2006 MV Agusta F4 1000R (foreground), F4 'Tamburini' (background)

MV Agusta F4 750 & 1000

The first full-fairing F4 - the "*F4 750 Series Oro*" - was introduced in 1998, as a completely new model for MV. The "Oro" name (Italian for Gold) was for the characteristic gold anodized magnesium wheels, rotor hubs, calipers, and fork tubes.



MV Agusta F4

The F4, or "F4 CRC" was designed by Massimo Tamburini, designer of the [Ducati](#) 916 and several Aprilia Bimota and Cagiva models.



MV Agusta F4 1000 Corse

The new MVs were penned at the *Cagiva Research Centre*, or "CRC," a design studio under the direction of Massimo Tamburini. Opened in 1987, the CRC is located in the micro-state of Serenissima Repubblica di San Marino, in the Apennine Mountains of north-eastern Italy.



MV Agusta F4 at AMA Superbike

The limited production MV Agusta F4 is the Ferrari of motorcycles, with Ferrari-like pricing to match, thus the MV line is marketed as 'Motorcycle Art' rather than mere transportation.

MV Agusta F4 Superlatives

A stock F4 1000R set a new record for the world's fastest production-class 1000cc bikes in 2006, reaching 185.882 mph at Bonneville. The F4 CC has the distinction of being one of the most expensive production motorcycles ever made, at around \$130,000 US.

The MV Agusta F4 has been sold under the limited edition names: F4 750 Oro, F4 750 S, F4 750 Senna, F4 750 SPR, F4 AGO, F4 1000 S, F4 Tamburini (for designer Massimo Tamburini), F4 1000 R, F4 1000 Senna, F4 Veltro, F4 R 312, and F4 CC for Claudio Castiglioni. There was also an all black version of the MV Agusta F4 called the *SPR* "Special Production Racing" was introduced in 2004.



2007 MV Agusta F4 1000R - Technical Specifications



Chassis

	55.40 in (1408 mm)
Wheelbase:	
	423.3 lb (192 Kg)
Weight (dry):	
	31.87 in (810 mm)
Seat Height:	
	CrMo Steel Tubular Trellis - TIG Welded
Frame/Chassis:	
	Front: Double Floating Disc (4 piston), Rear: Single Disc
Brakes:	
	Upside-Down Telescopic Hydraulic Fork
Front Suspension:	
	Single-Sided Swing Arm - Single Shock Absorber
Rear Suspension:	

Engine

	998cc
Displacement:	
	4-Cylinder DOHC 16 Valve
Engine Type:	
	174 hp @ 13,000 rpm
Power Output:	
	187.0 mph Top Speed
Performance (mfg spec):	

Price

\$22,995 USD

MSRP:

Company Website - Specs:

www.mvagustausa.com

*Data subject to change without notice, and may not be up to date - Always check with mfg. website. Photo may not be actual specified product.



2008 MV Agusta F4 RR 312 1078

MV Agusta Brutale

A "naked-bike" version of the 750 cc F4 called the "Brutale" was introduced by MV in 2004, in response to the rapidly growing "street-fighter" naked bike trend.

MV Agusta Today

In 2004 MV Agusta was purchased by a Malaysian nationally-owned automotive company named *Proton Holdings Berhad* or "Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional" for 70 million euros. This "foreign" ownership of the indigenous Italian marque was short-lived, and in 2006 MV Agusta was re-acquired by *Gruppo Banca Carige* of Genoa, and GEVI SpA in Rome, after agreeing to assume the MV's debt.

On July 19th, 2007 Husqvarna was sold to BMW Motorrad in a deal between Claudio Castiglioni and BMW's General Director, Dr. Herbert Diess. Along with freeing up some much needed cash, the sale allows MV Agusta to focus on the further development of its own brand.

In total, MV Agusta has racked up a cumulative 75 World Championship titles, with 37 constructors' championships, and 38 riders' championships.

Harley-Davidson's Purchase of MV Agusta

Milwaukee, Wis., July 11, 2008 -- Harley-Davidson, Inc. (NYSE: HOG) today announced the signing of a definitive agreement to purchase the Italian motorcycle maker MV Agusta Group (MVAG). Under the agreement, Harley-Davidson will acquire 100 percent of MV Agusta Group shares for total consideration of approximately 70 million euros (\$109 million), which includes the satisfaction of existing bank debt for approximately 45 million euros (\$70 million). In addition, the agreement provides for a contingent payment to Claudio Castiglioni in 2016, if certain financial targets are met. MV Agusta Group is privately held, with the Castiglioni family owning 95 percent of MVAG shares.

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SOME LIGHT HUMOUR

As a former government employee!!!..... Read last line!

Subject: Antique Tool Still In Use

Thought you would enjoy this educational moment. Can you name this strange old tool? Do you know what it is?



Tobacco Smoke Enema Kit (1750s – 1810s)

The tobacco enema was used to infuse tobacco smoke into a patient's rectum for various medical purposes, but primarily the resuscitation of drowning victims.

A rectal tube inserted into the anus was connected to a fumigator and bellows that forced the smoke into the rectum. The warmth of the smoke was thought to promote respiration. Doubts about the credibility of tobacco enemas led to the popular phrase "blowing smoke up your ass."

As you are most likely aware, this odd tool is still heavily used by all levels of government.

