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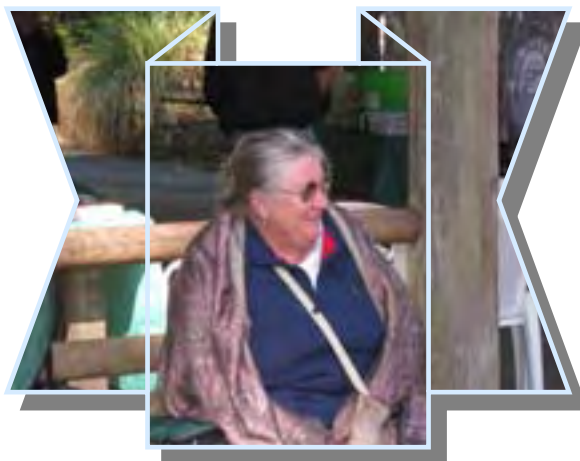
Editor: Sue Jones

Vale: Our Maggie

*Maggie Rackleyett
Ulysses member no. 537
66 years*

What can you say about Maggie? I met her many years ago. She was a lady who was a real adventurer which was very unusual when she was touring the world on her bike; obviously pretty tough to attempt it way back then. Maggie was a strong willed person and would let you know what she thought, which I considered to be quite okay.

She had many friends throughout the world and Australia that she had met on her travels. If you were at an AGM, rally etc with Maggie there was always someone having a talk with her. She also had contacts that were everywhere and on many occasions at race meetings she would be in some restricted area you couldn't access because she knew someone there. Her stories made me wonder how the hell she did these trips. I remember a few stories and I said to her that I wouldn't be game to do what she did and typical of Maggie, she said "it's not that big a deal; you'd be okay".



She also had a tough exterior but that didn't hide that she had a big heart and helped lots of people. But typically she didn't make a big deal of it. She just quietly went about it in her own way.

When she had her bad fall a couple of years ago it took a long time for her to get back on her beloved bike. Once she did she found that even though she could ride again it was difficult for her to sustain distances and managing the bike over long periods. This led her to decide to send one of her bikes up to Bathurst to have a special build sidecar built. It had all the bells and whistles. She could sleep in it, it had interior lights to read a book by, and she could throw all her camping gear in there so that she could continue on with what she loved; riding around and meeting new and old

friends.

On Wednesday 9th November she headed off to Bathurst by train to pick up the sidecar outfit. Whilst travelling home near Young (NSW) she failed to make it around

a corner and ended up across the road. Someone found her and she was taken to hospital at Young where unfortunately she did not survive.

I find it extremely sad that Maggie was just about to embark on the next stage of her travels and never got the chance. It has saddened many people not only in Yarra Ranges Branch and Ulysses but I am sure there will be many outside of our groups who will miss her as well.

I'm sure that I can say with confidence that there will never be another adventure riding motorcycle lady like Maggie again in my lifetime.

Ride on Maggie.

Rest In Peace

*Kevin White
President*

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President's Post



Where has this year gone? It must be because I'm getting older. The Twin Spurs Rally went off with a blast and I've been told there were 95 participants - the more the merrier. The weather was kind to everyone. A big thanks to Henry, Pam and Rex, Liz and Ron and the Tandy family for all the effort in putting it all together. Well done everyone. Val and I couldn't attend because we were on a cruise. That's probably why the weather was so good for the first time for a few years.

I say this each quarter: we are constantly having new

members join us and many others who know someone in Yarra Ranges coming along to visit. This is why the committee strives to make sure that we are continuing along the path of a friendly social motorcycle club. It is obvious that everyone gets along pretty well, which is a credit to everyone because we are all different and have our own little ways.

The passing of Maggie on Sunday 13th November was a sad shock (see cover story). We had a minutes silence on Saturday 19th November at Brunch and again on our Social night,

Thursday 24th November.

Don't forget the elections for Committee positions is not far away. Nominations must be in 28 days before our AGM, meaning no later than 25th January 2012. We are always looking for members to join; it's not hard.

From the committee and myself I hope that everyone has a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Most of all look after yourselves and take care.

Cheers
Kevin White (senior)

Social Scene



Thanks to everyone who attended the Twin Spurs at Alexandra, by all reports it was a great success. Big thanks to all who helped, and to Nick (DJ) and family for making such a special effort to attend.

How lucky were you to have TWO Christmas parties this year, both were great nights and very well attended.

Hoping that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year.....and don't

forget the BIKERS BASH coming up in February!!!

Pam

Scott Wiseman



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are hot!*

Wrecksy's Ramblings

Rides in August and early September were down due to the weather not being too kind.

In September Sheri led a ride to Kilcunda Hotel for lunch, with only four bikes braving the bad weather. Dan Smith led a ride to Buninyong, and by all accounts this went extremely well, with 18 bikes and Geoff Greenhalgh as TEC.

October saw a few more rides with the improved weather. Sheri again led a ride to Tesselaars Tulip farm, sadly not well attended--but it was Grand Final Day. Colin Boyle led the group down to Cranbourne for the ride down to the GP. Ed Morris was caught up with the group being flagged off, but luckily a friendly police officer stopped the traffic for him and he was able to ride home instead of to Phillip Island. Norm Cole again had to cancel his Nav Run due to lack of interest--a great shame since he puts so much work into this. I led a ride again to see the B24 bomber, followed by a BBQ--a great day with 26 bikes and numerous pillions. The start up of the 1200HP supercharged and turbo engine was the highlight.

In November Suss's fundraising day and girls night frivolities went well, according to those who can remember! Bee led her first ride, with a few problems caused by people not corner marking properly--not her fault, caused by people from other clubs. Maybe they should attend our ride leader course! The Memorial Day ride to Mt.



Congratulations to Jo for winning the Best Decorated Bike at the Peninsula Toy Run!

Macedon saw me leading 10 bikes, with Bob and Kathy going TEC. A moving moment when they read out all those how have "Ridden On" during the year, and will be more so next year with

the sad passing of Maggie. The Twin Spurs was very well attended, the venue was excellent, the show and shine was well represented, with some surprise results!! (ask Sue Jones). The ride over Skyline to Eildon, Thornton and Taggerty had 26 bikes enjoying the beautiful scenery. Gerd unfortunately had to cancel his Romsey Cricket ride, but somehow



In early December we joined up with members from Mornington and Shearwaters to ride down to Grossard Nursing Home in Phillip Island to pick up donated toys, Henri led the ride from San Remo into the home. Again it was fantastic to see the faces of the oldies--many of whom had rides in the outfits of John and Chrissy from Shearwaters. The following week, the Toy Run was led by Henri down to Frankston, and then on to Rosebud. Congratulations to Jo (Lady Rider) for winning the dress up!

As the year is coming quickly to an end, I would like to wish you all the best for Christmas and New Year--safe riding, and make sure you can come up with some ideas for rides next year.

Cheers, Rex.

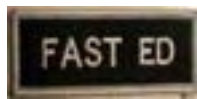
Ross managed to win "Man of the Match". An impromptu ride to Donwood was led by Richard Hallford, it was great to see the enjoyment the oldies had seeing all the bikes.

Quartermaster's Quip



Quartermaster activities have been a bit quiet over the last 3 months due to illness. Sales of clothing (both Yarra Ranges and Ulysses) was low during this period but every day items such as stickers, name badges and patches, wallets, etc. continue to turn over.

You may have seen a few members with embroidered



name patches as shown. These are available for \$10 and are great for sewing on jackets and vests. They measure approx 80mm X 35mm with white lettering and border on black background, but can be

made in different colours if you wish. Come and see me with your \$10 and delivery is approx 2 weeks from when I place the order.

The National Ulysses QM has introduced a new Utility Roll that can be used as a tool roll, accessory holder, travel pack, wet pack, etc. It has 4 separate zippered internal pockets and 1 large external pocket and measures 68cm X 28cm rolled out and folds to 18cm X 28cm. I have ordered a couple for members to have a look.

I am down to my last Yarra Ranges lapel badge so I am currently organising a new run of badges. I will also be trying to re-stock with some Yarra Ranges Branch summer stock soon

including caps, shirts and polos. If you have any other suggestions for apparel or accessories, please come and have a chat.

I will usually have most of my stock at Brunch on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month and a small selection at the monthly social dinner at Chirside Park CC.

Thanks to all for your support over the recent months – it is greatly appreciated.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Happy riding

Kevin White (K2)
Quartermaster

Snowy Ride



Have you seen those movies where the cowboy rides off, to be joined by another and then another? Sue and I started this year's ride (our fourth) by meeting up with Ron and Liz Phillips at The Basin roundabout, followed

by Steve (in car because of his broken leg) and Lee Wong at Yarra Glen. Peter Hough, a Ulyssian from the Albury Branch joined us at Tallangatta. We also met Dan, Graeme, Rikki, Geoff and Denise there who

finished lunch as we arrived. They were heading for Tumut that night and then to Thredbo on Saturday. We had made our way to Tallangatta via Mansfield, Whitfield and Myrtleford taking the Happy Valley

Road and found it lived up to its name. After leaving Tallangatta we stopped at Khancoban before we continued to our destination at Jindabyne.

Sue had pre-booked a house with three bathrooms, three bedrooms and undercover parking for two nights (\$75/couple/night) – the accommodation queen strikes again! The balcony at the front had the barbie and the rear balcony looked out over Lake Jindabyne. We talked over Liz's lasagne and refreshments on Friday night.

Sue's brother, Chris Yeomans, met us at the Jindabyne check point for the Snowy Ride the next morning, with his friend Doug, and Peter. We refuelled at East Jindabyne where a lone Bag Pipe player piped us in to the station. Lee found he was there for a ceremony at the memorial on the site. Chris then led us to back roads that took us to the next check point at Berridale and so avoided some of the madness of over

3,000 motorbikes ripping around the local roads. We didn't avoid Chris being spot



Steve and Lee hamming it up over lunch in Cooma.

checked by Police. We then took back roads to Cooma which was also well represented by bikers.

We had a destination though of lunch at the East End Café at Cooma. What a great find that was! Although relatively plain, the walls were decked with pics of bikes and the café owner enthusiastically took photos of our bikes and us. We then sat down for a bikers' lunch. I passed up 'the Honda' as it was a fairly plain meal but had a 'Moto

Guzzi' – grilled bacon, banana and asparagus covered with cheese. Chris

had his traditional 'BMW'. But then again he rode a K1100LT! Following lunch we continued to Dalgetty then back to Jindabyne. Some enjoyed the sun from the deck while others continued to Thredbo where a massed ride gathered and speeches were to be made.

We returned to Melbourne via Aaminaby and Cabramurra the next day, riding through the stunning country of the Kosciusko National Park.

Temperatures ranged from

low 20's leaving Jindabyne to 'pretty cool' around Cabramurra to 'damn hot' around Tallangatta. Lunch was at an air-conditioned (thankfully) café at Yackandandah. Ron and Liz left us there to overnight in Wangaratta (there are advantages to semi-retirement) and the -Wongs, Sue and I returned in threatening- but-not-really-eventuating rain. I found I had clocked up 1,600kms over the three days and twice as many insects camping on my fairing. I think I enjoyed the roads more this year than ever and the camaraderie with our fellow travellers enriched the whole experience.

The Steven Walter Foundation fundraising for child cancer research is particularly pertinent to Sue and I. One of Chris's daughters suffered from leukaemia in her early teens at a life-threatening level and is vibrantly alive in her 20's now.

Bruce Jones

Treasurer's Tale



I'm pleased to present the final Treasurer's report for 2011, and as members will see, our finances are in very good shape (see report on page 6), everyone has been very generous in participating in all our fund raising events, we should all be very proud of our efforts.

Total fund raising for the year to date came to

\$3057.60. A cheque for \$500 was sent to UCARF in June and in July we supported The Black Dog Ride with a donation of \$250. The remaining balance of funds raised is now \$2307.60.

Our Social Night raffles continue to be popular with the amount raised after

expenses of \$914.40 being \$1636.65.

The Twin Spurs Rally was hugely successful with a profit of \$678.25 after expenses of \$968.75, see the table on page 6 for details .


Liz Phillips
Treasurer

2012 YARRA RANGES BIKERS BASH



FRIDAY 17th
BBQ DINNER AT
CARAVAN PARK
\$5 PER HEAD

SATURDAY 18TH
AFTERNOON
MYSTERY RIDE



YEA HALL
SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY


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Prize for best Italian costume


FROM 7.30 PM - \$20 PER HEAD
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\$15 PER HEAD - INCLUDES
PIZZAS/PASTAS/DESSERTS/COFFEE
(Cost of meal NOT included in Bikers Bash cost)

For tickets contact Pam Roberts via the Yarra Ranges
website yarraranges.sullysses.org or call on
0418 392 649



SUNDAY 19th
RECOVERY B'FEAST
CARAVAN PARK
\$4 PER HEAD



Branch and Twin Spurs Rally Financial Reports

2011 Financial Report	
Balance at the start of 2011	\$7479.24
Total income including fund raising, raffles, donations and quartermaster sales	\$14,013.38
Bank interest to end September 2011	\$21.63
Total outgoings including unrepresented cheques	-\$10,486.36
Current balance of ledger as at 30/11/2011	\$11,027.89
Two unrepresented cheques to the amount of	\$213.50
Bank balance at 30/11/11	\$11,241.38

2011 Twin Spurs Rally Financial Report	
Expenses	
Just Badges – Twin Spurs Pins	\$547.25
ID Wrist Bands	\$31.50
Plates, Cups etc.	\$90.00
Nick Tandy fee	\$100.00
Catering	\$539.18
Total Expenses	\$1037.93
Income	
Total registrations	\$1,170.00
Raffle	\$370.00
Show & Shine	\$107.00
Friday BBQ/Sat-Sun Breakfast gold coin donations	\$338.50
Total Income	\$1985.50
Less Total Expenses	\$1,307.93
Net Profit	\$677.57

Bikers Have Deep Pockets

No, that has nothing to do with the cost of the last service or when you put tyres on both ends. I recently reflected on just how much bikers of all ilks, not to mention our Branch and Ulyssians generally, do for others in the community.

pink ribbon ride (breast cancer research), riding days for the visually impaired, our donations to SES Kinglake, Toy Runs (Salvos and others), ANZAC Dawn services, Positive Ageing Expo, very special kids day; and others that escaped my

pockets, but genuinely generous attitude to helping out those in need around us.

Why are bikers so generous and ready to pitch in?

I don't think that is as easy to answer as it seems. Of course, part of it is many of these acts are associated with chances to ride together either to or at great locations such as the Snowy Ride to Thredbo and Black Dog Ride to Alice Springs. But we ride a lot anyway and don't really need an excuse to get together.

It may be because we've kicked around this planet long enough to be touched by suffering that is sometimes very close to home. It is gut-wrenching to have a mate battling cancer. When that cancer sufferer is a child, you want to do something that will hopefully help that child or failing that; other children who would otherwise go through that. No. 1 cardholder, Stephen Dearnley, kicked off Ulysses' commitment to arthritis research when his wife suffered and died because of arthritis. Some of us have

walked the shadowy halls of depression. So riding to show some solidarity with those who currently are on first name basis with W. Churchill's "black dog" is a natural and personal response.

I have a suspicion though that it has something to do with simply being a motorcyclist. Although it is a disappearing habit, we're familiar with the nod of the head or wave to a fellow motorcyclist. It's looking out for each other. This is particularly true in Ulysses and I have fond memories of a Ulyssian in his 80's chatting with us at Kilcoy for no more than ten minutes and inviting us to 'drop in' on him at Bribie Island; food and accommodation promised at no cost to us.

Because we look out for each other, we're happy to pitch in to help those we associate with who are going through hard times. It makes you proud to be a biker; especially a Ulyssian.



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It makes quite a list. Think of UCARF (arthritis research), the Black Dog Ride (depression), Snowy Ride (child cancer research),

mind as I wrote this. You then realise that the deep pockets is not about the size of the wealth or reluctance to take anything out of the



Ride and events calendar

SOCIAL

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

**BRUNCH CAFÉ, Canterbury Road,
Kilsyth (next to Bridgestone Tyres)**
From 8.30am to around 10.30am.
Enjoy breakfast, coffee and a chat.

MONTHLY SOCIAL NIGHTS

CHIRNSIDE PARK COUNTRY CLUB

Enjoy a great meal and good company.
No booking necessary. Raffle with
great prizes.

From 6.00pm

!!!WEDNESDAY 25th January!!!

Thursday 23rd February—Branch AGM

Thursday 22nd March

RIDES

Sunday 1st January

MYSTERY RIDE

Departing 11am from the 7/11 Servo
on the corner of Dorset Road and
Mountain Highway, Bayswater. Bring
towel, bathers, sunscreen, water and
money for lunch.

Contact Sheri Ashley 0425 870 353

WEEKENDS/OTHER

January 20-22

Blue Duck Ride to Anglers Rest

See website for more details.

Contact Gerd Brachmann 0415 996653

February 17-19

Bikers Bash at Yea

Italian theme. (see flyer on page 6)

Contact Pam Roberts 0418 577 130

March 26-31

AGM in Mildura

See National website for details

For the latest details on upcoming events and rides, see the website www.yarrangesulysses.org
Keep an eye out on the website Notice Board too!

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YARRA RANGES ULYSSES
ANNUAL ELECTION OF COMMITTEE
NOMINATION FORM

The following Committee Positions will be declared vacant at the Yarra Ranges Branch Annual General Meeting on 23rd February, 2011 and nominations for the following positions are now open:

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster, Social Co-ordinator, Ride Co-ordinator, Webmaster, 3 General Committee members.

Any financial member may nominate for any one, but only one, of the above positions by completing the details below and lodging with the Branch Secretary in person or by mail to PO Box 771 Lilydale 3140 by 5pm on 15th January 2012.

Nominations received after this date and time cannot be accepted.

Richard Hallford, Secretary

Nominee

Nominee _____	
Name of Position _____	
Member Number _____	Membership expiry date _____
I acknowledge and accept nomination for the above position.	
Signature of Nominee _____	Date _____

Proposer and Secunder

Name of Proposer _____	
Member Number _____	Membership expiry date _____
Signature of Proposer _____	Date _____
Name of Secunder _____	
Member Number _____	Membership expiry date _____
Signature of Secunder _____	Date _____

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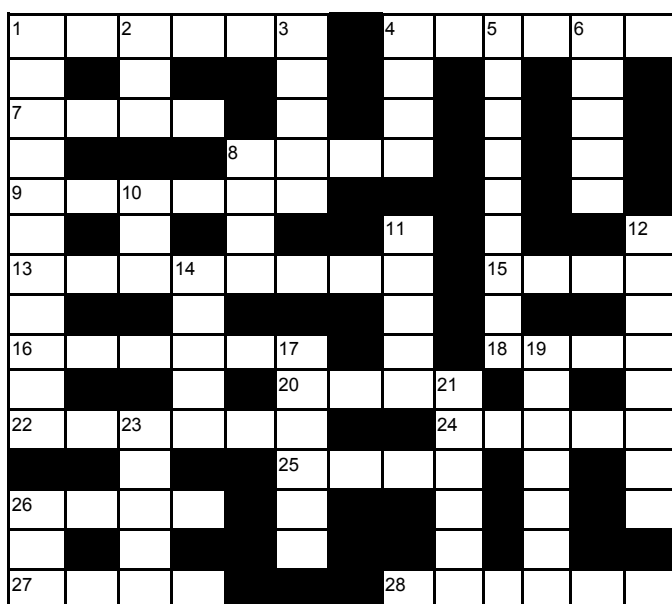


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Bikercross No. 10



- 1960's
 20. German m/c 1923 - 1925
 22. Victorian alpine village Plain
 24. Outdoor places to enjoy.
 25. German m/c 1920 - 1926
 26. Belgian m/c 1906 - 1932
 27. English m/c 1901 - 1939
 28. Japanese m/c 1964 - 1977
- DOWN
 1. Triumph model motorcycle
 2. Victorian country town.
 3. Brand of motorcycle helmet.
 4. American m/c 1902 - 1915 with 950cc V Twin
 5. English m/c 1901 - 1969
 6. Japanese m/c brand from 1949
 8. How to mend your motorcycle socks.
 10. French m/c 1959 with 50cc scooter
 11. German m/c 1949 - 1958
 12. Harley
 14. English m/c c1900's - 1923
 17. English m/c 1902 - current
 19. Italian m/c 1975 - current
 21. Swedish m/c 1951 - 1992
 23. Russian m/c 1973 - current
 24. German m/c 1920 - 1926

ACROSS

1. Favourite Christmas activity
4. Popular motorcycle brand
7. Russian m/c since 1979
8. English m/c 1919 - 1920
9. Former Australian m/c champion
13. Ulysses Club quarterly magazine
15. German m/c 1926 - 1932
16. American m/c 1921 - current
18. Brazilian m/c 1959 - Late

