



ULYSSES NELSON

NEWSLETTER

September 2023

**Special Edition
– Awards
Lunch**

*Claire Newcombe #129 receives
her 35 year service badge at the
recent Awards Lunch (Aug 27)
More pics on pp9-14*



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*Any national
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attend a
committee
meeting*



Ulysses Nelson
TOP OF THE SOUTH
RIDES AND EVENTS : Sep - Oct 2023

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***Ulysses Nelson Branch –
images from the past.***



Feb 2007: Filco Sponsored ride to Farewell Spit



Jan 2010: Picnic at Paton's Rock



Feb 2010: Mystery Ride



Feb 2010 Dusty Riders



Jan 2010: En route to Karamea Overnighter

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COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

Hi Everyone,

A huge thank you to all of you who came along and supported our main event of the year – The Awards Dinner.

What a great turnout. Over 40 of us just managed to squeeze in to the middle sized room at the Waimea Club.

We had a huge table of raffles plus awards, a sales table where we managed to move some old stock of gear. Then we had a great display table put together by Tony our Librarian with what he had available at the moment.

Lastly there was another chock full table of giveaways that we had found in boxes. Plus Kevin boosted this with a very generous supply of more giveaways from Ride Forever.

Phil, our chef, created a really superb menu with lots of choices. Congratulations to our prize winners and service badge receivers. List of winners elsewhere in this newsletter. Robyn presented the rides programme for the rest of the year. Also listed in this newsletter.

Now the weather is turning warmer we are seeing lots of new faces at the coffee morning as they all come out of hibernation.

Lorraine Lindsay #1117



**Happy September
birthday!**

**Barry Fisher
Jon Harrey
Alan Kirby
Ian Richards
Russell Watt**

Ulysses Nelson Member's Discounts

Autocraft Car Repairs

146 Tahunanui Drive
Tahuna (Andrew)
03 548 5578

All makes and models
Special deals for members
service@autocraftnelson.co.nz

Bluebridge

Special rates to club members and partners, only if partner is travelling with a club member.

Promo code
ULYSSES10
Contact Allan for more details.
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BNT Automotive

74 Oxford Street
Richmond
Mention motorcycles
and receive trade prices.

03-543 8381

Filco Farm & Sport

141/143 Quarantine Rd
Annesbrook
Tel: **03 547 2420**

10% discount on gear. You must
present your membership card.

Hokitika Treetop Walk

20% discount on entry fee
Show your membership card
<https://www.treetopsnz.com>

Hotel Motueka

Free fries with any purchase.

03 528 7070

Interislander

Special rates to club members and partners, only if partner is travelling with a club member.

Group booking number
XULY1

Contact Allan for more details.
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Motueka Motorcycles

389 High St.
Motueka

03 5286372
Special discounts for Ulysses
members

Murray Thorn Motorcycles

239 High St,
Motueka

03 5289992
Special deals for members

Nelson Motorcycles

67 St. Vincent St, Nelson

03 548 3786

Discount 10% off accessories

Tasman Honda

25 Elm St
Wakatu Industrial Estate

03 544 8703

Discount 10% off apparel
& accessories

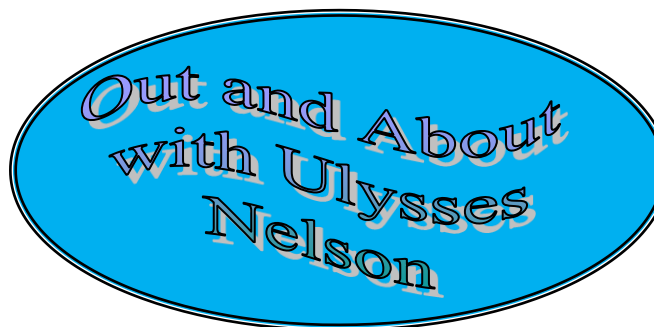
VTNZ WOF's

Discount 10% off motorcycle
and car WOFs
20 / 24 Pascoe St

548 5297

Waimea Vehicle Testing Station

Mention this ad
WoFs car \$80
Motorcycle \$63
03 544 3969



Runs and Events Reports

Sun July 30th Ride to Rai Valley

On a lovely afternoon 10 bikes and 13 people came to the Brick oven for coffee, pies, hot chips, ice creams and a lot of talk. The road over was clean and easy for 8 of the bikes, with the other 2 coming via the Maungatapu track which is somewhat more dusty and technical - although they still arrived with big smiles on their dials like the rest of us had. It is hard to believe that this was a mid-winter ride. Not sure what the rest of you were doing, but we had an excellent afternoon.



Duncan MacNab #4149

Pithy Points

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen.

I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.

- Mark Twain

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

- Victor Borge

Sun Aug 6th Ride to Murchison

Beautiful day for a ride to Murchison. Only myself at NPD and picked up Phil Addenbrooke and Rex Tonks at Kohatu on the way.



Gavin Whiting

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

- Jimmy Durante

Sun Aug 13th Ride to Kaiteriteri

First day back in the saddle after 12 weeks!
Taking it easy on a gentle local trip to Kaiteriteri. Beautiful day – great company. Wish there were more of you!



Allan Smith #2426

Sun Aug 20th Ride to Upper Moutere

Love the local back roads and never get sick of the scenery! Beautiful! Destination to try out a café often missed- Upper Moutere Store & Coffee Shop - outstanding pies!



Sun Aug 27th Awards Lunch

Lots of pics to follow!

Short Notices

Congratulations to **Warren Scott-Lanyon** for winning the Saturday continuous raffle draw of \$30 fuel voucher

Toy Run helpers please meet at Armadillos Restaurant and Bar (upper Queen St Richmond) at **7pm Monday 11th Sept**

South Island Remembrance Run at end of month (Sep 23rd) Riders are going down on Friday - let Lorraine know as a few of us are riding late Friday morning and would love company

MY KIDS LAUGH
BECAUSE THEY
THINK I'M CRAZY.

I LAUGH BECAUSE
THEY DON'T KNOW
IT'S HEREDITARY.

A body builder picks up a blonde at a bar and takes her home with him. He takes off his shirt and the blonde says, "What a great chest you have." The body builder tells her, "That's 100 lb. of dynamite, baby." He takes off his pants and the blonde says, "What massive calves you have." The body builder tells her, "That's 100 lb. of dynamite, baby." He then removes his underwear, and the blonde goes running out of the apartment screaming in fear. The body builder dresses and chases after her. He catches up to her and asks why she ran out of the apartment like that. The blonde replies, "I was afraid to be around all that dynamite after I saw how short the fuse was."

Ulysses Nelson Awards Lunch 2023

Trophy Winners

Service to The Branch *Felecia Isaacs*

- > Main Toy Run organiser which involved
 - * Contact with Police, NCC,
 - * Worked out the best route
 - * Delivered posters
 - * Led the ride
- > Created and posted members Birthday cards
- > Catering for our branch AGM
- > Phoning lapsed members
- > Spent time on committee



Spirit of Ulysses *Robyn Fisher*

- > Committee member and took on the role of Rides and Events Coordinator
- > Created and carried out the NU 600ride
- > Mentored Gerry Tonkin to carry out the NU300 ride
- > Creating 4 Mystery rides
- > Putting together two overnight rides
- > Supports and mentors anyone who comes up with a ride idea
- > Always positive and full of ideas and is not afraid to put these into action
- > Great at organising everyone involved in whatever event is happening and usually willingly takes on the leadership role
- > Great example to all our riders as she rides mega miles in all weathers



Shit Happens *John Clifton*

- > Riding his pushbike down the road from his home to a friends place for coffee.
- > Heard a chainsaw in paddock next to road and all of a sudden, a tree falls on him!
- > Result – broken collarbone and broken pelvis in two places



Service Badges 2023

35 Years



#128 Robert Gall
(deceased June 28)



#129 Claire Newcombe

30 Years



***#2426
Allan Smith***

25 Years

#4138 Robert Steadamn

Not at lunch, no file photo

20 Years



#5759 Kevin Guthrie



#5893 Barry Fisher

15 Years



***L to R
#7528 John MacDonald
#7590 Phil Allan
#7334 Trevor Brown***

15 Years ..Cont.



Also

#7526 Richmond Grant

#7527 Jon Harry

#7333 Byron Le Vavasour

Not at lunch, no file photo

#7344 Rodney Barnes

10 Years



#8786 Donna Wells



#8856 Richard Battersby



Awards Lunch

These pics and more can be viewed at
www.pbases.com/ulyssesnelson

Awards Lunch

Sponsors for raffles and awards

The branch would like to thank ...

Alioke Café – 2 gift bags (vouchers and goodies)

Ash Wells - 2 high end watches

Donna Wells – wine/chocolates

Tasman Honda - \$50 gift voucher

National Ulysess - 1st Aid kits

Vicki Mcghee - 2 rubber bins for groceries

John MacDonald – making the “Spirit of Ulysses” and “Service to Ulysses” Trophies

Lorraine Lindsay – donating the “Shit Happens “ Trophy

Kevin Guthrie (Ride Forever) – for giveaways

It's All Happening – with Ulysses Nelson

Spring has arrived and with it, fresh enthusiasm to get back into the saddle again, particularly, if you've been on 'Hold'.

We've arranged a few exciting rides (over and above the great Sunday Rides options that Allan has organized) to inspire you to get out there and have some fun over the next few months.

Saturday September 23rd has the annual trip to Kaikoura for the **Remembrance Service**.

Saturday October 14th is the first of the four **Mystery Rides** - two will be on Saturdays, two on Sundays to give everyone the chance to ride on their available days.

[#1 Saturday 14th October; #2 Sunday 19th November; #3 Saturday 13th January; #4 Saturday 18th February.]

The points from all four rides will be accumulated to determine the overall winner, who will be presented with a Prize Trophy at the AGM on Sunday February 25th.

Riders are to meet at NPD Lower Queen St, Richmond at 10:45am when the directions/questions will be handed out. The first rider will leave at 11:00, and then every 2 minutes thereafter.

There is no **Ross Rally** this year, we are instead going to **Hokitika for an overnighter** on Saturday 28th October (this is the weekend after Labour Weekend). We will meet up with **Westland Ulysses branch** at dinner at Stumpers. The best options available for accommodation are:

Stumpers, 2 Weld Street; ph 0800 788 673 - they only have 3 twin rooms left, so get in quickly for those. They have plenty of queen rooms available. Ask for Ulysses discount.

Railway Hotel/Motel, 34 Weld Street; ph 03 755 8116 – a number of rooms available.

Beachfront Hotel is already booked out. In fact, so were Stopforths Motel and Bella Vista. I would suggest that as soon as you decide to go, book ASAP.

Some of us are **keen to arrive on Friday 27th** to have time to investigate Hokitika on Saturday, the Heritage Museum is well worth a visit.

The **Baton Relay** fundraiser for Cyclone Gabrielle victims – starts on **5th November** in Invercargill. On Wednesday 8th November, they leave Westport for Blenheim. John Macdonald is the Nelson Co-ordinator for this ride. The plan is for as many as are able to, to meet the riders at Murchison for Baton handover, then ride through to NPD Lower Queen Street (fuel-up) and meet up with more Nelson riders that wish to ride through to Pelorus Bridge for Baton handover to the Marlborough branch.

To register for the ride (\$20 donation), all the details are in the latest Ulyssian page 34 & 35. Unfortunately, the bank account number is not correct – it is:

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John Macdonald has Relay Badges \$14 and Relay Metal Pins \$10 available to purchase. Please get in touch with him if you wish to join him at any stage in the Nelson leg. 027 345 2761
Coming up....

Another **overnighter is planned for January 20th** to Cheviot. Details closer to the time, I'd book accommodation now if you are keen.

A **Time trial** is planned for **March 16th**. There will be two routes, riders can choose the long or short route. The difficult part is being able to arrive at the time that we have ridden the route – according to the speed limit and road conditions. It should be an entertaining day out.

That's all folks. But I do want to thank everyone for helping make the awards lunch a resounding success. Not only the committee members, but the other helpers behind the scenes, and also to everyone that brought grocery items for the raffle and bought raffle tickets. I thought the lunch was awesome, great value and the venue was perfect.

Robyn Fisher #10205

Tasman Honda

Put on an excellent morning Sat Sep 2



Everything will kill you



so choose something fun

Moments of Clarity

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror.

- Jean Rostand.

The weather person is the only person that I know, that can be wrong 99.9 % of the time and still have a job the next day.

-Johnny Carson

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The Southern Escapade reignited! 2023



Recent times have seen me take a back seat in distance riding, and through IAM being able to show good riding practise due to knee and hip pain. Along with that so has the “southern escapade” suffered. Now relatively pain free a few close friends hounded me to put together a new ride for this year.

So here it is...the reason I do this is to raise money for Nelson’s Rescue Helicopter! An amount of \$25.00 is asked for. That will get you a cloth badge, something like what is shown above, and the rest will be donated to the Rescue Helicopter. Obviously, the more riders who do the ride means the patches will get cheaper and the more I will be able to donate to the cause. Some of you I know are not interested in a patch so your donation will be gratefully accepted.

The escapade goal is to visit as many community or memorial halls as you like/can over a 1000km route of your own choosing. You can travel any distance you like before starting your 1000km route. photo must be taken of a ‘hall’ and a point system will be awarded based on the picture. For example, if it’s just the sign, 5 points. If the hall is something iconic or different, all the way up to 20 points. A start and an end point of your ride should be identified.

The reason to do this apart from raising the money for a good cause is to get you out there and see the country. Choose a route in an area you haven’t been before or enjoy just being in that area. Make your photos interesting but in the end the judge’s decision will be final. Get out there and have fun!

Normally I personally allow this to be a 4-day ride which allows time to get to the start and back home, but you can take as long as you like. The time limit is that it must be completed by the end of summer 2024. **So no excuses get out there and give this a go!**

NB. You do not have to pay anything to do this you can just get out there and do it. I use this to raise funds and awareness for the Rescue Helicopter because they are the ones that pick us up off the road 9 times out of 10. Come on we can make this competitive and fun!

The usual disclaimer applies.....The organiser cannot be held responsible for any incident that could happen, travelling to or from and during this event.

John Macdonald. #7528

027 3452761 if you want any more information about this.

What is happening in New Zealand on the e-motorbike scene. Well three very enterprising Kiwis have been busy the last 7 years making an e-scooter disguised as a motorbike. It's the **Streetdog** by FTN Motion



New Zealand

Cost \$NZ 12,000

Range 100 km

Power 3 kW (4hp)

Speed 50 kph

Accel N/A

Charge domestic. 5.5 hr



Test drive – photo Mathew Hansen – Stuff

FTN Motion is a startup company in Te Aro Wellington NZ, opening in 2015 and making electric mopeds.

This moped has the look of a classic motorbike of the 1920's beach racer set. Design centres on a purposefully minimalist technology and lay-out. It looks a little like the Maeving. The body work is made from hemp fibre and resin, a lighter combination than fibreglass. Body shape is a "blank canvas" and as with colour, is customisable to client requirements.

The bike has a small 3kW electric motor in the rear wheel hub, with power from a 18650 Lithium battery and a big central 30 litre storage compartment. The wheels seem full size quite unlike most mopeds. Streetdog is available in any colour and can be customized on request.

The first production run of 100 was reported in 2021, available by word of mouth, appearance at a street market and with a zero marketing budget. Subsequently a waitlist has been in operation for the second production run of 200 units planned for release in August 2023. I could find no data on actual sales to date.

My guess is sales are centred around the Wellington commuter zone.

The second production run will feature design updates such as improved seat comfort and riding position, a redesigned electric system, and a wider tyre from a more premium supplier.

Test ride commentators felt the foot pedals were too far back and a long journey may become uncomfortable.

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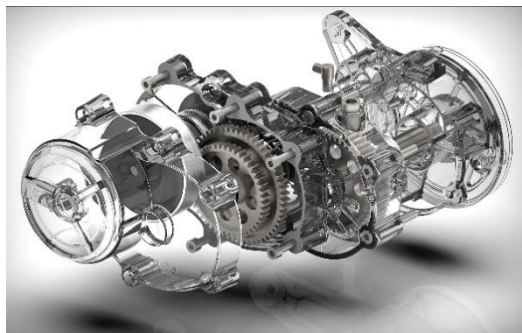
Taiwan

Kymco, of Taiwan claims to be one of the biggest scooter producers in the world, the brand producing its first electric scooter in the 1990's. The K9 is an ultra-modern electric motorcycle-scooter cross-over.



KYMCO F9 Taiwan
Cost TWD 29,770 (\$NZ 1570)
Range 120 km
Power 9.4kW (13hp) 96V Li-io
Speed 113 kph
Accel 0-50kph in 3 sec
Charge domestic. 2.0 hr

Price in Taiwan is \$NZ1,570 equivalent. The scooter has an innovative 2-speed automatic transmission that provides exceptional acceleration performance. The scooter accelerates from 0-50 km/h in under 3 seconds.



The KYMCO F9 employs a state-of-the-art chassis that integrates the battery as part of the frame structure, resulting in a balanced centre of gravity and light overall weight of just 107 kgs. The F9 features 14-inch alloy wheels with "high cornering grip" and is designed for street sport style driving. A full colour instrument panel is featured and the scooter is available in many colour options.

The F9 can be ordered online and shipped worldwide. It may not yet be available in NZ and at what landed cost.

In conclusion here are a couple of light commuter style e-bikes (mopeds or scooters or cross-overs) more in the stable of the British Maeving (see my Part 3 article). Clearly aimed at the cost-conscious commuter needing light, not too fast, city and suburbs transport with short charging time. It may just be an unfilled segment of the market in NZ.



Ulysses Nelson

TOP OF THE SOUTH

RIDES AND EVENTS : Sep - Oct 2023

Sunday Rides

There will be a branch ride every Sunday. The rides west or south will almost always start at 11:00 am at Lower Queen St NPD (gather from 10:30am). The rides east will almost always start at 11:00 am at BP (Haven Road) (gather from 10:30am).

Impromptu Rides - via What's App: The What's App Ulysses Group means if you are heading out on your bike and want some company you can post on this to see who would like to come along!. Or someone may come up with a ride and you can reply to say you will join them! Don't forget to put your name on the post and if you are not in the What's App Group yet, let the branch Secretary know so he can add you. (nelson.sec@ulysses.org.nz)

Sat Coffee Mornings

All welcome! Great chance to catch up and meet with other members and for new people to come along and find out what we are about. 10-12 am, Alioke Eatery, 4A Central Park Lane (off Berryfield Drive, Richmond. (next to Sprig & Fern)

Wear your name badge please.



Distances are for round trip

Sunday Sep 3rd Linkwater Lodge

200 kms 4 hours

Departs: **BP (Haven Road)** Meet & greet 10.30am Departs 11.00am

Sunday Sep 10th Alpine Lodge St Arnaud

Via Kerr's Hill, with three options for return journey.

180 kms 3 hours (depends on the route home)

Departs: **NPD (Lower Queen St Richmond)** Meet & greet 10.30am Departs 11.00am

Sunday Sep 17th Pukeko Café, Pohara

240 kms 5 hours

Departs: **NPD (Lower Queen St Richmond)** Meet & greet 10.30am Departs 11.00am

Sat Sep 23rd Remembrance Service, Kaikoura.

One of the most important days in the Ulysses Calendar.

Contact Lorraine if you are riding.

Sunday Sep 24th Flat Rock Café, Kohatu

Several routes to get there – discuss on the day.

116 kms 2-3 hours

Departs: **NPD (Lower Queen St Richmond)** Meet & greet 10.30am Departs 11.00am

Sunday Oct 1st Beechwoods Cafe, Murchison

Word is out things are improved there with new owners.

240 kms 3 hours

Departs: **NPD (Lower Queen St Richmond)** Meet & greet 10.30am Departs 11.00am

Sunday Oct 8th Jolly Roger, Waikawa Bay (Picton)

290 kms 4 hours

Departs: BP (Haven Road) Meet & greet 10.30am Departs 11.00am

Saturday Oct 14th Mystery Ride #1.

Watch this date for an exciting and fun outing on the bike (or car). More details in Headsup and Newsletter.

Sunday Oct 15th Courthouse Café, Collingwood.

280 kms 3 hours

Departs: NPD (Lower Queen St Richmond) Meet & greet 10.30am Departs 11.00am

Sunday Oct 22nd Kaiteriteri (Labour Day Weekend)

140 kms 2 hours

Departs: NPD (Lower Queen St Richmond) Meet & greet 10.30am Departs 11.00am

Saturday Oct 28th Overnighter, Hokitika.

Joining with Westland branch. Details to come.

Sunday Oct 29th Reefton. *Meet riders returning from Hokitika overnighiter.*

430 kms 5 hours

Departs: NPD (Lower Queen St Richmond) Meet & greet 9.30am Departs 10.00am

Note the adjusted start time.

Check out Top of the South destinations at

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=825c8c1b-3d32-4311-84d4-a1bfa381a7d9>