



# ULYSSES NELSON

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## NEWSLETTER

November 2023



**Baton Relay.** Nov 6 Four Ulysses Nelson riders traveled to Murchison to meet riders from Westport and receive the Baton, to continue with riders to Picton.

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meeting



*Ulysses Nelson*  
**TOP OF THE SOUTH**  
**RIDES AND EVENTS :**  
**Nov 2023 – Feb 2024**

*Snapshot – details on Page 20*

**Sat Nov 18 TOY RUN**

**Sun Nov 19 Toad Hall**

**Sun Nov 26 Annual Numbass Ride.**

**Sat Dec 2 Ulysses Buller  
(Westport) Toy Run**

**Sun Dec 3 Mystery Ride #1**  
Departs: .

**Sun Dec 10 Anakiwa Bay Picnic**

*Looking ahead, details in January  
newsletter .....*

**Sun Jan 14 Miller's rest Rai Valley**

**Sun Jan 21 Mussel Inn, Golden  
Bay**

**Sun Jan 28 Okiwi Bay picnic**

**Sun Feb 4 Wairau Valley Tave**

**Feb Thu 8-Sun 11 Burt Munro**

**Sun Feb 11 Park Café, Marahau**

**Sun Feb 18 St Arnaud Picnic**

**Sun Feb 25 Branch AGM**

**MURPHY'S OTHER 15 LAWS**

1. Light travels faster than sound.  
This is why some people appear bright  
until you hear them speak.

2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A  
tax is a fine for doing well.

3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

4. A day without sunshine is like, well  
er, er, night.

5. Change is inevitable; except from a  
vending machine.

6. Those who live by the sword get  
shot by those who don't.

7. Nothing is foolproof to a  
sufficiently talented fool.

8. The 50-50-90 Rule: Anytime you  
have a 50-50 chance of getting something  
right, there's a 90% probability you'll get  
it wrong.

9. If the shoe fits, get another one  
just like it.

10. The things that come to those who  
wait, may be the things left by those who  
got there first!

11. Give a man a fish and he will eat  
for a day. Teach a man how to fish, and he  
will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

12. Flashlight: A case for holding dead  
batteries.

13. God gave you toes as a device for  
finding furniture in the dark.

14. When you go into court, you are  
putting yourself in the hands of twelve  
(12) people who weren't smart enough to  
get out of jury duty.

15. Making good people helpless won't  
make bad people  
harmless.



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



*Jan 2005 Okiwi Bay Picnic with Marlborough*



*Sep 2009 Rai Valley Market Day*



*Jan 2010 Karamea Overnighter*



*Apr 2011 Poker Run*

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## COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

Hi everyone,

The **Toy Run** Committee has been working many hours on setting up the event which is just one week away at the time of writing this. We had our last meeting last night and hopefully we have covered everything. Many thanks to all the members and partners who have stepped up to help us. I hope to see you all there. Make sure that you decorate your bike as we have a couple a really good prizes to give away this time.

The **Shoei Helmet raffle** tickets are selling well. This will be drawn at the end of the Toy Run.

If you are riding a scooter, vintage or classic bike or a Spyder look for the special sections for these. Garry and Kenny will meet you at the gate and show you where to go. Make sure you check the instructions on the day and follow the designated route.

I have been out of town for a week, so I missed the **Baton Ride** when it came through Nelson. This was in aid of Cyclone Gabrielle victims and was supported by Ulysses National. Big thank you to **John MacDonald** for collecting money, selling badges and patches, plus organising a small group of you to meet the riders at Murchison for the Baton handover then taking it through to the Marlborough Ulysses group. It has now crossed to the North Island and will visit as many Ulysses areas as possible, then will finish in Rotorua on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

At the moment we are working on some ideas for a **Xmas gathering**. We will keep you posted.

### Membership Renewal.

Thank you to all of you who have already renewed.

Please check to see if your membership ends at end of this year. The national Administrator sent you a reminder last month. We will also send you out another reminder soon.

Also, I will be reminding you at our gatherings as well.

Finally, we are nearing the end of our official committee year. Please see the notice of our AGM in this newsletter. Let us know who you would like to see on committee and especially in some of the main positions.

The current committee has been outstanding and lots of fun to work with. I have really enjoyed working with them and I love to hear all the ideas bouncing off everyone. Please let John know if you are staying for dinner after the meeting. We need to know how many meals to prepare.

Good to see you all reappearing after the winter.

*Lorraine Lindsay* #1117



# Ulysses Nelson Member's Discounts

## Autocraft Car Repairs

146 Tahunanui Drive  
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**03 548 5578**

All makes and models  
Special deals for members  
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## 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**

# Out and About with Ulysses Nelson

## Runs and Events Reports

### **Sunday Oct 1st Beechwoods Cafe, Murchison**

Our preferred watering hole in Murchison these days is the Rivers Café, but on the basis of a remark made by someone or other a while back that Beechwoods had improved, it was added to the Itinerary.

Only two of us, Brian and I decided to investigate. I didn't ask Brian for his verdict but mine was it is still reminiscent of a coffee and pie at Taumarunui Railway Station.



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

This is better. Five riders headed out on a really nice day.

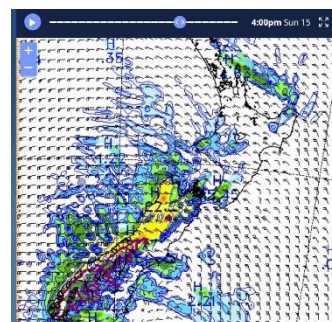


The team opted for the Queen Charlotte Drive, so I prudently took my preferred position as Tail End Charley.

It wasn't that bad though despite a regroup in Havelock, I rapidly fell behind. Considerable amount of road repairs still under way (summer tourist coming soon!), with at least three stop go lights. Tricky on sharp corners where there were road works. My bike is 220kgs and it was a good exercise on getting the power on at the right time.

### **Sunday Oct 15th Courthouse Café, Collingwood**

Cancelled.  
Serious bad weather.  
Not something we often do in advance, but Collingwood looked rather yellow on the rain radar.



#### **Moments of Clarity**

*I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage.*

**- Zsa Zsa Gabor**

*When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.*

**- Prince Philip**



**Sunday Oct 22nd *Kaiteriteri***

A small group had a pleasant ride to a familiar wearing hole. Tetsu caught up with us when we got there. The Waterfront Restaurant is a tad expensive these days but the On the Spot store next door does a great run in pies and coffee.

**Sunday Oct 29th *Courthouse Café, Collingwood.***

Another crack at Collingwood and a beautiful day brought out a few more than our usual 2 or 3. We welcomed new contact Gino on his first ride with us.



Good to see people have a basic understanding of how railroads work....  
(Let me know when you stop laughing!)







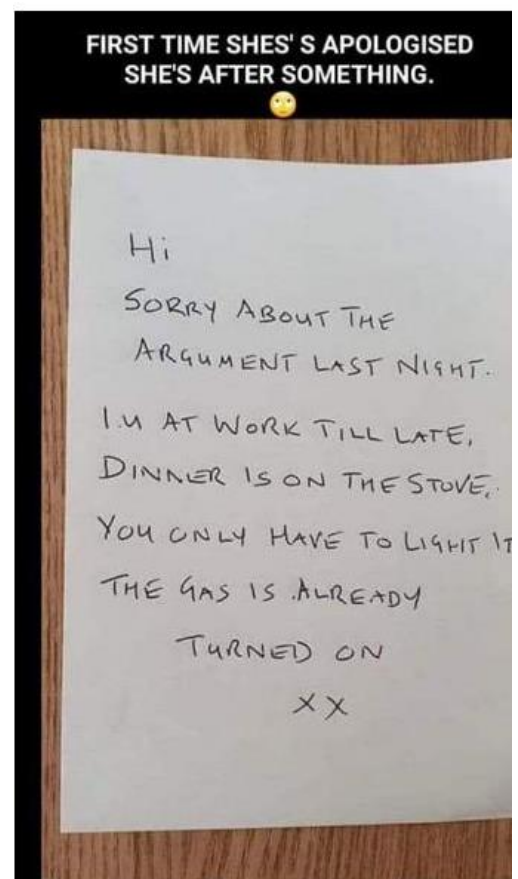
It was Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 7.30 in the morning, and I found myself riding to Nelson in not so pleasant weather conditions. I had forgone my usual Sunday sleep in and my morning coffee, I was on a mission! And it wasn't to meet with mates to watch the All-Blacks vs Ireland match. I had signed up for the *ride for ever training course* booked through *Tasman Motorcycle Training* – ACC cover most of the course cost and our local council covers the rest. I arrived in Nelson at the Rutherford Hotel which is where the first part of the course takes place, the weather had deteriorated even further but the rain held off. We were met at the carpark by Kevin who directed us where to park up and instructed us to go on into the venue where we met up with the rest of the trainees and the crew from *Tasman Motorcycle Training*.

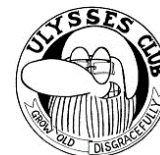
The ride for ever course starts off with Jason doing the introductions and running through how the day will proceed. In the meantime, I was a bit preoccupied with the coffee situation, but need not have worried as coffee orders were taken. Jason had moved on and was explaining something about road positions and my mind was just starting to wonder about coffee when it turned up, yes! And it was a real good one. We finished theory instruction which was full of useful information on how you can be active in keeping yourself safe and how to be seen by other road users and how to travel along the road to give you the greatest number of options to get yourself out of trouble if the unforeseen happens. We then had a coffee break and food was available if anyone wanted brunch, it did look very nice.

We were split into two groups each of us fitted out with communications devices strapped to our helmets. This experience was a new one for me having somebody else share my helmet space - a bit weird. We rode to our practice destination at Saxton car park where Mitch was setting up the cones for the slow speed manoeuvring and braking exercise. The rain which had held off was now teeming down, perfect!! Even so it turned out to be a lot of fun even if I didn't get it completely right – it doesn't help if you can't remember what you are meant to be doing. We finished the slow speed manoeuvring and went from Saxton to NPD Richmond had lunch then back onto our bikes to Upper Moutere to practice the theory and slow speed manoeuvring in real life experience. We finished up back at NPD at 4pm. It was a super day quite a few laughs and big smiles on every body's face.

I would like to thank Jason, Kevin and Mitch from Tasman Motorcycle Training and warn you that I will be back to do my next round of training next year.

*Clive Lane* #10479





# ULYSSES NELSON

## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2024

### AGM Invitation (with possible Dinner option)

**SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2024**

AGM Starts at **4.00pm** (with possible dinner option afterwards)

To be held at:

**Club Waimea Street, 345 Lower Queen Street, Richmond 7020**

#### Agenda

Apologies      Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting      Matters Arising      Annual Report  
Rides & Events Report      Financial Report      General Business      Election of  
Officeholders      Close of Meeting & dinner

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## Nomination Slip

**Your Nelson Branch Needs You**

***Nomination for Officeholders & Committee, Nelson Branch of Ulysses Club NZ AGM - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024***

Available Positions: Officeholders Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer & Committee

I nominate...

Nominee Name:..... Number:.#.....

for the position of.....

Nominator:..... Number:..#.....

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Nominee's Consent Signature:.....Date:.....

***Complete nomination slip & return to Nelson Ulysses Secretary by 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024***



# Farwell to Barry Fisher #5893



Barry began his motorcycle love affair when he bought a Honda XL250 while on his Airforce posting in Singapore about 1976. He rode around SE Asia, then brought it back to Christchurch and kept it until about 1997 when he sold it as parts. He bought a BMW 800 RT (ex police bike) about 1997, he joined Ulysses in 2003 and we enjoyed many rides and events with the Nelson branch – progressive meals, GUSS rallies, overnights and fun days out. He also had a Honda 400 that he really enjoyed off-road riding with groups of mates.

We progressed from 2-up to individual bikes and did many thousands of kilometres together all around both islands, also with friends, and most famously the Magical Mystery rides with the McKenzies and Cox's. He also rode to 3 Brass Monkeys. After the BMW 800, he had a Triumph for a short time, then went back to a BMW 650 GS for the last 10 years which he really enjoyed riding. We enjoyed motorcycle camping – Onamalutu, Trilobite Hutt (Cobb), Whites Bay, Cowshed Bay (Portage) – plus the times when he went riding with a bunch of other adventure riders way down south, he would often take his fishing rod and catch a trout for tea while riding to a campsite.

*Robyn Fisher #10205*



Barry receives his 20-year service badge at the branch Awards Lunch.



Ulysses Nelson riders and others line up waiting to escort Barry to the cemetery.



Barry's casket is loaded onto his beloved 'Playpen' for the journey to the cemetery.



Barry's final steps to his resting place.



# BABES ON BIKES

Omakau September 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Wednesday morning** we were three leaving Nelson. Juliet on her Aprilia Scooter, Miritza on her Yamaha Stryker, and me on my trusty F3 CanAm Spyder. A little drizzle and an iffy weather forecast had a couple of us wearing our wet weather pants – prepared. We stopped in Murchison at the River Café for coffee, where Colleen joined us on her new F3 Spyder.

The ride through the Lewis to Hanmer Springs was great. Dry roads, no grit, a few potholes, and very little traffic. It is hard to know where the day goes, - we left at 10.30am and arrived at 3.30pm. Mind you, we enjoy our coffee stops.

Suzy and Maria had decided to do a Thelma and Louise in a hired 5 litre Mustang. We could hear them coming as they pulled into our motels at Hanmer. And then there were six. We enjoyed a leisurely soak in the Hot Pools before dinner at the Monteiths Brew Bar. Back to the motels and an early night. Rain overnight, we woke to a sunny morning.

## Day 2 Hanmer Springs to Geraldine 287Km

Grand ride through Rangiora and Oxford on Route 77. Windy through the Waimakariri Gorge but it settled down through the morning. The Route 72 Café Bar at Cust is an experience and well worth the visit. The place is ruled with an iron fist – not a thing out of place and don't you dare move any chairs or change seats once you have ordered! Their Eggs Kiwiana is one of the best breakfasts we've had, the coffee was good and there is much to browse. Then a beautiful ride on to Geraldine.

I noticed the Humdinger Gin Distillery Gin Tastings Open Sign on our way into town and whilst only two of us tasted, it was so good, particularly their Citrus Gin, that we both bought a bottle. Not much left at the end of the trip, lovely while it lasted! Very handy having the Mustang for those shopping moments. The Geraldine Heritage Hotel was shabby, we had to park our bikes on the street, and they didn't do meals so we ate a relaxed meal on the veranda, outside our upstairs rooms. An early night was disturbed by some inebriated young locals making noise beneath the rooms and sitting on our bikes. Miritza flew downstairs through the bar to give them a few stern words and the clear directive to "get off our bikes". There may have been more words than that!

## Day 3 Geraldine to Omakau 332KM

We were a little bumfuddled on the morning departure. The team left and my dashboard message read "bad key". It took a few tries and a couple of minutes sitting before my Spyder started. I headed out of town, no sign of them – maybe I missed a plan to fuel up, so I headed back to NPD, fuelled up and found the crew waiting for me on the outskirts of town. We headed to the Fairlie Bakery for breakfast, and I discovered their pork belly pie. Perfectly baked, filled with moist tender sliced pork belly, and topped with crackling. What a cracker! The weather was good, the roads were dry and we had a great run on Highway 8, with the mustang riding point. What a glorious ride to Omarama with the usual photo stop at Lake Pukaki

Lunch stop at the Wrinkly Ram had us sitting outside in the sun watching the Christchurch contingent of Babes arrive. Around 15 of them this time.





Throughout the journey we gleaned great pleasure from the Word of the Day, extending our vocabulary, causing lots of experimental wordsmithing and lots of laughs. But we weren't there to lollygag! Glorious riding through the Lindis Pass, windy in parts, we separated a bit – Colleen & I enjoying a Spyder cruise as the others shot ahead. We had seen two cops with flashing lights, one a warning, the other chasing a driver past us, as we had pulled over to check the route. Counting our luck too soon, we headed along the side of the lake, into the Cromwell Gorge when the flashing light was for me. Colleen took a snap of my courteous encounter with the nice young cop as he ticketed me for speeding. I was quite relieved it hadn't happened earlier!

We caught up with the others who were waving at us at the turn off and cruised on to Omakau. We stayed at a lovely old Air BnB, The Modest Manor, which I highly recommend. Robes in the wardrobe for the hot spa, lovely rooms, beds and setting, great homemade granola, yoghurt, bread and spreads supplied fresh each day for breakfast.

We dined Friday night at the local café, recommended by our host, and run by a couple of French women. A nice change from pub grub, there were great salads on the menu & a full house of Babes here for the weekend. Lots of catching up, laughs and a few drinks, then we moseyed back to our AirBnB for a relaxing Spa. Ah, this is the life!

Saturday we had a leisurely morning, visiting and catching up with Babes from all over the South Island. Four of us headed off in the Mustang past Becks towards St Bathans to see the fields of flowering Snowdrops a visitor had mentioned in the café. Not quite peak timing for the flowering, but the cottage and history of the area was worth the visit.



Saturday afternoon had us all donning our costumes for the Gypsy themed night. We danced our way into the pub to the tune of Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves and then proceeded to have a dam good night. The buffet was a bit overpriced – would have been fine if it had included dessert, but it was a tasty meal. Lots of dancing and hilarity with a pair of UE booms twinned so we could pump up the volume. Babes on Bikes is a great institution – Val & Chris do a lot to organise these gatherings twice a year and it is such a good catch up with other women who ride.

### **Sunday Omakau to Fairlie 287km**

The weather looked a bit iffy for the ride on Sunday, so we changed our plan for Methven to Fairlie. I love this part of the country, we had a great ride despite the wind.





We stopped at Three Creeks Vintage Garage Décor at Burkes Pass for a good look round. It is one of those places you always mean to stop & check out but never do. Some interesting memorabilia, very American themed – a great place to wander around and stretch your legs. We stayed at the Fairlie Hotel - simple, clean, and good food, though we were all a bit full of Fairlie Pie from the first stop on arrival. One plus of these old kiwi Hotels is the people you meet. It was a dog-friendly pub, and we met a lovely couple from Blenheim, who had just bought a church in Havelock. We all enjoyed their dog, a lovely friendly whippet.

### **Monday Fairlie to Kaikoura 358km**

Breakfast, you guessed it – Fairlie pies, and off on Route 77 through to North Loburn to visit Julie & Bruce for a wonderful lunch. Time to say goodbye to Maria, and Colleen chose to head home via the Lewis so it was 4 of us left. Nelson was copping a heavy storm and weather warning messages were coming through. We had decided to head to Kaikoura. It was a great ride, a little damp & windy, but nothing like the Nelson weather.

We stayed at the Pier Hotel – quirky old front rooms upstairs with magnificent views across the sea to the snow-capped mountains. We unwound on the veranda enjoying the views and then had one of the best fish meals I've had. Fresh Terakihi in a Parmesan crust – all four of us had the same. Wonderful. Great restaurant and the French waiter had the most divine accent.



### **Tuesday Kaikoura to Nelson 251km**

Juliette headed off early and we cruised home in pretty good weather. A fantastic trip with great mates, as always.

*Vicki McGhee #6749*



# SPYDER RALLY

Hanmer Springs 3<sup>RD</sup> and 4<sup>Th</sup> November

Vicki, AJ and I went to this annual Rally. This was a first for myself and Vicki. There were about 10 of us that rode down from Nelson in appalling weather. My bike was playing up with its suspension and a couple of other little glitches, so the aim for me was to carry on to Ashburton to the main service centre to sort the problems and also to get its second service.

It poured with rain the whole way and my shoulders were aching trying to keep my bike on the road as it was rolling around everywhere.

People came from the far south and quite a few from the North Island. 42 Spyders attended in total.

Friday dinner was at "The Vintage" restaurant in Hanmer which I highly recommend. Saturday saw better weather and a big ride out to the coast and round the block. I chose not to do this as I needed to soak in the pools and get a much needed massage. Saturday night BBQ Dinner at the Drifters, with prize giving and lots of chatting.

Everyone rode home on Sunday while I headed south to Ashburton. The temps never got over 5 degrees and it rained all the way!

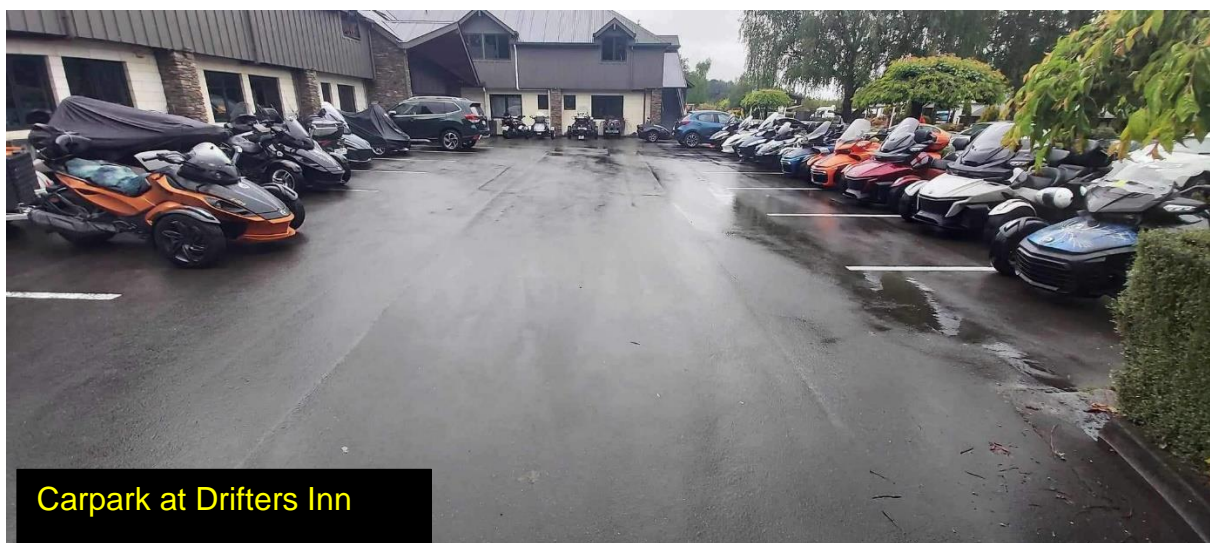
I also highly recommend the Commodore Motel (which is across the road from Can Am). They couldn't do enough for me to get me settled. Early Mon morning the Spyder was up on the hoist getting all its issues sorted while I went for brunch with an old friend and ex Nelson Ulysses Secretary, Deirdre Murdoch, who lives in Ashburton now. Some of you will remember her. Another wet freezing ride back to Hanmer that afternoon with the Spyder performing much better and another hot swim. Tuesday, I finally rode back to Nelson (still only 5 degrees and yes you guessed it, Still raining!

Really grateful I had good gear so everything was dry except one hand in my "waterproof" gloves.

The roadworks and huge downpour outside Wakefield gave my bike and myself a whole new colour scheme.

Oh well that's what true motorcycling is all about -Taking the good with the bad.

*Lorraine Lindsay #1117*



Carpark at Drifters Inn



Nelson crew meet up



You will always find AJ wherever the girls are



## Sons of Thunder

- Neil Bradford 2012  
(Mainstream Publishing)

One of the joys of being the club librarian, custodian of many books is to be able pick up someone else's choice of book and share that experience. This is an anthology of books about motorcycle experiences. Bradford introduces each author with a succinct biography to establish credentials then selects a passage representative of the full book. Thus Ted Simon's "Jupitors travels" 5 pages. Lois on the Loose 9 pages.

We gain a peek of Pirsig's "Zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance" an almost unfathomable gem from 1974. One of the few books I bought outright, loving the cover of the paperback but barely comprehending the text. A philosophical ride across America, rejected by 121 publishers but going on to sell 5 million copies.

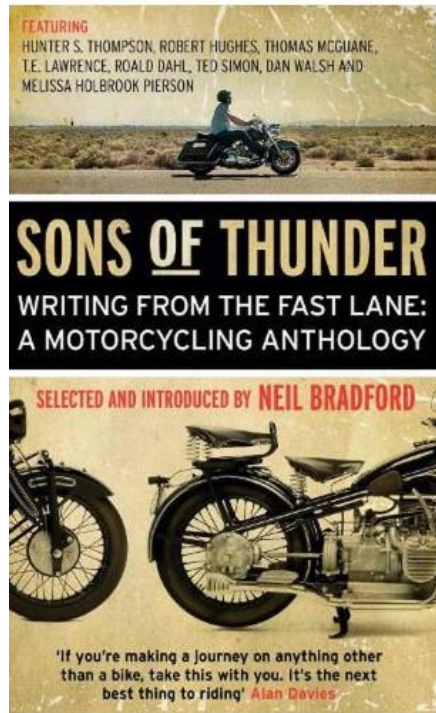
Valentino Rossi relates his racing experiences on Hondas in the early mid 2000's followed by his desertion to Yamaha in 2003. He describes the Australian Grand Prix of 2004, neck and neck racing and the attack points of his opponents. How a single passing manoeuvre becomes the supreme moment particularly on the last lap, to win.

That most interesting of unlikely men who intensely loved his motorbikes was TE Lawrence - Lawrence of Arabia. Who can ever forget the 1962 film of the same name with its huge cast of name actors of the day and featuring Peter O'Toole. A film that



went on to win seven Oscars in 1963. His rise to fame in the Middle East war(WW1) against Turkey, a misfit, insolent, but highly educated English Officer, he successfully led Arab tribesmen in audacious raids on the Turks occupying Syria.

Living on the edge transferred into his later life when he resigned his commission in the British Army to become an ordinary aircraftsman in the RAF. Living in an isolated cottage in rural Dorset, his new passion was motorcycles. Not just one or two but an accumulation of seven, all Brough



Superiors, all named George, one for each day of the week. Really. Deciding to do his weekly shopping on a 160km circuit of central eastern England, he describes his racing dual with a RAF Bristol biplane. "At Nottingham I added sausages from my wholesaler to the bacon which I'd bought at Lincoln, so nicely sliced that each rasher meant a penny....a felt hammocked box of fifteen eggs....Sleaford's

butcher has six penn'orth of dripping ready for me. ... a hundred miles for the joy of it and picking up the best food cheapest, over half the countryside."

What an odd fellow, sounds as though he could have been a Ulyssian.

This little gem of Lawrence "The Road" takes rightful place as the first in the anthology.



Brough Superior SS100 – photo by Lars-Göran Lindgren, Sweden.

*Tony Cutten#9289*



*83 year old biker chick Heading for the Toy run*

**Ulysses Club Nelson Branch**  
**invite all Motorcyclists to the**  
**Annual**



# **NELSON TOY RUN**



**Saturday**  
**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Meet at **A&P SHOWGROUNDS**  
Lower Queen St., Richmond  
from 10am **Depart 11am SHARP**

Decorate your bike and bring new toys / games for children (girls and boys) of all ages (no soft toys).

This ride will occur whatever the weather!

Sausage sizzle at destination: -  
Trafalgar Park off Trafalgar St.

Toy Run Badges

Air GT2 Helmet Raffle \$10/ticket  
(Retail p. \$899)

*In association with:*



*For more information, visit our website:*  
**[www.ulyssesnelson.org.nz](http://www.ulyssesnelson.org.nz)**

Gold coin donations on the day  
gratefully accepted, for the  
kids

**See the parade – on:**

**RICHMOND – Queen St.,  
Salisbury Rd. STOKE – Stoke  
Highway**

**NELSON –  
Waimea Rd,  
Rutherford St**  
*You are welcome  
at Trafalgar Park  
to view the  
motorcycles.*





## Ulysses Club Nelson Branch Annual Toy Run Raffle

### Win a **Air GT2 Helmet**

**The One and Only Premium Touring  
Full-Face Helmet, Integrating Functionality  
with Exquisite Design**



*Retail value \$899*

Shoei helmet will be supplied in a plain colour but winner may upgrade to a colour or graphic model, at the winner's cost.

Helmet to be collected from Filco Farm & Sport Nelson,  
or can be shipped nationwide at winner's cost.

## Tickets \$10 each

To purchase tickets, make payment to Ulysses Club - Nelson branch account  
03-1354-0593688-00 with your surname and cell number as references  
Tickets will also be sold on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> November at the Toy Run

*Maximum of 250 tickets will be sold*

**FILCO**  
**FARM & SPORT**

*Helmet subsidised by Filco Farm & Sport*

**Raffle will be drawn on  
Sat 18 Nov 2023 at end  
of the Toy Run & winner  
contacted by phone**

# TOY RUN

11am 2 Dec 2023 - Star Tavern

The Ulysses Club of NZ, Buller Branch, in association with Buller Rodders Inc. and the Salvation Army, invites all motorcyclists to -

## The 33rd Annual Westport Toy Run

Licensed riders and registered bikes only please; scooters/mopeds welcome but please join in at Buller Bridge. A ride briefing will be given before the 11.30am start.

Gifts will be distributed by the Salvation Army (please make their job easier by not wrapping presents or giving soft toys).

Onlookers en-route can give toys to the tail end vehicle - please don't ask riders in convoy to stop for gifts!



*Ulysses Nelson Riders wanting to join this Toy Run be at NPD lower Queen St at 8.45am Sat Dec 2*

**A truck carrying a load of Vicks VapoRub overturned on the highway.**



**The Officer told everyone to relax and take a deep breath.**

**Amazingly, there was no congestion for 8 hours!**



*Ulysses Nelson motorcycles. Alioke Sat 11 Nov*





***Ulysses Nelson***  
**TOP OF THE SOUTH**  
**RIDES AND EVENTS**  
**Nov 2023 – Feb 2024**

## 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](mailto: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***

## Sat Nov 18 TOY RUN

*Whatever else you are doing this year on your motorcycle, make sure you get out and join in on this annual event. See [page \\*\\*\\*](#) of this newsletter and on Facebook.*

***NO ALIOKE COFFEE TODAY!***

**Gather: A&P Showgrounds, Richmond. Parade Departs: 11am sharp**

## Sun Nov 19 Toad Hall

*A short local jaunt after the busyness of yesterday. We might take in Dovedale on the way.*

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **10.30am** for coffee / chat. Departs **11.00am**

## Sun Nov 26 Annual Numbass Ride.

Nelson – Punakaiki – Greymouth – Reefton – Nelson. [600 kms. All day](#)

*This is the eight year for this iconic Nelson branch event. A day for some serious distance riding. Are you up for it?*

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **8.30am** for coffee / chat. Departs **9.00am**

## Sat Dec 2 Ulysses Buller (Westport) Toy Run

*Toy Run parade leaves Star Tavern, Cape Foulwind at 11.30am.*

[444 kms round trip. Pretty much all day.](#) Salvation Army turn on an excellent lunch.

**Departs: NPD Richmond** (lower Queen St) Meet **7.30am** for coffee / chat. Departs **8.00am**

## Sun Dec 3 Mystery Ride #1

**Departs: NPD (Lower Queen St Richmond)** Gather from **10.00am** Departs **10.30am**

*Robyn and Karen have put in a lot of work to make this a fun day with a mysterious route. We look forward to having you along.*

**Sun Dec 10 Anakiwa Bay Picnic**

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

***Last ride for 2023.*** Come and join us. The location for New Zealand's famous Outward Bound School. A super pretty destination nestled in the Marlborough Sounds. Sealed road all the way.  
**BRING YOUR LUNCH**

***THAT'S IT FOR 2023. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE ROAD IN 2024.***

*Looking ahead, details in January newsletter .....*

**Sun Jan 14 Miller's rest Rai Valley**

**Sun Jan 21 Mussel Inn, Golden Bay**

**Sun Jan 28 Okiwi Bay picnic**

**Sun Feb 4 Wairau Valley Tavern**

**Feb Thu 8-Sun 11 Burt Munro**

**Sun Feb 11 Park Café, Marahau**

**Sun Feb 18 St Arnaud Picnic**

**Sun Feb 25 Branch AGM**

Check out Top of the South destinations at

[:https://www.sporty.co.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=825c8c1b-3d32-4311-84d4-a1bfa381a7d9](https://www.sporty.co.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=825c8c1b-3d32-4311-84d4-a1bfa381a7d9)