



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



The Kermit Kronicle

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Ulysses 2012 Broome Rally

Broome Camp School

Cable Beach

- Shine & Show Saturday
- Breakfast Ride Sunday
- Lunch Ride to Derby Sunday

Friday 8th - Monday 11th June

Registration only \$10!

Breakfast available Sat, Sun & Mon

Dinner available Sat & Sun

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Hi everyone,
The year is rapidly slipping away, as I type this were are nearly into March. Many of you will be getting ready to travel to Mildura for the Ulysses Club AGM. I

know I am looking forward to that event, as well as the journey to and from. We are taking a week either way to travel, with a week at Mildura at the Golden River Caravan Park.

I have gained permission from the managers of the Golden River Holiday Resort, where a lot of us are staying to have a RV Group gathering and happy hour on the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 28th March. They have said that we can use their camp kitchen area for the gathering. The resort is located at 199 Flora Ave, Mildura, about 400 metres along from the showgrounds.

Some of you may have seen the new alternate club shirts available from our gear shop. They have been



selling really well, in fact I have only sold one of the older style shirt as opposed to approximately 20 of the new ones since we introduced them.

We also have the new stickers and patches available, and we will have them with us in Mildura should anyone wish to purchase them. There are still some of the old logo stickers and patches available in our shop at a reduced price as well.

The state organisers are getting some weekenders in place, and details are in this newsletter. Even so, you don't need to wait for an organised event. If you are planning a weekend away somewhere, and you would like some company from other club members, just put it up on our notice board, and I am sure some others will come along and join you.

I have been receiving reports of members travelling around and having a great time, in fact they all seem to be too busy having such a great time to send me a report for the newsletter. Tom and Mary, Ken, Doreen, Ron and Louise recently spent a week at the Elvis Festival at Parkes. They rang me to tell me what a great time they were having, just to rub it in. Marie and Jurgen and some others headed off to Tamworth for the Country Music Festival, and reported back on what a great event it was.

Christmas in July has moved this year from Nymboida in NSW to Cecil Plains in Qld. If you southerners feel it is too far to travel, by all means get something organised down south. After all, it is an excuse to get together and have a good time.

Until next time,
Safe Travels,

Rick and Sherol





FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

SA RV events for 2012

RV events are open to any Ulysses member or partner. Any type of vehicle can be used to get you there, what is important is that you are there.

March 11th 2012 Burra Gorge Camp Ground - Burra

May 20th 2012 Rawnsley Park Station - Flinders Ranges

Sept 16th 2012 Black Cockatoo Bush Camp - Naracoorte

Oct 18th- 21st 2012 RV AGM Yarrawonga Holiday Park - Yarrawonga.

Any further enquiries contact Hobbit or Hoppy on hoho@ulyssesrv.org

Qld RV events for 2012

EASTER WEEKEND: 05-09 April

HOSTS: John and Di

VENUE: 44 Woodlands Way, PARKWOOD *

Pool available: Fire drums: Games Area: Great base to visit Gold Coast

SATURDAY MEAL: Arundel Tavern "2mins from Host" Courtesy Bus Available (0447147585)

Thursday 22 March Contact: Gordon/Judy (0732877616)

XMAS IN JULY

Cecil Plains Homestead and Museum.

12th - 15th July, 2012.

Unpowered sites only, generators allowed. \$10.00 per van per night. Showers and toilets onsite.

Numbers attending required by 27th June, 2012.

Gordon advises that the local pub will put on a meal on Saturday night for between \$12 and \$18 a head, or choose from the a la carte menu.

Right on the Condamine River, so bring your kayak or your fishing gear.

Rooms also available at the Homestead if you don't want to take the van. Call Glennis on 07 4668 0098.

Gear shop goodies.

All of our gear shop items are available to order via our online regalia shop.

Old Style shirts for \$32.00 plus postage.

New Alternate shirts for \$35.00 plus postage.

New logo patches for \$5.00 plus postage

Old Logo patches for \$3.50. plus postage

New logo 200mm stickers for \$12.00 plus postage

Old logo 200mm stickers for \$8.00 plus postage

New logo 100 mm stickers for \$1.00 plus postage

Old logo 100mm stickers for \$0.75 plus postage.

Name badges with magnetic clasp for \$9.80 plus postage.

We will have with us in Mildura all regalia items for sale, including a small number of the old style shirts, BUT excluding new alternate shirts and name badges.

If you don't want to use the online shop, you can send me an email with your order details and I will reply with bank account details for deposit of funds to cover your order.



DISASTROUS END TO THE HOLIDAYS

From Hoppy & Pat

While on Christmas holiday's at the lower Yorke Peninsula, we had a fire in the caravan. This totally destroyed the caravan but fortunately no person injuries. The locals were really great with support and accommodation. Thank you to members who have been in contact with their thoughts and support. We lost all our personal possessions in the van and now we are having all the fun of getting our cards and licences reissued. This is so good when you have no form of identity! Having got over the shock and loss we are now starting to plan for the future. We will be back on the road as soon as possible and looking forward to catching up with others on the road.

Hoppy & Pat





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ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP- 2012 AGM - Oct 15th - 21st. YARRAWONGA HOLIDAY PARK

In order to encourage more Ulysses members across the entire land to attend our annual event we looked at the option of holding next year's AGM in a location that would attract some new and perhaps more members, especially from Victoria and South Australia, and even W.A.

During a recent trip to Adelaide Phil and Fay investigated a large number of possible Caravan Parks to: Find one big enough to hold around 150 van sites One that would allow pets.

And one that had suitable facilities.

Very few parks met our needs, however the one park that met all our criteria is the Yarrowonga Holiday Park located on the Murray River at Yarrowonga (across the river from Mulwala and adjacent to Lake Mulwala)

This park is operated by a local community group with all profits donated back into the Yarrowonga community and is in excellent condition and presentation.

This park has in excess of 150 powered sites, new camp kitchen and all catering can be done on site.

Meals

The following are quotes that we have received from the Caravan Park who will organize everything for us. All we have to do is give the numbers.

- Friday – BBQ Tea including meat and salad \$6 per head about 6.00pm

- Saturday – Morning Tea- supplied by park management (friends in common) 10.00am

Lunch- BBQ meat and Salad \$6 per head (friends in common) 12.00 noon

Dinner- Roast meat, vegetables & Desert (\$20 per head) Yarrowonga Football Club – drinks at bar prices – drinks are reasonably priced.

- Sunday – Breakfast- bacon and egg rolls \$3 per head (friends in common) 7.30am – 8.00am.

The camp kitchen is a reasonable size, however depending on total numbers the park can organize a marquee to be erected adjacent to the camp kitchen at

no cost to us which would give us ample under cover area.

The dinner would be served at the Football club which is on the grounds of the Caravan Park and only about a 150 metre walk from the van sites.

Park details are:

Yarrowonga Holiday Park
Cnr Piper Street & Burley Road, Yar-
rawonga

Ph 03 5744 3420

www.yarrowongaholidaypark.com.au

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Cohuna Rally February 2012

Our third meet at Cohuna was again a great success! Twenty one members attended, a little lower than we hoped but everyone had fun!



Helen from Queensland made up the group! Gary and Jo, joint Victorian Co-ordinators came along on the first outing of their partially completed Hino bus. Very impressive, even half finished! With everyone set up Happy Hour was declared by Marilyn an hour earlier than on her programme! Must have been on Qld time!

Arriving on Thursday we found stalwart Tom already set up and enjoying the balmy Mediterranean type weather from the awning of his camper trailer. Just the three of us for the Thursday eve and very pleasant beer and chat.



A BBQ dinner, some more chatting and everyone retired at an early hour a little tired from the day's travels and socialising!

Friday saw the main contingent start arriving, a mixture of Victorians, NSW and Colin &

Saturday morning saw the same beautiful weather and with the Southern 80 boat races in nearby Echuca, most people chose the stay close to Cohuna and avoid the crowds and Police campaigns on vehicles and compliance! Local RV Group members, June and Murray invited everyone around to their



place for afternoon tea so everyone piled into their cars, except Richard who cycled out the 5kms!

The weather still refused to disappoint and back at the park a game of Bocce by the water turned into a crowd puller with other campers 'roped in' to form a team! Thanks to Ange and Mary for again bringing the balls and getting everyone involved.



Dinner was at the very busy local tavern due to the low numbers attending but everyone was fed efficiently and enjoyed the meal. Again some chat and coffee with too much cake offered around. Sunday started with Murray 'buzzing' the

park in his light aircraft to see if everyone was awake before coming over to join us. It then became get fit day!



Some bike riding, canoeing and walks along the creek mixed with much sitting and chatting. Again happy hour started early and plates of nibbles appeared from everywhere!



And then it was Monday and time to move on! Everyone had a ball and agreed to do it again next year around the same time.

Gary &

Jo will organise a mid year Victorian Rally at Marong near Bendigo in August so watch out for that one!

Richard & Marilyn
 Joint Victoria Co-ordinators



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Jayco Sterling-5000kms on.....

Following on from my review of our new Jayco 21.65-4 Sterling. We now have 5000kms 'on the

The positives are that the washing machine works great and Marilyn loves it. It continues to tow well but I did notice a very slight sway at times. I'll check



clock' and things are settling down.

So how is it going? Most of the issues raised in the early report are fixed, well I can only think of one.... The power point near the table....Jayco plug couple all their 240V cabling. I think it is probably done so they can use unqualified staff to wire them. Anyway, we found the connectors, cables and power sockets in the Jayco dealer in Coffs Harbour after the AGM and bought all we needed to put power by the table. Cost was around \$50 for the parts and it took less than an hour to fit the power point under the seat. One less 'problem'.

The external aerial supply issue is now 'fixed' and the external point connects to the main aerial point. The dealer found no fault, and charged me for looking, and it miraculously worked!

We need two curved rafters for the awning as it flaps too much in a breeze and also pools water. Richard also had to get the vinyl repaired after a slight 'accident'. I'm not saying any more!!

the ball weight to ensure it's loaded right. It is a great relaxing van and we both sleep well in the very comfy bed. It continues to tow economically with a recent 400km run returning 13.6l/00km. Not bad for a van weighing 2.4tonne.

The negatives are that it last year's model! The new one have a revised slide out and doesn't need to be locked, a little issue that Marilyn can't reach the lock over the bed for that slide out.

What's next? We are going to add an additional towel rail below the existing so we can dry both towels whilst travelling. Not really an issue but we are 15kms from the Jayco factory so I can get up to the shop and buy one easily. A sunshade will be purchased for the awning and I'm still reviewing what we actually need to carry and reducing clutter. Overall.....Still happy with the purchase and finally getting to use it after I was told to take leave at work due to a downturn. See you all at Yarrowonga.

Richard & Marilyn

The Joke Page.

Two Irishmen were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A blonde walks by and asked them what they were doing.

Paddy replied, 'We're supposed to be finding the height of this flagpole, but we don't have a ladder.'

The blonde took out an adjustable spanner from her bag, loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down. She got a tape measure out of her pocket, took a few measurements, and announced that it was 18 feet 6 inches.

Then, she walked off.

Mick said to Paddy, 'Isn't that just like a blonde! We need the height, and she gives us the bloody length!!'

An 80 year old woman was arrested for shop lifting. When she went before the judge in Brisbane he asked her, What did you steal?

She replied, A can of peaches.

The judge then asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches and she replied that she was hungry.

The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied 6.

The judge then said, I will then give you 6 days in jail'.

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something.

The judge said, What is it? The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" the man asked.

"No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on greens' fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?" the man asked.

"What disease would I get for ten lousy bucks?" exclaimed the homeless man.

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, fishing, golf and sex."