

Gather round!

Here's how to find out what it's really like to ride in faraway places



It all started back in the early 80s when I read Peter Thoeming's book about his travels from Australia to Europe — he inspired me to think about doing a trip like that.

Then as I got into middle age I realised I hadn't achieved my dream. I looked for information on the web and came across a site specifically for motorcycle travellers: Horizons Unlimited (www.horizonsunlimited.com) and that's when I realised my trip was not the Impossible Dream. It was the Achievable Dream and the site and its community are there to help make it a reality.

With increased interest in fulfilling my lifelong dream, I saw there were travellers meetings each year where motorcycle riders who have been, are thinking about, or are currently on world travels can turn up and meet interesting people who have done so much and who know from experience what to do, what to take and what not to do.

After attending three meetings in Australia with the missus, my darling Bron, I ran out of excuses for why I couldn't accomplish my lifelong dream trip. The meetings gave me the "push" I needed to do my own trip with Bron. We did a 38,000km, 22-country, six-month trip from the UK to Nepal (and along the way attended a travellers meeting in Bulgaria).

This year we were invited to do a presentation on our trip at the Horizons Unlimited meeting in Dayboro and I felt privileged to be able to give back to the community that gave me so much. Even after doing our "big trip" I learned even more this year.

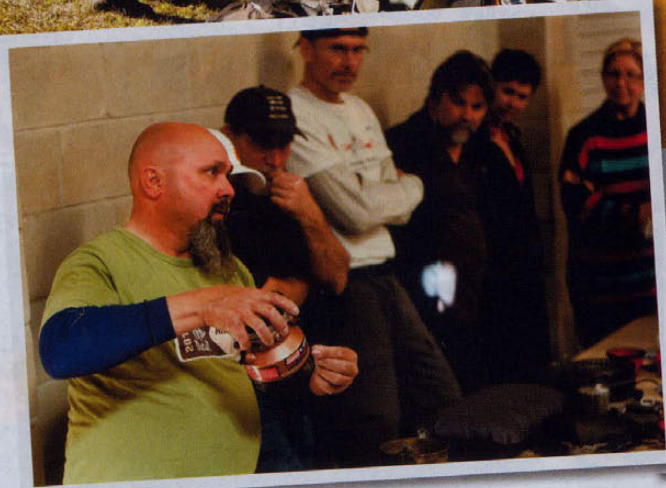


There's always someone new to teach me and someone new to inspire me on how and why to do the next trip. Every meeting offers something different.

Shane Kuhl, Dorothy Henderson and John and Alana Skillington, plus a lot of others, put heaps of effort into organising the meeting in Dayboro and I would like to express my appreciation to them. ➔



Horizons Unlimited Motorcycle Travellers Meetings



The venue and location could not have been better! What an atmosphere. Not to mention the roads in the area.

Just to give you an idea of the kind of journeys people are doing, beside us there were people who had ridden from London to Cape Town via the West Coast of Africa; someone who'd ridden through Mexico; a chap riding around the world on a Moto Guzzi; a couple doing Ukraine to Turkey in Ural sidecar outfits; and a rider who explored the USA on a budget. There was a session by Dr Peter Nelson on what to pack in your first-aid kit and basic first aid on the road and a Skype Q&A with Danielle Murdoch (currently in Pakistan), who is riding from Australia to Africa.

Horizons Unlimited is a life-changing website and travellers meetings, as well being a bloody good time, are inspirational and informative, and most surely launch a thousand trips!

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