

The Adelaide Branch's Engine Room

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The editor's bit.....

Another AGM been and gone! I think it was the most enjoyable AGM since Mudgee. I don't like to compare, because they are so different for so many reasons, but the people of Ulverstone, and indeed the whole of Tasmania, knew who we



were and why we were there. Every person I came across went out of his or her way to make us feel welcome. The weather was mostly great and the countryside of Tasmania is a joy. Although I have been there twice and spent a total of 6 weeks there, I can't wait to go back. I didn't want the holiday to end.

While on the subject of AGMs: With the announcement that Penrith (Nepean Branch) is to host the 2009 AGM, came the usual negative response from individuals although they had never been there!!! Yes, it *is* a city and we have come to like the smaller places, but Penrith has to be the best stepping off place for all the wonderful places in the beautiful Blue Mountains and it has an electric train system second to none to take you into Sydney and anywhere in between. There are many historic towns in the area (Richmond, Windsor, etc.) and the whole place is steeped in the early history of Australia. If you don't have a good time there, you might as well give up. No one is paying me to say all this, but I must admit that I spent most of the first 18 years of my life there and even though I have had minimal contact with the area since I've been married, some things never change. Congratulations, Nepean Branch.

Happy Biker: Seen at the AGM - Lee Skinner hooning around on her 'new' outfit.

Sick List: Rudi Esman, David 'Gonzo' Creeper and Hoppy Willis. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Ridden on since our last issue:

Kingsley Ramsey of Whyalla, in January, 2006

Gerry Helps of Tiddy Widdy in March, 2006

To Kingsley and Gerry's families and friends, we extend condolences.

'Ardrossan Angels' Quilt Raffle

Thank you to all the wonderful people who bought tickets (164), from me, in a raffle for a quilt for the Ardrossan Angels, Relay for Life Team. The raffle raised in excess of \$1000 and the winner was Linda Cole of Tiddy Widdy. Linda was especially delighted, as she will be moving to Brisbane, soon, and will have a permanent reminder of her years in Ardrossan and the 'angels' depicted on the quilt. The Ardrossan Angels are going for a 'hat trick' having been the highest money raisers for the last two years. They have in excess of \$14,000, mostly raised by catering.

Cyclone Larry: A more sombre subject is the devastation of Innisfail and surrounds. This one really touched home in a big way, with the home of our daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, who live in Innisfail, completely destroyed. All three are safe - most important thing - and are living separately with friends, while Eija (d-i-l) tries to get some order back into their lives. It's not until you talk to someone personally affected, that you get the real picture. With only one reported death, it could have been a lot worse.

New Programme: This is the first edition of The Odyssey using a new programme. Not all went as smoothly as I would have liked, but I guess it can only get better. Some ads are may be a bit 'off', (I 'pulled' some) but this should be rectified by the next issue.

Footy: Hope everyone has an enjoyable footy season. Go the Power!

Wendy

Club Meetings

First Thursday of the Month
West Adelaide Football Club
57 Milner Road, Richmond

8.00 pm
Meals available from 6.00 pm

Visit us on our Web Page

www.ulyssesadelaide.com.au

and check out the latest news on branch happenings

Rides Captain

Andrew Mill Phone: 8284 4027
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Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

1st Wednesday Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
2nd Wednesday Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
3rd Wednesday North: Caltex, Munno Para
or South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday North: Tea Tree Gully Hotel
or South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday Feathers Hotel
(3rd & 4th Wed: There are two rides - 1 north and 1 south

Bring or buy your own lunch

**Contact Mick Sandley - 8251 2435
or 0407 817 362**

SA & Broken Hill Branches' Boss Cockies

Broken Hill Branch

President	Don Bearman	0418 858 653
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Chairman	Des Boyce	8683 5135
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Rides Captain	Trevor Blackall	87254184

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Secretary	Brian Hawley	8582 7258
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Treasurer	Rod Stoneman	8396 0937
Rides Captain	Ross Jones	0419 835 800

Whyalla Branch

Chairperson	Perry Zimmerman	8644 0951
Secretary	Sandy Morphett	8645 8334
Treasurer	George Savaidis	8645 0808

Barossa Group



Barossa rides leave The Old
Steam Train
(opposite the BP Station at
Nuriootpa)
at 10 o'clock
on the 1st Sunday of the month

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2005/2006

The AGM of the Adelaide Branch will be held on Thursday, 1st June, 2006. Here is a summary of what has happened over the last 9 months, and what a busy 9 months it's been!!

Adelaide Branch sent out invitations to all Branches and riding groups suggesting a meeting to be held at Pendleton Farm to discuss the future of the Odyssey event. In October '05, as President, I hosted and facilitated the inaugural Inter Branch Meeting at Pendleton Farm. This meeting was attended by a large cross section of branch representatives. It was unanimously decided that

- the Odyssey is to be held in all districts of the state, north, south, east and west; each event will have its own character and identity, indicative of the district, so that it gives all members the opportunity to participate
- there will be an Inter Branch meeting at each Odyssey to determine where the future Odyssey will be held, and the destination of the Odyssey will be known two years in advance, to give members time to plan and budget for the event.

The full document will be published in the June Odyssey, which will be signed by all Branch representatives at the meeting. The meeting strengthened the alliances of the branches across the State.

In November '05, I and the committee attended an Inter Branch Committee BBQ, hosted by the Fleurieu Branch. They invited all Branch Committees and it was decided to have an Inter Branch Committee BBQ each year, hosted by a different committee, and Adelaide Branch will be host in 2006. This further strengthened the branch networks.

In the same month, Rob Sainsbury (known as 'Gnome') was introduced to the members as our official Quartermaster, and what a job he's doing. We've never had so much fun, with his ingenious 'door prizes', 'hot specials', new items, and raffle prizes!

By December we had our new Branch Logo on our new Branch shirts, complete with Colonel Light, Popeye, and the Festival theatre, and don't they look great!!!!

In January, we had the controversial change of Treasurer. This was a month of particular concern to all committee members, as I had to conduct Branch business from hospital. (I had too much fun at Mac Park on my little race bike). However, all committee members have acted exemplary as individuals and coherently as a committee. The committee is totally focused on the best interests of all Branch members, and sometimes hard decisions have to be made and actions taken for the benefit of all.

In February and March, we had some great guest speakers, such as Colin Behn and his enthusiasm for Moto Trails, the most entertaining Paul Friend, the Policeman, and thought provoking Chris Rainsford, the Trauma Counsellor/Social Worker at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. An incredible wealth of information, humour, and a good look at reality!!!

In between all of the observable changes at the Branch meetings, I and the committee have been extremely busy with a lot of the unobservable changes such as

- developing roles and responsibilities of committee members so that each committee member knows what is required of them within their portfolio
- separating the port folios and aligning them with the Ulysses constitution, so that each member has a responsible position on the committee, encouraging valuable input and contribution
- setting up banking processes so that the port folios function efficiently
- setting up sub groups, such as the Odyssey Magazine sub group, who are responsible for the printing, distribution and cost effectiveness of the Odyssey magazine
- putting processes in place so that we function coherently as a committee; no decision is made by an individual, all requests are put forward to the committee and decided by the committee, nine heads are better than one!!

In these last nine months, the committee has grown in strength as individuals and as a committee, and have made life-long relationships and friends.

Six years ago, I nominated to be a committee person on the Adelaide Committee. Two years after that, I nominated to be Secretary on the Adelaide Committee. Three years on from that, I nominated to be President of the Adelaide Branch, what a fantastic life change!!!! In my time as President of Adelaide Branch, I have found the role to be both humbling and exhilarating at the same time; to have the opportunity to serve the Adelaide members

- to uphold both my and the Ulysses belief of 'growing old disgracefully'
- of companionship, for all the members I have had the pleasure of meeting and making friendships with
- of courage, for those who have survived incredible accidents and personal adversaries, then got back riding again, what great role models!
- of belonging, a day ride, a week end away, an Odyssey or AGM, wherever we go, there is the pride of belonging to the Ulysses club
- of support, for all those members who gave an encouraging word or pat on the back, what a feeling, what a relief!
- of happy adventures, just like the TV ad, if you don't ride you can't tell the tale, and how the stories grow on a week-end away!!!!

I want to give special thanks to my fellow committee members for their unrelenting support over these very busy nine months, and not forgetting the committee members' partners, for their support also.

I will be nominating for the position of President in 2006, as there is still much more work to do!

So when June 1st comes, please remember to bring your membership card for entry, as only current financial members can vote.

Liz Fairchild
President
Ulysses Club
Adelaide Branch

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2005/2006

Being a Ulyssian and upholding the sentiment of our motto of 'grow old disgracefully' doesn't mean we have a 'licence' to act illegally.

Yes, I know it's probable, wittingly or unwittingly, that we all do illegal things. A typical example, part of the Australian culture, is to pay cash for major purchases in order to gain an advantage, often to the detriment of the Government. It's illegal, we all know that, and we generally do these things on the basis that if we get caught, as individuals, we cop the consequences.

I am no exception to this, as I fully understand and acknowledge the principles of these practices and, on occasions, I too can be disgraceful.

Well, this brings me to the resignation of Helena Cole as Treasurer and to articles printed in the February issue of the Odyssey, which, understandably are generated out of loyalty to Helena, but have, to a degree, further confused members. I am regularly asked what this issue was all about. Well, I hope I will be able to clarify this in the following for the benefit of all:

Helena, as Treasurer and by her own admission, had been paying cash for major club/branch purchases knowing it was technically wrong and, as has been confirmed, had been doing it for a long period of time. Helena also indicated she was not prepared to change the way she administered this important portfolio role. As such, her actions compromised the integrity of her fellow (current) committee members and put them at risk of possible prosecution had they, like previous committees, continued to endorse her actions. Furthermore, the good name and reputation of the Adelaide Branch and The Ulysses Club was at risk of being severely tarnished.

As aforementioned, paying cash as an individual is one thing, paying cash when representing a large organisation and other people's money is something entirely different. Something had to be done to remedy this awkward situation.

As such, a meeting was arranged between Liz, our President, and Helena and Rob Cole with the intent, I believe, to address the issues as detailed above. I am unable to comment in regard to this meeting as they were the only parties at this meeting. I do know that Liz asked all committee members to not discuss this issue as, at the time, it was considered confidential. What Helena or Rob did, in regard to informing people of what transpired, was their choice and a lot of what has been said and passed on to other members has been their version of the situation and, presumably, a variety of interpretations of individuals, as the message progressed along the "grape vine". I do know

that the outcome of this meeting was that Helena resigned from her position as Treasurer.

Now I expect you to say I am biased, but for those who know me, know I am not vindictive or judgmental, I am often accused of being opinionated and I do call a spade a spade, but I do know the difference between right and wrong. What Helena was doing was wrong.

Furthermore, I have learnt that, human nature being what it is, some people are unable to be honest, either with themselves or others. As such, I say to those who are leveling criticism at the current committee to look further back to past committees to see where the fault lies. This current committee has resolved what has been a very difficult task in order that this branch can move on with its integrity intact and uphold the sentiment and intent of this great club.

It is possible that you may not be in agreement with this, well guess what, you have the opportunity to have your say on Thursday, 1st June, 2006, when our AGM is held and accepting, in part, comments made by Marg Vincent in her letter in the Odyssey, and possibly taking out of context the sentiment I believe she intended, we need people with specific skills and commitment to nominate for committee positions in order that we can continue with the transparent openness that this current committee has set in place. Please, please do not put your hand up for the wrong reasons; it benefits nobody except your own ego. Nomination papers will be available at club meetings. Nominations close on Thursday, 4th May, 28 days before the AGM.

For my part, I will be re-nominating for the position of Secretary of the Adelaide Branch and will continue, unless defeated at the AGM or until you decide otherwise, to perform my duties per the book, for the benefit of the good name of Ulysses Club and you, it's members.

**Larry Coaker
Secretary
Ulysses Club
Adelaide Branch**

**Nomination Form for a Position on the Committee of
The Adelaide Branch of the Ulysses Club**

I.....Member #.....
(Please print)

Nominate.....Member #.....
(Please print)

for the position of.....

Proposed by.....Member #.....
(Please print)

Seconded by.....Member #.....

Nomination Accepted.....
(Signature of nominee)

(To be posted/given to The Secretary, Larry Coaker, PO Box 777, Marlestone DC, Marlestone 5033)



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Digital Cameras for Doddery Citizens

Sometime before Christmas, Mark Bridgland, alias 'Cancerman', who also keeps an active and interesting website for the Ulysses Torrens Valley Branch, held an evening's free instruction for those Ulyssians interested in learning to use their new digital cameras or how to improve those perfect shots without the use of Photoshop. Only 4 members showed up!

So, in early February, it was offered again and this time 13 members took up the offer. We met 6pm at the main gates of Adelaide Oval on a lovely evening and began by adjusting our cameras to 'cloudy' conditions, working out the resolution that we may want and experimenting with the use of tripods. We began by photographing the statues at a distance and working up closer to include a rose in the foreground and finally to a close-up of the tiny print in the heel of Sir Donald Bradman. St Peter's Cathedral was framed and re-framed by trees and Hercules' tiny bits weren't forgotten. (An interesting side observation here was the fact that virtually all had to squint at or, in the case of glasses, tilt the head up to focus on the camera screens be they large or small.)

After a short break to await sunset, we re-grouped at water's edge, literally, across from Elder Park, to snap the unexpected sights and colour of the gathering crowd for the 'Carols Under the Stars', with paddleboats and a gondola plying the waters of Torrens Lake in the foreground while reflecting the lights, activities and sunset.

From there we moved to Victoria Square, and by now it was really and truly dark. It was in these conditions that different cameras offered different options in flash and exposure. The lights of the Hilton were photographed, parked dark motorcycles with lighter backgrounds, moving waters of the fountain, portraits in front of the fountain, and moving traffic adjacent to St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All in all, it was a case of using what features your camera offered.

Refreshments were at the pie cart at about 10pm on a still warm evening. Our thanks must go to Mark for his initiative and instruction. If you want to learn more of your digital cameras, keep a watch on the Torrens Valley website for the next session offered.

Lee Bruland

Mark (left) with one of his 'students'



30 REASONS ITS BEAUT TO BE A BLOKE

- 1) You have no trouble whatsoever putting stuff off until tomorrow.
- 2) You feel perfectly comfortable wearing clothes you wore yesterday and left on the floor all night.
- 3) Telephone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat, no worries.
- 4) A 5-day holiday requires only 1 suitcase.
- 5) The remote is yours and yours alone.
- 6) Hot wax never comes anywhere near your private parts.
- 7) You can whip your shirt off on a hot day.
- 8) Cricket seems like a good idea.
- 9) Your bathroom lines are 80% shorter.
- 10) Your undies are \$6.99 for a three pack.
- 11) If you own a toaster you're never more than 2 minutes away from a tasty meal.
- 12) If another bloke shows up to a party in the same outfit, you might become lifelong mates.
- 13) As long as your mum's still alive, you can get your washing done at her place.
- 14) Wedding dress \$2000; suit rental \$100.
- 15) Your last name stays put.
- 16) The garage is all yours.
- 17) The wedding plans take care of themselves.
- 18) You don't care if no-one notices your new hair cut.
- 19) Wrinkles add character.
- 20) You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
- 21) If you are 34 and single, nobody notices.
- 22) Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.
- 23) You are not expected to know the names of more than five colours.
- 24) You don't have to stop and think which way to turn a nut on a bolt.
- 25) You are unable to see wrinkles in clothes.
- 26) The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
- 27) Your belly usually hides your big hips.
- 28) One wallet, one pair of shoes, one colour, all seasons.
- 29) You can do your nails with a pocket knife.
- 30) Christmas shopping can be accomplished for 25 relatives on December 24th, in minutes.



Rides and Social Events

RIVERLAND RUN 2006

The Wednesday group is planning a ride to Barmera, staying at
Camp Kedron, on the shores of Lake Bonney

WHEN: 26 - 28 April 2006 (Staying 2 nights)

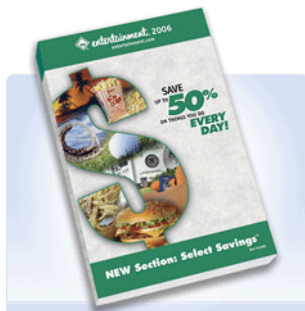
Facilities consist of three main buildings - a hall, kitchen and shower complex, a bunkhouse, and family units. Outside are spacious lawns and shady gum trees.

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: 6 family rooms, plus 2 bunkhouses, can sleep up to 96 people. The kitchen is connected to the hall and is well equipped. It is anticipated that we will do group catering as usual, purchasing what we need for breakfasts and BBQ, and sharing costs, or having a meal out.

LEAVING: Tea Tree Gully Hotel, 10.30 AM

COST: Approx \$13.50 p.p. per night, plus food.

BOOKINGS: With Mick Sandley **8251 2435** or Ross Murray **8260 1109**. A deposit of \$10.00 is required.
(Further information from Mick Sandley)



The Entertainment Book 2006-2007

Did you miss out on an Entertainment Book last year? Well make sure of your copy by ordering from **Sue Freene or Dale Howard at the Adelaide and Torrens Valley Branch meetings or by phoning Sue on 8277 3339.**

Your can book your copy at the April and May meetings and pick them up at the next meeting. **The last delivery will be at the June meeting NO EXTENSIONS are possible.**

The low price of **\$55** per copy will not only save you \$\$\$\$\$s on meals, accommodation, etc., over the year, but will also contribute to the **Andy Caldecott Trust** for his family. All proceeds will go to this fund.

MONTHLY DINNERS



Friday, 12th May, 2006

7pm

at



Rex Hotel

**172 Richmond Rd
Marleston**

for bookings & cancellations phone
Jenny Hills on 8262 5493
(leave message on message bank)

**DO NOT PHONE HOTEL
bookings close
Wednesday, 10th May, 2006**

Friday, 9th June, 2006

7pm

at

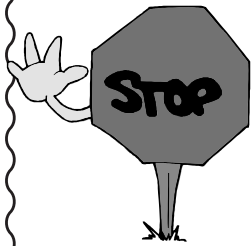


Windsor Hotel

**410 North East Road
Windsor Gardens**

for bookings & cancellations phone
Jenny Hills on 8262 5493
(leave message on message bank)

**DO NOT PHONE HOTEL
bookings close
Wednesday, 7th June, 2006**



Do not go further until you read this!

Bulletin

Since 1987, Ulysses Adelaide has always been a very successful branch with good meeting attendances and a great variety of activities organised for us by our hard working committees. Some of us have grown old and accepted this wonderful branch organisation without realising how good it has been until it is partly lost. As it was wisely pointed out by one of our experienced members recently, we haven't actually had to choose our committee members for years. There have never been enough nominations to need a vote.

Normally, committee work is good fun, working with others to organise things and making new

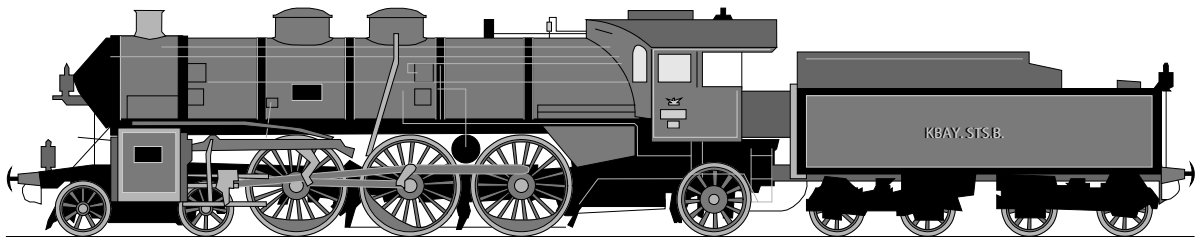
friends. So, if you have the enthusiasm to enjoy motor cycling into your mature years, and enough energy and ideas and want to keep the branch vibrant, why not put your name forward. Lack of first time success would not be a personal rejection; just get to know more members and try again next time.

Remember,



Good Luck
Ian Morgan
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Wallaroo Weekend - 12/13 August 2006



Saturday night dinner will be at the Bute Hotel, travelling there by train from Wallaroo.

Numbers are strictly limited - Pre-bookings essential at a cost of \$20 per person (cost of train trip only), and can be paid to

**The Treasurer, Jann Baker PO Box 777, MarlestoneDC, Marlestone 5033
(Early bird prize - book before 15th July to be in the draw)**

Dinner at the Bute Hotel at own cost and not finalised as to a la carte or set menu - more details in the June Odyssey

Lucky Door Prizes

Please book your own accommodation

Sonbern Lodge Motel and Guest House Section 8823 2291 (near train station)
Office Beach Holiday Cabins & Caravan Park 8823 2722 (500m from train station)
Wallaroo North Beach Caravan Park 8823 2531 (3ks from train station)

The V & V Club of Kadina will be putting on a **BBQ lunch on Saturday** for us, at cost. Please inform Jann, when booking, if you will be having lunch with them.

Breakfast on Sunday will be provided at the home of Kerryn and Keith Eacott at cost (approx. \$5 pp).
When booking with Jann, please indicate whether you will require breakfast.

All Ulyssians are welcome!

More info? Phone Wendy King on 8837 3449

Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar Feb-June 2006

Date	Time	Leader	Event	Venue	From
April 9	Sunday 9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Bill's Sponsored Ride		Bill's Motorcycles City Store
April 16 (Easter)	Sunday 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Wabbit Wun day ride	Milang	Civic Park
April 30	Sunday 9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	GC Motorcycles Sponsored Ride		GC Motorcycles Main Nth Rd Prospect
May 7	Sunday 9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Maxi Moto Sponsored Ride Breakfast @MN Road Enfield Combined Ride	Clare after brekky	Maxi Moto MN Road Enfield
May 14	Sunday 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Mothers' Day Ride	Morgan	Munno Para
May 28	Sunday 9.30 am	Chris Roberts 8370 6459	Day Ride	Goolwa	Top o' Taps
June 4	Sunday 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Combined Captains' Ride	Sedan Hotel	McDonalds Magill Rd
June 11	Sunday	TBA	Queen's Birthday		
June 18	Sunday	Ken FAirchild 8277 5509	Diehards' Breakfast		
July 2	Sunday	TBA			
July 9			24 Hour Reliability Trial		
July 23	Sunday	TBA			
August 6	Sunday	TBA			
August 12	Saturday	Wendy King 8837 3449	Weekend at Wallaroo Includes train ride to Bute and evening meal at the Bute Hotel	See ad on page 13	

All enquiries should be directed to the leader of the ride in which you are interested.
Please watch for follow-up details or changes in future editions of The Odyssey

What Adelaide's been up to...

The Sixth Midnight to Dawn Poker Run

It was "Hot, Dammmned Hotttt!!!!" Saturday January 21 was predicted to be 41° and at 4:40pm it topped out at 43.1°. At 11:30 it was still 38° and it did not go below 34.8° all night.

A number of die-hards started to turn up at 11:00 at the BP service station at Newton, for the eagerly awaited midnight run and paid their money to play the poker game. By midnight we had 25 bikes turn up and I had drunk two litres of water while waiting.

After a riders' briefing on the route we would be taking and a lecture on drinking water all through the run (so as not to become dehydrated) we headed off into the night.

Shortly after, however, I managed to foul up my entry to a right hand corner, stood it up and ran off the road, and had a very low speed encounter with the Armco. With no apparent damage, (with the exception of a bent bracket holding the skateboard wheel) I regained the lead and headed up the Gorge Road and headed for our first regroup stop at Birdwood. On this stretch, I noticed the Tuono was getting hot and not cooling down as expected. Further inspection at Birdwood showed a broken "T" piece in the radiator plumbing and a loss of some coolant. Disaster! (It was actually much worse than originally expected as this caused me to be awarded the "Trainer Wheels" award at the February meeting.) At this point, I decided my ride was over and Bruce Mibus graciously offered to lead the ride from that point on, and everybody else left for the next stop at the Mannum ferry and then on to Taillem bend.

Brian and Daphne, riding on their Goldwing, had lost headlights on the run up the Gorge Road.

I woke Claire up from a sound sleep at 1 am with a request to pick me up at Birdwood with a hired trailer. After dealing with idiots at three different servos (one wanted to hire her a car trailer) Claire was able to achieve my recovery.

Brian fairly quickly located and replaced the blown fuse and regained a full quota of headlights again, but refused to leave me alone to await Claire's arrival. Thank you, Brian, for the use of your CDMA phone (as my mobile was effectively useless at Birdwood) and your company into the wee hours.

Claire arrived and we loaded the Tuono on the trailer. Brian and Daphne left with the idea of rejoining the ride at a later stage, and they did, in fact, rejoin the ride at Myponga.

The ride, meanwhile, had continued through on to the Wellington ferry and from there to Strathalbyn, Goolwa and a petrol stop at Victor Harbor. Then it was on to the Range Road to Delemere, Yankalilla, Myponga, and down the South Road all the way to Café Vili's at Richmond, where we arrived for breakfast at 7:00am.



The winners of the Poker Run were:

1st Prize – \$65.00 - **Peter Goodrich** with a hand consisting of a Full House.

2nd Prize – \$40.00 - **Ross Jones** with a hand consisting of Three Aces (funnily enough, he came second last year with a hand consisting of three aces?????)

3rd Prize – \$30.00 - **Linda Wills** with a hand consisting of Three Tens.

Big thanks to Bruce for taking over and to Brian and Daphne.

See you all next year,

Chris Hartley



PS. Linda Wills and husband, Jim, did not show up at the Adelaide Branch meeting in February to collect Linda's prize. We don't know where to find them, other than they live at Salisbury North, so if you know them please tell them to contact me on 8381 7291.

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FEBRUARY'S DINNER

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On Friday, 10th February, a good group of us had a great meal in the friendly atmosphere of the Windsor Hotel. It has been noted that it is a very popular place, and we will be having several dinners there during the year, while this continues. By the time sweets (a well presented nut sundae) were due, Dominic had decided to get one, and when it came to the table, he took bids on it, making a profit. Then, he went back and got another one - great value, great taste for big kids. Oh, and they had a pensioners' menu, too, which was popular (for those who were eligible, that is!!) Look forward to seeing you there next time - great night!

Jenny Hills
 Co-ordinator



Mick & Doreen Sandley (standing) with Doreen's sister, Jean, and husband, Sid, from England



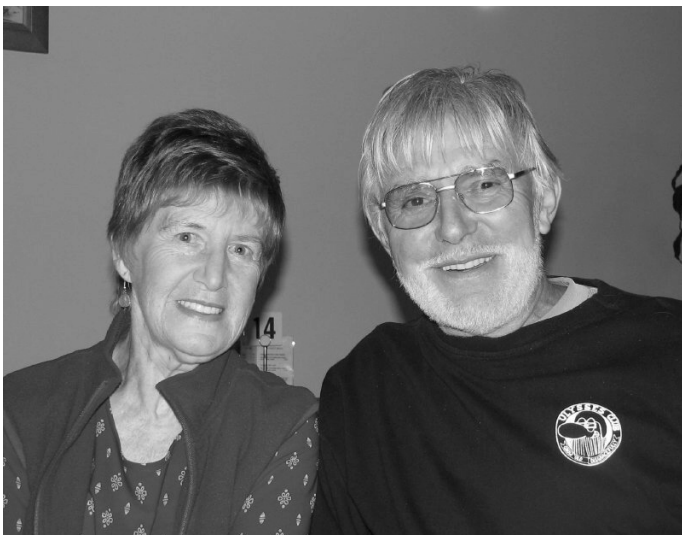
Above: Kevin & Jeannie Brenton

Below: Tony & Anne Ashwell - Tony recovering well, but still has to wait for ok to get back on his bike



Above: Dominic & Patricia Doyle

Below: Bob & Athalie Knights



Jamestown - not the AGM Weekend

Saturday the 11th of March saw 17 bikes leave the Caltex at Bolivar to head off to Jamestown in rather warm conditions. We were led by myself (Adelaide Rides Captain), our route going through Mallala, Balaklava and Clare, where we stopped for a pee and refuel stop. We met up with another 6 bikes there and then proceeded on to Jamestown.



Wannabes: Leon and Natalie Hall from Ardrossan

When we arrived at the caravan park, there were quite a lot of people there already - turns out that there were about 20 who made the trip to Jamestown on Friday.



Di Chadbourne from Ardrossan and Genny Loughead from Port Vincent

The campers included people from the Adelaide, Torrens Valley and Fleurieu Branches, and members from Yorke Peninsula. Including the few who stayed in the hotels, the number attending the weekend away was around 100. This

totally blew me away, as when we first started planning the event, I thought if we got around 20 people it would be great.

Saturday was spent setting up camp, hunting and gathering the necessary supplies, drinking and talking to friends old and new. Saturday night the meal for most was at the pub while a few of us opted to cook our own. After dinner, a large group sat around drinking, talking and generally having a good time with much laughter, usually at someone else's expense.



The camp site at Jamestown Caravan Park

Sunday, we awoke to warm conditions again. I had a ride planned for Sunday and, after breakfast, around 17 bikes left at 9.30am for a ride around the block. We headed for Wilmington via Peterborough and Orroroo. However, on entering Peterborough, I missed the turn to Orroroo and we went through Peterborough and had to turn round. The road to Orroroo isn't signposted from the Jamestown side, and I'm sure it is a ploy by the local council to make you drive through Peterborough, stop and spend some time there (well that's my theory).

We arrived at Wilmington, refuelled had a drink and set off on the return journey. We went back through Horrock's Pass,

down Highway 1, turned off to Germein Gorge, which we all rode up extremely sedately (ha ha), and stopped at Stone Hut Bakery for lunch. They have some new lines in pies which include goat and camel. I think it's a new use for road kill. We then rode back to Jamestown.

Time for some more drinking and sitting around telling tall stories before heading to the pub for dinner.

After dinner, a large group sat around talking and were subjected to some of the worst jokes ever as told by Larry Coaker (Adelaide Branch Secretary), then it started to rain and this broke the group up considerably, so it was left to a core group to live up to the club motto.

It rained most of the night, but stopped before morning; some had an early breakfast packed up and were off, and some of us just took our time and didn't leave till lunch time.

All in all, it was a great, relaxed weekend catching up with friends and making many new ones in an absolutely fantastic location.

Andrew Mill



Bob and Lesley Anderson were the winners of the Not the AGM raffle (clock) which raised \$82 for the Andy Caldecott Trust Fund





The wheels of the bus go round and round

Twenty-three Ulyssians went to Tassie on a bus, leaving the bikes at home. Most of us had done it on bikes before and decided to 'see' a lot more of Tasmania than the black stuff on the roads. Those aboard were Helena and Rob Cole, Wendy and Garry King, Rob and Robyn Thomas, Sue and Don Freene, Rhoda and Michael Ryan, Barry and Rose McDonald, Jann Baker, Rick and Ronda Nappa, and Joan Morris and Roger Gibbins (Adelaide), Pam Rose and Jack Bicego (Griffiths), Chris Matthews (Fleurieu), Keith Eacott (Wallaroo), Richard Henderson-Wilson and Doug Kirkland (Whyalla).



On our way: Jack, Garry, Jann, Helena, Roger and Bob

Leaving on the 2nd March, we spent the first night at Hall's Gap, in a church camp. Good facilities and loads of wildlife (kookaburras, deer and kangaroos hopping down the main street).



Pam and Jack at hall's Gap

We were on the boat the next night, landing in the am of Saturday the 4th.



Pre dinner drinks on the Spirit: Robyn, Bob and Rob

We then travelled to Bredport via Launceston, staying two nights in what I would call a 'bush caravan park' by the sea. We had a lovely time there and Dougie and Richard even managed to be part of a funeral at sea.



Ronda and Joan: Nothing like a coldie after setting up camp



Don and Jann doing the dishes. Looks like fun, doesn't it?

Monday morning saw us packing up to travel to Ulverstone and the AGM. The weather was perfect and booking in was a breeze. The volunteers at the grounds couldn't have been more helpful, finding us a very suitable site for fourteen tents and our 'camp kitchen' (two sun shelters together). Roger wasn't happy to be told he'd inadvertently put up his tent on the 'roadway', but we helped him move over near the rest of us and all was well again! It was quite a hot day and the wind blew up quite strongly in the late afternoon



Rhoda and Helena find a new friend (No! not the bloke, the alpaca!)

During the next week, we did all the usual things one does at the AGM (Garry and Don took their gear with them and had some test rides), shopped and toured, taking in some of the wonderful sights of Tasmania.

The whole community of Ulverston seemed to be delighted to have us in their town and went out of their way to make us feel welcome. Indeed, we found this to be so all over Tasmania. The shops were appropriately decorated and special efforts were made to see that our every whim was met.

All of our group had Friday night's dinner at a hotel, but went to the Saturday night dinner at the site - no surprises there. It was great to see so many joining in with fancy dress and 'eccentric' clothing. The usual balloon 'competition' (sending up items of clothing, etc., to the roof with gas filled balloons) was won on consensus by a group who wore orange throw-away boiler suits, sending one to the roof on their second try! (Boiler suit, that is!)



Seen at the AGM Dinner, from top: Steve and Sharon Baines; Les and Maxine Hoad (all from Coober Pedy) and Bobby and Kave Hunter from Mannum

On the Sunday, we departed for Hobart, where we were booked into Treasure Island Caravan Park. Here, the weather took a very nasty turn with winds strong enough to break sections of tent poles on several tents and send the water in (it also rained). Repairs were done the next day (Garry had spares) only to go through the whole thing again that evening including more broken poles! Enough is enough, and quite a few of us went into on site vans for the next two nights.

Whilst there, Ronda Nappa prepared spaghetti bolognaise for all of us and all agreed it was great. The next morning, Ronda cooked up the leftovers in a sort of frittata (spaghetti with cheese and egg to bind it a little, fried in a skillet - can't remember the Maltese name for it but spaghetti pancake should fit the picture ok).



Keith, cooking up a storm on curry night

On another night, Keith and I prepared a beef curry and rice. Depending on who you talk to and their level of 'hotness'; this went over quite well, too. We even had papadum, narn bread and cucumber dip! There was a moment of panic when my inexperience with the only curry paste I could find, sent me back to the shops for coconut milk, yoghurt and cucumbers, also adding more fluid, etc. to tone it down. Couldn't have been too bad, quite a few had the leftovers for breakfast.

During these few days, we did some touring, soaking up the ambience of such places as Richmond, and generally had a good time. Some of us even managed to

vote absentee at Hobart. Quite a few of us 'did' the Cadbury Chocolate Factory, purchasing lots of 'cheap' chocolate seconds. We and teh Nappa had our chocs and some cheese from the cheese factory, in the fridge in our van. About an hour along the road the next day, we remembered them. Garry thinks someone was really looking after us, as we sure didn't need them!



Garry: His mother always said he was a beautiful baby

We spent our last two nights at Strahan in a beautiful little caravan park, camped on lawns in a sheltered corner of the park. Having had enough of tenting after our couple of bad experiences at Hobart, quite a few couples opted for cabins and on site vans. When you hear that Strahan is an expensive tourist spot, at \$164 a night for four in a cabin, you can believe them. The camping was reasonable at \$10 per person.



Rob: Who's a tired boy, then?

During the full day we had there, fifteen of us bussed to Queenstown and then returned to Strahan by tourist train. The wonders of Tassie never cease to amaze me, and this was no exception. On our return, about five went straight to the boat for a trip up the Franklin River. They came back enthralled having had a wonderful meal on the boat.

Meanwhile, Robbie planned and organised a seafood tea for us with four different kinds of fish done in alfoil, salad, etc. Some of the diehards bought some chips from across the road, so once again we had leftovers at breakfast time - bacon and eggs and fried chips on the barbie,



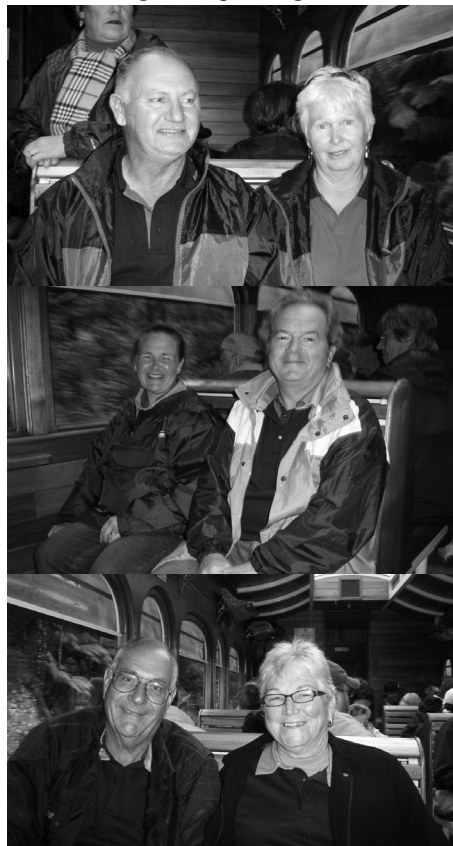
Sue with Jill Taylor from Keith on our last night

another innovative culinary delight!

Next day it was off to Devonport and fill the in the day there - not hard. A couple started off at the Irish pub and the numbers grew until we filled a small bar, having a riotous time of it!

Getting on to the boat at Devonport and off again at Melbourne wasn't nearly as time consuming or tedious as it was going over. After putting our gear in our cabins, we had tea and settled in to watch the Geelong/Crows game on telly.

After a smooth trip, we then had a leisurely drive to Keith, where we had our last night in all sorts of hard accommodation, a wonderful meal at the pub, meeting up with the Keith Ulyssians (Lance and Margaret Taylor and their daughter, Jill, and Sandy and Leon Yates). As it was close to Susie's birthday, Margaret organised a birthday cake for her, finishing the trip on a good note.



On the train from top: Rick & Ronda, Rhoda & Michael, Garry and Wendy

On behalf of the rest of us, thank you Rob, Rhoda and Susie for bearing the brunt of the organising, and the biggest thank you of all to our two drivers, Barry and Rick (who must hold the record for the most number of U-turns in any vehicle, but with any number up to 22 navigators yelling out instructions at the same time, is it any wonder?) Not once did he lose it - what a man!

A few had their mattresses 'go down' and Sue upgraded from a self-inflating to a velour mattress (single) and *it* went down, too.



Two mishaps: Whilst in the queue to get through 'customs' at Devonport, a Winebago type of vehicle rolled back on us, breaking a plastic panel on the front - *the driver had left his seat and obviously no hand-brake was applied!* After declaring there was no damage, 'the boys' inspected and found the broken panel. Helena got all his details, though. Onya, Helena! The other needs no explanation, see picture.

Wendy King



Helena & Barry at Ulverston camp and (below) the tyre!



Richard and Doug 'crashing' a funeral



Keth's dreams have all come true: These two 'girls' had a novelty shop and dressed for the occasion. Great personalities Opposite: Barry on his way to the shower

Twilight Ride

On Sat 11th of February, about 35 bikes left Civic Park at 5pm for the Annual Ride to Nuriootpa. The leisurely ride was led by Rod and Chris Stoneman in great weather.

They took us through Kersbrook and Mt Crawford Forest with plenty of twists and turns, then on to Mt Pleasant for a regroup and a pits top.

From there, we went through Springton and Eden Valley to arrive at Nuriootpa at

approx. 7pm.

About 50 Ulyssians had a meal and a chinwag, and an enjoyable night was had by all.

Carol Woods
#30323

The Internet for old farts

Are you 'on the net'? If not, why not?

Here is some info in question and answer form...

Q. Why would I want to use the internet?

A. To: Email friends/rellies -especially distant ones, including pictures off my digital camera. Look up information on any topic under the sun. Do banking (ie pay bills) from home. Look up the catalogue of my local library, and reserve books (they'll email me when they are ready to collect). Buy or sell on eBay (on-line auction site). Look up the TV programs. Listen to radio programs I can't receive off air (eg ABC). Check out the ride pictures on the various Ulysses sites, including the Adelaide one, as well as lots of other Ulysses-related stuff. See when the next ride is on, and where to, on the Adelaide Ulysses site. Look up the types and prices and sellers of things I want to buy. Order stuff (and pay for it), like paving bricks, or anything else I could possibly want to buy. Download songs, or videos. Make cheap 'phone' calls to local, long distance, or overseas destinations (eg 18c flat for a long-distance call). Download both free and purchased software. Get up to date drivers for my hardware (printer, scanner etc). So on and so on...

Q. How do I use the internet if I don't have a computer.

A. Go to a friend's house where they have net access. (Take a some stubbies or wine to lubricate the way). Go to my public library, where you use it for free, and will be able to get lessons.

Q. How do I send and receive emails if I'm using other people's or library computers?

A. Set up a free email address. There are plenty of sites which provide these. Google mail is one of the better ones, with the most available storage (at this time, 2.7GB). Yahoo and Hotmail are a couple of others.

Q. I have a computer. How do I get connected to the internet?

A. There are lots of answers to this, depending on how much you want to pay, what type of access you have available at your house, how fast you want the access to be, and how much data you are likely to download. The options are basically:

• **Dialup:** Most computers come with a built-in modem included. You plug the phone line into this to dial your ISP (Internet Service Provider) to connect to the net. Cost is around \$1 per hour (charged by the minute), plus the cost of a local phone call each time you connect. You can send a FAX over dialup. The disadvantage is that you can't make or receive phone calls while on the net. Anyone with a phone line can use dialup, though the connection speed may vary. Maximum of 56kbps (kilo bits per second, equates to 5.6 text characters per second).

• **ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line):** You have an ADSL modem between your computer and the phone line. Modem cost is between \$0 to around \$250 depending on access plan (with your ISP) and what facilities you want (eg WiFi). Connection cost (to get ADSL to your home) is from \$0 to \$110 depending on ISP and plan. Access fees are from around \$30 to \$70 per month. This gives an 'always connected' situation. The internet is just there. When you turn on your computer, it is connected. No local call cost per session. And the phone is still available for normal phone calls. Can't send or receive a FAX over an ADSL connection. Speed varies from 256kbps upwards depending on monthly fee. Can use VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) to make cheap 'phone' calls.

• **Cable:** This is similar to ADSL, but over a Foxtel or Optus style TV cable. Usually more expensive than ADSL. Speed can be faster than ADSL, but bursty, and sometimes very slow.

• **Wireless:** Available in some areas, eg close to Adelaide city courtesy of ISP Chariot. This is also being rolled out to country areas, where the government is wearing the setup cost. Works as for ADSL, but the connection is via an antenna on the roof rather than the phone line. (So you can actually ditch your landline if you want.) Chariot's setup fee is currently \$250, then a monthly charge similar to ADSL fees, depending on requirements.

Q. What do I need on my computer if I connect to the internet?

A. Two essentials are a firewall program, and a virus checker which is kept up to date. These can be obtained for free. Other good utilities are programs to check for 'robots' and 'adware' put on the computer by internet sites or downloaded programs. These are also free.

Q. This is all too hard, where do I go for help?

A. Primarily friends. Seek out a knowledgeable friend, rellie, or neighbour for help. Ply them with food and drink if necessary. Magazines. Buy some computer magazines and get info from them. The internet. - Searching for help on any topic will find something.

Connecting a computer to the internet does add risk of damage to files on the computer, so it can't be done safely without knowledge of the risks and how to counter them.

Hopefully that is food for thought. More another time. The internet is a wonderful resource, with more information available than the best public library.

Ken Wagnitz

