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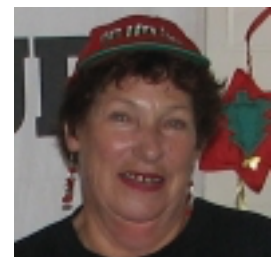
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Hello Everyone,

Well, here we are again planning our Christmas celebration and getting together with friends and family. I can't wait! I love Christmas!



It also means that we have some special events coming up for our members: The legendary Christmas Toy Run Breakfast, the Christmas dinner/dance to be held at the Adelaide Branch headquarters in Chief Street, our inaugural Mini Market (hopefully it's a success and will lead to more); it's also time to renew your subscription to The Odyssey and a time to think about our Committee for 2018/19.

If you think you have something to offer in support of the Adelaide Branch and the Ulysses Club in general, don't be frightened to put your hand up. Selfishly, it can be a rewarding experience to contribute in the workings of a club of any kind.



I'd like to acknowledge **Ken and Michele** for the pro-active roles they play in their positions of President and First Lady. Both work tirelessly to give us a 'good time' and a Branch of which we can be proud. Geographically, the opportunities for me to catch up with many of you is the magazine meeting nights and weekends away, so I can't thank them enough.

May the joys and blessings of Christmas and the New Year come to your house in abundance.

Wendy
#8818
TM #65

President's Report

8/10 I manned a 'stall' at the **Rotary Motorbike Swap Meet**, along with Peter Castle. Peter brought marquee and chairs; I had my bike on display. We fielded a few queries from likely members, handing out sheets I'd printed. The show was not well attended, although a bit better than last year. (We'd paid \$40 for the stand, which I regard as a donation.)



11/10 I attended the **Lower Murray Meeting** at Tailem Bend and pushed the Google Calendar, Odyssey survey, and more inter-branch communication.

14/10 John Crowe and I attended the **Inter-Branch Lunch** put on by the Mallee Branch at Morgan. There was some good discussion. Reps from 6 branches were there.

17/10 I attended the **Torrens Valley Meeting** and pushed the Odyssey survey, taking along some printed copies. No great response from that.

If you haven't yet filled in the **Odyssey Survey** (via our website menu), please do so.

The Captains' Ride saw quite a few bikes this year, from Adelaide, Fleurieu, Lower Murray and Torrens Valley. As usual, a good ride through the hills. Thanks, Frank.

I've had to rescue the trailer from Steve's place, because he will have his driveways blocked (improvements) until January. By the time most of you read this, the Toy Run Breakfast will have happened. Hopefully everyone got fed OK, and the trailer lived up to its purpose. Thanks to Chris and elves for the effort they put in.

I hope to see you all at our **Christmas Dinner**. It should be a good affair, as usual. Thanks, Michelle.

Have a Happy New Year folks. Keep up the good attitude making Adelaide the social branch it is.

Ken

Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar December 2017-February 2018

Date	Leader	Event	Destination	Leaving from
Sunday, 17th December 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Port Elliott	McDonald's 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday, 14th January 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Lobethal	Top of Taps
Sunday 28th January 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury
Sunday 11th February 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	One Tree Hill	McDonald's 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday 25th February 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Angaston	Top of Taps

Sunday ride

- Start locations usually rotate between the same three places, leaving at 9.30am.
- We cover 200+ km, stopping for morning tea around 11am, and lunch around 1pm. From the lunch stop, riders make their own way home.
- Rides are for Ulysses members only (except for Friends & Rellies rides).
- But feel free to come on a ride if you are thinking of joining and want to see what our rides (and members) are like.
- Unless indicated otherwise in the event description, the Sunday ride leader is usually Frank Pellas, our Rides Coordinator.
- You can ring Frank on 0411 600 255 if you have a question about a Sunday ride.



BILL ABBOTT



Chubbly 1/65

“I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?”

Paddy, Niall and Liam are riding home from the pub on Paddy’s motorbike when they’re stopped by a traffic cop.

“This motorcycle is only licenced to carry two people,” says the cop. “There’s three of you, so someone’ll have to get off and walk.”

“Three of us?” says Paddy, turning to Liam. “What the hell happened to Mick and Rory?”

Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.

Isn't it weird how when a cop drives by you feel paranoid instead of protected.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ULYSSES CLUB INC., ADELAIDE BRANCH



will be held at
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**at 7.30 pm
on Thursday, 1st February, 2018**

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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,	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday	Feather Hotel Car Park, Burnside

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held monthly

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Breakfast Club

South Australian Breakfast Club

Following on from the Ulysses Breakfast Clubs formed in VIC, NSW & QLD, the South Australian Breakfast Club will gather on the first Saturday of each month at 9.30am.

This event will happen all over the state, to encourage members of all branches to get together and socialise.

Come by bike, car, plane, train or on foot, but come and meet your fellow Ulyssians; chat while tucking into a hearty breakfast.

For venues far away, you could make a weekender of it; others will.

(Suggestions for future SABC venues welcome. Do you know a good eatery somewhere out in the sticks?)



The Hahndorf Old Mill is the venue for the inaugural SA Breakfast Club on the 6th Jan 2018, from 9.30am.

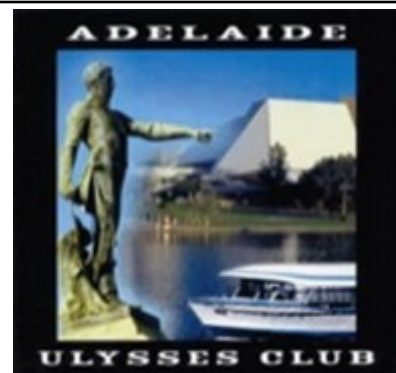
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4 Day Run To Coffin Bay (Guy M #10680)

I woke up early Friday 27-Oct, over the last few days I had packed my panniers. Now to load the bike up and head to Krispe Kreme at Bolivar to meet up with the other people heading to Coffin Bay for the 4 day ride organised by the Adelaide Branch. As always any Ulysses member from any branch is welcome. It is common to get people from Torrens Valley, Fleurieu branches and others.

As I was sipping on a coffee and eating a donut other members started to arrive. Leaving at 8:30 we had 4 bikes and a car. As we are getting older more people are starting to use cars for these events, which is great that they can still come. We headed to Port Wakefield for a coffee and pick up another rider that was running late, leaving for Port Augusta for lunch about 10am.

It was now getting quite hot and very windy, we also had a bit of rain making riding a little uncomfortable. At Port Augusta we stopped at the new OTR for fuel and lunch, here we were met up with James and Heather Bart. Leaving I think we now had 2 cars and 7 or maybe 8 bikes.

Temp still rising somewhere between 38° to 40°C and still very strong winds, fuel economy due to the head wind was well down. A 30min fuel and rest stop at Cowell was welcomed by all.

We arrived at the caravan park about 5pm and checked into our cabins. Other people had arrived earlier in the day and some even the day before, some in tents and camper trailers, Mike Green and Caroline were telling us how hard it was to erect their tent in the strong wind. We had a total of 18 people for the BBQ tea in the camp kitchen / Gazebo area that night.

After a fabulous breakfast Saturday morning in the camp kitchen we had a free morning so I went for a spin to Port Lincoln (45 Km's away), I had a look around the town and visited a couple of OP shops but not finding anything of interest to buy. On my return I had heavy showers to contend with but they didn't last long. I got back in time to do an oyster tour for about 1hr. We got to



sample 5 fresh oysters while listening to a commentary about their history in the bay. That afternoon a few of us again braved the weather and went to Port Lincoln to the Axel Stenross Maritime Museum, the museum has been collecting stuff for a very long time. That evening tea was held at the Coffin Bay Hotel, we were picked up by their courtesy bus. That was a nice meal shared with great company.

Sunday again after breakfast in cool and wet weather all the bikes and 2 cars did a great ride around the peninsula from Coffin Bay to Elliston via Mount Hope and Sheringa where we stopped for fuel and coffee (140Km's). We left for a stop at Lock (92 Km's) to find literally everything in the town to be closed. Moving on we stopped at Cummins (82 Km's) about 2PM and had lunch at the hotel. The staff were amused when we rearranged the dining room to accommodate our large numbers, and pleased when we put it back the way we found it when we left. Most of the ride home was in very wet, windy weather a distance of 55 Km's. That evening some ventured out in the rain to go to the Coffin Bay Yacht Club just over ½ Km away. Me, I stayed dry in my cabin.... :) The evening ended with drinks in Ken and Michelles cabin, we stayed till about 11pm before heading to bed. I had done most of my packing, just a few minutes in the morning and to load up the bike. I was planning on leaving about 8:30 after breakfast. I was due home about 4:30.

After breakfast Monday morning and saying goodbye to everyone I headed to Kimba at about 8:30. It was still very windy and I had a couple of clearing showers.

At Kimba I fuelled the bike and went to see the new painted silo there, what a beauty, it is well worth a visit. The rest of the ride home was uneventful arriving about 5pm just in time for our weekly family tea at my daughter Jacqueline's home.

This has been another great weekend away, I love these and I'm looking forward to more as I'm sure everyone else is, we have a lot of great people from all the branches that enjoy these getaways. At the end of Nov, Quorn here we come, another 4 dayer...





(From the top) The beautiful silo murals (go to the Adelaide web site if you want to see them in colour); these little critters were everywhere; Heather, Rae, Ken and James; Brian, Caroline, Rae; the King's party house; Michele and Cheryl; Ken, Michele, Rae, Rod, Peter; Valerie Cullinan with her very own bottle of *Whale's Piss* don't know what's going on here, but Peter looks like he won Rodney as first prize in a raffle; in deep at the oyster farm.



Sunday Round-up

5th November Day Ride to Angaston

The day began well; good weather for our start at McDonald's. This morning we had 25 riders and 5 pillions. A couple of guys, Jim and Mick, turned up, just in the nick of time, to join us. Apparently they were in the Ulysses Club some time ago. Gerry Harris was a new chum on his very tasty K1600GT. We headed up Montecute road. It was beautiful this morning - dry, warm and no traffic. The ride down the Corkscrew Road spread us out a bit, and, after a mob up at the bottom, we were all together again.

On to Gorge Road and opposite the reservoir, we had our second mob-up, courtesy of one of our state lawmen. I told him there were more than 20 bikes behind me and asked if he really wanted to breathe us all. He was unmoved and asked me to blow into his tube. Apparently, his steely resolve evaporated as he watched everyone line up behind me, and I was the only one that was tested.

We had another mob-up at Cuddlee Creek. Must have been some traffic slowing the group down because we had to wait for a while. Under again we had no more dramas on our way to the Throttle Shed at One Tree Hill. The staff there were a bit overworked as some of the coffees took a while to get out. So we left around 10 minutes later than usual. No matter I thought, the rest of the ride is easy.

We set off all together, and things were looking good. At the traffic lights before we turned on to Main North Road, I waited until we had all bunched up. So we could all get through on the green light. Apparently the lights had a very short cycle and our two Tail-End Charlies and one other rider were left behind. This should not have been a problem, except that for some reason these three turned off into Gawler! I was out past Freeling when I got a call from Rob who was corner marshal directing people to turn off the Sturt Highway (freeway) onto Main North Road towards Roseworthy. We waited for a while, but no one was coming so I asked Peter to go back, pick up the three corner marshals and meet us at Angaston.

I took the rest of the group to Angaston via Kapunda, Truro and Moculta. Thanks to Felix who stood in as Tail End Charlie for that part. Ray and Trevor were with us for some of the last part, so thanks to them also. And once again three cheers for Peter our intrepid photographer. By the time we got to Angaston we had lost a few along the way. Some left at morning tea, some others when we had to stop at Kapunda and some apparently went to Gawler. I must remember to remind all that unless there is a corner marshal at a corner, then the ride goes straight on.

Frank Pellas
Rides Coordinator



New member - Gerry Harris

19th Nov Captains' Ride to Birdwood

The day began well, and I reckon it got better. We gathered at The Victoria Hotel to set off for Balhannah to meet the other Ulysses Branches for the annual Captains' Ride. We had only 21 bikes and only 4 pillions - surprising, considering the beautiful weather. New member, Bill, was there with his customised Harley. We set off just after 0930, riding on dry roads on a complicated, twisty ride to Balhannah.

At Balhannah we met up with Lower Mallee, Torrens Valley and Fleurieu Branches where our ride number swelled to more than 60 bikes. Once the coffee and pies were consumed, we had a brief riders' briefing before setting off to Birdwood. We travelled along the least obvious route and I was pleasantly surprised at how well the large group managed to stay together. We had no incidents, no one got lost, and we arrive at Birdwood right on 1300. It was here that things turned into chaos. Every rider for themselves, as we all found parking places and made choices about where to eat. Trevor and Ray again provided sterling service as Tail-End-Charlies, and Peter as usual allows us to remember it all with his photos.

Frank Pellas
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An unfortunate placement?! (above) and new member, Bill, with his customised Harley below right)



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25th Central Odyssey 2018

Fleurieu Branch will be hosting
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Monday, October 1, 2018.



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Weekend at Quorn

Friday ()th November (234

The group met at Gawler at 0123am for a departure of 6177am; as usual everyone was there bright and early and ready to get on with their weekend. Although not that far up the road, our first stop was Clare; I'm not sure if any of our group is Scottish, but a few of us did need a "wee" stop.

Any true Ulyssian would have thought it only proper to try out the "Main Street Bakehouse" for our coffee and morning tea, where a large selection of pastries and baked goods greeted us. It was a good idea stopping for coffee, because, who knows, we may have a going that way in the future, so any research into the local bakeries beforehand is always a good thing.

We all headed off and had a brief stop at Gladstone for fuel and then travelled onto the Stone Hut Bakery for lunch, where again we were spoilt for choice with a large array of pies and pasties from which to choose, including Wild Boar, Crocodile, Lamb, Venison, Seafood, Kangaroo and Chunky Meat Pies and all made with that fantastic home style pastry.

Whilst at the Bakery, Ray bonded with a bird he just met, a Major Mitchell, which took quite a liking to Ray's Ulysses cap; the two were reluctant to part when it was time to leave.



Being a warm day, we had quick a stop off at Wilmington Hotel for a cold drink and then back on the road to travel the last 27km to Quorn. With perfect timing, we met up with Brenton and Glenda who headed off that morning on their own route toward Quorn.

Friday Evening

Pre-dinner nibbles and drinks in the camp kitchen at X1Y7, then a lovely BBQ/Sandwich style tea of marinated steak, garlic and herb chicken and eggs all cooked up by the amazing Ken K and Pete C, all garnished with the trimmings of tomato, lettuce, onions and sauce. It was an evening of love and laughter among the group. There was an unofficial competition of very "Quorny" jokes going on throughout the evening, mainly between Peter Castle and myself; we thought we were pretty funny even if no-one else did. Later that evening, we were joined by Craig and Gayle who both joined in, and I'm pretty sure that a good night was had by all.

Saturday (:th November (234

Up bright and early, to get dressed and head over for breakfast, the group meeting in the Camp Kitchen again for a lovely continental breakfast of Cereal, yogurt, toast, orange juice and coffee and tea.

With so many different things to do in the area it was decided that everyone would choose their own destination for the day. Some headed to Warren Gorge to do one of the nature walks, others rode to Blinman, we went to Hawker and some even stayed to relax and watch the cricket.

For me the views and colours of the landscape were truly breathtaking, and were a real artists' dream; from what I gathered, we all saw a lot of wildlife, mostly emus and wallabies, throughout our travels.

The highlight of my and Adrian's day was when we travelled back towards Quorn from Hawker and watched an eagle head directly towards us from the side. It decided that, just as we crossed paths, it would drop the snake that it was carrying, right on the road next to us. I think we nearly deafened each other through the headsets with our yelling.

Our evening meal was in the lovely Emily's bistro where we had a choice of lamb on the spit or a la carte menu. About half of the group chose the spit roast and the other half chose the a la carte.



Rodney was well pleased to be able to share a meal with us all knowing that the spit roast lamb meal was perfectly safe for him to eat, due to his allergy to sulphites. Lots of laughs again all round; I found it pretty funny that one whole table was served the lamb, but one cheeky gentleman, named Trevor, informed me that he had the spit roast Ram.



Some of the group joined us later for dinner after going on the Pichi Richi Railway tour, then back to the camp kitchen again for some fun and frivolity which may or may not have include alcohol.



Sunday (3rd November (234

0177am a lovely hot breakfast this morning of bacon, eggs, baked beans, tomato, toast and coffee etc. One would have to admit that we don't go hungry on any of these weekends.

A few headed over to the Quorn market while Adrian and I and a some of the others geared up to head home.

The remaining group headed to nearby Coonatto Station and from all accounts I have heard had a great day.

A couple of highlights that some of us enjoyed were as follows:

- Ken: Enjoyed the group catch up in the Camp Kitchen on the Friday night, when everyone sat around chatting and socialising late into the evening.
- Brenton: The trip out to Blinman with the great scenery and open roads.
- Glenda: Enjoyed the companionship of everyone and spending the weekend as a group.
- Adrian: The animal kingdom encounters, having the eagle fly directly at us from the side and then drop his catch of a snake right next to us as we rode through, after he had already been stung on the neck by a bee north of Clare.
- Shelley: The photographic opportunities were endless, I was totally besotted by the colour of the sky and the landscape, and for me it was a real artist's palette. Such a great group of really good fun and intelligent people to spend the weekend with, I really enjoyed it and am totally looking forward to the next one.






Shelley Telfer

(Ed: Shelley's the good looking one opposite)



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Operation Hills Safe 2017-2018

Police are continuing the campaign against dangerous motorcycle riders, with Operation Safe Hills now underway again for the summer months. Operation Safe Hills is a police operation using a range of strategies, including both covert mobile safety cameras and highly visible policing, aimed specifically at detecting dangerous motorcycle riders.

Assistant Commissioner Bronwyn Killmier, State Operations Service, says a small number of motorcycle riders are still choosing to ignore road safety.

“Despite frequent, targeted police operations and continuous police patrol activity, a small number of motorcycle riders continue to use our public roads as a race track and, in doing so, are choosing to put themselves and others in danger.”

Assistant Commissioner Killmier says between 2015 and 24 September 2017 there have been 379 motorcycle crashes, with 36 of those fatal crashes.

“The 379 fatal and serious injury crashes represent 20 per cent of the overall fatal and serious injury crashes in South Australia.

“Men represent 90.7 per cent of fatal and serious injuries in motorcycle crashes, with 52 per cent of all crashes occurring in rural areas and 47.5 percent occurring in metro areas.”

“Police will continue to target those who gamble with their lives to get them off our roads before they cause harm.

“However, every motorcycle rider needs to also take a reality check; if you can't ride safely, lawfully and according to the road conditions, then stay off the roads before you kill yourself or an innocent person.”

Operation Safe Hills 2017-2018 will continue targeting dangerous motorcycle riders with different phases planned from today, through to the end of April 2018.

The Operation is in addition to police patrols continuously conducting speed detection duties and the ability of any police officer to stop any motorcycle rider at random, anywhere at any time in metro and regional South Australia to be tested for illicit drugs and alcohol.

Motorcycle Crash data:

Between 2015 - 24 September 2017 there have been 379 motorcycle crashes. This represents 20 per cent of the overall fatal and serious injury crashes in South Australia.

- 36 fatal motorcycle crashes
- 349 serious injury motorcycle crashes
- 199 (52.5%) of all motorcycle crashes occurred in the country regions – the highest rate occurring in Hills Fleurieu local service area
- 180 (47.5%) of all motorcycle crashes occurred in metropolitan areas – the highest rate occurring in Sturt local service area
- The most common type of crash in country areas is leaving the road out of control, with Saturday and Sunday recording the most crashes, between 2pm and 4pm.
- In the metro areas, the most common type of crash is a right angle collision, with Thursday recording the most crashes, between noon and 2pm
- Men represent 90.7 percent of fatal and serious injuries in motorcycle crashes.

Safety tips for motorcycle riders:

- Traffic and road surfaces change quickly. Don't rely on being seen: stay alert, look ahead and check your mirrors to see what's happening around you - don't take risks.
- Always check mirrors and blind spots before changing position on the road.
- Keep to the speed limit and adjust your speed downwards to the prevailing road conditions.
- Always keep a safe following distance: three seconds in normal conditions, six seconds in wet weather or other poor conditions.
- Look out for bumps, pot holes, loose gravel, wet leaves or other problems with road surfaces. Steel road plates, manhole covers and painted lane lines can become slippery in rain.
- Make sure your motorcycle is in good condition. Tyres should be the right pressure and not worn or damaged. Brakes, controls and lights should be checked regularly.
- Mirrors should be checked and adjusted every trip.
- Be seen: the brighter your protective clothing, the easier you are to see. Use reflective stripes or tape on helmets, gloves, jackets; particularly at night or in poor weather.
- Wearing an Australian standards helmet is the law and it could save your life. Always wear the right helmet for your head size; buy the safest you can find for you and your passenger.



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