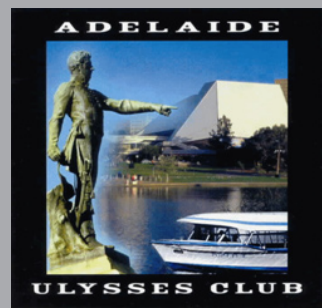




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Do advertising signs affect Road Safety?



The outdoor advertising industry has one singular goal: to get your attention. For a hundred years we've had billboards scattered across our cities shouting out their messages about new cars, jeans, fast food and the latest television shows. But billboards only work if you notice them. So, increasingly, they are getting bigger and brighter in an effort to distract a larger audience. The newest innovation is digital billboards which display a new advertisement every ten seconds -- flashing thousands of times each day.

The human eye is hard-wired to look at bright, moving or flashing objects. It's an evolutionary feature that protects all animals from potential threats. When something moves quickly, your eyes automatically look towards it. There are two sets of data related to digital signage and road safety. One is driver distraction and the other is collisions. The first category gives us very clear conclusions. Almost every study that's been done shows a direct causal relationship between digital signage and driver distraction. This is no surprise, since the purpose of these signs is to distract drivers! When it comes to collision data, however, we get inconsistent results. Some studies show a significant increase in collisions while others show little or no change at all. Experts blame this inconsistency on the fact that the collision data itself is often inaccurate or incomplete due to lack of proper reporting, and because so many other external variables are involved.

Lobbyists for the billboard industry have taken advantage of this inconclusive data, for collisions, and twisted it into an argument that digital signage is therefore safe for drivers. This is a terrible distortion of the truth, and a distortion that puts human lives at risk. If we know that flashing digital billboards are guaranteed to increase distraction, and we know that driver distraction is one cause of traffic fatalities... then why would we even consider placing commercial digital billboards on highways?

A new study published in the journal *Traffic Injury Prevention* concludes that digital billboards attract and hold the gazes of drivers for far longer than a threshold that previous studies have shown to be dangerous. The study, conducted by researchers at the Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute and funded by the Swedish Transport Administration, found that drivers looked at digital billboards significantly longer than they did at other signs on the same stretch of road, with the digital signs often taking a driver's eyes off the road for more than two seconds.

A well-regarded 2006 study by Virginia Tech for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that anything that takes a driver's eyes off the road for more than two seconds greatly increases the risk of a crash. The study also found that nearly 80 percent of all crashes involved driver inattention just prior to (within 3 seconds) of the crash.



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All newsletters and magazines survive on the submissions of subscribers; The Odyssey is no different.

Do you have anything interesting to tell our subscribers - holidays, poetry, jokes, motorcycle stories, reports on Ulysses activities, hobbies, photos? Send it in and get yourself in print! The Odyssey, as always, is receptive to 'stuff' from all branches. We want to know what you've been up to.

How about some wedding photos?

Editor

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Closing dates for submission are:

19th July	for the August issue
19th September	for the October issue
19th November	for the December issue
19th January	for the February issue
19th March	for the April issue
19th May	for the June issue

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Hi Everyone

Now that we have Christmas and New Year done and dusted, it's time to look forward to the coming months and how much we can cram into them.



The *Not the AGM Weekend* will be held at Port Broughton from Friday, 19th - Monday, 22nd May, at the Port Broughton Caravan Park.

This is also the weekend of the *Kernewek Lowender* (Cornish Festival) held in the *Copper Triangle*, with a day allocated to each of the main towns, i.e., Moonta, Kadina and Wallaroo, with lots of activities on all days.

The usual arrangement will be shared costs for breakfasts on the three mornings and Friday night's tea. Saturday night's meal will be at the Port Broughton Hotel. I need to know who is going so as to make a booking. Sunday night's tea has been finalised yet.

You will also need to book asap, as tourists to the *Festival* will book that far out of the *Triangle*.

There is a large camp kitchen area, but I suspect we would also need to book that if I have the numbers early enough.

There is a centre-fold pullout with all you need to know, but do not hesitate to call me if you require any further information. At the time of going to press, the final programme had not been released. There are over 30 other events not listed, as yet.

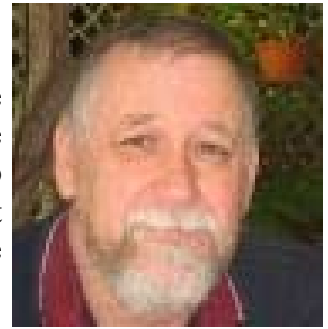
I've decided that the time has come to hang up the boots. I haven't ridden for many months (probably 12), and I just don't feel confident enough any more. I could probably go to a much smaller bike, but I'm going to give that a miss. I saw a 125 sporty Honda at the new outlet at Gepps Cross and was interested for about 30 seconds. I reckon it would go like the clappers.

All the best for 2017 and I wish everyone good health.

Wendy

Hello

It's been suggested I write an epistle on how people can join the Ulysses Club (by someone who doesn't use the Internet). So here goes...



Firstly joining up is nothing to do with branches. It is done through the national office, and branches aren't involved. We no longer get a kickback on signing up new members.

If the prospective member has Internet access, they can fill in the form at <http://www.ulyssesclub.org/redirect/join.aspx>.

Then he/she needs to send the initial fee (\$140) to the admin office, along with a photocopy of his/her driver's licence (which shows he/she is a rider), unless he/she is the partner of an existing member, in which case he/she can be a non-rider. An alternative to sending a cheque or postal order is to ring the office on 02 4647 7772 and supply credit card details. An alternative to posting a licence photocopy is to email a snapshot of it to the admin email address administration@ulysses.org.au. (easily done using a smartphone.)

The admin office postal address is: Ulysses Club Inc., PO Box 3242, Narellan, NSW 2567.

I always have paper copies of the joining form at meetings if someone wants one. It can also be downloaded from <http://ulyssesadelaide.com.au/doc/GreyPeril2.pdf>.

Ken Wagnitz.

Photos and Names

There may be some of our members who do not wish to have their photos or names published in *The Odyssey*. If you are that way inclined, please contact me by email and let me know, otherwise, I will think it is OK. It's not practical/possible for me to contact every member individually.

Wendy
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Sunday March 26	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Lyndoch	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury
Sunday April 9	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Meadows	McDonlds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday April 23	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	McLaren Vale	Top of Taps
Sunday May 7	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury
Sunday May 21	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Birdwood	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday June 4	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Hahndorf	Top of Taps
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Sunday July 16	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Murray Bridge	Top of Taps
Sunday July 30	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Lobethal	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury
Sunday August 13	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Craigburn Farm	McDonlds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday August 27	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Ashbourne	Top of Taps
Sunday September 10	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Gumeracha	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury
Sunday September 24	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	McDonalds 303 Magill Road, Trinity Gardens
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Sunday October 22	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	St Marys	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury
Sunday November 5	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Angaston	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday November 19	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Captains' Ride Meet at Balhannah Around 11.00 am	Birdwood	Top of Taps

**All rides leave at 9.30 am unless otherwise stated
Members and partners only; no children on club rides, please.**

Adelaide Branch Meetings

First Thursday of the month

European Catering
2 Chief Street
Hindmarsh

7.30 pm

Meals & bar available from 6.00 pm

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and check out the latest news on branch happenings



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Frank Pellas
Mobile: 0411 600 255

Wednesday Rides Captain

Kevin Brenton 8332 4719

Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

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2nd Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
3rd Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside

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Yorke Peninsula Riding Group

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Friday Dinners

For dinner bookings and cancellations

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Bookings close Wednesday prior to the event.



10th February, 2017

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Bookings close Wednesday, 8th February



Friday, 10th March, 2017
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Friday, 21st April, 2017
(Due to the 14th being Good
Friday)

Fedora's

Hilton Hotel
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Bookings close Wednesday, 12th April



Maurice Stevens - My First Bike

On the subject of my 1st bike: Officially, it was a Royal Enfield 125cc flying flea. I say 'officially', because I couldn't ride it due to a broken front axle which I never could find a replacement. My Father did have a BSA Bantam that I used to ride around the back yard, as I was too young for a licence at the time. Spent a lot of time repairing and maintaining that bike and it taught me a good lesson that fixed pegs are unforgiving when cornering too hard.



I spent years trying to convince the old man I wanted a bike, but, as an Ambulance Officer, he was dead set against it. Leaving school, I became a mechanic at the local servo which was mainly a Holden Dealer, but previously BMC. Needless to say I got to work on quite a variety of vehicles, being in the country.

Then by chance the dealer principal decided to add Honda to the franchise, so I began working on motorcycles as well (a dream come true). I managed to talk the boss into funding me getting a bike licence (so I could road test the bikes I was working on, of course). They lent me an old Honda 450t. Not the world's best handling bike, but throwing a knobbly tyre on the back made it interesting negotiating corners. It proved to be good experience as you learnt to corner.

Fortunately, the 450 died before I went for my licence, so they gave me 125 two stroke Yamaha road bike. Talk about a change! Fortunately, getting your licence in those days meant a ride around the block with a police car following you. Passed the test and I was free to ride any bike on the planet. Sounds insane, I know, but they were the rules. Thankfully, the government has seen the light, in recent years, and probably saved many lives.

Having said that, much to my father's disgust, I went and bought the most powerful road bike available at the time - a Honda CBX1000, 100 horse power, 6 cylinders, 6 carbs and a feeling of immortality to match.

As the years pass mortality does catch up with you and reminds you that you are not invincible. I have the scars, aches and pains to prove it.

Sold the bike when the 1st child came a long, (not exactly a family mode of transport).

As time went on, the kids left home and I turned 50, my darling wife, Michelle, said "It's time you got a bike again, so I am going to buy you one" She really is one in a million.

At the same time I joined the Ulysses Club

Gate Crashing the Victorian Breakfast Club

On Saturday 14th January, Michele and I drove from our friend's place, in Ballarat, to Inglewood in the countryside, to attend a Ulysses "Victorian Breakfast Club" (VBC) gathering. At 57 bikes and some cars, it was probably a record attendance, and I didn't even tell them I was coming!

They didn't give numbers to the cafe we all landed on, who gamely took it in their stride. (Previously numbers had been given, only to have a poor roll-up and irate cafe owners.)

It was a very social occasion, with attendees from various branches around Victoria (and Adelaide). There was no organised ride, but a couple of groups rode off afterwards to local tourist spots. (I scoured the local op shop and came away with a parcel of who-done-its.)

It was suggested that we should start up a similar thing in SA -a once a month breakfast gathering somewhere in the state. It certainly gets branches mixing, and members going to

places they haven't visited before. A Saturday is good, so as not to interfere with branch Sunday rides.

Any volunteers to organise and maintain such an event?
Ken Wagnitz.

Ed: The bottom two pics are of the bikes to the right and left of where Ken was standing..

The pic below is of the three founders of the VBC and a blow-in (Michele).



WEEKENDERS 2017- Members from all branches are most welcome

Michele Wagnitz would like you to put the following weekenders in your diaries for 2017.
Please ring on 8278 7712, or mobile 0429 673 381 or email your intention to attend, comments/ideas to her at
Michele.Wagnitz@gmail.com

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Joint hot breakfasts Sat/Sun.

Saturday ride to local points of interest.

Saturday night walk 500 metres to Coobowie Hotel for dinner.

Wendy King's **Not The AGM Weekender**, 19 - 21 May

Pt Broughton - see info in centre of magazine

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Sunday Round-up

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Today's group was one of our biggest this year. The good weather brought out all the good weather riders, some we haven't seen for quite a while. Welcome back to Brian Tangey with his new BMW - very nice. We had 24 bikes at Civic Park for the start and, although 2 of these left us at our morning tea stop, we were joined by 3 more riders there.

I reckon this was our best ride for the year - perfect weather, very little traffic, great roads, fabulous bunch of people, good food and coffee at Finnis. We also had the entertainment provided by all the young blokes at Victor Harbor as they left in a testosterone fuelled blaze of tyre smoke and fumes. A big 'thank you' to Trevor Thomas and Ray Murray for their tireless efforts as Tail End Charlies., and to Peter Wood for his photos.



Rob Hartridge, Michele Wagnitz and Judy Manoel



Above: Brian Tangey and his steed

Below: Ken Wagnitz and Chris Roberts



Above: John Fellenburg and Daryl Rosevear

Below: Trevor Thomas and Peter Wood



The Odyssey



Ulysses Adelaide Branch

President's Report for the Ulysses Adelaide Branch 2017 AGM

I think we've had a very positive year of comradeship, fun and support for one another.

'Thank you' to the committed, enthusiastic and hard working members of the committee who have supported us throughout the year:

Secretary - David took on the secretarial role when we cried out for one.

Maurice has again done the **Treasury**. Thank you.

Jann Baker is full of suggestions and organises the successful Hamburger Run.

Deb did the Entertainment Book, and will be doing it again this year.

Brett was my buddy at the Rotary Motorbike Expo, supplying the shelter for us.

Garry -not sure what Garry has done, but he is always a positive light on the committee.

A number of people deserve a special mention for their efforts throughout 2016....

- **Frank Pellas** has done a mighty job of leading the rides. The variety of roads, morning tea stops, lunch venues and his flexibility are great. Thanks for great rides, Frank. Thanks for the photos **Peter Wood**. Thanks to **Trevor Thomas** for his Tail End Charlie duties (assisted by others).

- **Ray Murray** - monthly raffles, sometimes backed up by Trevor. This is the only fundraiser and regular income for our branch. The general members purchasing tickets keep us afloat!

- **Sue and Don Freene** who hosted a BBQ at their house after a Sunday ride and assisted with the Hamburger Run and Toy Run BBQ.

- Others that hosted lunches in their homes were **Bob Sadlier** and **the Wagnitzs**.

- **Chris Roberts** - Toy Run Breakfast - along with support people including **Brian and Thao Coates, Ann St Claire, Alan Malpas, Brett Wise**, and others I've forgotten.

- **Wendy King** continues single-handedly as editor of the Odyssey for more years than I can remember. The Committee was happy to reward her long history with the Branch by presenting her with the Telemachus Medal at the Odyssey in October. Her enthusiasm, commitment, creativity and professionalism mean that the Odyssey is a great read for everyone. She is also the force behind Not The AGM weekends and Adelaide Branch run Odysseys.

- **Michelle Stevens** for the Christmas Dinner and our Facebook page.

- **Steve Merrett** houses the branch trailer.

- **Sue Freene** for organising the monthly Friday night dinners. Together with Don, they are always willing to jump in and assist with things.

- **Michele Wagnitz** for organising weekends away (and keeping the president in line).

- There have been many other supportive people and I thank them for their input.

On a sad note, the death of our Past President, Elizabeth Fairchild, saw the true Ulyssian spirit of love, support and care for each other.

Weekenders -

Three were enjoyed by smallish groups this year - Kingston SE, Clare and Penola. We hope that in 2017 we have the opportunity to welcome members of other branches to these fun-filled weekends, or at least meet up with them.

We have had a few guest speakers at meetings. Let me know if you have ideas for these for 2017.

So, in 2017, I want MORE...

more rides

more fun

more social events

more mixing with other branches

more new members - so spread the word!

Ken Wagnitz

15th Jan Day Ride to Lobethal



Clockwise from left: John Fellenburg, Chris Roberts, Harry Brayshaw, Frank Pellas, Wayne McDonald



The Three Wise (?) Monkeys



Carolyn Berg and Brian Coates

COMING SOON KERNEWEK LOWENDER

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May 19 - 21, 2017

Maypole and Furry Dancing
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Major festival activities:

Dressing the Graves — at Greens Plains and Wallaroo (May 16); Kadina and Moonta cemeteries (May 17)

Drakes Foodland Moonta Parade and Street Party — Friday, May 19

Wallaroo Shores Village Fair — Kadina, Saturday, May 20

RAA Rosewornes Cavalcade of Cars and Motorcycles — Wallaroo - Moonta - Kadina, Sunday, May 21

Cavalcade Fun Fair — Kadina, Sunday, May 21

Plus concerts, entertainment, food and wine and exhibitions, tours, fun for all ages

Programme released December 2016
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Not the AGM Weekend

Friday, 19th - Monday, 22nd May, 2017
To be held at the Port Broughton Caravan Park

With plenty of entertainment only a 30 minute ride/drive away in
the Copper Triangle

The Kernewek Lowender - A rough program

The traditional structure will still be in place with the following events to once again be the major drawcards to the festival.

Friday 19th May

- Drakes Foodland Moonta Parade and Street Party
- The street party is a fun and exciting event for all ages, with tradition dancing on display from local schools the children dance the Furry Dance through the street and perform the Maypole winding ribbons and creating patterns through their teamwork. The parade is filled with traditional floats and interpretations along with community groups from the area.
- Following the street parade the fun filled Pasty Bake-Off kicks off out the front of Drakes Foodland where local students and VIP guests bake off in a race to make the best pasty from scratch the quickest.
- The festive excitement then moves to the town square rotunda where the Official Opening begins and invited VIPs and guests officially open the 2017 Kernewek Lowender.
- Newbery Chemist's Kernewek Lowender Art Prize Official Opening
- Come along and enjoy a night at the Ascot Gallery Kadina with prestige artists who have their art on display which is judged with awards being presented on the night.
- Country Music Concert
- Enjoy a fun night out at the Kadina Town Hall at this highly anticipated Country Music Concert. Featuring artists are still to be confirmed.

Saturday 20th May

- Village Green Fair Kadina including the Rotary Markets in the town square the town is a buzz with stalls galore and another spectacular showcase of Maypole Dancing and Furry Dancing along with entertainment throughout the day for all ages.

- The Cousin Jack and Jenny Competition is loved by many and is a great opportunity to dress up in traditional Cornish attire and have a go at winning a prize whilst getting in the festive spirit.

Sunday 21st May

- RAA Copper Coast Classic Cavalcade of Cars and Motorcycles
- Departing the marshalling yards at Viterra in Wallaroo this iconic event sees over 500 historic cars and motorcycles wind their way through the towns of Wallaroo, Moonta and Kadina finishing up at the Cavalcade Fun Fair at the Kadina Oval.
- Cavalcade Fun Fair
- See all the cars from the cavalcade on display at the Kadina Oval and soak up the fun family atmosphere with entertainment, food and stalls throughout the day.

The final programme will be available on the Kernewek Lowender web site or on arrival at the Port Broughton Caravan Park, with times, etc., so we don't miss out on anything.

The usual arrangement will be shared costs for breakfasts on the three mornings and Friday night's tea. Saturday night's meal will be at the Port Broughton Hotel. I need to know who is going so as to make a booking. Sunday night's tea has not been finalised yet.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION ASAP AND LET ME KNOW YOU ARE ATTENDING.

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Waggies' Riverland Sojourn

Michele snagged one of those travel auction thingies, so we spent a few nights at the recently renovated Waikerie Hotel. Nice enough establishment, with decent meals.

Feeling flash in our new car, we drove all over the place checking out the towns (and occasional op shops for books). Berri, Loxton, Barmera, Renmark, they all got a visit. Lucky for air conditioning, because it was more than 40 degrees for 2 of the days.

The 'Backyard Bread' bakery, near Barmera, was delightful for coffee and a snack. Homely, but professional set up with very friendly staff. The local Ulyssians meet here regularly. We bought some dried-apricot slice to take for afternoon tea when we visited Denise and Kevin's place in Waikerie. The slice was delicious, just like old fashioned home made slice. Denise and Kevin were very hospitable and we spent a couple of hours chatting. Before leaving, we had a tour of their house which now is fully renovated. When they first purchased the house it had been vacant for 8 years and badly needed lots of work. Now the Spellacy hacienda is magnificently done up, after lots of hard work by Denise, Kevin and their sons.

Various people had recommended the Murray River Queen Thai restaurant at Waikerie. We like Thai food, so, of course, had to give it a go. It was a novelty to eat in a (stationary) boat on the river, and the food was good. I had a beer which came from the Woolshed brewery outside Barmera. Lovely.

We checked out Cobdogla as the location for a weekender. Promising, the caravan park looks nice (despite the unattended office) and the club is big, clean, friendly and apparently able to feed a lot of people in one sitting. We couldn't pop in without buying something, and it was a warm day, so a couple of Woolshed hard lemonades seemed appropriate.

On the Sunday, we joined Mallee Branch folk at lock 5, Paringa, for a lunchtime BBQ. Very nice meal, organised by Toddy and Carol. There was even a birthday cake for Carol's 70th. Surprisingly, it wasn't the start or end of a ride, but just a social gathering. They don't have regular

monthly meetings, so ad-hoc gatherings serve the purpose. A very welcoming mob. Many came on a very diverse range of bikes. We took the opportunity to talk about weekenders and other social activities that we would like as many as possible to come to from any of the branches.



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The Mallee Mob



Shannon's Sellicks Beach Historic Motorcycle Racing

This'll be a ripper two day event and sort of fits our age demographic too.



The event (which I've been reliably informed will probably attract crowds of around 30,000) is to be held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th of February 2017.

This is old style racing on the packed sands at Sellicks Beach.

Check it out at www.levismcc.com.au, where you can follow the links to purchase your tickets at Teletik for \$102.80 for the two days. Tickets must be pre-purchased to gain entry. There will be no on course entry without pre-purchased tickets.



Old Dirtbiker Joke

An 80 year old man went to the doctor for a check-up and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in. The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm a dirt biker and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight on Sundays and out sliding around corners, "shootin" sand washes and riding up and down the steepest, gnarliest hills I can find at the crack of dawn."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?" The old timer said, "Who said my dad's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 99 years old and, in fact, he went riding with me this Sunday, and that's why he's still alive... he's a dirt biker."

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 117 years old."

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went dirt bikin' with you this Sunday too?"

The old timer said, "No... Grandpa couldn't go this week because he got married."

The Doctor said in amazement, "Got married!! Good Lord!!! Why would a 117-year-old guy want to get married?" The old timer said, "Who said he wanted to?"



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Date	Event	Organiser	Destination
Feb 10-12	Redback Rally	redbackrally.com	Charlton (Vic)
March TBA	WCMC of NYP 32nd Annual Rally	Leon or Natalie 0888373226)	TBA
March 10-12 LW	Rivergum Rally Back at the River	Kingy 00421 073 909 Brian 0425 224 797	Near Renmark
March 19	Black Dog Ride (KI)	Steve 0417 873 898	Kingscote to Parndana
March 19	Black Dog Ride (Fleurieu)	Merv 0488 743 323	TBA
April TBA	5th Macies Ride	Gary 0414 332 112	Meadows Sport and Rec Grounds
April 8-9	RAC Coonalpyn Pub Run	Andy 0411 212 076	Coonalpyn
April 21-23	Sidecar Rally	Monarchs Club	Strathmerton (Vic)
April 28-30	Ausbruch Rally BMW Owners Club of SA	Harry 0418 847 871	Gladstone Gaol
May 5-7	Roaming Swagman	Mark 8634 4377 Lefty 0412 767 945	The Tank, near Crystal Brook
May 12-14	SA Sidecars Get-together	Peter 0428 315 815 Beet 0458 294 271	Whyte-Yarcowie
May 19-21	Wunkar Pub	Kingy 00421 073 909 Brian 0425 224 797	Wunkar Pub
May 26-28	MRA Great Escape Rally (Back to basics)	Harald 0421 289 714	Marrabel
June 9-12 LW	SA Rangers 2017 Rally	Beetle 0458 294 271	Farina Campground 24km North of Lyndhurst
June 10-12 LW	Wintersun	Sy (03)5021 1111	Mildura
June 30-July 1	Up the Creek	Marie 0417 113 675	Jung (near Horsham)
July TBA	FTMA Remembrance Ride	Lefty 0412 767 945	Caltex Port Pirie
August TBA	Flat Earth (back to basics)	Feral 08 8568 2503	Sedan
August 11-13	FTMA Wombat Rally (back to basics)	Lefty 0412 767 945	Warnertown Oval, SA
August 20	Sidecars, Sidecars and more Sidecars	Beetle 0458 294 271	Mannahill Pub
August 25-27	Pergrine Rally	Chris 0402 428 468	Jabuk
Sept 8-10	Ghost Town	Chickenman 0419 983 193	Copi Hollow
Sept 8-10	Gulnare Pub (SA Tourers)	Pub 08 8662 2602	Gulnare
Sept 29-30, Oct 1 LW	Golden Dragon Rally	Tony 0409 411 557	Tarnagulla (50km west of Bendigo)
Sept 29-30, Oct 1 LW	Oasis Rally	Bear 0407 394 322	Paruna
Oct TBA	FTMA Pink Ribbon Ride	Michelle 0437 323 089	Port Pirie
Oct TBA	Redback Tourers	Andrew 0418 803 293	TBA
Nov 10-12	Fish Holes	Secretary 0412 838 765	Portland (Vic)
November TBA	Caltowie Pub Run	Phil (pub) 08 8665 5003 Rabbit 0408 082 257	TBA
Nov 26	31st Pirie Toy Run	Trevor 0418 592 268	TBA



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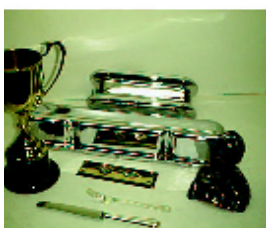
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The SA RV

Pt Julia 18 - 20 November 2016

With the weather predicted to be a more mild this year than last year for the trip to Pt Julia (which was cancelled due to the 40C+ heat), several of the regulars arrived at the campsite on Thursday. For those who arrived on Friday it was great to get there and see that 3 Yorke Peninsula residing Ulyssians had ridden to the campground to spend a day with us. Again on Saturday we were visited by another 2 day tripping Ulyssians who had ridden in to catch up with the RVers.

Although numbers were down a bit on previous RV weekends there were still nearly 20 people who made the trip, plus the day trippers. All were rewarded with the great campsite, beautiful beach and good company. Our camp area was set up amongst the trees which provided plenty of shade but still gave us lots of sunny spots. There were some really good camp fire bays scattered through the camping area but unfortunately we couldn't use them as the Yorke Peninsula District had there fire danger season commencing 3 days earlier. Thankfully the weather was good and provided comfortable outdoor socialising at night.

Everyone found plenty to do during the day and apart from chatting to the day trippers on Friday and Saturday, most RVers visited the neighbouring towns of Ardrossan and Pt Vincent, had walks through Pt Julia and on the beach or just chilled out at the campground. On Saturday night the Watsons clearly won the 'Best Christmas decorated caravan' award with a very bright light show around their van. At one stage Guv and a furry friend were standing inside a circular string of lights placed on the ground which had the effect of them being in a 'Ring of Fire'. On Sunday afternoon there was a pretty serious game of Bocce taking place, made all the more interesting by being played on some fairly undulating ground. Some of the players showed signs of being 'world best standard' for a couple of ends, only to fall in a hole most of the other times.

As they say, all good things must come to an end and so it is with 4 of the Sth Aust co-ordinators standing down at the end of 2016. Hobbit and Vicki, and Hoppy and Pat have called it a day as co-ordinators for Sth Aust Ulysses RV events, due to their commitments to the Riverland AGM in 2018. However, with their love of the RV lifestyle, I'm sure they will still be regulars at our RV weekends.

It has been great being a joint co-ordinator with them, seeing the enthusiasm and commitment they have had to this role over the years. They have always looked for interesting destinations, done the behind the scenes happily organising as well as encouraging anyone to come along to these weekends, regardless of how they got there and how they camped – from motorbike and swag to motorhome. I thank them for their efforts.

Now that I've pumped them up and their egos will have risen to nose bleed heights, we must look to the future and make improvements (listen carefully and I'm sure you will hear the thump as they hit the ground now that I've burst their bubble). I now welcome the new co-ordinators Guv and Barbie, and Tony and Denise to the team. They have already been active in looking for 2017 destinations which I am sure you will enjoy
Max

2017 CALENDAR

This year's Calendar is almost completed and we are trying out some new campsites for 2017. At this stage the site for the November weekend hasn't been decided but you should be notified of that early in the New Year. Sites and dates chosen so far are:

February 3rd to 5th 2017

Wirrina Cove Holiday Park - Both pwd and unpwd sites available (please book ahead if pwd site requ'd and mention you are with UlyssesRV)

May 5th to 7th 2017

Cockatoo Downs (near Keith)

August 4th to 6th 2017

Mt Pleasant Caravan Park/Showgrounds

October 17th to 23rd 2017

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We would love to hear of any places that you have been to that would be a great spot for an RV weekend. Happy Camping

Guv and Barbie, Tony and Denise, Max and Jacqui



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Whyalla & Districts Ulysses Club

Ride & Social Calendar Jan/April

Date	Destination	Depart	Time	Distance
15 th Jan Sun	Coffee morning at the Topz Shopz deli, come along for a chat & maybe a breakfast roll		9.30am	
26 th Jan Thurs	Australia Day (Public Holiday) Mid week Ride	To be arranged at 15 th Coffee morning		
29 th Jan Sun	Coffee morning at the Topz Shopz deli, come along for a chat & maybe a breakfast roll		9.30am	
5 th Feb Sun	Coffee morning at the Topz Shopz deli, come along for a chat & maybe a breakfast roll		9.30am	
11 th Feb Sat	Social evening at Pt Lowly where John will setup Tassie's Tucker trailer for a sausage and burger sizzle.	Pt Lowly Back beach amenities block	6.00pm	74 kls
19 th Feb Sun	Coffee morning at the Topz Shopz deli, then A ride on to Cowell for lunch	Topz ShopZ Deli	9.30am	200 kls
5 th Mar Sun	Coffee morning at the Topz Shopz deli, come along for a chat & maybe a breakfast roll		9.30am	
9 th Mar Thurs	Mid-week ride Melrose for lunch return via Quorn for coffee & cheese cake	Library carpark	10.30am	321Kls
19 th Mar Sun	Coffee morning at the Topz Shopz deli, come along for a chat & maybe a breakfast roll		9.30am	
26 th Mar Sun	Ride to Booleroo to attend the Steam & Traction rally	Library carpark	9.00am	320kls
1st April Sat	Ride to Laura for the Festival	Library carpark	9.00am	374 Kls
2nd April Sun	Coffee morning at the Topz Shopz deli, come along for a chat & maybe a breakfast roll		9.30am	
8th/9th April Sat/Sun	Weekend ride to Wellington to stay at the Wellington Hotel overnight ,on the Murry river	Itinerary to be arrange as soon as we have numbers		968 kls
16 th April Sun	Coffee morning at the Topz Shopz deli, come along for a chat & maybe a breakfast roll		9.30am	
19th April Wed	Black dog Ride. To be arranged nearer the date	Library carpark		
30 th April Sun	Coffee morning at the Topz Shopz deli, come along for a chat & maybe a breakfast roll		9.30am	



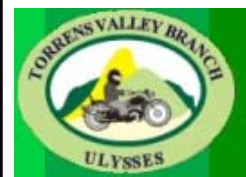
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Meet and Greet

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**Torrens Valley Branch
Meetings**

7.30pm

Third Tuesday of the Month

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SA RV Events

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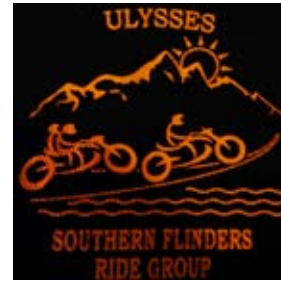
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Southern Flinders Riding Group Port Pirie



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AT HOT BREAD SHOP

We meet at the Hot Bread Shop on Sunday mornings for impromptu rides.

Rides Co-ordinator: **Ross Greenfield**

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Sunday Meeting Place : Meet at the RSL on Sturt Street, Mount Gambier from 9.30 am onwards. All rides leave from here unless advised otherwise.

Check our ride calendar on the website as some rides may depart earlier.

Rides : As per Ride Calendar on the Web

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Sunday impromptu rides from Town Jetty 10 00 am
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Southern Flinders group breakfast ride to Stone Hut Bakery

We had fantastic weather for the ride to the Stone Hut Bakery for breakfast, on 15/1/17, with 18 people on the ride (12 bikes and one ute). Brian and Louise were still running in the Royal Enfield with sidecar and left earlier than the rest of us. Then Ross rang to say that his bike was coming up with a fault code and he couldn't sort it out, so would have to give it a miss. The bike is new to Ross and he is trying to get used to it, but is still waiting for the owner's manual. However, after some research by Mick, Ross now knows that the code he was seeing means the kill switch is in the off position. He missed the ride, but we all gained a good story that Ross will hear for a long time. Then, Wallets discovered that the steel in his back tyre needed some fresh air and, in one section, had poked out for a tentative look. So he erred on the side of caution and pulled out of the ride.

We headed off and had a pleasant and uneventful ride to the Stone Hut Bakery via Gladstone and Caltowie. When we arrived at the bakery, the Royal Enfield had already arrived (as had Dave and Jeannette on their outfit), but a trailer had been organised for the trip home as the sidecar had a flat tyre.

Sitting under and in between the grape vines in the outdoor area was a great atmosphere and very relaxing. The food was all fantastic and most of us were content to sit there and theorise on Ross' bike and ensure that Brian knew we sympathised with his problem (flat tyre). As Cossy was away, Gregg took it upon himself to get served last after they missed his order and needed to be reminded.

After a couple of hours solving the problems of the world we headed back to Pt Pirie with some meeting again for a coffee.

Thanks to everyone that came on the ride; it was a short but fantastic ride. It was a lazy Sunday with the food and the company really making the day what it was.



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Social Meeting
 2nd Wednesday of the Month
 at The Riverside Hotel
 (Note new venue)

Why not come along and have meal before the meeting

Rides
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The Swedish government had given temporary authorization to erect digital billboards in 2009, but as a result of this and related studies the government ordered the removal of all digital billboards. Meanwhile in the United States these signs continue to go up at a rapid pace despite a growing body of evidence suggesting they pose a threat to traffic safety.



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