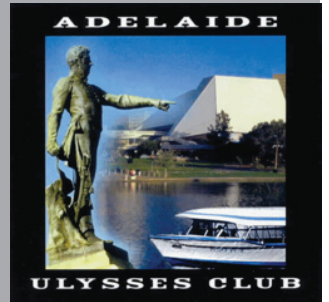




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All newsletters and magazines survive on the submissions of subscribers; The Odyssey is no different.

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?

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Howdy all

Half the year is gone! This is when I wonder what I have achieved and where I've spent all my money in the last six months. But, who cares.



Since our last issue, we have 'lost' a few of our advertisers, namely *Ink This*, (I knew I should have had a tattoo), *Highway Sidecars* (no longer in operation with one of the partners retiring and the remaining partner unable to continue on his own) and Bill's Motorcycles (pretty sure we did our best there in patronising that business). I'd like to thank them and all our advertisers for their support - The Odyssey would not survive without them. I urge you to consult the directory at the back of the book before you buy and mention the ad in The Odyssey. It's tax time, so give long time sponsor, Marcel Smith (opposite), a call. I've heard some great feedback about his work.

The registration forms for The Odyssey in Sept/Oct can be found in the centre of this issue, for those who don't/can't register online. This annual opportunity to catch up with friends, new and old, can't be missed.

At the Ardrossan Branch of Meals on Wheels AGM, I was awarded Life Membership (15 years). One of my friends asked if that meant I get free meals if I get to the stage of needing them. Somehow I don't think so.

Michele Wagnitz has some dates for weekends further on in this issue. Can't wait!

Wendy

29 Apr 2016

Road Safety Minister Peter Malinauskas has announced that European ECE 22.05 standard helmets are now legal to be worn by motorcyclists in South Australia.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) 22.05 was developed from an in depth study of head injuries to motorcycle riders and is used in Europe and many other countries around the world.

The Road Traffic (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2014 have also been updated to remove outdated British Standards and Japanese helmet models all pre-dating 1988.

Motor Cycle Helmet Law Changes

Provisions allowing a bicycle helmet to be used by a motorcycle passenger under the age of six years have also been removed.

These changes mean that helmets worn by motorcyclists in South Australia must meet any of three standards and bear a relevant certification mark:

Australian Standard 1698-1988 – Protective helmets for vehicle users (AS1698-1988); or

Australian/New Zealand Standard 1698:2006 – Protective helmets for vehicle users (AS/NZS 1698:2006); or

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 22 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of protective helmets and their visors for drivers and passengers of motor cycles and mopeds, incorporating the 05 series of amendments, (ECE 22.05)

These helmet standards are approved for use in the majority of states and territories.

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Wednesday Rides

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Bookings close Wednesday, 10th August



Diary Dates

Weekenders 2016...

At last, I have gotten around to thinking about these, so please put these dates in your diaries now.....

12, 13, 14 August - Venue still being decided but on West Coast, perhaps Arno Bay or Tumbly Bay - to be confirmed at next meeting on Thursday, 2nd June.

September 9, 10, 11 at Clare

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18, 19, 20 November at Penola

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Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June.. However, since they were starting to smell Brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting Married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it.. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof... Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire.. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old. Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would Sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial.. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive... So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.



The Honda motorbike that evoked a 30-year passion

The first time I ever got on a bike I was a pillion passenger on a huge Harley Davidson. I was 25 or 26, and this girl I knew rode and it was terrifying. It did get me thinking that I wouldn't mind actually being in control.

Buying my first bike

My first bike was blue. It was a 400cc Honda CB, four stroke, two cylinder, no windscreen and no fairing I bought second-hand from somebody out at Auburn. I was 32 - it was more than 30 years ago. He took my license and all my money and said: "You can ride it round the block and I'll keep this." I was very nervous because it was a bigger bike than I had ever ridden.

One of the challenges was dealing with the wind rush factor and on a bike with no windscreen or fairing. Until you've ridden a bike, it's hard to understand that dynamic and how you deal with it. The experience of riding, as opposed to being surrounded by metal in a car, is one of freedom and independence.

My next bike was a Honda CBX 750. The difference in power was amazing and I wondered why I ever worried about mastering the first bike.

It was a great feeling to get out onto the open road and open it up. In many ways riding is a sort of solitary thing. I've ridden to Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, Broken Hill and all around the south west of NSW.

Once I was touring and stopped in a country town to ask a guy where there was a cafe so I could get some coffee, and he said, "Don't worry about that, come home and the Mrs will make you a cup of tea." That was fantastic - people just talk to you when you're on a bike.

When your life is otherwise lived in cotton wool, you've got to have some excitement. Apart from being a mad rollercoaster rider - I'm not into bungee jumping or white water rafting or anything.

I've only had one accident involving a car - when a taxi ran into me when I was stationary at the lights. That was a bit scary. But I've been very lucky accident-wise. My brother's a neuro surgeon, so you can understand what his view would be.

The last bike I buy

My partner says there will be [a time I give it up] - he says my reflexes will start to get slow. I'm 65.

I bought a new bike last year and I scaled down to 800ccs. I suppose when I bought it I thought this could be the last bike I buy.

I do think fondly of that first bike and I'm glad I made the decision, later than many who ride, to learn to ride and buy that bike.

David Welling

Ride Smart - Ride Safe

Someone recently said to me "ride safe". It got me thinking. "safe motorcycling" is almost an oxymoron - a combination of two contradictory or opposite words. The word "safety" means "the state of being safe; freedom from the occurrence or risk of injury, danger, or loss". Using this dictionary definition, there really is no way to make motorcycling totally safe. In fact, the element of risk and "danger" is part of the reason we love motorcycling.

We all know that motorcycling is more dangerous than driving a car. And not just a little more dangerous. The not very often spoken about and sobering reality is that you're about 30 times more likely to be killed on Australian roads on a motorcycle than driving a tin top. In fact, in the first 4 months of 2016 an alarming 26 motorcyclists lost their life in Victoria - a 167% increase on the year before.

July 31st 2015 was the day I got serious about motorcycle safety. I was on a ride through the Adelaide Hills with a mate when he came off at about 60 kmh. In terms of accidents, this was minor. As the day unfolded, he and I were both surprised to learn that he had two broken ribs, a broken shoulder in two places that required surgery and a punctured lung. He had all the right gear on so he didn't have a scratch on him, but still had multiple serious injuries.

It got me thinking - what is available these days to prevent or at least reduce "impact injuries".

The human body is fairly fragile, so wearing the right gear is essential. If you think the gear is bulky or uncomfortable, you only have to slide down the road once to change your mind. I am continually amazed when I see people riding in shorts, thongs and a tee shirt! I very seldom go out without the whole kit on - helmet, jacket, gloves, bike jeans, boots and, these days, I also wear a Helite airbag vest.

The airbag vest is worn outside your usual jacket and is 'tethered' to the bike with a click-together cable. If the rider and bike part company, the Airvest is inflated by a CO2 cartridge in just 100 milliseconds, offering much greater protection to the body. There are also touring jackets with the airbag built into it.

I believe that if my friend had been wearing an airbag vest, he would not have sustained the serious injuries that he did. Remember, he didn't have a scratch on him because he had all the usual gear on - but his bones and internal organs were vulnerable. Unfortunately, due to the accident he has now sold his bike and given up motorcycling.

Wayne McDonald #62427

Wayne McDonald has been a motorcyclist for over 40 years and, earlier this year, founded a new business, Moto Smart, focusing on gear for rider safety and comfort.

Further details may be found at <http://motosmart.com.au> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MotoSmartOz>

Sunday Round-up

3rd April Day Ride to Lyndoch

Our ride this day began with more than 20 bikes at Civic Park. We headed towards One Tree Hill via Golden Grove and then across the hills to Medlow Road which took us down to Main North Road. Turning right here, we ambled along the freeway to the Horrocks Highway turn off. A little dogleg here and we were off to Freeling where we turned westward along Templers Road to cross the Horrocks Highway rode to Hamley Bridge. Riding through the fire ravaged landscape we went via Stockport to Tarlee for morning tea. A few complaints here, as the bakery had run out of meat pies.

After a good break for 30 minutes, Brian Coates with Ray Murray and his young pillion headed back to Adelaide, while we carried on to Riverton and Saddleworth. Turning right at Saddleworth, we went to Marrabel and then on to the Eudunda Road. This is a great road that should have been enjoyed at around 120 kmh, but we were all good as we trundled along to the Kapunda Road. Here we turned right again and rode through Kapunda to Greenock then around Nuriootpa to Tanunda and our lunch stop at Lyndoch.

Thanks again to Trevor for his untiring effort as Tail End Charlie, and to Peter for his visual record of another great Ulysses Adelaide ride.



The Odyssey

17th April Day ride to Meadows

Today's ride from McDonald's on Magill Road was well attended with around 25 bikes. Perhaps it was the beautiful weather. Our journey this morning took us straight up to Norton Summit, and along the Lobethal Road to Leslie Road where we turned right. Down the hill to Swamp Road, back to the Lobethal Road at Lenswood, then we turned left onto Staffords Road. I stopped here for a mob-up where we waited and waited and waited. During this time, some riders failed to follow the directions from Chris, the corner marshall, and carried on to Lobethal, so we lost a few here.

Eventually, our Tail End Charlie, Ray came along. Apparently the delay was because Harry had lost his glasses at the beginning of the ride. I noticed that Harry wasn't with Ray, but we all got going again anyway. Over to Fox Creek Road, then back towards Lobethal on the Cudlee Creek Road. From here we rode back to Lenswood, turning left onto Tiers Road, right on Vickers Road back to Swamp Road. From here we went through Balhannah, past the nice man in the Camry taking photos and on to Little Hampton along Junction Road.

After a cuppa at the bakery, we took off for Callington along the Princes Highway. From Callington we went to Woodchester, then Wistow where we turned left on the Strathalbyn Road. Just after the railway crossing, we turned onto Gemmels Road and went to Macclesfield. Turning right here, we headed towards Echunga, and turned onto Whites Road, along to Greenhills Road which took us via Kondoparinga Road into Meadows for lunch at the bakery.

The whole trip was only 143km. Thanks to Ray Murray for his Tail End Charlie role, replacing Trevor this week who has bike problems and couldn't come, and to Peter Wood for his photography.



Sunday Round-up

1st May Day Ride to Angaston

At the top of Taps this morning we had only 11 bikes for the ride to Angaston. Perhaps it was the weather that kept the others away. The roads were a bit damp at the start, but once we had got past Clarendon, things dried out. We had a brisk ride to Birdwood for morning tea and it was great to see how well the group kept together. Our travel to Angaston for lunch via Sedan was incident free, sunny and very pleasant.

Thanks to Brian Cullinan for being our Tail End Charlie, and to Peter Wood for his photos.



15th May Day Ride to McLaren Vale

As I was coming along Montague Road this morning, on my way to Civic Park, the clouds over the Adelaide Hills were looking very grey, dark and wet. So imagine my surprise when 27 riders turned up. Welcome back to Kim on his new BMW GTL1600 - long time, no ride. And Trevor's bike is back in action after a short rest and some new parts. Dave and Tracy on their new Stryker, back after Dave's last one was rear-ended. Lots more faces too we haven't seen in a while, or ever actually. Peter, our regular photographer, didn't make it so there are no pictures.

The ride today was a little over 180km, and the day turned out to be sunny, bright and dry. Thanks to Trevor Thomas for his Tail End Charlie duties. We were incident free today - just the way I like it.

Frank Pallas

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Friday, 30th September – Monday, 3rd October, 2016
Registrations Close 18th August, 2016
Preferred method of registration is at
<http://ulyssesadelaide.com.au/odyssey2016/>
 The preferred method of payment is by Bank Transfer



(Please fill in a form for each person)

Surname		Given Name		Member#	
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Odyssey Registration (includes badge)	1			\$40
Odyssey Cloth Patch	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$8
Friday Night Dinner:				\$15
Mixed Grill (sausages, bbq steak, patties, onions) served with fresh bread & salads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Saturday Breakfast:				
Continental (cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee, juice)	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$8
Cooked (Continental + bacon & eggs, scrambled or fried, on bun or plate)	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$15
Saturday Night Dinner:				
Chicken Schnitzel with either gravy or Dianne sauce + chips & salad	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$18
Beef Schnitzel with either gravy or Dianne sauce + chips & salad	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$18
Cheesecake	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$6
Mud cake	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$6
Fruit salad	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$6
Sunday Breakfast:				
Continental (cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee, juice)	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$8
Cooked (Continental + bacon & eggs, scrambled or fried, on bun or plate)	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$15
Sunday Night Dinner:				
Roast beef with roast veg and gravy	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$18
Roast pork with roast veg and gravy	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$18
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Fruit salad	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$6
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Continental (cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee, juice)	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$8
Cooked (Continental + bacon & eggs, scrambled or fried, on bun or plate)	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$15
Excursions:				
Saturday Bus Trip	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$20
Sunday Guided Ride (no charge)	<input type="checkbox"/>			Free
TOTAL				\$

Payment Method: Direct Debit Cheque /Money Order

Direct Debit to: Fleurieu Ulysses Branch Odyssey Account BSB 105 144 Account # 046149840

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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?

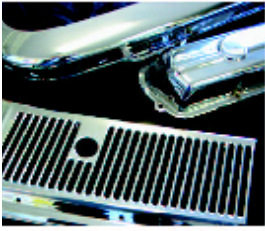
A new study published in the journal *Traffic Injury Prevention* concludes that digital billboards attract and hold the gazes of drivers for far longer than a threshold that previous studies have shown to be dangerous. The study, conducted by researchers at the Swedish National Road and Transport Research 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.



The Swedish study's authors reasoned that it's not surprising that digital billboards attract greater attention from drivers: the signs are brighter, visible from greater distances, and display a constantly-changing series of advertisements. They concluded that digital billboards "have the potential ability to keep up the driver's curiosity over an extended period of time." Previous human behavior studies have shown that drivers are hardwired to notice bright, changing lights in their peripheral vision and to anticipate additional motion.

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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Ice in the Whisky

It is just over 50 years since French scientist Claude Lorius dropped some glacier ice in his whisky and wondered if the air bubbling out might carry information from the past. The answer to that question was "yes". Ice cores carry a rich archive of past information in the bubbles and the ice itself.

For example, CO₂ goes into solution in water, the water freezes (at the Poles) and heaps up over the eons. Take an ice core sample, and you have a readout on CO₂ levels going back thousands of years.

The field of ice core paleoclimatology is now a mature branch of earth science that has provided revolutionary insights into the climate of the past 800,000 years. No insight is more potent than the revelation that global temperature and carbon dioxide (CO₂) march in lock-step through the ice ages. Current CO₂ levels sit far above the natural range; in fact 140% higher than any time in 800,000 years.

Furthermore, it turns out that carbon ain't carbon, that is, that carbon from different sources can be 'fingerprinted'. Carbon from industrial processes - for example - exhaust fumes, has a different atomic weight to carbon from natural sources. Thus it can be determined that the increase in CO₂ levels since the industrial revolution (where this all began) can be attributed to industrial activity. In other words, it's the CO₂ we humans have put into the atmosphere that is causing the lock-step increase in global temperatures.

So, where to from here?
(Contributed by John Crowe)

**The Irish are a wonderful bunch of people,
always willing to help in a pinch**

Shortly after take-off on an outbound evening Air Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue:

'Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service.

'I don't know how this has happened, but we have 103 passengers on board, and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals.

'I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience.'

When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, 'Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat will receive free, unlimited drinks for the duration of our 5 hour flight.'

Her next announcement came about 2 hours later: 'If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available.'

REGISTRATION FORM 2016

Yorke Peninsula & Eyre Peninsula Combined Ride

Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th, Monday 5th, September 2016

Names.....

Email..... Phone.....

Saturday Night's Dinner: Hawker Community Sports Centre at 6.00pm.

A \$20.00 Per Person deposit is required which will be returned on the night to those attending.

Sunday Night's BBQ: Hawker Caravan Park Camp Kitchen

Monday Night's Dinner: Hawker Community Sports Centre

Yorke & Eyre Peninsula Ulysses Club Patches \$6.00 each
Hawker- 2016 Year Bars \$3.00 each

() Saturday Dinner (Number attending Required)

() Sunday BBQ (Number Attending Required)

() Monday Dinner (Number Attending Required)

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() Saturday Dinner @ \$20.00 Per Person \$.....

() Y.P- E.P Patches @ \$6.00 Each \$.....

() 2016 Year Bars @ \$3.00 Each \$.....

TOTAL \$.....

Sunday Ride to Blinman Departs General Store 10.00 am

Monday Ride to Parachilna Departs General Store 10.00 am

Please make Cheques or Money Order payable to R Lind.

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Serves 4

Ingredients

200g pumpkin, diced into 1cm cubes

200g sweet potato, diced into 1cm cubes

1 large sprigs rosemary

2 cloves crushed garlic

500ml skim milk

1/2 onion

1.5 tbsp plain flour

125g cottage cheese

100g sliced mushrooms

1/2 sliced shallot

25g grated reduced fat cheese

120g dried lasagne sheets

pepper to taste

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees

2. Mix pumpkin, sweet potato, rosemary, garlic and pepper in a bowl

3. Place on a grease tray and bake for 20 minutes until golden

4. Scald milk with onion and let sit for 10 minutes. Dilute the flour with a little water, add to the milk, simmer for 5 minutes and add the cheese.

5. Spray lasagne dish with cooking oil and add a layer of lasagne sheets. Add 1/4 of the sauce and 1/4 of the pumpkin, potato, mushroom and shallot. Continue until all ingredients used

6. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake for 35-45 minutes and rest before serving.

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Understanding Engineers #1

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."

Understanding Engineers #2

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty.

To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers #3

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers?

Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

Understanding Engineers #4

The graduate with a science degree asks, "Why does it work?"

The graduate with an engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"

The graduate with an accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?"

The graduate with an arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

Understanding Engineers #5

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing who must have designed the human body.

One said, "It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints."

Another said, "No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections."

The last one said, "No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

Understanding Engineers #6

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough yet.

Understanding Engineers #7

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called

out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess."

He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket.

The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week."

The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket.

The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want."

Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog - now that's cool."

And Finally

Two engineers???

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top.

A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said Sven, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her pocketbook, took a measurement, announced, "Twenty one feet, six inches," and walked away.

One engineer shook his head and laughed, "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

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**Leigh Creek
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23/24 April 2016**



Saturday, 23rd April in perfect weather, except for a slight breeze, 8 members left Whyalla at 9.30am (Gerry, Gary, Bill C, Alan, Doug, Perry, Mark and Rhonda, John and Lise).

Travelling on to Port Augusta, they picked up Neil from Wirrabara, then on to Quorn for tea and scones at Emily's Bistro, where Bill D joined the group.

The next run was on to Hawker for lunch at the pub (good basic food) where Gary had to return back to Whyalla, because he had to work on Sunday. On to Parachilna for the next break.

On the final run into Leigh Creek, 6 riders decided to brave the dirt road to Aroona Dam, a man-made, walled dam in the desert with plenty of water and bird life. What an excellent sight!

Late afternoon saw the riders arrive at Leigh Creek Caravan Park where they were warmly welcomed by Scotty and Foxy Lady. We were all very impressed by the caravan park very clean and tidy, huge camp kitchen with all amenities and electric BBQ.

The group were told the Leigh Creek tavern was only a five minute walk from the caravan park, but after three mountains, rocks and gravel, they arrived after 25 minutes (seems time stands still in Leigh Creek). The evening meal at the Tavern was excellent, well prepared and good quantity.

In the morning, a big cook up on the BBQ was enjoyed by all, with Foxy Lady hanging around for the scraps. It was decided to leave at 9.30am, but just as the group was heading back to their cabins to pack up, Perry decided to pick a fight with a concrete path and came off second best (split and bleeding nose and cuts on his head and chin). Ideas were thrown

around whether to stay or go, but Perry, being as tough as he is, made the decision he was good to go and the riders headed for home. To top it off, somewhere between Leigh Creek and Parachilna, Perry lost his camera that was mounted on his bike. Unfortunately no one saw it break off.

The group arrived back in Whyalla with no more incidents. A great weekend recommended to everyone. To top it off, Lise had not been on a bike in 30 years and thoroughly enjoyed it and she said she would do it again, but with a more comfy seat.

The Whyalla Mob.



Yorke Peninsula



Wednesday Rides

leave the parking bay in the centre of Kadina Park at 9.30 am on Wednesdays.
Please contact Clive Ford on **8821 1598** before **any** Wednesday ride to get the latest information.

President	Gerry Kroon 0428 352 838
Secretary	Linda Jones 0403 598 258
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Rides Captain	Trevor Blackall 0439 354 309



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
Web Site: www.branches.ulyssesclub.org/limestonecoast
Our Web is now updated regularly, with Ride Calendar, Ride Reports & Photos.

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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
Ride calendar can be found on the Ulysses Web Page with all the details of each ride.
Rides depart McDonalds, Murray Bridge, usually 9.30 unless stated on calendar.



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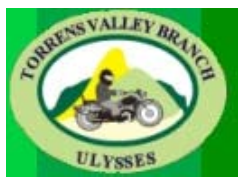
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Ride Co-ordinators



**Torrens Valley Branch
Meetings**

7.30pm

Third Tuesday of the Month

Parafield Gardens Community Club
Shepherdson Road, Parafield Gardens

Meals available from the Club before the Meeting
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SA RV Events

RV events are open to any Ulysses member or partner.

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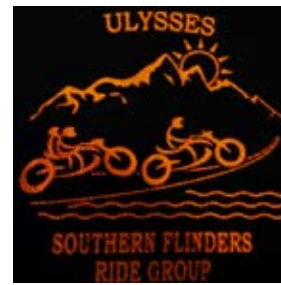
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July 29th,30 & 31st Melrose Show Grounds
Melrose

November 18th, 19th & 20th Pt Julia Campground
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Any further enquiries contact Hobbit: hobbitfjr@gmail.com

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**

0403 777 672

email: rgreenfield@internode.on.net

Sunday 15th Run One Tree Hill

11 bikes and 13 bods set off bathed in glorious Autumn sun and headed south to first stop for coffee and cookies at Lochiel.

We topped up at Roseworthy in readiness for the traffic through Gawler and the traffic didn't disappoint. Tough work for us bumpkins to clear those roundabouts and traffic lights in one piece, but we made it.

Pulled into the Throttle Shed Café at noon and placed our orders, and had a look at the owner's motorcycle memorabilia. Apparently they specialize in all sorts of Kranskys so most of us tried all sorts of Kranskys.

Back through Gawler and onto Horrocks Highway, and, you guessed it.... straight into the Clare Gourmet traffic!!!

Over the hill and into Koolunga Hotel for a refreshing \$5 pint each and a twin of Cossy's Harley parked out the front, too.

Home safe and sound before the sun set and around 420Kms of fun in the sun

Well done ride leader, Les Beyer, for another great run.

Looks like the ride for June Long Weekend to Broken Hill/Silverton is cancelled, due to lack of interest; disappointing outcome, but if anybody wants to spring a day trip or two, email or call me and we can set up something for June.

Until next time....may the wind be at your back

Ross Greenfield

Rides Co-ordinator

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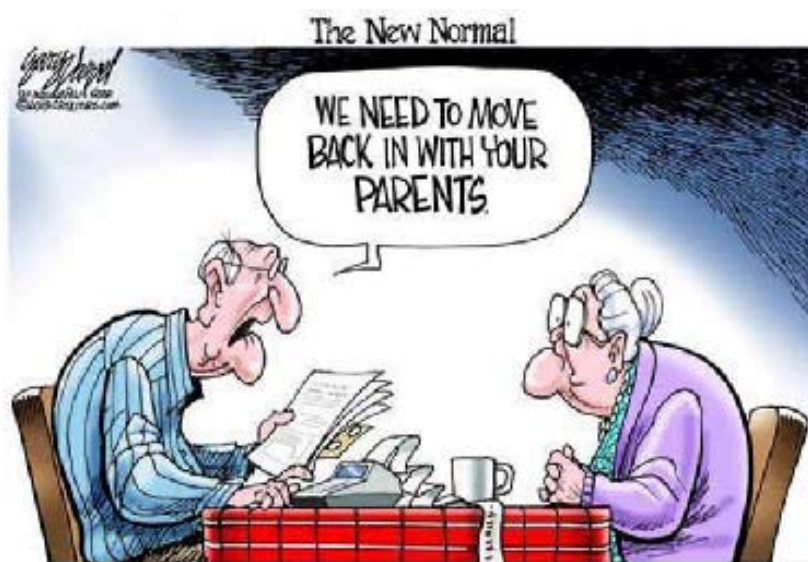
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RALLIES 2016

Rally	Date	Contact
Farina SA Rangers	June 11-13 Long weekend	Beatle 0458 284 271
Wintersun, Mildura	June 11-13 Long weekend	Sy 03 5021 1111
Up the Creek, Jung, near Horsham - sidecar run	July 1-3	Marie 0417 113 675 Greg 03 5385 2846
Wombat, Warnertown	August 13-14 Back to basics	Lefty 0412 767 945
Mannahill Pub	August 20-21	Beatle 0458 294 271
Peregrine Rally, Jarbuk Reserve	August 26-28 Back to basics	Chris0402 428 468 chrismcale@gmail.com
Gulnare Pub	Sept 10-11	SA Tourers Pub 08 8662 6202
Ghost Town, Copi Hollow	Sept 9-11	Chickenman 0419 983 193
Koolunga Pub	TBA	Andy Burford Pub 08 8816 6181
Golden Dragon Tarnagulla Vic	Sept 30-Oct 1-2 SA Long weekend	Tony 0409 411 557
Oasis, Paruna	Sept 30-Oct 1-2 SA Long weekend	Bear 0407 394 322
Redback Tourers	Venue TBA	Ivan 0403 210 925
Fish Holes, Portland	Nov 11-13	0412838765
Caltowie Pub Run	Nov 19-20	Phil (pub) 08 8665 5003
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