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Hi All,

Wonderful weekend at Meningie. The highlights for me were the visit to Raukkan and Camp Coorong. These rides were arranged and led by John Howard and made the weekend special. Thanks, John. Report and photos further on.

Others who made the weekend memorable were Andrew Dawes and other members of the Progress Association, Chris and his staff at the Meningie Hotel, and the caretakers of the caravan park. Thank you.

Next year, I will be going to the AGM, so there is an opening there for anyone who wants to organise a weekend for those not going to Mildura.

A cast cap or cover, off a motor bike I suspect, just on the edge of the road near the breakfast venue on Sunday morning was found. I am sure it would belong to one of our members and it looks like it would be expensive to replace. John Howard now has it in his possession. If you would like to claim it, give him a call on 0401 122 546.

Throughout the magazine, you will find some ads from long ago which are so. The worst part is, I remember many of these!

And if you're in the market for a new motorcycle helmet, there are a few samples of some new styles scattered around, as well.

A few overnighters are advertised this issue, also some worthwhile charity rides that might interest you.

Missing a few branch reports this issue, but (at the time of writing) some would still be coming home from the AGM.

**Footy's back!!!**  
**Cheers**  
**Wendy**

G'day Everyone,



Well, by the time you read this, those of you who went to Meningie with Sue and Wendy will have returned and will be telling everyone what a great time was had by all. Those of you who are in Newcastle for the AGM will have to wait a bit to read this and let those of us who didn't go, how it was.

Seems we have the makings of a small catering corps in our midst; if everything goes to plan, there will be, on a reasonably regular basis, catered meals (BBQ etc) at the end of some of our rides. This will be a great thing if the plans at hand come to fruition, as it gives even more variety for destinations on our rides.

Our new committee is getting down to business and has already brought in some changes; the biggest so far has been in the non minute keeping at our branch meetings. We don't need to keep minutes at our branch meetings as they are essentially a social evening where the committee report on branch activities and happenings. This also means there are no branch meeting minutes to be read out, keeping the Secretary and, I'm sure, most of you guys happy.

As always, if you have any suggestions or ideas, please talk to any one of the committee members, and they will put these forward at the next committee meeting.

Anyway enough waffle from me, see you on the next ride or at the next meeting.

**Andrew Mill**  
**President and Rides Captain**  
**Ulysses Club Inc., Adelaide Branch**

There was a knock on the door this morning, I opened it and there was a young bloke standing there who said:

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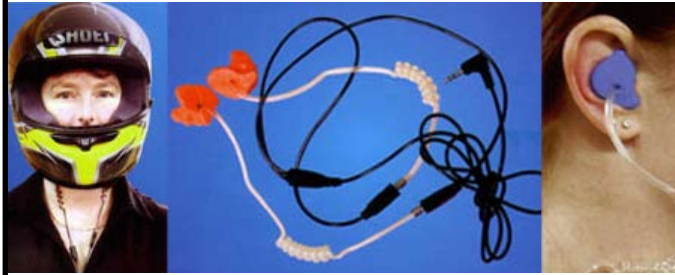
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17 April	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Mannum	McDonalds 303 Magill Rd Trinity Gardens
24 April	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Wabbit Run	Easter & Anzac Weekend	Top of Taps
1 May	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Port Elliott	Civic Park Main North Road Prospect
8 May	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Mothers' Day Ride	Ken'n'Michelle's	Top of Taps
<b>15 May</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Andrew Mill</b>	<b>GC Motorcycles Sponsored Ride</b>		<b>GC Motorcycles 122 Main North Road Prospect</b>
22 May	9.30 am	Chris Roberts	Day Ride	Gumeracha?	Civic Park Main North Road Prospect
29 May	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Normanville	McDonalds 303 Magill Rd Trinity Gardens
5 June	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Civic Park Main North Road Prospect
<b>12 June</b>			<b>NO RIDE</b>	<b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND</b>	
19 June	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Goolwa	Top of Taps
<b>26 June</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Andrew Mill</b>	<b>Diehards' Breakfast</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Civic Park</b>
<b>3 July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Andrew Mill</b>	<b>Meet the Kings for a sausage sizzle</b>	<b>Ardrossan</b>	<b>Caltex Bolivar</b>

## Black Dog Ride (raising awareness of depression)

Black Dog Ride began as one man's personal quest to complete a solo motorbike trip around Australia to raise community awareness of depression. In Australia, each year around 1,000,000 adults and 100,000 young people live with depression. More than 50% will not seek treatment. Join Steve Andrews as he continues his mission.

The Black Dog Ride is going to the Red Centre in 2011, and will be launched from most Capital Cities on Sunday, 21st August, with riders from all over Australia meeting in Alice Springs on Friday, 26th August.

For more information, go to the web site:  
[www.blackdogride.com.au/view/ddd/](http://www.blackdogride.com.au/view/ddd/) -

This year's ride promises to be even bigger than the awesome inaugural Ride to the Red Centre last year.

Plans for the Ride to the Red Centre are

progressing well. We now have ride coordinators in every mainland Capital and detailed itineraries will be posted on the web site in coming weeks with registrations opening on April 18th. Start planning now if you're going to ride all the way to the Red Centre and get your registration in early so you won't be disappointed. We will be capping the numbers at 250 for our end destination, Glen Helen Resort, but hope that all bikers will join in the launch events on Sunday, 21st August in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, and on 24th August in Adelaide and Darwin.

Black Dog" is a powerfully expressive metaphor that appears to require no explanation. The combination of 'blackness' with the negative connotations of 'dog', noun and verb,, seems an eminently apt description of depression: an ever present companion, lurking in shadows just out of sight, growling, vaguely menacing, always on the alert; sinister and unpredictable, capable of overwhelming you at any moment.

**Paul Foley**

## Adelaide Branch Meetings

First Thursday of the month

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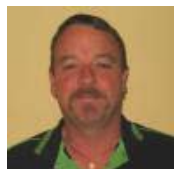
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and check out the latest news on branch happenings

## Barossa Group



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on the 1st Sunday of the month



## Rides Captain

Andrew Mill

Phone: 08 7220 2266

Mobile: 0412 312 243

## Wednesday Rides Captain

until Mick recovers,  
Kevin Brenton 8332 4719

## Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

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### Northern Yorke Peninsula (Wednesday Riders)

Leader	Clive Ford	8821 1598
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### Yorke Peninsula Riding Group

Co-ordinator	Rod Lind	8837 7260
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## Mid-Weeker at Port Vincent

April 27, 28, 29  
(returning 29)



**Leave:** Munno Para 10.30 am. Morning smoko Pt. Wakefield, Lunch stop at Ardrossan

**Accommodation:** Tuckerway Camp, Dormitory Style, Bring sleeping bag, etc.  
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**Meals:** Catered for, costs shared. Includes 2 evening meals.

**Payment:** \$10 deposit required with name at time of booking.  
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**Booking & enquiries:** Mick Sandley      8251 2435 H      0407 817 362 Mob

### Food for thought...

The old Professor stood before our chemistry class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty Vegemite jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked us, the students, if the jar was full. We said that it was not.

The Professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open area between the golf balls. He then asked us if the jar was full. We said that it was not.

The Professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. We responded with a unanimous 'Yes.'

Our class laughed, here was this old Professor with a ridiculous experiment. 'Now,' said the Professor, as the laughed, 'I want each and everyone of the medical students to recognise that this jar represents your life.' The class became silent.....

'The golf balls are the important things- your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favourite passions- things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the only thing that matter, like your job and position, your house, your car. The sand is everything else- the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children, take time to get medical check ups. Take your spouse out to dinner, play another 18 holes. Do not consume your time gossiping or worrying what people say about you. There will always be time to clean the house, and fix the gutters.'

Lyn Nash



## Mid-Weeker

20, 21, 22 July

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Deposit Required, \$10

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## Just in case you're planning to do a little cooking



To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes.

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When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking tin, use a bit of dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.

Go to the bakery!  
Hell, they'll even decorate it for you!



Wrap celery in aluminium foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

Celery? Never heard of it!



Cure for headaches: take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

Take a lime, mix it with tequila, chill and drink! All your pains go away!



Don't throw out all that leftover wine. Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces.

Leftover wine???????  
HELLO!!!!!!



## HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND DON'T MOVE FAST ANYMORE.

George Phillips, an elderly man, from Melbourne, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?"

He said "No, but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me."

Then the police dispatcher said, "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available."

George said, "Okay."

He hung up the phone and counted to 30.

Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them." And he hung up.

Within five minutes, six police cars, a SWAT Team, a helicopter, two fire trucks, a paramedic, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!?"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

Don't mess with old people.



Who was the lucky Wednesday rider who got a new tank bra for Christmas but had trouble fitting it to his yellow Yamaha??



# Monthly Dinners - photos by Jenny Hills



For bookings and cancellations for all dinners,  
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(leave message on message bank)

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## Seen at the February & March Dinners

The meal and atmosphere at the OG HOTEL was up with lots of chatting and laughs. Good to see Pauline looking good in her retirement and hearing about her travels to the USA and white Christmas. Mick was looking healthy and toasted the birthday babes, Kevin and Athalie. However, Ross was missed, but not forgotten. We all trust you had a good birthday and, judging by the cards we saw, your friends and family share your sense of humour!



**Friday, 15th April**

**7pm**

**Somerset Hotel**  
**505 Bridge Road**  
**Para Hills**

**Closing date for bookings**  
**Wednesday, 13th April**



**Margaret, Neil, Adrian & Coral**

What a great night! It was good to see Vanessa, Noel and Bethany, and Carlene back from a tour. We wish her well for the next one she is about to take. The meal was good and I have to say it's the first time in a long time where we had prawns (which were yummy) served without their tails - what a pleasure! Mick has had his medication readjusted and was looking good, while Jeanie has mastered 2 wheel pedal power, finally, and is looking good for trying to keep up with Kevin. We were all shocked with the news of the earthquake in Japan, followed by the terrible tsunami. We are thankful we live in a good part of Australia.

**Noel & Bethany**



**Friday, 13th May**

**7pm**

**Maylands Hotel**  
**67 Phillis St. Maylands**

**Closing date for bookings**  
**Wednesday, 11th May**



**Friday, 10th June**

**7pm**

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## TYRES



### The Broken Lawnmower

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed..

But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the Ute, making beer.. Always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house.. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush.

I said, 'When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway.'

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.



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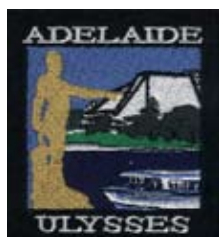




# At AGM , February, 2011

## Pictured opposite is Adelaide Branch Committee for 2011-12

Back: Vanessa Humphris (Quartermaster), Chris Roberts, Barry Hall, Bundi Mill, Andrew Mill (President and Rides Captain), Ken Wagnitz (Secretary and Webmaster)  
 Front: Mikele (Piper) Amorico (Welfare Officer), Adrian Horan (Treasurer)



### Guest Speakers

One of our guest speakers at our February meeting was Phil McClelland (left), Co-ordinator of 4Bs (Bent & Buckled Bikers Brigade) a sub-committee of the Motorcycle riders Association (SA) (MRA).

The 4Bs is a group of motorcycling enthusiasts caring for hospitalised motorcyclists. The 4Bs is self-supporting and non-profit making. The service provided is free.

Here are just some of the ways in which the 4Bs assists motorcyclists:

- Visits to the RAH, TQEH, FMC Hampstead Centre on a regular basis
- Moral support provided by fellow motorcyclists
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### RAH Research into Diabetes

At left, is a group of young doctors who attended our meeting and spoke about research they are working on with diabetes. They were looking for volunteers to take part in this very important work. They had many members take up the opportunity to take the required paperwork home to perhaps take part.  
 From left: Antonietta, Tongzhi, Chinmay and Michelle.

## Sunday round-up - photos by Bundi

### 6th February

Well, what another great turnout! There were around 40 of us at Top of Taps in cool but fine weather. We set off to Ackland Hill, Mylor, along River Road to Hahndorf, to Swamp Road and Lenswood. Next, along Fox Creek Road to Cuddlee Creek for morning tea with what seemed to be every other motorcyclist in Adelaide. Then we went to Gumeracha, turned towards Forreston then over Checkers Hill Road to Kersbrook, Williamstown, Lyndoch and Tanunda where we turned to Bethany, Angaston, Eden Valley and to Mt Pleasant, where we turned to Tungkillo, God's country (Palmer) and to Mannum for lunch. It was a great group of riders in fabulous weather. The river level at Mannum has risen with the water lapping at the underside of the jetty boards.



### 13th February

Around 30 of us met at Civic Park, before we set off up Ansteys Hill and on to Gorge Road and then to Lobethal past the boys in blue. Then through Inverbrackie and to Nairne, through Wistow, Woodchester on to Langehorne Creek and then Milang for morning tea. We were a little late getting there, as Ray did his best for Clean Up Australia by picking up a six inch piece of steel with his tyre (see pic below). We left Milang and headed to Clayton, where a large roo joined in the ride, then to Finnis, Strath, up to Ashbourne and then to Meadows for lunch.



### 20th February

It was a bit showery, but there were still 16 bikes gathered at Maca's. We set off up to Norton Summit, to Uraidla, Spring Gully Road past the scout camp, and then to Mount George and Bridgewater. Next, along River Road to Echunga, Macclesfield and then Strath for morning tea. While we were, there a couple of scantily clad, female cyclists turned up and drew a slight bit of attention. Once the guys had picked up The Odyssey

their chins from the ground, we headed off along Paris Creek Road and then turned down Bull Creek Road (an intersection not for the faint-hearted), turned to Nangkita and then went through Mt Compass. We followed the main road here as far as Pages Flat Road, to Myponga where we made our way to the full-looking dam. We went over the dam wall and eventually on to Normanville for lunch. We had our obligatory visit from the lady at the video store 'cause all those nasty motorbike riders always park in front of her shop and keep the hundreds of customers away that go there on Sundays. She is actually really nice, but there is always limited parking in Normanville on a nice day, and in front of her shop is always empty, so that's why folk park there.



### 27th February

22 headed off through Chain of Ponds and on through to Cuddlee Creek, up Fox Creek Road to Lenswood and then to Woodside. We then went around the back of Oakbank and Balhannah and into Hahndorf, to Echunga and then Flaxley, where we turned along Whites Road to Meadows for morning tea. From here, we set off through the Kuitpo Forest, along Peters Creek Road, Wickam Hill Road to the Range and then on to Willunga. Next, we made our way to Pages Flat Road, Hindmarsh Tiers Road which we followed to Nettle Hill Road, then to Sawpit Road and, eventually, to Victor Harbour for lunch.



...and you ask why there are jokes comparing Ulyssians to seagulls!

### 6th March

Around 30 folk were at Top of Taps including a long lost Bunny and Miss Prissy. We set off, making our way to Mylor via Ackland Hill Road, along River Road to Hahndorf and then past The Cedars and on to Balhannah. We followed the main road through Oakbank and Woodside, Lobethal and Gumeracha. We then made our way along Burford Hill Road, Angas Creek Road



## Sunday round-up - photos by Bundi

and then into Birdwood for morning tea. From Birdwood we then went to Forreston and Kersbrook, turned to One Tree Hill and made our way to Gawler, through Kalbeeba to Cockatoo Valley, past the nudist camp (hello Larry) and into Lyndoch. We then made our way to Sandy Creek, back through Cockatoo Valley, past the Whispering Wall and on to Williamstown for lunch. The weather was fantastic for riding, the company was fantastic for socializing - couldn't ask for much better.



### 13th March

About 20 of us gathered at Maca's before making our way up Greenhill Road, detoured through the beautiful Piccadilly Valley, back on to Greenhill Road, along Deviation Road, along the Lobethal Road to Lenswood, where we turned along Fox Creek Road, (well most of us did. Seems a few didn't see the corner marshal). We then made our way back to Lenswood and along Swamp Road, into Oakbank and on to Balhannah for morning tea. A few went home from here and the rest of us set off to Littlehampton and Nairne, following the Old Princess Hwy through to Monarto and on to Mannum, splattering a few locusts along the way, then we followed the mighty Murray to Walkers Flat where we crossed the river via the ferry and finally on to Swan Reach for lunch by the rather swollen river



### 27th March

About 20 folk gathered at Civic Park including a few prospective new members. We set off and up Anstey Hill and then to the upper reaches of Gorge Road, on to Lenswood, Woodside and then turned off at Oakbank making our way to Littlehampton, Mt Barker, along Old Mt Barker Road to Echunga. Here we lost a few who decided to misread the corner marshal's direction and went the wrong way. Most of us went through Flaxley and on to Macclesfield and then turned towards Meadows. Now a

kilometre or so along this road is a turn signposted Meadows, which we were not taking but continuing straight on and into Meadows via Greenhills Road. However, someone, who will remain nameless (Tony), decided to become a corner marshal and make half the ride go into Meadows that way. From Meadows after consuming much coffee and cake we headed off along Bull Creek Road, down Paris Creek Road to Strath, then Wistow and along Paech and Bald Hills Road to Nairne. Then we followed the Old Princess Hwy to Callington where we turned off to Woodchester. From here, we went through Langhorne Creek and then to our lunch destination of Milang. Most of the day was rather cool and overcast but fine, however, while we were at Milang solving the problems of the world, the sun came out and warmed things up, making for a rather pleasant ride home.



### A TRUE STORY

The Australian Government and the NSW Forestry Service were presenting an alternative to NSW sheep farmers for controlling the dingo population. It seems that after years of the sheep farmers using the 'tried and true' methods of shooting and/or trapping the predators, the Labor Government (Peter Garrett - Environmental Minister), the NSW Forestry Service and the Greens tree-huggers had a more humane solution.

What they actually proposed was for the animals to be captured alive, the males would then be castrated and let loose again. Therefore the population would be controlled. This was ACTUALLY proposed to the NSW Sheep Farmers Association and Farming Association by the Federal Government and the NSW Forestry Service.

All of the sheep farmers thought about this amazing idea for a couple of minutes. Finally, one of the old boys in the back of the conference room stood up, tipped his hat back and said, "Mr Garrett, son, I don't think you understand our problem. These dingos ain't f@\*kin' our sheep - they're eatin' 'em."

You should have been there to hear the roar of laughter as Mr Peter Garrett and the members of the NSW Forestry Service, the Greens and the other tree huggers left the meeting very sheepishly.



## Not the AGM Weekend at Meningie

What a stroke of brilliance that Wendy King thought of having the “not the AGM” at Meningie. We had great weather, great company, great food and a fantastic time was had by almost 80 Ulysses members.

Most of us arrived Friday and, as soon as we could, got stuck into happy hour and, boy, weren't some people happy! The Nappas and Jan and their crew, having an early start on the group, were especially “happy”.

Wendy had organised nibbles (courtesy of the Adelaide Branch), the eskies and chairs appeared and soon everyone was catching up.

The local Progress Association put on great steak sandwiches for tea which were very tasty and at only \$7.00 were a bargain. The owners of the Meningie Caravan Park, Mark and Tania, joined us and even provided fire buckets to keep us warm, although some of us were not really feeling the cold.

Saturday morning saw some pretty hung over Ulysses members so it must have been a good night.

Once again the good old Progress Association turned up and gave us a tasty egg and bacon sandwich for brekkie. That helped to clear a few heads.

Saturday's morning ride to Raukkan and then around the lakes was so interesting. This ride was led and organised by John Howard who works in the area and has lots of local knowledge.



We were able to have a look in the old church at Raukkan. It is actually the church that is on the \$50 note, and the man on the note, David Unaipon, also came from the area. John organised for one of the Community Leaders, Clive Rigney, to tell us about the community, David and the church. He was very interesting, telling us about the history of the area and the community's projects. I for one was impressed with how well the community is going. They are working hard at having a self-reliant community and are not far from getting there.



Because a lot of motorbikes attract a lot of attention, especially from young kids, we had 5 little ones hanging around entertaining us with their athletic ability. I wonder if we might see them in the future playing in the AFL. Anyway, it paid off for them, as they were treated to ride on Paul Sponheimer's outfit. Thanks, Spenny! (Photo shows the boys on the Andersons' Goldwing.)

Back to Meningie for lunch and a quick poke around the shops then off again out to Camp Coorong.

The Odyssey



Here, we were treated to more interesting, local information from Tom and Ellen Trevorow. The museum is a definite must if you are in the area, so much information on the history of the area and the Ngarrendjeri people. They are doing a great job teaching the young kids many skills that would otherwise be lost. You can even stay there in the backpackers out the back.

Afterwards we headed back to town and freshen up or tea at the pub.

Chris, the publican, put on a great feed for the 80 of us that turned up and filled his dining room. He even had a TV for the Crows fans so they could watch them win against Hawthorn. There was a lot less alcohol consumed on Saturday night and a fairly early night was had by most.

Sunday morning and most people were packed up early and off down the road. Some of us called in to home of the President of the Progress Association for



another great breakfast and a look at his collection of Austin cars and memorabilia. Andrew and Debbie were very generous in opening their home (on the edge of the lake) to us and what a bonus the shed was.

As we only had a short trip home we took our time and stopped off at Meadows for smoko and a catch up with the Sunday ride people then off home.

So a big thank you to Wendy, John and Sue for organising a great weekend; it worked out well and we were able to do our bit for tourism in the area. A number of members said they would be back.

**Dale Howard**





# Not the AGM Weekend at Meningie



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## Vietnam Rider

Seventeen Adelaide based motorcyclists had the pleasure of riding around North Vietnam in November – the memories will be with us forever as it was a fabulous trip.

You may remember that Top Gear visited Vietnam a couple of years ago, and that particular episode had me thinking that I too would like to do this. I happened to mention this at the Torrens Valley Branch meeting and 30 or so very interested people also thought that they too liked the idea.

After a short Internet search, we picked on a reputable Company in Vietnam to organize the tour, including the hiring of bikes, motel bookings back up bus for those that did not ride, two mechanics, the ride leader and general itinerary for a 13 day tour of North Vietnam.

When all the prices were added up and the general plan agreed upon, the total cost was US\$1040 per rider and US\$650 per person in the bus. The bus was able to carry our luggage. This equated to US\$69 per day for the 15 days we were there – a true bargain which was further value added when the Aussie dollar obtained parity!! The airfare via Kuala Lumpur was AU\$1100 to Hanoi which tempered our enthusiasm somewhat.

The big day arrived on November 4, 2010. By this time, as we departed Adelaide Airport, our numbers had dwindled down to 17 persons which was at the very limit of what the tour operator, Nam from Vietnam Rider, could handle anyway. It was to be his biggest ever tour.

After an uneventful trip to Hanoi, including an overnight stay at KL, we arrived keen and eager to get amongst the traffic – little did we know what was in store for us.

We were met by Nam and ushered into two busses for the inaugural indoctrination to life on the roads in Vietnam. First thought: “there are no road rules in Vietnam” which was still the thought at the end of the tour. Bikes were everywhere and comprised 95% of the traffic as they darted here and there in no particular pattern. Generally, they stuck to the right of the carriage-way, but many riders thought this was not an option and battled their way against the oncoming traffic anyway! Double lines mean nothing and are a waste of paint – we soon learnt to ignore them as well when stuck behind a slow moving vehicle. Helmet wearing is mandatory in Vietnam and this move has seen the motorcycle road toll decrease by 50% almost instantly, however, 20% of riders still ignore this law.

We arrived at our hotel in the Old Quarters in central Hanoi, the theory being that we did not ride in the city, as it was deemed just too adventurous for us at this tender stage of the trip. We battled on foot that night against the hoards of bikes to get to the café for our first Vietnamese meal, the food we were to enjoy for the rest of the trip.

At one particular intersection, four heavily trafficked roads all come together and we just stood there in amazement as hundreds of small motorcycles came together and shot out the cauldron to their chosen destination. It was like watching a washing machine full of socks - no road rage, no yelling, no collisions, no little piles of glass, just a smooth transition for all participants from the apparent chaos.

Next morning, we were taken out of the city to be introduced to our bikes, which were to be ours for the next 13 days. All bikes in Vietnam must be under 175cc and we soon found out why. The speed limits all across the country are mostly 50 kph, and to exceed this was often impossible because of the traffic density and the crappy road surfaces. So, 125cc bikes were more than adequate and we grew to like these little meanies a lot during the

next two weeks. We scored 5 Yamaha YBR 125ccs, a commuter type of bike we do not see in Australia, 5 Honda Neo's scooters and the most controversial of the lot, 5 Russian made Minsk 125cc. These are refugees from the American War and closely resemble the BSA Bantam. They were certainly ‘old school’ with the need to mix two stroke oil with the petrol - they didn't even have a speedo! We all dodged them in the morning as we had a pre-arranged agreement to ride each bike in rotation, but by the end of the trip, we all had grown to like the little buggers, as they had the softest seat and handled the really crappy roads the best. After a short introductory zip around the car park, we were off on a 2000 km adventure.

We thought that riding on the opposite side of the road would test us the most, but, seeing that we were literally just following the leader, this came almost naturally. We soon began to know what was needed to make safe passage through the mayhem on the roads.

‘Expect the unexpected’ soon became our mantra – bikes just zoomed into our pathway from all directions, the riders oblivious of other road users. Animals sauntered around – we did not mind the chooks, but the water buffalo were a concern as they certainly had a huge presence. In one incident, a rider glanced off the side of a buffalo just missing those huge horns, with the following rider braking heavily and hitting head height into the animal's rear end. Luckily we did not have to pull the lady riders head from the ‘dark area’ under the tail. Many more hits were recorded on the trip with dogs, chooks, geese and some other animals we did not know the names of, all going under our wheels. One rider hit a policeman and after an active debate, all departed on good terms.

We were advised to take our Australia Licences as International Licences are not accepted in Vietnam, the only country in the World to not do so. “If you are pulled over, leave the negotiations to me,” said Nam, our Leader.

One thing we all did was to don our green fluoro vests for the trip and what a great idea this turned out to be. Not only could we see where the other riders were away ahead of us, but the kids all thought we looked funny and cheered us wildly as we passed. We *thought* they were cheering anyway, but probably they were saying something along the lines of “Aussie wankers go home”

The scenery all the way was fantastic. We were in mountain ranges most of the time and rode up to 3,000 metres just before entering SaPa in the far north. The little bikes were straining in second gear most of the time, but kept on going. The Minsk, in particular, were in hard labour, emitting vast quantities of smoke. We tried to keep them apart to enable other riders to get some clear air, but they somehow always accumulated at the rear of the pack.

The price of fuel was around 70 cents a litre which to us was a bargain, but to the locals on \$10 on a week wage, it was a major commitment. Hence, the trucks were either small or have small motors making them slow in the hilly terrain, and often breaking down usually ‘just around the corner’. When this happened, large boulders were rolled out to stop the trucks running backwards and repairs were done on the road. Oil was just dumped in-situ and when the repairs were concluded, the trucks just drove off leaving two massive rocks in the wheel paths for thrill seeking motorcyclists for battle with.

Large buffalo turds were also a concern along with crops drying on the pavement, large piles of road building material covering 50% of the road and even temporary buildings erected out to the middle of the road. As I said – ‘expect the unexpected’.

The pavements in general were poor but there is a massive road building program going on at the moment, but the recently



opened roads I saw were almost instantly destroyed within the first week – a severe lack of sub-surface compaction was the reason, as the bitumen was just poured on the skimmed surface without sufficient compacted effort underneath. Road surfaces varied from ‘great’ to ‘bomb craters’. At one stage, we were making forward progress by having to stand up on the bikes using first gear and this was through the main street of a large town. Dust was a constant companion.

We visited the Chinese Border three times during the trip and saw the opulence just across the border. The roads were much better and the buildings new and tidy.

At one stage, we were really in the backwaters and the people we met obviously had never seen a Westerner, and marveled at our height and physique as well as several well grown beards (on the blokes of course). Overall, the native tribes we met along the way were very friendly. School is compulsory for those up to the age of 15 and their knowledge of Australia left our knowledge of Vietnam for dead. The biggest and most decorated building in each town and city were schools – education is a top priority in Vietnam.

The Country is run under the communist system, but the only sign of this was the blacked out limousines seen on the road, the occasional morning propaganda speeches over the loud speaker systems and the Vietnamese flags proudly flown from the Party Leaders’ houses. The capitalist system is rife and seems to sit easily next to the official communist ideals of the country.

Most days we averaged just 180 kms a day, which was more than adequate. One day ran into overtime and we were forced to ride in a very twisty, dangerous road under the cover of darkness, adding to the thrill of the ride. Many times we glanced down to see the valley below, some 700 metres with no guard rails. All this on a narrow carriage-way with oncoming traffic forcing us to virtually pull over and stop.

Each accommodation venue was pre-booked and it was a relief to finally make our destinations each night and settle into the clean comfortable hotel rooms we found in each place. Meals averaged out to \$10 a day and these varied from full on seafood smorgasbords to simple noodle and rice concoctions that were both tasty and adequate.

Several nights were spent in ‘home stay’ where we mucked in with the locals in one of their stilt houses, enjoying their company for meals and entertainment. These nights were a highlight even though we all ate on the floor and slept together – we are all still good mates at the end of the trip!

After each days ride we gathered together to simply whoop and cheer at the ride just completed such was the quality of the scenery and the constant twisty roads we ‘raced’ over.

The little bikes ran almost faultlessly, and I am sure that Casey Stoner would be hard pressed to keep up as foot pegs scraped and horns tooted to warn of our coming passage. After each night the bikes were given a thorough check over by the travelling mechanics. The first thing to be checked was the horn to make sure it was in good working condition.

On the last two days, we really needed a relaxing time as we headed for Halong Bay on the east coast. This area is dotted with some 1900 islands and is a favourite tourist destination for all visitors to Vietnam. We had a whole ship to ourselves as we soaked up the sunshine and fabulous food and relived memories that would last us a life time.

It was with some reluctance that we jumped on the bikes for the last time in Vietnam and headed to Hanoi, and joined back into the frantic throng.

Crashes – yes we had a few with 8 of the 15 riders going down at some stage, but owing to the low speeds and good protective clothing, there were only bruises and dented prides that resulted.

The weather had been perfect with average day temperatures of 25 degrees, nights at 15 degrees and only one hour of rain for the whole time on the bikes.

We are still coming down from a high even though we have been back now for a few months. The scenery was breathtaking, the people were fascinating and friendly, the adventure riding was unbelievable and all for a song. We gave our mechanics and bus driver a good tip which would equate to quite a few months pay for them. The looks on their faces made us feel good as we all were ‘millionaires’ to them, which carried quite a feeling of guilt.

I thoroughly recommend a trip to Vietnam, especially the far north where tourism is just starting to gain a foot hold. We had a ball and there is talk of going again in two years time. We now have to obey double lines!!!

For further information go to the Vietnam Riders web site at [www.vietnamrider.com](http://www.vietnamrider.com))

**Neville Gray #3394**



# 18th Central Odyssey - City of Port Pirie, 'City of Friendly People' Memorial Oval - Adjacent to the CBD

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After lunch, maybe visit another **Winery** and back through **Port Germein Gorge to Port Germein**.

Time and/or weather permitting, maybe a walk down the Jetty and then drive around **Port Flinders** (locally known as Weeroona Island) and home via **Napperby**.

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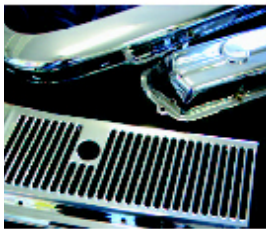
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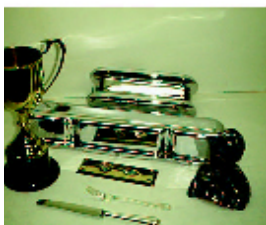
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3. The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.

4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad, penniless.

5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement, shot himself.

6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, also committed suicide

However, In that same year, 1923, the winner of the worlds most important motorcycle race, the Isle of Man T.T., was Stanley Woods.

What became of him?

He won 10 T.T. races between 1923 and 1939, he lived on the Isle of Man and rode motorcycles all his life. He lapped the island circuit at 82 mph in 1957 (The Golden Jubilee) aged 54

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## Sunday, 1st May

Depart BP Port Wakefield 8.30am for breakfast at Hamley Bridge. After breakfast ride to Mount Pleasant for lunch, return home via Barossa Valley.

## Saturday, 28th, Sunday, 29th May

Overnighter at Corny Point. Meet at Pope's Deli, Port Wakefield, Saturday 12.00 noon for lunch. Please book own accommodation

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## Saturday, 11th, Sunday, 12th, Monday, 13th June

Combined ride with Fleurieu Branch at Port Wakefield. Meet at Pope's Deli, Port Wakefield, 12.00noon for lunch. Rides on YP Saturday and Sunday.

## Accommodation in Port Wakefield

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It is most important to book your accommodation ASAP, as it will fill up quickly due to the long weekend.

## Sunday, 3rd July

Meet at BP, Port Wakefield 10.30am, ride to Ardrossan to "Meet the Kings"

## Ride Report

### Saturday, 5th and Sunday, 6th February, 2011

We could not have wished for better weather conditions, after almost a week of oppressive heat, a turn for the better produced ideal conditions for riding over the weekend.

On Saturday, we met up with members of the Lower Murray Branch at Balaklava for lunch. The lunch break rest must have generated a new burst of energy amongst them all, as they opted to take the longer and more scenic route via Kulpara and Arthurton to Ardrossan. Judging by the after ride comments, they really appreciated the twisty route in contrast to the boring ride that they had endured across the Adelaide Plains.

On arrival, it was time to book into the Motel and Caravan Park and enjoy a bit of socialising for the rest of the afternoon, before the evening meal. We took up three tables at the local pub, with members from Lower Murray, Adelaide and Fleurieu Branches and Yorke Peninsula Riding Group all enjoying a great meal and getting to know each other.

Sunday morning, our visitors opted have a bit of a sleep in and do a short tour of Yorke Peninsula before heading home.

Y.P.R.G and Fleurieu members got an early start and headed off to Hamley Bridge to join Torrens Valley Branch and Barossa Valley Riding Group for breakfast at the local Hall. This is the second year that we have had breakfast there, and it is proving to be so well attended, that it was decided to make it an annual event. After breakfast, an impromptu decision was made and was taken up by quite a few riders, to travel to Clare for lunch at one of the parks.



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The leg on which Australia stands

## Sunday Rides

are held on the first Sunday of the month. Watch these pages for details and updates or contact Rod Lind on **8837 7260/ 0418 527 977** for info.

## 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.

After lunch it was time to say our goodbyes and head off for home, with the thoughts of what can only be described as a fantastic and full on weekend firmly entrenched in our minds.

## CORNY POINT OVERNIGHTER Saturday, 28th, Sunday, 29th May

Saturday Meet At Pope's Deli, Port Wakefield for 11.30am. lunch

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## On the Sick List

One of our members, Dennis McKenna, from Port Vincent, is not travelling very well at the moment. Although he has not ridden much of late, due to failing health, Dennis was very active in the past, covering many kilometres on his Red BMW and trailer and, later, on his Honda trike with Genny as a passenger.



I know that Dennis would love to have some visitors, but please phone Genny on 8853 7464 or 0418 856 096 to check if it is ok to visit

**Rodney Lind**  
**Ride Co-ordinator**  
**Yorke Peninsula Riding Group**  
**0418 527 977**  
**8837 7260**



Above: A couple of familiar faces, (centre right) Larry Caspers (Rides Captain for Lower Murray Branch) and (forefront right) Pat Rice, Fleurieu.

Above Right: Rae, Breals, Les and Chris at breakfast

Right: The meet at Balaklava



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'No,' she answered.

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The ride calendar will be updated every month. Any updates during the month will be emailed out and copies put on the counter at Boats 'n' Bikes. The calendar will also be on display in the window of Boats 'n' Bikes.

All rides will have a ride leader and a tail-end Charlie (will always stay at the back of the group) so that everyone can ride at their own pace. We will also use corner marshals when the ride leader thinks it is required. The rider immediately behind the leader will stop and wait on a corner if the ride leader indicates (by pointing to the corner) and will remain on the corner directing other riders until tail end Charlie goes past. If you are willing to be a corner marshal then you just need to ride up front, but if you don't want the job then don't ride immediately behind the leader. The system works well if adhered to and lets everyone ride in confidence and that they will not get lost even if they cannot see any other riders.

If you would like to have the rides calendar and any updates emailed to you, email me and I will email the calendar to you in future.

### Ride Co-ordinators

Bev and Terry May

E-Mail – [tbgemayatwestnet.com.au](mailto:tbgemayatwestnet.com.au)

Ph. 8632 3420

Mob. 0449 591 186

### Ride Calendar for 2011

Rides leave from the Solomontown Caltex Service Station unless otherwise stipulated.

**April 10th** – Torrens Valley Ulysses Branch annual sausage sizzle in Port Pirie. Ride Leader Wayne Partridge. Leave Caltex at 9.30 to ride to Snowtown, refuel and meet up with the Torrens Valley and Adelaide Ulysses Groups. Ride back with them for a BBQ lunch at Wayne's house – 15 Plantation Crescent. Cost of BBQ \$5.00. As in the past assistance with supplying a salad is sought and would be appreciated and these can be dropped off at Wayne and Bev's in the morning. Those interested and who don't wish to go on the ride may like to help with the preparation/cooking in the morning while waiting for the riders to return. Contact Wayne or Bev for more details.

**April 17th** – Ride Leader Les Beyer – leave Pt Pirie at 8.30am for Burra and morning tea. Then through to Eudunda to Clare for Lunch. Back to Pt Pirie via Bute and Pt Broughton

**May 21** – Overnighter to Blinman. Ride leader Terry May. Stay at the Blinman Hotel. More details later.

**June 19th** – Lost Balls Ride – Ride leader Cossie with help from Wayne from Yakka. More details later

**July 16th** – Ride to the Shed at Whyalla. Ride Leader Glen Solomon. Meet at Caltex at 9.30am. Ride to Pt Augusta for coffee then onto the Shed at Whyalla for BBQ lunch with the Whyalla Ulysses group.

**August 19th, 20th and 21st** – overnight to Melrose. Ride leader Les Beyer. Stay in the bunkhouse either Friday and Saturday nights or just Saturday night. 7 separate rooms which will sleep up to 4 people in each. Can also camp or book a cabin if you want. Bunkhouse is \$20.00 per person per night. Meals will be supplied at minimal cost – cooked Bfst, BBQ tea. Firewood supplied and some tours may be arranged for Saturday. Names and \$10.00 deposit to Les by July 25th 2011. Some vehicles will be travelling over and will be able to take luggage and bedding. Ride on Sunday to leave Pt Pirie at 9.00am and travel to Melrose to meet up with those camping then to Orroroo for lunch.

**September 18th** – Ride to Blyth for film. Ride leader Brian Carmody. Leave Pirie and ride to Blyth. Morning tea and film then to Blyth Pub for lunch round corner from film hall. More details later.

**October 16th** – still vacant

**November 20th** – still vacant.

**December 18th** – still vacant

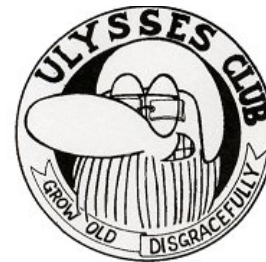
Suggestions have been made for over-nighters to Hahndorf, Martindale Hall and Bungaree Homestead. Brian Carmody has looked into Martindale Hall. However, this appears to be quite expensive at \$230.00 per person per night for Dinner, bed and breakfast which will mean almost \$500.00 per couple. He is looking into Bungaree for more details. An overnighter to Hahndorf is always a good weekend so if there is anyone interested let me know.

Bev



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14-15th May	Kimba-Cleve Overnighter	Robert Young 8683 1254	2nd May	North Shields	10.00 am
4-5th June	Whyalla Breast Cancer Fundraiser	Led by Paul Miller 8684 3561 Please refer to ad on page 34 for details on accommodation and RSVP	Advise Whyalla contacts of attendance ad p.34	North Shields	8.30 am
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Left: Hobbit and Robbo

Below: Heather and James Bartsch

The girls: Heather, Lorraine and Rae

Bottom: Hoppy and his mate

The place, where we were, is owned by the Lithuanian Community. It is a great place for a function for the weekend, with bunks for sleeping, a beautiful lawned area in the middle, a fabulous kitchen, with all the mod cons, and plenty of showers and toilets.

We sat outside on Friday night until it got a bit cool, when we went inside and listened to music, played games, talked and ate supper. We had a lovely surprise when Carmel Sanders paid us a surprise visit. She is a member of 20 years standing. She doesn't ride anymore but the Ulysses spirit lives on in her general demeanor. It was really good to catch up with her, Chrissie and Gryphie.

In the morning, Mick (Go-Down) cooked us a wonderful breakfast. He really knows his stuff. I have cooked plenty of breakfasts, but they never turn as good as this one was - eggs cooked to perfection, bacon crisp, but not too hard, tomatoes, mushrooms, beans and lovely, thick toast, with lashings of butter. It was just yummy.

Paul led us on a ride at 9.30 the next morning. We took the car and because I hadn't had a catch up with Chrissie for months - she came with us and we let Don sit in the back. We had a good look around the Fleurieu and had coffee at Victor Harbour. We tried to find the bikes, but we kept missing them. I was amazed at the growth down there. It is a beautiful part of South Australia. We got back at about 2.00pm, then just sat around and had a few drinks 'til tea time, when Mick had another feast for us. Then we had a great surprise! A blues band rocked up and we spent the night sitting out on the grass listening to great music, talking, laughing, and eating and drinking. (We had an enormous supper that night - platters of fresh fruit and sandwiches, and cake) What more could we want!!? We were very spoilt indeed. That night was stinking hot!! And the next day was as well. Most people packed up early, to try to miss the heat, but not before we had another cooked breakfast.

I want to thank Sandy and Doug Ware (below) and Hobbit for all their hard work to make this weekend's FOFF rally such a FFFN good time.

**Sue Freene**



The Odyssey



## Lower Murray Branch

Meets at Dundee's Hotel, Murray Bridge on the 2nd Tuesday of the month; Dinner @ 6.30, Meeting 8 pm. Everybody most welcome.

We have coffee every Saturday morning @ 10am in Strathalbyn, at Jack's Cafe in High Street.

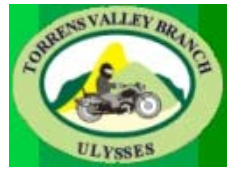
Rides every 2nd Sunday, with a Wednesday ride monthly. Phone for details.

### Branch contacts as follows:-

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## Torrens Valley Branch Meetings

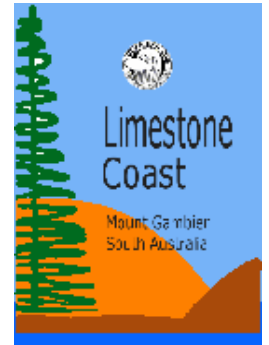
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### Sunday Meeting Place : Sunday

Coffee/chat will be held Jen's Hotel at 10am. Breakfast can be ordered earlier than this if needed. Any rides, on the day, will depart at 11am.

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### LOOK AFTER YOUR WIFE.....

A couple of weeks ago, I was sitting on the patio, drinking beer and watching my wife mow the lawn.

Sheila from next door saw us and was so upset that she came over and yelled at me, "You lazy prick! Sitting there drinking beer while your poor wife pushes that ancient lawn mower around! Get up off your fat arse and give her a break!"

I thought 'Shit! Women!' Took another swig from my stubby, wiped the cold foam from my lips, lifted my sunnies, stared directly at this nosey cow and told her in no uncertain terms to sod off and mind her own business. I told her my wife had green fingers and that she really enjoyed gardening.

After a few days I felt really bad, so I went out and bought her a ride-on mower to show my sensitive side. I'm really proud of the deal I got and also very proud that my wife can now sit down while mowing the lawn. Yes guys, we should take good care of our wives... then maybe they'll take good care of us.

See picture below



I know I'm too bloody soft with her. She'll probably want gears on it next!

### Email from an Arab student to his dad

Dear Dad  
Berlin is wonderful, people are nice and I really like it here, but Dad, I am a bit ashamed to arrive at my college with my pure-gold Ferrari 599GTB when all my teachers and many fellow students travel by train.  
Your son,  
Nasser



The next day, Nasser gets a reply to his e-mail from his dad:

My dear loving son



Twenty million US Dollar has just been transferred to your account. Please stop embarrassing us.  
Go and get yourself a train too.  
Love,  
your dad.

### Her Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner.

I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much. I asked him what was wrong; He said, 'Nothing.' I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it.

On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behaviour I don't know why he didn't say, 'I love you, too.' When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore.

He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. To my surprise, he responded to my caress, and we made love. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep - I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

### His Diary:

Boat wouldn't start, can't figure out why. Got a root though.

### THE JOURNEY OF MAN

When I was 14, I hoped that one day I would have a girlfriend.

When I was 16 I got a girlfriend, but there was no passion, so I decided I needed a passionate girl with a zest for life.

In college I dated a passionate girl, but she was too emotional. Everything was an emergency; she was a drama queen, cried all the time and threatened suicide. So I decided I needed a girl with stability.

When I was 25 I found a very stable girl but she was boring. She was totally predictable and never got excited about anything. Life became so dull that I decided that I needed a girl with some excitement.

When I was 28 I found an exciting girl, but I couldn't keep up with her. She rushed from one thing to another, never settling on anything. She did mad impetuous things and made me miserable as often as happy.

She was great fun initially and very energetic, but directionless. So I decided to find a girl with some real ambition.

When I turned 30, I found a smart ambitious girl with her feet planted firmly on the ground, so I married her. She was so ambitious that she divorced me and took everything I owned

I am older and wiser now, and am looking for a girl with big tits.



Hi Andrew and Wendy,

I have a friend in his 70s in Mandurah WA who has Leukemia (a different type to mine) and is riding his Can Am around Australia to raise funds and awareness of the risk of contracting Leukaemia in over 50s.



Brian and Chris are Ulyssians and are hoping to meet as many as possible along with Leukaemia patients on their trip. They will be travelling with friends who have a small campervan. They will be staying with David and I in our home.

They are staying at Tailem Bend on the 15th April and will be riding down to Nairne (our home) on Friday the 16th April. I was wondering if it is possible to ask the members if anyone would like to escort them from Tailem Bend to Nairne and then have a Bar-B-Q at our house. Or if they would like to escort them out of Adelaide, from Nairne through the Hills to either Gawler or Port Wakefield, we are going with them.

Brian has a web site which is attached to the Leukaemia Web site <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/personalPage.aspx?registrationID=369593&langPref=en-CA&Referrer=direct%2ffnone> if you would like to have a look. This will give you more insight into this lovely man.

Thanks so much for your help.

Trish Chatwin

To my fellow Ulyssians,

Can you imagine riding a pushbike 30 kilometres per day, over the worst possible roads you could imagine. Ruts in the road seem to reach up and try to swallow you, whilst the bumps are enormous. Often there is parts of the road that are so boggy you can't get through without getting off, or riding through the bush on the side of the road. And you do this every day! It is your job.

In November, I had the privilege to visit Northern Uganda, to help establish a recovery program for the residents of a district called Lukodi. The LRA rebels massacred 50 - 60 people (estimated to be more) in one afternoon in 2004, and the local residents are only now beginning to re-establish themselves in relative peace. The villagers have leadership groups (mainly women) who have plans for the future, which includes schooling for their children, crops for food and to sell, and small businesses to assist everybody in the overall recovery.

In the middle of this, is a young man called Sunday. He is the pushbike rider, whose job it is to support the villages in their programs. He visits the villages every day, riding his pushbike from Gulu to Lukodi over some of the worst roads I have ever seen. The plan is to get Sunday a motor bike. Now this immediately got my attention, and I have taken on the role of raising some money to assist the Adelaide based aid group "Bright Futures" to get him just that.....and the cost is only \$2500 (Australian dollars) ! It will be an off-road bike (for obvious reasons) but will be a remarkable improvement on his old push bike.

So, if you feel as though you can help, tax deductibility is available for any donation above \$2. I would be happy to come to your Branch meeting as a guest speaker and share my story first hand if that is possible.

My contact details are:

David Woodrooffe (Membership Number 37016)  
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