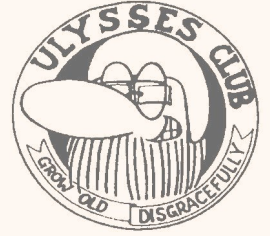


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Above from left: Bernie Gelston, Al Coffey, Brenton George, Chris Roberts, Frank, Pellas and Ken Wagnitz all stayed for lunch at Chateau Pellas

Below is just a sample of the spectacular scenery on Frank's Fleurieu Frolic





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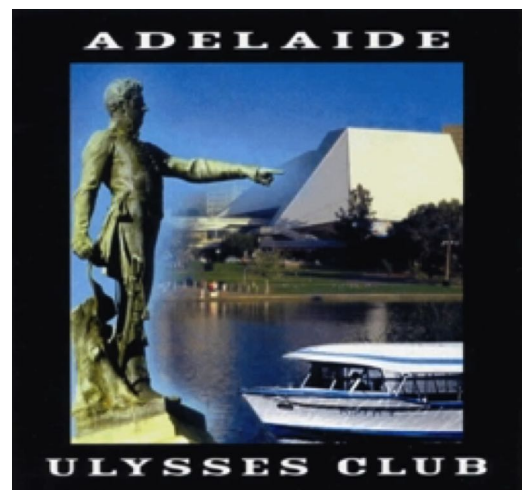
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Hi All,

Joy, oh joy! We have a volunteer to be the next editor of *The Odyssey* - Lloyd Sanderson!



This will be the last issue of *The Odyssey* for me, but rest assured, it will continue. Lloyd rode up to Ardrossan to meet with me and Garry a couple of weeks ago and the future of the Adelaide Branch newsletter is going to be in good hands.

I must thank **Adelaide Digital** (printers) for always having the magazine ready for me and also **Pack & Send (Unley) now Richmond** for making sure members received their copies asap. The professionalism of both organisations is outstanding.

Ken pinned an 85 year badge on Colin Leaker, after a recent Wednesday ride, after which birthday cake was on offer at Meadows. Colin is still riding his Honda 700 quite quickly, and is an inspiration to us all. Colin's profile on page 17.

Garry joined the Ulysses Club before I did, when I was still a pillion. We attended the first *Odyssey* which was held in Port Lincoln. As luck would have it, we camped next to Sue and Don Freene, where I heard a woman say, 'Hey, Don! Are you wearing your ear today?' I was standing on the air bed at the time, so promptly fell over trying to stifle my laughing! My first AGM was Toowoomba, and, wouldn't you know it, we were camped next to the Freenes and the Ryans! And the rest is history!! Garry's bout of illness on a holiday, left me without transport and way out of town. I vowed that would never happen again! I promptly got my licence and my own bike, a Honda CD 250U - gutless as anything over 80 kph, so no good in a group ride.. Then, with howls of 'Dad, can't you stop her?' coming from my daughters, I was quickly onto a Yamaha 535. My first real ride with the mob was to Toolybuc!!

Highlights of the last 20+ years are far too numerous to mention, but I'm sure some of them have been repeated by others at some time, especially when I've been with Sue.

I am grateful to the Ulysses Club for taking me all over Australia on my Yamaha for 6 years then for the next 13 on my ever reliable Honda Shadow 750.

I think I could fill a paperback with the memories I hold dear (and probably some of the ones I don't lol). But the one thing I can say, I have never regretted, for one moment, when Garry joined Ulysses and

started off my journey in The Club. We've ridden in all kinds of weather, from heat (Bunbury and up the Western Australian Coast) to the worst kind of winter weather imaginable (to Hawker, in particular, when decisions had to be made about whether to push on or go home from Burra). But it was all worth it when we hit the front bar at our destination.

One memorable ride was when, on our way a week early to the Coober Pedy *Odyssey*. Helena and Rob Cole, Garry and I were getting fuel at Spud Murphy's, when I noticed on the TV that Port Adelaide was having a pre game warm up before the Grand Final. I thought we could make Glendambo for the first bounce - maybe! Helena followed me! We were sitting with our first beer when the fellas rocked up! Helena said it was the best ride of her life!

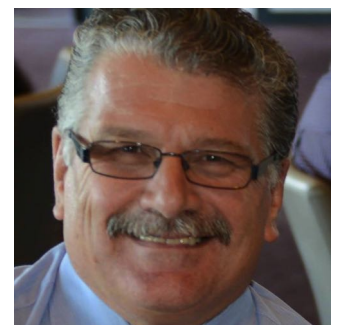
So many of the members we used to ride with don't ride any more, proof of the saying that 'all good things come to an end'. I just hope that when the next opportunity knocks on my door, I don't ask 'who's there?'

The refurbished trailer has been collected by Ken and is stored at Ray's son's block. As he hopes to sell the block soon, we are looking for a new home. The future of the trailer depends on someone having enough room to store it when not in use.

On a sadder note: Our Rides Leader from the 90s, Wayne (The Grey Ghost) Pontifex passed away in July. His funeral was held on 19th July at the Distinctive Funerals Chapel. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Wendy #8818

Welcome to Lloyd Sanderson, who will be the Editor of *The Odyssey* beginning with October's issue.



If you wish to submit articles, photos or any items of interest, you can contact him on

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Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar August-October 2018

Date	Leader	Event	Destination	Leaving from
Sunday 12th August 9.30 am	Ken Wagnitz 0417 353 389	Day Ride Gold coin lunch at Waggies'	Craigburn Farm	Top of Taps
Sunday 26th August 9.30 am	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Ashbourne	Civic Park Main North East Road Modbury
Sunday 9th September 9.30 am	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Rideeq		McDonald's 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday 23rd September 9.30 am	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	Mannum	Top of Taps
Sunday 7th October 9.30 am	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Goolwa	Civic Park Main North East Road Modbury
Sunday 21st October 9.30 am	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride		McDonald's 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens

Sunday ride

- Start locations usually rotate between the same three places, leaving at 9.30am.
- We cover 200+ km, stopping for morning tea around 11am, and lunch around 1pm. From the lunch stop, riders make their own way home.
- Rides are for Ulysses members only (except for Friends & Rellies rides).
- But feel free to come on a ride if you are thinking of joining and want to see what our rides (and members) are like.
- If you would like to lead a ride, contact the the Sunday Rides Co-ordinator, Mike Green 0419 003 010
- If you have a question re any Sunday ride, please contact the leader for that day.

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First Thursday of the month

European Catering
2 Chief Street
Hindmarsh

7.30 pm

Meals and bar available from 6.00 pm

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Branch happenings.

Sunday Rides Co-ordinator

Mike Green
0419 003 010

Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

1st Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car park, Burnside
2nd Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
3rd Wednesday,	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday	Feather Hotel Car Park, Burnside

Bring or buy your own lunch
For details, ring Kevin Brenton
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Branch Dinners

held monthly

usually the 2nd Friday. of the month
at various venues

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Contact Sue Freene
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Do not phone the venue
Bookings close on the Wednesday prior
to the event



Friday, 10th August, 2018

Sussex Hotel
68 Walkerville Tce
Walkerville

Bookings to Sue on 0413 567 747
by Wednesday, 8th August

DO NOT BOOK WITH THE VENUE



Friday, 14th September, 2018

Lockley's Hotel
493 Henley Beach Road
Fulham

Bookings to Sue on 0413 567 747
by Wednesday, 12th September

DO NOT BOOK WITH THE VENUE



Friday, 12th October, 2018

Feathers Hotel
516 Glynburn Road
Burnside

Bookings to Sue on 0413 567 747
by Wednesday, 10th October

DO NOT BOOK WITH THE VENUE

PLEASE NOTE: By general agreement at the July General Meeting, it was decided no to hold a Monthly Dinner in November, due to the Christmas Dinner being held during that month.



Put this in your diary!
Christmas Dinner Dance

Friday, 30th November, 2018
7.00 pm

Adelaide Branch Meeting venue
2 Chief St
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Adelaide, Torrens Valley and
Fleurieu Branches

Adelaide members: contact Sue
Freene to book on 0413 567 747

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By Dan Gibson



Gert finds out the new guy has a car, a valid drivers licence and a refillable Viagra prescription.

**3 Peninsula Ride
(12th annual (YP-EP-FP) 2018
Venue: Hall's Gap**

Date: Friday, 14th, Saturday, 15th, Sunday, 16th and Monday,
17th September, 2018

Accommodation:

- Hall's Gap Caravan Park (03) 5356 4251
- Pinnacle Holiday Lodge (03) 5356 4249
- Comfort Inn (03) 5356 4344
- There are many other places to stay in Hall's Gap
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Meals: Dinners will be in Hall's Gap itself, probably at the Kookaburra Hotel.

There are many places to eat; can arrange this by group consensus/opinion on Friday night.

To ride to Hall's Gap, we will meet at Tailem Bend Shell Petrol Station for 10.00 am departure and arrive Friday late, ready for rides/walks on Saturday and Sunday.

Rides:

Saturday full day ride to Cavendish for morning tea and break, via Mirranatwa Gap, on to Victoria Valley Road, then to Hamilton for lunch. Ride back to Dunkeld for avo stop, then up through the Grapians to Hall's Gap.

Sunday ride/walk

Ride to the Sundial Picnic carpark, then walk to the Pinnacles or the Sundial Peak. For those who don't want to walk, ride to McKenzie's Falls.

Adventure Ride - self-guided: for those who want more, there is Glenelg River Road into the back country of the Victoria Range, or Mt Difficult Road ride.

Or, just do your own thing - lots of short rides/walks.

Monday: Farewell and make your way home.

Badges: Cloth patches can be ordered through me.

Please contact me and book your accommodation early, as it is a very busy time of the year for these venues, if you plan to go.

**Dominic & Sue Carli
(Fleurieu Branch)
0433 052 053**



25th Central Odyssey 2018

Come and join the Ulysses Club – Fleurieu Branch for the 25th SA Odyssey. Relax with us and wear your favourite robe to dinner Saturday night.



- Date:** Friday, 28th September, 2018 'til Monday, 1st October, 2018
- To be held at:** Robe Football Club
O'Halloran St
Robe SA 5276
- Registration:** Registration forms can be accessed through the Fleurieu Branch website and Facebook page and in this publication.
Registrations will close on the 18th August, 2018.
There will be an early registration prize for those members who have registered before 21 July 2018.
- Meals:** Evening Meals are available: Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Breakfasts are available: Saturday, Sunday and Monday
(Meal tickets must be purchased when registering and presented at each meal)
- Theme:** Robes of all shapes and sizes
- Entertainment:** Saturday & Sunday nights
- Accommodation:** On-site camping is available around the oval for tents, campers', motorhomes and caravans.
For those of you planning to stay at the oval, there is a campsite fee of \$10.00
Robe has 4 local caravan parks and numerous motels.
- Events include:** Organised rides
Grand Parade
Show and Shine



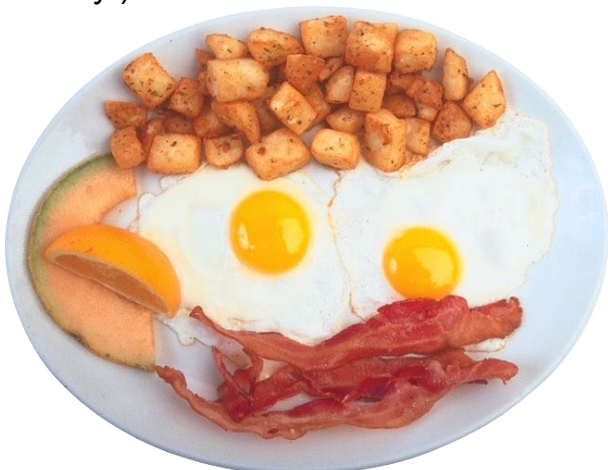
At July's General Meeting, we saw Rob propose to Judy, in front of a bunch of witnesses, after making a spectacular entrance on Piper's electric scooter. Well done, Rob!



South Australian Breakfast Club (SABC)

The SABC meets at an eatery somewhere around the State, on the first Saturday of the month, from 9.30 am.

16/7/18: The July SABC at Melrose has been and gone. A good event, even if weather was cold, a bit wet, windy enough to blow over a couple of bikes. (Some of the port purchased there got finished off at the VBC at Wycheproof the following Saturday!)



**Saturday, 4th August, 2018,
9.30am**

**D&M's Bakery Cafe is the venue for
the August SABC**

36 Murray St, Angaston.

25th SA Odyssey, Robe 2018, Registration Form

Friday 28th September to Monday 1st October

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*****Please fill in one Registration Form for each person attending*****

Surname		Given Name			
Street					
Town/Suburb				State	
Phone		Mobile		Post Code	
Email				Member#	
Odyssey Registration including badge				1	\$40.00
Odyssey Cloth Patch				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
Camping Site - note only one camping site required per couple				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
Friday Night Dinner:					
Mixed Grill of sausages, steak, chicken shashliks, onions, bread & salad				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$18.70
Saturday Breakfast:					
Continental - cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
Cooked - Continental + bacon, eggs scrambled or fried, on a bun or plate				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$17.60
Saturday Night Dinner					
Roast Beef with vegetables & gravy				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22.00
Roast Pork with vegetables & gravy				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22.00
Apple Crumble				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
Fruit Salad & Ice-cream				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
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Continental - cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
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Beef Schnitzel with gravy or Dianne sauce + chips & salad				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22.00
Sticky Date				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
Pavlova with berry sauce & fruit salad				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
Monday Breakfast:					
Continental - cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
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TOTAL					\$
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Payment method:					
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Cheque/Money Order:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Make payable to Ulysses Club Inc. Fleurieu Branch.		
Send to:		Ulysses Club Inc. Fleurieu Branch, PO Box 346, Seaford Post Office, SA 5169.			

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Sunday Round-up

3rd June Day Ride to Hahndorf

This was my first ever ride that I'd planned. Must admit, I was a bit nervous, especially as the first version I planned and test rode on the Friday was a disaster – a whole lotta dirt. OK on my adventure bike, but not for a lot of the Sunday riders. So another planning session, but untested.

It seemed to go OK—a lot of suburban riding, taking people either through areas they hadn't been, or else right past their house (Shelley and Adrian)! Lots of roundabouts for slow versions of twisties.

It was a shorter ride than usual. Having chosen the Throttle Shed as the morning tea stop, there weren't a lot of sealed roads to choose from, heading there (or coming back). But no-one fell off, no-one got lost, despite my uncertain placing of corner marshals in some places. In fact, I saw a fair bit of common sense behind me, after roundabouts which were straight through, so didn't need a marshal; I saw one stop anyway. Amazing how smoothly it all goes when riders just ride sanely, and show a bit of initiative.

Morning tea was a longish period, because we got there a bit early. Everyone seemed happy with that. Then on to Hahndorf for lunch via Lobethal and Basket Range Roads, for the real twisties. We rode through Uraidla, Piccadilly and Bridgewater for a view of the autumn leaf colours.

A few had the buffet lunch at the Old Mill pub, and it was great – tasty fish, meats and roast vegetables, and scrumptious desserts. Others had a-la-carte, which, unfortunately, split us up. The stayers got together at the end. The Old Mill is great in providing plenty of parking out back, something in short supply in Hahndorf on a Sunday, as evidenced by the security guy checking us in to the carpark. :)

The count was 26 bikes plus 5 pillions. As always, thanks to Trevor, Ray & Peter. And thanks to the weather gods for such a beautiful day.

Ken Wagnitz



Brenton on his new Kwaka!

17th June Day Ride to Wellington

Nine brave and hardy souls gathered at Macca's for our ride to Wellington in the cold but fine morning, including Mike Green, who was trying his first tentative ride since a knee op. Mike turned off at Birdwood, but the rest carried on for a dry ride (with some damp roads) to Mannum for morning tea.

Just as we were about to leave Mannum, we had our only serious rain. We then went through Murray Bridge and down Point Road to our final destination. We went through a series of "MUD ON ROAD" signs on Point Road, but as it was where the cows were crossing the road, I reckon it was more than mud that was thrown up onto our bikes and footwear!

The kitchen at the Wellington Pub was being upgraded, but the food supplied was still pretty good and a great lunch was had by all.

Thanks to Trevor for his continuing tail end Charlie duties and to me for the leading the ride, taking the photos and setting up this report.

Cheers

Peter



Sunday Round-up

24th June Brenton's ride to Greenock Aviation Museum

Officially, Brenton as ride leader, should be writing this report, but seeing as he volunteered so willingly when I asked him to put his hand up to lead, I've offered to do the report.

Planning the ride had its challenges: mastering navigation by phone, getting the new bike set up to accommodate it, modifying gloves so the screen would respond and all when he was perfectly capable of doing it from the GPS in his head. In the end that was what he did.

Sunday: The weather forecast had changed from rain to cloudy – nice. Numbers for the ride looked to be no more than 20 bikes – nice. Due to fog (the forecast hadn't mentioned that), we arrived right on time rather than the early arrival suggested in the ride leader manual. The entire carpark was crammed with bikes. Not good! Over the intercom "Glenda, you said 20!!!" That wasn't what he actually said, but you get the idea of momentary panic as he envisioned them in formation behind him all the way to Greenock. Relief when it became clear it was a HOG group as well as Ulysses. In the end, it all went as planned – a transit through the city outskirts, sweeping corners up the Gorge Road, some open road to the Barossa via Williamstown, then a scenic meander through Seppeltsfield to Greenock, arriving within 10 minutes of our ETA without losing a single bike. Thank you TECs, thank you corner marshalls.

Lincoln Nitschke, the museum owner, was waiting at the gate as we arrived and, thankfully, as promised, food was on offer shortly after. I say 'thankfully', because there had been some grumbles about the lack of a morning tea stop. The sausages were plentiful, the salads freshly made, the urn was on the boil and the conversation flowed. There were members from Torrens Valley and Adelaide Branches

1st July Day Ride to Lobethal

We left Top of Taps about 10 minutes late. It was cool, dry and sometimes cloudy. We headed south to Chandlers Hill Road, out to Clarendon through Kangarilla and into Meadows. A left turn took us along Battunga Road to Echunga where we headed east along Church Hill Road to Flaxley Road, through Flaxley and left onto Strathalbyn Road; straight through Macclesfield to Strathalbyn and then out to Milang and into Finnis for morning tea.

After morning tea, we headed west to the Strathalbyn-Goolwa Road and back into Strathalbyn, then headed east on Ashbourne Road to Bull Creek Road. Here, we turned right and rode in to Meadows, used Kondoparinga Road as a turn around point and headed back to Macclesfield via the Macclesfield Road. We then went north along Strathalbyn Road to Wistow. Then across the back of Mt Barker on Bald Hills Road, through Nairne to Woodside via Quarry Road and into Lobethal for lunch.

Thanks to Ray and Trevor for TEC and Peter for the photos

Rob Hartridge

as well as a contingent from the RV group on their way back from a meeting in Tarlee, and two rode down from the Riverland – forty in all, according to our bean counter, who was better at counting people than me.

The museum is actually housed in a number of sheds on Lincoln's property, right next to his home a few kilometres outside the town. The setting is quite rural and, except for the occasional bleating of distant sheep, all was quiet as groups explored the displays and unearthed the history behind them. That is until Lincoln started up the Commer Knocker truck, followed by the 7 cylinder radial aircraft engine and, finally, with some skilled coaxing, the Rolls Royce Merlin V12 from a Centurion Tank. That one brought a round of spontaneous applause. With the finale over, some needed to head home and others, as with all Ulysses gatherings, lingered to chat.

Thank you TECs.

Thank you attendees for letting me know in advance about lunch.

Thank you Ray and all those who bought raffle tickets to fund the day.

Glenda



Sunday Round-up

15th July Day Ride to Avoca Dell

Blue skies with a crisp sunny day and 30+ bikers at Civic Park ready for a good ride and a 'sausage sizzle' at the destination, Avoca Dell, Murray Bridge.

East along NE Road to Chain of Ponds, then south to Strathalbyn via Lenswood, Balhannah, Hahndorf, and Meadows, arriving just after 11 am. We had a re-group at Balhannah which got time-extended, due to an incident involving two of our group's bikes*. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

After a coffee and a chat at the Strath Corner Bakery, we set off again for the destination via Langhorne Creek, Wellington, Taillem Bend (via Jervois Road and the Punt Road Ferry), and the Karoonda Highway, arriving at 1:03 pm, after having ridden a tad less than 200 km.

The power had failed at Avoca Dell, so the BBQs at the public reserve were not working. Mike Green made arrangements with the nearby caravan park management to use their camp kitchen/BBQ. It was a great spot to graze and chat.

A good ride and lots of socialising – gotta be happy with that!

* All members are reminded of procedures if a breakdown or 'off' occurs. Essentially, Tail End Charlie (TEC) 1 looks after the incident, TEC 2 and all riders, continue with the ride.

Do not group around the incident, continue with the ride. Please consult the Branch written procedures for more detailed instructions.

John Crowe

A young John Crowe (right) turned 70 recently!



Sunday Round-up

22nd July Frank's Fleurieu Frolic

Little did I know that I would be writing a review for the inaugural Fleurieu Frolic. But Ken insisted, so here goes. We all met at the BP in Victor Harbor and after a catch up and a yarn about bikes in general and Chris' new SWM in particular, we set off just before 10 am.

Now it was supposed to be pretty easy. Ride out of the servo, turn right and go along the Adelaide road. 'Twas not to be that easy though. Before we all got around the roundabout, some other riders merged in with us and headed off towards Port Elliot. One of our blokes, who shall remain nameless, but we'll call him Al, followed these other riders. Rob pulled me over just as we got into the 80km zone, but by that time it was too late. So we got going again - 7 minus 1.

By the time we got to Kenny Road, our first dirt road, I received a call from the rider we'll call Al. I sent him off on a shortcut so we would meet him on the Inman Valley Road at the Mt Alma turnoff. He caught up with us near Inman Valley, and dropped in behind us. All good! Unfortunately, he missed out on the great spectacle as we emerged from the bush to the sweeping view at the top of the Mt Alma hill climb.

Scything down the sealed road from Mt Alma, we got our first taste of the wind we would experience for most of the rest of the ride. It

was good, though, as it dried out the roads (well almost all of them), and helped to blow any dust away.

Morning tea at the Yankalilla Bakery where we peppered each other with tales of skill and daring from tackling gnarly little tracks, fast dirt, ruts and dust.

Suitably charged with caffeine and bravado, we hit our next dirt road, just off the main street. This leg of our journey took us over the other side of Range Road, with spectacular views of Kangaroo Island and the southern ocean. I did surprise a 'roo and her baby along one of the narrow roads here. I think she kept herself out of the way, as no one else mentioned it. This was the only part of the ride where we came across evidence of the rain we had had over the past few days; a few slippery patches, but no problems, even for Brenton with road tires on his VStrom.

Our longest stretch of sealed road was the Waitpinga Road back towards Victor Harbor. A little shortcut on some more dirt took us into the back blocks of Encounter Bay, and a few turns later we arrived at Chateau Pellas, where Bronwyn had a feast ready for us.

No Tail End Charlies, and no corner marshals on this ride. BIG thanks to Bronwyn for feeding us.

Frank Pellas
Rides Coordinator (Retired)



Chris Roberts on his new SWM

Colin Leaker 85 Years Young

Colin Leaker was born on the 2nd July, 1933 and shortly after his 16th birthday, he was off to sit the written test that would give him his licence to drive firstly, the family car, then his first motorcycle, a 1949 BSA C11 250cc overhead valve. It was his transport to work in the city, but was soon replaced by a 1951 Vincent Comet 500cc. So began his long association with motorcycles.

Colin married, three children followed and priorities changed. The Comet was sold and a break from motorcycling followed.

When the circumstances were again favourable, a Honda 100 was purchased, then a Suzuki 125cc two stroke, and a series of upgrades followed with a Honda CB 250 twin and then a Suzuki GS650GT 4, rare in Australia, with the instruction book in German.

Colin's interest in motorcycling incorporated the racing aspect. It was a small step from spectating to marshalling, which put him on the other side of the fence and gave him access to places denied to spectators. That led to officiating at the Moto GP at Phillip Island and Formula One when it came to Adelaide. The highlight, though, was being chief marshal at the US Motorcycle GP in the early 1990s.

Colin retired in 1993 from his last job as lecturer in Business Studies at SA TAFE. Six years later, he joined Ulysses to ride on Wednesdays. The bike upgrades continued – A Yamaha XJ900 Diversion shaft drive, a Honda Deauville NT650cc V twin shaft drive, a Honda Deauville NT 700cc and, his current bike, the Honda NC700S parallel twin. The bike he would love to own, if he could afford it, is any BMW.

Colin attests to the reliability of today's bikes. In the almost 20 years of Wednesday rides at about 45 rides a year, averaging 200 kilometres a ride, with on average 15 riders a ride, tallies to about 2.565 million kilometres. Excluding punctures, Colin can recall only three or four breakdowns requiring a tow home. He was one of them.

He's ridden the Great Ocean Road and the Alpine Way, and has some regrets about not touring more. His favourite local ride is from Strathalbyn through Ashbourne to Meadows.

Colin feels that he has benefited from his almost twenty years of Wednesday rides with Ulysses members, valuing their company and advice on motorcycling and other matters. He is very grateful to those who have given their time to lead rides. At first, Mick Sandley, then Bryan Cutt and Kevin Brenton, then those that currently share the role and the countless TECs.

Colin will not go on Ulysses rides after July 4, following his 85th birthday. However, he will keep in close contact with those Ulysses members whenever he can. His biggest regret is not becoming a member of Ulysses many years earlier; a regret shared by many.



Top: Colin on his 85th birthday; above: 1949 BSA C11 250cc overhead valve (similar to Colin's first bike); and below: Colin with his current ride, a Honda NC700S parallel twin





Ross Andersons, California is now up for sale. Tina has finally been able to sort out the legalities.

Offers around \$17,500. Bike has just over 20,000kms and has just about every extra you can think of, including Garmin Zumo GPS, as new tyres etc, etc. Tina has also just registered it for 12 months. I should also mention the Guzzi also has over \$2000 worth of Power Commander and fuel mods by Guzzi Tech.

Also a 2002 Caponord, with all touring extras and as new tyres, 89,000kms, offers around \$5,000.

Tina is open to offers for a quick sale. For more details contact "LONGY" on 0407 710 529. Spread the word and let's see if we can help Tina out.
Longy

Happy Snaps from the June's SABC gathering at the Whaler



and July's SABC gathering at Melrose



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From Glenda:

Mike Green is now the Rides Co-ordinator for the Sunday Rides.

Lloyd Sanderson will be the new Editor of The Odyssey, beginning with the September issue.



The new **Entertainment Book** is now on sale. The club gets a commission on sales over 10. Contact Debbie Sherman on 0438 358 811.

Online registration is open for the Robe Odyssey, and speakers from Fleurieu Branch updated us on the details.

Changes to Membership Renewals

Reminders to renew your Ulysses membership will no longer be posted out to you. Memberships need to be renewed by the expiry date, not at the end of the calendar year and to assist with this the expiry date will be on the white postage page of each Riding On, under your membership number.

The change will save the club about \$16,000 in postage over three years.

New Coat

Last week I bought the missus a hamper skin coat. I took her to the fair yesterday and it took me four hours to get her off the ferris wheel.

Crime Boss Advice

The aged crime boss lay dying. He called his grandson to his bedside.

Crime Boss: "Grandson, I want you to take my chrome plated .38 revolver so you will always remember me"

Grandson: "I don't really like guns Grandfather. Could you leave me your Rolex watch instead?"

Crime Boss, shaking his head: "Grandson, some day you are going to run a business, have lots of money, a Ferrari, a big house and a beautiful wife.

If, one day, you come home to find your wife in bed with another man, what are you going to do? Point at your watch and say "Time's up"?"

Snake Tails

Hi All,

At the recent 2018 AGM Event, Dominic Wines from the Riverland was one of our major sponsors.

In total, they donated \$1500 worth of lanyards to keep our RFID cards safe and dry.

Because of the restrictive Liquor Licensing conditions, they were prohibited from selling their products at the Traders' Pavilion, and were not at all happy with this edict, having originally thought that they would be able to solicit sales on site.

They have asked the Organising Committee (now disbanded) for permission to insert a flyer advertising their wines into the Adelaide Area Branch Newsletters, namely Adelaide, Torrens Valley and Fleurieu Branches.

At the last Torrens Valley Branch Committee meeting, this was authorised and Ken, the Adelaide Branch President, has also given it his blessing.

I ask that the Fleurieu Branch also consider this request and add the Order Form into the next Whaler magazine.

Perhaps a national sponsorship deal can be brokered with Dominic Wines and I have added Dave Wright (National Advertising Officer) to this email list.

The Order Form is on the next page. The contact details of Dominic Wines are included in the Order Form.

Regards,

Neville Gray #3394

Ex 2018 AGM Event Co-Director



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