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The Editor's bit.....

Thank you to those who have contributed to this magazine, expecially as I needed copy so early. Without your contributions, there would not be a magazine.



Well, by the time you read this another AGM has been and gone and planning will undoubtedly soon be on the table for Penrith. Still 'up for discussion' at our place, but I would like to go back to the 'old stamping ground' and catch up with a couple of friends and cousins.

Sue and I had a lovely holiday in Norfolk Island (report further on). Already discussing where we can go next!

The Blyth weekend went of well with everyone relaxed and happy at breakfast on the Sunday, and generally having a good laugh. Looking forward to our next weekender, but probably won't be any time soon with the late AGM, The Odyssey and, before you know it, Christmas, etc. BUT I already have a couple of venues to think about and will liaise with Sue on this.

On a sadder note: Jenny Hills has resigned as the Monthly Dinner Co-ordinator. The members who took advantage of this social activity appreciate all the hard work that Jenny put into these dinners. Thank you, Jenny! Kevin Brenton has volunteered to carry on with organising the dinners - he has big shoes to fill - good luck, Kevin. I'm sure you will do an admirable job.

Wendy

The President's bit.....

G'day Everyone,

At the April general meeting, I announced that I would be taking approximately 3months extended holiday. I missed out on the Tasmanian and Coffs Harbour AGMs, and, hook or by crook, I wasn't going to miss out on the Townsville AGM. In order to go I had to take long service leave, hence the extended holiday.



We hope to meander our way via the Sunshine Coast to Townsville, on to Port Douglas, Cooktown and then start to meander our way back down south and home. I should be back mid July, well in time for the August meeting.

In the mean time, it was decided by the committee that Andrew Mill 'chair' the meetings in my absence; he is the longest serving committee person, well known from his rides captains duties and memorable rides. So, for the next 10 weeks or so, hopefully, I'll be basking in the sunshine!!

For those who are going to the AGM, I most likely will catch up with you whilst there; for those who are giving this one a miss, I'll see you in August!!

Ride safely, remember life is an adventure, have a go and grow old disgracefully!!

Disgracefully Yours **Liz Fairchild** President, Adelaide Branch Ulysses Club

Adelaide Branch Meetings

First Thursday of the Month West Adelaide Football Club 57 Milner Road, Richmond

8.00 pm Meals available from 6.00 pm

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and check out the latest news on branch happenings

Barossa Group



Barossa rides leave The Old Steam Train (opposite the BP Station at Nuriootpa) at 10 o'clock n the 1st Sunday of the month



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Wednesday Rides All runs will leave at 10.30 am

1st Wednesday
2nd Wednesday
3rd Wednesday
or
4th Wednesday
or
South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
North: Tea Tree Gully Hotel
South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps

5th Wednesday Feathers Hotel

(3rd & 4th Wed: There are two rides - 1 north and 1 south Bring or buy your own lunch

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Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar April- June 2008

Date	Time	Leader	Event	Venue	From	

8	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Queen's B'Day Weekend/ Day Ride	Williamstown	Civic Park
15	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Goolwa	Mcdonald's Magill Rd
22	8.00am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Die Hards' Breakfast	TBA	Civic Park
29	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Meet the Kings Sausage Sizzle lunch	Ardrossan	Caltex Bolivar
July 6	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Brass Monkey Ride	Cape Jervis	Civic Park
13	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Mannum	McDonald's Magill
20	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	McLaren Vale	Top o'Taps
27	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Meningie	McDonald's Magill
August 3	9.30 am	Chris Roberts 8370 6459	Day Ride	TBA	Civic Park
10	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Morgan	McDonald's Munno Para
17	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride & BBQ at Club Member's House (fee)	Victor Harbour	McDonald's Magill

General Meetings - Supper

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Jean and I volunteered to do the supper bit on behalf of Liz for the 3 months she and and her husband are off for an adventurous holiday. So, whilst the new broom did not sweep clean, it added a little feather duster, so to speak. Judging by the applause on the night, we seem to have followed in Liz's footsteps very well and got it right for you all.

We went for lots of nice cakes and biscuits, but also added cheese, savoury biscuits, kabanas and lollies. It was sort of an experiment to see what is popular and what is not. The idea also was to freeze any cakes left over as most cakes freeze well.

Most of the cheese went, all the Kabanas went and so too did about half the savoury biscuits, and less than half of the Arnott's biscuits, lastly half the milk.

Instead of the platters, we tried about 20 Glad semi disposable containers and about 8 click-clack cylinderical, sealable containers. As we purchased probably more that was needed, rather than give all the food left over away, we thought it fitting to value the remaining food and use it in our shop/home, as we have staff there who will enjoy, the funds will then reduce next month's bill.

What I am really after though is feedback: what do the members want, it's your money, I have to keep within or well under budget so I value your thoughts: savoury biscuits, dip,

cheese, cakes, lollies, email Jean or me, and if any consensus emerges, we will try to oblige.........Ulysses is the only club out of 5 we are in who provide supper and would love it to always continue, so if we spent your money wisely and economically, it will continue.

As a footnote, we often don't think of what it's like to rock up to our meeting, enjoy the presentation, look through the merchandise, read the magazine, enjoy the supper and then go home, but we not see what goes on in the background to prapare for the evening for the members. We really enjoyed what we did last meeting, watching everyone helping themselves to the supper, etc., but being acknowledged just once was sufficient for us. For the committee and volunteeers, pat them on the back occasionally. Personally, it adds years to their life in terms of happiness.

Jean & Rob Beaumont

MONTHLY DIMMERS



Friday 13th June 7pm

at Modbury Plaza Hotel 989 North East Road Modbury

for bookings and cancellations **phone Kevin Brenton**

on 8332 4719

(leave message on message bank)

DO NOT PHONE HOTEL

bookings close Wednesday, 11th June, 2008



Friday 11th July 7pm

at Somerset Hotel 505 Bridge Road Para Hills

for bookings and cancellations **phone Kevin Brenton**

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DO NOT PHONE HOTEL

bookings close Wednesday, 9th July, 2008



Friday 15th August 7pm

at OG Hotel 246 North East Road Klemzig

for bookings and cancellations **phone Kevin Brenton**

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bookings close Wednesday, 13th August 2008

Movie Weekend at Blyth - 19th & 20th April

I picked up Jenny at her house and met Dale and John, Shazz and Joe, and Al and Kath at the Munno Para garage. We proceeded to Balaklava where we met Wendy, Ivan and Raelene, and Paul and Roz Sponheimer. An added surprise was, when we were in the main street deciding which bakery to enter, I heard a friendly voice, and there was Sandy Shaw, doing her weekly shopping. Balaklava is her local shopping centre. She hasn't changed a bit and it was great to catch up with her, and have a coffee and chat.

We left there and, because it was only 'down the road' to Blyth, decided to go on a Don Freene cross-country tour to see a bit more of our dry, parched land. He even managed to find a dirt road that no one knew was there; he didn't mean to, we missed

Kevin and Denise Spellacy were there at Blyth when we arrived. We were then allocated our rooms. It is a really good time when a group of friends book out all the pub rooms.

We went up the street of this quaint, pretty and very tidy little town, to a wonderful cafe with really yummy food for lunch, then went to the theatre to see a movie. Death of a Funeral was shown, which was a funny English comedy. We then went to the art gallery over the road where Ian Roberts was painting and we watched him for a while. He paints watercolours of native birds and flowers. It was fascinating to watch him at work. The art gallery has works from other artists (other than paintings and prints) for sale.

We then went back to the pub, where we had drinks and talked to the locals, then went outside to the best beer garden I have ever been in. It is where the locals have their footy presentations after the games and they have five tvs, large screens a bar, beautiful flowers, lawn and tables. We were really well cared for as we were the only ones there, because their footy season hadn't started yet.

We had a wonderful roast tea - pork, lamb and beef with fish for the vegetarians. We partied on til about 12.00 and then went to bed.



Sue (scribe) and Jenny (photographer

In the morning we had breakfast and all went our separate ways home.

The pub at Blythe is a treasure. Scott and Rae are wonderful hosts. I would encourage you to think of Blyth when Clare is booked out for various occasions, because it is only 10 minutes down the road, and is a great place to stay.

Sue Freene



in July Come to the Gladstone Gaol for a Costume Cabaret

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In the beer garden
Above: John (back to camera), Joe, Sharon, Paul, Ros, Dale,
Wendy
Below: The Spellacies, Dale and Sue





At dinner Above: Joe and Sharon Below: Don and John



The Odyssey



View from the top. Taken from the balcony.



Above: The morning after! Below: Raelene, Al and Kath



Ulysses Adelaide Branch

MIDWEEK CAMP AT TUCKERWAY PT VINCENT

Twenty-six Left Munno Para at 10.30 Wednesday, 16th April and Mick led us to Pt Wakefield via Mallala and Dublin Road, where we stopped for morning tea and met up with Jenny and Doreen, who were carrying our supplies, then on to Ardrossan for lunch, arriving at Tuckerway mid-afternoon. It was a great day for a ride.

Wayne Digance and John Robinson cooked a great sausage sizzle for dinner, which we had with salads, then fruit salad and ice cream for dessert. Thanks to Geraldine and Ross Murray for organising this. We had a pleasant evening with good people and good conversation.

Thursday, the majority went on a ride around the Peninsula, down to Edithburgh, across to Corny Point and then worked their way back to camp. A handful of us stayed in Pt Vincent and did some walking/sightseeing.

We all walked down to the local hotel for dinner then back to camp for a reasonably quiet evening.

Headed home in small groups Friday morning.

Thanks to Mick for organising the ride and accommodation and Geraldine and Ross for the food and supplies

P.S. It was good to hear Mick found his wallet; he thought he had lost it or it was stolen when we were at Pt Wakefield. Guess where he found it: in his jeans pocket at home!

Lorraine Robinson

Right: Robbo and Wayne Below: Lunch at on the cliff tops at Ardrossan Bottom: Dinner at the Ventnor at Port Vincent









TEN QUESTIONS WITH ULYSSES MEMBER - ROBERT BRADY

- Q1. How long have you been a Ulysses member?
- A1. Three years.
- Q2. What influenced you to join?
- A2. Basically speaking to other friends that have been in the Club for quite a while and plus I was turning fifty.
- Q3. What motor bike are you currently riding?
- A3. Presently I am riding an 06 Harley Davidson Fatboy and a 1997 Honda 900cc Fireblade.



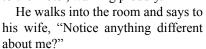
- Q7. What is you favorite bike? A7. For different reasons,
- A7. For different reasons, probably my Harley Fatboy has been my favorite touring bike and from a sports machine point of view, probably the Ducati 900.
- A8. If money was no object and you could have any bike in the world, what would it be?
- A8. Is this whether there is a possibility I was going kill myself or not? If money was no object, one of those special edition Ducati 1098. The new

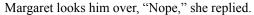
release one they brought out a limited edition around \$100,000

- Q4. How many bikes have you owned over the years?
- A4. Probably in the last thirty years, about 20 bikes
- Q5. Name a few of the bikes you have owned?
- A5. Yeah, started off with a Suzuki 250cc, then went to an RV350cc Yamaha, a TX650cc Yamaha, I had four 900cc Kawasakis, two 750cc Hondas, a Ducati 750 TT, a Ducati 900 Desmo.
- Q6. What will be your next bike?
- A6. A K1200S BMW. (Ed: BMWs answer to the Suzuki Hayabusa & Honda Blackbird = 0k -100k in 3 sec)
- Q9. What do you enjoy about the Ulysses Club?
- A9. It's just a fantastic cross section of people. I mean there is no one up man ship. There are no airs and graces and everyone just comes out for a ride. It's fantastic
- Q10. Do you have any nick name?
- A10. No I don't. I'm fairly boring. Had I have gone through the air force, I probably would have one

The Cowboy Boots

An elderly couple, Margaret and Bert, were vacationing in Texas. Bert always wanted a pair of authentic cowboy boots. So seeing some on sale, he buys them, wears them back to the motel, walking proudly.





Frustrated, Bert storms off into the bathroom, undresses, and walks back into the room completely naked except for the boots. Again he asks, a little louder this time, "Notice anything different NOW?"

Margaret looks up and says, "Bert, what's different? It's hanging down today, it was hanging down yesterday and it'll be hanging down again tomorrow."

Furious, Bert yells, "AND DO YOU KNOW WHY IT'S HANGING DOWN, MARGARET?"

"Nope," she replies.

"IT'S HANGING DOWN BECAUSE IT'S LOOKING AT MY NEW BOOTS!!!!"

Margaret replies, "Shoulda bought a hat, Bert. Shoulda bought a hat."

Do you ever ask yourself......

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

What is the speed of darkness?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?

Are there specially reserved parking spaces for 'normal' people at the Special Olympics?

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Never too late for a bit of history - Norfolk Island

Sue Freene and I spent a week in Norfolk Island, recently, flying to Sydney to connect with a flight to the island.

We had a scheduled 5 hour wait for the plane to Norfolk which turned into an almost 8 hour wait, because of complications of earlier flight during the week. When the weather is 'compromised', the planes cannot land or take off from the island. This can lead to extra days on the island - the record is 14! - or diversion to New Zealand where one waits for a suitable flight.

Back to our wait in Sydney: It turned out well, as we caught a train from the airport into Circular Quay, where we had lunch. al fresco and watched the people go by, watched, listened to an aboriginal child play the didgeridoo and generally enjoyed the beautiful scenery of Sydney Harbour.

We had bought Day Trip tickets at the airport (\$11.50 at the airport, \$2.50 from anywhere else in the city, and that was concession - Lesson 1. everything connected to airports is a ripoff). This entitled us to take any ferry trip we liked (we did the Bay trip, stopping at various places around the harbour - just like a bus only on water), catch a bus (which we took up George Street, getting off about the spot I guessed the monorail - not included in the ticket - would be in Pitt Street) then caught a train at Town Hall Station to take us back to the International Airport by 5.00 pm. (Lesson 2: Nothing like a little bit of 'local' knowledge, even if it is 50 years old!) Filling in time until takeoff at about 8.00pm was a bit of a bore. Sydney International Airport is not up to scratch (in my very limited experience), but they have started a \$5,000,000 upgrade, including the food services. The long walks, and buses to catch from domestic to international are extensive. By comparison, no need to worry about any perceived shortcomings of Adelaide Airport.

Our unit at the resort was very comfy and we hit the sack at about midnight. So ends day 1.

Buffet breakfasts (included) were as huge as you like and we didn't have lunch on any day there - just coffee. The 'big name' touristy things were extremely expensive and usually held in the evenings. Sue and I had a great time doing the day touristy things (guided tours, museums, talking to the locals, a little bit of shopping - neither of us are big on this activity - and just generally soaking up the atmosphere of this wonderful, pristine and friendly island.

One day, we did a 'club crawl' - there are no pubs - (a beer in each of the five), checked out their menus for the evening meal and met some great people.



the tourist industry in 1960, by a lady called Marie. All original except the tyres, the last of the originals being replaced only recently after 90,000 miles, most of which was on dirt roads.

Facts and Observations:

- Population 2,000
- School R-12 300 students
- Shops closed Wednesday afternoons to cater to the students' regular sport afternoon watching, coaching, umpiring, etc.
- No air-conditioning too expensive to run
- No graffiti
- No litter everyone monitors this
- No kids hanging about
- · No apparent under-age drinking, drug problems
- No riotous night life (it was a bit like being on 'wrinkle island' no backpackers or young tourists)
- Kids right into sport, any sport, but especially netball and pony club
- Tourism is the **ONLY** industry on the island
- Everybody works no dole, no single parent pension. They have aged pension and disability pension
- Family is **BIG** share what food they grow, etc.
- Cattle graze willy-nilly with owners paying a levy to the administration for the privilege, but they still import 60% of their beef
- Although the island is small, a vehicle is still needed due to the hilly conditions. The speed limit for the whole island is 50kph except in the shopping centre (Lone Pine) where it is 40kph.
- Kids get their bike licences at 15 (there were dozens of them) and their drivers' licences at 16.
- They have about 15 funerals a year, so need for a funeral director and they don't have a crematorium. Funerals are community efforts in that all the work is voluntary from digging the hole to filling it in and everything in-between. They even have what they call the wreath ladies who grow flowers, etc., and make the wreaths. Apparently, if a tourist is unlucky to fall off his or her perch whilst there, the funeral cost is \$40. They fly their flags at half mast on burial days.
- European shoes are half the price they are in Adelaide
- Almost everything is brought in by boat. We were fortunate enough to arrive when they were unloading one. The island has only 2 landing areas (one for petrol boats and one for the other stuff) because of cliffs. The main landing bay is littered with reefs. Everything is 'swung out' and lowered into long boats which are in turn towed to shore by a small motor boat. Even buses and trucks are landed this way by lashing long boats together, side-by-side.
- No poker machines the people don't want them and I agree it would spoil the whole ambience of the island. Apparently
 - someone thought it would be a good idea and brought some to the island, but, 'unfortunately' the first one 'fell' in the water while loading onto the longboat, so that was the end of that.
 - If you think a lot of this sounds familiar, think 1950s with mod cons.
 - Q: What happens to all the cars when they rust out/are finished?
 - A: Burn them and push 'em off the edge.

Finally, a beautiful place for a holiday - restful, swaying palms, lovely swimming/snorkelling beach (Emily Bay), great people, plenty to see, lots of history, **great** little winery, lots of great shopping for those who **do** like it.

Wendy King #8818

Ignition Kill Switch Issue

This is a true story; in fact it happened to me many years ago when I was skinny and had black hair. Light years ago!

Major points;

- Went to Barossa valley to see sections of the 24 hr trial ie visit sections and see some mates on the designated control points.
- •I thought it would be a good run for my new CB500 Honda twin. After seeing most of the bikes off from Kapunda I headed off to a place called Kalimna Sands as I was told it was excellent viewing watching the competitors battle through the sand tracks.
- Off I went along the back road from Kapunda, just as advised, but full of confidence and enjoying this beaut machine I whizzed past the turn off, and then found myself in the main street of Nuriootpa. No problem, I will park the bike and enquire in a nearby house as to where I should go. Knock on door, no one home, tried next door, no one home, ah worries I will just ride around and find it my self.
- Start of Negative Experience;
- Climb on bike push start button, zilch! Does not start eh? Try again nothing eh, the bloody thing has been running like a dream. Check lights, indicators etc, yep they work. What is going on?
- Pull off side covers, check wiring and fuses etc all seems OK
- Being a typical mechanic pull it all apart, cause I am smarter than this piece of mechanical crap and I'm gunna find the problem, no piece of mechanical shit is gunna out smart me, not even this two wheeled recycled Holden water pump! Come on ya mongrel lets have a look at ya, I'll sort you out!
- Pull off seat; check all wiring connections OK!
- Pull off tank check all wiring & connectors OK!
- Pull front of headlight off & check wiring connections OK!
- Just then a kid approx 13-14 years old came up on a BMX bike. G'day mister. Got a problem? NO was my reply, but saying under my breath, bugger off kid. What would you know about a man's machine? Your not in my league, well he must have picked up my vibes, so after a few more questions/statements about my beloved Honda and how good his brother's Honda was, off he went. Needless to say my patience was a little thin after that rendezvous.
- A while later he came back again. G'day mister fixed it yet? NO!
- Listen lad I said, ya mum might be worried as to your whereabouts so off you go then. (AND DON'T BLOODYWELL COME BACK YA LITTLE GROMMET I said to my self)
- Just then a couple of motor cyclists on Jap bikes pull upproblems mate? Yep, bastard refuses to bloody go.
- I explained the situation and what I had already done, so they asked if they could take a look, Go for it chaps cause the bloody things got me stumped. I have all electrics except ignition, so they started pulling things apart and inspecting the wiring just as I had already done. Eh boys, I have already done all that, YEAH but we might find something you missed. Fair enough mate, you go for it.
- Approx 20 mins later their response was 'Stuffed if I know mate, the bloody thing has got us fooled.' 'Thanks anyway,' I said and off they went riding into the fading light.
- Then the kid came back. Have ya got it going yet mate? NO! Why do you think I am still here, JEEZ kid? Then I think to my self, kid you come back again and you will walk home with a sore arse because its gunna be the recipient of my boot.

- Then I repeated my previous activity nothing! I also tried jump starting for the \$#&*^% time. Nothing not a thing. The JAP Crap was still not interested in starting as 2hrs had passed and I have not progressed & it's now nearly 5 pm with light fading.
- Other riders came to my assistance but it was a repeat of the first scenario. SHIT! In fact the answer varied at times but it was not favorable to Honda or Japan, in fact the words were very Technicolor and in Cinemascope. *^0/#*(&%\$((@\$#\$\$*(*(
- Then a beautiful deep throbbing sound wafted down the street and was music to my ears, the sound belonged to an immaculate Black 850 Norton Commando Interstate, beautiful! The rider pulled over on seeing me with bits of bike on the footpath and expression of numbness on my face as this was the 6th or 7th time I had pulled it apart.
- With a well educated British accent he politely asked. Could I be of any assistance old boy? Yes please, was my response.
- Well he repeated the scenarios of the earlier motorcyclists/ would be mechanics but to no avail as nothing positive came of his effort.
- His parting words were 'Sorry old chap these oriental machines are not my cup of tea' Thanks anyway mate I said. I was very grateful for his effort and off he went on that beautiful Norton that started first shot by the way and did not leave a drop of oil where it had been standing.
- Then just like a bad dream, back came that BLOODY KID!
- WHAT? Was my opening line. (In my mind I could see the Sunday Mail headline, 'Young boy is compressed and shoved up motor cycle exhaust pipe. Police charge biker with assault.
- But this time the kid comes right along side the bike where angels fear to tread. Previous to this he had stayed a couple of bike lengths away, cause no doubt he believes in self preservation. Eh mister, I was just thinking that my brother's bike did this once and he found that he had accidentally knocked this little red button.
- SLOWLY MY EYES LOWERED TO WHERE HE WAS POINTING, OH NO! <&%\$#&*(@! THE KILL BUTTON! The bloody mongrel kill switch was activated; I must have dragged my hand across the bars as I got off & accidentally flicked it on.
- I re enacted the movement & found it was easy to do so, now I gained a little more knowledge about motorcycles.
- BASTARD!-----ARGH!!(As all air is expired from my lungs) I rotated the little red switch to running mode and then turned on the ignition and BINGO!
- That sound of a running engine was sweet YES YES YES.
- I gave the lad a \$2 dollar note (they were in circulation back then) whilst thanking him several times and at the same time advising him of the dangers about accepting money from strangers except motor cyclists that is!
- Off I rode back to Adelaide cursing the engineer that thought up this stupid invention. Bloody kill switch, JEEZ I would like to kill that bloody Honda engineer!

Footnote; Monday morning at work I told the other bikers of my experience and they laughed, because the same had happened to some of them with this new fang dangled kill switch invention, because we never had such a device on Trumpies or BSAs.

That night after work I climbed on my machine and noticed this group standing around their bikes in subdued conversation. I proceeded to start my bike - no go. AH! I immediately looked toward the kill switch, YEP - someone was testing me to see if I had learnt from the w/end – the boys looked at me and smiled like Cheshire cats.

Paul 'Vespa Boy' Hancock

Variety Club V2 Classic Ride ANZAC Day long weekend.

In theory it was all so simple. The Variety Club Bash for cars had been successful for 20 years and a similar 4 wheel drive version for almost as long so why not start a new tradition for motorcycles? If each bike raised at least \$5,000 then 40 bikes would raise \$200,000. With the major beneficiary the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital and an attractive destination like the Great Ocean Road in Victoria what could go wrong?

The short answer was LOTS.

The 'provisions' cost was over \$1,000 for a couple for food and accommodation for the 4 days and if an entrant did not make the \$5,000 fundraising target they would still donate whatever they had raised but would not be allowed to take part in the ride. Consequently only 32 bikes entered.

I was not sure what to expect when I discovered that more than half were on Harleys and I became more wary when I learned that the Organising Committee were a group of Adelaide 'Good O'l Boys' who had recruited entrants with riding skills ranging from expert to rank novice.

There were a total of 66 people in the group including the riders and 7 escort vehicles, made up of the Variety organisers, a medical team (thankfully not called upon), a breakdown trailer with travelling mechanics (which was called upon), a team to rush ahead to ensure that all was prepared at our next destination, a back up crew which could not leave until everybody had been accounted for and a large and comfortable bus (complete with

masseuse) to transport the WAGS (wives and girlfriends) and all the luggage. The astonishing thing was that not only the riders but all of these supporters paid 100% of their own costs just to be there.

At the start, an early breakfast at the Torrens Parade Ground included a "hand print in wet cement" ceremony for the entrants, organised by sponsors Adelaide Brighton Cement and

to be displayed at their HQ. A particularly nice touch was the inclusion of the handprint of a bonny baby (and her dummy) who had started life as a tiny scrap in the neonatal ward of the Women's and Children's Hospital. (See picture - Barbara circled.) Joy rides in a helicopter which accompanied us for the entire journey were extremely popular, again with all costs donated so the fare went straight to the bottom line. The lessons the organisers had learned with the car bashes were very apparent with strict discipline, superb food and all terrain communications equipment the most obvious.

Not all of the bikes were tourers and the ride out of Adelaide and along the freeway was a bit hectic at first but once the riders settled down everything was fine. The riding was easy with frequent breaks and absolutely no chance that anyone would go hungry. Our hotel in Mount Gambier provided the evening meal so with no risk of a breathalyser and some very generous sponsorship from some wineries, there was no need to stint ourselves. For some of us this was the first opportunity to get to know the other riders and we were pleased to discover that

we were with a group of like minded motorcyclists. The general fun and games and auction of donated items after dinner made a splendid end to a long and profitable day.



Despite a few sore heads many joined the estimated 2,000 congregation at an excellent ANZAC Day Dawn Service the next morning where we were made welcome by the RSL and invited to a 'gunfire breakfast' afterwards. Not everybody understood this term (although any RSL member will explain) but few accepted because we were expected back at the hotel for a slap-up breakfast before leaving for Victoria.

A typical ANZAC Day break in the drought, a mid morning Devonshire and a medieval jousting tournament on motorcycles prior to lunch delayed our journey, but the beginning of the Great Ocean Road soon lead us to our accommodation in Port Campbell. This time the evening meal was in the town, where we had an entire restaurant to ourselves, which was just as well because I do not think other diners would have approved. The theme was 'leather and lace' and it is enough to say that we had a lot of laughs and raised a lot of money.

After a last look at the 12 Apostles the next morning (and a spectacular view for the lucky few who had out bid everybody else for the helicopter ride and hover over the amazing Apostles) we left for Penola. Once again the experience of the Variety Organisers came to the fore because they rescheduled our lunch, which had been arranged for outdoors at a very wet Hamilton Botanic Gardens, to an indoor location without missing a beat.



The evening meal was at Hollicks Winery so the bus was transformed into a taxi and everyone except the driver could relax. Here I met a fundraising tactic which was new to me. A very generous benefactor put \$2,000 behind the bar to cover all of the drinks then asked people to pay whatever they thought the wine was worth when they ordered. The result was a very handy increase on the \$2,000. The entertainer was so good that he must have been a

professional but it was all free of charge. After an excellent meal and awards presentation (where we were flattered to receive the award for the best presented bike) everything left was auctioned off and the sale of the 2009 Riding Number 1 made so much money that a repeat next year is guaranteed. The final total was an amazing \$225,139.00 which must rate at a huge success and because every operational cost was already covered by sponsorship we know that every cent we raised goes to charity.

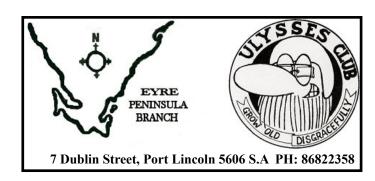
For our part we wish to thank everybody who contributed to our fundraising and encourage everybody to support this extremely worthwhile event next year.

Barbara & Bernard Knope, Bike 27 in the 2008 Variety V2 Ride bb.2@internode.net Port Vincent, SA 5581.

If by any chance you have not received your official receipt from Variety to claim the tax deduction, please let us know immediately.

Eyre Peninsula Branch Ride Calendar April - June 2008

Come on any event on any sort of wheels Scheduled Rides Leave On Time As Indicated All Rides May Be Subject To Alteration Visitors Welcome



Date	Ride	Phone	Contact	Advise by	Leave	Time
June 15	Borthwick Hill BYO BBQ		Bill Sellen		North Shields	11am
July 5-6th	Gladstone Jail- Halloween	86828212	Bill Richter			
6th	Sheringa - Lunch	0428546960	Gerry Vette	21-Jun	Town Jetty	10am
19-20th	Wudinna O'nite Book own accommodation	86843561 86802019	Paul Miller Wudinna Hotel-motel	6-Jul	Town Jetty	10am
August 2nd	Beinke Farm- Elbow Hill	86823386	Alan Pfitzner	20-Jul	Nth Shields	8am
23-24th	Buck Yates- Kimba Book own accommodation	86272163 86272007	Buck Yates Kimba Hotel-Motel	9-Aug	Nth Shields	7.30am
September 13-14th	Pt Kenny	86833347	Shane Graham	31-Aug	Town Jetty	9am
28th	Mikkara- BBQ	86823285	Jack Ash	BYO	Town Jetty	10am
October 3-6th	VICTOR HARBOR ODYSSEY					
19th	Stockman's Diner- Lunch	86822358	Trish Pruis	13-Oct	Town Jetty	10am
November 7-9th	Barossa Valley Weekender Book own accommodation	86842093 TBA	Kevin Warren	18-Oct	Nth Shields	8am Depart Ferry 10.30
22nd	Port Neill Twilight Dinner	86823285	Jack Ash	9-Nov	Nth Shields	5pm
29th	COWLEY'S ANNUAL TOY RUN		To be confirmed			
December 5-7th	Wallaroo Weekender Book own accommodation EARLY	86822358 88232722	Herman Pruis Office Beach C/P	22-Nov	Nth Shields	8am Depart Ferry 10.30
13th	XMAS DINNER Ravendale Sport Centre	86828212	Bill Richter			6-6.30pm

Sunday impromptu rides departing the Town Jetty at 10.00 am

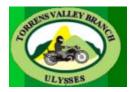


Graham can't believe Pete from Adelaide's second helping for brekkie!

Right: Supervising fixing Hank Gossnik's bike's flat tyre.



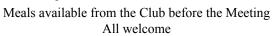
Ulysses Adelaide Branch



Torrens Valley Branch Meetings $_{7.30\mathrm{pm}}$

Third Tuesday of the Month

Parafield Gardens Community Club Shepherdson Road, Parafield Gardens





Date	Time	Contact	Event	Venue	Leaving
June 7-9	Saturday 9am	Queens Birthday L/W	Wintersun Rally	Mildura	Gawler
15	Sunday 10am	Trevor Jolly 0424 529 999	Day Ride To Morgan	Morgan	Munno Para
22	Sunday 10am	Trevor Jolly 0424 529 999	Day Ride to Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge	Civic Park
29	Sunday 9.30am	Dave Holland 0411 378 181 Andrew Mill	Wendy & Garry King's Sausage sizzle lunch	Ardrossen	Caltex Bolivar
July 5-6	Saturday	David Holland 0411 378 181	Halloween in July	Gladstone Gaol	Gawler
12-13			24 hour Trial		
20	Sunday 10am	Trevor Jolly 0424 529 999	Cambrai	Cambrai for coffee	Munno Para
27	Sunday 10am	Ian Hess 0409 083 436	Christmas in July	Tunkillo Hotel	Gawler
August 3	Sunday 10am	Dave Holland 0411 378 181	Day Ride to Clare	Clare	Gawler





The Pt Augusta and Flinders Ranges ride in April was organised by Bill and Rosie Crettenden from Eyre Peninsula Branch. Below left: Bill outlines the itinerary for the ride. Right are the bikes lined up at Carrieton.





The Odyssey

The year got off to a slow start as they do. However, come Australia Day, the "Growing Old Disgracefully" motto was being abided by well. The Mount was invaded by 100+ Ulyssians from Fleurieu, Adelaide and some Mexicans from across the border. This was the Fleurieu/Mount Gambier weekend. When you are invaded by mature people with names like VB, Crazee, Go Down and Hobbit, you know things are going to be interesting

As usual, Limestone Coast members, Ray and Robin of the Kalganyi Caravan Park, ensured things went off without a hitch. Meredith organized a very popular ride through some great local winding and straight roads that only us local Limestone Coasters know about. Our visitors seemed to appreciate the freedom these roads offered. We ended up at the Nelson hotel for a great lunch.

This weekend is becoming very popular, and we look forward to next year's visit

February was the Limestone Coast Beach of a Rally month. This was our third rally, and a "Back to Basics' theme was chosen. It was held at the bush camp at Southend. It was a BYO most things. The site provided luxurious sand and grass and ants, and multi star accommodation. In fact, the whole Milky Way. Good Aussie tucker was provided by a communal cook up, and the problems of society were solved. Kevin Rudd could have saved money on his 2020 summit if he had listened to opinions of well lubricated Ulyssians.

The weather as usual in the SE was absolutely fantastic



The Camp Kitchen

The feedback from the attendees has been very positive. Most appreciated the simplicity of the whole affair. We are planning a similar function next year.

March was a quiet month; with Easter being so early, many took advantage of the good weather and went touring.

April was our AGM and it was pleasing to see some new blood join the committee. Our new

website started this month, and we are trying to use this as our primary form of communication. We are looking forward to future developments.

Our group meets at Collars and Cuffs Café every Sunday morning at 9:30am. The second Sunday of the month is a breakfast run departing the Lady Nelson Tourist Information Center at 8:30am, and the third Sunday is a lunch run leaving the Lady Nelson Tourist Information Centre at 10:00am.

The local club rides, coffee and dinners have been well attended, so far this year.

If you are in the area please contact us, we look forward to increasing our friendships through this great club. Contact info is on the website and in the Boss Cockies list on page 5 herein

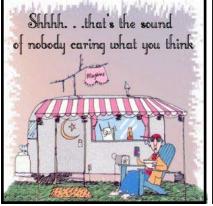
The Sniggs

Coast

Mount Gambier

South Australia









Southern Flinders

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to swap our April and May rides around; I hope this didn't inconvenience anyone. For the April ride, we met at the usual place and then worked out a destination. After a short discussion, the ride headed off towards Burra and then back down the Barrier Highway, and stopped at Jamestown for lunch.It sounds like everything worked out in the end and everyone had a good time.

In April, we also had a weekend ride to Barmera. Although only 4 bikes (all 2 up) went on the ride, it was a great weekend. We took the scenic route via the Barossa and Swan Reach to get there, and arrived in Barmera late in the afternoon. As soon as we arrived, the men decided to go and do some shopping (beer and wine) before sitting down for a few drinks while looking over the lake. This seemed to go until after dark and then we headed off to the footy club for tea (which was great) before returning to our rooms to rest.

Friday, before we left, Rob Todd of the Mallee Branch rang us and invited us to their regular coffee morning on the Sunday. So we all headed off to the meeting place and really enjoyed meeting new people and catching with some familiar faces. The invitation was very much appreciated and helped to make our weekend that much better.



















Sunday

Leader

Stephens

86331211,

Leave at 9.00

Carmody 86322253

Hotel for lunch.

this year.

0407727035

July

20th

Ride

Leon

am and travel to Mallala and on to Gawler

Sunday 17th August Ride leader Brian

Leave at 9.30 am and travel to Burra for

morning tea and then to the Seven Hill

If anyone has ideas for a ride, we still need

rides leaders for August and November

As of August this year, we will have been

riding as a group for 2 years. So after

co-ordinating the rides for 2 years, I am

looking for someone else to take over the

role and bringing in some new ideas. If

All rides leave from the Caltex service

station by the roundabout in Solomontown.

For further information contact Les

you are interested, please contact me

Bever on 86325565 or 0427632213

for lunch and back home via Clare.





Les Beyer

Co-ordinator



Sunday 4th May

The weather was perfect for our last Autumn ride. We left Port Wakefield and travelled to Snowtown to pick up a couple of our Wallaroo riders. We then rode to an Historic Site between Crystal Brook and Port Broughton known as Clements Gap. The site is located where the original Clements Gap School stood. There are a lot of old documents pertaining to the School, the Church and past residents. As well as this, there are

ruins of an old army camp that existed there during the Second World War. We would have liked to explore the area more, but lunch was looking good.

Seeing we were all starving hungry, we headed off to Port Broughton for an overdue lunch. After lunch and a bit of socialising, we headed off to Wallaroo where James and Heather Bartsch took us on a sightseeing tour of the new Marina and surrounding areas, which concluded with an enjoyable afternoon tea at their place. Thanks to both of them it was much appreciated. We all then said our goodbyes and headed for home.

Rod Lind

After a coffee and a chat, we headed off to Morgan where we stopped and inspected the vehicles at an historic vehicle display on the banks of the river. Some repairs were also performed on one of the bikes, but, as it was a Yamaha, we knew it couldn't be anything serious. After this, we made our way home after a really great weekend.

After meeting with the Mallee Branch and talking to them about their regular Sunday coffee meetings, we discussed the possibilities of doing this in Pirie. After talking to others since, I think it is perhaps worth giving it a go for a while. The plan is to meet at the French Hot Bread Shop (main street of Pirie, next to the ANZ bank and opposite the playground) on Sunday mornings at around 10.00 am. You can turn up and just have a coffee and a chat or you can organize a ride to somewhere. I would expect that, at times, there may only be 1 or 2 turn up and at other times there could be quite a few. So if you feel like a coffee and a chat or going for ride with some others come down to the French Hot Bread Shop on Sunday morning.

Future Rides:

Sunday 15th June: Ride Leader Leon Stephens 86331211, 0407727035 Leave at 9.00 am and travel to Moonta to have a look through the antique shops before lunch. Either byo or buy lunch.



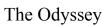












Yorke Peninsula





Our Wednesday riders had a ride to Point Turton for lunch in the picnic/playground, recently. The weather was perfect so it was unfortunate that a number of our regulars were unable to attend. Nevertheless, we had a good roll-up swelled by a couple of young ones taking advantage of a ride in the school holidays. It's always a good day out.

Sunday Rides

are held on the first Sunday of the month. Watch this page for details and updates or contact Jim or Rod 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. (Note new phone number.)



The leg on which SA stands

A Note from Rod

For the past eighteen months, the majority of rides that I have organised have been combined rides with other riding groups /branches. I have noticed that they have a wide variety rides due to the fact that they have considerable input from other members organising rides. Whilst I do not mind organising the rides, it is my belief that our group would benefit greatly by having some new ideas from other members. If anyone is interested in organising a ride or submitting an idea please get in touch with me.

Rodney Lind



Weekender At Port Augusta 11th,12th,13th, April

After Friday morning tea at Port Clinton, we set off for Port Augusta; it rained all the way to Port Germein, but from then on things got progressively better; the weather although overcast made for very pleasant riding conditions.

After booking in to the Shoreline Caravan Park and some socialising with our hosts from Eyre Peninsula Branch, we enjoyed a terrific value for money meal at the Port Augusta West Football Club, which was walking/staggering distance from the Caravan Park. On Saturday after a breakfast organised by the E.P Branch, twenty-nine riders set off for the day's organised ride. First stop for morning tea was the Quandong Café at Quorn where coffee and a good selection of nibbles were available. Next stop was lunch at Hawker where the General Store/Restaurant provided a very good range of meals at reasonable prices which was enjoyed by everyone. After lunch, we set off for Orroroo with one extra rider the local Police Officer, who has only been in the area for a short time. He was hanging out for a ride as he has not been able to organise any rides with the local Ulyssians, as yet. After a short break at Orroroo, we headed home via Horrocks Pass. It is certainly good to ride on some not so straight roads to get a bit of wear on the sides of our tyres. Saturday night, we retuned to the Footy Club for another great meal. After a short thank you speech by the E.P President, Bill Richter, Rita Molnar was wished a happy birthday in the traditional way and, after she overcame the initial embarrassment, she graciously responded. After brekky Sunday morning we all headed back home.

Thanks to the E.P branch for hosting a great weekend, a special thanks to Bill and Rosy Crettenden for organising such a successful event.



14th &15th June

Meet at Pope's Café Port Wakefield 10.30am Saturday 14th June for an overnighter with the B.M.W Owners Club at Corny Point Caravan Park. Saturday night tea b.y.o b.b.q. There will be a camp fire outside the well equipped games room. All types of accommodation available. Please book early. Sunday BBQ lunch Bute Hotel.

6th July

Meet at B.P Ardrossan 10.00 am Ride to Point Turton for lunch at the Tavern. (Numbers required by July 1st)

2nd, 3rd August

We have been invited by the Fleurieu Branch to attend their annual Beast Feast. Saturday tea \$12.00 Sunday breakfast \$5.00. Camping is free.

Contacts:-

Rodney Lind 88377260 Mob 0418527977 Jim Davies 88521021 Mob 0417836994



Bill & Rosey Crettendon - ride organisers



Birthday Girl: Rita Molnar

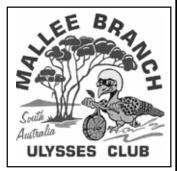


Jim Davies, Deb Thorley, Rae Lind, Rita Molnar



Struth!! I just took 4.0 mm out of the rain guage – that's a total of 17.0mm for this year. Let's hope it keeps up.

Not a lot to report this time We had a very successful brekky get together at Loxton, courtesy of Laurie and Helen Davison (and helpers). Aside from a great



Sunday morning social event, it was a fundraiser for Angel Flight, and about \$270 was raised. Our kind hosts donated the food and raffle prizes.

Also we were recently visited by a party from the Southern Flinders Group, who shared a coffee with us at the Shell Pit Stop at Barmera. (I've recently been talking to the proprietor of the Lakeside Motel where you stayed, folks, and you certainly made a great impression – they are really looking forward to a mob of Ulyssians staying there in 2009)

We are working hard on the organization of the 2009 SA Odyssey in the Riverland and your attention is drawn to the notice (opposite) re hard accommodation. We know that some of the accommodation has already been booked, so you had better get in early. Camping will be no problem and details will be in the registration form once this is published. When booking, make sure you say you are Ulyssians attending the Odyssey, as special rates will apply.

That's about it for now. I've got to get the skates on and get ready for the trip to the AGM – see you there.

Enjoy life's great ride, Toddy



2009 ODYSSEY RIVERLAND

16TH SA ODY

IT'S TIME TO BOOK YOUR HARD ACCOMMODATION

The Mallee Branch is proud to announce the 2009 Odyssey to be held at the Riverland at the Barmera-Monash Football Club, Lakeside Dr., Barmera, from Friday 2nd to Monday 5th October 2009.

Full facilities will be available at the venue, with ample camping on the adjacent oval (subject of course to the surface being in sound condition, e.g., not soggy due to heavy rain – well we can dream can't we?). Campsite bookings will be per the registration form once this is published. A limited number of powered sites will be available, only for those with medical needs.

The nearest hard accommodation is across the road at the Barmera Hotel-Motel, with 2 other motels and a caravan park all within 900m of the venue. You will need to book soon.

Please book your accommodation direct, and let them know you are Ulyssians attending the Odyssey. The providers are:

- Barmera Hotel-Motel (Opposite the Venue)
 29 Barwell Ave., Barmera 5345 Ph.85882111
 (Situated in the main St.,)
- Barmera Country Club Comfort Inn (900m from venue) Hawdon St., Barmera 5345. Ph. 1800 018 308 (Overlooks the golf course)
- Barmera Lake Resort Motel (800m from venue)
 Lakeside Drive, Barmera 5345
 Ph. 85882555
 (Overlooks the lake)
- Barmera Caravan Park (900m from venue)
 Lakeside Dr., Barmera 5345. Oh.85882234
 (Situated on the shores of the lake)

If you miss out in Barmera, then alternative accommodation opportunities exist at Kingston-on-Murray Caravan Park, Glossop Motel, or motels or caravan park at Berri. But these would place you up to 15 Km. from the venue.

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Classifieds

Yakaha XV1100B: 4/91. 46,500ks. Reg. THS 025. Top box, side packs, tank bag and trailer. All set up for touring. **\$7,000.**

Contact James on 08 85830118

Shadow Trailer: Spare wheel. Bra. \$2,750 ono.

Contact Kevin on 08 8556 5268

Cooks' Corner



Lemon Passion Butter

Place 250g chopped unsalted butter in a large, heat proof bowl.

Add

1½ cup caster sugar 1 tbl grated lemon rind 1 cup lemon juice 8 lightly beaten eggs pulp of 4 passionfruit

Place bowl over a pan of simmering water and stir constantly for 20 mins or until mixture coats back of spoon.

Remove from heat, stand 2 mins.

Pour into warm, sterilized jars.

Best kept refrigerated.

Poppy Seed Biscuits

1 egg

1 cup sugar

250g margarine

2 cups sr flour

1 cup plain flour

2 tablespoons poppy seeds

Cream margarine & sugar.

Add egg, then seeds and flours.

Cook.

Make runny lemon icing.

* Can substitute chocolate chips for poppy seeds.

