

Hi All

Isn't our new venue great?! Suitable size and great atmosphere for socialising - not so spread out.



We are able to use the venue for any social activities we might like to put on, eg, Quiz Night in July (ad further on). The possibilities are endless and it's nice to feel we are in our 'own club room'

Tax time, so they tell me, and **Marcel Smith** (ad opposite) will be happy to tend to all your taxation requirements. Plenty of good feedback from members who have used Marcel's services in the past and, best of all, *he comes to you*.

Geoff Dalitz was involved in an accident on his bike a few weeks ago, on his way home after deciding not to go on a Wednesday ride. He was taken to RAH with broken ribs, punctured lung and unconscious. His helmet and other suitable riding gear saved him from even more serious injuries when apparently a woman in a 4-wheel drive came out from a side street and hit him. We wish Geoff well on the road to recovery.

There is number of members going through health issues as the moment. It seems like every week I hear of someone on the sick list. I guess that's what comes of the age bracket in which we move. I take this opportunity to assure them that your fellow members wish you a speedy recovery and will be back on your bikes soon.

Garry and I will be in Adelaide a lot for the next 8 weeks so if have any queries re magazine, you will be able to contact me on my mobile 0409 881 726.

A note from Piper: Hey, check out this site for safe riding skills:

<http://www.msgroup.org/videos.aspx>

and **Josie Wasley in Broken Hill:** We have acquired a live band from Mildura, for the Ghost Town Rally we are holding at Copi Hollow this year. It is the band that plays every year at the Wintersun Rally in Mildura. They go by the name "Dazed and Confused." They are brilliant, if I may say so myself.

Now there's an aptly named band for a Ulysses show!

and yet another: We're members of the Warnbro branch we're about to travel OZ starting in Adelaide 1st Nov for about a month - (brother's getting married). If you can help with a bed for a few nights or showing us around please contact me justmishere@bigpond.com.

Cheers
Michelle

One last item: Garry turns the big 70 on the Monday of the long weekend! Happy birthday, Precious.

Wendy

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Adelaide Branch Meetings

First Thursday of the month

European Catering

2 Chief Street

Hindmarsh

8.00 pm

Meals & bar available from 6.00 pm

Visit us on our Web Page

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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
on the 1st Sunday of the month



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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 North: Caltex, Munno Para
or South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday North: Tea Tree Gully Hotel
or 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

Contact Mick Sandley - 8251 2435

or 0407 817 362

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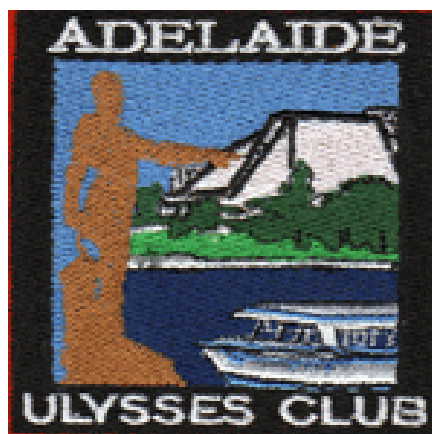
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From your Pres

G'day everyone, well I think winter is truly here, cause its getting colder and we have had some much needed rain, but please NO RAIN ON SUNDAYS.



There are some good events coming up in the near future, we have the Diehards Breakfast ride, always a good event if some what chilly, the annual Meet The Kings Ride to Ardrossan, there is the Quiz night being organized by the Nash's on Friday the 24th of July at the Adelaide Branch meeting hall, this sounds like its going to be a great social night out for everyone.

The Ulysses Club is a great club to be a part of, its full of a wide variety of interesting folk all with the same goal, to have a great time in the company of others and of course to grow old disgracefully (some more than others).

Remember this club and its many branches are all run by volunteers, so if you feel the urge to volunteer yourself and your time, you will be made most welcome.

Anyway thats enough from me, just get out there, partake in whats on offer and have a ball doing it.

Andrew Mill
Adelaide Branch
President

Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar June-August

Date	Time	Leader	Event	From
7 June		Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Queen's Birthday Weekend	
14 June	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Myponga	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
21 June	8.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Diehards Breakfast at the President's house, small fee to cover costs then go for another ride after breakfast.	Civic Park
28 June	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Meet the Kings at Ardrossan for sausage sizzle lunch. Small fee to cover costs.	Caltex Bolivar Port Wakefield Road
5 July	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Victor Harbor	Top o'Taps
12 July	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Angaston	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
19 July	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	McLaren Vale	Civic Park
26 July	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Mannum	Top o'Taps
2 August	9.30 am	Chris Roberts	Gumeracha	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
9 August	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Goolwa	Civic Park

Bill's Motorcycles Sponsored Ride

Well there were only about 30 bikes for a great bacon and egg brekky at Bill's nothern store for their sponsored ride. Guess the weather had a bit to do with the numbers being down, but those that were there had breakfast and a good look around the shop.

We set off and made our way to Balhannah for morning tea getting there via Anstey Hill, Cuddlee Creek and Lenswood. From Balhannah we headed off through

Littlehampton, Mt Barker Springs, Kanmantoo, Monarto and on to Mannum for lunch at the river front where the Corellas had made a mess of the gum trees and surrounding lawns.

It was a great day with only one small minor incident at the start, suffice to say some one will be getting the training wheels at the next meeting.


Andrew

Nashy's Trivia Quiz and Games Night

\$5 per person prepaid for seating arrangements

Bookings essential

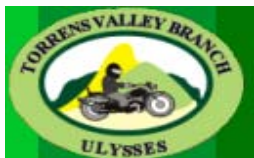
Enquiries: Phone Lyn or Steve on
8281 7727 or 0423 108 464

- Quiz 8 rounds of 10 questions
- Special Game for the Ladies - The Naughty man Game
- Slide a coin to win a bottle of booze
- Win prize on the swinging balloon game: Win with  bang
- Come in Fancy Dress (optional)
- Prize for the best dressed male and female

Bring plenty of loose change to play the games. All proceeds on the night will go to the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Foundation

Venue: 2 Chief Street, Hindmarsh
When: Friday, 24th July 2009
Time: 7.30 pm sharp

BYO nibbles





Come to Nappa's Weekend

25th & 26th July 2009

Mundoorah Club

Leaving Caltex Bolivar at 10.00 am

No hard accommodation but camping is **free**

Saturday Dinner \$9
Sunday Breakfast \$6

Phone Rick on 8255 1179 for catering purposes



24 Hour Trial - 2009

Once again, the Ulysses Club is supporting the amazing 24 Hour Trial, which will be held on 11th and 12 July, by running a check-point.

Our club has been involved for the past 18 years.

We set up on Friday-Saturday with the first riders coming through from 12 noon onwards. They do 4 laps of 250kms over the 24 hours.

Our duties include checking numbers and times against the clock, and reporting back to the main control immediately.

A certain amount of training is involved, but those who aren't involved in the actual checking, set themselves up with a huge bonfire, plenty of food and drinks, and have a 24 hour party.

The Club provides hearty soups, sausages, sandwiches, cakes and tea/coffee for all workers and supporters. You are welcome to bring friends and family along and camp with us, but bring your own food for them.

This is a unique race, the longest in Australia and one of the hardest in the world of motorcycle racing.

We don't know where our checkpoint will be yet, but we'll keep you informed.

If you think you might be interested in helping with this, please contact

Sue Freene on 8277 3339

for further information.

Monthly Dinners



For bookings and cancellations for all dinners,
phone Kevin Brenton
on 8332 4719
(leave message on message bank)

DO NOT PHONE HOTEL



Friday
12th June 2009
7pm

OG Hotel
246 North East Road
Klemzig

booking close Wednesday, 10th June



Friday
10th July, 2009
7pm

Sussex Hotel
68 Walkerville Tce
Walkerville

booking close Wednesday, 8th July



Friday
14th August 2009
7pm

Modbury Plaza Hotel
989 North East Road
Modbury

bookings close Wednesday 12th August

April Dinner

The Highbury Hotel: We hadn't been here since August 2007 and no one got lost this time! The meal was good, the chat only stopped when the food came and everyone was happy, but we missed a few regulars, catching up with them at the May dinner.



At the Highbury: Kevin and Jeanne Brenton, and Ross Murray

May Dinner

It was raining outside, but warm and friendly inside the Somerset Hotel on Friday 15th May 2009. Great meal, as usual, which developed into a nut sundae sweets night! Hope Jeannie is feeling better as we missed her, but made up for it by singing a big 'happy birthday' to Doug Francis who accepted it with his usual grace - what a gentleman. Good to see Carlene back from Qld and hope Neil and Coral enjoy their overseas trip. See you at the next O G Hotel on 12 June.



above: Adrian and Janetta

below: Carlene Dyer catches up with Margaret and Adrian



Rosco's trip to the Ulysses AGM in Penrith

Because the group that I have previously attended AGMs with had decided to go up to Lake Gardner to witness the attempts on various land speed records I rang, Neville Gray and asked what he was doing and thus joined the Mouth to the Mountains Run.

We caught up with a group in Mildura on Thursday the 12th March, having had morning tea at Waikerie and lunch at Cullulleraine, which is close to being a ghost town. That night we all had an excellent BBQ at the caravan park in Mildura, put on by the local Ulysses club.

On Friday the 13th we crossed the river into NSW for the ride to Euston, then back into Victoria for a brief stop at Robinvale where there is a good museum of ancient farm implements, then followed the river to Swan Hill for lunch. The BP there fortunately had one BP 98 pump and we all filled up for the ride to Echuca where most of us stayed for two nights. The second day had intermittent rain so I didn't see a lot and it was really a day wasted. Quite a few evidently agreed with me and went on to Jindabyne.

The remainder of the group split up for the ride to Jindabyne on Sunday the 15th at Wodonga, a few taking the Murray River Road to Carryong for lunch and the main group along the Murray Valley Highway, also to Carryong. The Murray River mob got split up again when the lead rider crashed, so we all straggled into Jindabyne at different times. We had cabins there in a lodge type environment and had dinner in the restaurant there to celebrate the end of the Mouth to Mountain Ride. It's worth mentioning that the road up through Jindabyne to Thredbo is very good, but after Thredbo deteriorates to a goat track and wasn't all that easy to negotiate. While it was bitumen, it was narrow, no centre line, and blind corners made riding tricky.

Monday the 16th was the last day and we rode through Cooma up to Goulburn for lunch. Finding our way through Queanbeyan was easy, the signage is excellent, but Neville Gray led the way with his GPS and found the Penrith complex without bother.

My mate, Vince Evans, had booked an excellent motel room for us, but was unable to meet me there coz he was suffering from a ruptured hernia, so I had the room to myself. There were a number of Ulysses folk on either side of me, but none of them were friendly so I kept to myself. It took a full day to orient myself, but I eventually found the way to the Ulysses site which was located at the Panthers Complex, and a cuppla nearby pubs. One was within walking distance across a park and one could eat there overlooking the river, very solubrious! The other was a distance away and was an Irish Pub with great atmosphere.

After a look around the Ulysses site, I decided to do the tourist thing and went up to Faulkenbridge to Norman Lindsay's former home to see his paintings and sculptures again. There are a number of lookouts in the area to see the amazing cliffs and valleys of the Blue Mountains.

Then out to Lithgow to see the arms factory museum again. Fortunately, I picked Thursday coz it's only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and I managed to get one of the former employees to give me a private showing. They've got a lot of new hand gun exhibits there now and it's worth seeing.

The .303 rifle equipment was installed between 1909 and 1912 and was used up to 1958, making only the Lee Enfield Mark 111*. However they did make prototypes for a number of rifles but didn't go into production. They also made a lot of parts for other components using the lost wax process.

Naturally I took Bell's Line of Road to Lithgow, but there's a lot of 60s and 80s with rough surface before you get to the 100k section into Lithgow. It was on that section that I caught up with two other motorcycles and stayed with them until we were passed by a semitrailer that got up to 125ks in some of the twisty bits and we let him go! Fancy being burnt off by a semi!

On previous trips I have always taken too many clothes, but not this time. Because we stayed in Echuca for an extra day, I had a chance to wash and dry, hanging the clothes on a line I always carry, and using the Honda as one post and a convenient whatever the other end. In Penrith, the motel was upmarket and it was difficult to find a place to hang washing outside, so I rigged a line in the bathroom to allow most of the water to drip on the floor, then moved it close to a window in the morning sun, and finished off outside using a chair and a fire hydrant as posts.

On Friday the 20th I went up to Wiseman's Ferry, got lost a few times and had to take on \$10 of low octane petrol to tide me over 'til I could find a pump with 98. Nearly dropped the Blackbird on a very sharp, steep, left hand corner climbing out of Wiseman's and had to do a three point turn.

On the way back I went through Richmond where there is a RAAF airbase with a lot of Hercules on the tarmac, but wasn't able to talk my way in to have a close look.

Saturday the 21st was the Closing Ceremony. It was held in the Lake Marquee and many of the bikes that had been in the Parade in the morning were on the oval in front of the Marquee. The AGM followed in the Panthers Club and this was attended by 540 Members. The venue for the 2012 AGM was announced as Mildura.

After the AGM, I did a short ride up to the Warragamba Dam that supplies 80% of Sydney's water. I was particularly interested because Perry Engineering, where I was apprenticed, did much of the work on it.

I needed to leave on the Sunday to give me time to get home for a Classic Owners Meeting on Tuesday night and leave on a Run up through the River land starting on Wednesday morning. I had provisionally decided to camp at Hay the first night, but arrived there around 4.00 pm so went on to Balranald where I found an excellent motel close to the Services Club.

So the trip home was a bit shorter even though I got lost on the way out of Balranald! On the way into town I hadn't noticed the turn off to Tooleybuc, didn't even realise that that was on the way to Ouyen. So I ended up in Euston, and after an unfruitful search for the road to Ouyen, I got directions from a bird at the local police station and got back on track.

I finally arrived home around 3.00 pm on Monday arvo, all in one piece. It was good to be back!

Ross Edwards

Ten Question with Ulysses Member Jim Hemmings

Q1. How long have you been a Ulysses member?

A1. I am now in my fourth year. First ride was October 05.

Q2. What influenced you to join?

A2. I attended the meeting at the Somerset Hotel after seeing an article in the Messenger. At the time I was looking at retiring and the idea of mid week and weekend rides appealed to me. The people attending the meeting seemed friendly enough so I joined up.

Q3. What motor bike are you currently riding?

A3. A black 2007 Heritage Softtail. Although people joke about them, they are comfortable to ride and look good.

Q4. How many bikes have you owned over the years?

A4. Seven.

Q5. Name some of the bikes you have owned?

A5. My first in 1965 was a Honda Benley 125, then a Lambretta 175 followed by a Honda 125 trail, a CB360, a Yamaha DT175, and then before the Heritage a Kawasaki Vulcan 800.



Q6. What will be your next bike?

A6. Probably one of the Motards, although if I keep this one long enough I may look at the Spyderys.

Q7. What is, or was your favorite bike?

A7. My current bike is my favorite so far. I think that each bike you buy is the favorite at the time, but that doesn't stop you looking at

all the other toys in the shop. I look back and miss some of the features from the Vulcan that the new bike does not have, such as kill switch when riding off with the stand, down and a helmet lock.

Q8. If money was no object and you could have any bike in the world, what would it be?

A8. If it was to ride all the time I would probably pick the Harley Davidson Heritage Deluxe and take the fully chromed options.



Here is a picture of me on my first bike. Not exactly a big twin but I thought it was pretty big at the time.

Q9. What do you enjoy about the Ulysses Club?

A9. A great way to spend a few hours, seeing the countryside with like minded souls. Although the club has a lot of members attending the meetings it is usually the same band of riders on a Wednesday or Sunday run. Riding on a Wednesday when the majority are at work is a good way to break up the week.

Q10. Do you have any nick name? Come on I know you do!!

A10. The closest I have come to a nickname has been to be called JimJim. Too many Jims and James on camps, so the kids started calling me JimJim so I knew when it was me they wanted.

Lester Martin
#22403

Ridden On
Vince Onorato (Rooster) #18527
30/05/47 - 08/05/09
and
Sally Tripodi
29/5/61-08/05/09



In loving memory of our great mate, Vince, and his beautiful fiancée, Sally Tripodi, who died as the result of an accident on Friday, 8th May. A rough diamond with a heart of gold, Vince loved unconditionally, and fiercely defended those he cared about. They will be deeply missed by all those whose lives they touched.

Rest in peace together.

We love you.

from Adelaide & Fleurieu Branches

Letters to the Editor

Dear Wendy



To the ignorant trike owner who parked in a 'disabled park' at the Red Rooster in May when there were plenty of other parks around:

'One day you will be old, and when your family is struggling to get your wheelchair out of a car at a shopping centre, I hope you will remember that you used to abuse this privilege. The only thing disabled about you is between your ears.'

Let's not "muddy" the waters here, disabled parking is for disabled people, not to use as a convenient parking spot.

Sue Freene

NB: The trike was clearly 'labelled' Ulysses Club - not the kind of publicity we would encourage at all.



Cobdogla

We left for Cobdogla on Friday, as quite a few of others gone there to make it a long weekend. (You can do that when you're retired!) It was raining, as forecast, but not cold. It was quite heavy in some parts, but when we got to Combine Hill, it cleared immediately and it was dry and sunny with blue skies.

We continued through to Waikerie, then on to Cobby where we met Trevor and Nita Curtis at the Caravan Park. The park is really nice, very clean, pretty, lots of trees and close to the water. They have canoes for hire. It was a dog friendly park, so we had Basil with us for a bit of a holiday.

Ian Ritchie was the only other camper, everyone else being in vans, campers, cabins and, in the case of the Chadbournes and the Halls, a holiday house.

After setting up camp, we went to the Cobby Club with the Curtises and Jenny and Jan. It was good to see Jan out and about again. We had a good night watching a bit of footy, talking to the locals, drinking red wine and eating a really nice tea. We put in \$2 each and bought tickets in a meat try raffle. We won one and it was enough for Trevor to cook for us for breakfast the next day.

Went to Berri for the markets (cancelled due to it being Anzac Day), then on to Loxton for coffee, back through Moorook to Barmera to check out the Lake which has sadly depleted.

Went Barmera RSL where we got a text from Wendy to meet us up at the deli for lunch. When we got there, not a bike could be seen, but new members, Craig and Gail McDonald (another one!) had their Yamaha 1300 in the back of a van.

Back to Cobdogla, helped Rick and Ronda put up their camper whilst the others settled into their cabins. Shopped for breakfast food.

We had a train ride, courtesy of the enthusiastic, clever men who run the railway museum. We spent another hour there looking at machinery and the huge Humphry Pump that used to be used for irrigation before electricity. It was very interesting, but

we were ready for a drink, so we went to the Club again.

By this time, the Mallee Mob had started arriving for tea. It was good to catch up with Toddie and Carol, and Royce and Sylvia. We also met a lot of 'new' people and had a really fun night with vibrant, entertaining conversation, lots of laughs and a top band! Some of even got up to dance!

Breakfast the next morning consisted of bacon, egg and tomato rolls, juice, coffee and toast. The sun was shining

and no one really wanted to go home.

It is such a lovely place, Cobdogla. I was envious of the ones who decided to stay on for another day. Most of us went to the servo for coffee before we left. It was a great weekend catching up with old friends, Neil and Liz Hudson, and Trevor and Carol McDonald (another one!).

Thanks to Wendy for organising such a happy weekend.

Sue Freene

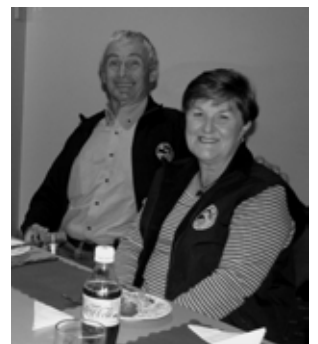
Ed Note: Special mention to Rob and Diane Chadbourne of Port Wakefield, who were the only ones to go to Cobdogla on their bike!



Cobdogla

Are we having fun yet?

Now, this is what I call a toy!!! Left hand down a bit, Rick!



Just keeping her warm!!



The Yorke Peninsula Connection: Natalie, Chaddie, Gazza, Leon, Di & Wendy



Craig & Gail McDonald Back in Adelaide after a number of years interstate.

UPCOMING S.A. RALLIES 2009

JUNE 6,7,8,	WINTERSUN	MILDURA	JOHN 03 5023 7218
JUNE 27, 28	RADIATA	SOUTH END	FRANK 8765 1030
AUG 7,8,9	ALZ 10th (and FINAL) RALLY	SEDAN	MEATAXE 8540 2172 ADRIAN 8568 2503
AUG 21,22,23	WOMBAT	WARNERTOWN	MICK 0417 846 668
SEPT 5, 6	BUCKIN'	MARRABEL	GROT 0412 602 272
SEPT 11,12,13	GHOST TOWN	LAKE MENINDEE	0418 858 653
SEPT 18,19,20	BUSH PIG	CRYSTAL BROOK	GREG 0409 8424 34
OCT long weekend	OASIS	PARUNA	LERCH 0432 284 529
OCT 17, 18	REDBACK	LAKE BONNEY	IVAN 0403 210 925

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From Losail

Hello Everyone

I can't begin to tell you what a buzz last night was. We sat opposite pit 8 which of course is Stoner's. I got pictures of the ever loyal Alice supporting her husband, the Emir handing out the trophy without the Champers, of course, and lots of the other bikes, pits and the race. The Emir of the State of Qatar, His Royal Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, was there without his wives, who are not allowed to come. The Emir left in his helicopter after the presentation.

100 Qatari Riyal (\$50 AUD) was all it cost to get in. For that we got first class seats and a chance to win a BMW 320 sports car or a Ducati. Needless to say neither Joe's nor my ticket was drawn out – now there is a surprise.

Attached are a couple of photos albeit poor quality. Stoner started first and finished first as you would have seen if you watched.

**Cheers
Shazz**



Above: Sharon Brock at the track in Losail and left: Casev Stoner's bike.



Wednesday Riders Midweek at Port Vincent April

Cheers to all the workers!



Here is a photo you don't see too often with an Ulyssian. It is Frank (accident casualty on way to Coober Pedy a few years back) putting to use his umbrella. It is a wet stop at Minlaton on our middle day of the stay at Tuckerway, Port Vincent. We were actually heading to Port Victoria, but took a wrong turn. The camp was attended by about 24 persons and was fun.

Lee Bruland

Bless this bike.
Amen



Do you think it's going to rain?



Just some of the many faces, old and new, who were at the Adelaide Branch's first meeting on 2/4/09 in their 'new home' at European Catering, 2 Chief Street, Hindmarsh. It was a great night with great atmosphere. It holds lots of promise for more than just meetings and will be the venue for many social events, such as the upcoming Quiz Night in July.



Thank You



#1, Stephen Dearnley in the parade at the 2009 AGM

To everyone involved in the planning and running of 'The Mouth to the Mountains' ride, we say a sincere 'thank you'.



We know the 'blood, sweat and tears' it takes to organize such a big event, and we appreciate your enthusiasm and tenacity.

The three aims of this event were

- to raise money for the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund
- to meet and make friends along the way
- to participate in a unique riding experience.

All goals were achieved.

You can all be very proud of the part you played in making it happen.

**Distinguished VIPs
Geraldine & Ross
Liz & Moss**

Yorke Peninsula

Friends & Rellies Ride Sunday 4th April

The results from the editorial that appeared in the Country Times proved very fruitful, we had 6 extras on our ride plus two others that wish to join us on future rides. The day was rather overcast which was a bit off putting, but we made it all of the way to Port Broughton without any major precipitation but minutes after we arrived it pelted down making everyone run for cover. We met members from the S.F.R.G who joined us for lunch, some opting for a pub meal and others availing themselves of the takeaways that are available. It rained on and off during the entire lunch break but just as we were about to leave for home via Wallaroo it miraculously cleared up giving us a rain free trip all of the way home. The feedback from our guests was very positive with quite a lot of interest shown in our club.

Pub Lunch Ride Sunday 3rd May

About a week before the ride was due I changed my mind in regard to the destination. I sent emails out to all members who are on line informing them of the change. The reason for the change of venue was that the Eyre Peninsula Branch were having lunch at Burra on their way to Melrose for an over night stay and I thought it would be a good idea to catch up with them again. We met at the Kooringa Hotel at Burra where the meals were excellent and drinks very reasonably priced coupled with very friendly staff. It was great to see the E.P mob again, every one I spoke to were very enthusiastic about the coming ride in December it looks as though it could even be bigger than last year. The weather was kind to us and the chance to ride a few twisties was appreciated by all.

COMING RIDES

Saturday June 6th, Sunday June 7th, Monday June 8th.

We will be hosting the Fleurieu Branch on a ride to the lower Flinders Ranges. We will be Meeting at Popes Café Port Wakefield at 12.30pm for lunch, then riding to Port Augusta where we will be staying for two nights.

Sunday 5th July 2009

Casserole & Mornay Luncheon. Meet at Robert & Dianne Chadbournes place (8 George Street Port Wakefield) at 9.30 am. Bring along a casserole or mornay which will be pooled for lunch. Robert has organised a ride which will finish back at his place for lunch and social get together. This promises to be a top day, it doesn't matter what the weather is like as Chaddies place an all weather venue.

Sunday 2nd August.

Beast Feast

Invitation to join Fleurieu Peninsula Branch for their annual "Beast Feast", meals are at give away prices and accommodation is either sleep in the hall or camping.

Sunday 6th September

James & Heather Bartsch have kindly volunteered to organise a ride which will travel to Jamestown. At this stage it looks like we will be having lunch at one of the pubs. By this time of the year the weather should be on the improve after winter. Details re departure time and location T.B.A

Fri 2nd, Sat 3rd, Sun 4th, & Mon 5th October 2009

16th Annual S.A. Odyssey to be held at Barmera

This very popular annual event is being hosted by The Mallee Branch Of The Ulysses Club. Registration forms are in "The Odyssey" or can be downloaded from web site www.adelaideulysses.com.au

Sunday 1st November 2009

Meet at B.P Ardrossan at 10.00am. We will then travel to Point Turton where we will have lunch at the Tavern.



The leg on which SA stands

Friday 11th – Monday 14th Dec 2009

As mentioned earlier the annual Y.P & E.P combined ride is on again this year.

It is imperative that accommodation be booked early. This applies to both hard accommodation and camping sites. We have compiled a list of basic ride details and venues, if you wish to be part of what promises to be a fantastic weekend contact me and I can pass details onto you for booking purposes

Rodney Lind
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Sunday Rides

are held on the first Sunday of the month. Watch these pages for details and updates or contact Rod Lind on 8837 7260/0148 527 977 for info.

Wednesday Rides

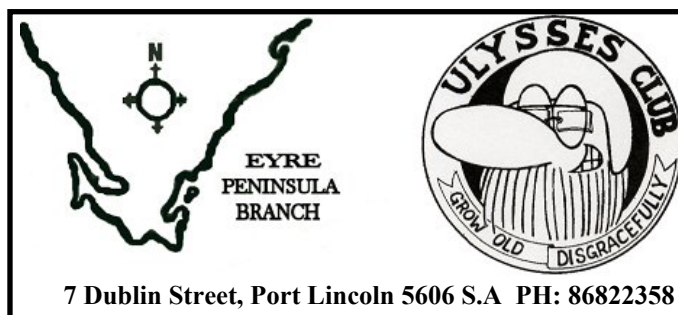
leave the parking bay in the centre of Kadina Park at 9.30 am on Wednesdays. Please contact Clive Ford on 8821 1598 before any Wednesday ride to get the latest information.



This is from the Roaming Swagman rally at Burra Creek (02/05/09). Excellent time was had by all. If you was holding a log that Natilie was sawing with a bow saw, you would have your eyes shut too! And she won a riding jacket for Leon, and wasn't even in the draw!

Eyre Peninsula Branch Ride Calendar

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	Contact	Advise by	Leave	Time
June 27 Saturday	Christmas in June - Marina Hotel	Bill Richter 8282 8212	June 9	Marina Hotel	6.00 pm for 6.30pm
4-5 July	Whyalla Ten-Pin Bowling	Herman Pruis 8682 2358	21 June	North Shields	8.0 am
19 July	Sheringa - Lunch	Mick Jesser 8682 4019	5 July	Town Jetty	10.00 am
8-9 August	Buck Yates BBQ in the Bush - Kimba	Buck Yates 8627 2163	26 July	North Shields	7.30 am
21-23 August	Port Augusta - Leigh Creek (or Robert Yound Safety Rider Course TBA)	John Mansfield 0408 988 987	19 July	North Shields	1.00 pm
20 Sept	Veus Bay - Lunch	nick Octoman 8688 4217	6 September	Town Jetty	10.00 am
2-5 Oct	16th SA Odyssey - Barmera	Herman Pruis 8682 2358	20 September	North Shields	11.00 am
24-25 Oct	Coodilie Park	John Mansfield 0408 988 9987	27 September	Town Jetty	10.00 am
1 Nov	Cougar's Breakfast - Cummins	Bill Sellen 8682 2713	18 October	Town Jetty	8.00 am
15 November	Tumby BYO BBQ	Bill Richter 8682 8212	1 November	North Shields	11.00 am
TBA	Cowley's Annual Toy Run				
28-29 Nov	Wudinna Christmas Dinner - Secret Santa (Ride or Drive)	Trish Pruis 8682 2358	1 November	Town Jetty	1.00 pm
11-14 Dec	Walleroo Trip (Ferry - 10.30 am)	Herman Pruis 8682 2358	8 November	North Shields	8.00 am

BBQ at Rosie's Cantina

Recently the Eyre Peninsula Branch has lost a few valued friends so we were especially happy to see a great turn out on Saturday, February 28. We met, as usual, at the town Jetty for our weekly motorbike fix. We live in a beautiful part of Australia, but there are not many places to visit for a quick outing from Port Lincoln. In the past, our informal rides have been a choice between going to Coffin Bay or Tumby Bay and we usually have a five minutes wrangle to decide where to go on any given week. Ride leaders, Bill and Rosie Crittenden, decided to break with this time honoured tradition and we went to BOTH places.

After a short break to polish his bike Bill lead us of to Coffin's and he decided to ring the changes by taking a different route. This threw some riders into disarray but happily we all ended up at the usual joint in Coffin Bay for a pie and a cuppa. Next stop was the Five Loaves Bakery in Cummins for lunch. Half the group have only a mild motorbike addiction and they took the short route to Cummins. The full on addicts braved the longer route via the Mount Hope.

With the two groups reunited a beautiful lunch followed accompanied by some dulcet vocal tones and guitar laid on by the proprietors. We waited for a bit so that the ride leader could dust the chrome on his bike and took of along the lovely windy bit to Tumby. Once we arrived in Tumby we were all concerned that our blood sugar was low so a cuppa and a pie seemed in order. After some adjustments to suspensions loads to cope with the gains in our weight we headed back to Lincoln.

Rosie and Bill threw open their house for a BBQ that night. Bill polished his Bike while we got into the festivities. Overlooking the beautiful Boston bay we kicked of proceedings with a good natured game of Boules. Well mostly good natured apart form Herman who was the ref and a full on cheat. Funny enough Herman's team made it through to the finals but there they met the Club Pres who cheated even more to help his team carry of the title of Champs.



Alan Smith and partner in 'Dancing with the Stars' at Rosie's BBQ

After a short break to eat some much needed protein and carbs the entertainment ensued. Some high lights; Smithy put on a dancing with the stars show but we noticed his partner was tied to him. Apparently this is the only way he can get a partner. Bart told a few dirty ditties which were quite good and then scared the life out Rosie with some rubber spiders which was



Barry "Bart" Carr rearing to go, rounding up the contestants for the bocce competition

even better. It is great to report that Rosie has now recovered and has climbed out of the cupboard she hid in. Andrew and his lovely wife then stole the show with their singing accompanied by the squeezebox and guitar. More entertainers followed along with a steady stream of food and beverages. Jack and I got up to sing and the evening wound down soon after that. We left Bill to cover the bike after dusting it and a little more wax.

What a day! We live in a beautiful country and Rosie and Bill have chosen a lovely spot to live in. Thanks foe sharing.

In honour of our recently departed friends – A great ride, some excellent company and lots of fun. Ride on.

Trish Pruis



Shane Graham concentrating on his bowling arm, with the oppositon team Herm & Trish Pruis, Sandi Green and Bart Carr looking on.



Saturday 28th. March

Overnight ride to Edithburgh.

We left Caltex at 9.00am with Brian as ride leader. Rode to Wallaroo Bakery for coffee and cake and were joined with James and Heather from the York Peninsula Riding Group. Then onto Ardrossan Bakery for lunch which was very enjoyable. After about an hour we rode down to Edithburgh where we all went to our various accommodations Motels/Caravan Park. After settling in some went for light refreshments at the Hotel and some brought light refreshments, brought them back to the Caravan Park where we sat around and had enjoyable conversations before getting dressed to go to the Edithburgh Hotel for tea. We were joined with Rod and Rae and a few others from YP. After tea some stayed while others left for an early night. We then met at 10.00am Sunday morning and after saying our good byes to James and Heather who stayed an extra night we rode to Minlaton hoping the bakery would be open, but it wasn't. So we coffeed at a shop before riding on to the Boat Shed at Wallaroo for lunch. The food was excellent. We have now handed the 'Tail End Charlie' award from Cossy (who wasn't there anyway) to David (doc) as he ordered late and waited what seemed for ever for his lunch, so we sat around waiting for him. We then rode to Pt. Broughton for a short stop then on to Café Riva in Pirie for milkshakes and coffee freezes. After that we said our goodbyes and went our separate ways home. All in all it was a great weekend. I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

Sunday 19th April Hawker Ride.

We left Caltex at 9.00am and rode to Jamestown for a quick fuel stop, then we headed to Orroroo for coffee and cake and met up with Dave from Wilmington. A few bikes stayed on and travelled back to Pirie as they had "more important" things to do and Cossy was on call. After a good break we rode to Hawker and lunched at the Hawker Hotel. (They make the best pepper sauce we have tasted for a long time). We were met by Ray and some of his mates from Pt. Augusta as well. All in all we had good food and conversation. After leaving Hawker we rode to Wilmington, some bikes left to ride through Horrocks Pass, we rode to Melrose for coffee and scones (with jam and cream). Then we rode through Wirrabara and Laura and back to Pirie. We all had a great time and enjoyed each others company. It was a big day; we got home around 5.20pm. No need to say we slept well that night.

Sunday 3rd May Clare Ride – Winery Tour

Left Caltex at 9.00am, rode to Kadina had morning tea then headed off to Clare via Lochiel and Blyth. The scenery was absolutely beautiful according to the riders as most have not travelled this route before. Two of the riders who came on the ride came from interstate (originally from Britain), one was from Perth (Dave) and the other came from Sydney (Brian). They were great company; they also have travelled around Europe and India on bikes and told us some great stories about their trips and destinations. We all met at the Clare showgrounds and had a look around as it was the gourmet weekend. We were going to have lunch at the showgrounds but it didn't suit most people so we dined at the Bentley Hotel. After lunch we headed to Cardinham Winery which Phil's mate (Noel Smith) owns. Noel showed us around the winery and explained the process of wine making, we tasted and smelt grape juice from a week old to months old, some of it tasted and smelt lovely. After the tour we sampled some lovely wines at the cellar doors. (I am saying the wines were lovely as I am not a wine drinker, I am now). One of the wines we tasted was liqueur, \$35.00 a 375ml bottle and it tasted like hot honey. Noel only bottles this wine occasionally and you are limited to buy three bottles only (your right, Treena has placed an order for three when Noel bottles the next lot). I noticed a few bottles of wine

being packed into panniers; I found four bottles in mine when we arrived home. We travelled home through Spalding Gulnare, Gladstone and on to Pirie. It was a good ride and is sure everyone had a good time.



FUTURE RIDES

Sunday 21st June. Lost Balls Ride. Ride leader and Organiser: Peter Costello (Cossy)

Leaving Caltex at 8.30am

The concept of this ride comes from the early days of Ulysses in NSW. Entrants are required to ride to an undisclosed location, carrying just 2 golf clubs, on their bike (2 each if riding two up). Using only these two clubs, entrants are required to play nine holes of golf. Teams will be allocated on the day, with golfers and non golfers being mixed. The course is located in a pretty little village in the Mid North. All but the last 200 metres of the road to the course is sealed.

Costing is not yet finalized and will depend a bit on numbers, but should be no more than \$15 per entrant. This includes green fees and club hire as well as a cooked lunch (any money left after expenses will go to local Riding for the Disabled)

Numbers for catering purposes to Cossy (8632 5297) or Solly (8633 0385) prior to Sunday 14th June.

Saturday 19th July. Ride to Whyalla. Ride leader: Glen (Solly) Solomon.

Leaving Caltex at 9.30am, coffee at McDonalds Pt. Augusta, and then ride to The Shed in Whyalla for a BBQ lunch with the Whyalla Ulysses Branch. Cost is \$5.00 per head.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Where: French Hot Bread Shop.

(In the main street next to the ANZ bank and opposite the playground)

When: Every Sunday at 10.00am.

All welcome.

All rides leave Port Pirie from the Solomontown Caltex service station. Riders are welcome to come on all or part of the ride.

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 and Bikes. The calendar will be on display in the window of Boats and 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 (Solly) at treena.solomon@yahoo.com.au. And I will email the calendar to you in future.

Any questions or ideas for rides please contact me

Glen (Solly) and Treena Solomon
on 8633.0385 or 0420 859 492



**Ulysses Club
Limestone Coast Mount Gambier Branch
10TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
INVITATION**

Saturday 15th august 2009

All current and former Ulysses Club members
are invited to join us in celebrating our 10th anniversary

Dinner & Entertainment

at the
Linksvie Bar & Bistro Blue Lake Golf Club, Grant
Avenue, Mount Gambier

Time : 6:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$5:00

(Bistro Menu available for meals at own cost)

**Book early by sending \$5pp along with your details
including email address to :-**

The Secretary
Limestone Coast Mount Gambier Branch
PO Box 3480 MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290

**Enquiries : Pres. Meredith Herpich 0407 157 830
Email : meredith.klintberg@hotmail.com**

Ulysses friendly accommodation available at
Mid City Motel 08 87257277 Kalganyi Holiday Park 08 230220

I missed the Feb. issue as we were a bit busy with The Mouth to Mountains ride, hotly followed by the Penrith A.G.M.

The M-T-M ride passed through our patch and we were pleased to be involved in selling raffle tickets and feeding the multitude at Waikerie on their first night out. Congratulations to Sir Kumference and his band of willing workers on the excellent result – may you get a gong next year.

And speaking of gongs, Mallee Branch received the Jo Dearnley Award for the best U.C.A.R.F. fundraising in 2008 as a result of the Brough Raffle. Congratulations to the many people who contributed to the result.

Although my lady and I got to the AGM it was in a tin-top due to Mr. Honda having to source ST1100 radiator hoses from Japan with a 3 week wait. Be warned, it seems that not even fast moving parts are being well stocked in Australia. It took the shine off the trip but never-the-less we had a good time and did some touring on the way home, but it was sad to see how dry the high country is up in the Murray catchment – get used to growing cacti folks!

The Riverland Odyssey registrations have reached almost 200 and the bus and boat trip is now fully booked. Of course, there are still plenty of bookings available for the Odyssey, but hard accommodation could be a bit scarce by now. Also, remember we are limited to a max. of 320 places for sit-down meals.

It's been a sad time recently for our Branch with the loss of our member Murray "Muzza" Farrelly to cancer at the young age of only 57. A ray of sunshine in this sad event was the true Ulysses spirit which shone through in support of Muzza's family. We were honoured to be asked to form a guard of honour, and with a motorcycle procession to follow. About 32 bikes were involved, with several members travelling from more than 150 Km. away to show their support. It was a fitting send-off to a good bloke.

Time to get on with some Riverland Odyssey work.

Enjoy life's great ride
Toddy

**2009 RIVERLAND ODYSSEY
 BUS AND BOAT TRIP**

Sorry folks, but both trips are now fully booked, so it will not be an option in any registrations from here on. Of course, registrations for the Odyssey are still open and although there is plenty of camping space at the venue, hard accommodation will be a bit tight by now.



G'day Folks

When I joined the Ulysses Club it was with the sole intention of doing more motor cycling. What I didn't expect was the great social side of the club. Friendships soon formed, especially thru weekends away. No stock market monitors the value of laughing, caring and sharing. Sometimes it takes the passing of a friend to realise the capital of one. Vince & Sally left us due to a tragic accident. They lived; they loved and left a legacy of their lives on our hearts. It makes me realise the true worth of friends. I think the 'shares' in friendship have just gone thru the roof. So invest in friendship to reap a great return.

Congratulations to the Adelaide Branch on their move their new venue. We are looking forward to the Combined Branch Trivia night on Friday 24th of July. It's great to see how many members get to the different branch meetings and events. We would also like to thank Rod Lind, Yorke Peninsula mob, for the great weekend he organised for us on the June long weekend. Fabulous rides, lots of fun and a good time were had by all. Rod's enthusiasm for inter-branch activities is an inspiration for us all. Also a big thanks to our ever reliable Vespa Boy in leading us home on a fabulous ride thru Gladstone, Kapunda and Meadows. Well done to all who helped make such a memorable week end.

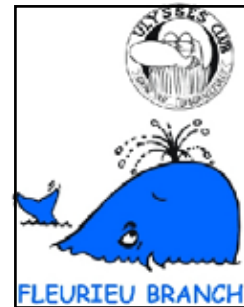
Our mid week rides are doing well. Trev Potter is back in the saddle again after a little off and a new bike. Vespa Boy had his first trip away up the Riverland. From all reports a great time was had by all. If you are available mid week please check out our rides calendar for more rides and an upcoming Limestone Coast ride. In fact just check our web page for all our rides & events and please feel free to join in, we would love to see you. Big Jono, rides captain, has been giving us a smorgasbord of rides. After the progressive meal ride I could hardly move. The food was fantastic and a big thanks to all involved. Mother's day to Wellington was led by my dear Lady, Vicki. Great turnout and when we arrived at the Hotel, they had organised a separate room for us. It was a lot of fun. It is always great to catch up with the other Branches on the Five Captains ride. Let's do more of it. With more great rides coming up again check out the web or contact Jono on 0413278776 email: jonmitchell@bigpond.com.

Our meetings are held at 8.00pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Willunga Golf Club, St Peters Terrace, Willunga. Meals and full bar facilities are available from 6.00pm. Love to catch up with ya.

At a recent meeting, we had all 3 Adelaide Presidents as well as all of our own past Presidents at one meeting. Too many chiefs but a lot of Indians there! Below: Robert (Hobbitt) Ryan, Fleurieu President, Heather Van Erp (PP), Warren Jamieson (PP); Mark Seja, Torrens Valley President; Liz Fairchild, Adelaide PP, Andrew Mill, Adelaide President.

Remember – Life is like a coin. It can be spent anyway you like but it can only be spent once.

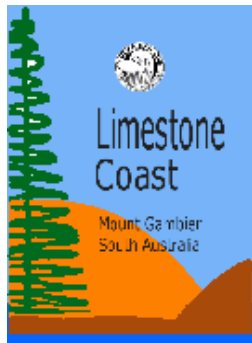
Hobbitt



Our correct title (I have discovered just recently) is actually :-

**Limestone Coast
Mount Gambier Branch**

President: Meredith Herpich
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Secretary: Jill Gilmore 87252529
Rides Captain: Trevor Blackall
87254184



Sunday Meeting Place : Collars & Cuffs Café, 14 Helen Street Mount Gambier 5290
9:30 am on any Sunday

Rides : As per Ride Calendar on the Web

Web Site : as per below -

Our Web is now updated regularly, with Ride Calendar, Ride Reports & Photos

We will be having our Branch 10th Anniversary Celebration on 22nd August 2009, (see ad on overleaf)

Meredith Herpich

President

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Ed: In case you're wondering, this isn't the bike that Geoff was riding when he had his accident a few weeks ago!

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Only in America!!! The rider looks spectacular!!



Tiger Woods drives his BMW into a petrol station in a remote part of the Irish countryside. The pump attendant, obviously knows nothing about golf, greets him in a typical Irish manner completely unaware of who the golfing pro is.

‘Top of the mornin’ to yer, sir’ says the attendant.

Tiger nods a quick ‘hello’ and bends forward to pick up the nozzle. As he does so, two tees fall out of his shirt pocket onto the ground.

‘What are those?, asks the attendant. ‘They’re called tees’ replies Tiger. ‘Well, what on the god’s earth are dey for?’ inquires the Irishman. ‘

They’re for resting my balls on when I’m driving’, says Tiger.

‘Fook me’, says the Irishman, ‘BMW thinks of everything.’

N.S.W.& QLD. Ambulance service introduces Trained Dogs to cut costs.



Breathe damn you.....BREATHE!

The Theory of Intelligence



‘Well you see, Norm, it’s like this . . . A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first .. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers.’

Duties of Wives..

Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had given their new wives duties.

Terry had married a woman from Greece.

He bragged that he had told his wife she needed to do all the dishes and housework. He said that it took a couple days but on the third day he came home to a clean house and the dishes were all washed and put away.

Jimmie had married a woman from Italy ..

He bragged that he had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes, and the cooking. He told them that the first day he didn’t see any results, but the next day it was better. By the third day, his house was clean, the dishes were done, and he had a huge dinner on the table.

The third man had married an Australian girl.

He boasted that he told her that her duties were to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, laundry and ironing twice a week, lawns mowed, windows cleaned and hot meals on the table for every meal.

He said the first day he didn’t see anything, the second day he didn’t see anything, but by the third day most of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, just enough to fix himself a bite to eat, load the dishwasher, and call a handyman.



While the C-5 was turning over its engines, a female crewman gave the G.I.s on board the usual information regarding seat belts, emergency exits, etc.

Finally, she said, ‘Now sit back and enjoy your trip while your captain, Judith Campbell, and crew take you safely to Afghanistan ‘

An old MSgt. sitting in the eighth row thought to himself, ‘Did I hear her right? Is the captain a woman? ‘

When the attendant came by he said ‘Did I understand you right? Is the captain a woman?’

‘Yes,’! said the attendant, ‘In fact, this entire crew is female.’

‘My God,’ he said, ‘I wish I had two double scotch and sodas. I don’t know what to think with only women up there in the cockpit.’

‘That’s another thing, Sergeant,’ said the crew member, ‘We No Longer Call It The Cockpit’

‘It’s The Box Office.’

My five-year old students, are learning to read.
Yesterday one of them pointed at a picture in a zoo book and said,
'Look at this! It's a frickin' elephant!'
I took a deep breath, then asked...'What did you call it?'
'It's a frickin' elephant! It says so on the picture!'

And so it does...



African elephant

The absolute best Little Johnnie joke

Little Johnnie's neighbour had a baby. Unfortunately, the baby was born without ears.

When mother and new baby came home from the hospital, Johnnie's family was invited over to see the baby. Before they left their house, Little Johnnie's dad had a talk with him and explained that the baby had no ears. His dad also told him that if he so much mentioned anything about the baby's missing ears or even said the word ears, he would get the smacking of his life when they came back home. Little Johnnie told his dad he understood completely.

When Johnnie looked in the crib he said, "What a beautiful baby."

The mother said, "Why, thank you, Little Johnnie. Johnnie said, "He has beautiful little feet and beautiful little hands, a cute little nose and really beautiful eyes. Can he see?"

"Yes", the mother replied, "we are so thankful; the Doctor said he will have 20/20 vision."

"That's great", said Little Johnnie,"coz he'd be f...ed if he needed glasses".

GOTTA LOVE LITTLE BOYS!

Two young boys walked into a pharmacy one day, picked out a box of tampons and proceeded to the checkout counter. The man at the counter asked the older boy, 'Son, how old are you?'

'Eight', the boy replied.

The man continued, 'Do you know what these are used for?'

The boy replied, 'Not exactly, but they aren't for me. They're for him. He's my brother. He's four. We saw on TV that if you use these, you would be able to swim and ride a bike and right now, he can't do either one'.

CONQUER THE SCOTS...

Edward Longshanks (Edward I of England) Comes to Scotland to Conquer the Scots. He brings 4,000 men with him. As he nears the battlefield, there suddenly appears a solitary figure on the crest of the hill - a short, ginger-haired guy in a kilt.

'Hammer O the Scots?' yells the wee Scottish guy on the hill. 'Come up here, ya English bastards, and I'll give ye a hammerin!'

Edward turns to his commander. 'Send 20 men to deal with that little Scottish upstart, he says. The commander sends twenty of his best men over the hill to kill the Scotsman.

Ten minutes later, at the crest of the hill, The little Scot appears again. 'Ya English diddies!' he yells. 'Come on the rest of ye!! Come on, I'll have ye all!'

Edward is getting somewhat annoyed. He turns to his commander.

'Send 100 men to kill that little guttersnipe!'

The commander sends 100 men Over the hill to do the job.

Ten minutes later, the little Scot appears at the top of the hill once more, his hair all sticking up, his shirt a wee bit torn. 'Ya English SCUM!' he yells. 'I'm just warming up!! Come and get me, ya English shite !!'

Edward loses patience. 'Commander, take 400 men and personally WIPE HIM OFF THE EARTH!' he yells. The commander gulps, but leads four hundred men on horseback over the crest of the hill.

Ten minutes later, the little Scotsman is back. His clothing is all torn, his face is covered in blood, snot and Irn-Bru. 'Is that the best ye can do??? You're bloody WUMMIN!!! Come on!! Come and have a go ya bunch of English Shite!!!' he yells.

Edward turns to his second in command. 'Take 1,000 men over that hill and don't come back til you've killed him!' he commands. The second in command gathers the men and they ride off over the hill to their fate.

Ten minutes later, one of the English troops appears back at the top of the hill. He's covered in blood and his clothes are all torn. 'Your Majesty!' he yells:



'It's a trap!!! There's two of them!!!!'

Dear Diary,

For my birthday this year, my daughter (the dear) purchased a week of personal training at the local health club for me.

Although I am still in great shape since being a high school cheerleader 43 years ago, I decided it would be a good idea to go ahead and give it a try.

I called the club and made my reservations with a person al trainer named Brad, who identified himself as a 26-year-old aerobics instructor and model for athletic clothing and swim wear.

My daughter seemed pleased with my enthusiasm to get started! The club encouraged me to keep a diary to chart my progress.

MONDAY:

Started my day at 6:00 a.m. Tough to get out of bed, but found it was well worth it when I arrived at the health club to find Brad waiting for me. He is something of a Greek god - with blond hair, dancing eyes and a dazzling white smile. Woo Hoo!! Brad gave me a tour and showed me the machines. I enjoyed watching the skilful way in which he conducted his aerobics class after my workout today. Very inspiring!



Brad was encouraging as I did my sit-ups, although my gut was already aching from holding it in the whole time he was around. This is going to be a

FANTASTIC week!!

TUESDAY:

I drank a whole pot of coffee, but I finally made it out the door.

Brad made me lie on my back and push a heavy iron bar into the air then he put weights on it! My legs were a little wobbly on the treadmill, but I made the full mile. Brad's rewarding smile made it all worthwhile. I feel GREAT!! It's a whole new life for me.

WEDNESDAY:

The only way I can brush my teeth is by laying the toothbrush on the counter and moving my mouth back and forth over it. I believe I have a hernia in both pectorals. Driving was OK as long as I didn't try to steer or stop. I parked on top of a GEO? in the club parking lot.

Brad was impatient with me, insisting that my screams bothered other club members. His voice



is a little too perky for early in the morning and when he scolds, he gets this nasally whine that is VERY annoying. My chest hurt when I got on the treadmill, so Brad put me on the stair monster. Why would anyone invent a machine to simulate an activity rendered obsolete by elevators?



Brad told me it would help me get in shape and enjoy life. He said some other crap too.

THURSDAY:

Brad was waiting for me with his vampire-like teeth exposed as his thin, cruel lips were pulled back in a full snarl. I couldn't help being a half an hour late, it took me that long to tie my shoes.

Brad took me to work out with dumbbells. When he was not looking, I ran and hid in the restroom. He sent some skinny idiot to find me. Then, as punishment, he put me on the rowing machine -- which I sank.

FRIDAY:

I hate that Brad more than any human being has ever hated any other human being in the history of the world. Stupid, skinny, anemic, anorexic little f*ck! If there was a part of my body I could move without unbearable pain, I would beat him to death with it.

Brad wanted me to work on my triceps. I don't have any f*cking triceps! And if you don't want dents in the floor, don't hand me the barbells or anything that weighs more than a sandwich. The treadmill flung me off and I landed on a health and nutrition teacher.

Why couldn't it have been someone softer, like the drama coach or the choir director?

SATURDAY:

Brad left a message on my answering machine in his grating, shrilly voice wondering why I did not show up today. Just hearing him made me want to smash the machine with my planner. However, I lacked the strength to even use the TV remote and ended up catching eleven straight hours of the Weather Channel.

SUNDAY:

I'm having the Church van pick me up for services today so I can go and thank GOD that this week is over. I will also pray that next year my daughter will choose a gift for me that is fun -- like a root canal or a hysterectomy.

I still say if God had wanted me to bend over, he would have sprinkled the floor with diamonds.