

News from other SA Branches



MONTH	DATE	RIDE	CONTACT	ADVISE BY	LEAVE	TIME
April-May	28th-1st	Leigh Creek Offroaders Weekend	Max Walker 86831885	21/04/2006		
May	Friday 12th	<p>“Eyes Wide Open Prostate Tour” Further information see Newsletters by Ulysses Member Margie Bath # 590 or Contact a Committee Member Catered BBQ tea at North Shields Sports Centre (Bar will be Open) This is not a fund raiser, but an excellent informative awareness ride. Accompany Margie & Tiger to Elliston on Saturday for day run</p>			Bookings essential with Geoff at 86831008 by 1st May Starts at 6pm	
	Sun.21st	Mike & Di Hart’s Annual Aero Display BYO BBQ tea	Bill Sellen 86822713	7/05/2006	T J	1pm
June	Sun. 4th	Yangi BYO BBQ	Ray Sims		T J	10am
	Sun. 25th	Borthwick Hill Ray Sims BYO BBQ			N S	11am
NB:		Come on any Event on any sort of wheels Sunday Impromptu Rides from Town Jetty at 10am Scheduled Rides Leave On Time Indicated : T J (Town Jetty) - N S (North Shields)				
		All rides may be subject to alteration Visitors Welcome PRESIDENT: DES BOYCE:- Phone 86835135 Mob. 0427835135				

The Value of a Drink

“Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams If I didn’t drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, “It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver.”

~ Jack Handy

“When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.”

~ Henny Youngman

“Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”

~ Benjamin Franklin

24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case.
Coincidence? I think not.”

~ Stephen Wright

One afternoon at Cheers, Cliff Clavin was explaining the Buffalo Theory to his buddy Norm. Here’s how it went:

“Well ya 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. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, 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. That’s why you always feel smarter after a few beers.”



Port Kenny overnight

The day began at 10am Saturday, with fourteen members including Ray Clancy from Port Augusta, all anticipating a bit of fun with ride leader Bill Crettenden heading off up the centre road, with smoko breaks at Cummins, Lock and at Wudinna we were joined by Buck Yeates from Kimba.. Whilst having lunch, our ladies commandeered a flash looking American convertible for a photo shoot. Having got the girls back on earth, Bill toured the town gardens, or lack of.



We then headed for Port Kenny arriving at approx 3pm.

No sooner had we arrived and everyone headed for the hotel Bar and settled in for a few well earned cold ones. Time flew, and we had a great meal and a few more well earned cold ones. The night was packed with laughter, especially after the fire was lit in the area outside our rooms (which, by the way we named raffles).

Bill Richter led the way in the morning by starting the bacon and eggs at around 7.30am.



The morning motivator/entertainer award went to Kevin Warren aka "Muscles" and "Clone of Superman".

After Breakfast, it was off to Venus Bay, Elliston, Locks Well and on to Sheringa Roadhouse where we were met by six members who rode up to meet us. The Roadhouse staff had organised a Barbeque lunch. The week end ride deemed very successful, enjoyed by all who attended. Well done Bill!

Kevin and Margaret Warren's Home Airstrip

Sunday 12th February was one of the best days weatherwise we have had this year, and we could not have ordered better considering some 25 members including some partners ventured out to the Warrens' Airstrip for a barbeque lunch. Imagine the setting, shed with barbeque and seating facilities only metres from the airstrip, talking among the members, the roar of aircraft engines as Mike and Di Hart fly over and entertain us with their ability to fly with the earth below, and sometimes above them. Clever!

They disappear, then fly in a third aircraft, this is getting better than watching at Adelaide Airport, get up close here, and the aircraft are on time too!

We have lunch, then its all eyes to the sky again as Kevin demonstrates his skill in his Glassair aircraft. This is really something. Try taking a photo of this guy doing a low level pass! Most of us are too slow. The afternoon soon passed with a couple of members taking a flight in the Hart Bi Plane.

For those of you who venture to Port Lincoln for the Tunarama Festival, you would have at some stage seem either Kevin or Mike (or both) entertain you from above.

A great day out, 'thank you' to the Warrens and the Harts for their generosity!

Des Boyce #31703



Pilot, Mike Hart (obscured) about to give Doug Fraser the ride of his life!



Mike Chambers and daughter, Melissa

Progressive food day!

Out of town readers must think that all our Branch ever does is barbeque and drink! I often wonder too, why? The reality is that we like it and we are good at it. Sunday the 12th no exception. The day started at Bill and Connie Sellen's home with a morning tea, (breakfast for some). Someone obviously forgot to tell Connie the number was approx 25 and scones and coffee would suffice. Scones, cakes and other flash stuff for about 75, a problem of how to get the members away for the next leg. Well done Bill and Connie, thank you.

The next leg was on to Port Neill for lunch. Now a couple of the more weatherwise members chose to drive by car, because it was going to rain most of the day!

Lunch was at the Kiosk at the Port Neill Caravan Park, great fish and chips, steak sandwiches etc. I guess that's why we keep going back.

The day finished of with a BYO barbeque at the Boyce's. During the night we were lucky enough to be entertained by guitar strumming members, Barry Dennis and Andrew Brooks. The majority of members went home at a reasonable time, the diehards at a later time! I judged the day a success, there was no food leftovers, and half a wheelie bin of empties!

Des Boyce # 31703



Lunch time for some!



Allan Smith (background), Kevin Warren, Barry Dennis and Andrew Brooks

13th Central Odyssey - Naracoorte Caves September 29 to October 2, 2006 Hosted by Limestone Coast Mt Gambier Branch.



Situated 11 kms south of Naracoorte, the Naracoorte Caves National Park plays host to the 2006 Ulysses Club South Australian Odyssey. The Naracoorte Caves National Park is the only World Heritage listed site in South Australia, listed because of its rich deposits of fossil mammals. The Park also contains many amazing limestone caves and beautiful walking trails.

Adjacent to the Wonambi Fossil Centre/National Park HQ, is the National Park camp ground. Set on a semi elevated site amid majestic gum trees, offering beautiful views of the surrounding country side. In-addition to relatively unlimited non powered camp sites, the camp ground has bunkhouse accommodation for 50, toilet, shower and kitchen facilities. A limited number of powered sites will also be made available, and for those seeking motel accommodation, Naracoorte has a number of 3 and 4 star RAA rated motels - for further information on these Freecall the Naracoorte visitor information centre on 1800 244 421.

The camp ground has a number of designated open fire pits and Caves Management has offered to supply all our fire wood needs.



Naracoorte is located within the 2,600 hectare Wrattonbully Wine Region

while Padthaway, with its vast stretch of wines is a 30 minute ride to the north, the famous Coonawarra is a mere 20 minute ride to the south and the Mount Benson and Cape Jaffa wine regions are a 60 minute ride to the west.

The Odyssey organizing committee is planning to provide attending Ulysses members with cooked breakfasts on Saturday, Sunday & Monday, and evening meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A Marquee capable of seating 250-300 persons will be erected on the tennis court within the camp ground affording members undercover seating.

Plans are also being finalized to provide entertainment, organized rides and a winery bus tour. Pending demand, an evening bus service for those staying in Naracoorte, will be made available to enable members to safely enjoy the evening festivities.

We look forward to putting on a great show for our fellow Ulyssians, so start planning your holidays to attend the 13th Central Odyssey.

Further information will be published in June and August editions of The Odyssey along with registration information.

Ride Safe and Keep the Spirit
Rudi Esman
12807

DATE	EVENT	MEET	CONTACT
Sunday 23 rd April	Long ride to Naracoorte	Lady Nelson 9am	Chris 0408 838174
Sun 23 rd -Tues 25 th April	Odyssey Rehearsal @ Naracoorte Caves	Lady Nelson 9am	Rudi & Jane 87230259
Friday 28 th April	Monthly Dinner	Jens Hotel 6.30pm	87250188
Fri 28 th & Sat 29 th April	Koroit Irish Festival	Day ride Sat Lady Nelson 8am	Chris 0408 838174
Sunday 7 th May	Prostate Cancer Ride to Casterton via Penola	Lady Nelson 9am	Tim 87249408
Saturday 13 th May	Ride to Millicent (Fleurieu mob)	Lady Nelson 12noon	Jane 87230259
Saturday 13 th May	Dinner with Fleurieu Branch	TBA	Jane 87230259
Sunday 14 th May	Mothers Day Brekky Ride (girls ride- boys cook)	Lady Nelson Boys – 8amGirls – 9am	Jane 87230259
Sunday 21 st May	Long ride to MacArthur	Lady Nelson 9am	Chris 0408 838174
Friday 26 th May	Monthly Dinner	Jens Hotel 6.30pm	87250188
Sunday 4 th June	General Meeting	Bellum Pub 12 noon	Rudi 87230259
Fri 9 th – Mon 12 th June	Queens Birthday Weekender	TBA	
Sunday 18 th June	Brekky at The Lakes	Valley Lakes 8am	Chris 0408 838174
Saturday 24 th June	Irish Xmas	TBA	Jane 87230259
Friday 30 th June	Monthly Dinner	Jens Hotel 6.30pm	87250188

Sausage Sizzle at Pt Pirie 12/02/06

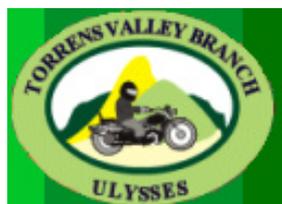
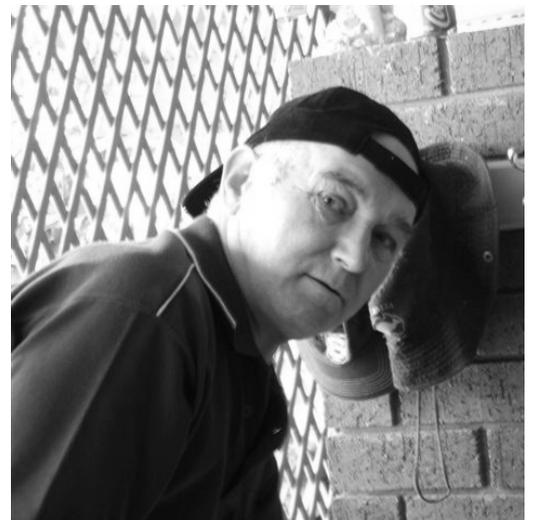
A great day, great company, and great ride. Bev (Bee Bee) & Wayne (Skippy) Partridge did a fantastic job of catering: we had ice cold drinks waiting for dry throats, sausages, eggs and veggie burgers - there were even some Snapper fillets - topped off with tea, coffee and cakes.

After we had all eaten, Les Beyer (Pirie Ulyssian) and Manager of Golden North Dairies, passed out ice-creams to everyone - mmmmm, very nice indeed.

Forty five bikes and seven pillions left Gawler 10 am sharp. We picked up four more at Balaklava: Heather and James Bartsch from Yorke Peninsula, and Lee Skinner and Phil Jones. (He's finally got Lee's outfit up and running, just in time for Tassie.) With the Pirie mob there were over seventy "ol" farts all up. We are hoping it will be an annual event.

Once again thanks Bee Bee and Skippy, and all their helpers, and the Pirie mob, for such an enjoyable day.

Ratbag Robbo
19449



Above then clockwise: Lefty; Feed bag time; Joke time; Merrilyn; Take me, take me; Bee Bee, Robbo and Skippy; Under the Moreton Bay Fig Trees



Torrens Valley Branch Ride Calendar Feb-April 2006

Date	Time	Leader	Event	Venue	From
April 23	Sunday 9.30 am	Tai 0419 835 800	River Run	Waikerie	Gawler (Julian Tce)
May 7	Sunday 9.00 am	Andy Mill Ross Jones	Maximoto Breakfast Combined Adelaide/TV	Clare	Maximoto 456 Main North Rd Blair Athol
May 14	Sunday 9.30 am	Bundi Jen ... TEC	Mothers' Day	Morgan	Munno Para
May 21	Sunday 10.00 am	Dave Holland 0411 378 181	Rider Skill/Review Ride	Burra Return via Clare	Gawler
June 4	Sunday 10.00 am	Ross Jones 0419 835 800	4 Captains' Ride	Sedan	Gawler
June 25	Sunday 10.00 am	Ross Jones 0419 835 800	Sausage Sizzle @ Kings	Ardrossan	Munno Para

The Cruiser Club of SA Inc.

is holding the OASIS Motorcycle Rally at the Paruna Football Oval on the October long weekend. Paruna is approx 25km from Loxton (riverland). The venue has toilets, showers, camping, campfires & indoor sleeping.

The venue is fully licensed & catered. Events planned for the weekend are: Sat gymkhana, burn out comp & other games, Live band The DOOR SNAKES. Sun ride to Loxton & games. Part proceeds to a charity.

Usual awards, rally raffles, usual rules, public welcome, pets ok, & badges (100).

Prepaid/Entry \$20 or to PO Box 143, Old Reynella SA 5161

Contact: Joe 0411189561 or www.cruiserclub.com.au

A Sign of the Times

A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked-after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge.



Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady, (mid eighties). The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

Hi Everyone,

I hope all those who travelled to Tasmania for the AGM had a great time and made it home safely. The Extended Natcom Meeting was attended by our Secretary, Chris "Wildthing" Matthews, and committee member, Rob "Hobbit" Ryan, on behalf of the branch. The Extended Natcom Meeting is by invitation only, but is designed to give representatives of all branches throughout Australia, the opportunity to be present during a National Committee Meeting, and it has been my privilege to attend the previous three. We can look forward to a full report from these two at our next monthly meeting. Congratulations to all those elected for positions on the National Committee, and farewell to Rick Bedford, who has done a superb job as National President for the past four years. I wouldn't want that job for quids, but he did it so well!

The Fleurieu Branch has started the year with a bang, and we have enjoyed a number of well attended rides in the last couple of months. Our members have travelled to both Gladstone and Jamestown for weekends away, and as always the local Sunday Coffee Ride was available for those unable to attend the weekend away. We will continue to do this in the future, so that an alternative is always on the calendar.

The recent Ice-cream Ride organised by VB and Reb was again, as always, well attended, and great fun.

The next run of note will be our Progressive Lunch Ride, on Sunday, 30th April again organised by our Treasurer, "Triple M" (Money Man Mike). We will be stopping at three members' homes for soup, mains and dessert and this will be a great social day in the Fleurieu region. On Sunday, May 28th, our illustrious Ride's Captain, Crazee, is organising a mystery ride. He always puts a lot of thought into anything he organises, so without knowing the details I can say with confidence that it is bound to be a lot of fun.

A reminder, and advance warning, for our June long weekend trip to meet the Shearwater's Branch again at Horsham. This was one of the best events on the calendar last year, so I urge everyone to mark that one in their diary to make sure that they can attend and to book their accommodation as soon as possible. If you want to know more about the event please give me a ring on 08 8555 3361.

Well that's all for now.

Safe and happy riding to all.

Warren "Memphis" Jamieson



The Gladstone Gaol Weekend

Garry, Don Freene, and Trevor and Caroline McDonald went to the Redback Rally at Charlton, Victoria on the this weekend. Sue Freene, Dale Howard and I decided to go to Gladstone Gaol and meet up with the Fleurieu mob. Sue and Dale slumped it in the car and I rode to Kadina, meeting up with Lynette Sawtell and riding on to Gladstone through Port Broughton and Crystalbroom. We had a relaxing weekend. I was fortunate enough to meet up with an old work mate, Donna Feltus, now in Port Lincoln, who was in Gladstone for a family 'do' - an unexpected pleasure. After doing the compulsory pub

crawl (all two of them) we wandered back to the gaol for 'gab in a circle' before tea, then had a conducted an interesting and informative tour of the gaol. Got up to a cooked breakfast the next morning, then us four girls solved the problems of the world whilst everyone else left. Lynette and I had a lovely ride home via Port Broughton taking in the beach for awhile. - Love those weekends away!!!

NB: No names (but he was a 'big' boy), but someone uttered those famous words 'you women are here only under sufferance' during the afternoon. I've been assured he was 'only joking'. The girls gave him heaps.

Wendy King

Fleurieu Branch Ride Calendar Feb-June 2006

Date	Time	Leader	Event	Venue	From
April 30	Sunday 10.00 am	Michael Cox	Progressive Lunch	Various	Alma Hotel Willunga
May 13-14	Sat-Sun 9.30 am	Slider/Rob	Overnighter	Mount Gambier	Strathalbyn Railway Station
May 14	Sunday 10.00 am	Warren	Coffee Ride	TBA	Alma Hotel Willunga
May 28	Sunday 9.30 am	Crazee	Mystery		Alma Hotel Willunga
June 4	Sunday 9.30 am	Crazee	3 Captains' Ride	TBA	Alma Hotel Willunga
June 10-12	Saturday 9.30 am	TBA	Meet the Shearwaters	TBA (Queen's B/D W/E)	Strathalbyn Railway Station



Sharon and Peter Nunan



At the crossroads, Dale Howard has her legged pulled by Kevin Hausler, and Sue Freene, Lynnette Sawtell and Steve 'Grot' Langley 'hold each other up'



Steve 'Grot' Langley (Fleurieu) and Lyn Sawtell (Kadina) make Donna Feltus (Port Lincoln) feel part of the 'group'



Peter Uren and Allan 'Rowdy' Reynolds



Dale Howard and Wendy King



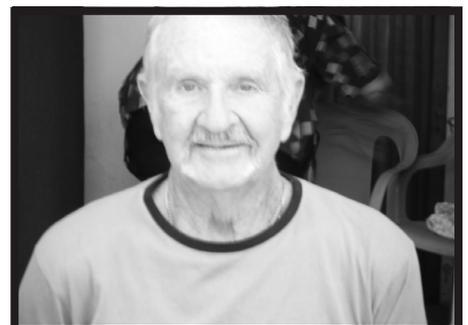
Prospective member from Kadina in the beer garden



'Big' Steve Gordon



Kevin Hausler and Sue Freene at the pub



David 'Gonzo' Creeper

Yorke Peninsula

Sunday 5th February - Day Ride to Balgowan

Two members rode to Port Broughton to meet a Port Pirie rider, then back to Kadina, joining other members for a ride to Balgowan. After a meet and greet, all enjoyed a BYO BBQ at Chadbournes' shack. A big thank you to Rob, Di and helpers for their hospitality. It was a great day! (Photos below)

Sunday 5th March - Ride to Stone Hut Bakery

Three members travelled from Kadina to Clare via Lochiel, meeting the Torrens Valley Branch on its ride to Stone Hut Bakery for lunch. The day was fairly warm which probably had a bearing on the number of riders. From Clare we travelled along the Main North Road arriving at our destination at 12.30pm for an appetizing meal. If you are on a 'diet', don't go inside, because you won't be on one when ou come out!!! On returning to Clare we all said our goodbyes then headed for home.

Coming up

2nd April: Ride to Clare - self catered, BYO barby at Ralph and Kath Pattison's (salads supplied). Don't forget your eating utensils, etc.!



7th May: Prostate Run - This has been cancelled. New ride discussed at April ride.

4th June: Proposed rode to Port Vincent - visit primary school's aquatic display.

25th June: Ride to Ardrossan and have lunch with Torrens Valley members at the Kings' home. Sausage sizzle lunch.

2nd July: Ride to be discussed at April ride.

14th August: Adelaide Branch weekender at Wallaroo incorporating train ride to Bute (see ad in this mag.)

For any information, contact

James Bartsch on 8823 3247 or 0429 864 262

Jim Davies on 8852 1021 or 0417 836 994

**Stay upright and ride safe
James Bartsch**



Wednesday Rides

leave the parking bay in the centre of Kadina Park at 9.30 am on Wednesdays. Contact Clive Ford for more information 8825 2490

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and as always the preacher was standing at the door shaking hands as the congregation departed. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.



The preacher said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Preacher."

The preacher questioned, "How come I don't see you except for Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

Dear Wendy,

As we Grow Old Disgracefully, some of us reach a stage that compels us to consider alternatives that include no longer riding a motorcycle. This is usually due to the fact that we have been afflicted with leg and or back problems and can't hold the damn thing up and this causes much concern to those affected. The situation is akin to being sentenced for a serious crime that you did not commit (or may be you did!) and losing your freedom. This happened recently to a couple that I know here on Southern Yorke Peninsula. To respect their privacy I will not reveal their names, instead they shall be known as Herself and Himself. This may also protect me from actual bodily harm!

After much discussion between them, a decision was made and the trusty BMW and trailer were relegated to the back of the shed. Not wanting to give up the companionship, freedom and sheer enjoyment of being active and very disgraceful members of the Ulysses Club, they went in search of a more user friendly form of transport. It had to be acceptable to the ethos of motorcycling, wind whistling through the helmet, bugs on the visor and feet on pegs.

Enter The Trike! Not a raked out stripped down VW beetle, this one began life as a two wheeled lounge suite, the magnificent (?) Goldwing! And it came with a trailer. Apart from being an engineering master piece and lovely to look at, it also has the benefit of on board communication and sound systems, along with not falling over when stopped. Himself spent much time inspecting and learning to operate the multitude of controls and ensuring he remembered which button did what. On his first solo outing, he discovered a trike doesn't corner like a bike! Lesson one: Do not try to lean it into a corner - it continues straight on. Very disconcerting to the rider and anyone in front of the machine! Lesson two: After coming to a complete halt don't bother looking for the side stand! (Yes, it still has one, I looked.)

Once Himself had come to grips with most of the differences between bike and trike, he and Herself attended the SYP Vintage and Veteran rally held annually at Port Vincent. This was very convenient, as they live there, and provided an opportunity to conduct a "shakedown" run, the idea being to familiarise themselves ready for longer adventures.

On the first morning, Himself instructed Herself on certain things and then said "mount up". As Herself began to walk round to the left side of the machine, Himself told her to get on from the right-hand side. This, she told me later, was her first "blonde moment" (her words not mine and, yes, she is blonde). After years of practise, Herself automatically put left foot on peg and swung right leg over the seat, immediately coming to the conclusion that something was different! When she had alighted and helped Himself get up off the ground (where he had fallen in fits of laughter) it was decided to plug in the intercom and test it - "blonde moment" no. 2. Both donned helmets and facing each other Himself asked, "Can you hear me?" Herself replied, "Of course I can bloody hear you. I'm looking at you." Himself turned away from her and said, "Hello, are you there?" Whereupon Herself turned around wondering who had spoken to her from behind!

Herself personally informed me of all that had happened and asked me not tell anyone - "blonde moment" no 3.

Mick Mackinlay

Dear Wendy,

While we are in Tassie I intend to discuss the merits of forming a Special Interest Group (SIG) in SA to allow the Club to offer Historic Registration to members with qualifying vehicles (not necessarily bikes).



I am one of the examiners Authorised by Transport SA to inspect and approve vehicles on behalf of the Yorke Peninsula Vintage, Veteran & Classic Motor Cycle Club Inc so I know what is involved.

There is no doubt that the system, as it has evolved in SA, is a vast improvement on anything that we had before and represents a significant saving for any member with a vehicle that is more than 30 years old on 1st January of the year in which it was manufactured and which has maintained its Historical Integrity. The most significant restriction is that the vehicle cannot be used more than 90 days a year, which is unlikely to inconvenience many owners of eligible machines. The other rules are not too onerous, but do need to be observed carefully because failure could invalidate the registration.

Our problem is that with a State-wide club we will require a larger spread of Authorised Examiners than is usual but I am sure that can be overcome with our man (and woman) power. Assuming National do not object I would be willing to coordinate the initial stages so if you have any interest in joining this SIG, in whatever capacity, please let me know.

Bernard Knope #9650

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Dear Wendy

You don't know what you've got till it's gone – a famous saying that now describes the atmosphere in the Adelaide Branch of the Ulysses Club. I have been a club member for nearly 10 years and in that time I have often told people how harmonious this branch is with no factional fights or politics to spoil the branch and club meetings. That description is now relegated to "the good old days".

At the February meeting Helena told me "they have ruined my life". Her words haunt me. When I was told that Helena had been sacked, I was stunned considering the enormous effort and work that Helena has put into the club over the last 15 years.

Not only have we lost a loved and respected treasurer, we have lost gear shop coordinator, trip organiser, rally coordinator, branch heart and soul and club caterer Robbie Cole. They were the hub of this branch. They brought enthusiasm, drive, energy and passion to every event and meeting.

Another sad aftermath of this debacle is that Helena and Robbie can never be properly or formally thanked and acknowledged for their work for the Adelaide Branch. It would be hypocrisy for this committee to honour their efforts.

To Helena and Robbie – hang in there, don't go away. So many of us have enjoyed your company and appreciated your efforts for too long to lose you. You are the heart and soul of this branch and the reason that many people joined in the first place.

Judi Francis

#11563

Poets' Corner



Marlborough Man

He used to live next door, the man with the Marlborough cough,
An alarm clock, (six bells each morn) to start the new day off.
A nasty, noisy hacking bark that drowned the magpie's warble,
You'd swear his lungs'd tear apart, sounded absolutely awful.

He put it down to sale yard dust, me I'm not so sure,
I bet it's those damn 'coffin sticks' that made his throat so raw.
I was once a 'Marlborough Man', sucking forty cigs a day,
'Doc' said, 'Mike, you'll soon be dead, give the smokes away!'

Recently I had a check, (an x-ray) 'Good strong lungs.'
Wonder what 'Doc would've said 'bout Nic Neighbour's ones?
We could really take a lesson from film star, Yul Brynner,
A man of muscle, inner strength, who died just getting thinner.

I've seen this damn lung cancer take out me dear wife's dad,
They cut him open, stitched him up, said, 'Sorry mate, too bad!'
It took him one long year to die, wasting, wracked in pain,
Surely ain't the kind of thing I'd like to see again.

He was a friendly neighbour, who often thrust an ale
Into the hand of those who called for a socialising tale.
But now he's gone, (like Carol's dad) another wasted life,
Left behind? Two sweet kids, one lonely wife.

Now we hear the magpie's call, maybe it's been a favour,
Sorry, folks, tongue in cheek, it's quiet without your neighbour.
What price on it, a family split from endless years of smoking,
Who's to bring the bacon home? Centrelink? No, I ain't joking.

Should this poem save one life
It's been well worth the time
Of sitting down and typing out
This true blue Aussie Rhyme.

Mike (Bugger) Smith

The 'Retirement' State

Dear old South Australia,
the Cinderella State;
A little backward, some would say,
a little out of date.?

We certainly have our problems
Education and health - bad news
New trams to run through the middle of town
which we'll probably never use!

The eastern states have their cross to bear
with crowds and noise and pollution;
I guess it keeps more of their people employed,
looking for a solution.

Now, the Territory, Tassie and Western Australia
are unique - I really must say -
Their only problem, I can see,
is they're too darn far away.

So here we are in the middle
with beauty all around,
Find food and wine and fresh air, too;
the 'good life' we have found.

So don't go telling everyone
how high we really rate
We don't want all those other buggers
messing up our 'Retirement State'.

Geraldine Murray
#2300

New Members

Alan Mundy	8 Scherer Avenue	COROMANDEL VALLEY 5051	
Michael Tregeagle	51 Bombay Street	OAKLANDS PARK 5046	
James McFarlane	15 Rangoon Street	OAKLANDS PARK 5046	
Wayne Chapman	Old Wallaroo Road	NORTH MOONTA 558	
Michael Huppatz	5 Currawong Crescent	COROMONDAEL VALLEY 5051	
Gordon Todd	PO Box 198	TINTINARA 5266	
Wayne Busch	2 Hobart Crescent	SALISBURY 5109	8231 9893
Darrell Blusch	2 Hobart Crescent	SALISBURY 5109	8231 9893



Graham Chalmers	18 Hillcott Avenue	WYNN VALE 5127
Phil Salter	76 Williamson Road	PARA HILLS 5096
Trevor and Kay Quast	Lot 7 Kumnick Hill Road	LENSWOOD 5240
Razz D'Orazio	20 Traminer Drive	angle vale 5117
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Mr Bryan Cutt
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Dear Bryan,

Thank you for your letter, dated 16th February, regarding the use of Ethanol based fuel in your CBR600RR. Our official stance on the use of blended fuels is as follows:

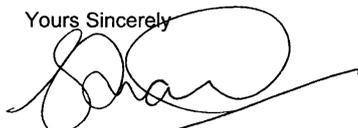
"All Honda motorcycles and all terrain vehicles may operate satisfactorily on E10 but there may be drivability issues. Drivability, performance or durability issues resulting from the use of E10 will not be covered by Honda warranty".

Further to that, however, we have recently found some CBR600RR units, particularly in NSW and Southern Queensland, that have suffered from an extreme build up of a "gum type" substance on the stems of the valves, to the point where they will not start, once stopped, due to lack of compression. We have been unable to find any technical reason, other than poor quality or blended fuel. The repair of this problem necessitates a complete strip down of the engine and cylinder head.

I would suggest that, for peace of mind and long term durability of your engine, you do not use fuels containing any type of additive. I am happy for you to publish this advice as it may help to prevent any inconvenience or dissatisfaction amongst your members.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, or require additional information, please feel free to contact me and I will do my utmost to oblige.

Yours Sincerely



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Ethanol

Opposite is a response to a query from Brian Cutt re suitability of using 98% octane fuel in his Honda motorbike. He was worried about any possible damage to his bike if he used it.

Honda also gave Brian permission to submit the response to me to print in The Odyssey.

This is from Honda only, so if you are concerned about any other make of bike, it would be advisable to do as Brian has done and get their answer in writing.

Editor

WHAT DO RETIRED PEOPLE DO ALL DAY?

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting and the answer is lots of things.

Well for example, the other day I went into town and went into a shop. I was only in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

I went up to him and said, "Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Nazi bastard. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tyres. So I called him a s---head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, I didn't care. I came into town by bus. I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired. It's important at my age.

French Art Theft

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After carefully planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied:

"Monsieur, I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

(And you thought I lacked De Gaulle to send you a story like this?)

Carmel Sanders

(I had to put Carmel's name to this - I didn't want anyone to think it was mine. Ed.)

Classifieds

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Staintune Exhaust: Suit CBR 1100XX Blackbird. As new. **\$400.**

Zero Gravity Screen (tinted-touring): **\$80.**

Contact Peter on 0407 738 426

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Contact Jeff Birkett on 08 83829171 If no answer leave a message and I'll get back to you.

Yamaha XJ 600: **\$2,800 ono.** **Contact Rob** (the leadlighter who attends meetings) **on 8390 1131**

Mitsubishi Express Van: lwb, dual side doors, air con, cruise control, set up for m/cycle transporter **\$3,000.** **Contact Ken Fairchild on 8277 5509**

Mazda MX5 red convertible: New top, excellent condition. **\$12,500.** **Contact Cazz or Stretch 8322 4567 or 0419 866 753**

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