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Hi All

Not long now! By the time you read this, it will be all over. Of course, I am talking about the AGM in Mildura! Safe riding to everyone and look forward to stories and pics from your experiences of the AGM.



At our last meeting, sadly, Adrian Horan resigned as Treasurer of our Branch. After some years he decided to 'pull the pin'. Personally, I would like to thank Adrian for his diligence during the Odyssey in Port Pirie, last year. He did an excellent job of keeping the accounts in order and paying the bills - no mean task!

And welcome to **Maurice Stevens** who was 'coerced' into taking of the Treasurer's position. I know he will do an excellent job.

In trying to get a bit fitter, (walking and no lollies, chocolate donuts, biscuits or ice-cream) I thought it appropriate to print the cartoon below. I have days like this!!!

Raising funds for both BACA - supporting abused children and CCAF Cure Cancer Australia Foundation - for cancer research.

Ride safely
Wendy



The Odyssey

Hello Everyone,



I'm sure that most of you have heard that our Treasurer of the past few years, Adrian (the \$20 man), has resigned from the Adelaide Branch Committee. It was hard to accept his resignation, but after a long chat with him, it's what he wanted. Adrian was a great guy to have on the committee as he was a lot of fun, always did his best for the Branch and will be sorely missed.

We do, however, have a new Treasurer! After Adrian announced his resignation at the March Branch Meeting, I explained we need a Treasurer to be a Branch. Our new Treasurer is Maurice Stevens. Now, a lot of folk won't recognise the name, but when you see him, you will know who he is.

I hope that all of you that have been to the AGM in Mildura have had a great time. Some of you have been to their first AGM and I'm sure that you have found it as good as everyone told you it would be.

We are still looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Quatermaster for our Branch. It won't take up much of your time, but it is an invaluable service for all club members at our Branch Meetings. If you're interested in filling this position, please come and see me.

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

Life's Too Straight Without the Twisties

Cover Pics

The cover pics come from The Ryans from the Fleurieu Branch. The RV Group has taken off, and the pics show why.

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8-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Wabbit Wun	Milang	Top of Taps
15-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	McDonalds 333 Magill Rd Trinity Gardens
22-April	9.30am	Chris Roberts	Day Ride	Gumeracha	Civic Park, Main North East Rd, Modbury
29-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Goolwa	Top of Taps
6-May	9.00am	Andrew Mill	GC Motorcycles Nth		Gc Motorcycles 122 Main Nth Road Prospect
13-May	9.30am		Mother's Day Ride Branch Catered Ride		Civic Park, Main North East Rd, Modbury
20-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill	4 Captains' Ride		McDonalds 333 Magill Rd Trinity Gardens
27-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
3-June	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park, Main North East Rd, Modbury
10-June		QUEEN'S B/DAY	LONG WEEKEND		
17-June	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds 333 Magill Rd Trinity Gardens
24-June	8.00am	Andrew Mill	Diehards Breakfast		Top of Taps

Top - Our Committee 2012-2013: Adrian Horan, Chris Roberts, Bundi Mill, Andrew Mill, Ray Murray, Ken Wagnitz, Barry Hall.



Adelaide Branch Meetings

First Thursday of the month

European Catering

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Wednesday Rides

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3rd Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
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Monthly Dinners

photos by Chris Roberts

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February Dinner

A great night at a new venue on at the Payneham Tavern. Everyone was happy with their meal and service, and it was great to see Jim and Deb from Yorke Peninsula there. With Deb's hip repaired, a good trip to the AGM is wished for them. Coral showed her new photo album which she just printed at home - well done! Good to see Ross and Geraldine looking great, as usual.



Jim Davies, Deb Thorley, Sue Freene & Ann Roberts

March Dinner

The OG HOTEL didn't let us down again with its welcome atmosphere and good menu. Good to see Mick and Doreen join us for our chat with our eating.

Below: Peter Hood with Chris Roberts



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Book by 11th April



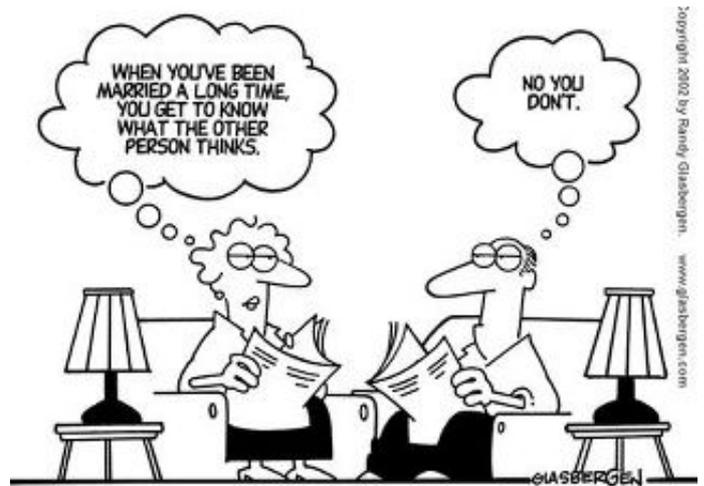
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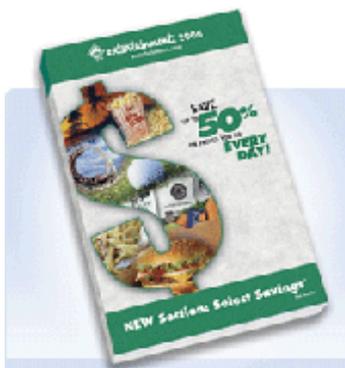
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On the long weekend in October, 2011, the Adelaide Branch of the Ulysses Club, together with Ulysses members in the Port Pirie region, held the 2011 Odyssey in Port Pirie.

Although it was not intended to make a profit from this event, we did so, due to the generosity of our Major Sponsor, Leon and Deb Stevens from Bikes'n'Bits and the cancellation of a bank of showers.

The policy of the Adelaide Branch (when they've hosted this event in the past) is to donate the moneys back to the children of the host city.

On Saturday, 4th February, a number of the Adelaide Branch organizing committee and members from Ulysses Club in Port Pirie, together with the Mayor, Brenton Vanstone, and representatives from Riding for the Disabled, Special Olympics and UnitingCare Wesley Country SA [Alternative Care Team], met under 'the canopy'. A cheque for \$2,300 was presented to each of these worthy groups. Their appreciation was extremely heartwarming.

It was also encouraging to have a good number of interested people in attendance.

The Ulysses members who attended the event in October had a wonderful time and were full of praise for the welcome and hospitality of the Port Pirie residents and the exceptional assistance provided to us by the Port Pirie Regional Council Mayor and his staff.

**Wendy King
Co-ordinator**



Shirley Hortin (Uniting WesleyCare), Maxine Bowden (Special Olympics), Mayor Brenton Vanstone, Andrew Mill



Below: Anne & Bill Rogers (Riding for the Disabled), Maxine Bowden (Special Olympics), Shirley Hortin (UnitingCare Wesley Alternative Care Team), Wendy King (Odyssey Co-ordinator), Treena & Glen Solomon (Port Pirie reps on organising committee), Andrew Mill (President Adelaide Branch of Ulysses).



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"What's the shotgun for?" asks the homeowner...

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Sunday Round-up - photos by Bundi

29th January Day Ride to Milang

There were around 20 of us at Top of Taps in slightly overcast and really humid conditions. We set off and made our way up Ackland Hill Road, through Ironbank and along Sturt Valley Road, made our way to Mylor. Next, on to Echunga, Meadows where we went to Strath for morning tea. We then headed to Ashbourne and Meadows where then Macclesfield, through Flaxley to Echunga and into Mt Barker. Flaxley was our next town ridden through before heading down the hill to Woodchester and Langehorne Creek. We then went to Milang for lunch and some sunshine. The weather was good all day even though we had some threatening clouds. I'm wondering though whether we should call ourselves the ROSES RIDE GROUP, 'cause lately we seem to be losing some of our petals along the way on our rides.



5th February Day Ride to Williamstown

5 of us were gathered at Civic Park in fairly clear blue skies. We set off and headed through Snake Gully and past One Tree Hill and then to Gawler, Kalbeeba and then on to Williamstown. We then made our way to Cockatoo Valley and then to Lyndoch for morning tea where we were met by Brian who "slept in". Next

it was off to Rowland Flat and through a busy Tanunda to Nuriootpa and Angaston; past Ivan's house where it seems a couple of our group mistook a neighbour's house for Ivan's and waved at the wrong house as we went past. We then made our way to Keynton and then Eden valley. We then went through Springton to Mt Pleasant Tungkillo and then Birdwood. From here it was on to Williamstown for lunch. It was fairly breezy in spots throughout the day, but we rode under mostly blue skies all day.



12th February Day Ride to Goolwa

Around 35 of us gathered at Magill before heading to Uraidla and Piccadilly Valley, and on to Stirling, through Longwood and Cherry Gardens on the way to Clarendon. We then made our way through Bakers Gully, McLaren Flat and on to McLaren Vale for morning tea where we were met by Ken and Michele. Next on to Willunga and up the hill and on to Pages Flat Road on to Myponga, Yankalilla and turned along Hindmarsh Valley Road, Sawpit Road, over the ford, which from the sound of it, caught a few out who almost got airborne. We then headed towards Victor Harbor before turning along Waterport Road to the coast and past Goolwa Airport and on to Goolwa for lunch. It was a perfect day for riding, cool, clear and fine. It was good to see so many folk out enjoying themselves in some fine countryside.

4th March Day Ride to Normanville

Around 16 of us gathered at Macca's at Magill, the weather was fine and we set off up Greenhill Road avoiding the Clean Up Australia folk scattered along the side of the road. We eventually made our way to Forest Range, Swamp Road and into Lenswood, then Lobethal and Mt Torrens. From here it was on to Springhead and then to Balhannah for morning tea. It seems one of our group got a little confused as, when you are a corner marshal, to have your indicator showing the actual direction the ride is progressing; no names mentioned to incriminate the guilty, but his initials are TONY JARMAN. From Balhannah we made our way to Baldhills Road and Wistow, then a quick blap down the hill took us to Strath and Macclesfield making sure no one got caught speeding by the copper parked on the side of the road. We then went to Meadows and along Bull Creek Road, through Nangkita to Mt Compass, back up to Pages Flat Road to Myponga, over the dam wall and on to Normanville for lunch. It was a great day's riding in fine and cool conditions just the way it's meant to be.



18th March Day Ride to Lyndoch

There were around 40 of us gathered at Top of Taps in cool and fine conditions. We headed off made our way to Education Road and then ziggled and zagged our way through Cherry Gardens and towards Ironbank. We turned off before Ironbank and headed towards Stirling and past Warrawong to Mylor. Next, it was on to Echunga and then Meadows, where some were disappointed 'cause we went along Paris Creek Road instead of Bull Creek Road, and to Strath for morning tea. Boy, was it busy here! We then went to Wistow and along Bald Hills Road before going through Mt Barker Springs and past Mt Barker summit to Nairne, then towards Woodside and through Charleston to Mt Torrens. Birdwood was next on the list and then we headed to Williamstown and on to Lyndoch for lunch under the pavilion and out of the bright sunshine. It was good to see so many folk out today, I guess the weather had something to do with that.





If you wish to see Diana's work in colour, go to the Adelaide Ulysses web site and check The Odyssey in colour. Editor



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Profile of an Artist - Diana Kendon

After winning the Doll section of the 'Zonta Needle Craft Exhibition' with my doll, Beth, the Bad Fairy, my thoughts are what's next. Yes, I am truly addicted to creating cloth dolls and creatures.

In the Zonta bi-annual event, I have managed to win a prize each exhibition since 1996. I call myself lucky, but others say talented. There is always tough competition. Coming up with something that catches the judge's eye is challenging. Beth took me about 3 weeks to complete. It still amazes me how a flat piece of fabric turns into something truly unique.

My favourite part is the face - I use a technique called needle sculpting. Manoeuvring the stuffing of the face into a nose, eyes, etc., is exciting as I see this creature taking form.

Over the years, I have developed my own techniques on doll making, and enjoy making dolls for friends and family. My husband, Roger, tells all that visit our home, 'Welcome to the dolls' house'. True! They invade every room.

I took up sewing as a hobby in 1994 when I moved to S.A. from NSW. Hadn't sewn a stitch before that. I met up with a great bunch of girls and started quilting, but that wasn't me, although I have won prizes for my quilts. I started taking porcelain doll classes, but found I always managed to break the green ware, so I moved to cloth (can't break that).

I started with simple country style dolls, but then discovered needle sculpting and haven't looked back. I also enjoy folk art painting, stump work embroidery, beading, you name it, all of which I use in the making of my dolls. I have now progressed into art doll techniques one of which I use a soldering iron (which I acquired from hubby) to burn the fabric. This is how Beth's fairy wings were made: free motion embroidery on organza then cut out and burnt with the soldering iron.

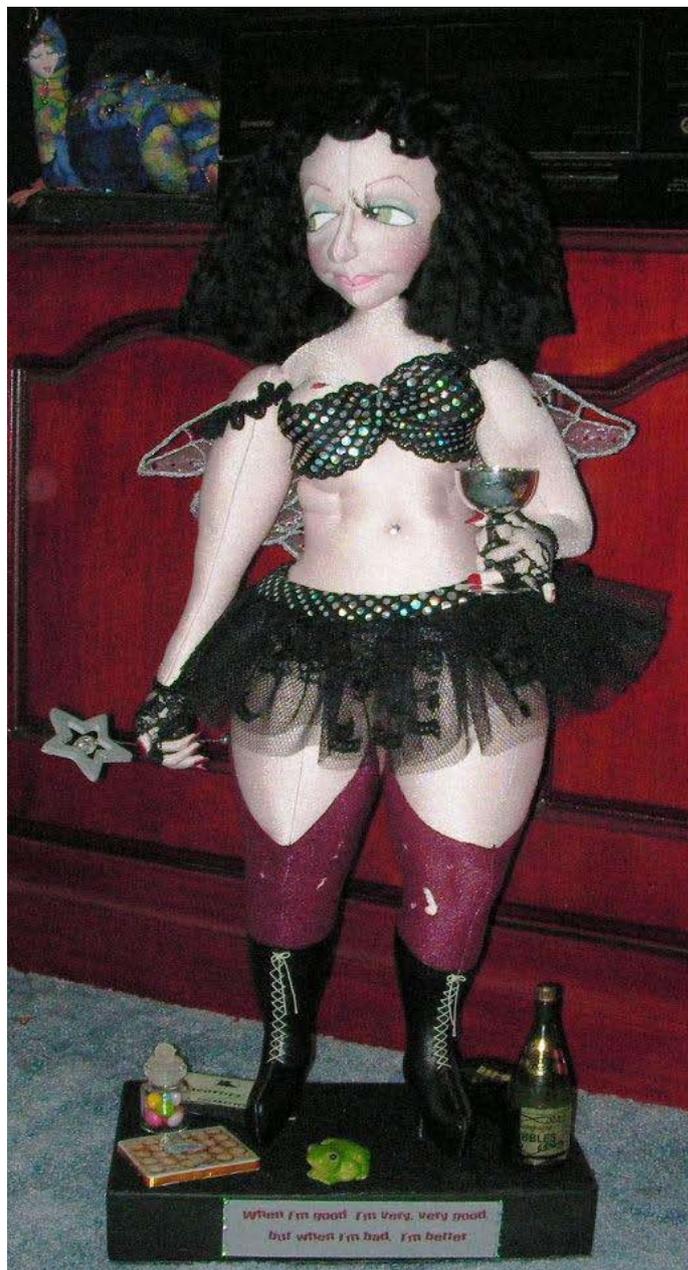
Watch your sheds boys don't know what I will need next. (haha).

Diana Kendon

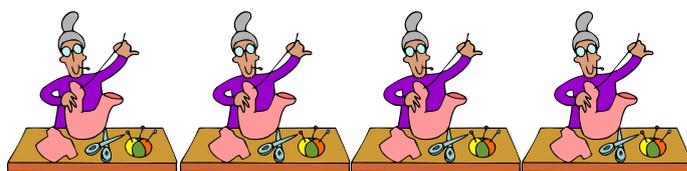
Diane and her Spyder



The Odyssey



Beth, the Bad Fairy



The Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula held its 10th. Needle Craft Exhibition, "Stitched with Love", in February, this year.

Held every 2 years at Victor Harbor, the exhibition gives needle workers the opportunity to display their finished items of their craft to the thousands who flock to the event. The exhibition draws up to 300 entries each year.

Needlework is a broad term for the handicrafts of decorative sewing and textile arts, and includes anything that uses a needle for construction, including crafts using a crochet hook or tatting shuttle, and those that use varieties of textiles.

Snippets from John Crowe's Great Adventure Diary

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Don't know that I was really ready for Peru. It starts to reshape your mental construct of what S America is all about. The general poverty and tumbledown nature of the place reach new lows. But more of that later.

I left Arica, north Chile, later than I usually leave town as I didn't have far to go and Peru's time zone, incongruently, is 2 hours behind Chile's. However, the border crossing took about three hours, as I had to import the bike into Peru. I followed the process, and turned up where I was told to go, and it was all wrong. A kindly lady about my age in the queue behind me sorted things out in no time. However, then I had to join the "Vehicles" queue, and that took all my patience.

The ride from Arica to Moquegua was through desert to start with, with sand blowing across the road, then got mountainous. Moquegua is in a valley in the Andes, and first sighting of it is quite startling. The valley itself is green and is a stark contrast with the enormous mountains behind, the usual wash-out camel colour. The ride into town shocked me. I never thought a place could look so broken down and poor. Most buildings seemed home build and half finished. People seemed sullen and downtrodden. No joy in Maquegua it seemed.

I found a hostel that could park the bike in security for the night and went for a stroll around town, taking a few pictures as I went. Tomorrow I go to Puno, on Lake Titicaca, about 275km over the alps.



Sunday, February 5, 2012

I have started to descend from the mountains, and I think my body will thank me for it. While I have had no real problem with altitude sickness, life at approximately 15,000 feet can get a bit tiring. The ride down to Arequipa went well, and the temperature never dropped much below 10 degrees C, which surprised me as the elevation peaked at a little over 4500 meters. The ride, while scenic, was not as dramatic as the ride up the mountains (on a different road), which did not bother me as there is only so much drama a bloke needs. I stopped to take some photos on the way, and some in the main plaza here in Arequipa during a walk around town. I will continue on down to the coast and sea level over the next couple of days. I will visit Nazca, and go and see the Nazca lines.

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Feeling much better today and finally got back on the bike. Presently in Nazca, arriving 4 days later than planned. Firstly, I've been too weak to ride (having had something of a relapse yesterday) and, secondly, I was stopped by a torrent of water across the road on the way near a little place called Ocona. I had to turn back and take a bed for the night. Next morning I got up all ready to continue, but the street in the town was full of waiting buses, trucks and cars. Obviously the river was up again. Then about late morning the drivers all ran for their vehicles - it was like Le Mans start. The crossing was open. I flagged down some police coming from the direct of the swollen river and asked if it was passable on the motorbike. They reassured me it was. To cut a long story short, I did make the crossing with the help of some local lads who kept me upright in the current. However, it was a near run thing. I took an early mark that day and decided to dry out. Then next morning I had the relapse so stayed an extra day in the hostel. Felt OK today and finally made it to Nazca. Not sure I will bother with the Nazca Lines, but will probably continue north tomorrow.

Friday, February 24, 2012

Today I rode about 450 km from Cuenca to Quito, the capital city of Ecuador. I left at 7am and checked in here at about 4pm, having pushed it a bit to arrive not too late. The ride was mostly through the Andes, and, except for the last approximately 150 km, was very beautiful. The countryside, apart from being very mountainous, was lush, green and fertile, with a lot of dairy farms and other agricultural activity. The cultivation on some of the mountain slopes was amazing given the gradients. No machinery here, just Mum, Dad and the kids out with a hoe each. Notwithstanding, the countryside looked reasonably prosperous, and as far as you can tell, peaceful. The weather was kind to me, and so, it was a very enjoyable and memorable experience. The last 150 km was flat country side, so the going was much quicker, though not as scenic. I found the hotel here in Quito OK, having remembered the way from El Centro from the time I spent here at the language school. Kathy arrives tomorrow night on a Delta flight from Atlanta, and I have arranged for a driver and car for me to go and meet her and bring her back to the hotel.



Read more: <http://blog.travelpod.com/travel-blog-entries/rojostravels/1/1327904978/tpod.html#ixzz1oa2ziStf>

Saturday, March 3, 2012

The Equator lies just to the north of Quito, and the locals have build a monument there to mark it. The monument and park is called Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the Earth), and on the 3rd March, Kathy and I took a taxi up to have a look. Well, there are two Equator lines if you believe what goes on there - one determined by the ancient surveyors and a new one according to GPS (WSG 84 versus ??? - above my pay grade). The 'official' one has the big monument to mark it, the other (GPS) has a museum called Inti Nan. The taxi driver took us to Inti Nan first, and we paid \$3 each to do the tour. The tour consisted mostly of 'tricks' associated with the Coriolis force etc. For example, pull the plug and watch the water spin this way in the northern hemisphere, and the other way a couple of meters away in the southern hemisphere. It was a bit gimmicky, but we enjoyed it. The official Equator has local attractions associated with it too - for example a theatre given over to astronomy - and the usual tourist attractions. We had our photographs taken straddling both "Equator" lines, as you do when playing the tourist.

The deal with the taxi driver was he waited two hours for us, and then would bring us back to the hotel. Two hours was enough. We enjoyed the visit, but there is only so much you can do in these places. So, a leg in each of the Western and Eastern hemispheres at Greenwich, UK, in 1997, and now a leg in each of the Northern and Southern hemispheres in Equador in 2012. Of course, this means for me and my odyssey that I will soon be riding my bike in the northern hemisphere, which means Alaska is all that much closer! Certainly I am over half way in my odyssey, and looking forward to getting to North America and 'civilization' as I know and love it.



On Sunday the 4th of March Kathy and I flew to the Galapagos Islands to join the good boat "Eden" to enjoy what the islands have to offer. The plan was to go cruising around the islands, to go swimming and snorkeling, to enjoy the wildlife and the peace and quiet. We were successful in all aims, and the time flew. Another couple of days would have been good. None-the-less, it was excellent R & R, and refreshing for the body and soul.

The Galapagos airfield is on the island of Baltra, and we needed to catch a bus to the dock, and then board one of Eden's dinghies to join the boat.

The abundance of life on the ground, in the air, on the water and under the water was amazing. Not only were there many different species, but each species was prolific. All this was set in a magnificent part of the world that seems to be well managed by the Ecuadorian government. There are only 25,000 people

in the Galapagos Province and the vast majority of the land is parkland reserved for the animals. All animals, except the iguana - an introduced species - evolved with no natural predators (well most species). Thus they have no fear of humans, and tend to ignore what human activity there is. This gives viewing the animals an uniqueness I have not found anywhere else. Overall a great experience.

Giant turtle on the Galapagos Islands



The good news is I'm NOT in Peru. Enough said!

I left Tumbes, Peru, this morning and took the road up the mountain to Cuenca, Ecuador. Border crossings went very smoothly - I was the only one there on both sides. The ride was really pretty until it started to rain. Then the fog. Not a bikers dream run, let me tell you. I was lucky to find a really good place to stay for the night near El Centro - which is a story in its self, and a minor miracle as far as I'm concerned (a local biker in his pickup truck saw me and knew what I would be looking for. His family own the apartments where I'm staying - three rooms and \$35.)

Cuenca is a beautiful old city - I think it has a world heritage listing. For the first time in a long while I feel guilty about not having got the camera out and taken some photos. I think I retired the camera at my dislike of the last country I was in (I'm trying to forget I was ever there.) So, no photos this time either, but at least I'm feeling guilty, so that means I will probably drag it out again soon. This city is worth a day or two, but I've decided to move on tomorrow as Kathy is coming to Quito early to meet me, and I don't want to be late.

The difference between Ecuador and the last country I was in is amazing. Really amazing. Thank God for that.



RV Roundup

How to enjoy the last of the beautiful weather? Go away for the week end with a great group of people to a beautiful spot, sit, eat, drink and be merry. This is exactly what we did on the March long week end. We went to Burra Gorge, which is between Burra and Robertstown. It is a free camping area so it didn't cost a lot. Stunning views with huge eucalypts spotted along a lovely creek.

We had a great turnout of Ulyssians from different branches and one inter-stater. All manner of vehicles arrived from a trike to Hoppy & Pat's truck. Accommodation was also varied from tents, trailers, campers and caravans. The one thing we did have in common was that tremendous Ulysses social spirit of fun and friendship. This was put to good use with singing, laughing and sharing of many stories. A great week-end was had by all.

The RV weekends are based on people being self sufficient. This allows more options for bush camping and are very easy for anyone to organise. We would love you come along to any of our events. We don't care how you get there, it's that you are there that is important.

Hobbit

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19th May	Rawnsley Park Station	Flinders Ranges
15th September	Black Cockatoo Bush Camp	Naracoorte
15-21st October	RV AGM Yarrowonga Holiday Park	Yarrowonga



Tom, Brian, Max, Hoppy & Pat. In the background is Hoppy & Pat's new caravan called the 'Hoppy Poppy'



Ulysses Club Inc. Whyalla & Districts Branch

Meet and Greet

top shopz deli on McDouall Stuart ave, [Next to Harris scarfes]. At 9:30am on the first and third Sunday of the month starting Sunday 22nd January.

Ride Co-ordinators

Gerry Messias -
phone 0408 493 689
Graham Gill -
phone 0412 059 564



RIDE CALENDAR

Date	Departure Time	Event	Destination	Contact
24th-1st April	TBA	Ulysses AGM	Mildura	Gerry or Graham
April Sunday 22	1000	Family picnic day at Weir	Cleve	Gerry
TBA		Club Meeting TBA		Phil Holliday
May Sat/Sun 5 & 6	0830	Roaming Swagman Rally	Burra Creek Gorge	Gerry
June Saturday 2	1000	Picnic Day	Mambray Creek	Graham or Gerry

Hi Everyone

On the long weekend, 10th, 11th & 12th of March, the Eyre Peninsula Branch embarked on a triangular ride: Saturday to Whyalla, Sunday to Streaky Bay, Monday back to Port Lincoln.

The Whyalla and Districts Branch committee was involved in both the planning and execution of the ride by arranging guides around Whyalla as required, the Saturday evening meal and Sunday breakfast, and we led the ride from Whyalla to Kimba. From both ours and the visitors' perspective, the weekend was a huge success. Not only did we get the group from the Eyre Peninsula, but we also had another group from the Fleurieu Branch in town, as well. They joined us for the Saturday evening meal, but stayed in Whyalla, went to the Maritime Museum and rode to Cowell on Sunday, then returned home Monday.

Saturday evening fourteen (14) of our members joined our guests at the Weroona Bay Football Club for a lovely BBQ tea and social evening. It was great catching up with everyone and making new friends. It was a relatively early night, as we had to be up for breakfast at the Sundowner Hotel at 0800. After a huge breakfast, I led the group out of town and on to Iron Knob. We didn't stop at the Knob, just continued on to the Big Galah in Kimba for a photo session, then around to the Kimba pub's coffee shop for a break. The break lasted around an hour as everyone kept chatting - it was great.

At midday the EP folk left Kimba and continued on to Streaky Bay. There were four bikes and six members from Whyalla on the ride, and when we left Kimba, we continued on to Cowell. That's the first time I had ridden the bitumen road from Kimba to Cowell, and what a great bike road it is. Plenty of sweeping bends, good road surface and very little traffic. We had a light lunch at Cowell then rode on to Lucky Bay to meet up with the Fleurieu guys and watch the new ferry come in. They have already pranged the new ferry with the ramps on the front very

bent and buckled!! Phil and Chris's brother was departing on the ferry, so they managed to catch up with him as well.

After an uneventful ride, we got home around 4.00pm - a very nice day with good company and great weather for riding.

Many thanks to the Weroona Bay Football Club and our members for their assistance in making the weekend such a success. It was nice to see both the Eyre Peninsula Branch and Fleurieu Branch wanting access to our ride calendar so we can get together for combined rides, which can only be a good thing.

The Whyalla & Districts Branch seems to be going from strength to strength at the moment, as whilst we were in Lucky Bay, I was approached by a guy from Perth who is in the process of moving into Whyalla, so we may have a new member as well.

Gilly



Ulysses members from the Whyalla & Districts Branch outside yet another bakery, Graham & Gloria Gill, Ray & Christine Clothier, Phillip & Julie Holliday

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

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

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



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Rides Captain	Larry Caspers (Spook)	0429 727 334
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RIDE/SOCIAL CALENDAR

April 8th BBQ Run to Mick Tamblin's block at Purnong.
(right on the river and on sealed road)

Depart 9.30am. Run distance 190km. Time 5 hours. Through Palmer, smoko at Mt Pleasant, Sanderston, Walker Flat to Caernamont. Home through Mannum to Murray Bridge. Our BBQ trailer will get yet another workout. Facilities at Mick's DO include a flushing type flash as buggery type loo for the ladies.

April 22nd Kapunda Farm Fair 2012

Depart 9.00am. Run distance 260km. Time 7 hours. Ride to Kapunda via Mannum, Cambrai, Sedan, Keyneton, smoko at Angaston, then through Stockwell, onto Sturt Highway and across to Kapunda. We have been invited to participate in the Kapunda Farm Fair and street parade. Return to Murray Bridge via Greenock, Nuriootpa, Angaston, Mt Pleasant, Tungkillo and Palmer.

April 25th Anzac Run to Murray Bridge Dawn Service.

Depart Macca's 6.00am sharp. Ride to Goolwa following Dawn Service and breakfast at Murray Bridge RSL.

May 13th Cape Jervis Run

Lunch at the pub or takeaway. Departs 9.30am. Run distance 320km. Time 7 hours

May 27th Mystery Adelaide Hills Ride

Departs 10am. Ride distance around 200km. Smoko somewhere, lunch somewhere else. Time 5 hours.

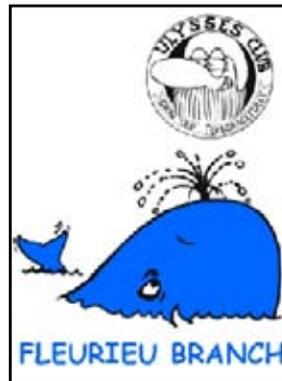
Larry Caspers (Spook)
Rides Captain

Branch Meetings

When: Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month

Where: Willunga Golf Club in St Peters Terrace, Willunga

Meeting starts at 8pm, but come along at 6:30pm if you want to grab a bite to eat before hand.



**Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 21st June, 2012
Nominations for Committee**

The Fleurieu Branch management is keen to be seen to be worthy of the respect and reputation that Ulysses Australia has achieved in its 29 years of operation, and to that end we are seeking talented people who are willing to diligently pursue the Ulysses objectives of:

- (a) To provide ways in which older motorcyclists can get together for companionship and mutual support.
 - (b) To show by example that motorcycling can be an enjoyable and practical activity for riders of all ages.
 - (c) To draw the attention of public and private institutions to the needs and views of older riders.
- At the official Branch AGM in June, all positions become vacant, at which time you have the opportunity to apply for a committee position nominating for the portfolio of your choice.

Those nominations must be lodged with the Secretary 28 days prior to the AGM, e.g. 24th May 2012.

Your opportunity would be to have them lodged at either the April 19th or May the 17th meetings. If there are two nominations for the President, Secretary or Treasurer, the nominees can present their suitability for the position to the members which is then voted upon.

If unsuccessful, the candidate may then cascade to the next position if they so desire.

Nomination forms can be found on our web site: fub.org.au/

Yorke Peninsula

Sunday Rides

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



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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.

Coming Rides

Sunday 15th April 2012 Mintaro Maze

Leave B.P Port Wakefield at 10.00am, travel to Mintaro Maze. Entrance fee to maze is \$10.00 per head. BYO lunch. Only food that is available at the Maze is Cool drinks, Ice cream, Coffee & Cookies.

Sunday 13th May 2012 Strathalbyn

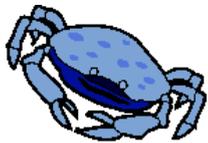
Leave B.P Port Wakefield 8.30am ride to Strathalbyn BYO picnic lunch in the park. BBQ'S available.

Saturday 9th to 11th June 2012 Border Incident Renmark

Leave B.P Port Wakefield at 8.30am to meet up with Torrens Valley at Julian Terrace Gawler at 10.00am For any further info contact me.

Saturday July 21st 2012

Overnighter at Whyalla Depart B.P Port Wakefield 9.00am. Return via Quorn, Wilmington etc. Book own accommodation



Rodney Lind
Ride Co-Ordinator
Yorke Peninsula Riding Group

February ride

On February 19, we left Pt Pirie and headed to Clare for a late breakfast. The weather was perfect and we had 10 bikes along for the ride.



We headed through Crystal Brook, Koolunga and Blyth to Clare. Then we all tucked in to a huge and delicious breakfast at Wild Saffron while sitting around and chatting.

After breakfast, we headed to Pt Broughton via Snowtown and Bute. In Bute, I was busy daydreaming and managed to miss our turn, so we all got to have a look around some of the streets on which we don't normally travel.

While at Pt Broughton, we got the message that it had been pouring with rain back home, but so far we had managed to avoid it. Another of our ride group turned up in his ute and trailer. We thought the Harley riders must have rung him when they heard about the rain, but apparently he was just passing through on another mission.

It was good to see a few old faces that haven't been on a ride for a while, and a few new bikes (or in Solly's case, a new Wedgetail). After a drink we all headed home and managed to stay out of the rain for the whole ride.

March Ride

Sunday, March 16, saw 6 bikes leave Pt Pirie in beautiful weather and head to Orroroo for morning tea.

On the way, the wind picked up and we managed to lose one bike in Laura, but he found us again before we got to Orroroo. We had a coffee (and some had cake) in Maggie's Rendezvous and then headed to Quorn via Wilmington.

At Wilmington one bike left to head back to Pirie for other commitments, and the rest of us went to Quorn and refuelled. We did find out that about the only thing a Goldwing can't do is to put its filler cap back on and that, at times, the owner may need a gentle reminder of this failing.

Lunch at the pub was slow and at times noisy, as the locals had won the cricket grand final the day before and were still in the pub celebrating. It was a good lunch with plenty of time for talking and telling stories.

After lunch, we headed home through Pichi Richi Pass. Some then went down the highway to get home quicker and others went the scenic route through Horrock's Pass, and back to Pirie via Melrose and Laura.

Les Beyer

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Date	Event	Organiser	Destination
May 5-6	Roaming Swagman	Lefty 0412 767 945	Burra Creek Gorge
May 19-20	MRA Great Escape Rally Back to Basics	Harald 0421 289 714	Marrabel
May 26-27	Wanbi Pub	Grot 0412 602 272	Wanbi (55km south of Loxton)
June 9-11	Wintersun	John (03) 5023 7218	Mildura
July 6-8	Up The Creek	Marie 0407 113 675 Greg (03) 5385 2846	Jung (near Horsham)
July 20-22	Radiata Rally	Andrew 0427 249 779 Frank 8765 1030	South End
Aug TBA	Flat Earth (back to basics)	Feral 08 8568 2503	Sedan
Aug 18-19	Wombat Warnertown (back to basics)	Lefty 0412 767 945	Warnertown
Aug 24-26	Peregrine Rally (back to basics)	Chris 0402 428 468	6km north of Peake How Reserve
Sept 8-9	Buckin Ride	Grot 0412 602 272	Marrabel
Sept 8-10	Ghost Town	Chickenman 0419 983 193	TBA
Sept 15-16	Bush Pig (MRA Mid-North Register)	Greg 0409 842 434	Crystal Brook
Sept 29 - Oct 1	Oasis Rally	Bear 0407 394 322	Paruna
Oct 20-21	Lake Bonney (Redback Tourers)	Shaz 0428 878 113	Lake Bonney
Nov 9-11	Fish Holes	Phil 0412 838 765	Portland (Vic)
Nov 17-18	Caltowie Pub Run	Phil (pub) 8665 5003 Rabbit 0408 082 257	Caltowie

Rallies are listed on marasa.asn.au

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Sunday Meeting Place : Sunday Coffee/chat will be held "The Whistling Cat" café in Commercial St West, (near the Odeon Plaza), from 9 – 10am. Any rides, on the day, will depart from here at 10am.

Check our ride calendar on the website as some rides may depart earlier.

Rides : As per Ride Calendar on the Web
Web Site: www.branches.ulyssesclub.org/limestonecoast
 Our Web is now updated regularly, with Ride Calendar, Ride Reports & Photos.

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Check web site for information and rego forms
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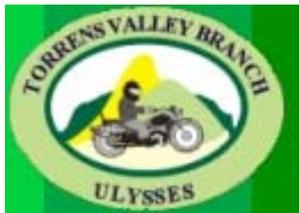
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**Torrens Valley
Branch Meetings**

7.30pm

**Third Tuesday of the
Month**

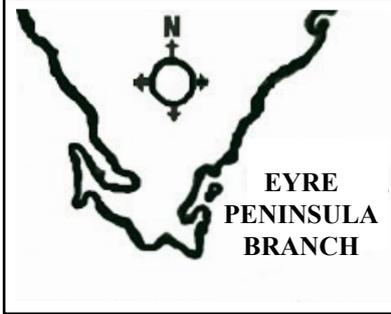
Parafield Gardens Community Club
Shepherdson Road, Parafield Gardens
Meals available from the Club before the Meeting
All welcome



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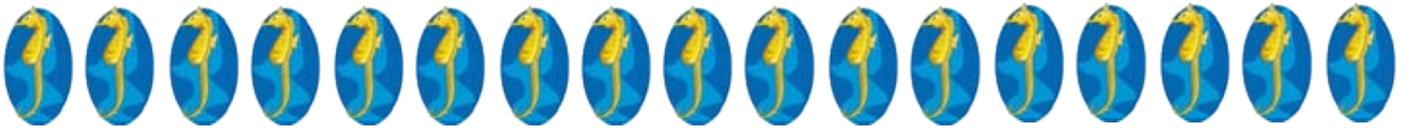
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Come on any event on any sort of wheels!
 Sunday impromptu rides from Town Jetty 10 00 am
 All rides subject to change.
 Visitors welcome.



Eyre Peninsula Branch Ride Calendar - January-June 2012

Date	Ride	Contact	Advise By	Leave	Time
April 14	Jak Ash Night Ride Port Neil Tea	Jack Ash 86823285 0429699098	April 8	North Shields	4.00 pm
April 28-29	Cowell-Kimba Over- nighter	Robert Young 86831254	April 22	North Shields	10.00 am
May 20	Shane's Brekky 8.30 am for Brekky Gold Coin Donation	Shane Graham 86833347 0427833347	May 13	Leave from Shane's Place	10.00 am
June 9-11	Penong Weekend	Rill Richter 86828212	TBA		
June 24	(Herman's Whyalla Ten Pin Bowling)?? Depending on work commitments	Herman Pruis 86822358 0427322442	TBA		



The group consists of members from Whyalla, Eyre Peninsula Branches who got together in Whyalla for the long weekend in March. The Eyre Mob did a triangular ride over the weekend from Port Lincoln to Whyalla , to Streaky Bay and back home to Port Lincoln.



CATHOLIC HORSES

One day while he was at the track playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt, Mitch noticed a priest who stepped out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race.

Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race..

Before the next race, as the horses began lining up, Mitch watched with interest the old priest step onto the track. Sure enough, as the 5th race horses came to the starting gate the priest made a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses.

Mitch made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race.

Mitch collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest would bless for the 6th race. The priest again blessed a horse.

Mitch bet big on it, and it won. Mitch was elated.. As the races continued the priest kept blessing long shot horses, and each one ended up coming in first.

By and by, Mitch was pulling in some serious money. By the last race, he knew his wildest dreams were going to come true. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day.

Mitch also observed the priest blessing the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag. Mitch knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag.

He then watched dumbfounded as the old nag come in dead last. Mitch, in a state of shock, made his way down to the track area where the priest was.

Confronting the old priest he demanded, 'Father! What happened?

All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a Kentucky mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings -- all of it!'

The priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. 'Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants, you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'



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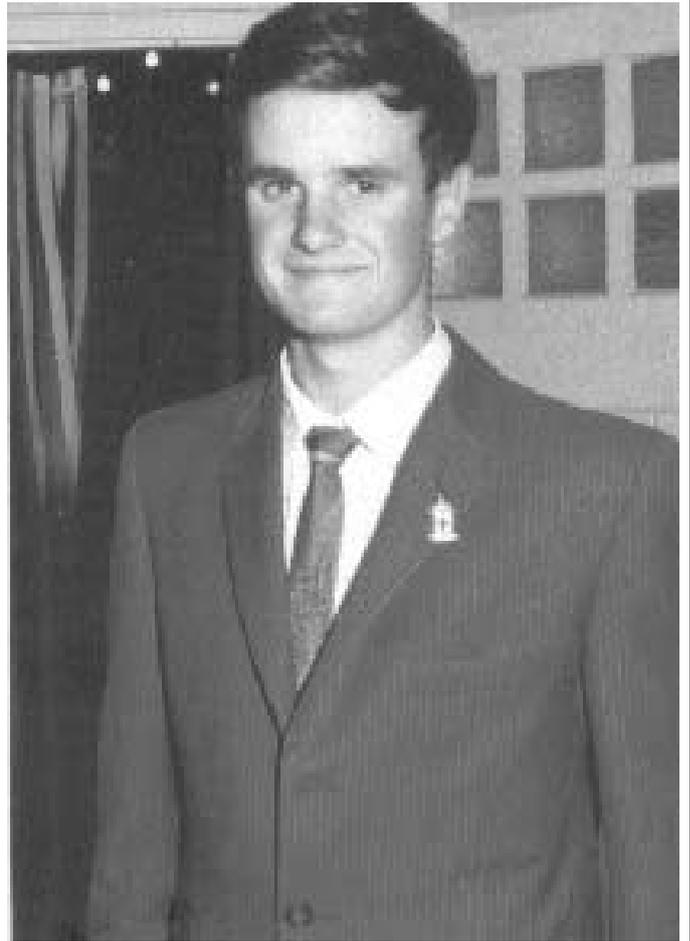
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Hotties from the Past

Can you guess who they are? No peeking, but the answers are on the last page



#1: Don't you love the little 'hair flop'?



#2: You can just see it, can't you? Teacher's pet, Mummy's favourite. A son to be proud of!!

This is a new addition to The Odyssey, another good idea from Ray 'the raffle man' Murray. Thanks, Ray.

These are the first of what I hope will be many photos from the past. It's an opportunity to show everyone you weren't born old.

And weren't we all hotties!?!??



#3: It's hard to beat a man in uniform!



#4: Ahhh! A bit of a daredevil - the girls always like that is a boy!



Bike Trailer: Secondhand Cargo Trailer (Bike camping Trailer). Dimensions: Length 1.120m, Width 0.750m, Height 0.500m. Spare wheel. Front drop down leg. 2x 5lt fuel tanks in brackets. Roof racks on lid. Front platform for Esky. Plenty of room.

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Kawasaki GPX250R: 2006 (Ex250f). 3,220 km 250cc black and green Sport Tourer. Great learner bike, low kilometres, includes 3 months registration.

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CanAm Spyder: 2009 Spyder RS M5. As new condition, first registered in 2010, done only 7,800km. 10 months factory warranty, over \$3,000 worth of extras, including pillion back rest, extended pillion footrests, two wind screens, wool seat cover and tow bar for trailer - not fitted, never used.

\$15,900 ono. Phone 08 8384 2875 or 0403 356 875.

Yamaha FJR 1300: Reg. until December, 2012. Year of manufacture, 2005. 70,000km. Complete with panniers. Excellent condition.

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VIRAGO 250cc: 10,000km 10/2008, excellent condition, burgundy in colour in Tumby Bay S.A

\$4,500 Phone 0429018740, 0428882656, 86882656

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Hotties from the Past

1. Trevor Thomas
2. Peter Jolly
3. Ray Murray
4. Bernie Gelston

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