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All newsletters and magazines survive on the submissions of subscribers; The Odyssey is no different.

Do you have anything interesting to tell our subscribers - holidays, poetry, jokes, motorcycle stories, reports on Ulysses activities, hobbies, photos? Send it in and get yourself in print! The Odyssey, as always, is receptive to 'stuff' from all branches. We want to know what you've been up to.

How about some wedding photos?

Editor

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19th September	for the October issue
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19th May	for the June issue

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Hi Everyone

Not the AGM at Berri

I can't emphasise enough how important it is for me to have numbers for meals, the boat trip and the bus to have one of the evening meals at the Golf Club. The proprietor of the Caravan Park highly recommended that we go there. I have been in touch with a bus company which can supply a 21 seater bus for \$300. This works out to \$15 pp. If we need two trips, (42 passengers) it will cost \$400. This means it will cost only \$10 pp. So you can see how important it is to get the numbers early to secure the bus bookings.



Breakfast provisions will be purchased at Berri and prepared at the Caravan Park. The facilities will suit our needs very well. Costs to be shared.

The River Cruise looks great! Two and half hours, afternoon tea and a sing-along together with various instruments to play (washboard, etc.). We don't even have to know the words - the boat has drop down screens. If you go to their web site, you will get a good look at what to expect. Promoted by Chris Ditmar. www.houseboatadventure.com.au

Featured in this issue is an article from Michele Wagnitz and Thao Coates about the Vietnamese wedding they attended recently.

Footy's back! The atmosphere in the Adelaide CBD, the Adelaide Oval and anywhere else was electric! Facilities are amazing! The only hiccup was getting onto the foot-bridge after the game, but that was a minor inconvenience that shouldn't happen in subsequent games (except Showdowns). We caught the train from Woodville, and got a bit nervous as the first two trains were packed to the rafters. Thankfully, the third train was empty! The supporters from both Clubs should be congratulated on their behaviour (although I always thought it was rare for it to be anything else) - it was almost as if Adelaide had come of age!

Cheers
Wendy

PS: I wonder if Chad Wingard needs another nana!

Hello Everyone



G'day everyone, I hope you are all well and being disgraceful. There is quite a bit going on over the next month or so from the national AGM in Alice Springs in May, the Not the AGM weekend on the weekend of the 10th-11th of May at Berri, we also have our Friends and Rellies picnic on the 6th of April being held at the park in Kanmantoo. On this ride everyone is welcome along, not just Club members, if you or your Rellies don't want to come along on the ride then simply meet us at Kanmantoo which is on the Old Princess Hwy between Nairne and Callington, it would be helpful if you can inform us of how many are coming so we can cater for enough folk.

The final I's are being dotted and T's crossed in preparation for the Port Pirie Odyssey in October, it seems like a long way off but will be here before you know it so get your registrations in, you can get your forms in the magazine and you can also register via a link on the Adelaide Branch web-site which is a totally paperless way to register. If you have never been to an Odyssey you don't know what you are missing, we get club members from all over the state and usually a few interstate visitors as well, once you go to one Odyssey most folk are hooked.

Anyway that's enough from me, keep your eyes out for what's happening either via the Odyssey magazine or via the Adelaide Branch web-site.

Andrew Mill
President/Rides Leader
Life's Too Straight Without the Twisties

A couple were Christmas shopping. The shopping centre was packed, and as the wife walked through one of the malls she was surprised when she looked around to find that her husband was nowhere to be seen. She was quite upset because they had a lot to do and hence, she became so worried that she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was.

In a quiet voice he said, "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about five years ago where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

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6	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Friends & Rellies Picnic Day Ride or meet us there	Kanmantoo	Civic Park
12	Saturday	Guy Malpass 0402 414 276	Guy's Far Ride	Please contact Guy for information	
13	Sunday	Andrew Mill	DayRide and BBQ lunch	Waggies' Place	Top of Taps
20	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	WABBIT RUN	Milang	McDonald's Magill
27			NO RIDE	ANZAC DAY Weekend	
May					
4	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	5 Captains' Ride	TBA	McDonald's Magill
9-11		Wendy King	Not the AGM Weekend More info further on	Berri Caravan Park	Make your own way there
11	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Mothers' Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Civic Park
18	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Goolwa	Top of Taps
25	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	MannumBay	McDonald's Magill
June					
1	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Clayton Bay	Top of Taps
8			NO RIDE	QUEEN'S B/DAY WEEKEND	
15	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Brass Monkey Ride	Burra	Civic park
22	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
29	8.00 am	Andrew Mill	Diehards' Breakfast	TBA	McDonalds Magill

For further information, contact: Andrew Mill on 0412 312 243

Macca's, 303-306 Magill Road, Trinity Gardens

Civic Park, North East Road, Modbury

Top of Taps, Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill

Morgan Weekend

Garry and I up met a number of riders and pillions and a couple of cars at about 9.45am, and after a bit of a catch up and a few hugs, we set off for Morgan, ably led by Rick and Ronda Nappa.

With a few others rocking up from other directions, we had about twenty-eight members altogether, with a couple of new faces among the usual suspects.

Most of us stayed at the Commercial Hotel (\$40 per night per room, included continental breakfasts), and checking in, I went to get my saddle-bags Black Betty, only to find that Garry had already taken one up to our room (so I thought). But, no! I had lost it on the way.

A phone from a neighbour - the bag had been found somewhere between Port Wakefield and Balaklava. Later found it had been picked up by someone from Kapunda and taken to Ardrossan I obviously didn't attach it properly. All my girlie stuff, camera, purse and shoes were in it. Garry reckons I can cut my luggage in half from now on. It's not often I go to tea with no shoes

on! Nita Curtis lent me a pair of sandals for the next day, bless her.

The evening meals at the pub were great! And the staff very helpful, making sure our stay was enjoyable.

Sunday, Rod and Rae Lind led a ride/drive to the Waikerie Bakery for lunch. The winery was up a dirt road, so we gave that a miss.

Many thanks to the Bronwyn, Phil and their staff of the Commercial Hotel for their hospitality, Rick and Ronda Nappa for leading the ride to Morgan and Rod and Rae Lind for looking after everyone on Sunday.

Really looking forward to our Not the AGM in Berri in May!

Give me a bell if you intend to be there, especially if you want to do the boat trip on Saturday afternoon.

Wendy King
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Wednesday Rides

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

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Monthly Dinners

2nd Friday of the month

At various venues

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RSVP and more info: Wendy King

8837 3449 or 0409 881 726

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As usual, all Ulyssians are welcome to this event.



MRA Rallies 2014

Date	Name	Contact	Venue
April 4-6	RAC Coonalpyn Pub Run	Andy 0411 212 076	Coonalpyn
April 12-13	Bit on the Side get-together	Beatle 0458 294 271 or PJ 0428 315 815	Mannahill Pub
April 25-27 (long weekend)	Sidecar Rally	Monarchs Club	Strathmerton (Vic)
May 2-4	Roaming Swagman	Mark 08 8634 4377 or Lefty 0412 767 945	TBA
May 17-18	MRA Great Escape Rally (back to basics)	Harald 0421 289 714 or Peter 0414 399 000	Marrabel
May 24-25	Wunkar Pub	Les 0411 616 232 or Grot 0412 602 272	Wunkar Pub
June TBA	Farina (SA Rangers)	Beatle 0458 294 271	TBA
June 7-9 (long weekend)	Wintersun	John 03 5023 7218	Mildura
July 4-6	Up the Creek	Marie 0417 113 675 or Greg 03 5385 2846	Jung (near Horsham)
August 8-10	Flat Earth (back to basics)	Feral 08 8568 2503	Sedan
August 15-17	FTMA Wombat Rally (back to basics)	Lefty 0412 767 945	Warnertown
August 24	V&VMCC of Northern Yorke Peninsula <i>Cousin Jack Rally</i>	Kerry girlracer1@gmail.com	Kadina
August 29-31	Peregrine Rally	Chris 0402 428 468 or chrismcale@gmail.com	Jabuk
Sept 12-13	Ghost Town Rally	Chickenman 0419 983 193	Copi Hollow
Sept 13-14	Gulnare Pub (SA Tourers)	Raymond 0400 202 994	Gulnare
Sept 21	Lee Russack Memorial Run V&VMCC of Northern Yorke Peninsula	Les 08 8821 11851	Kadina to Kadina (170k)
Oct 3-6 (long weekend)	Oasis Rally	Bear 0407 394 322	Paruna
Oct 18-19	Redback Tourers Rally	Shaz 0428 878 113	TBA
Nov 7-8	Marrabel Pub (Z Owners)	Grot 0412 602 272 Les 0411 616 232	Marrabel
Nov 7-8	Fish Holes	Phil 0412 838 765	Portland (Vic)
Nov 15-16	Caltowie Pub Run	Phil (pub) 08 8665 5003 Rabbit 0408 082 257	TBA
Nov 23	V& VMCC of Norther Yorke Peninsula Christmas Appeal Ride	Kerry girlracer1@gmail.com	Kadina

This morning I was in luck and was able to buy two boxes of "VIC BITTER" cheap at the local bottle shop. I placed the boxes on the front seat and headed back home. I stopped at a service station where a drop-dead gorgeous blonde in a short skirt was filling up her car at the next pump.

She glanced at the two boxes of beer, bent over and leaned in my passenger window and said in a sexy voice, "I'm a big believer in barter, handsome. Would you be interested in trading sex for beer?" ...

I thought for a few seconds and asked, "What kind of beer 'ya got?"
(Spoken like a true Aussie)

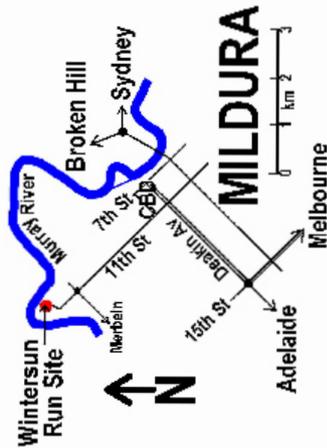


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This Is No Stunt!

Australia's Number 1 Street Bike Stunt Rider Dave McKenna has joined Black Dog Ride as an Ambassador.

Dave McKenna has always had a passion for motorcycles, riding Moto X from the age of 5 and his love for riding has seen him headline international events and become Australia's #1 Street Bike Stunt Rider.

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Thank you Ryda Dot Com for getting behind our great cause.

State Rides dates announced

The 2014 Black Dog Ride around Australia will be complemented by State Rides of 5-8 days in duration. These Rides will run concurrently with the Black Dog Ride around Australia as it passes through each State between 26th July and 26th August. NSW - 26th July to 1st August.. Starts in Bateau Bay and joins the BDRAA for 1 night.

QLD (South) - 27th July to 2nd August. Starts in Springwood and joins the BDRAA for 2 nights. (North) - 28th July to 3rd August. Starts in Townsville and joins BDRAA for 1 Night.

NT - 3rd to 6th August. Starts in Darwin and joins the BDRAA for 2 nights in Jabiru.

WA - 10th to 16th. August. Starts in Swan Valley and joins the BDRAA for 2 nights.

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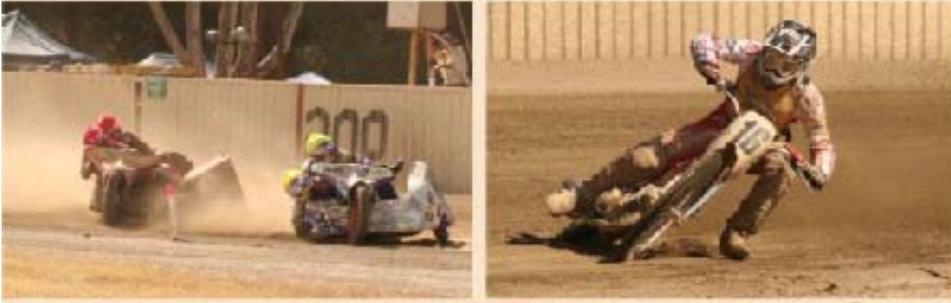
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Sunday Round-up

9th February: Day Ride to Strath

A good size group of around 24 gathered at Maca's Magill, before heading up to Norton Summit via the new road for a change, then to Ashton where we turned and headed to Greenhill Road, Picadilly Road, Swamp Road (Uraidla) and we then Basket Range. We followed the Lobethal Road along with the cyclists, cars and slow scooters before turning along Leslie Road to Lenswood, where we turned down Fox Creek Road. (There was a bit of confusion here as the ride turned left, but some were given signals to turn left and some to go straight. AAAARRRRGGGGHHHH!) We next went to Lobethal, Mt Torrens, Tungkillo and around to Birdwood for morning tea. Once fed and watered, we set off to Lobethal via Angas Creek Road and Burford Hill, then through to Lobethal again and around the back of Woodside to Oakbank, where we turned and headed to Swamp Road which we followed to Greenhill Road. Our route next took us to Carey Gully where we turned and headed over Mt George to Bridgewater, River Road and Echunga where we made our way to Meadows, along Paris Creek Road to Strathalbyn for lunch in High Street. It was a fabulous day weather wise as was shown by the huge amount of motorcyclists out and about. It was also good to see Ray back on his bike after his recent operations on his shoulder and wrist.



16th February: Day Ride to Angaston

A good size group of around 22 were at Civic Park in great weather for riding. We headed out towards Snake Gully, but made our way along Range Road north and then to Chain of Ponds, then to Kersbrook where we turned and made our way to Gawler, then through Kalbeeba and on past the Whispering Wall to Williamstown, from where it was an easy ride to a very busy Lyndoch for morning tea. We then set off to Cockatoo Valley, past the nudist camp, then back through Williamstown and on to Mt Pleasant where we headed to Tungkillo and Palmer. Next we went

through Palamana and along Angas Valley Road to the outskirts of Mt Pleasant. We then headed to Eden Valley where we turned and went to Keynton and from here along the bumpy road (not sure if it seems really bumpy cause of the full bladders) and into Angaston for lunch in great sunshine. It was a great day out in near perfect riding conditions and the company wasn't too bad either.



23rd February: Day Ride to Milang

Around 22 of us were at Top of Taps under glorious sunshine, before setting off for Clarendon, Whickam Hill via Bakers Gully, past the Range and to the top of Willunga Hill. We then went along Pages Flat Road to Myponga, over the Myponga Dam and on to Normanville for morning tea. A few left us here as the rest of us headed to Yankalilla via the hill to Parawa. We then made our way to Victor Harbor on to Greenhills Road, then onto Sawpit Road and over the ford that caught a few out. Next, along Nettle Hill Road and onto Hindmarsh Tiers Road. Our route took us back towards Victor Harbor and on to Middleton where the Police had set up RBT, but none of our group were pulled over. We then went along Airport Road to Currency Creek and on to Winery Road; from here it was to Clayton Bay and to Milang for lunch and much socializing.



Sunday Round-up

2nd March: Day Ride to Wellington

Another good size group of around 20 gathered at Magill; we set off and wound our way to Greenhill Road, through the Picadilly Valley, down Spring Gully Road and back to Greenhill Road. We then went along Deviation Road and headed towards Swamp Road only to find it was closed; so off to Vickers Road, into Woodside, Oakbank, Littlehampton and Mt Barker. We next made our way to Stamps Road, into Macclesfield, then down the hill to Strath for morning tea. From here we went to Wistow, Mt Barker Springs, Nairne and along the Old Princess Hwy to Murray Bridge, Jervois and on to the Wellington Hotel for lunch. It was a great day even though we were 2 up on the Orange bike (not as comfy as the ST), but a day out riding with club mate is always good fun.



16th March: Day Ride to Swan Reach

A smallish group of around 10 gathered at Civic Park to set off under fine skies making our way to Snake Gully and past One Tree Hill to Kersbrook where we turned and headed to Williamstown, Cockatoo Valley where some of our sheep (oops! I mean group), missed Peter on the corner and had to be herded up and guided back on the ride route to Lyndoch. From here it was back through Williamstown to Lovell's new bakery in Birdwood. We then set off for Tungkillo and Mt Pleasant, from where we made our way through Springton to Eden Valley where we turned for Keynton. Our route next took us down Sedan Hill and on to Sedan, then on to the Swan Reach Ferry and in to Swan Reach, where it appears the shop below the pub is shut. There is, however, another little shop along the road, but, alas, not well stocked. We all made our way to the park on the river banks and enjoyed the sunshine and company. It was a great day out in fine bike riding weather on some wonderful S.A roads.

23rd March: Day Ride to Meningie

A group of around 15 gathered at Top of Taps under rather cloudy skies, before setting off for Clarendon accompanied by a brief shower, then Blewitt Springs and McLaren Flat. We then made our way to the Range and on to the Victor Road to Mt Compass where we turned off and headed to Bull Creek Road, up to Ashbourne and on to Strath for morning tea. Near to setting off, we had another shower of rain and those in our group who thought they might shrink if they got wet, didn't join the rest of us as we set off for Langehorne Creek, where the roads were dry, and then on to Wellington where we went over the river via the ferry, then our lunch stop at Meningie on the banks of Lake Albert, under fabulous sunny skies.



Thao & Michele's Venture to the Mekong Delta - Part II - The Wedding

Friday, December 20

This is the first day of official celebrations (3 days in all) when the brides friends and relatives come. We get up at 6.30am and have a shower. There has been activity since well before daylight, so we go out the back door to see what is happening. Preparations for wedding begin at 5 am with about 15 woman helpers arriving and about 5 male helpers for bar and food serving. Thuy (Mum) has already been on the bike to the market 3 times – she makes many trips in the day, we lost count. At 8am she brings back filled Vietnamese rolls for all the workers. Some of these helpers are family/relatives, but some are neighbours or locals who are being paid \$1.50 to work for the day or two. They get this money but they also eat very well I found, as they stopped 4 times through the coming day for eating. There is a constant chatter, chatter, chop chop.



The 5 men have killed a pig at 5 am. Then 3 men and 2 women take on the preparation of the various parts of the pig. 1 very elderly woman is the head butcher/chef and is organising everyone to cut up the pig. Then parts are allocated to the cooking/preparation team. Everyone seems to know their job and it is a hive of industry. One man spends all the morning sharpening knives on a stone. Every part of the pig is used – the pig has been bled and the blood is mixed with salt and pepper then steamed in plastic bags; the intestine and stomach are washed endlessly (over an hour) by a woman sitting on the ground at the outdoor tap. The liver, fillet and whatever (!) is sliced thinly for the steamboats. The skin and leftover pieces of meat are put into the stomachs of the pig for steaming (look like a big balloon). Squid is laboriously cut into diamonds; masses of pumpkin flowers, chive flowers and other greens and prawns washed ready for the steamboats. The kitchen and the outdoor prep area are alive with people.

By 10 am they are still washing extra tongues (about 30 of them), boiling the skin, and making some meat dishes.

11am is lunch time break, then the ladies are quickly back to cut more vegetables & greens and one group make the pork balls. Remember they do not have any machinery to chop, so all the mince is made laboriously by hand. Another group are preparing the three ingredients for spring rolls (grated taro, pork mince and chopped shallots) and rolling them. By 12 noon 3 women are in the kitchen cooking the spring rolls – about 900 of them at 8 at a time (small frying pan!)

About 2 pm 8 live ducks are brought from the market. They have their throats cut, are bled to death, then put in boiling water for a minute to loosen their feathers for the feather removing team.

Meanwhile the young men are sorting the bar including putting the huge 20 litre containers of rice wine into cool drink plastic bottles for ease of distributing to each table.

2.30pm Guests start arriving. The bride is dressed in her jeans and check shirt but she is to change twice more that day into little short dresses and lots of makeup. Over the day and evening about 450 guests come and go. Some groups of young people, men and women sit together and talk excitedly. The older women generally at their tables at the rear near the kitchen. The men by far make up the numbers with them getting more tipsy as the day goes on. Michele as the Westerner provides a lot of the “entertainment”, going to each table and drinking a beer or rice wine with them. The ritual of shouting loudly “yoh”, raising glasses, and then skulling is much encouraged but Michele is careful to pace herself. The beer in this hot weather (and they add a huge chunk of ice) is very easy to drink and very low alcohol.

The band start playing VERY LOUDLY from 5pm and go until midnight. The men dance excitedly and several have a turn at singing karaoke. A couple of women dance also but that is all.

At 10pm the women are still working out the back (though they have had regular stops for meals) and they are now making 500 coconut jellies in little cups, laughing and chatting still. There is a constant washing up team at the outlet.

Saturday December 21

Michele gets out of bed to go to the toilet at about 2 am, there are 24 people asleep on the floor in the living room (helpers for tomorrow).

At 6am when Michele gets up she learns that the women of the household have not been to bed – Mother and 2 daughters - Xuan and Thao. They have been cleaning and getting things ready for today. The bride (Cuong) went to bed at 2 am.

From 7 am – 2pm hundreds of people are constantly arriving for drinks & meals. Michele's job, with the two nephews is guarding the red envelope basket and giving out little red hearts for all to wear saying good luck on your wedding. Thao is busy assisting her Mother and the bride.



From 7.30am we have our band again, playing Kenny G type music to start with but quickly moving to the loud modern music until 1.30pm. When the bride and groom make their entrance in

Thao & Michele's Venture to the Mekong Delta - Part II - The Wedding

formal western wedding gear about 8am (bride in dress 1 white, groom in his suit) a very groovy singer in a white suit with diamantes on the collar, with slick spiky hair and shiny black shoes sings a romantic song to the couple and then walks around all the tables with them.

The bride and groom have spent all day walking between the tables with the bride dishing out food for everyone and playing the ultimate host. The bride starts the day in her jeans and check shirt but has changed several times throughout the day and night.

Once again today as well as last night, some older men and some young men karaoke and dance madly the whole time the band is there. Michele makes a spectacle of herself and asks some women to get up and dance = lots of photos & videoing! Thao says the women would like to sing and dance but are too shy. Michele thinks it is more that they are always working out the back or serving food so they have no chance.

At 1pm Nam (the groom) goes home to spend the time with his family, the day before the formal wedding ceremony.

About 3 pm the stragglers leave and we have a rest until the dinner tonight for close bride family relatives and the "tea ceremony". The dinner starts at 7pm and at 8pm the bride's girlfriend & witness arrived in traditional dress & the bride dresses in her red over yellow silk trousers traditional dress. The bride's mother is also dressed traditionally. We move to the front room to give gifts to the alter for the ancestors and the last task of the bride as a single woman living at home is giving tea and rice wine to her mother, father and 3 significant males.



As the last few guests leave, about 10pm, two young women in suits arrive. They are staying overnight and will do the makeup and hair of the bride, as they did early today (but Michele was still in bed). The bride looked "beautiful" with her false eye lashes and very heavy makeup ... Vietnamese style. Michele prefers the more simple woman she had grown to care about, makeup free. You could hardly recognise her as being the same person. We don't go to bed until well after 11 because all the shirts for the men and the dresses have to be ironed. As well as practicing tying the ties for the men.

The bride still insists she isn't excited. But we have to get up at about 2am because the groom and his family come at 3am to take the bride to their house for ever. We will follow to have a party at their house.

Sunday December 22

When Michele gets up at 2.30, the bride is already having her makeup and hair done. Everyone else is dressing and preparing. In the dark at 3.30am the groom and his family arrive in a procession bearing trays of various gifts – fruits, money, jewellery, sweets and two long candles. There is a ceremony entailing the lighting of the candles by the groom which we await to burn brightly because this is good luck for the couple. If the candle or candles go out or do not burn brightly it is bad luck. All goes well, and then the bride appears in the front room and there is a

formal tea and rice wine ceremony for both sets of parents by the bride and groom. The formal giving and receiving of the various gifts takes another 20 minutes.

It is now time for the groom to take his bride with his family in a long procession back to the road and a waiting mini van.

Thao and Michele go with the bride's family out to another waiting mini bus to go the 45 minute journey to the banks of the Mekong River. It is a very joyous and happy bus load of revelers! We get on the wooden long boat and travel down the river for another 40 minutes to the groom's family pomelo farm on the river bank.

Thao & Michele on the banks of the Mekong at about 5 am to go on a long boat to the groom's house....

In the early dawn light, the house is festooned with lights, balloons and decorations. We are seated at the many tables set up on the big undercover verandah, whilst the formal wedding ceremony occurs in the front alter room with the bride and groom and the elders.

Then the guests are all invited to view the sleeping arrangements of the bride and groom who are now here "forever". Now it is time for another Vietnamese feast and it is little more than 7 am! Tasty meat and fish nibbles, steam boat and other meat dishes. Then the band starts and more dancing for everyone.



Thao and her sister, the bride

By 9 am it is time for the bride's family and leave. The bride farewells all her family who get back on the boat. The bride and her new family and friends will now have a big party going well into the night. And so Thao and Michele return on the boat (in the daylight this time) back up the river, to the mini bus, and arrive back to walk once more up the track to the family home.

We are all very grateful to have some down time when we arrive back at the house about 11 am, Everyone has a sleep and then rising and starting to clear up the remains of the celebrations in the front yard. Sweeping, packing up tables and chairs, packing away the crockery. Many motor bike trips to take away the empty bottles and remaining beer crates.

Tomorrow the bride's family will host another celebration the groom's immediate family are coming over to celebrate the marriage.... more food.....more chatter..... more entertaining..... more partying!.....more fabulous Vietnamese food...more good companymore wonderful memories never to be forgotten.

Thao Coates and Michele Wagnitz



SA RV Roundup - Rapid Bay

What an amazing week of weather before our weekend! Longest run of days over 40°C since anyone can remember, and then the biggest rain event in February for many a day! The good Lord found it in his power and parted the skies, stopped the rain and gave us a very pleasant, not too hot, not too cold weekend.

The drive down along the magnificent Fleurieu Coast is always stunning and puts you in a holiday mood straight away. The campground is situated right on the beach with a well kept grassed area and good clean toilets.

We arrived Friday evening to be warmly greeted by a jolly group of fellow Ulysses members. As our bus is not registered yet (long story), we set up our tent. A big thanks to Hoppy for supplying our camping gear for the weekend. With the erection out of the way, we then joined in the festivities.

We were introduced to Hayden and Janine from Western Australia. They are travelling and chose to catch up with us for the weekend. This is one of the strengths of an RV event in that it brings members together from different branches and allows great friendships to grow across the country. The stories were told, jokes shared and the laughter grew louder. Then one of our members, I can't reveal his name, stood up on his one leg and gazed along the coast. Using his Bundy Binoculars, i.e., looking through a half empty bottle of Bundy, announced he could see the lights of Adelaide, 75kms away. Apparently, he could even see 5 story buildings! Sadly, my Beer Binoculars were not working as well and I could only see Normanville, 5kms down the coast. Obviously, I need stronger stuff! After much fun and laughter we all crawled off to bed.

One of the lovely things about camping is waking up to the sounds of laughter and chatting, and the smell of bacon and eggs. That was enough to get me up and into it. The day was a bit overcast but still very pleasant. It was time to get the fishing expedition together. With rods, bait and

high hopes, the intrepid group set off to the jetty to catch the spoils of the sea.

Meanwhile, back at the camp, we were welcoming more members that were arriving. Steve and Sally (pictured) rolled up towing there new Elite trailer behind the Gold Wing. They had only set it up twice at home so it must have been good to get tips and advice from 20 people! We also met Ian and Dianne, who came to camp with us and are new members to the Ulysses Club.

We were starting to prepare for lunch when the fisher folk arrived back from the hunt. It was amazing to hear just how big the fish were that swam by or got away. Being good responsible Ulysses members, they left all the fish in the sea to swim another day. Well left folks! Oh well, snags and sandwiches for lunch!

With all the chatting and a few drinks, it was soon tea time. On with the socialising and storytelling. I can't reveal any stories, what's said on RV weekends stays on RV weekends, but we did hear about the nut cracker event! Say no more. A very pleasant evening was had until bed called.

Sunday morning, the birds announced that it was time to get up. What a beautiful day with blue skies and no wind! The sea was like a blue mirror reflecting the majesty of the coast. It was a non rushed breakfast and morning cuppa. You could stay here for a week, the body says. Alas, we have to return to the land of the everyday and so we started packing up. Hugs and kisses were exchanged and we dwelt on what a great weekend it had been.

Thanks to all the members who came along and made it such a great time.

Remember - We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

Happy wanderings
Hoppy & Hobbit



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Friday, 29th August, 2014

Morning Tea

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Port Wakefield to Port Augusta
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Lunch

Port Augusta 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Port Augusta to Whyalla meet up with Eyre
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Saturday, 30th August, 2014

Breakfast at Motel

Free time in morning at Whyalla
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Lunch 12.00pm

at The Shed, Whyalla

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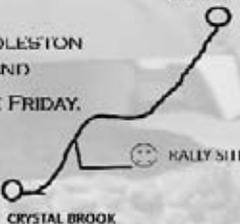
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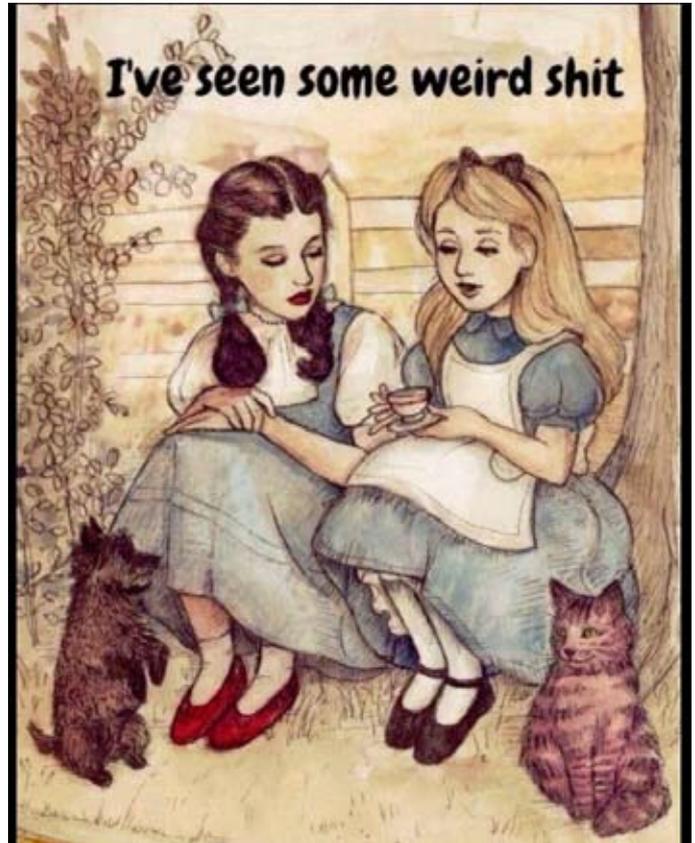
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4. Arranging to visit other countries to see how other cultures ride dead horses.
5. Lowering the standards so that dead horses can be included.
6. Reclassifying the dead horse as living-impaired.
7. Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse.
8. Harnessing several dead horses together to increase speed.
9. Providing additional funding and/or training to increase the dead horse’s performance.
10. Doing a productivity study to see if lighter riders would improve the dead horse’s performance.
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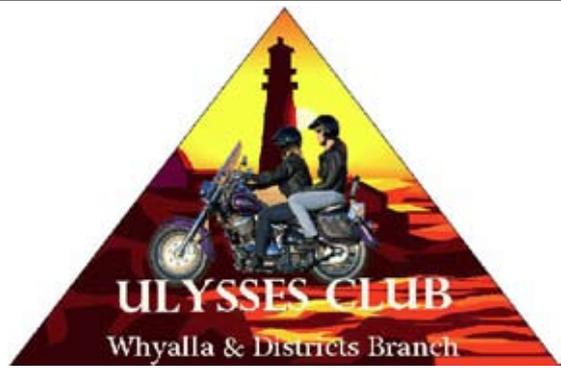
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Meet and Greet

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Ride Co-ordinators

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Parkinson's Charity Ride 1/03/2014

At our January committee meeting an item was tabled that John Stockwell (Takk) from Stone Hut was undertaking a 'Round Australia Ride' to raise money for Parkinson's SA. We discussed a donation but it was decided that we would organize a 'Charity Ride'.

After a lot of organizing, the ride kicked off, as scheduled, at 0930 on the 1st of March. We had no idea how many would attend and we had asked for everyone who was intending to come to let us know for catering purposes, but, as you can guess, a lot just showed up on the day.

We left Whyalla with 28 riders with 4 pillions (including 4 riders from Port Lincoln) and headed to Port Augusta. A quick stop at the 'Port' then continued on to the Tin Man to refuel.



Next stop was the FTMA club rooms at Warnertown for a very nice BBQ lunch, followed by fruit salad and ice-cream. They had also opened the bar, so lots of "soft" drinks were on offer.

An hour and half break then off again (with a couple of extra riders from Port Pirie) to Stone Hut via Laura to meet up with John's partner, Lu, at their house.

As we congregated in his back yard, Lu gave us all a quick update as to John's progress and to thank all riders for attending.

We continued on to Melrose where some stopped for a drink and a wee break, whilst others continued on to

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Port Augusta, where we regrouped at the Gull Servo before heading home, arriving at around 4.45pm.

The weather was kind if a little windy, but even that was not too intrusive and we managed to raise \$605.00 for Takk's cause, Parkinson's SA.

I would sincerely like to thank the following people:

- Perry (pictured) and Helen Zimmerman who did a magnificent job buying, transporting and cooking the food, as well as cleaning up afterwards.
- Michelle, Lefty and the team at the Flinders Tourers Motorcycle Club's club-rooms at Warnertown for the use of their facilities, assistance on the day and opening the bar.
- Last, but not least, the riders and pillions who

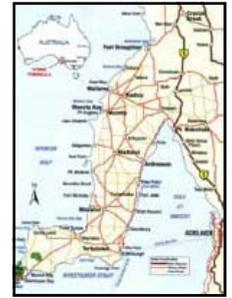
attended on the day.

Thanks, guys and gals, we couldn't have done it without you.

Di Lehman



Yorke Peninsula



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.



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.

Branch contacts as follows:

President Steve Jones (Roobar) 088 532 0706
cyndi_steve@Internode.on.net
 Secretary Daryl Sparks 0427 813 817
sparks.ds@bigpond.com
 Rides Captain Roger Faehrmann 0412 713 966
 0438 324 605



There are no rides on the calendar at the moment, but we continue to meet at the Hot Bread Shop for impromptu rides



SA RV Events

RV events are open to any Ulysses member or partner.
Any type of vehicle can be used to get you there, what is important is that you are there.

Any further enquiries contact Hobbit or Hoppy on
Hoppy on 0428 567 811
or Hobbit on 0404 478 741

July	5-6	Melrose
October	24-26	Black Cockatoo RV AGM

Spokesperson Peter Brown
08 87394098
0417 889 461

Secretary Jill Gilmore
08 87252529
0409 152 529

Rides Captain Tony Ziemlanej
08 8725 5174
0438 872 551



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.

Southern Flinders Riding Group Port Pirie



SUNDAY MORNING
COFFEE AT HOT BREAD SHOP
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tbgemay@westnet.com.au

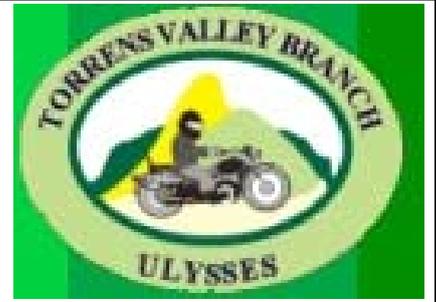
Torrens Valley Branch Meetings

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



Torrens Valley and Yorke Peninsula Riding Group Calendar

Inquiries: Rodney Lind 0418 527 927

Ride Calendar 2014				
Date	Leader	Event	Destination	Departure Point
April Saturday, 5	Rodney Lind 0418 527 977	Overnighter	Meningie	Tailem Bend Shell Roadhouse 10.00 am
Saturday, 12	Guy Malpass 0402 414 276	700k Long Ride	Naracoorte	For further info, refer to Guy's Ride link on the Torrens Valley Web Site
Sunday, 20	Rodney Lind 0418 527 977	Pie Floater Run	North Adelaide	Julian Terrace Gawler 4.30 pm
May Sunday, 4	Rodney Lind 0418 527 977	Five Captains' Ride	Balhannah TBA	Julian Terrace Gawler 9.00 am
Friday, 9-11	Wendy King 88373449	Not the AGM	Berri Caravan Park	Make your own way there

Hottie from the past!

Can you guess who he is?

Turn to the last page for the answer.
(Oopsie! Had the wrong answer last issue!)



Pres: Robert Young 86831254

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Treas: Ainsley Parker 86831184

Committee:

Jack Ash 86823285

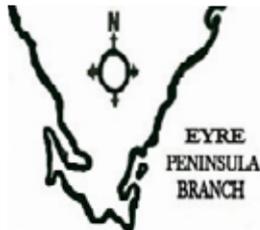
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Morris Schwartz is on his deathbed, knows the end is near, is with his nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons. "So", he says to them: "Bernie, I want you to take the Beverly Hills houses." "Sybil, take the apartments over in Los Angeles Plaza." "Hymie, I want you to take the offices over in City Center." "Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings downtown." The nurse is just blown away by all this, and as Morris slips away, she says, "Mrs. Schwartz, your husband must have been such a hard working man to have accumulated all this property". Sarah replies, "Property? ... the schmuck has a paper route!"



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Hotties from the past:

Answer: Peter Wood with his first car, a Vauxhall Viva, in 1972
(I would like some more photos, please. This is the last one in my file..) Ed.

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