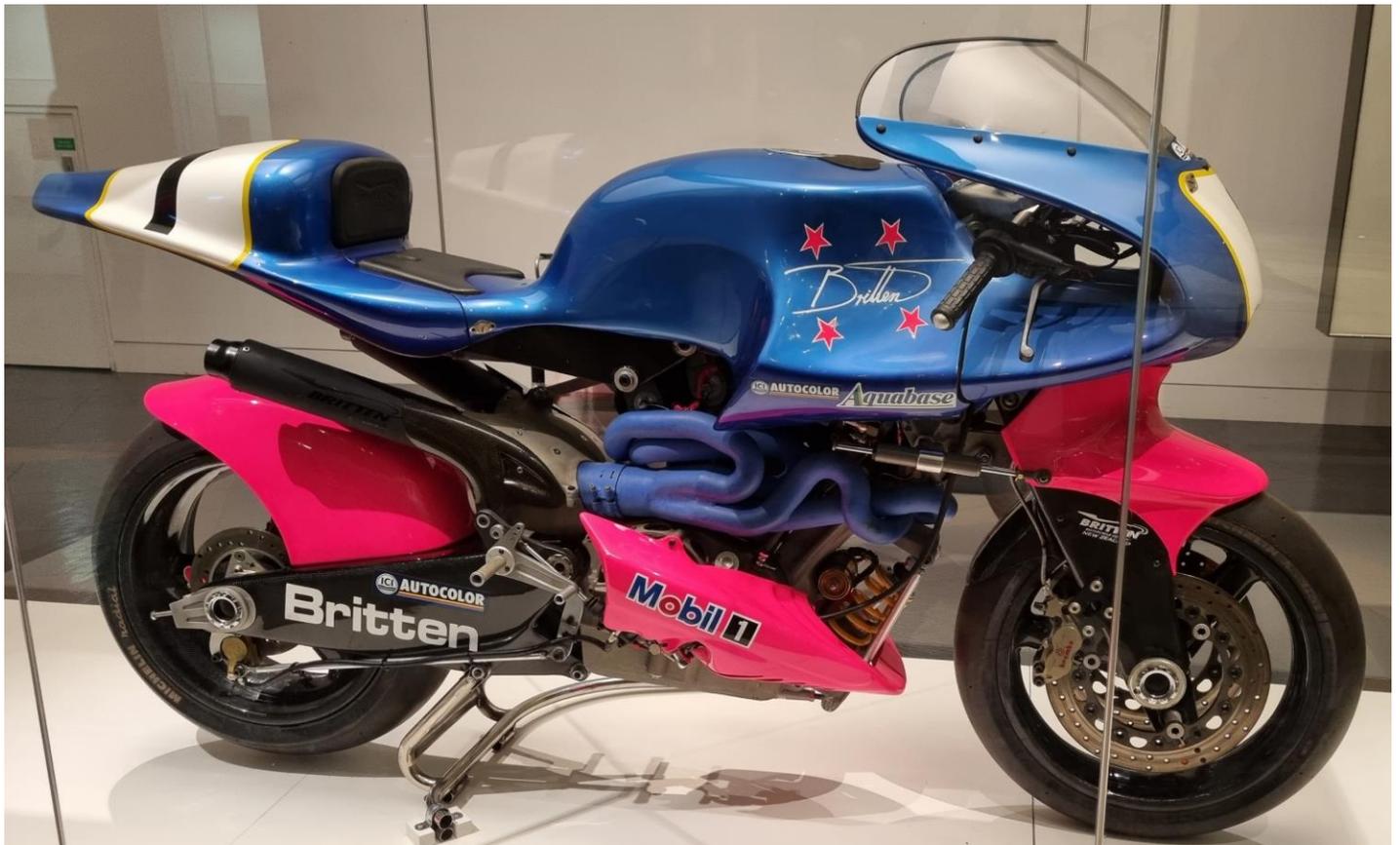


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From the editor

Hi to all our members,

Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year and didn't make any resolutions you couldn't keep. Personally, I had a great holiday cruising New Zealand (on a ship not a bike).

In this issue, there are the usual Sunday rides, pics from SABC and what's coming up in the next couple of months. There is an article from Ken Wagnitz about tyre pressure monitors.

February is our AGM and hopefully a large turnout to elect a new committee although I am told there won't be a lot of change. Members who would like to assist the committee in any shape or form is always appreciated. Many hands make light work, so the saying goes. The current committee and it's helpers need to be congratulated for all the hard work they put in making the branch what it is.

Thanks to Ken's work we will be trialling a new printer for our magazine. The local MP in his area has agreed to print them for minimal cost, saving the branch valuable dollars. We have added a banner in acknowledgement for their contribution in the magazine (see below). Sales of printed copies are low and it's hard to justify the cost of high grade printing. The sale price per copy will be considered and amended accordingly.

Here's wishing everyone has a great year, good health and prosperity.

Cheers

Maurice Stevens



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Adelaide Branch President's Report

Hi all,

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. So now that the silly season is over it's time to focus on the year ahead.

I am assuming that the committee will all be appointed as per the nominations at the January meeting, doubt there will be any surprises there.

Gail and I went on a ride from Pelican Plaza to Meadows which was a good ride ending at Pick a Pie. We went home via Lobethal and Cuddly Creek where we intended to take Gorge Road to home. Part way down Gorge Road we found the road closed. I think they were back burning, anyway we were diverted. I didn't notice the diversion was to Corkscrew Road, I had never ridden up corkscrew road before and we found it a bit of a challenge, me on the ZX10 and Gail on the Harley. There were a few anxious moments but we made it and rode home safely.

It seemed odd that I found it difficult as I have ridden down it a number of times, no big deal. However, after some consideration I came to the conclusion that going up the hill when you take the sharpest corners you are on the inside of the bend making them tighter to get around, also the gear you are in and the corresponding throttle control is way more critical, (going down gravity is your friend). I think it is important to consider areas of riding that you find difficult so that if you find yourself in a similar situation you are better prepared.

I also attended a Torrens valley ride to Palmer for lunch. Gail was unable to make it but it was a good day out. Craig McDonald and I rode tail end charlie expecting a slow ride, but with around 12 bikes, the pace was brisk, only slowing to pick up corner marshals. The ride was good.

I have just completed work on my 750 Four (for the time being). I have fitted a cast iron front disc in an attempt to improve the braking (untested at the time of writing) so hopefully will be getting that out the shed soon. Should be a hoot.

Well, that's it for now. See you all at the meetings and rides.

Cheers



Gary Priest,
President, Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch

Secretary's Report

The 2023 AGM will see minimal change to the Adelaide Branch committee line up.

Robin takes over from Pete as Treasurer. Thanks Pete, and Rob for accepting the role.

Ian comes onto the committee as an extra member.

So otherwise, it's business as usual. Hopefully we can add a bit more spice this year.

Maurice will keep doing the magazine. Thanks Maurice.

Rob is continuing as rides coordinator. Thanks Rob.

Ian remains our welfare officer. Thanks Ian.

Carol Sellen takes over from Judy as raffles organiser. Thanks, Judy, for your efforts, thanks Carol for stepping up. -The raffle has been our sole branch income.

Sadly, we've lost a few riders this last year, sold their bikes due to ill health. I intend to keep riding as long as I can, and I urge all those still riding to get out on Sundays and Wednesdays and enjoy it while you can. (My hero is Colin, still riding at 90.)

Webmaster's Annual Report – Feb 2023

I'm happy to report that the Adelaide Branch website continues on as usual.

Sunday ride photos continue to be put onto the Gallery by Peter Wood. Thanks Peter.

If a ride report is written, that is where you'll find it, along with a map of the ride if I've been on it.

We also have SABC photos there most times.

If anyone ever has relevant photos they think suitable for the Gallery, please email them to me. (Not SMS, that shrinks the quality.)

Our *Odyssey* magazine continues to be on the website '*Our Magazine*' page for free downloading as a PDF, soon after it is published. Thanks Maurice.

Odyssey online registration continues to be hosted by our website, customised each time to suit what the host branch puts on.

Sadly, a couple of branches aren't putting their events on their calendar page for inclusion into the "SA" calendar so members from other branches can see them, and the concept of adjacent branches alternating Sunday rides with ours, is out the window.

As always, I welcome feedback on the website.

-And I'm still waiting for someone to offer to back me up in its maintenance.

Ken Wagnitz

Secretary, Web Master, Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch

Quartermaster's Annual Report – Feb 2023

Ok, we don't have a quartermaster. But we do have some stock.

So, this is a reminder to members, that we have the following logo'd items, hidden in a suitcase, but usually brought to meetings: stubbie holder; belt buckles; fridge magnets; brass and cloth badges; branch patches, both 'normal' and larger to cover an old patch; stickers; large denim 'Old Man' patches; and... branch logo'd polo shirts.

So, if anyone wants anything, even to browse, let me know. The non-branch gear is going out very cheap.

Ken Wagnitz, non-quartermaster.



Front cover photo

Motorcycle enthusiasts the world over have always dreamed of designing the ultimate racing machine. New Zealander John Britten went one better. He built the dream – in his workshop and by hand – the Britten V1000.

The Kiwi-made Britten V1000 isn't just good-looking – it's won a string of trophies and broken several records. In 1993, it set the World Flying Mile Record for motorcycles 1000cc and under, reaching 302 kilometres per hour.

As a youngster in Christchurch, John Britten (1950-95) tinkered in his father's cycle and lawnmower shop, building his first motorised go-kart at age 11. At 13 he and a friend began restoring a 1927 Indian Scout motorbike he found in a ditch.

John later trained as an engineer and among his many interests, John Britten was a keen motorbike racer. He had a burning ambition to build his own racing bike. He started out by modifying the bodywork of his Ducati racer but ended up designing a completely new bike.

It took him almost 12 years to develop the Britten bike that is on display in the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa in Wellington.

Racing bikes are built for speed – outright speed on the straight, speed with manoeuvrability round corners, rapid acceleration, rapid deceleration. John Britten looked for ways to make his machine go faster, in the mechanics and the aerodynamics.

In the mechanics, he designed his own engine from scratch. Some specialist parts from other bike manufacturers were used, but most of the parts were made locally. He installed a computer on board that could monitor and record six different mechanical functions.

For the aerodynamics, he made the bike lighter and more streamlined. He took weight off in his materials – he made the frame, the wheels, and the bodywork out of carbon fibre and Kevlar. He did away with a framework chassis to keep the front and rear wheels in line. Instead, he beefed up the strength of the metal in the engine castings so they could do the chassis's job. The rear wheels are connected to the crankcase.

He took the radiator away from its usual position in front of the engine, and tucked it under the seat where it couldn't disturb air flow. Air is fed to the radiator from ducts. The engine is wonderfully compact – the same width as the tyres, so it offers minimal air resistance.

He designed the front suspension in a radical double wishbone shape, so the bike could corner faster. The front suspension has a wide range of adjustments possible.

When the bike first appeared on international racetracks in 1990, it caused a real stir among the racing bike fraternity. Its design features were visually arresting, but the power and flexibility of its performance drew even more comment. Most amazing of all, this bike was the product of an individual designer, assisted by a small band of racing bike enthusiasts, labouring in a garage-workshop in New Zealand, remote from any of the giant manufacturers of motorbikes.

Since 1990, the Britten V1000 has figured among the winners and placegetters in contests at many of the world-famous racing bike venues – Daytona, Assen, Monza, Brands Hatch, to name a few. In 1995, Britten bikes took first and second place overall in the BEARS World Championship. In 1996, a Britten bike was first overall in the New Zealand National Superbike Championship.

Since John Britten's death in 1995, the company that he formed to develop, manufacture, and sell the bike has continued the Britten tradition of excellence.



Sunday Ride Round Up 4th December 2022

Goolwa Ride Leader Mike Green



Wistow for morning tea



Sunday Ride Round Up 18th December 2022 Macclesfield Ride Leader Brenton George



Wistow for morning tea



Sunday Ride Round Up 15th January 2023 Meadows Ride Leader Brenton George



Up Coming Sunday Rides All Rides Depart at 9.30am

When	Ride Leader	Event	Destination	Departing From
12 Feb	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill
26 Feb	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride to Waggies' for lunch	Craigburn Farm	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
12 Mar	Mike Green 0419 003 010	Day Ride (Long Weekend)	Goolwa	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
26 Mar	Dom Carli 0433 052 053	Day Ride	Mannum	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill

*Accurate at time of printing. Please check the Website nearer the time of the ride

SA Breakfast Club

December 3, 2022. About 25 at the SABC breakfast at Oasis Gardens Belvidere. Low number for that popular venue, especially on a great riding day. Some were at toy runs. John and Debbie from Stawell were there, John just riding over and back for the event.



January 7, 2023. We had around 30 at the SABC. It was at the Mt Pleasant Farmers Market. They'd reserved tables for us, decent choice of food and drink, nice atmosphere. Sadly there wasn't the bounty of produce there that they'd normally have.



A Tyre Pressure Monitoring System

by Ken Wagnitz.

I've had a TPMS mounted on my bike for some years. I'm on my third one, best yet, and cheapest.



It shows the pressures and temperatures in my tyres. The console mounts on the handlebars, and a solar panel on its top keeps it charged, or it can be charged via USB cable. The pressures are within a couple of PSI of what my dial gauge shows. Temperatures I don't take much notice of. The valve caps send to the console when the wheel is moving. An under-pressure alarm is included. The pressure and temperature units can be set to PSI and °C (or hPa, °F).

An occasional glance at the unit reassures me that my tyres are still up to pressure. Especially important after a bum-clenching slip on a corner, when I'm not sure if I have a deflating tyre, or it was gravel, leaves, water etc, on the road.

Having a TPMS means I don't need to check tyre pressures with a gauge before a ride. It's not about the exact pressures, as much as seeing whether they are going down. And you will be amazed at how much fast riding on a hot day will raise pressures, especially on the back wheel. Even more so with a pillion.

They are **cheap**. From AliExpress, around \$36 posted to your door.

Here is the link: <https://www.aliexpress.com/item/4001293095719.html>

Do yourself a favour and get one. -But not if you have weak angled valve stems. Metal is OK.

Pleased with the bike model, I bought the version for a car too, which is even cheaper, \$29. It sits unobtrusively in the corner of my car dash, where it can charge from sunlight.



In case you are wondering... My first TPMS never worked again after I opened it up to dry it out.

The second one had a valve cap sender graunched by a tyre man in Ballarat, because I forgot to take it off before giving him my front wheel. He'd probably never seen one before. I couldn't stop it leaking afterwards. Now I don't bother putting the locknuts on the valves.

The batteries in the valve cap senders can be changed, but they will last a few years, depending on how much riding you do.

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Welfare Officer - Friendly Reminder



As Ulyssians we greatly value the camaraderie and support that is provided by our fellow members.

Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

All members have a responsibility to inform the Welfare Officer if you know of someone who needs support. Perhaps they are unwell, had a close relative / companion die, or experiencing any other physical or emotional need.

Let the Adelaide Branch Welfare Officer know immediately so she can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.

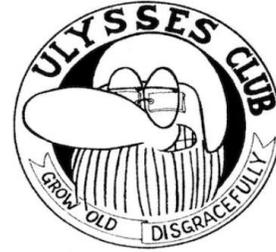
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IN ORDER TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, HE FIRST HAD TO UPDATE HIS OPERATING SYSTEM, DOWNLOAD AN APP, GET A USERNAME, CHOOSE A PASSWORD, LOG IN TO A HEALTH PORTAL, NAVIGATE TO MESSAGES AND WRITE HIS DOCTOR...BY THEN IT WAS TOO LATE.



2023 Ulysses Club National Rally



1-7 May 2023 8am - 9pm
Lismore Showground, Alexander Parade, Lismore

The 2023 Ulysses Club National Rally will be held in Lismore, N.S.W. The Rally will run for 7 days from Monday 1st May through to Sunday 7th May, in the Northern Rivers area of N.S.W. The National Rally organising team is planning to have a variety of activities including Dinners, Entertainment, organised rides, and the Annual General Meeting and Extended National Committee Meeting will be held as well.

The event site is located on 26 acres and nestled amongst the hills of North Lismore and only a short distance of 3klms from the Central Business Area. Lismore is located 45klms inland from Byron Bay and approximately 200klms south of Brisbane. It is easily accessible by road, plane, coach or train. Airports servicing the area are located at Lismore, Ballina and the Gold Coast. All campers including RVs will be accommodated onsite with plenty of space to offer. There are also plenty of options and diversity for those members who require hard bed accommodation throughout the area. If you are requiring accommodation details please head to the www.visitlismore.com.au website for all required details. We are all looking forward to seeing you in the beautiful area of the Northern Rivers of NSW.

Registrations are open on the [National Ulysses website](#)



Save The Date - 13th to the 15th October 2023
South Australian Odyssey



The next South Australian Odyssey will be held at Clare in the Mid north of the State.

Party Central will be at the Discovery Park, just to the south of the Township from the **13th to the 15th October 2023**.

All accommodation in the Park has been held for us and early bookings are highly recommended to ensure a cabin or space for your caravan.

We will get a 10% discount on mentioning the Ulysses Club when booking.
Phone 8842 2724 to book.

Planning is well advanced, and we will do a few things very differently to past Events.
The Saturday evening festivities will be held at the Clare Golf Club.

Registration will be available mid next year.
For further information, phone Nev Gray on 0416 050 189.



Wednesday Midweek Rides

All Rides Depart at 10.30am for more details phone **Steve 0405 120 542** or **John 0407 794 147**. The **1st 2nd & 5th Wednesday** depart from **The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside** and the **3rd 4th Wednesday** depart from the **Top of Taps**.



The SA Breakfast Club

The SABC meets at an eatery somewhere around the state, on the first Saturday of the month, from 9.30am. It doesn't matter what the weather is. Come by motorbike, bicycle, car, or on foot. The SABC is about socialising with members from other branches.

When: **4th February 2023 at 9.30am** Where: **Largs Pier Hotel, 198 Esplanade, Largs Bay, SA 5016**

When: **TBA at 9.30am** [Where: Please check our website nearer the time](#)

Please confirm your attendance as venues require numbers to provide adequate staff.

Contact **Ken Wagnitz** by the Wednesday before either ulyssesadelaide+ken@gmail.com or **SMS 0417 353 389** with - SABC, your name, how many require breakfast.

Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting. Official meeting starts at 7:30pm

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Venue: The Maid Hotel, 1 Magill Rd, Stepney

Thursday 6th April 2023

Venue: The Maid Hotel, 1 Magill Rd, Stepney

Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue. A raffle is held on the night with numerous prizes. Proceeds go to the running of the branch.



Meeting
Reminder