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From the editor

Hi All,

Michelle & I recently contracted Covid and had to spend time in isolation, missing the March meeting and a Sunday ride. I have to say I am glad I have been vaccinated as the symptoms were no worse than a head cold. Isolating is not a lot of fun, thank goodness I had Michelle with me to pass the time. Work had supplied me with a laptop so I could still do my job. Yes, I am one of those that are still working, though hopefully for not too much longer. I hear that some others in our branch have had Covid as was inevitable once we opened up the borders. I hope your symptoms were mild and have no after effects.

We have a new President and a new location for our meetings. Sorry I missed the 1st one at the Maid but SA Health said I couldn't go. Reports have filtered back that the venue passed the Ulysses test and those that went were pleased with the food and obviously the company. Looking forward to many more fun times.

In this issue we have an article submitted by Glenda. It's a good read and no spoilers, you will have to read it yourself. I would like to see other members share stories of trips they did as I'm sure our readers would love to hear about them. There are the usual ride reports with accompanying pics, SA Breakfast Club photos and a special writeup on the AGM in February with two notable Telemachus Awards handed out. Good deeds do not go unnoticed.

Membership has been reducing over the past few years and we need to find ways to attract new members to our group. I ask why are our numbers decreasing? How can we get people to come and join our club? Please think about this and put forward ideas. Tell the committee how we could be doing things better or what would attract more members. Don't be afraid to say something as saying nothing will get nothing. The people in this club are its greatest asset and make it the club it is.

Easter is around the corner and one of the craziest times for those on the road. Please be careful, enjoy the break and make it home safely.

Cheers

Maurice Stevens



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Adelaide Branch President's Report

Well, hello everyone, this is my first report; forgive me for any short comings I may have in this regard, Ken set the bar fairly high for me.

To Start with I would like to thank the outgoing committee, I sure you would agree they have done an excellent job in keeping our branch running smoothly, along with the assistance of the helpers. The new committee will do its best to follow suit, after all we can still call on the experience of Ken, Peter, Robin and Ray from the past committee. I would of course be in trouble if I did not welcome Gail (my wife or as some have said "the first lady") to the committee along with some of our new helpers. Many of our members have served the branch in one way or another, hosting events, cooking BBQs organising Dinners and morning teas, and other things. These people make the club what it is and I would like to thank all past and present that have contributed.

So, we have moved to new digs, funny but when I joined Ulysses my first meeting was at Chief Street when Ken became president, I thought this must be a good club as there were two people fighting for the president's position, the last meeting in the chief street rooms saw me become President, kind weird when you think about it. Any way we have had our first meeting at the Maid, which I personally thought was a success. As I looked across the room, I saw many people happy and engaging with each other, I thought this is like having an enjoyable social dinner with a meeting thrown in. We had many visitors from Torrens Valley come see our new meeting place which I thought was excellent, as we are one club and many of us have friends across numerous branches and all Ulysses members are welcome.

I would like to say I have been attending the Sunday rides but my slight accident saw me fracture four bones in my foot has slowed me down a little. My first ride was with Torrens Valley to Quorn for three days which was great if not just a little hot, but after being cooped up I was glad to get away for a while. I would like to try and increase our interaction with other branches by including them on our rides and functions and have the other branches include us in their events. After all many hands make light work and why not make maximum use of each branch's effort. If anyone wants to organise or make suggestions for events the committee would be pleased to hear your ideas.

I would like to thank members for their encouragement in taking on this position especially Ken and I hope that I can carry out the duties of President of this branch at level that meets or exceeds everyone's expectations, but if you have issues just let me know, I would like to think I am approachable.

See you at the events



Gary Priest,
President, Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch

Adelaide Branch AGM 3rd February 2022

This was the last time we would meet at the European Catering Reception, Chief Street, Hindmarsh and this was not the only change happening that night. The committee has seen Ken Wagnitz step down as President and hand over the reins to Gary Priest. Ken was not ready to give up committee life altogether and remained on as Secretary, something he has done before and enjoyed. Peter Castle remained Treasurer with Gail Priest stepping up to be a committee member alongside Robin Butler and Ray Murray. Rob Hartridge took over the role as Rides Coordinator with Judy Hartridge taking on the Raffles and Ian Pascoe filling the position of Welfare Officer.



Prior to the AMG part of the meeting, Ken took the opportunity to present two of our members with the Telemachus Award, Trevor Thomas and Ray Murray. Brenda George wrote to the National Committee to nominate them both on behalf of Adelaide Branch. Both Trevor and Ray have been invaluable in their service and contribution to our branch and we all see them as deserving recipients of this award.



Sunday Ride Round Up 30th January 2022

Angaston Ride Leader Peter Wood

There were 14 bikes, 2 trikes and 16 people to begin our ride, including Rob who turned up JUST as we were leaving! We made our way to Lyndoch for morning tea via Kersbrook and Gawler (see the attached map of the ride for the full details) including a new road at the back of Gawler that is speed signed 50km/h, for no apparent reason. We picked up Bernie at Lyndoch and made our way to Angaston for lunch, where some went to the bakery and some to the pub. Both groups seemed satisfied with their repast. The only incident was as we were leaving the carpark at Angaston and John decided to rest his MT09 on its side. Luckily there was very little damage done, good design by Yamaha. Great day, though it got a pretty warm on the way home. Thanks to Ken and Robin for helping with Tail End Charlie duties.



Sunday Ride Round Up

30th January 2022

Angaston Ride Leader Peter Wood



Sunday Ride Round Up 13th February 2022 **Strathalbyn** Ride Leader **Brenton George**



Sunday Ride Round Up 27th February 2022 Hahndorf Ride Leader Rob Hartridge

I usually ask Peter Woods to sort out the weather for my rides. Today was perfect riding conditions. Overcast but no real threat of rain, the temperature was good for leathers or mesh jackets. Visibility was great, with no shadows on the road hiding sticks and stones. (We all know what they can do if you don't see them in a corner). So, thanks again Peter.

We left the Victoria Hotel with 11 bikes (24 wheels) and 13 people and went up Ackland Hill Road, through Ironbank and Stirling and the FABULOUS Deviation Rd! Out through Lenswood, Lobethal, Mount Torrens and Birdwood to Mount Pleasant for morning tea. Bernie met us there and Harry needed to return home. There were a few small spots of rain as we were gearing up to head off for lunch.

From Mount Pleasant we headed towards Tungkillo and down Terlinga Rd back through Mount Torrens, Charleston and across the back of Woodside. Then through Inverbrackie, Brukunga, Dawesley, past Mt Barker Summit, Mt Barker Springs and due to missing a turn onto Harper Rd a science tour past some of the people kennels being erected in Aston Hills. A bit of a meander across the south side of Mt Barker and used Hawthorn Rd to get onto Echunga Rd and into Hahndorf for lunch.

An uneventful ride, with some time to chat at morning tea, Judy, Al, Robin and I had lunch at the Old Mill and everyone else grazed at Otto's. Thanks to Peter and Ken for assisting as TEC's.



Sunday Ride Round Up 27th February 2022 **Hahndorf** Ride Leader **Rob Hartridge**



Sunday Ride Round Up

13th March 2022 Swan Reach

Ride Leader **Mike Green**

Perfect weather usually flushes out most people who own a motorcycle. So does the completion of the mandatory period of isolation after being a close associate of someone who has had Covid 19. Or worse still, actually being someone who has had the dreaded plague. I thought we had been down on numbers lately, and it was good to see a sizeable number of starters for a change.

As for those who had been housebound, Maurice grew a beard, Felix sold his trike and bought another 800GS, and pretty obviously, Doc must have spent most of his isolation polishing his bike, it looked better than new. So, time well spent fellas!

The bad news was that the price of petrol had gone stratospheric, which in itself is a major disincentive to wasting it. At \$2.20 per litre, it's like filling the tank with blood. But it's still not as much as I paid in 2008 in Turkey – and that's 14 years ago – where it cost AUD \$4 per litre. But I digress.

Our destination was Swan Reach, which basically is surrounded by flat and boring, so we started with some twisty bits, via Chain of Ponds, Kersbrook, Sampson Flat, Humbug Scrub (where I'm pretty sure there was a speed camera), and Williamstown, then on to Lyndoch for a break. Then it was on to Mannum, which looked like it was really humming. When departing Mannum, I failed to notice the 100 kph sign, and we rode about 10 km at 80 kph until I realised my error. However, there was a nice cool breeze along the river and it was pleasant enough and we took in some nice scenery, which I have to say, I never noticed before. I did have my mistake pointed out to me by everybody else when we reached Walker Flat to cross the river. However, it was all a part of my cunning plan, as we rode directly on to the ferry with zero wait time. Perfection.

Swan Reach is blessed by choice. You can eat at the take away and sit under the umbrellas, or walk up the hill to the pub. I know we can dance again now, but there was still no way I was climbing up the stairs to the pub. Even with two new knees.



Sunday Ride Round Up 13th March 2022 Swan Reach

Ride Leader Mike Green



Sunday Ride Round Up

27th March 2022 Mt Pleasant

Ride Leader **Peter Wood**

There were about 17 of us at Macca's for our ride on a beautiful day. This was to be our 3 Branch ride, but Rob advised me early in the ride that Mallee branch wouldn't be making it as there had been a serious accident involving one of their members on the way to the ride. We continued on to morning tea at Wistow after a short detour (and a quick rethink of the route) as Beaumont Rd was closed. We lost Kevin and Mal at Wistow, as Kevin nearly dropped his bike at one of the corners and had strained his leg keeping the bike (and Mal) upright. Bernie joined us there, and we proceed to our final destination, where i picked the wrong pub to stop at (it was permanently closed!). No one seemed to know this was the case, so we did a u turn and headed back to the only other pub in town, which turned out to be the correct one. Ken managed to do a 2-point turn; the 2nd being putting the Triumph to rest on its side. Luckily little damage was done, and Michele was fine. We arrived about 20 minutes late, however that was fine as Torrens Valley arrived about 20 minutes after us. It turned out to be a good pub with excellent meals. Another excellent day out, and my thanks to Ken and Robin for taking up Tail End Charlie duties and to Rob for organising the lunch.



Sunday Ride Round Up 27th March 2022 **Mt Pleasant** Ride Leader **Peter Wood**



Up Coming Sunday Rides **All Rides Depart at 9.30am**

When	Ride Leader	Event	Destination	Departing From
10 Apr	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride (National Rally)	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill
24 Apr	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Meadows	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
08 May	Judy Hartridge 0412 164 665	Day Ride	Verdun	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
22 May	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill

Accurate at time of printing. Please check the Website near the time of the ride

Proposed trip to Tasmania

I was recently speaking to Brenton Williams from the Lower Murray branch about his recent trip to Tassie. This is the 2nd year he has run it for his branch and friends. This year he took 8 people and last year he had 9. Both trips were 8 days long and done in January which is the best time for him to get away from his vineyard.

Brenton was saying he was going to make it an annual event and will open it up to members from all branches. Although previously it was run as "Plan as you go" he intends to sit down and formulate a proper itinerary through the winter months.

I understand that the trip was mostly along the top and western side of Tasmania away from traffic and the hustle and bustle of the east coast. It is said they are the better bike roads anyway.

Stay tuned and start saving your pennies for another great adventure on the annual calendar... ☺

Guy Malpass #10680



SA Breakfast Club

February 2022 SABC was at The Landing, Mt Barker. Michele counted 31 Ulyssians. It's a great spot, good view over a small lake out front (but we didn't sit there). New building, all very clean. As is common with these small places, we overwhelmed them a bit, so service was slow. Some meals took ages and were cold. I'd told them 24, we got 31. So, they should have been prepared for us. But we had a nice time, the food and coffee were decent, the atmosphere good. Many stayed on til near midday. Weather was pleasant.



March 2022. The plan was to have a breakfast near the border so the Vics could come. We ended up with 6 from SA and 8 from Victoria. A bit sad. Friday night dinner was at the Woolshed Inn, Sat morning breakfast was at the Morning Loaf bakery. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Quite a few beers got sacrificed on the Friday night, including before dinner at the caravan park. A semi goes past the caravan park on the adjacent highway about every 10 seconds,... all night. Though Sat night was a bit quieter.



Monthly Meetings

March 3rd 2022 saw our first monthly meeting at The Maid, 1 Magill Rd Stepney. We had around 60 there, many coming just to see what it was like. Everyone I spoke to said the Food was good, chat was lively, but it was a noisy environment like most modern places

Our new President, Gary, was having difficulty being heard. Not sure if it was the environment or just needed to talk louder into the microphone.



the maid

The Stick Shed

by Glenda George

There is a post it note on our calendar that gets shifted to the next page when a new month rolls around. It has on it a short list of spur of the moment ride destinations that involve a few days away. The Stick Shed in Murtoa, Victoria had been on the list for a while so with the borders open and the weather forecast favourable it moved to the top of the list.

Day 1 Adelaide to Natimuk 425K.

We used the National Highway before turning off just before Nhill to head through the Little Desert then east onto Mitre Road. The Arapiles could be seen in the distance as we approached Natimuk.



Mount Arapiles is a world-famous rock climbing and abseiling destination. Natimuk is a small farming town which benefits from its proximity and probably explains the row of self-contained cabins behind the National Natimuk Hotel. Our cabin was roomy and clean and the food at the pub good.

Day 2 Natimuk to Murtoa Stick Shed via Horsham and back 110K.

The Murtoa Grain Store was constructed in 1941 as a solution to the World War II wheat glut when exports were restricted. It earned its name from the 560 unmilled poles that support the corrugated iron roof. At 19 metres high along the ridgeline and the length of 5 Olympic swimming pools it's hard to miss but once inside its impressive size is quite awe inspiring. I was not disappointed. Dubbed the Cathedral of the Wimmera it is 101 on the Australian Heritage List, the highest heritage listing in the country.



Lake Marma, in the middle of Murtoa is a shady, attractive spot for a break. I had looked at Murtoa Cabins on Lake Marma for accommodation for the trip but they were fully booked. Not surprising considering their prime location.

Day 3 Natimuk, Francis, Bordertown, home 425K.

Stopping briefly to capture a picture of the morning sun on the rock faces of the Arapiles we headed for Francis. I have a fondness for the section of road between Francis and Bordertown. There is rarely traffic, and the remnant strips of eucalyptus woodland lining the road have the feel of big tree country. On this morning there was an almost alarming amount of birdlife including: two small groups of red-tailed cockatoos, - not enough birds in each to refer to a crackle (I had to look up that collective noun), a pair of wedgetail eagles perched atop a gigantic dead gum and a game little Bronzewing that Brenton clocked at 110kph.



Breakfast was at The Morning Loaf Bakery at Bordertown which had good coffee. Just as well because the next stop was home.

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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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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: **7th May 2022 at 9.30am** Where: Please check our website nearer the time

When: **4th June 2022 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 5th May 2022 **Venue:** The Maid Hotel (Maid and Magpie), 1 Magill Rd, Stepney

Thursday 2nd June 2022 **Venue:** The Maid Hotel (Maid and Magpie), 1 Magill Rd, Stepney

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