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From the editor

Hi to all our members,

Here we are Easter just around the corner, a 4-day long weekend and one of the most notorious for road carnage. This year has already exceeded last year for road fatalities so I am putting it out there that we all have a very safe Easter and enjoy the festivities, whatever you chose to do.

This addition has a great story from Glenda about being visible when riding or should I say invisible, as motorists seem to not see their 2-wheel companions on the road we share.

There are the usual Sunday Ride reports and some reports and photos from the SA Breakfast Club. Both events are a great way of meeting other members of the Club whether you ride or not.

The What's On page will keep you up to date with upcoming events. It always pays to visit our web site to confirm details closer to the date as changes can occur after this goes to print.

We are still looking for a venue to hold our monthly meetings. While the current venue (The Maid) is good, some find it too noisy. If anyone knows of a better venue, please notify the committee and they will assess its viability.

Please feel free to send me any stories you may have. They can be about your experiences with Ulysses or personal trips mostly related to riding.

Cheers

Maurice Stevens



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Adelaide Branch President's Report

Hi everyone,

Are you ready for the next exciting presidents report?

Sorry not so exciting. I thank you all for your overwhelming support in returning me to office.

I would like to thank last year's committee for their input to the running of the branch and welcome the new committee to either retained or new roles.

After all, the branch does not run without them. At the risk of sounding like a broken record I would ask that you invite anyone you know that are eligible to join us to come along and see what we are about. We could use a few more active riders as some of our regular riders have recently hung up their helmets and little new blood in the club would not hurt.

I have officiated at the Torrens valley AGM which went smoothly in spite of my involvement as most of you are aware public speaking is not really my thing.

Gail and I are beginning to prepare for retirement. We are looking for some lighter and lower bikes that we can stick in the back of the van without giving ourselves a hernia. I was going to buy a Honda 600 hornet around the year 2000 vintage but have been unable to find one suitable.

Well event wise, Gail and I are booked in at Kapunda for the Historic Rally in May and at Clare for the odyssey in October. Those of you who are sitting on the fence for these events, I encourage you to get off it and join us. I am sure both will be excellent events.

With regards to the National rally in Lismore sadly Gail and I cannot attend as we have other commitments.

Well, that's about it for me now. Catch you at the events.

Cheers



Gary Priest,
President, Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch



Secretary's Report

Not much to report of late. I've been doing more tail-end-charlie work than secretarial.

Michele and I spent a couple of days at Punyelroo caravan park in our Avan. Madam wanted to try some yabbies, and that was about the only park on the river within cooee that was open. -In case you've never heard of it, around 8km downstream from Swan Reach.

We used dog biscuits for bait. The yabbies were plentiful, but fairly tasteless. Perhaps I just don't know how to cook them. (A neighbour says to steam them over water with cayenne pepper in it.) Fishing only brought up small carp.

The park was good, but of the 90+ cabins there, only 4 are for casual hire. Just before the long weekend it was almost empty, but no doubt busy over the weekend.

Our website continues on, not much reporting in it. Rides, ride photos, breakfasts etc are updated there, breakfasts appear on our Facebook page, and everything relevant is in our Google Calendar. At the bottom of the *Rides Calendar* page, you'll find a link to our 2024 rides calendar. Only dates and start points at this stage, but hopefully we won't clash with Fleurieu Branch Sunday Rides.

Have you read the latest *Riding On*? (I download the PDF to read it.)

Ken Eaton (new UCARF Coordinator) put up some worrying club stats. 10,421 members as at Dec 2022, average age 67. Pretty old for a club that accepts people of 40+. And very low numbers compared to our peak. I don't know what we can do about it. Young riders will be put off joining such an old bunch, many of whom don't ride any more.

Of late, quite a few have hung up their boots, and ill health is taking some down a slippery slope. All we can do is enjoy the camaraderie while we can. And ride while we can. (Though the last couple of wet rides didn't do a lot for me.)

See you at the meetings, the breakfasts, the Odyssey at Clare, and the Lismore AGM. And don't forget the rally at Kapunda in May.



Ken Wagnitz

General computer fiddler, Secretary, Web Master, Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch

Front cover photo 1916 Traub

The world's rarest motorcycle isn't just a 'one-of-a-kind' Think more along the lines of a 'one of one' invention – and to this day, nobody knows the exact history of the machine.

The Traub is a beautiful handmade machine estimated to be created in 1916. Found in 1968 *"hidden in a bricked-up wall in a Chicago suburb,"* the machine was later estimated given the age of the *"Schebler carburetor, Bosch magneto, Troxel Jumbo seat and period wheel rims."* Apart from those, though, the bike is a mystery.

Best part, the thing still runs beautifully.

The unique rear brake system shows *"a dual-acting system with a single cam responsible for pushing an internal set of expanding shoes, while pulling an external set of contracting shoes. As far as Dale knows, this single-cam/twin-brake system has never been used on any other American motorcycle,"* according to [MotorcycleClassics](#).



There is also a hand lever next to the gas tank, *"operating what could have been the first three-speed gearbox on an American motorcycle. Everything inside the engine is just magnificent,"* enthuses its current owner and curator of [The Wheels Through Time Museum](#), Dale Walksler. *"The pistons are handmade, and they have gap-less cast-iron rings. The engineering and machining are simply years ahead of their time. Comprised of a sand-cast, hand-built, 80 cubic-inch 'side-valve' engine, the machine has the ability to reach speeds in excess of 85mph (136km/h) with ease,"* Dave continues via [MotorBikeWriter](#).

It's my opinion that The Traub was an attempt at a new breed of motorcycle. But how on earth could a machine have been produced in such great form, with capabilities that far exceed that of any comparable machine, without the knowledge of the rest of the motorcycle industry during that time?"

While there are many bikes out there in the industry that sport a few mysteries, this one still, surprisingly, hasn't been solved.

Story from Web Bike World

Sunday Ride Round Up 29th January 2023

Meadows Ride Leader **Rob Hartridge**

We had 8 bikes plus a pillion turn out. A potential new member, Lee rode with us. Good to see a fresh face. The weather was overcast and not too bad for riding, comfortably cool. We headed up Old Norton Summit Rd past the Scenic Hotel and I was delighted to find the road reasonably dry and no drizzle. Straight past Woods Hill Rd and into fine drizzle and wet roads. A quick change of plans, abandon the planned ride and make one up on the fly. Trying to get away from the twisties and the drizzle we turned right in Ashton and made our way through Summertown out to Balhannah where the weather eased a little. Yay! We arrived at Littlehampton at a respectable time, although a lot soggier than is expected in the middle of summer. After morning tea, we headed out through Wistow and found some dry roads to get to Finnis for lunch. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and plenty of chatting over lunch. Lee, Ivan and I used Signal Flat Rd, 12 km of dirt, for something different on the way home. Ivan continued on and Lee and I turned left onto Green Rd into Ashbourne for some fun on Bull Creek Road and a bit more use of the sides of the tyres from Mylor to Bridgewater. Everyone enjoyed the second part of the ride, not really sure about the wet start.

Cheers, Rob



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Sunday Ride Round Up 26th February 2023 Craigburn Farm Ride Leader **Peter Wood**

On a lovely mild, calm, sunny summers day about 13 of us set off for a pleasant ride through the hills to Wistow for morning tea. There we were met by Rob and Judy and continued an incident free ride to Waggies for lunch. The only issue was a number of traffic light roadworks in and around Meadows, a bit frustrating but hopefully to provide better roads in the future? We had superb home prepared hamburgers and apple crumble for lunch (plus other goodies). Many thanks to those who cooked and prepared the feast. Excellent! And thanks to Ken and Robin for tail end charlie duties. Peter

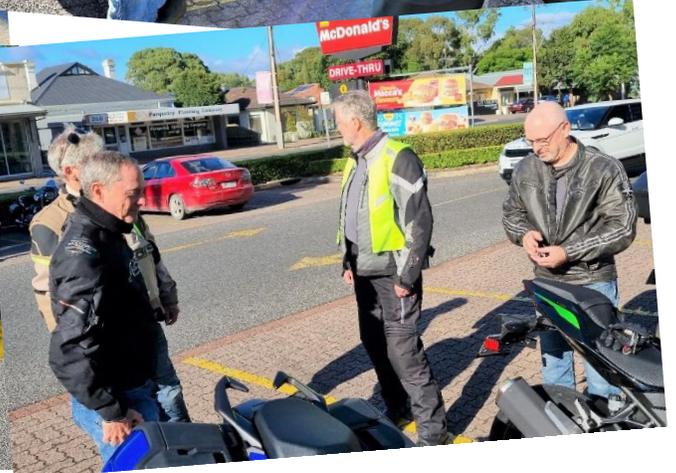


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Mannum Ride Leader Dom Carli



Up Coming Sunday Rides All Rides Depart at 9.30am

When	Ride Leader	Event	Destination	Departing From
9 Apr	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride (Easter Long weekend)	Meadows	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
23 Apr	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride to Monica's for lunch	Evanston	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
7 May	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride (Lismore AGM week)	Gumeracha	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill
21 May	Mike Green 0419 003 010	Day Ride	Angaston	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
4 Jun	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Clarendon	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens

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

SA Breakfast Club

4th February 2023. Breakfast was at the Largs Pier Hotel, Largs Bay. A lovely old building from an earlier era. Around 39 were there, including a couple of Guy's grandkids. We had a room to ourselves, but it was still pretty noisy.



4th March 2023. We had around 36 at the Littlehampton Artisan Oak Cafe for the March 2023 SABC breakfast. Everyone seemed pretty happy with the food and service. Their coffee was good enough for seconds! John & Deb from Stawell got there almost in time for lunch rather than breakfast. Slight navigation issue.



Keep safe: Understand what you are up against.

By Glenda

If you haven't seen Daniel J Simmons' The Monkey Business Illusion you may want to have a quick look before you read on. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGQmdoK_ZfY

It explains what is referred to as inattentional blindness ... but for motorcyclists it's SMIDSY...Sorry mate, I didn't see you. That driver that looked right at you, pulled out in front of you and later told police "I didn't see the motorcyclist", probably didn't. The brain does not always see what the eyes are looking at. This is because our bodies and eyes receive 11,000,000 bits of information every second through what we see, feel and smell etc. Our brains cannot process this much data, so we filter out all but the most important information. Just like you saw in the Monkey Business Illusion where many participants did not spot the gorilla because they were focussed on counting the passes, motorists may be focussed on watching the traffic, which *their* brain registers as trucks and cars, and fail to see the motorcyclist. Just like if you are interested in buying a certain type of car, you begin to notice them everywhere. Just like if you ride a motorcycle, you notice every one that goes past.

It seems you can fail to see something simply because you were not expecting to see it. 24 radiologists were asked to perform a familiar lung-nodule detection task. The image of a gorilla, 48 times the size of the average nodule, was inserted in the last case that was presented. Eighty-three percent of the radiologists did not see the gorilla. Eye tracking revealed that the majority of those who missed the gorilla looked directly at its location.

So, what to do about inattentional blindness with respect to motorcyclists, not gorillas? Statistics show that cities with very high numbers of motorcycles, such as in South East Asia, actually have surprisingly good road safety statistics because vehicle drivers are so used to seeing motorcyclists and look out for them. It's hard not to come to the conclusion we need more motorcyclists on the road.



The "mockumentary" Safety in Numbers made for Maurice Blackburn Lawyers' SMIDSY campaign advocates just that. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bo39C3VIm4>

In 2014, Australian National University research supported that theory. The Canberra Uni conducted research with 40 adults using simulators and found that participants who were shown more motorcycles in a simulation saw them sooner than those shown a small number of bikes. The researcher suggested that the fact that motorcycles are less common than cars might make it harder for car drivers to see motorcycles.

Participants who saw motorcycles more often were able to detect them an average of 50m farther away than those who saw motorcycles less often. At 60km/h drivers would have an extra three seconds to respond.

Even if a motorist has spotted you approaching, another factor is in play- people's perception that larger is closer, smaller is further. In another study, participants viewed two approaching objects simultaneously – one large and one small. The viewer had to nominate which would reach them first. Motorcycles, being smaller, were perceived as being further away so drivers judged the motorcycle as taking longer to arrive. Coupled with the unexpected acceleration that motorcycles are capable of, it is a lethal combination messing with driver's judgement in avoiding collision.

Your headlight is on, you have on your high viz gear and the driver is looking at you. But is he seeing you?



Ok, so what do we do about it?

We can't change the way the human brain works but we can take steps to protect ourselves. After scanning articles and forums the sum of the advice seems to be:

Expect and prepare to have NOT been seen.

Anticipate and plan your exit route while you:

Position yourself in the wheel track closer to the centre line. You are visible sooner to oncoming traffic or vehicles turning

across your path. It also gives you a buffer from vehicles suddenly emerging from the left.

Use a wobble/ weave/ Z line approach. It may look erratic but draws attention and helps the driver judge the speed of your approach.

Reduce your speed. By knocking off just 8kph could mean that, if you have to brake, you could be going slowly enough to steer around it.

Consider using your horn.

Ride **seeing** others, not to be seen by others. Understand what you are up against.

Does riding a motorcycle:

- (a) Make you smarter?
- (b) Lower your stress levels?
- (c) Improve your libido?

Answer: Possibly all three.



Dr Kawashima, motorcycle rider and author of the Nintendo game “Dr Kawashima’s Brain Training”, conducted a study with 40 -50 year old motorcyclists. Some were regular riders, others had not ridden in 10 years. After riding their bike to work daily for 2 months he found that their cognitive function had improved.

He recorded their brain function as they did a series of courses containing a variety of challenges and found that the right hemisphere of the prefrontal lobe was activated while riding. That’s the part of the brain that is the problem solver and decision maker. It’s in charge of motor behaviour and impulse control and used for making judgements, memory, and social and sexual behaviour.

The study found the concentration required for the daily commute gave the brain a workout, improving memory and spacial reasoning. Participants claimed less stress but no data was mentioned on whether they were having more sex.

To read the full version of this article posted by Mark Hinchliffe go to <https://motorbikewriter.com/are-motorcycle-riders-smarter/>

By Glenda

HAVING A MID LIFE CRISIS?
Follow these 10 steps...

1. Take a motorbike test
2. Buy a motorbike
3. Realise your life has just started!
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Fill these in later!
You'll be too busy riding, smiling making friends for life and having the biggest family you could ever wish for!

A large, stylized, hand-drawn bracket on the left side of the text, grouping steps 4 through 10.

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Welfare Officer - Friendly Reminder



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

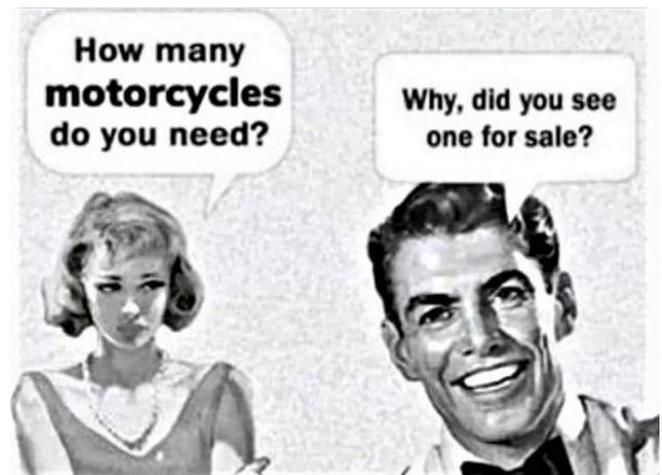
Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

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.

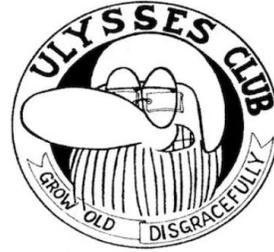
Let the Adelaide Branch Welfare Officer know immediately so she can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.

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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.



Ulysses Historic Rally



Kapunda Tourist Park 5th-6th May 2023

Friday: General meetup, self catered BBQ at Kapunda Tourist Park camp kitchen.

Saturday: Show & Shine at Park at 10.30am, followed by a short ride.

3 Classes:

New Class 0-12 years

Emerging Class 12-25 years

Classic 25 years and over

6pm to 8pm Saturday Dinner at Sir John Franklin Hotel.

All are welcome to attend. Registration \$25.

Heaps of accommodation available.

NOTE: The caravan park will be releasing the cabins it is holding for us, after Mar 10th.

Registration

Please pre-pay a deposit of \$25 per person, into the following bank account:

Account name **Ulysses Adelaide**, BSB **085183**, Account number **730172920**. Give your name as description.

Alternatively, send a cheque to: **Ulysses Adelaide, 2 Hughes Ct, Craighburn Farm SA 5051.**

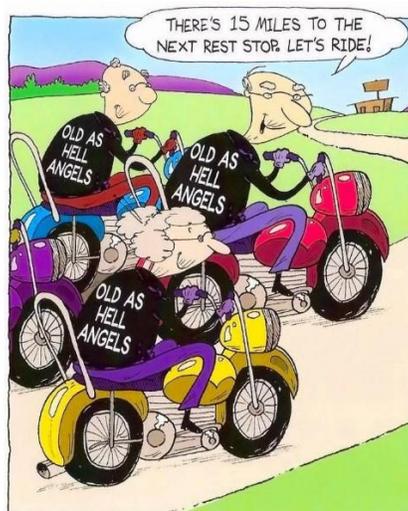
You will be notified by email or SMS once payment is received.

The \$25 will go toward the cost of your meal (if you attend).

Registrations close Wed 19th April.



"I don't care how nice of a bike it is, he can use a golf cart like the rest of us."





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: **6th May 2023 at 9.30am**

Where: **TBA Kapunda, SA 5373**

When: **10th June 2023 at 9.30am**

Where: **TBA Mildura** Note: Delayed to match the VBC/ Wintersun

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 4th May 2023

Venue: The Maid Hotel, 1 Magill Rd, Stepney

Thursday 1st June 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