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From the editor

Hi fellow Ulyssians,

Since the last issue there has been some great changes with the Covid19 pandemic. Rides have increased in number size and the Monthly Meetings have recommenced, albeit maintaining social distancing rules. It was great to see members once again enjoying a meal and drink in the company of our friends.

Some of you may have noticed I have been missing from the Sunday rides. This is not intentional but as a result of a minor indiscretion on my behalf that resulted in a damaged front fender on my bike. The parts are coming from overseas and she is sitting in the shed for the duration. As soon as I can complete the repairs I will be back out again. Meanwhile I am relying on photos from other riders to put into the magazine, so feel free to send me any.

Brenda has resigned as Secretary. She must be congratulated on her contribution made to the running of the branch. Well done Brenda. Ken has taken on the role temporarily until we can find a replacement. So, any of you out there wishing to contribute the running of the branch please put your hand up and contact Ken.

In this issue we say goodbye to an old member, Bryan Cutt, who has ridden on after a long illness. There are plenty of photos from the Sunday rides and Monthly meeting with some articles submitted by members to enjoy.

Keep healthy and happy.

Cheers

Maurice Stevens



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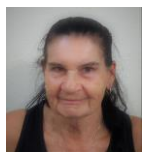
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Adelaide Branch President's Report

The branch has half ramped up to normal... Rides and meetings.

We are still supposed to be social distancing, but many members are being a bit lax. No, we don't have any COVID19 cases in the community in SA -that we know of. But maybe it's a bit early to mob up too much. With that in mind, I'm not fussed about starting dinners and breakfasts too soon. I dread the thought of our having a NSW experience. We just need one of those pesky Vics to sneak in with the virus, and our freewheeling will be wound right back.

(Could be many months before Michele & I see our daughter who lives in Melbourne.)

We are thinking of Xmas dinner at Chief St this year. Judy reckons we should get a DJ rather than a cheap band, then we'd have decent music. What do members think?

And I fear the Odyssey in October is a no-go. Cancelled. All too hard and risky. We could be locked down again by then. (Melbourne have cancelled theirs.)

Thanks for your efforts Sue, but she doesn't want to organise dinners anymore, so we are looking for a volunteer. At the moment it's a bit hard, with many venues wanting firm numbers, since they are so limited. And some remain closed. But that will all hopefully ease off. All the job involves is finding venues and booking rough numbers.

And we still need a branch secretary.

Despite it being winter, we've had a few very nice Sunday rides, with rain not being much of a bother. Don't forget about the other branches if you are looking for someone to ride with. Unfortunately, Fleurieu are synchronising their rides with ours, but Torrens Valley and Lower Murray are close. As always, Wednesday rides are fairly popular with most branches.

We are still solvent, though we've spent a bit of money in the last year. The website bill for this year is just under \$100. Soon we will be shelling out for new shirts, which we will sell to members at roughly cost. And another smaller banner is on the way. Please keep 'donating' at branch meetings via the raffle (thanks Ray) to keep us afloat. Don't forget we have a few branch-logo patches for sale, and we can get more if they sell out. I always bring them to meetings.

Stay safe, both on 2 wheels, and at home minimising contact with everyone else. Hopefully you aren't like me, slacking with books and computer, well fed by Michele, but not getting enough exercise. Sadly, riding doesn't do anything for the waistline. But it does improve the mental health.

Ken Wagnitz,



Sunday Ride Round Up

31st May

Ride Leader **Mike Green**

Well yesterday the forecast for today looked grim, and overnight we had a fair bit of rain. This meant that starters for today's ride from the Top of Taps were few and far between. For a while, it looked like being the ride leader and pillion, the two tail end charleys and Ivan, who had already ridden from Angaston. It takes a lot to put Ivan off! However, by start time we had 9 starters. Just as well, because today was the last day for a group maximum of 10 people under the Covid rules. From tomorrow onwards, we are allowed 20.

As expected, the traffic was light, the roads were wet, the skies were 50 shades of grey, yet miraculously we managed to avoid most of the rain. The heaviest shower occurred while we were enjoying morning tea under the awning at the Milang Bakery! Rob was an early scratching due to a fuel problem. Bernie joined us at Milang.

From Milang, we headed via main roads to Victor, then out via Range Road, heading west. We very rarely ride Range Rd in this direction, and although familiar, it is a quite different ride going this way. I hasten to add, it was pretty blustery with strong swirling winds, but otherwise quite dry. Down through Parawa, (which was also benign today. It can rain at Parawa when there isn't a cloud in the sky!) and into Yankalilla the back way.

There was the usual humongous queue at the bakery, which has been doing takeaway only since the pandemic started. The outside tables and chairs have been roped off since then as well, which is just totally dumb. I understand this was due to the local cop issuing the bakery with a fatwah forbidding the use of the tables. Everybody stands toe to toe in the queue, breaching the social distancing rules anyway. If this is the new normal, I want the old normal thanks. The sooner the better!

So, all in all, it wasn't nearly as bad as expected. We dodged a bullet weatherwise. You should have been there.



Sunday Ride Round Up 31st May

Ride Leader **Mike Green**



Sunday Ride Round Up 14th June

Ride Leader **Brenton George**

First scheduled Sunday ride with 20 riders allowed. Due to the dodgy weather we only had 15 starters. Thanks Peter W for volunteering for overflow ride leader duties. Not required on the day but good to know there was backup if required. We headed to Lyndoch via Birdwood and luckily, we avoided any rain. Once over the hills and heading for Sedan and on to Mannum the rain kept away. That's when our luck ran out and most of us got a soaking on the run home especially Ray (details on WhatsApp). Thanks corner Marshalls and TECs.



Sunday Ride Round Up 14th June

Ride Leader **Brenton George**



Sunday Ride Round Up 28th June

Ride Leader **Rob Hartridge**

Nineteen bikes and twentyone souls gathered at Trinity Gardens; a great turn out for the middle of winter. It was a cool start to the day, we stole a lovely Spring day and used it in the middle of winter. Blue skies and no wind, absolutely perfect riding conditions. The roads were clean with only a few wet patches to keep you on your toes.

We left Macca's on Magil road and headed into the hills up Greenhill road through Summertown and Piccadilly. Left at Spring Gully road and back to Greenhill road via Rangeview Dve to Carey Gully. Left onto Deviation road to Lobethal road, out to Lenswood. Left onto Coldstore road and onto that glorious set of twisties at the top of Fox Creek road. Left into Cuddly Creek then Tippet road through Chain of Ponds and up the South Para road to Williamstown for morning tea.

From Williamstown we headed north to Lyndoch. We used the freight route, turning right through Altona, Rowland Flat and into the outskirts of Tanunda. Then we cut through to the south side of Angaston and onto the Eden Valley road then straight through to Birdwood for lunch.



Sunday Ride Round Up 28th June

Ride Leader Rob Hartridge



Sunday Ride Round Up 12th July

Ride Leader **Peter Wood**

Thirteen brave souls gathered at Top of Taps for our ride on a cold and rainy day. The sun was out when we optimistically started out, but about halfway to morning tea at McLaren Vale the rain started. Luckily, it was our only shower for the day and the weather remained fine, and improved, as we proceed on the second leg to Strathalbyn. The whole ride was trouble free, and everyone made it to the finish. Another excellent ride with made better by great people. Thanks to all who attended.



Sunday Ride Round Up 12th July

Ride Leader **Peter Wood**



Sunday Ride Round Up 26th July, Avoca Del

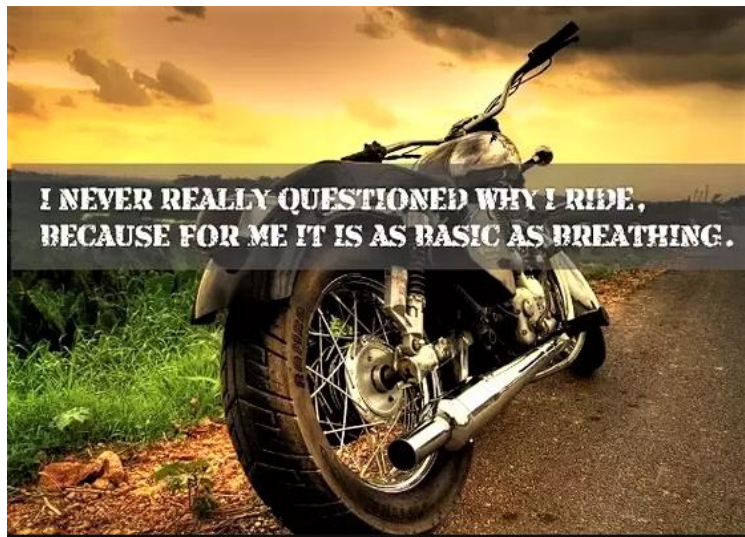
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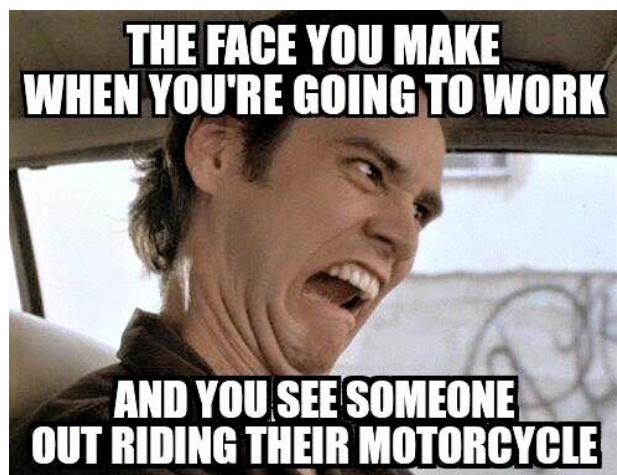
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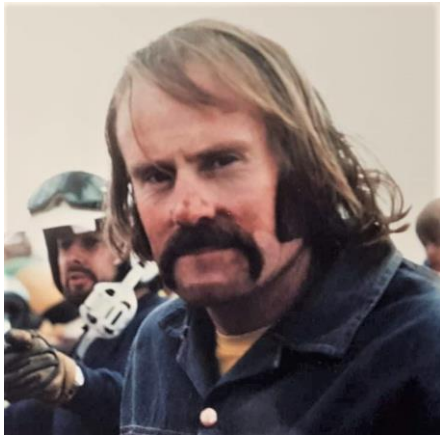
Sunday Rides Up Coming Dates.

When	Leader	Event	Destination	Depart from
9th August 9.30am	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride.	Meadows	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
23rd August 9.30am	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride.	Littlehampton	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill
6th September 9.30am	Mike Green 0419 003 010	Day Ride.	Swan Reach	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
20th September 9.30am	Judy Manoel 0412 164 665	Day Ride.	Goolwa	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
4 th October 9.30am	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Lyndoch	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill



BRYAN CUTT- ULYSSES CLUB INC- ADELAIDE BRANCH

MEMBER -1999-2006



07/04/1938 – 22/05/2020

On behalf of those members who still remember Bryan I note with sadness that he passed-away on May 22, 2020 at 82 years of age, after a long illness that prevented him riding.

He will be remembered by the older Adelaide branch members as he led many rides, especially on Wednesdays. Rides were always interesting and well researched. Quite a few riders would have been introduced to Ulysses via Bryan's Wednesday rides.

Bryan was an interesting person with a lifelong commitment to motorcycling. He was extremely competitive, and this showed when he sat on his bike. A member of the Atujara Club he competed many times in the Hattah & Sea Lake Desert Races in Victoria, 24Hr Enduro in SA and Hill Climbs.

A very regular gym workout ensured that he was fit enough to take on anything he chose. He also completed a number of running marathons in the Adelaide area. An incredibly determined individual from my perspective. He raced an Elfin car for the Elfin factory. A very accomplished snow skier and a senior competitor at rifle shooting. Professionally, he was a Lecturer in Automotive in the TAFE system.

A very impressive CV overall. All riders of Bryan's time owe him a great deal. Especially those for whom Bryan was the leader of their first ride. His early retirement from riding due to ill health was very unfortunate.

Branch members are also saddened by the passing of Mick Sandley just ten days or so after Bryan passed. Mick was the originator of Wednesday rides and we hope to read more about Mick soon. Both will be very much missed.

Colin Leaker, Member 17105



July Meeting

We are back! Members are finally allowed to meet again for meals and a drink at the European Catering Reception. Covid19 social distancing applied but there was still plenty of room for attendees. Those that made it to the meeting were happy to be able to meet with other members for a meal, drink and a chin wag. Ray had his usual raffle which had a great participation. It is great to start getting back to some sort of normality.



July Meeting



So, what has John Crow been doing?

This was sent from John when restrictions started easing.

Beginnings

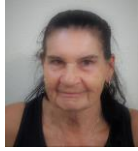
Kathy's in Victoria looking after her recuperating brother so I went for a ride for a few days. These photos were taken today in Crows Lane a few k's SE of Millicent SA and show the remains of the house my great grandparents built when they settled there in the 1800's.

The land was sold to them by the South Australian colonial government. Apparently, the previous occupiers of the land had had an approximate 30,000 year tenure. My great grandparents were Irish peasant immigrants who had themselves been dispossessed in their own land by the English. There seems to be something of a pattern here.

The weather's been fine and the countryside looks gorgeous after the rain. Great ride so far; home on Tuesday is the plan.



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 Gayle 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** – 1st 2nd & 5th **Wednesday** depart from **The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside**. 3rd 4th **Wednesday** depart from the **Top of Taps**

The SA Breakfast Club- Postponed until Further Notice

Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting – Thursday 3rd September - Thursday 1st October – Thursday 5th November - Venue: European Catering Reception, 2 Chief St, Hindmarsh. Official meeting starts at 7:30. Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue at very reasonable prices. A raffle is held on the night with numerous prizes with free tea, coffee & cake following the meeting.

Adelaide Branch Monthly Dinner – Postponed until Further Notice -

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If you have or know of an upcoming event and would like it to be included on the Odyssey **'What's On'** page, please email editorsodyssey@gmail.com or phone 0419 822 717



Ken Wagnitz spotted this at Encounter Bay on one of his many travels. If you want the Grandkids getting off on the right path it sounds like a great investment or if you're a kid at heart, get one for yourself 😊

Texting for Oldies

Since Youngsters of Today have their Texting Codes, (*LOL*, *OMG*, *TTYL*, etc.) the Oldies decided not to be outdone by these kids, and now have developed our own codes too:

- *ATD* - At the Doctor's
- *BFF* - Best Friend's Funeral
- *BTW* - Bring the Wheelchair
- *BYOT* - Bring your own teeth
- *FWIW* - Forgot Where I Was
- *GGPBL* - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- *GHA* - Got Heartburn Again
- *TFT* - Texting From Toilet.

Now share this with some other oldies and make their day

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JOKES

Grandma and Grandpa were visiting their kids overnight. When Grandpa found a bottle of Viagra in his son's medicine cabinet, he asked about using one of the pills. The son said, "I don't think you should take one Dad, they're very strong and very expensive." "How much?" asked Grandpa. "\$10.00 a pill." answered the son. "I don't care." said Grandpa, "I'd still like to try one, and before we leave in the morning, I'll put the money under your pillow." Later the next morning, the son found \$110 under the pillow. He phoned Grandpa and said, "I told you each pill was \$10, not \$110." "I know." said Grandpa. "The hundred is from Grandma!!!!!"



The Department of Transportation found over 200 dead crows on a highway this past week, and there was concern that they may have died from the Coronavirus.

A veterinary epidemiologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Coronavirus, but rather from vehicular impacts.

Further analysis revealed that varying colours of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analysing these paint residues, it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with motorcycles, while only 2% were killed by cars.

An Ornithological Behaviourist was called in to determine the cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorcycle kills versus car kills. He concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger.

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