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Hi All,

The dust has settled on the Pirie Odyssey, and now we have another Christmas, another Adelaide AGM and then it's the National AGM! Seeing as how we have missed the last 2, this will be a 'good one' for Garry and I - we love



Mildura! We are also looking forward to the 2013 AGM in Maryborough! I guess we just needed a break from the AGMs to revive our enthusiasm. I'll be riding to Mildura and time will tell if I ride to Maryborough.

Don't forget the **Toy Run breakfast** - Chris puts a lot of time and effort into running this event (especially this year, as he has had to make lots of arrangements for the new venue, which I'm sure will be as good, if not better than the previous one). Where else can you get a full on brekky for \$7?! This is the main fund-raiser for our branch.

If you haven't booked **New Year with Lyn and Steve Nash**, best put your skates on as this one is sure to be a winner.

In this issue you will find **Nomination Forms** for the committee for 2012/13 of the Adelaide Branch.

Also, **Levy Forms for The Odyssey** magazine can be found on p.31. Still \$12! Posted to you, this is a bargain in anyone's language.

Thank you to those who assist in getting The Odyssey to subscribers. Couldn't do it without you. Thank you to those who send in articles - CERTAINLY wouldn't have a magazine without YOU. I encourage all the branches in SA to send me stories and information about what is happening in your branch. Although we are spread all over the State, we know members from all the branches and are always interested in what's going on at your place. Being able to rock up to any event at any time (while on holidays?), It's always helpful to know where what and when. Personal travels also make interesting reading. Don't forget the piccies!

Garry and I wish everyone a Christmas filled with peace and love. Stay safe.

Wendy

G'day Everyone,

Well, now its December - that's officially another year gone! I can't believe how quick time goes these days.



It was a very busy year, not only from all the usual goings-on, but especially so with the Pirie Odyssey - again huge thanks to everyone that was involved in any way with the organizing of this event, as without your help it wouldn't have been as great as it was.

We are now heading into what is called 'the silly season', (I think every season is the silly season, but perhaps that's just brought about by the company I keep). Please ensure that at this time of the year you have a great time and enjoy yourselves, but be careful while out on the roads, as there are some real nutters out there.

The monthly dinners are being well attended which I am sure is in no small part due to the excellent work being done by our Monthly Dinner Co-ordinator, Chris Roberts. He has been trying some new and interesting venues, and I have been told that folk are very agreeable with this.

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the Adelaide Branch Committee, and also the sub-committees, for all their efforts throughout the year. Your work has been invaluable; the Ulysses Club runs on volunteers and without people stepping forward there would be no club for us all to enjoy.

Our branch AGM is being held on the 2nd February, 2012, and nominations have to be lodged with the secretary at least 28 days prior to the AGM, (5th January). Nomination Forms can be found on p.13 of this magazine and are available from Ken, our secretary.

Finally, I would like to wish each and everyone of you a safe and merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Andrew Mill
Ulysses Club Inc.
Adelaide Branch
President and Rides Captain
Life's Too Straight Without the Twisties

Redline Exhausts will be closing on the 19th of December as I am having a shoulder reconstruction and will be out of action for at least 6-8 weeks I will be contactable during that period by email or mobile 0417804291 but I may be a little stir crazy from sitting around doing very little for an extended period.

Best Regards
Terry Merritt
Redline Exhausts

The Cover: Lyn and Steve Nash presenting a cheque for the sum of **\$1,817**, which was raised at the **Quiz Night** to **Chris McDermott** at the Women's and Children's Hospital, for the **Little Heroes Foundation**.

Also: Lyn and Steve, Ros and Don, and Ross and Geraldine Murray dressed for the occasion.

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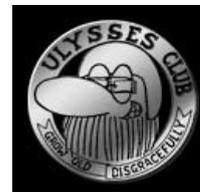
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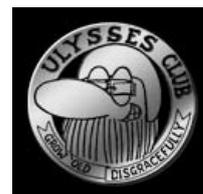
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DATE	TIME	LEADER	EVENT	DESTINATION	FROM
4 Dec	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
11 Dec		More info page or go to http://mrasa.asn.au/html/events/torun.shtml	MRA TOY RUN Adelaide Branch Brekky will be on again. More info page	Callington	Victoria Park
18 Dec	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	HO HO HO Ride	TBA	Top of Taps

Sunday Ride - 20th November to Milang

There were around 25 of us gathered at Maccas before heading up Greenhill Road to Littlehampton, followed the Old Princess Hwy through Dawsley, Kanmantoo and on to Murray Bridge for morning tea in glorious sunshine. From here, we headed off to Palmer (where we waved at the pretty cottage on the hill), Tungkillo, Mt Torrens, Inverbrackie and Nairne. We then went along Bald Hills Road and through to Wistow, Strath, and a quick blap to Milang for lunch. Bernie took the pics for today's ride. We still are waiting for our replacement camera from the insurance company, but, hopefully, it should be with us soon.

Andrew



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Andrew Mill

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Kevin Brenton 8332 4719

Wednesday Rides

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or see Lyn or Steve at the meetings.

BOOK EARLY as this event will get booked out very quickly .



Monthly Dinners
photos by Chris Roberts

For bookings and cancellations for all dinners,

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Friday 9th December



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One little fellow did a good likeness of Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus, but off to the side was a roly-poly figure.

The teacher, afraid that he had somehow worked St. Nick into the scene asked him who that was. She wasn't sure whether she was relieved or even more worried when the boy responded, "Oh, that's Round John Virgin."



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Adelaide Branch's Christmas Toy Run Breakfast



Sunday 11th December 2011

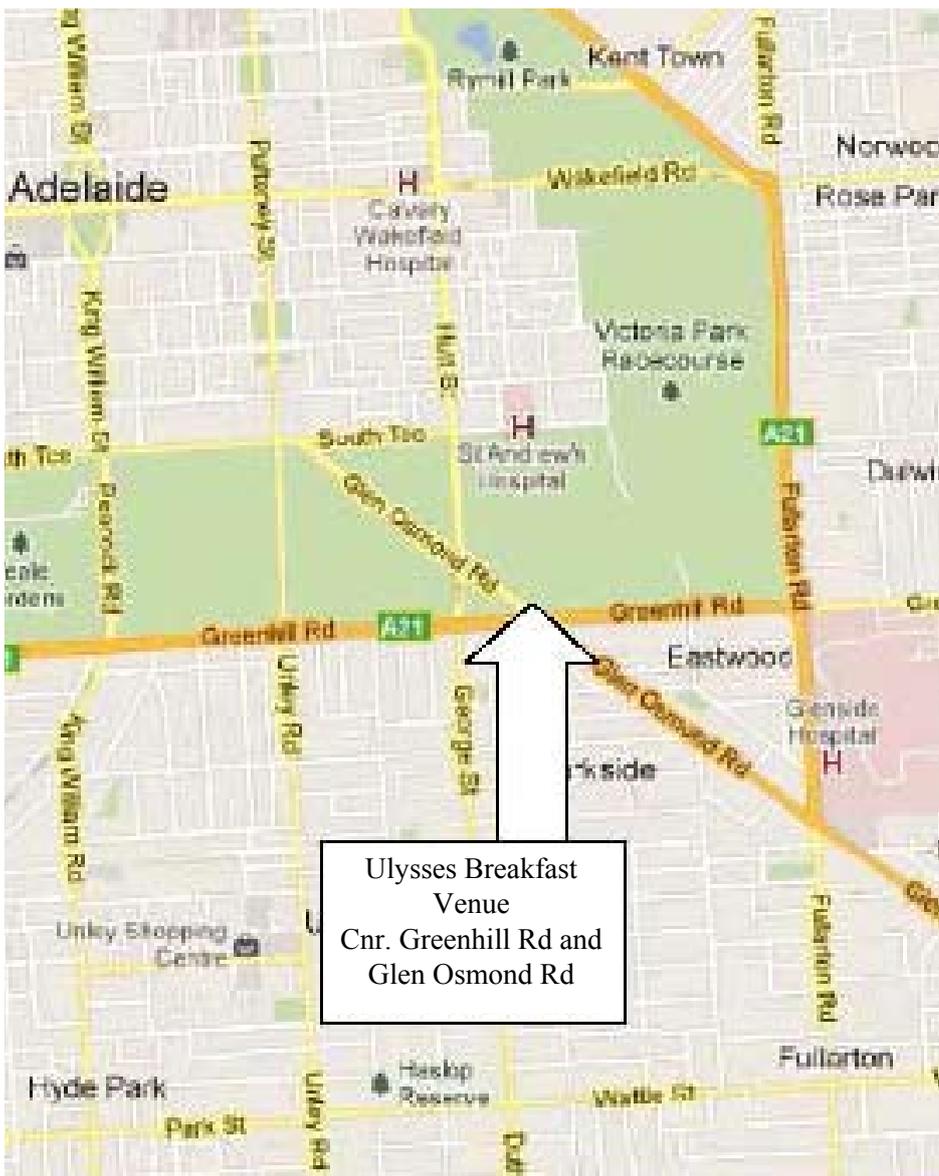
Chris Roberts and his Christmas elves will be at

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serving up a **full breakfast** to start your Toy Run day off with a warm, full tummy for the tiny cost of \$7 per person (PLEASE BRING RIGHT MONEY)

Beginning at 8.00 am, you'll make the start of the parade, a very short ride to the starting point at Victoria Park Racecourse or just join the ride as it goes straight past our BBQ site.

If you've been before, enough said. If not, why not come along and join in with 100+ Toy Runners.



Ulysses Breakfast
Venue
Cnr. Greenhill Rd and
Glen Osmond Rd

Hi Everyone

Attached is a map of the site. Venue will be on the corner of Greenhill Rd and Glen Osmond Road. Parking is on Greenhill Rd. Flags and signs will be visible.

The site is a very short ride to the starting point at Victoria Park Racecourse or just join the ride and it will go straight past our BBQ site.

Cost the same as last year \$7, please bring correct money.

Helpers would be greatly appreciated on the day. They can contact me prior to the day on 0422 617 633 or email cgroberts@adam.com.au No experience required and training will be given on the day.....hohoho

Regards,
Chris Roberts
M 0422 617 633



2011 Pink Ribbon Run

A perfect day dawned for the 11th WIMA Pink Ribbon Run. With a 31°C day forecast, you couldn't ask for better.

More than 320 motorcycles assembled at The Arkaba who supported our cause by supplying a BBQ breakfast and coffee next to registration. The registration table ran hot. \$15 gave you a badge, sausage sizzle, a \$20 voucher for the purchase of cosmetics and a ticket for the door prize, what a deal!

The ride departed at 10:20 am and the crowd was roaring to start. With Tim (Liv's partner) in charge of traffic control, we were off. Who needs SAPOL?

We took the first turnoff to Hahndorf from the freeway. A leisurely stroll took the ride through Balhannah, Woodside, Mount Torrens, Tungkillo, Palmer and finally Mannum. The temperature through the hills was glorious.

The BBQ was ready when we arrived at Mannum, what a great bunch of volunteers from the Mannum Footy Club. The bar was open and as the sun came out and it started to bite, some riders sought refuge in the air conditioned comfort of the Footy Club.

There were so many prizes that the raffle draw took forever! So many local businesses were happy to support the Pink Ribbon Run which is fantastic because we understand that they get so many requests from various organisations which are all raising funds for good causes.

WIMA member, Katherine sacrificed her hair for cash for the cause and also because cancer has touched her own family as

well. She was helped out by our own Caz; I never knew that Caz was so handy with the clippers.

Our own Shaun from the Adelaide Branch took out the best dressed motorcycle for the second year running and managed to get his photo in The Advertiser.

A record \$6255 was raised making this an all time best for the Pink Ribbon Ride. All proceeds are donated to The Cancer Council to assist with Breast Cancer Research.

Hope to see you there in 2012 and bring your friends.

Below: Vicki Hillam (WIMA member) and Katherine Rose (who later sacrificed her hair for the cause) both appropriately dressed for the Pink Ribbon Ride.

Claire Hartley



John and Geoff's Great Adventure

I'm setting out to ride my motorbike from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Deadhorse and Alaska over a seven month time frame. I will be travelling with another biker, Geoff, from Buenos Aires to San Francisco. At SFO, I will park my bike and fly to Atlanta to spend time with my wife, daughter, son-in-law and grandchild. At Vancouver, BC, Canada, I will be joined by two biker mates from Adelaide

I will then ship my bike home from Anchorage, AK at the end of June 2012, and return to work as a casual simulator instructor in my home town. During the journey, I hope to be joined by my wife for some time in Quito, Ecuador; we plan to fly out to the Galapagos Islands for about 5 days, and spend some time together in Ecuador.

I rode my BMW, an F650GS twin, from Adelaide to Melbourne on Sunday 9th October.

The plan: stay at my brother Ambrose's place and crate my bike for shipment to Buenos Aires, Argentina. The crating took place just around the corner in the garage of my travel buddy for the next six months, Geoff. The work was finished the next day in reasonably short order. A truck came and picked up both Geoff's and my bike two days later. Geoff and I fly to Buenos Aires on the 3rd December to pick up the bikes - then we're on our way!

Firstly, down to Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, and then up the Pan Americana to San Fransico, USA.

Read more: <http://blog.travelpod.com/travel-blog-entries/rojos-travels/1/1318574280/tpod.html#ixzz1eEdZDwgt>

John Crowe
Past Secretary Adelaide Branch

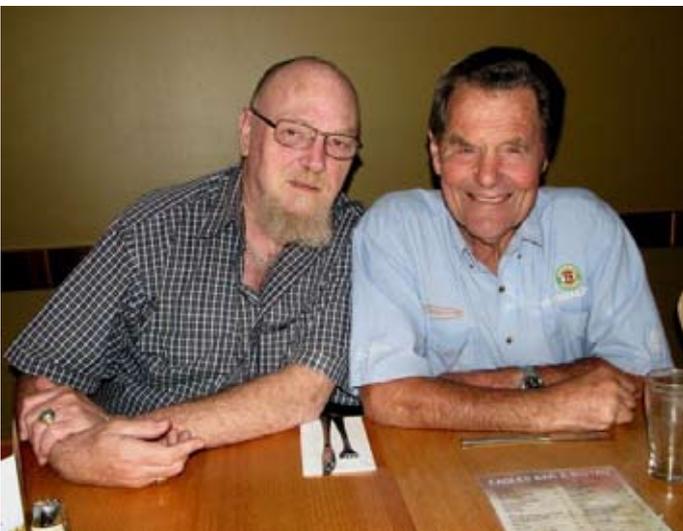
Below: John (centre) with his brother Ambrose, and travelling mate, Geoff



**Monthly Dinner - Eagles Bar & Bistro
4th November, 2011**



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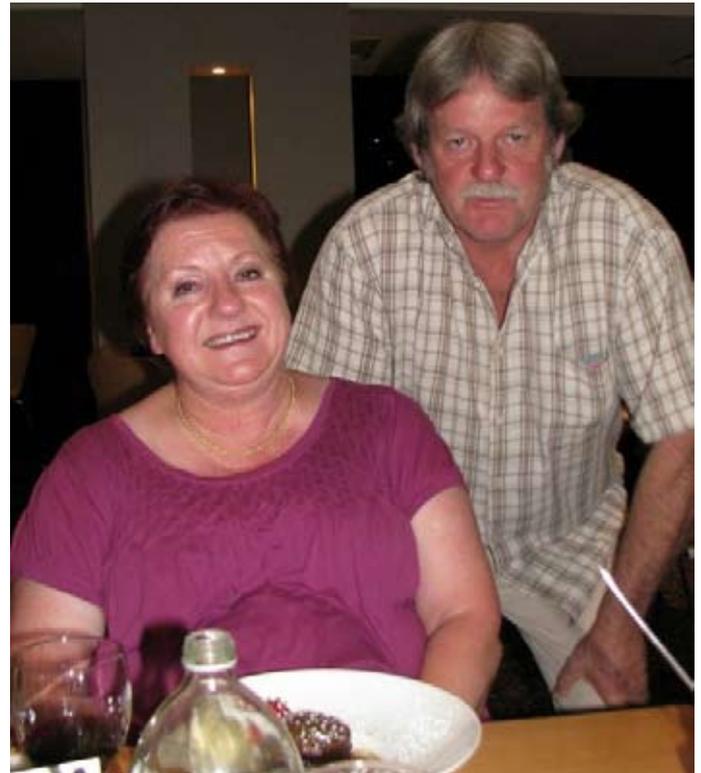


Barry Hall and Don Freene - look pleased with themselves!

Thanks, Chris, for arranging a good venue for another great night. The Eagles Bar & Bistro had the approval of all our members. Good to see Gayle and Craig, and hope to catch up with them again to hear more of their stories. Everyone was looking great and looking forward to the next one which will be a new way to celebrate Christmas

Happy Diner

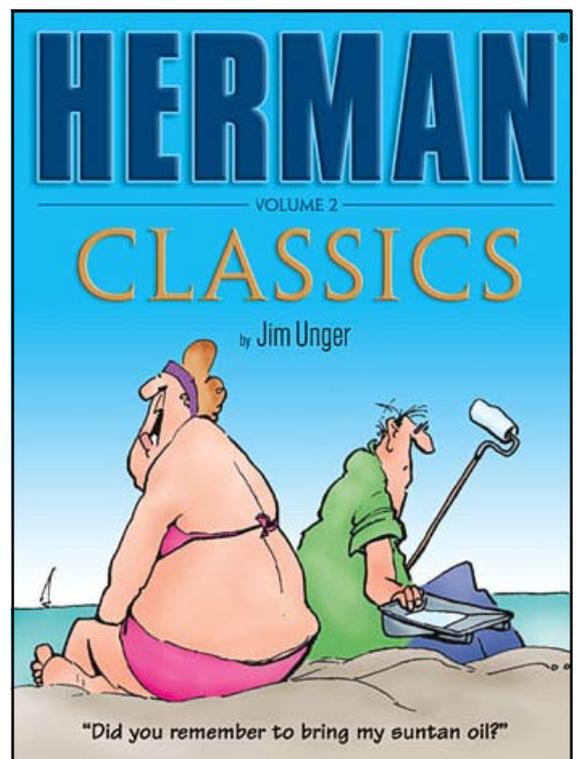
Right: Jenny Hills with her favourite course!



Margaret and Adrian Gray - loooove their monthly dinners!

One liners

- My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that? 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.
- I sat on the train this morning opposite a stunning Thai girl. I kept thinking to myself, 'please don't get an erection, please don't get an erection'...but she did
- Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador." "F**k that," says Mick" have you seen how many of their owners go blind"
- I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice!! At least I presume she was poor - she only had £1.20 in her purse.
- My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.
- I woke up last night to find the ghost of Gloria Gaynor standing at the foot of my bed.
At first I was afraid.....then I was petrified.
- I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated, but must come back as a different creature. She said, 'I would like to come back as a cow.' I said you are obviously not listening.
- The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst.
So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.



Phil Salter ... The Biker Broker

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Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar 2012

Date	Time	Leader	Event	Destination	From
1-January	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Top of Taps
8-January	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Victor Harbour	Civic Park
15-January	9.00am	Andrew Mill	GC Motorcycles Sth	Breakfast First at shop then ride	Gc Motorcycles 947 Sth Road Melrose Pk
22-January	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Mannum	McDonalds Magill
29-January	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Milang	Top of Taps
5-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Williamstown	Civic Park
12-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Goolwa	McDonalds Magill
19-Feb	10.00am		Freemasons Men's Health	Birdwood	Freemasons Centre Dyson Road Noarlunga Downs
26-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Normanville	Civic Park
4-March	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Mt Pleasant	McDonalds Magill
11-March		ADELAIDE CUP	LONG WEEKEND		
18-March	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Lyndoch	Top of Taps
25-March	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Port Elliott	Civic Park
1-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Swan Reach	McDonalds Magill
8-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Wabbit Wun	Milang	Top of Taps
15-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	McDonalds Magill
22-April	9.30am	Chris Roberts	Day Ride	Gumeracha	Civic Park
29-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Goolwa	Top of Taps
6-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill	GC Motorcycles Nth		Gc Motorcycles 122 Main Nth Road Prospect
13-May	9.30am		Mother's Day Ride		Civic Park
20-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
27-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
3-June	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park
10-June		QUEEN'S B/DAY	LONG WEEKEND		
17-June	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
24-June	8.00am	Andrew Mill	Diehards Breakfast		Top of Taps

These are actual comments made by South Carolina Troopers that were taken off their car videos:

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document." (My Favorite)
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you." (LOVE IT)
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."

11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)

13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"

14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."

15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."

AND THE WINNER IS....

16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar 2012

Date	Time	Leader	Event	Destination	From
1-July	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park
8-July	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
15-July	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Brass Monkey Ride	Burra	Civic Park
22-July	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
29-July	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
5-August	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park
12-August	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
19-August	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
26-August	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Meet the Kings	Ardrossan	Caltex Bolivar Pt Wakefield Road
2-September	9.30am		Father's Day Ride		Civic Park
9-September	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
16-September	9.30am	Chris Roberts	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
23-September	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park
30-September		MOUNT GAMBIER	ODYSSEY		
7-October	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
14-October	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Presidents Ride		McDonalds Magill
21-October	9.30am		Pink Ribbon Ride		
28-October	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park
4-November	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
11-November	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
18-November	9.00am	Andrew Mill	Pitman's Sponsored Ride		Pitmans 320 Mn Nth Road Blair Athol
25-November	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park
2-December	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
9-December	9.30am		Toy Run		???????????????????? ?????????
16-December	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
23-December	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Ho Ho Ho Ride		Top of Taps

A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments.

"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad; I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an 'X' at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you!"

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fourth, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your Blessings," said a woman cheerfully. "Thank God we can all still drive."

A Glaswegian lad takes his girlfriend home for the first time.

He says, "This is Amanda."

His dad jumps up.

"It's a f-----g what..?"

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11th March	Burra Gorge Camp Ground	Burra
20th May	Rawnsley Park Station	Flinders Ranges
16th September	Black Cockatoo Bush Camp	Naracoorte
18-21st October	RV AGM Yarrowonga Holiday Park	Yarrowonga

Up the Track to the RV AGM

We left Adelaide to attend Port Pirie Odyssey. Great time had by all who attended. Following the Odyssey, we wandered through Germein Gorge to Melrose and Wilmington, and camped at Hancock's Lookout for a few days. This is just west of Wilmington.

Next day, we continued through Quorn and on to the Kanyaka Ruins, a very interesting place. We then booked into the Hawker Caravan Park for the obligatory laundry before travelling our shortest mileage ever - 16kms in one day to camp at Hookina Creek, where we awaited the arrival of Vicki and Hobbit. They arrived on Monday and we set off on Tuesday towards Lyndhurst. When we were just south of Leigh Creek, we spotted two emus by a dam. Within 60 seconds they had eyed off Max the Econovan or alias 'The Windymaygo'. One raced across the front of the madly breaking van while the other scabbled for purchase on the bitumen, finally slipping and rolling down the side of the van. All okay, including the emu. We called into Leigh Creek for fuel to find a Ulyssian, Stan, who was filling up for the trip to Phillip Island.

We continued on 50km past Lyndhurst for our first camp on the Strezeleki Track. Wednesday, we travelled slow and easy up the track to Montegollina Bore where Jack, the dog, and I enjoyed a swim. On Thursday, we passed Moomba lookout and on to Innamincka. The Last 25kms was the worst section of track; the Windymaygo bounced along at approx 10 kph. We all arrived safe and sound with no punctures or mechanical problems, to enjoy a XXXX at the pub. We camped on the town common, where there were many sites down by the dry Coopers Creek. Here we counted, one 4WD with broken window, one 4WD with a blown head gasket and one 4WD with a shredded tyre, while the undamaged, proud, Windymaygo parked alongside. I must say Vicki and Hobbit thoroughly enjoyed their daily massage for the price of fuel.

On Friday, with the smell of smoke in the air, we set off into Queensland to the Burke and Wills Dig Tree. It was Hobbit's first trip to Queensland. Lightening had started fires south of Cordilla Downs, and with a S.E. wind, they were coming towards us. We found a nice spot at the Dig Tree, but with the wind picking up, it

turned out to be a 'hot dirty day', and Vicki was seen wallowing in Coopers Creek.

On Saturday, we headed east to Thargomindah. On the way, we passed graders trying to create fire breaks and, of course, the wind had changed direction. Over 1 million acres burnt by this stage and I believe it was still burning in early November. It is a very nice caravan park at Thargomindah.

Monday, we travelled through Cunnamulla and turned south towards Bourke. We stopped at a little place called Barringun, 1km south of Queensland/NSW border, where the town consists of one hotel run by a 90 year old lady named Mary. She is a lovely old soul, who only goes south to town (Bourke) every two months for a rest. After spending a few hours chatting to Mary, we camped the night across the road.

On Tuesday, we travelled on to Bourke where you can see the results of the cotton money; it has made huge changes for the better. The place was neat and tidy with a huge tourist information centre that has been recently built. We continued on to spend the night at Four Mile Creek, Brewarrina, which was well sign posted from town. This is a stunning spot with toilets, cold showers, boat ramp and plenty of camping by the Barwon River.

Wednesday saw us travelling east past Walgett and the hot spring at Burren Junction to Narrabri where we stayed overnight, just south at a friend's farm. We parked by the shed, and had a BBQ and a sing song, which our country friends thoroughly enjoyed. Hoppy and Hobbit salivated over all the old open crank engines which Don has restored. Vicki and I drooled over his old BSA. 650.

The next day, we headed to Tamworth where approx 160 people had gathered for the Ulysses RV Section AGM. We had a wonderful time meeting new people, catching up with old friends and spending time with Herman and Glenda who had also travelled across.

Our camp site was the nightly jam session where Rick, Gordon, Vicki and Hobbit entertained us all as we sang along. After the AGM, we travelled home via Coonabarabran, Gilgandra, Warren and Broken Hill. New roads travelled, stayed at new free camps and had a great time. We can't wait for the next RV AGM at Yarrowonga next year, and to discover new ways to get there.

Enjoy Life

Pat & Hoppy

Below: Wendy 'Windup' Kenny painting Hoppy's 'toenails'.





On Saturday, the 22nd October, at the Adelaide Branch club rooms, we held our Halloween Quiz and Games night.

It was a great success, with over one hundred people attending, with nearly everyone in Halloween fancy dress.

We had a variety of lovely witches, mummies, Draculas, Little Red Riding Hood and her pet wolf, and even the Sugarplum Fairy, a headless man, Dracula's bride and her mummy, just to name a few. The detail and the effort gone into all those costumes was amazing, really well done.

By the comments we received at the end of the night, everyone had a fantastic time with great fun. Nearly everyone went home with prizes won on the games and raffles.

We would like to thank Robbo for being our MC and the photographer for the night; he did a great job.

We want to also thank Frank de-Ruiter and his family who came along on the night and sold the Raffle tickets.

A 'special thank you' goes to Dale Howard and Sue Freene for their very generous donation of \$450, the profits from the Entertainment Book sales.

Thanks also goes out to Gordon Johnson for his donation of \$20, and to Trevor Robinson who gave us his bag of loose change he had left over at the end of the night - \$13.

We want to also thank Stretch and Carol (Adelaide Branch) for their very generous donation of bottles of wine.

Last of all, we thank the Ulysses Adelaide Branch and Torrens Valley Branch for their donation of a bottle of whiskey each.

The aim of the night was to have a good night with lots of fun and, at the same time, raise money for kids living with Cancer. **The sum you all raised on the night was \$1,817.**

We will be going to the Women's and Children's Hospital, shortly, to meet with Chris McDermott and present him with a cheque for the Little Heroes Foundation.

We want to thank all those Ulysses members, friends, and their families who came along on the night and supported us.

Lyn and Steve (The Nashies)



The Odyssey

I can't even begin to imagine how many hours Steve and Lyn Nash put into organising and running the most wonderful of quiz nights held at Adelaide Branch's Club rooms. The table decorations were amazing, one would not see any better or more exotic anywhere in Adelaide. The questions were sort of easy, with everyone being able to answer most of them, but every now and then Nashy would throw in a zinger that had everyone bamboozled. The winners were a diving club from Norwood, who were very clever and knowledgeable; the second placegetters were the team from Adelaide Branch called "The Wendys" in honour of our leader who was at home with a pinched nerve in her back. We did her proud, and if she had been there with us we surely would have won.

It was a great night with all the money raised going to the Childhood Cancer Organisation. Those people who didn't attend missed out on a truly fun night, everyone dressed up and there were some spectacular outfits. thanks again to the wonderful Nashies.

Sue Freene



Dracula's Bride: Lyn Nash with Denise 'the witch' Spellacy
Below: Part of the crowd. Opposite left: The Tedmansons and right: Steve 'the mummy' Nash



Melrose Mid-Week Trip

It's October, so it must be time to go to Melrose again - a great favourite for many of the Wednesday riders. The weather forecast was for a hot day with north winds, and that's what we got when twenty of us left Munno Para, on Wednesday, 19th.

We had two welcome stops at the towns with the pretty names of Clare and Laura.

Settled into our bunkhouse accommodation at Melrose Caravan Park, with several couples staying in cabins, and all congregating for cups of tea and lots of talk (and a few beers!!!).

Jeannie and Kevin had transported all the food and we soon started to work our way through it! Nice BBQ tea with fresh fruit salad and ice-cream, (with a few glasses of wine to wash it down) finished off the day.

Thursday was a little cooler and we all headed off on rides of varying lengths - those energetic types went all the way to Blinman, while a few less adventurous folk went as far as the Quandong Café at Quorn!! A nice dinner at the hotel finished off a pleasant day.

Friday and a cool change - so cool and wet that we arrived in the Clare Bakery all bundled up against the cold. Said good-bye to all and headed for home and a hot shower.

Thank you, everyone, for another great trip.

Geraldine and Ross Murray



Barbecue tea at the Melrose Caravan Park



Lunch at the Quandong Café

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Adventures of Rudi and Jane

It was great to catch up with some of you when we were home in Adelaide, during October. It was a very busy three weeks with doctors, dentists, hairdressers, etc. In between, Rudi managed to get to the MotoGP over at Phillip Island with bro in law Kevin, and I made a nostalgic trip back to “The Mount” with my wonderful travelling companion, Gryphi.



Catching up with the girls on The Mount. Gryphi (left), Jane (centre back)

Just before we came home to Adelaide, Rudi and I climbed Mt Tavurvur* which is an active volcano just out of Rabaul. It was a hard slog, but well worth the effort. We have also visited Admiral Yamamotos bunker. He was the Commander-in-Chief during the decisive early years of the Pacific War and, so, was responsible for major battles such as Pearl Harbor and Midway. We have also been diving and snorkelling some of the local reefs and wrecks.

* Mt Tavurvur was one of the culprits for the devastating volcanic eruption that destroyed Rabaul back in 1994.



Rudi and I at the top of Mt Tavurvur

Many thanks to all of you who donated glasses for the local people here. They have all found good homes amongst the poorest people in our communities. Keep them coming in, as I have since found an eye and ear clinic at the local hospital that could use more specs. The clinic also runs a small school for children who are blind and/or deaf. They do a fantastic job and try to integrate these children into mainstream schooling, if possible. I will be back in February with an empty suitcase!!!

Another project on which I am currently working, in association with Rotary, is getting a library up and running for a little school way out in the jungle. The government gave the school a demountable building over a year ago to use as a library. Rotary supplied all the books, but it's been a bit like the cart before the horse, as there is no shelving for the books. Subsequently, the children can't use the library. The books have been sitting on the floor in alphabetical piles for nearly a year now. With the help of a local company, we are getting some shelving organised so the kids can finally use their library. We had some shelving sent over from Australia, but we are now in the process of getting some shelving produced locally.

Did any of you watch the segment aired on 60 Minutes in early November called *Bombs Away*? This is our backyard!!!! For those who are interested (if you missed it), the story can be downloaded from the 60 Minutes web site. Speaking of TV, last year, in November, the ABC aired a “tele movie” called *Sisters of War*; it's all about the fall of Rabaul during WW2 and the friendship that developed between an Australian nursing sister and an Australian religious order sister, during the Japanese occupation. It's well worth watching and can also be downloaded from the internet.



Admiral Yamamoto's bunker

Rudi, myself and another couple (with whom we have become great mates over here) are in the process of buying a boat. We look forward to bringing you stories, in the future, of our adventures at sea and sleep-overs on deserted islands. Can I just take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Fabulous New Year. We will be spending Christmas over on Lissenung Island with just 3 other people!!!! The island only has accommodation for 12!!!! Just google it and see what you think. It's the best kept island paradise secret in the South Pacific.

Jane Esman



Rudi's birthday: From left: Don Freene, Helen King, Pete King, Sue Freene, Rudi, his sister, Miranda Garner, Pat McNamara, Louise Goldsmith, Wendy King.

Yorke Peninsula

Y.P.R.G & Torrens Valley Ride To Yacka.

Met up with the Torrens Valley riders at Port Wakefield, rode to Yacka in the Mid North via Clare. The picnic area at Yacka is very well maintained with plenty of shade and a free electric BBQ, which was put to good use. After lunch, the girls visited the local craft shop to check out the wares and were suitably impressed. We then headed back to the Clare Bakery for afternoon tea and a bit more nattering, before continuing on in various directions for home. From the feedback that I received, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. (Group pic opposite)

Coming Rides

Sunday, 4th December, 2011

Mystery ride on Yorke Peninsula with a designated lunch stop. Leave BP Port Wakefield 10.00am

Sunday, 11th December

M.R.A . Annual Toy Run

Sunday, 8th January, 2012

Leave BP Port Wakefield at 8.00am to meet up with the Torrens Valley Branch at Julian Terrace Gawler. We will then travel to Nuriootpa to link up with the Barossa Riding Group. As it is a memorial ride, prior to departing from Nuriootpa, a short poem will be read by Guzzi Bob. After that we will continue on to Mannum for lunch.

Saturday, 21st January, 2012

Rob Watts Memorial Ride

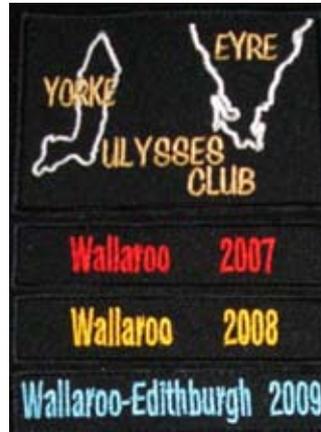
Depart BP Port Wakefield 10.30 am, ride to Ardrossan (50km) (11.15am) where we will meet up with the Whyalla group at Rob's grave site. After paying our respects, we will head off to the Ardrossan Hotel for lunch. This will enable those who are not staying overnight to return home in the late afternoon.

Sunday, 5th February, 2012

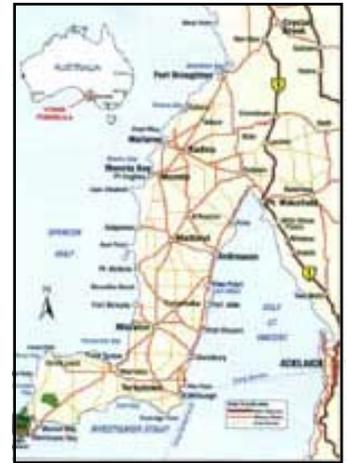
Barossa Riding Group Anniversary Ride. Last year this ride was very well patronised by Y.P.R.G. members. We will depart BP Port Wakefield at 9.00am to meet up with The Barossa Riding Group and Torrens Valley Branch at Eudunda, then travel on to Morgan. Would Y.P.R.G. members intending to participate in this event, please let me know by the 1st of February, 2012 so that I can let Peter and Kez Mahony know, as they require firm numbers for catering.

Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th March, 2012

The Annual Bottom End Rally once again is being conducted by the Vintage Veteran & Classic Motor Cycle Club of Yorke Peninsula at Port Vincent. There are rides organised for both the Saturday and Sunday, all meals are catered for. Registration is required even if you are only riding for one day. If you need further information and



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Sunday Rides

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Wednesday Rides

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Registration Forms, please contact Leon Hall. Phone 8837 3226

April 2012 Date T.B.A.

Ride to the Mintaro Maze

May 2012 Date T.B.A.

Ride To Strathalbyn

June 9th,10th,11th & 12th June, 2012

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A Southern Nativity Scene

In a small Southern town there was a "Nativity Scene" that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it.

One small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left.

At a "Quik Stop" on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets.

She exploded into a rage, yelling at me, "You darn Yankees never do read the Bible!"

I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible.

She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled thru some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage.

Sticking it in my face she said "See, it says right here, 'The three wise man came from afar'."



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6. Want to avoid a hangover or terrible headache? Eat a few cucumber slices before going to bed and wake up refreshed and headache free. Cucumbers contain enough sugar, B vitamins and electrolytes to replenish essential nutrients the body lost, keeping everything in equilibrium, avoiding both a hangover and headache!!

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9. Out of WD 40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber slice and rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!

10. Stressed out and don't have time for massage, facial or visit to the spa? Cut up an entire cucumber and place it in a boiling pot of water, the chemicals and nutrients from the cucumber will react with the boiling water and be released in the steam, creating a soothing, relaxing aroma that has been shown to reduce stress in new mothers and college students during final exams.

11. Just finished a business lunch and realize you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath, the phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.

12. Looking for a 'green' way to clean your faucets, sinks or stainless steel? Take a slice of cucumber and rub it on the surface you want to clean, not only will it remove years of tarnish and bring back the shine, but it won't leave streaks and won't harm your fingers or fingernails while you clean.

13. Using a pen and made a mistake? Take the outside of the cucumber and slowly use it to erase the pen writing, also works great on crayons and markers that the kids have used to decorate the walls!!



December 11, Our own visit to the MRA Toy Run

Departure time is 9.30am. Run time about 6 hours. Run distance total 190km.

This year the Toy Run culminates at Callington Oval. Ride with your own club and meet the main mob at Callington, after which we will ride to Meadows where we are booked in for lunch at the Meadows Hotel. The Fleurieu Mob is also lunching at that venue. We will NOT be riding direct to Callington, but via a circuitous route yet again devised by a ghostly character (but copied from Ernie). We'll ride south to Flagstaff Road and then to Mulgundawa, Langhorne Creek and Strathalbyn where a coffee break will no doubt be taken. From there we will ride direct to Callington. Venue for the break will be Strathalbyn Corner Bakery opposite the Strathalbyn Railway Station and Information Centre.

We will endeavour to arrive at Callington at around the time that the main run leaves Adelaide. That way we'll get to snap up all the bargains, eh?

After departing Callington Oval at 12 noon sharp??, we will ride to Woodchester, Strathalbyn, Macclesfield (love that Macey Road) and then to Meadows. That should put us at the pub at around 12.30pm.

January 1, New Year's Day BBQ lunch at Strathalbyn.

Yep, we'll have a late start for those party-goers who thought they still had the recovery ability and resilience of teenagers. In yer dreams!

Departure time 11.00am. Ride to Strath through Brinkley, Mulgundawa and Langhorne Creek.

Venue is in the park alongside the River Angas at the end of Coleman Terrace. \$10.00 per person for meat and salads. BYO booze if'n ya want it. Soft drinks available.

January 8th 2012 Day Ride to Port Dock Railway Museum
Departs 8.30am. Run distance approx 200km return. Run time approx 7 hours

Entry to the National Railway Museum in Port Adelaide is \$12 adult, \$9 concession. There are several cafes etc in close proximity with Café 101 being the closest. We'll ride to the museum via the SE Freeway which will put us there at around 10.00am. Lunch at Café 101 at about 1pm. Depart at around 2pm and ride home via Clarendon, Kangarilla, Meadows, Bull Creek, Ashbourne, Strathalbyn.

January 22, Lunch at Tea Tree Gully Pub

Depart at 10.00am. Run distance 170km return.

Through Palmer to Birdwood for smoko, then Gumeracha, Inglewood to the Gully. After lunch we can meander home through Cudlee Creek, Lobethal, Mt Torrens, Tungkillo, Palmer and home.

February 4, Redback Tourers Sedan 2012 Show'n'Shine

Departure time 9.00am. Run distance 195km return. Time 6 hours.

A great family day out. Free Entry to kids under 15. Adults \$15 at the gate.

Held at the Sedan Recreational Park on the Mannum-Sedan Road.

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:

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February 5, Lunch Run to Clayton Bay. Lunch at Sails Café.

Departure 10.00am. Run distance 150km. Time 5 hours

February 11 and 12, Overnighter to Loxton.

Departs 9.30am. Run distance Saturday 210km, Sunday 180km. Time 2 days.

Via Walker Flat for smoko, then Swan Reach to Wunkar Golden Grain Tavern for lunch, then off to Loxton's Riverfront Caravan Park where we have available to us cabins or camping as desired. A visit to Loxton's Historical Village is recommended fare for a nominal fee of \$10 or for the paupers \$8 Concession.

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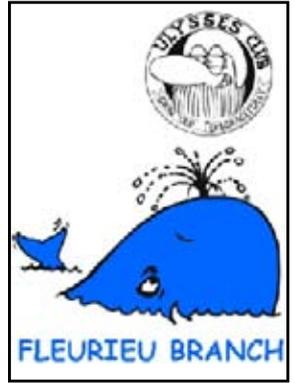
The ride calendar will be updated every month. Any updates during the month will be emailed out and copies put on the counter at Boats 'n' Bikes. The calendar will also be on display in the window of Boats 'n' Bikes.

All rides will have a ride leader and a tail-end Charlie (will always stay at the back of the group) so that everyone can ride at their own pace. We will also use corner marshals when the ride leader thinks it is required. The rider immediately behind the leader will stop and wait on a corner if the ride leader indicates (by pointing to the corner) and will remain on the corner directing other riders until tail end Charlie goes past. If you are willing to be a corner marshal then you just need to ride up front, but if you don't want the job then don't ride immediately behind the leader. The system works well if adhered to and lets everyone ride in confidence and that they will not get lost even if they cannot see any other riders.



Last Rides for the Year

On Sunday, December 4, a ride will be leaving the Alma at 1000am. It will travel Via Meadows, Mt Barker, Langhorne Creek to MMM's shack at Clayton. If unable to go on the ride, turn up for lunch approximately 12.30 - 1,00 pm. Gold coin donation for a sausage & onion sizzle. Byo drinks. Tea & coffee provided.



Sunday the 11th December is the MRA toy run. The Toy Run will start from the Clipsal Track, Victoria Park off Wakefield Street. It will still finish at Harndorf.

From the Committee

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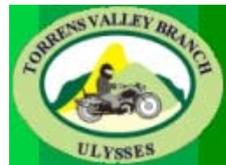
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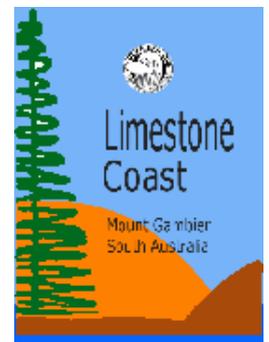
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Rides : As per Ride Calendar on the Web

Web Site: <http://www.ulysses.org.au/branches/limestonecoast/>

Our Web is now updated regularly, with Ride Calendar, Ride Reports & Photos.

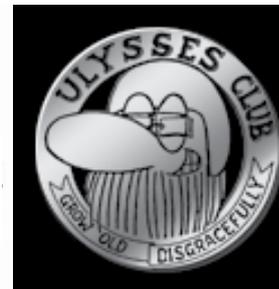
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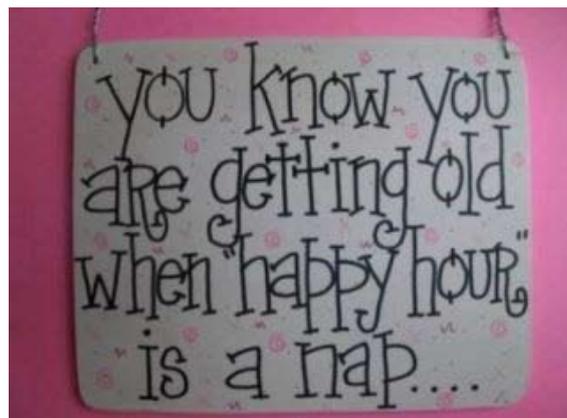
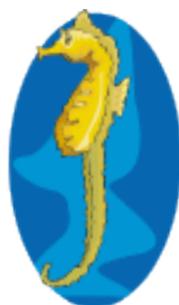
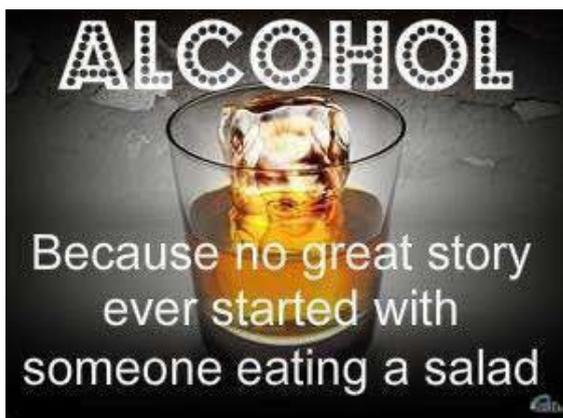
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Eyre Peninsula Branch Ride Calendar - January-June 2012

Date	Ride	Contact	Advise By	Leave	Time
January 8	Arno Bay BBQ	Trish Pruis 86822358	January 1	Town Jetty	10.00 am
January 28-29	Tunarama Parade	Bill Richter 86828212	January 22	P/L Primary School	10.00 am
February 6	Eyre Peninsula Branch AGM Meet at Dorward Oval - Bar facilities open				7.30 PM
February 19	Cummins Luncheon	Bill Richter 86828212	February 6	Town Jetty	11.00 am
March 10-12	Shane Graham Weekend Whyalla & Streaky overnights	Shane Graham 86833347 0427833347	February 26	North Shields	10.00 am
Mar 24-April 1	Mildura AGM	Bill Richter 86828212			
April 15	Jak Ash Night Ride Port Neil Tea	Jack Ash 86823285 0429699098	April 8	North Shields	4.00 pm
April 28-29	Cowell-Kimba Overnighter	Robert Young 86831254	April 22	North Shields	10.00 am
May 20	Shane's Brekky 8.30 am for Brekky Gold Coin Donation	Shane Graham 86833347 0427833347	May 13	Leave from Shane's Place	10.00 am
June 9-11	Penong Weekend	Rill Richter 86828212	TBA		
June 24	(Herman's Whyalla Ten Pin Bowling)?? Depending on work commitments	Herman Pruis 86822358 0427322442	TBA		





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'Port Neil Ride' 13th November, 2011

Five riders left Whyalla at 10.00 to head to Port Neil Pub for lunch. (Ray also tagged along until the Iron Baron turnoff, then returned home). Due to a change in day for my daughter's birthday party, I was able to go along on the ride, which was great.

There is one thing about our rides, and that is that you never know what we will encounter on the way. The weather was quite warm and the strong side winds made things a little uncomfortable. About 30kms out of Cowell, we were confronted with a CFS fire truck straddled across the highway, stopping traffic. The fire informed us that there had been a fatal accident on the highway, and that the road had been closed until further notice. We were directed onto an alternative dirt road to Cowell. There were a few nervous looks from the guys, but they carried on. The fire assured us that the road was in good condition and we should have no problems. (He obviously hasn't ridden a road bike through bull dust). For some reason, I had elected to take the Aprilia on/off road bike and made the most of the dirt riding. It was great and I really enjoyed it. For the 30+ kms, most of the road was OK, but there some hairy moments for some in the bull dust.

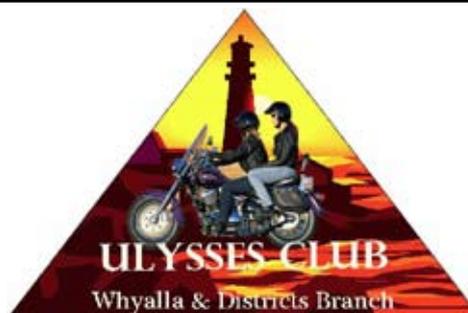
Anyway, we stopped for a break about half way along and, when I went to start my bike again, no electrics! It turned out to be the main fuse, not blown, but broken in half. I had a spare set and we were mobile again within a couple of minutes.

After travelling on roads we never knew existed before we finally arrived in Cowell, (two hours between Whyalla and Cowell has to be some sort of a record). Deciding to give Port Neil a miss, we had a look around the market then headed off to the pub for lunch.

Following a great lunch, we decided to head home. Same sort of wind but a bit hotter, and when we arrived back in Whyalla, John invited us all back to his shop for coffee. (Thanks, mate! It topped off a great day).

There were a few comments, like "Next time I will bring a spatula to get my butt off the seat", but it was really good to see the other riders, when taken out of their comfort zones, stepping up and making the most of the situation. We had no incidents and everyone seemed to enjoy the ride.

Gilly



'Pink Lady Ride'

On Sunday, 15th October, eight bikes with eleven riders/pillions headed for Port Pirie to take part in the 'Pink Lady Ride' in aid of breast cancer awareness, meeting up with three of our Port Augusta members on the way. First stop was at the Tin Man for fuel and coffee and, whilst paying for my fuel, Manuel (the owner of the Tin Man) enquired where we were going. As soon as we told him about the event, he took \$100.00 out of the till and gave it to me to give as a donation for the cause. Pretty generous and trusting I thought.

We arrived right on time and were there for the opening address. The ride proper got underway just before 11.00 with seventy riders, a bus for those unable to ride and a St John First Aid unit bringing up the rear.

A very pleasant ride up through the hills and into Crystal Brook via the back road, a stop to regroup in the main street then on to Clements Gap for a break. Spring water was handed out to all riders, and after about thirty minutes it was back onto the bikes for the ride back to Port Pirie via the Port Broughton Road.

On our return to Flinders View Park, a BBQ had been cooked and cold drinks on site. The park had been decorated with pink balloons and the ladies had a trading table selling merchandise and taking donations. There was also a chap singing and playing guitar. We had a very enjoyable lunch and social time, leaving the park for home at about 1.30pm. Stopped for coffee at the truck stop in Port Augusta and arrived home by around 4.00pm.

It was a lovely day and there have been suggestions that they make this an annual event. We reckon that that's a great idea.

Gilly

The lovely Lucy in the pink wig (right) is Ray Clothier.
I think he liked it a little too much.



Ride Calendar 2011

Date	Departure Time	Event	Destination	Contact
Sunday, 11th December	1000	Adelaide Toy Run	Victoria park	Graham or Gerry

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"Watch and you'll see," answers one of the engineers.

They all board the train. The lawyers take their respective seats but all three engineers cram into a rest room and close the door behind them.

Shortly after the train as departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the rest room door and says, "Ticket, please." The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on.

The lawyers saw this and agreed it was quite a clever idea. So after the conference, the lawyers decide to copy the engineers on the return trip and save some money. When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the engineers don't buy a ticket at all.

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"Watch and you'll see," says one of the engineers.

When they board the train the three lawyers cram into a rest room and the three engineers cram into another one nearby. The train departs. Shortly afterward, one of the engineers leaves his rest room and walks over to the rest room where the lawyers are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket, please."

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