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From the editor

Hi to all our members,

I hope you had a great Christmas and New year?

The Committee will look a bit different as Gary is standing down as President. Thanks for your service to the Branch Gary. We don't have anyone to do the raffle and consequently we will try running without one for the time being. This does mean the club will have to rely on current savings to run events. If anyone would like to put up their hand for this position, it would be greatly appreciated.

Ken Wagnitz had an incident on a Wednesday ride (see page 18). Thankfully he is alright.

In this issue is a list of the fastest motorcycles for 2023. Top runner is on the frontpage. There are the usual Sunday ride reports, SABC and a story on a ride to Geelong with Frank Pellas, Bernie Gelston and myself on Pg. 20, Clair Hartley has written a report on the Wednesday Rides on Pg 24. Pg 25 has a calendar of the SARV events. Go to page 27 for the upcoming branch events, but remember to check the website for an up-to-date time.

I am looking forward to a great year and wish all of our members the same.

Cheers

Maurice Stevens



Please email your story ideas and contributions for the Odyssey magazine to ulyssesadelaide+editor@gmail.com or phone me on 0407 011 251

Adelaide Branch President's Report

Well friends this is my last presidents report. Still not riding much so not much to say there, hopefully 2024 will be a better year for me to ride. Had a good meeting at the new place, definitely different wall art, you should all check it out if you didn't come.

I have just recovered from another bout of covid that prevented me from attending the Torrens valley meeting. Yes, I go to both branch meetings (so I can spy on them) but seriously it's one of the great things about being a Ulysses member, you are welcome at all branches, I certainly have people I call friends in quite a few branches. I think we all owe Maurice a big thank you for putting his hand up for the position of President, I'm sure he will be a good fit for the position.

After all most of you know public speaking is not something I enjoy, but on that, joining the committee is not a big commitment, I will, if elected, be on the general committee again this year, I look around the meetings and see many friends some still riding and some not. With out the committee the branch would dissolve many of you would be lost to each other, I feel this would be a great shame given only a few need to give less than an hour a month to keep it running (except Ken who actually does a lot that people don't see).

This year we will proceed as a viable branch but next year give my words some thought, to give so little to gain so much more.

And lastly please invite any 40 plus friends or relatives to ride with us (maybe 39 🤔) A bit of relative youth amongst us would help the branch along.

Cheers and thanks for your support!

Gary

The very close to Ex President

(No I'm not going to start robbing banks, besides I can't surf)



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New Monthly Meeting place

A new meeting place has been found at the Mile End Hotel after much dissatisfaction at The Maid. A trial meeting for January was met with a resounding Yes vote. So, until further notice the Monthly meetings will be held at the Mile End Hotel, 30 Henley Beach Rd, Mile End.



Sunday Ride Round Up 3rd December 2023

Wistow Ride Leader Brenton George





Sunday Ride Round Up 17th December 2023

Bow Hill Ride Leader Neville Gray

13 bikes turned up at Pelican Plaza. Not unlucky though. The weather was perfect for riding and Neville took us for a leisurely ride through the hills to Mt Pleasant for morning tea and then on to Bow Hill for lunch. A very nice day out with excellent company and incident free. Thanks go to Neville as ride leader, Robin and Monica for tail end duties.



Sunday Ride Round Up 17th December 2023

Bow Hill Ride Leader Neville Gray



Sunday Ride Round Up 14th January 2024

Meadows Ride Leader Peter Wood

There were 10 of us on 9 bikes for our ride to Meadows, including Steve, a possible new member on his brand-new Indian Scout. A very pleasant and uneventful ride took us to Woodside for morning tea. We were met by Mike and Carolyn, this being Carolyn's first solo ride with the group on her BMW. The second part of the ride was just as good as the first, both Carolyn and Steve getting a big thumbs up for their riding skills. Some went to the bakery for lunch, the rest of us settling in to the pub for a pleasant lunch. Thanks to Felix for his solo tail end charlie duties. Peter



Sunday Ride Round Up 14th January 2024

Meadows Ride Leader Peter Wood



Up Coming Sunday Rides All Rides Depart at 9.30am

| When | Leader | Event | Destination | Departing from |
|--------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|--|
| 11 Feb | Brenton George 0432 535 163 | Day Ride | TBA | Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill |
| 25 Feb | Peter Wood 0487 452 200 | Day Ride | Angaston | Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury |
| 10 Mar | Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225 | Day Ride | Bow Hill | McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens |
| 24 Mar | Frank Pellas 0411 600 255 | Day Ride | McLaren Vale | Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill |
| 7 Apr | Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225 | Day Ride | Aldgate | Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury |
| 21 Apr | Peter Wood 0487 452 200 | Day Ride | Finnis | McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens |

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

SA Breakfast Club

The January 2023 SABC breakfast was at an old favourite, Green Valley Strawberries, Nairne. Michele counted 35 Ulyssians there. I was happy they now have bacon & egg roll on the menu, and the strawberry milkshake was terrific. Ken



List of the Fastest Motorcycles in the World 2023

The list of the fastest motorcycles in the world goes like this.

1. MTT 420-RR – 273 mph (439 km/h)
2. Kawasaki Ninja H2R – 240 mph (386km/h)
3. Lightning LS-218 – 218 mph (351km/h)
4. Kawasaki Ninja H2 – 209 mph (336km/h)
5. Ducati 1299 Panigale R Final Edition – 202 mph (325km/h)
6. Ducati Panigale V4 R – 199 mph (320km/h)
7. Aprilia RSV4 Factory 1100 – 199 mph (320km/h)
8. BMW S1000RR – 188 mph (302km/h)
9. Kawasaki Ninja ZX-14R SE – 186 mph (299km/h)
10. Suzuki Hayabusa (Third Generation) – 185.79 mph (299km/h)

1. MTT 420-RR



It's pushing the boundaries when it comes to the word "production motorcycle," however, there's no getting away from the fact the MTT 420-RR is the world's fastest motorcycle with a top speed of more than 273 mph (439 km/h). Jay Leno once described the MTT Turbine as "the hand of God pushing you in the back" thus cementing its status as a living legend. Custom-made to order and ridiculously expensive at more than \$250,000 USD this bike actually holds two records, one for speed, and a second as the Guinness World Record most expensive motorcycle in production. Powered by a Rolls-Royce Allison gas turbine engine, the MTT 420-

RR can accelerate from 0-60 mph in a claimed time of just 2.5 seconds.

Top speed: 273 mph (439 km/h)

Engine: Rolls-Royce Allison gas turbine engine.

Power: 313kW (420hp)

Torque: 500 ft/lbs

2. Kawasaki Ninja H2R

A track-only version of the beloved Kawasaki Ninja H2, this bold beauty is the fastest production bike on the market. It reached a top speed of 240 mph in 2016 and then an unverified speed of 250 mph four months later. Some have theorised that the bike could go up to 260 mph with the right gearing and conditions. You'll need to jump through some hoops to own one and then promise to use it for closed-course riding only. Or you can settle for the street-legal Ninja H2 down below, which has set speed records of its own at 209 mph.

Top speed: 240 mph (386km/h)

Engine: 998cc in-line four-cylinder supercharged

Power: 228kW (310hp) @ 14,000 rpm

Torque: 165Nm @ 12,500 rpm



3. Lightning LS-218



Top speed: 218 mph (351km/h)

Engine: IPM liquid-cooled electric motor

Horsepower: 200hp

Torque: 168 ft-lbs

The Lightning LS-218 claimed the title as the fastest street-legal motorcycle in 2014, it also happens to be electric. It runs on an IPM liquid-cooled 10,500 rpm electric motor and goes from 0 to 60 mph in 2.2 seconds flat. A race-modified version defeated both gasoline and electric counterparts at the 2013 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, becoming the first vehicle of any type to win a professional road race using solar power. Expect similar efficiency and speed from the street-legal variant, which isn't to mention its downright sleek design.

4. Kawasaki Ninja H2

When Kawasaki released the Ninja H2 it defined a whole new category of motorcycle, opening the gates to the 'Hypersport' category. Although, it's fair to say that the first in the segment remains the best. It starts with the 998cc in-line four-cylinder supercharged engine, and while it's not the first time forced induction made its way to a sports bike, it's the most famous application of them all. With a top speed of more than 209 mph, the only question is how far can you push it? Just as suitable for track work, we love the KYB AOS-II front fork and Öhlins TTX36 rear shock, alongside the Kawasaki Quick Shifter (KQS) which sounds epic. You're going to need every bit of the Kawasaki 9-step Traction Control (KTRC) system with more power than a typical hot-hatch.

Top speed: 209 mph (336km/h)

Engine: 998cc in-line four-cylinder supercharged

Power: 178.5 kW (243hp) @ 11,500 rpm

Torque: 141.7 Nm @ 11,000 rpm



5. Ducati 1299 Panigale R Final Edition



Top speed: 202 mph (325km/h)

Engine: Superquadro, L-twin cylinder, liquid-cooled.

Power: 154kW (209hp) @ 11,000rpm

Torque: 142 Nm @ 9,000rpm

Ducati's fastest motorcycle will also go down as its most iconic. The Ducati 1299 Panigale R Final Edition is what you think of when you think of the words "fast bike". Simply put, when you're looking at the fastest bikes in the world, only a few look as fast as they are standing still. A swansong for the brand's most powerful twin-cylinder ever, the speedy superbike flaunted race-derived engine parts alongside a hardly-believable dry weight of just 168 kg (357lb).

6. Ducati Panigale V4 R

Closing in on the Ducati 1299 Panigale R Final Edition is the new Panigale V4 R. With a top speed of 199 mph but nearly 40hp more than the outgoing model, you'd be forgiven for thinking newer means faster. Ultimately, with the right gearset and tires, it would likely best its predecessor, but facts are facts. Instead, this is the best Ducati ever for those looking to tackle a race track. We've never seen a bike adopt such closely-related technical solutions from MotoGP and WorldSBK.

Top speed: 199 mph (320km/h)

Engine: V4, counter-rotating crankshaft, 4 Desmodromic timing, 4 valves per cylinder, liquid-cooled.

Power: 174 kW (237 hp) @ 15,500rpm (with full racing exhaust).

Torque: 118 Nm (87 lb-ft) @ 12,250 rpm (with full racing exhaust).



7. Aprilia RSV4 Factory 1100



The main competitor for the aforementioned Ducati Panigale V4 R, the Aprilia RSV4 Factory 1100 is even when it comes to top speed (199 mph). Adopting a slightly different engine geometry to the Panigale, we love the sound of the Longitudinal 65° V-4 engine. Power output remains impressive at 159.5 kW (217 hp) @ 13,000 rpm. If you're looking to save a few dollars, check out the RSV4 Factory 1100.

Top speed: 199 mph (320km/h)

Engine: Longitudinal 65° V-4 cylinder, 4-stroke, liquid-cooled.

Power: 159.5 kW (217 hp) @ 13,000 rpm

Torque: 125 Nm @ 10,500 rpm

8. BMW S 1000 RR

Originally created for the 2009 Superbike World Championship, the BMW S 1000 RR is now yours to own. Touting a lightweight frame and an updated 999 CC 16-valve engine, the bike optimises its suspension by way of an upgraded power curve and Dynamic Damping Control. It can go from 0-60 mph in just 2.7 seconds.

Top speed: 188 mph (302km/h)

Engine: In-line four-cylinder.

Power: 152 kW (207 hp) @ 13,500rpm

Torque: 100 Nm @ 5,500rpm



9. Kawasaki Ninja ZX-14R SE



No list of the worlds best or fastest bikes is complete without at least one Kawasaki Ninja (or two, for that matter). As per its stellar reputation, the ZX-14R represents the absolute apex of design and performance. Bolstered by a 1441 CC engine and three-level traction control system, it runs smoothly at pretty much any speed and goes from 0-60 mph in a mere 2.6 seconds.

Top speed: 186 mph (299km/h)

Engine: 1,441cc in-line four-cylinder

Power: 154.5 kW (210 hp) @ 10,000 rpm

Torque: 158.2 Nm @ 7,500 rpm

10. Suzuki Hayabusa

When first released in 1999, this mechanical masterpiece broke speed records for production models by previously unheard-of margins. That prompted a “speed war” between manufacturers and reportedly gave way to the “Gentlemen’s Agreement,” where the industry itself attempted to place a cap on top speed. This set the electronic limit at 300 km/h for every 1000cc motorcycle made in the year 2000 and beyond. And while it doesn’t exist today, the third-generation Suzuki Hayabusa is electronically limited to 299km/h (185.79 mph).

Top speed: 185.79 mph (299km/h)

Power: 140kW @ 9,700rpm

Torque: 150Nm @ 7,000rpm



Ken's mishap on Bull Creek Road

It was an Adelaide Wednesday ride, 27th December, 12.30pm. Dull conditions but not bad. Not raining. Cruising along Bull Creek Rd, approaching the Paris Creek Y intersection. Around the bend and I could see a couple of cars stopped on Paris Creek Rd at the stop sign. Next thing I know, one of them is coming toward me. I have nowhere to go. Head-on collision.

I assume I applied the brakes on instinct. Dunno. My memory goes from oh-shit a car right in front of me, to oh, here I am on my back on this guy's windshield.

Slid off the windshield, flexed all my body bits to see they were all working (they were), watched some folk move my bike off the road and went to inspect it. Not badly damaged, considering.

The driver got out of his car, along with his walking frame. He was a bit shaken. Understandable.

I felt fine. Was worried about my bike. Thinking about riding it home.

The second car at the stop sign came over. They couldn't believe what they saw. He offered his details as a witness, she rang 000. Glenda sat with me while we waited. Quite a show. Two ambulances turned up (I think), two police cars, a CFS truck, and a passing RAA van whose driver wondered if he could help. The CFS were about to block off that awful corner and slow all traffic to a crawl. We convinced them they weren't needed. Feeling pretty good, I told the ambulance they weren't needed. (I think the other guy did too. He lives at Meadows.) We sent tail end Charlie and some other riders off to finish their ride.



Lots of people were telling me to hop in an ambulance, the ambos, police, CFS paramedic, Glenda... I was



worried about my bike, needed to stay there until it was sorted! (The copper said I could ride it home if I felt capable, which I did at the time.) Eventually I started getting spikes of pain in my back, and I figured it might be disastrous if one of those struck as I was negotiating a sharp corner or some such.

Glenda offered to get Brenton to fetch me, but I rang Michele to come and collect me. She happened to be on the north side of town (Mawson Lakes) about to visit a friend. Instead

of dropping off the goodies she had for her, Michele quickly turned round, on her way to me.

Tow truck picked up the bike, then the remaining copper dropped me off at Pik A Pie to get me away from that awful intersection. I thought great, a nice pie. (I hadn't had lunch.) Rats, they were closed. It was after 2pm. Michele picked me up, and kept Glenda happy by saying I was going to hospital for a check-up. (A big thank you to Glenda for hanging around and making sure I didn't do anything stupid.)



Went to Flinders emergency dept. Michele counted 10 ambulances ramped outside. I got assessed and seen to fairly quickly. Which is pretty good considering it was the day the 54YO fellow waited 10 hours for an ambulance and died before they got there. I stayed in overnight, - won't say slept, cos that didn't really happen. ED must be one of the noisiest places on earth. Moved to a quiet ward at 4am, just after getting results of my CT scan. -I was now allowed to move my head and neck around. Left Flinders midday Thursday. Three fractures in small bones at the back of my spine, swollen wrist, bruised shin. No damage to my bike gear, helmet looking unscathed! Will take a few weeks for the back pain to settle down. (Ok during the day, crappy at night.)

Fair hit to the car front. My back and either my head or boots, put dents in the windscreen.

The bike lost its 'beak', has a cracked headlight cover, and the brake lever broke at the break-off point. Bit of scraping on the side. Otherwise, it looks good. Repair guys reckon the only real damage is a badly leaking fork seal. Amazing!

A night in hospital is NOT a good way to celebrate a wedding anniversary (44 years), despite being treated very well at FMC. What might have been a night at a restaurant was something far less.

Do I feel lucky? Hell yes.

-But the lottery ticket Michele bought afterwards, didn't win anything.

Ken Wagnitz

Trip to the Million Dollar Bogan Ride

by Maurice Stevens

Ken's accident, (see previous story), prevented him from participating in a trip Frank Pellas had organised to a charity ride from Geelong to Apollo Bay. Ken put my name forward as a possible replacement. Frank as always, had gone to great lengths to arrange everything and had already booked accommodation, so was looking for someone to fill the spot. Luckily, I was available.

Just to add some background to the charity ride. Frank attended the event the previous year on his own and thought it would be good to invite others along. The event is run by Danny Hayes (aka the Million Dollar Bogan) and proceeds are given to Lifeline. Minimum \$20 per bike to participate. Danny has a [YouTube](#) channel of his exploits if anyone is [interested](#).

There was three of us on the ride, Frank Pellas, Bernie Gelston and myself. We started by meeting at OTR The Bend Raceway on Friday 12th Jan. We topped up with fuel except Bernie who joked he would fill up on Tuesday (30L Tank)



The 1st leg took us to Coonalpyn for morning tea where Frank pulled out his drone to capture some images of the painted silo. Frank returned a bit dismayed saying he had lost signal and sight of his drone. We took a walk up the road to try and locate the wayward device but to no avail. Sadly, we had to move on leaving the absconded drone behind.



Some distance down the road Bernie swerved to miss something and as I passed the object, realised it was a bag, strangely resembling Franks. By the time I stopped, Bernie had turned around to go back and fetch it. Frank wondering what was going on, stopped, looked around to see his bag missing. Fortunately, it was made of canvass and suffered only minor scuffs as it travelled down the roadway at 100kph.

Lunch was at Naracoorte. Frank had chosen the pub due to the previous trip and was a good choice as the heat had turned up outside to around 36c. The aircon was a welcome break.

Final stint took us to Penola, where we stayed the night and dined again at a pub. Frank always tries to organise accommodation within walking distance of dining facilities.

Thankfully the weather had taken a turn and temperatures dropped overnight to quite cool.

Next stop was Wannan Falls for morning tea and then Hamilton to visit Camp's Motor Museum. I would



recommend visiting this museum, as all the vehicles are owned by the one guy, are all in running order and

pristine condition. There is also an abundance of memorabilia. \$10 cash entry is well worth it.

Moving on to Mortlake for lunch at Clarke's Pies, home of the famous Clarkes Pie. All I can say, in my opinion, it must be famous in Mortlake, enough said.

Our next overnight stop was in Cobar, quite a large town and had a great meal at a local restaurant. This stop left us with only an hour to Geelong and the start of the charity ride at 10am.

The event saw the most Harley's I have ever seen in one place although there were many other makes as well of all sizes. An auction of items, including a Harley raised a substantial amount of money for the charity.



The ride took us for a short stint along the freeway to the Great Ocean Rd via Angelsea and Lorne to finish at Apollo Bay where we had lunch. Having refuelled ourselves we rode to Warrnambool along the great Ocean Rd. Sensational ride but by the time we got to Warrnambool negotiating so many corners left one looking for some straight road for a rest.

This is where Frank's research had it's only fail. The motel was great according to the internet. There was a restaurant within but in reality, it had been closed for months, all the rooms were upstairs where there was a boarded-up swimming pool, the WIFI was broken and the rooms were in desperate need of renovation. What hurt most was they were the most expensive on the trip. On the plus side, we did find a lovely restaurant nearby and had a great meal.

Next day saw an easy ride to Nelson for morning tea and Mt Gambier for lunch. Robe was the overnight stop for the day and the accommodation was a 200% improvement over Warrnambool. Aircon was already running in the room on arrival and greatly appreciated.

The last day and the weather was starting to heat up again. The ride along the Coorong was rough in patches and morning tea stop in Meningie saw us part ways with Frank as he was heading towards home in Victor Harbor. Finally, I left Bernie at Murray Bridge.



It was a great trip, well planned by Frank which he intends to repeat next year, maybe with a few more participants. Frank has posted a video on [Youtube](#) of the trip.



THE GAWLER VETERAN, VINTAGE AND CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB (GVV&CVC)

INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NINTH ANNUAL
GAWLER TO BAROSSA VETERAN & VINTAGE RUN
SUNDAY April 14th 2024 - FOR ALL VEHICLES UP TO & INCLUDING 1930
Motor Cycles & Commercials included

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\$10 ENTRY Per Person

INCLUDES Morning Tea & BBQ Lunch

Meet at the Immanuel Lutheran School 11 Lyndoch Rd. Gawler East. Enter from Daly St.
Assemble from 8:00 am for 9:30 am start for Veteran & M/C - 10:00 am start for Vintage.

Breakfast, Coffee & Tea available at the start, provided by school volunteers.

Area for trailer unloading at the Council car park & Start location.

Area for trailer parking & loading at the Finish.

Veterans & M/C Flagged off first with a clear break from the Vintage group.

Mechanic in a recovery vehicle & car trailer will follow at the rear.

Morning tea supplied to all entrants on the Village Green at Lyndoch.

Food & drink also available from Lyndoch Bakery.

Vehicles will be on display at the Finish at Tolley Reserve Nuriootpa for a BBQ picnic lunch.

Club BBQ, Tea/Coffee, are available. Local vendors are also available just across the road.

Bring table & chairs.

A fun day with lots of prizes & trophies including President's Trophy, Sponsor's pick of the day,
Motor Cycle of Interest, fashion of the era, etc.

Information & Entries: Trevor Unsworth, Mob: 0402 891 891 Email: vvrun@gawlercarclub.com.au

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“Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run”

Sunday, April 14th 2024

For Veteran & Vintage Motor Vehicles including Motorcycles & Commercial Vehicles up to 1930

Hosted by The Gawler Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club Inc.

Proudly Sponsored by STEINBORNER AUTOMOTIVE

Entry Form

Name.....Club.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....Phone.....

E-mail.....

Vehicle Make..... Model.....

Body Style.....Year of Manufacture.....

Registration Number

\$10.00 Entry per person - includes morning tea at Lyndoch & BBQ lunch at Nuriootpa

Number of persons attending X \$10 = \$.....

Payment Method (Please circle) DD Cheque Cash

INDEMNITY and CONDITIONS of ENTRY

All Vehicles must be Registered and roadworthy – Trade Plates NOT accepted.

All entrants, owners, drivers and riders enter and participate in the “Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run”, (The Run), at their own risk. The organisers, promoters and sponsors of the Run, their agents and employees, accept no liability for any loss or damage suffered by, or to, any entrant, owner, driver or rider by any means, act or omission, or through any circumstances, and the entrant hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the organisers, promoters and sponsors of the Run, their agents and employees, from all actions, suits, claim proceedings or demands for damages or loss however so arising out of the entrant participating in the Run.

In completing and signing the entry form I acknowledge and accept the conditions of entry.

Signed by Entrant.....Date.....

Direct Debits to : BSB 105 009 : Acc. No : 119088440 : Acc. : Gawler Car Club: Use Rego as Reference

Email a scanned copy of completed entry form with ref of payment to :- vvrn@gawlercarclub.com

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On Any Wednesday

By Claire Hartley

Hello to all, I am Claire and I am a Wednesday Rider.

The Wednesday Ride group is affiliated to the Adelaide Branch and we were started by the late Mick Sandley. To those who knew him he was a gentleman and one excellent rider.

We ride every Wednesday. There is a ride briefing at 10:30 am and “stands up” shortly thereafter. We ride every Wednesday (except Christmas Day but including New Years Day.)

1st Wednesday – Feathers Hotel Carpark

2nd Wednesday – Feathers Hotel Carpark

3rd Wednesday – Victoria Hotel Carpark

4th Wednesday – Victoria Hotel Carpark & 2 pm (ish) at Mawson House, Meadows for ROAR coffee and chat

5th Wednesday (on the months there is one) – Feathers Hotel Carpark

In 2023 we started a group named R.O.A.R. (Retired and Other Absent Riders). The ROAR meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2pm (ish) at Mawson House café in Meadows. The aim of ROAR is to keep people connected to the riding community whether they have retired from riding or are injured or experiencing health problems and not able to ride short term. It’s a coffee and cake meet up which connects people. Mawson House cafe is also the last stop for the Wednesday Riders which helps people to retain their connection to their riding community. No bookings are required – just show up!

Steve gives a brief summary of the ride every Wednesday via WhatsApp. Here’s some of his comments from January –

January 3rd “Hi All. Twenty riders and eight apologies today. To Birdwood via Woodside and circle work around Harrogate. No mishaps* this week. Thanks to all for participating.” (*reference to Ken Wagnitz’s misadventure the prior week)

January 10th “Hi All. Twenty-one riders and eight apologies today. To Lobethal via Mt Pleasant and circle work. Thanks to all for participating”

January 17th “Hi All. Twenty-two riders and six apologies today. To Strathalbyn via Myponga and all points South. No mishaps. Thanks to all for participating.”

January 24th Hi All, Eighteen Riders and six apologies today. Rain greeting most travelling to TOT (Top of Taps) but we soon dried out and then to Meadows via Milang and Willunga. Thirteen sampled Trevor’s birthday cake at Meadows and Glenda benefited from the uneven split (largest slice of cake). Good day had by all and one new bike.

The ride is officially ended after the second stop but there is always an afternoon coffee stop for those who choose. Favourite stops are The Cudlee Creek Café and The Republic café at Uraidla for northern endings. Mawson House Café in Meadows after southern rides. Hope that you can come and join us.

Occasionally Lester organises a Sunday Breakfast/Brunch ride and on January 14th it was at The General Store at Finnis. Ten riders (including partners) attended with six departing from The Victoria Hotel, one by car and the remaining three made their way independently. Good food and company finishing with another gathering for coffee at Mawson House in Meadows on the way home.

Wednesday January 24th was the meeting of ROAR and we had fourteen attendees. It was Trevor's birthday and he supplied the cake. We have a Wednesday Rider's Rule which states when you have a birthday which ends in a zero or a five then you are obliged to supply cake. This is usually done by Mawson House staff who do the honours of supplying, cutting the cake and plating up and providing the cream. (The birthday person pays for this service)

Ride safe

Claire

SOUTH AUSTRALIA ULYSSES RV CALENDAR 2024

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|------------------------------|---|
| 23-25 February | Port Elliot @ Big 4 Breeze Caravan Park 8554 2134 |
| 12-14 April | Crystal Brook Caravan Park 8636 2640 |
| 7-9 June | Wellington Caravan Park 8572 7302 |
| 30 August-1 September | Murray Bridge @ Avoca Dell Caravan Park 8532 2095 |
| 13- 21 October | Ulysses RV AGM is at Yarrawonga Caravan Park (03)5744 3420, also on the same date is the South Australian Odyssey at Normanville. |
| 15-17 November | Stansbury Foreshore Caravan Park 8852 4171 This is the end of year event for SARV |

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Whyalla & Districts Branch

President Perry Zimmerman – 0419 134 511

Secretary &

Treasurer - John Lawson – 0421 170 181

Welfare Officer - Friendly Reminder



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

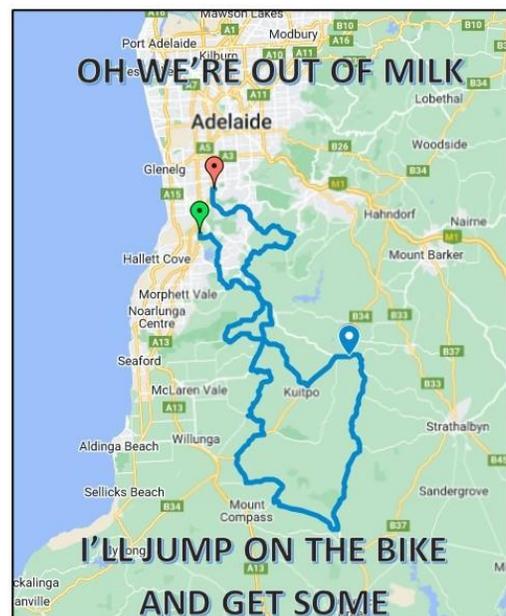
Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

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.

Ian Pascoe P: 0410 444 962

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Wednesday Midweek Rides

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



The SA Breakfast Club

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

When: **3rd February 2024 at 9.30am**

Where: **Plant 4, 5 Third Street, Bowden SA 5007**

When: **2nd March 2024 at 9.30am**

Where: TBA Please check our website nearer the time

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

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

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

The Adelaide Branch Monthly meeting is held on the 1st Thursday of the month and issues regarding the branch are relayed to the members. New members are welcomed and general business raised.

When: **Thursday 7th March 2024**

Venue: The Mile End Hotel, 30 Henley Beach Rd, Mile End

When: **Thursday 4th April 2024**

Venue: The Mile End Hotel, 30 Henley Beach Rd, Mile End

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.



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