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**The editor's bit.....**

The Odyssey at Naracoorte went off really well. Congratulations to all the organisers and helpers. It was a blast: Highlights were the Tattoo competition which was won by Margie Neighbours, boobs, sorry, hands down. A close second would have to have been David 'Dutch' Holland with his two eyes near his bum.



The Trivia Night was great 'cos our team won. It was made up of Mallee and Adelaide people.

You'll note the magazine is chockers with stuff this edition. Hardly any room for jokes. Apologies to those who only get the magazine for the jokes. Keep the articles coming - it's your magazine and is only as good as the stuff you send in. I was a bit disappointed that no one sent in a written report on The Odyssey, but there is a pictorial report further on.

We have a profile sent in from Eyre Peninsula, in this issue. Would hope to get one every issue. Come on, you all know someone interesting. Everyone has a story to tell.

I'm having a weekend at Wirrabara in April. The highlight will be the Laura Folk Fair. If you haven't been to one of these, you are in for a treat. I've booked the pub (the rooms are taken) and the back of the pub is available to us for camping, using the hotel facilities. The evening meal and breakfast will be in the hotel. The pub is owned by Ulyssians, so they should look after us pretty well.

Looking for someone to fix that zip on your boot? Check out **Glenelg Shoe Repairs on Jetty Road**. Charged Garry \$5 to fix a zip that someone else wanted \$62 to replace!

I recently registered my bike and, in the course of conversation with the lass behind the window, discovered that pensioners are entitled to a reduced concession on a *second* vehicle (besides a trailer). Mine was a \$30 saving for 6 months. This means I have paid \$180 extra on rego that I didn't have to over the last 3 years. **It pays to ask, but you have to know the right questions in the first place.** I was only ever **told** that I was entitled to 1 vehicle and 1 trailer.

**Attention Limestone Coasters:** Jann Baker and Jenny Hills will be joining you for breakfast on Sunday, 14th January, at the Collars and Cuffs Cafe at 8.30 am. If anyone would like to pay their subs for The Odyssey, they will be able to accommodate you. They intend to stay for quite a while, so even if you aren't going for the breakfast ride you will still be able to call in and catch them there.

Wendy

**Stop Press:** The 2008 Odyssey will be held by Fleurieu Branch, watch out for future announcements in The Odyssey magazine.



G'Day Everyone,

On page 25 you will find the audit figures- the auditor has written: "In my opinion the financial report of Ulysses Club of South Australia Inc. presents fairly the income and expenditure of the association for the period 12th December 2005 to 31 May 2006 in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and the basis of Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members."



Ho, Ho, Ho, Christmas is on the horizon once again!!!! I'm looking forward to our up-coming events!! The Toy Run Breakfast at Camden Park, with Don and Sue's expertise it should be good, so come along and put some carbs into the body before the ride!! And then, what a week-end the following week, starting with Jenny's Friday night Christmas Dinner, then its at Andrew and Bundi's for our 20th Anniversary Party, where we are promised, fun, laughter, music and much disgracefulness, on Saturday!!!! Then to top it off, a Recovery Ride with Andrew on Sunday!!! And in the New Year there will be the new look Mag! All sounds too good to me!!!

So, thank you to all members, on and off the committee, for the hard work through out the year; join in the festivities and adventures, keep the motto up, look after each other, and have a great Christmas and New Year!!!!



**Disgracefully yours  
Liz Fairchild  
President Adelaide Branch  
Ulysses Club**



## Train Ride to Broken Hill



**27-29 March 2007**

Depart Adelaide: 10.00 am Tuesday 27 March 2007  
Arrive Broken Hill: 4.30 pm Tuesday 27 March 2007  
Depart Broken Hill: 8.20 am Thursday 29 March 2007  
Arrive Adelaide: 3.05 pm Thursday 29 March 2007

**Accommodation:** Mario's Palace Hotel (of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert fame) for 2 nights.  
Cost per double room for 2 people:

with en suite \$150 for 2 nights  
no en suite \$110 for 2 nights

**PLEASE MAKE OWN BOOKINGS:** PHONE 8088 1699 FAX 8087 6240  
email: mail@mariospalace.com.au

**TRAIN:** I need your free rail pass + \$30 (fuel levy imposed 1st August 2006) or your full train fare by 2nd February 2007. It can be given to me at the February Adelaide Branch meeting.

<b>Fares:</b> Pensioner rail pass + \$30 Fuel Levy	\$30 return
Pensioner no rail pass	\$94 return
Seniors	\$166.00 return
Juniors	\$174.00 return

**Things to do in Broken Hill** - let me know your preference when paying train fare:

1. Do your own thing
2. Walking Tour of Broken Hill - 2 hours and departs from information centre - donation
3. Broken Hill City Sights Tour - 1/2 day. \$43.00 per person

**For further information phone Helena on 8376 2261**

# MONTHLY DINNERS



**Friday  
15th December  
2006  
7pm**

at

**Windsor Hotel  
410 North East Road  
Windsor Gardens**

Room with Christmas cheer so please bring a mystery gift to put in Santa's sack (\$5 value)

**for bookings & cancellations phone  
Jenny Hills on 8262 5493  
(leave message on message bank)**

**DO NOT PHONE HOTEL**

**bookings close  
Wednesday, 13th December, 2006**



**Friday  
12th January  
2007  
7pm**

at

**Modbury Plaza Hotel  
689 North East Road  
Modbury**

Chance to use your Entertainment Book Voucher

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**DO NOT PHONE HOTEL**

**bookings close  
Wednesday, 10th January, 2007**

## Cooks' Corner



### NUTS & BOLTS

Mix together the following in a bowl with a lid

- 1 pkt cream of chicken soup
- 1 pkt French onion soup
- 1 dessertspoon curry powder
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ cup of warm oil

then add and shake well



- 1 pkt (350gm) Nutra-Grain
- 500gm peanuts (or mixed nuts & Fruit)

mix well and allow to stand for at least 1 hour

**Jenny Hills**

**Friday  
9th February 2007  
7pm**



at

**Somerset Hotel  
(in the beer garden)  
505 Bridge Road  
Para Hills**

**for bookings & cancellations phone  
Jenny Hills on 8262 5493  
(leave message on message bank)**

**DO NOT PHONE HOTEL  
bookings close  
Wednesday, 7th February 2007**



## Hey, hey, come to the fair at Laura 14-15 April 2007



The Laura Folk Fair is BIG and has won numerous awards.

Features Street stalls, Laura Art Prize, Literary Awards, Free entertainment (musicians, dancers, street entertainers). No entrance fee. Other features: Outdoor Bush Dance, Fireworks Spectacular, Buskers, Musicians, Clowns, Continuous Concert, Horse and Trolley rides, storytelling, personalities, bands and side-shows, food and drink, Whip Cracking Competition (eyhah!), raffle.

- When:** Ride leaves Adelaide 9.00 am on Saturday, 14th April (departure point TBA)  
**Accommodation:** Camping available at the back of the Wirrabara Hotel at a cost of \$15 pp and includes use of hotel facilities and breakfast on Sunday.  
**Saturday Night:** Dinner at the Wirrabara Hotel, owned by Ulysses Member, Barry Hoepner.  
**Sunday:** More Folk Fair and/or a leisurely ride home.  
 Torrens Valley is having a Sunday ride to Laura.

Don't forget the great rides in the area (Gorges, etc.) if folk fairs are *really* not your thing. To say nothing of the company of your Ulysses mates.

**For more information and booking of camp sites, phone Wendy King on 8837 3449.**

## 7th Annual Midnight to Dawn Poker Saturday 20th January 2007

Time to snooze in the afternoon.  
 Time to fill the tank and check that your headlights work!  
 Time to get to

**Macca's, Main South Road at Darlington**  
 ready for a 12:00 (midnight) departure.

**\$5.00 buys you a poker hand with no limits to hands bought**

Ride through the night and finish with breakfast at Café Vilis  
 Cash prizes awarded at February Meeting.

**For any further details contact**

**Chris Hartley**  
**Ph. 8381 7291**  
**chartley@esc.net.au**

Please note that our first coffee stop this year will be at "Fresh Aromas Bakehouse", 130 Main Road, McLaren Vale. They are opening up especially for us with coffees and cake etc. available so please support them.

**Ridden On**  
**Ivan Roy (Gidgee) Stephens**  
**Ulysses Member #677**  
**1-2-1925 - 7-11-2006**

*It is with great sorrow that I write to inform his many SA friends of his peaceful passing in the Broken Hill Hospital, at approximately 11.30 am, Melbourne Cup Day.*

*Of all the truly great motorcycle enthusiasts I have met over the past 50 years or so, Gidgee would be by far the most dedicated.*

From just after the war, he did it all - scrambles, long track, speedway and even trials. Although he won his share, he was never the champion, but a champion competitor in all, keeping the champions at their best.

Come the late 60s and a new interest and possibly the greatest of his life, trail riding, generally to a bush property, camping at a dam. You could take as big a swag as you liked, so long as you carried it on your bike. Plenty to drink, as long as you liked black tea or coffee. If you liked grilled savaloyes, bread and sauce, you also had plenty to eat. Later, of course, because of an increase in numbers, Lou Phillips' ute gave way to a camp truck and all the luxuries of today. Gidgee started his trail riding on his old scramble bike, followed by various Japanese ring-a-dings, a thumper, then his pride and joy, a 600 Tenere.

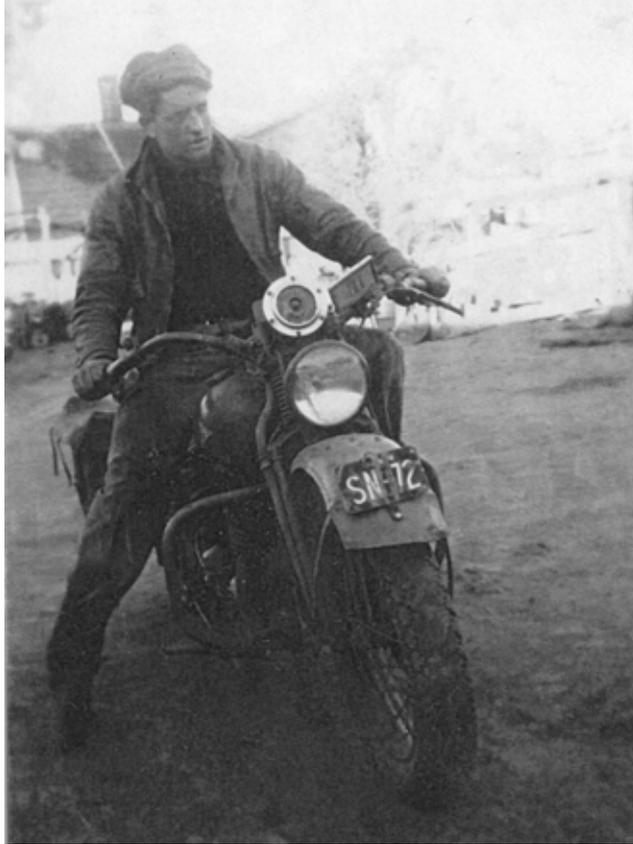
He never missed a club ride and anyone only had to mention they were going somewhere, and he was in that too.

Along came 1985 and a most wonderful thing happened - a branch of The Ulysses Club was formed. Now he and the Tenere had two clubs to ride with, and he did, everywhere!

One must remember that, while doing all this, he always had a blind side, as he had the misfortune to lose an eye in 1933, at the age of eight.

I don't know how or when he got the nickname, Gidgee - I've known him since the late forties and he was Gidgee then. (Gidgee wood is a very hard and tough-wearing timber, so this might give us a clue.)

In 1989, (this is when he lived up to his name) along with Hollywood and other locals, he went to the USA to see the 'Ivan Major Challenge'. The night before leaving for home, he suffered a stroke, a doctor wanted to keep him in hospital - *no way, don't leave me boys, I'm going home.* They convinced the airline he was an invalid, and the airline took him to the plane and loaded him on. On his arrival in Sydney, he went to hospital. This at 64!!



After convalescence, he once more was back on the bike, but, because of the weakness down one side, often tumbled after pulling up. So enter an XLV750 fitted with a road trial type sidecar. He would often say, 'I hate that outfit, but it's better than staying home and not riding.'

One rig followed another, each 'more better' than the last. And so, on to 2004, when a fall and ill health brought this wonderful enthusiast's riding career, spanning 60 odd years, to an end, but never his interest in anything relating to motorcycling or his two clubs.

*Gidgee's was a very large funeral complete with Harley Outfit 'hearse' with daughter, Michelle on the pillion, going with him on his last ride, the coffin draped with the Ulysses Flag and escorted by a cortege of members of both The Silver City and Ulysses Clubs on their bikes.*

*As we stood by his grave, remembering him, I'm sure we all felt this was the end of an era and a great loss to motorcycling, with the likes of Gidgee never to be seen again. I reckon that after signing on, up at the Big Gates, he will turn to Peter and ask 'Where will I find the Rides Captain?'*

**Des 'Doghead' Rowe**

I thank Des for sharing this with us. In Des' letter, he said he could probably have filled The Odyssey with anecdotes from Gidgee's life. He also found it hard to get a suitable photo, but I'm sure anyone meeting Gidgee would not need a photo to remember him - what a character!! Editor



The Odyssey



Ulysses Adelaide Branch

# Motorcycle Fatality File, 2006

We all cringe when learning of yet another motorcycle fatality on South Australian roads. So far this year, we are up 38% on the same time last year, with 19 recorded deaths. So who are these people who have died so far this year and what demographic fact can we glean when perusing the crash statistics? Some quite amazing things come out of just a casual investigation of the available figures.

Firstly, all victims are male – no real surprises here as testosterone can be a killer drug.

The shortest amount of time elapsing from acquiring their motorcycle license and fatally crashing is 1 day and the longest time elapsing being 8 years, with an average of approximately 2.5 years. So these guys are mainly inexperienced.

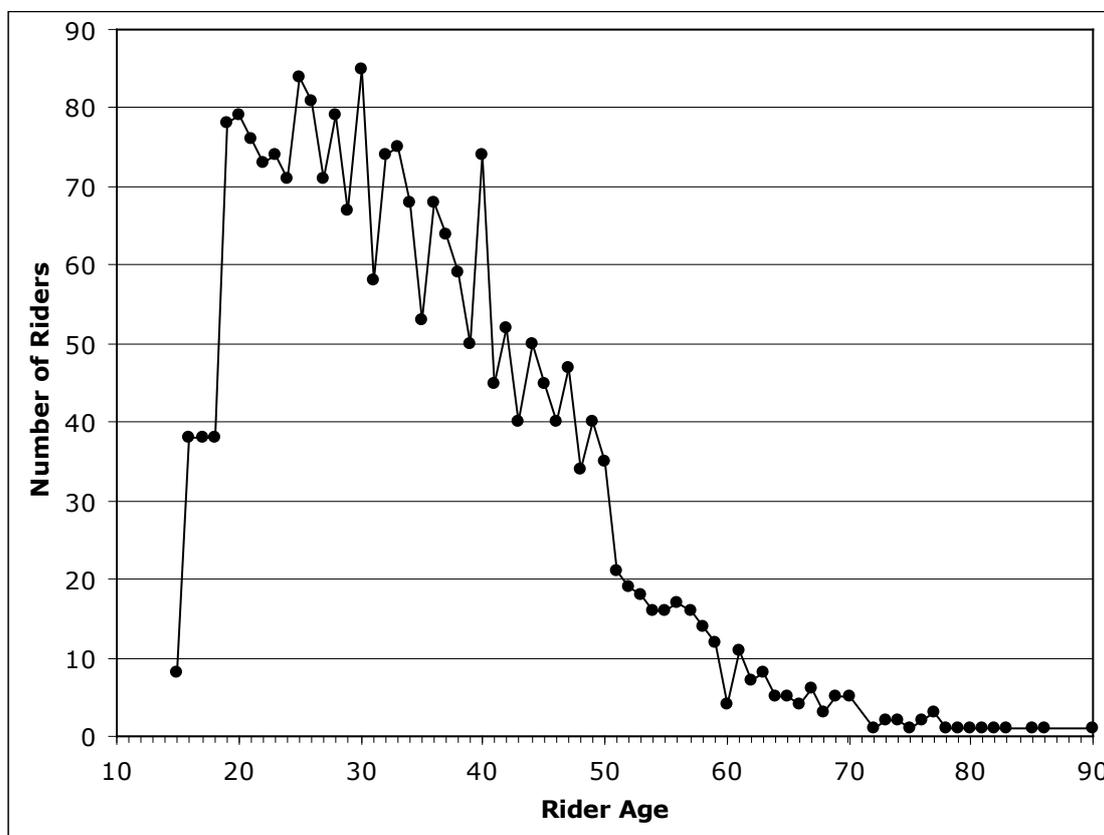
The shortest amount of time elapsing from purchasing their motorcycle and the rider fatally crashing is 1 day and the longest time elapsing is 3.4 years, with an average of just under 1 year. Again, this shows the sheer inexperience level of the victims and back up the conclusion gleaned from the previous figures.

The average engine capacity is 650cc.

The average age of the riders involved in motorcycle fatality crashes is 35 years.

Have a look at the accompanying graph showing the rider ages of the victims of serious motorcycle crashes in SA this year, it also includes the fatalities.

From the Centre of Automotive Safety Research



## 2006 Motorcycle casualty crashes (up to July 21st 2006)

The above graph closely ties in with the observation that the average age is 35 years. It shows a narrow band around the 25 to 40 year mark.

In the fatality figures, this band is even narrower and most of the 2006 victim's ages are between 30 and 40 years of age. (Something wonderful happens when you turn 50, you are twice as safe!!!!)

Further investigation reveals that 38% of the fatality crashes involved riders who were either unregistered or unlicensed. Were these 'unriders' never licensed or were riding after a license suspension? Further investigation is needed here.

Motorcyclists have long held the view that car drivers are mostly at fault in fatality crashes with motorcycles. WRONG!!

The fatality file for 2006 reveals that the vast majority of fatal

crashes were 'single vehicle' crashes.

In other words, the motorcyclists simply stuffed up and caused their own demise. This is a fact; we can't blame another vehicle for the majority of these crashes.

Why did the motorcyclists stuff up?

Obviously most of the victims were quite inexperienced – we all are still learning after many years of riding, it is an ongoing thing! Ridersafe was probably the only training they have ever received.

The other and probably more important reason for the victims to stuff up was the fact that the majority of them were travelling at high speeds and in some cases, extremely high speeds. The

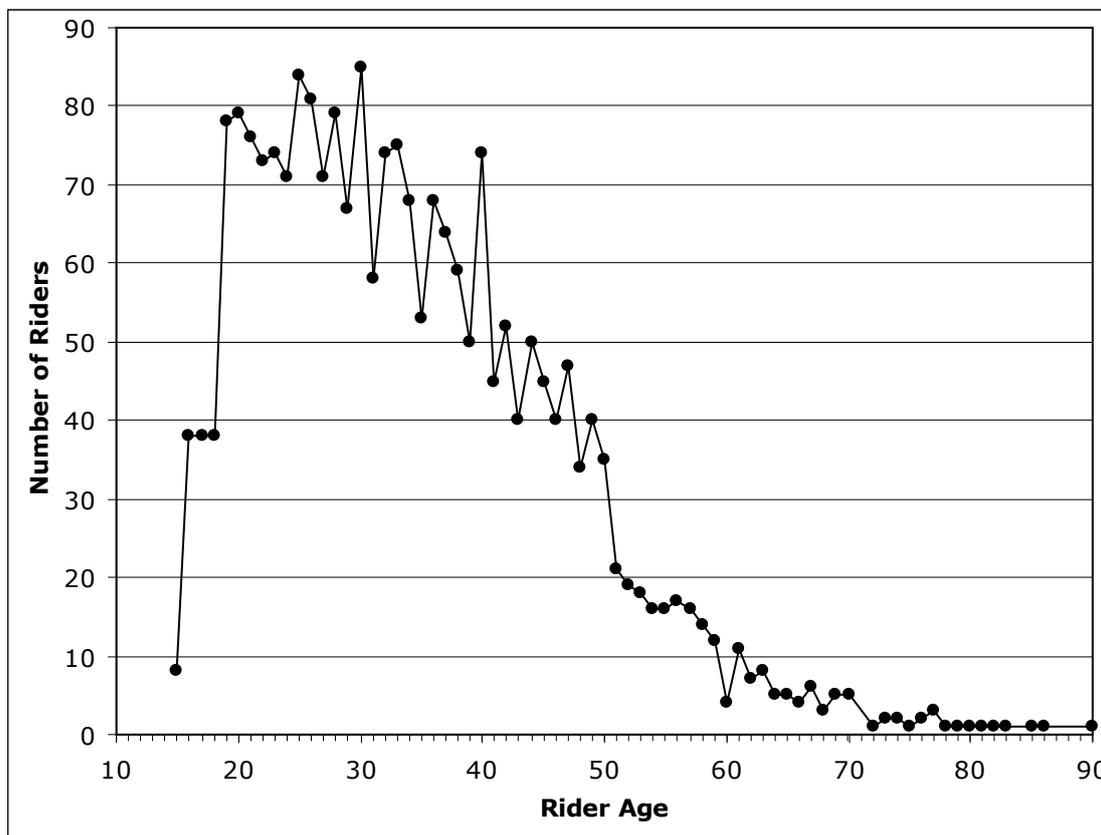
majority of fatal crashes occurred in a 60 kph zone further indicating excessive speed as a cause of death.

I cannot comment on individual cases, as the Coroner's Inquiries are ongoing, but it is a simple fact that speed was the probable major cause of the majority of the fatal crashes experienced so far this year.

The total number of motorcycle crashes over the years is ever decreasing, so how come the number of fatalities is increasing

this year. One answer is that the number of bikes on the road is increasing at a rapid rate. Motorcycle sales are accelerating, up >20% compared with this time last year, with scooter sales experiencing a 46% increase over the same period last year, so we can therefore expect a small increase in crashes to go with the increased participation rate. Of course, when dealing with small numbers, the stats can be slewed out of proportion. More long time stored machines are being removed from the rear of the shed as motorcycling in general becomes more popular.

Graph from the Automotive Safety Research Centre.



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I hope we never go back to the bad days on 1985 when the fatality numbers were 45 deaths. We have come a long way since then. Have a look at the marked decrease post 1987. This coincides with the advent of the compulsory Ridersafe course. The fatality numbers since 1987 have dropped even more dramatically. Perhaps we now need a dedicated program to drop the numbers again like they did in 1987. Maybe an easily accessible and cheap advanced rider training course will do the trick again in 2006/2007?

OK, what can be done to stop the motorcycle carnage in the future? The easiest program to implement is that of increased enforcement. As we have seen, speed is a major factor so far this year and to bring these speeds down will require that the culprits are caught and punished. Unfortunately this will mean that ALL motorcyclists will be targeted in such a campaign. License checking will catch the 'unriders'. So what, a little inconvenience and we are on our way again.

Already SAPOL are placing their cameras in highly trafficked motorcycle roads in the Lobethal to Cudlee Creek area with quite startling results. Reckless motorcyclists will be caught and hopefully when they get their licenses back, will be redirected

to the correct place for speed and take up bracket racing at Mallala.

A proactive approach would be to introduce a cheap advanced rider training course and to have a media campaign to alert motorcyclists to upgrade their skills, promote the value of advanced rider training and to extol car drivers to be aware of motorcyclists as these types of crashes haven't completely disappeared.

It is obvious that a very small number of errant motorcyclists are intent on their own demise. From the statistics, they are relatively inexperienced and suffer from a feeling of invincibility. They are above the law. Too many crash and burn computer games in their informative years? Could be!

Their attitudes need to change – now there's a challenge! Maybe enforcement is the only language they understand as their toys are wheeled away and impounded and they are forced to resort to bicycles to get around on.

**Neville Gray**  
**Public Liaison Coordinator**  
**Ulysses Club Inc.**  
**20th October 2006.**

# Physics, Fuel and Bikes

Physics explains everything (well, except female thought patterns).

## Basic Law of Physics

Energy can neither be created nor destroyed. It only changes form.

The engine in your bike is an energy converter. It changes the energy in the fuel (i.e., heat energy), when you ignite it, into mechanical energy. Sadly, it does a lousy job of this energy conversion. It converts about 30% of the heat energy in the fuel to useful work. Diesel engines are better in this respect. What happens to the rest, I hear you ask? Well, it makes the engine hot, the coolant hot, the exhaust pipe *very* hot and the exhaust gases *very, very* hot. No use at all, except for warming your hands on Guzzi cylinders on a cold day (thanks, Guzzi Bob).

A turbo charger will use some of the wasted gas energy to improve performance. Better, but there are still losses of heat energy that are considerable. Makes you wonder why we bother!

Now, not all fuels have the same heat energy in them, due to their chemical structure:

More heat energy = more mechanical energy (and more to lose).

More mechanical energy = more performance and better fuel consumption figures.

Why don't we use a fuel with more heat energy? We do if we use 98 octane R.O.N. (Research Octane Number).

We have looked at the heat energy loss that occurs with fuel and the internal combustion engine, as we currently know it. Oh, and yes, ceramic components (e.g., pistons) have been tried with little success. What about other types of fuel? I am glad you asked.

## Methyl Alcohol aka Methanol

A colourless, volatile, poisonous liquid compound used in solvent and fuel. I love it! Great stuff! Used it in racing cars in the 60s in large amounts. Sadly, there are problems. It will run in *very* high compression engines without detonation (pinging). But, and a huge but, its heat energy is lousy. You must use bucket fulls of the stuff. This, and the initial cost, makes it very expensive. Also, it is hygroscopic (i.e., absorbs moisture out of the air and degenerates very quickly). To compound the problem, it eats various types of rubber and metals. It has a low viscosity and will leak out of a very small hole. Oh, and it burns with an invisible flame. Very nasty if it is you that is burning. Thus, I would drain it out of the fuel system before I left the track at any race meeting. Not much chop for your bike.

Now the 'IN' thing. **Ethyl Alcohol aka ethanol.**

A colourless, flammable liquid produced by fermenting sugars ( $C_2H_5OH$ ). Fantastic stuff! We can make it in endless amounts at a very reasonable price. When added to petrol in the ratio of 90% petrol to 10% ethanol, we have what is now called E10 fuel. In Australia, we are limited to no more than 10% ethanol, as larger amounts can cause engine problems. How fantastic is it? Well,

not particularly, considering that Honda will void your warranty if you use the stuff. BMW is also not that keen on prolonged use. Also, consider this: burning 1 litre of pure ethanol delivers about 67% of the heat energy that's in a litre of petrol. If you buy 10 litres of E10, that equates to 9 litres of petrol and 1 litre of ethanol, i.e., about 97% of the heat energy. Thus, you must use more to get the same heat energy as pure petrol. Bugger!! Fuel consumption increases by about 3%, according to the much respected Orbital Research group in Perth.

So there. Take your pick.

How about nitro methane? Don't even think about it! The bottom line - If you want the best power and economy, use 98 octane (R.O.N.). After all, it's only money.

**Bryan Cutt**

Note from the writer: We were talking about this stuff the other day, and I was surprised that a lot of the folks had little knowledge of the subject. Thus, I thought I would write a simple (I hope) explanation of engines and fuels. This stuff was my job before I retired.



# Turkey's Turquoise Coast

Would you believe there is very little tidal movement in the Turkish Mediterranean – like 30cm max! As we paddled the 150 or so kilometres in Turkey's SW we wondered at the lack of shellfish, seaweed and seagulls and determined it had something to do with the tiny tides. But, never mind, there were plenty of other things to also wonder at.

Steve and I were on a 'Turkish Odyssey' offered by Southern Sea Ventures - 7 days kayaking camping to toughen us up, followed on by 5 nights on a wooden boat called a gulet playing the pampered tourist. The group came together at the first night's hotel where we met 3 other Australian couples, our highly experienced British (Turkish resident) guide, Sally, and her assistant, Kiwi Luke. When the season finishes in Turkey, Sally and Luke are likely to be found leading kayak tours in Doubtful Sound, NZ. We were lucky in that all couples were about the same age (av. 50ish) and were informed that we were 'young' as some groups average 60. Sally is in her 40s and Luke was the only youngster.

Everyone had requested single kayaks as we all laughed at the emotional stress of paddling with your spouse. However, for a larger group Sally opts to take a double in case one gets ill or has an off-day. So our flotilla consisted of German made Prijons: 2 Kodiaks, 6 Seayaks and a double Excursion in which we rotated couples and it fondly became known as the Queen Mary or Bloody Mary, depending on the day's interaction with the partner.

Our kayaks were each packed with two 5-litre jugs of water (fore and aft), heaps of food, a sleeping bag & ground sheet, and a medium dry bag instructed to half-fill with our personal gear(!). We literally dropped the loaded kayaks from the esplanade 4' down onto the lake at Köyceğiz and set off around the lake to get used to our crafts. The Prijons are actually quite comfortable with good back support and the double, although a strange bow for a sea kayak, was sluggish to respond, but as steady as a rock. We also became familiar with the weather patterns we were to expect. Around noon the wind would whip up and be steady until at least 4pm, then evening paddling could be quite pleasant.

At the end of the first day, skirting reeds, we had the delights of a hot springs spa and mud pools plus the bar which we patronised with the gusto of sailors at sea for months! Our camp was hard ground (and thermorest) and a fair few bugs. Plus the Turks have not yet embraced the concept of 'Keep Turkey Clean' and anything near a town has an unsightly array of rubbish. But I did find a very large land turtle that is now a movie star.

Next day was a complete change as we entered the Dalyan River delta plied by tourist craft and pleasure boats. Here we stopped for a walk amongst ancient city ruins, marveled at the cliff-face Lycian tombs and watched a lovely lady effortlessly roll out gozleme (pancakes) for our lunch. The reeds here grow to 3m tall and there were so many channels we could easily have got lost had it not been for the boats travelling the familiar channel to the township for the night's moorings. Camp was an isolated beach just outside the river mouth but in view of a sand spit with resort umbrellas. Our little spot had a most beautiful sunset and tracks to and from a mound made maybe 2 nights before by a

nesting giant loggerhead turtle. On the hillside we could hear the occasional goat bell and were warned that they are hungry and brazen, and therefore to close up hatches and take washing off bushes.



**Day 2: Turtle Beach Camp**

Now we were on the Mediterranean travelling east past beaches and jagged limestone cliffs. We had a total of three headlands and the first one was a challenge for Steve and me. That afternoon's swell rose to 2m, not many whitecaps but the rebound wash from the cliffs can be felt up to 1.5km outwards and the turbulence threatened our comfort zone. Safely around the point, we encountered bays and coves that would delight a pirate and the waters now a calm beautiful light jade. Oleanders in full bloom often heralded small beaches on which we had lunch or made a camp sleeping on stones under the stars and a near-full moon. Meals were far superior to my camp cooking and always with a Turkish theme - breakfasts of bread, cheese, tomatoes and olives, and jam, lunches a hearty salad and meats, and dinner a literal feast.



**Day 3: Lyceum Tombs**

Steve and I opted for the double around the next two headlands, but the conditions were never as hairy as the first. Instead, we wandered in and out of caverns, coves and the odd cave, covering up to 30km a day. The rock formations didn't vary much in colour but the shapes and strata layers were intriguing

and the turquoise of the water just magic. One evening, Luke prepared a shallow hangi by heating rocks to cook our meal of baked potatoes/onions/stuffed eggplant (and baked bananas in nutella and cointreau) while we used the embers to cook spicy sausages on sticks. It was the only time we had a fire. All the cold weather gear we had been advised to bring had been left in civilization as the weather was very warm and our sleeping bags proved a bit too hot.



**Day 6: The Cove**

The last and southern-most point on our route turned us into Fethiye Bay with its many islands and a mass of smaller coves. We were heading to Göçek but now in quiet popular waters with other pleasure craft. The camp here was walking distance over a ridge to a 'marina' and a nice cold Efes (local beer). Next morning we played in our cove doing eskimo rolls, re-entries and balancing to stand upright on a very wobbly kayak, taking more photos and snorkeling. The last camp was at a cute cove in a small outdoor family restaurant, at which we ate an evening meal, and with a lovely garden surrounded by a stout fence to keep out the goats. There were some 90 stone ruins here, all houses carefully numbered, belonging to Greek families resettled to their land of ethnic origin after WW1 as part of a Turkish/Greek population swap.



**Day 8: Final paddle**

At Göçek we were back in the midst of summer chaos. We emptied kayaks, said 'bye to Luke who was to return them to headquarters, then collected our luggage and headed to our double-masted 6-berth wooden gulet to settle and meet the captain. Sally was to be our guide and interpreter here too. What relaxing opulence this was..... but that is another story.

[www.southernseaventures.com](http://www.southernseaventures.com) for more trips and information.

**by Lee Bruland**



**We did it! Lee and Steve Bruland.**

Editor's note: Lee also submitted the article on Turkey Torque in the last issue.

## Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar 2007

Date	Time	Leader	Event	Venue	From
7 Jan	9.00am Sunday	Neville Gray 82637566	Meet the Barossa Mob		Civic Park
14 Jan	9.30am Sunday	Andrew Mill 3 041231224	Combined Branch Ride	Pt. Broughton	Munno Para
20 Jan	11.59pm Saturday	Chris Hartley 83817291	Midnight Poker Run	Various	
28 Jan			AUSTRALIA DAY L/WEND		
4 Feb	9.00am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Bolton's Kawasaki Sponsored Ride		Bolton's Kawasaki
10 Feb	5.00pm Sunday	Rod Stoneman 83960937	Twilight Ride	Nuriootpa	Civic Park
11 Feb	9.30am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Murray Bridge	Top o' Taps
18 Feb	9.00am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Camp Quality Ride/Ross Jones	Seppeltsfield	Civic Park
25 Feb	9.30am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Mannum	Civic Park
4 Mar	9.00am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	maximoto Sponsored Ride		maximoto Mn Nth Rd Enfield
11 Mar	9.00am Saturday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	ADELAIDE CUP LONG W/E	Jamestown Caravan Park	Caltex Bolivar
18 Mar	9.30am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Adelaide Motors BMW Sponsored	Adelaide Motors	190 Glen Osmond Road
25 Mar	9.30am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Swan Reach	Civic Park
1 Apr	9.00am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Bill's Sponsored Ride		Bill's Mn Nth Rd Store
8 Apr	9.00am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Easter Sunday Wabbit Wun	Milang	Civic Park
14/15 Apr	9.00 am Saturday	Wendy King 8837 3449	Laura Folk Festival/Weekender	Wirrabara	TBA
15 Apr	9.00am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Goolwa	Top o' Taps
22 Apr	9.30am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Lyndoch	Civic Park
29 Apr	9.00am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	GC Sponsored Ride		GC Motorcycles
6 May	9.30am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Myponga (micro brewery)	Mcdonald's Magill Rd
13 May	9.30am		Mothers Day		Top o' Taps
20-27 May			COFFS HARBOUR AGM		
3 Jun	9.30am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Kapunda	Civic Park
10 Jun	9.30am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Combined Captains Ride		Mcdonald's Magil Rd
17 Jun	8.00am Sunday	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Die Hards' Breakfast	Cambrai	Civic Park

**'Snapshot' record of The Odyssey at Naracoorte 2006**

**Winner of the Tattoo Competition, Margie Neighbours**



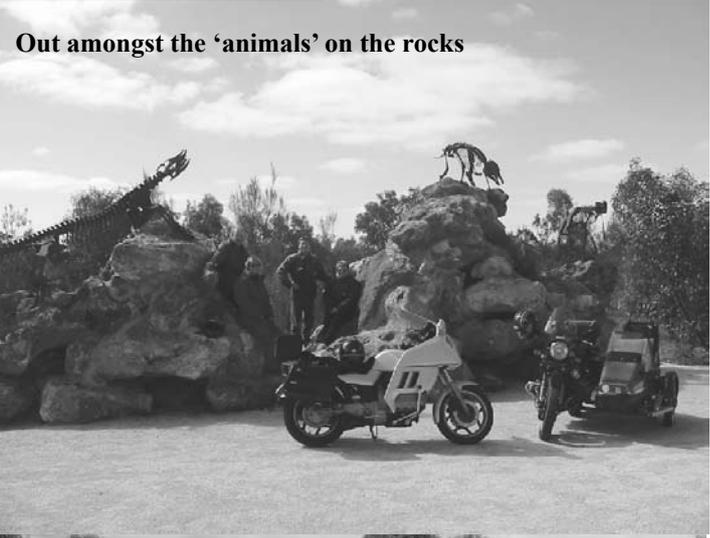
**Robbo doing a Jamie Drury**



**Spike (Rudi Spykstra) giving Jenny Hills one**



Top left: Winners are grinners (Trivia Quiz) Malley Monsters (Adelaide + Malley) Dale Howard, Ellie Donovan, Wendy King, Sue Freene, Janet Higgs, Rodney Beswick, Rhoda Ryan, Grant Armstrong, Carol Beswick, Don Freene

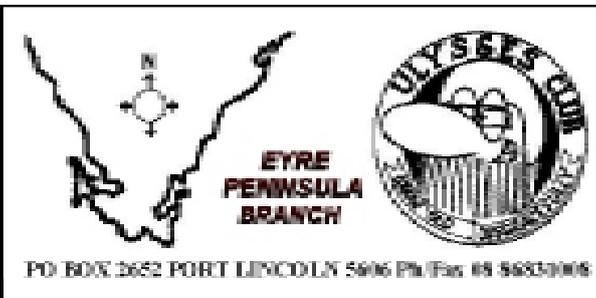


**David 'Dutch' Holland, a close second for the best tattoo**



**Some of the many happy campers**

# News from other SA Branches



Month	Date	Ride	Contact	Advise By	Leave	Time
January	14	Friends & Rellies Ride Coffin Bay Oval Gift Vouchers donated by Nigel Trezise	Ray Sims 8685 4107 Ride Leader Des Boyce	7th January	Town Jetty	10.30 am
February	11	Kevin & Margaret Warren's Airstrip at Tootanilla BYO BBQ or lunch	Bill Sellen 8682 2713	4th February	Town Jetty	11.00 am
February	25	Tumby Bay Island BYO BBQ	Bill Crettenden 8683 3382	18th February	North Shields	11.00 am
March	18	Mystery Trial Ride BYO BBQ	Jack Ash 8682 3285	11th March	Town Jetty	10.00 am
March April	31 1	Elliston O/Night Book own accommodation at Waterloo Bay Caravan Park or elsewhere	Mick Jesser 8682 4019	24th March	Town Jetty	2.00 pm
April	27-29	Penong	Trevor Hannam 8682 8209	20th April	Town Jetty	
May	13	Mike Di Hart's Annual Aero Display BYO	Bill Sellen 8682 2713	6th May	Town Jetty	11.00 am
June	9-10	O/Night Camp at Mikera Sunday BBQ for day riders	Jack Ash 8682 3285	2nd June	Ask Jack Sunday TJ	11.00 am
June	24	Borthwick Hill Catered for by Cowley's Motorcycles	Bill Crettenden 8683 3382	17th June <b>MUST ADVISE</b>	Cowley's M/cycles	11.00 am

## Avoid Bay

Sometimes you find that unplanned days can end up most enjoyable, this was most certainly the case on Wednesday the 13th September. Ulysses members, Geoff Trevor and Trevor Hannam, decided on a short ride to Coffin Bay for the usual coffee and chips, had not been there long when local Ulyssian, Bill Crettenden, and his wife, Rosy arrived with another couple, Ellen and Wayne Howarth from Geelong. Ellen and Wayne are Ulyssians and were riding their very nice 2006 Honda Goldwing to the Ghostown Rally at Broken Hill when they decided to detour and come to look at Port Lincoln, use that as their base and spend time looking at the surrounding country side. When they arrived in Port Lincoln, they met Bill and Rosey driving past with friends. Next morning, Bill (being the friendly person that he is) went to the caravan park and invited Ellen and Wayne out for a ride, which of course they accepted, and that is how we all come to meet at Beachcomber, Coffin Bay.

Geoff and Trevor joined the group and headed out to the National Park for a very nice afternoon riding along the coast to places like Almonta beach and Avoid bay. After spending time checking out the sights, and party tricks supplied by a certain BMW owner, it was back to Coffin Bay for a bit more sight seeing. As always all good things must come to an end, we said goodbye to Ellen and Wayne and wished them a safe ride back to Geelong, Ellen and Wayne responded by thanking Bill and Rosy Crettenden for the invitation to spend the day with them (and a couple of gate crashers) they were also very impressed with our fine city and coastal scenery. Another great day had by Ulysses members



Above: Ellen and Wayne Howarth with their Honda.  
Below: Wayne & Ellen Howarth, Geoff Trevor, Rosey Crettenden, Trevor Hannam



## Lower Flinders Ranges Ride

Ride Leaders Peter and Marlene Poole from Tumby Bay (pictured below) led eleven Ulyssians on their motor bikes and two in tin tops to Quorn on Friday the 8th of September. After various fuel and eating stops and pushing a very cold wind, we settled into the Transcontinental Hotel at Quorn. After a short rest we walked to Graham and Val Francis's gallery; Graham was to be our guide for the workshop tour of the Pichi Richi Railway. The volunteers come from all over Australia to work on carriages, engines, etc, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters and general handymen have enough work for a hundred years; it was a very interesting tour. After the tour, we wandered back to the hotel looking forward to a very nice tea, we were not to be disappointed. There were many people in the lounge watching football on the TV; people change when they are watching sport don't they?.

After breakfast the next morning and eager to roll, we found that Brett had a puncture in his trailer, we were still able to be on the road at 8.45am, with that bitter cold wind still blowing and no sign of that elusive sun.

Les, Mick and Brian, three more Ulyssians met us at Wilmington and joined us for our ride, stopping for coffee and Devonshire tea at the blacksmith's shop at Melrose. It was great to wander around and look at all the bits and pieces on display; they had lit the open fires so it was nice and warm inside.

We continued on to Laura where Les from Pt Pirie gave us a guided tour of the Golden North factory (yes, milk comes from cows not in a packet) - very interesting. At the end of the tour, we had a Golden North Twin Choc. From there it was on the bikes again and back to Wirrabarra where Di Parker and son, Tom, supplied a light lunch. (Di originally started the Coult tea rooms).

After a very nice lunch Bill Crettenden left the group and headed back to Port Lincoln for a prior arranged engagement, the rest of the group rode through the Port Germein Gorge to the township of Pt Germein for a coffee for some. The second hand shop created a few laughs with skeletons sitting around and a few spider webs all over the windows. It was then on to Port Pirie to our accommodation at the Cabin Park. Some of the group stayed in the Motel. Les, Mick, Leon and their wives joined us for tea at the Sports Tavern near the Cabin Park. After a great meal, it was early to bed as the next day included a long ride home.

The last day got off to a great start as we were invited to Les's place for breakfast which was very nice indeed. We do hope to be able to return the hospitality shown to us by the Pt Pirie Ulyssians when they ride over our way.



The Odyssey

We had a leisurely ride home with the usual fuel and food stops, nice sunny day to finish a great ride. Oops, nearly forgot to mention: somebody in our group got lucky on the pokies, modesty prevents me from mentioning names!!

**Marlene Poole # 14723 Peter Poole # 12809**



## Port Neill ride Sunday 15th October

A good number of Ulysses members gathered at the North Shields Caravan Park for what was hoped to be a leisurely ride to Port Neill. We were joined by Bruce Fletcher a visitor from Adelaide. Our ride leader for the day was Alan Smith. Once Bruce Fletcher had been introduced to all members of the group and the usual discussions had taken place it was time for the "big bloke on the big blue Honda" to lead the group away.

We arrived in Port Neill looking forward to a feed of those thumper whiting that seem to find their way onto your plate. As usual we were not disappointed.

Once everybody had settled down to lunch whether, it be whiting or a barbecue, it was noticed that for the first time since becoming a Ulysses member, David Belchambers and his wife Krissy, had decided to join us, it was also great to see Dud Noble and Joan Nottle out and about and enjoying themselves after a short break (pictured below).

During the course of the afternoon, we had a visit from Barry and Jenny Moyse, Port Neill residents. Barry only became a Ulysses member a few months ago, so he thought he and Jenny should come over and make themselves known to the group. Jan Searle kicked the little Yamaha into gear and rode up from Tumby. Dennis Davidson made the trip from Pt Lincoln. To everyone mentioned here, well done guys. Efforts, however small, make for a strong club - we should not forget that.

Once lunch was out of the way and we started looking for the hammocks tied between the trees (only joking), we noticed Cowley's Motorcycles' Neil Haywood and his wife, Kym, moving around the group. Good to see you guys having a relaxing time, I suppose the last thing you wanted to see on holidays Neil was motor bikes !

After a very relaxing few hours at Port Neill, the group headed back home some calling into Tumby for a coffee. Another great day had by all, as stated at the start, we were hoping for a leisurely day ride and that's just what it was, so much so that our visitor, Bruce Fletcher has decided to become a Ulysses member!

**Trevor Hannam # 40042**



Ulysses Adelaide Branch

Hi All

'Thank you' to all of you who ventured down to Naracoorte to the 13th SA Odyssey; without you it would not have been the resounding success it was. The branch committee has received numerous emails from members expressing their thanks and appreciation for a great weekend, and well organised event. We had 251 registrations, with approximately 220 staying on site. Steve Bourne and the National Parks staff did an amazing job looking after the amenities all weekend - many thanks guys and girls. Our caterers, the Naracoorte Angling Club did an outstanding job; the food was fantastic, served hot and fast, many thanks go to all the members who gave away a weekend's fishing to look after our needs. Also thanks to those Ulysses members who pitched in and helped out in so many different ways over the weekend; your efforts didn't go unnoticed. Special thanks to the Torrens Valley boys and girls who served their "apprenticeship" for Burra next year. The highlights of the Odyssey for me were (in no particular order!), the food, the company, the tattoo comp and Robbo's floor show.

Our Rides Captain, Chris Jackway, has recently returned from a stay in hospital where he had a back operation. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Chris, and look forward to seeing you back on the Yammie soon. Tim the Pres has also had a stay in hospital. Fortunately, he is back in the saddle, but bypassing the bakeries on Sunday rides. Jill

Snigg is also back riding a tad earlier than expected after her shoulder op. Well done, Jill!!!

Limestone Coasters have been riding most weekends in many directions. Many thanks to Graham Holloway for filling in as Rides Captain while Chris recovers from his surgery.

You may remember back in 2005, a group of Adelaide members knitted beanies for a Bluey Day shave-off in which Rudi and I were going to participate. Unfortunately, Bluey Day never got off the ground, so we have been looking for a worthwhile opportunity to put the beanies up for auction. On Pink Ribbon Day, we auctioned off the beanies, so look out for some very interesting creations at up and coming rallies!! There are a few remaining beanies that we are donating to Adelaide hospital oncology units for their patients. The WIMA Pink Ribbon Ride was well attended with over \$2500 raised for Breast Cancer Research and our local Mt Gambier breast cancer support services.

Miss Jane



### Fleurieu Peninsula Branch Calendar

Date	Time	From	Event	Venue	Leader
January 27-28	10.00 am Saturday	Willunga	Weekender	Bublacowie War Museum	Kevin, Tec, Ron/Al
January 28	10.00 am Sunday	Willunga	Coffee Run	TBA	Tec
February 25	10.00 am 10.30 am Sunday	Willunga	Learners Experienced	Phil's/Pam's	Go Down/Hobbitt Tec, Fred, Al
March 10-12	9.00 am 10.00 am Saturday	Willunga Strathalbyn	Meet the Shearwater and Limestone Branches	Mount Gambier	Luke Tec, Go Down
March 11	10.00 am Sunday	Willunga	Coffee Run	TBA	Tec
March 25	10.00 am Sunday	Willunga	Presidents Ride Mystery Ride	TBA	VB Tec, Fred



Hi Everyone,

Well, the 'Festive' season is almost upon us and it only seems like we have just gotten over the last one. Anyway, every season is a festive one in Ulysses isn't it? Down on the Fleurieu it seems that way and even though the year is winding down, our lot are just winding up. By the time you read this, we will have had our annual Christmasmas B-B-Q ride which ended up back at Hobbit & Vicki's place and where we once again would have been visited by grumpy old 'Get Nicked' and his helpers. (Unfortunately, St. Nick has refused to attend our end of year bash and will again send his brother). Photos in the next Odyssey.

The 10th of December looks like being a very busy day for Ulyssians around Adelaide with both the MRA 'Toy Ride' and Fleurieu Branch 'Ride for Toys' on the same day. Both are very worthwhile events and deserve to be supported. Unlike the MRA event which is open to all, our 'Ride for Toys' is a Ulysses Club event which will commence this year at the Old Noarlunga Football Club in Old Noarlunga. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase before the start time of 3pm. We will wind our way down to Goolwa and assemble for the Goolwa Pageant again. This is a great opportunity for us to show off our machines to the locals, and the seniors at the retirement village always get a kick out of the bikes. After the pageant we park our bikes and join in the festivities. The 'entry fee' for this ride is a toy of some description just like the MRA ride and our toys are donated to Direct Care which is a local charity helping families on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Please be generous and don't forget the older kids enjoy toys and games too.

Since my last ramble we have had some great events, the stand-outs being the Naracoorte Odyssey which a heap of us attended – great job by the Limestone Coast Branch, and a ride to the Birdwood Mill Museum with a BBQ afterwards. They weather was very second hand in the wee small hours, and maybe a few were put off by this, however, our Catering Corps put on a great lunch and we had plenty of time to socialise and check out the relics in the Museum (some of them were moving too!!) and take a walk down memory lane. Some breaking news is that the Fleurieu Branch will be hosting the 2008 Odyssey. We will keep everyone updated as the plans unfold.



Reminder that we WILL be having a meeting on 21st December – VERY quick meeting then let the fun begin..... 'normal' meetings resume in January. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, Willunga Golf Club, Willunga, 6pm onwards (meals & bar), 8pm meeting.

We have received several requests for the Rides Calendar for this Branch to be included in the Odyssey so I have reprinted the first few months of next year. Please bear in mind that sometimes things can change, so if you have access to the internet you can double-check at [www.fub.org.au](http://www.fub.org.au) where you will find the complete calendar for next year posted soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their fantastic efforts this year. Some have served on our Committee and various Sub-Committees at the Branch, some have helped out at meetings and events during the year, some have opened their homes and businesses to our Branch, and all have eaten, drunk, laughed, joked, hugged, yarned, ridden and even driven their way into each others hearts down at the Fleurieu. Please be careful over the silly season when out on the roads, and all come back next year for another dose of the same medicine that has been dished up since the formation of our great Branch.

And remember to WATCH OUT FOR THE DI\*\*HEADS!!!!!!

**Heather Van Erp  
'Haveachat'**

# Southern Flinders Ulysses Ride Group



On Sunday October 15th, 13 bikes and 1 car left Pt. Pirie in perfect weather to ride to Pt. Vincent for lunch. On the way we had quick pit stops at Bute and Ardrossan then had a quick ride around the marina at Pt. Vincent. Then we headed to Bernard and Barbera Knope's home, where they had generously allowed us to have a byo bbq lunch. A few of the Yorke Peninsula group were on hand and everyone had a good time.

After lunch we headed off and were joined at Ardrossan by another bike (which replaced 1 that only came part way with us) with most of us going through to Wallaroo for a coffee. Some wanted to get home earlier and bypassed the coffee stop. The stop at Wallaroo looked more like a cake eating competition and some of the bikes would definitely have struggled on the way home. I now understand why some of our members own Harleys with the big cube motors; anything smaller would struggle after each coffee stop.

Another great day and our thanks go to Bernard and Barbara for making us feel welcome.



## Future Rides:

**December 17th:** Breakfast at the Gladstone Gaol with the Torrens Valley Branch, then to Wirrabara for a look at the Farmers' Market. Ride starts at 7:30am. Ride Leader Les Beyer (8632 5565)

**January 13th:** Social get together and bbq at Paul Berry's house, 210 Esmond Rd., Pt. Pirie. BYO meat, salad, chair and drinks, starts at 6:00pm. Any questions ring Paul on 8632 5810.

**February 13th:** Leave at 9:30am and travel to Wilmington via Horrocks Pass and then to the Wirrabara Hotel for lunch.

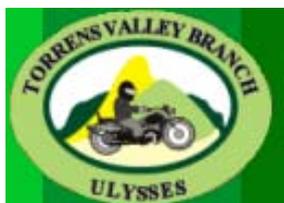
Ride leader Les Beyer (8632 5565 or 0427 632 213)

**March 10th to 12th:** (Adelaide Cup weekend) Weekend ride to Tumby Bay. Accommodation available at the caravan park (phone 1800 800 320)

**March 18th:** Leave at 10:00am to the Bute Hotel for a Steak lunch. Ride leader Mick Cliff (86330654, 0417846668).

For further information contact Les Beyer on 0427 632 213 or Leon Stephens on 0407 727 035





## Torrens Valley Branch Ride Calendar



Date	Time	Leader	Event	Venue	Depart
January 7	Sunday 9.00 a.am	Neville Gray 8263 7566	Meet the Barossa Group		Civic Park
January 14	Sunday 9.30 am	Dave + Andrew 0411 378 181	Adelaide + Torrens Valley Ride	Port Broughton	Munno Para
January 26-28	Saturday 9.00 am	David Holland 0411 378 181	Yorke Peninsula Tour	Many	Munno Para
February 4	Sunday 9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Bolton's Sponsored Ride		South Road Richmond
February 10	Saturday 5.00 pm	Rod Stoneman 8396 0937	Twilight Ride	The Vine Inn Nuriootpa	Civic Park
February 18	Sunday 9.30 am	Ross Jones 0419 835 800	Camp Quality	Seppeltsfield	Civic Park
February 25	Sunday 9.00 am	Robbo 8522 7474	Robbo's Sausage Sizzle	Port Pirie	Gawler
March 4	Sunday 9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	maximoto Sponsored Ride		
March 10-12 Victoria	Saturday 8.00 am Labour Day	David Holland 0411 378 181	Meet the Shearwater and Limestone Coast Branches	Mt Gambier	Munno Para
March 18	Sunday 9.00 am	Graham Cairns 0415 974 169	President's Ride		Gawler
March 25	Sunday 10.00 am	David Holland 0411 378 181	Rob Borm's Soup Run	Gumeracha	Gawler



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## Ghost Town Rally 2006

Well I did it...after 33 years of marriage, I had my first camping trip. If anyone had told me two years ago that I would be on the back of a bike and that I would be camping, I would have told them that they had lost the plot.

Thank you Kelvin for taking Mick to the first Torrens Valley Branch meeting...and for threatening me to get on the back of the bike...boy has our life changed...Now our boys have to make appointments to see us...as we are never home!

My idea of roughing it were 3 star minimum motels and now I have slept in a tent at the Broken Hill Race Course and showered in the horse stables (not really an ensuite) and there is a rumour going around that I MIGHT still not be dressed by lunchtime. Don't believe that.

Well, the Ghost Town Rally was great, we had rain, we froze, we had wind, but most of all we had a fantastic time. We left home on Tuesday and had a good trip, put the tent up without any domestics and I think I can say I was the first one to have a COLD shower at the GTR. I made sure that didn't happen again!

Wednesday we had a sightseeing tour with the locals, Lorraine and Robbo. I had never been to Broken Hill, so we had a great look, checked out the shops and the Art Gallery to see THE BIG PICTURE. Back at the campsite more people started arriving and erecting tents, campers etc. The campfires were a big hit because the weather was pretty chilly. There was entertainment and dancing by some, but mostly were just catching up with old friends and making new ones.

We also went into the Royal Hotel for a couple of counter meals on the little bus that could carry more people than you would think. We had a ride out to Silverton and had a look at the Coin Carvery, art galleries, pub, etc.

Our first Ghost Town Rally had some sad moments as well, but we had a great time and will always remember it. Joining the Ulysses Club was the best thing we have done, we have made many new friends with whom we will Grow Old Disgracefully.

Looking forward to the next Ghost Town Rally...but there will be lots more trips before that.

**Margaret Dolensky (Red) #38633**

**Mick Dolensky (Lefty) #38270**



Right: Robbo and Red

Left: Ms Ghosttown Rally 2006



Reminder: Sue and Col are going to Tumby Bay for the New Year's Weekend. They will be staying at the Tumby Bay Caravan Park. There will be a band at the local. This is an informal weekend - come with whoever you want and by whatever form of transport you choose. There is also a new ferry service from Wallaroo to Lucky Point on Eyre Peninsula, if you feel it's too far to ride: Cost about \$30 for the bike and \$25 per person. Call Sea SA on 8823 0777

**Australia Day  
Long Weekend  
26-28 January  
Tour of Yorke Peninsula  
Leaving Munno Para  
Friday 9.00 am**

## Meet & Greet With The Westgate Wanderers - 2006

There is a downside to sharing a cabin with the Editor of the TV Newsletter – you can get dobbed in to write an article on the trip!

Neville and I took our time meandering to Mildura, which is a change, as he usually arrives before he leaves. We arrived at the Caravan Park at lunchtime Friday with the TV contingent arriving about 2.00pm. The Westgate Wanderers rocked in at about 4.00pm, unfortunately, minus two members who were involved in a nasty accident near Ballarat and spent the weekend in Hospital.

Friday night's meal was a barbecue in the grounds of the Caravan Park. Mark organised the ladies to make the salads and the blokes cooked, as they should! Apart from Westgate Wanderers and TV Ulyssians, we were joined by members from Mackay who just happened to be staying at the Park, as well as some local Mildura members. During the evening, we just lolled around renewing acquaintances and making new ones (see photo below).



On Saturday morning, we were invited to meet with the Mildura members at the coffee shop in the Mall. It was the Jazz and Wine Festival in Mildura, so the Mall was jumping with entertainment. Saturday evening we ate at a Hotel within walking distance of the Park and then all went back and resumed our positions on the lawn area by the pool.



Enjoying the Robinvale sunshine with Pam and Neville Gray

Sunday was an organized ride to Robinvale for morning tea, then on to Hattah and Nangiloc, where we had a huge lunch for \$10 at the Nangiloc Tavern. Service at the Tavern was second to none. The orders were taken and filled efficiently. Then two young girls of approximately 5 and 8 years of age, called the names and delivered the meals – about 50 of them! A collection was taken up for tips for the girls, which amassed \$60+ and a presentation made to Mum and the girls, the smiles on their faces said it all.

On the ride back, some stopped off at the Big Lizzie in Redcliffs, but some of us went back for nanny naps, by which time Margaret Dolensky was out of her pyjamas, quaffing wine and swanning around the pool. Mick had found a perfect pillion for the ride anyway named Skinny Mini.

On Monday, most said their goodbyes and headed back to their respective States.

All who attended deemed it a great weekend and can't wait until the next one in 12 months time at Mount Gambier.

**Pam Gray**  
#6624



# Yorke Peninsula

It is James Bartsch's wish to step down as organiser for the time being, so Rod Lind has kindly volunteered to step in as co-organiser with Jim Davies.

Ride to Stenhouse Bay on 5th November, saw a group of 22 bikes and 28 people at Rhino's Tavern for lunch - an excellent turnout by riders from Pirie, Kadina, Ardrossan and Yorketown areas. Special thanks to Paul and Squizzy at the tavern for looking after us.

With the interaction between groups as we had on this day, it would be to everybody's benefit if we all wear our name tags.

## Coming rides:

7th January 2007: byo lunch at Phil Bull's (Walleroo). Leave Yorketown 9.45 am Phill's at about 11.00 am.

4th February 2007: Seafood lunch and auction together with YPVVMC at Pt Turton. Numbers req. by 28.01.07. Proceeds to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

No planned ride for March because of YPVVMC rally at Pt Vincent.

1st April 2007: Visit to Ballywire Farm. Leave Yorketown at 10 am. 4kms good, unsealed road. Definite numbers required by 25.03.07

**Contacts** **Jim Davies** 8852 1021  
**Rod Lind** 8837 7260

**Australia Day Weekend**  
Torrens Valley has a weekend tour of The Peninsula and will be having morning tea at the King's in Ardrossan on Friday 26.1.07. All welcome to join us. Morning tea provided.

**The Kings**



The photos on this page are from the Rhino's Tavern Run. The one above shows a view from Innes National Park - loses a lot in greyscale, but a beautiful scene.

**Wednesday Rides**  
leave the parking bay in the centre of Kadina Park at 9.30 am on Wednesdays.  
Please contact Clive Ford on 8825 2490 before **any** Wednesday ride to get the latest information.

*Thank You*



I would like to thank everyone who assisted me during my time as rides/events organizer. Heather and I wish all our fellow Ulysses Members a safe, happy and joyous Christmas, and a prosperous New Year. Stay upright and ride safe,  
Kind regards  
James Bartsch



## Southern Yorke Peninsula Toy Run Sunday, 19th November 2006

## Northern Yorke Peninsula Toy Run Sunday, 26th November 2006 (organised by the KVVMCC)

Good roll up of about 50 bikes which did a run from Stansbury to Port Vincent, Minlaton, Warooka, Yorketown and Edithburgh, finishing up at the Coobowie Hotel, where a sausage sizzle awaited us and some great jazz music by the Minlaton Area School Band. The place was really jumping until tea time, by which time most had left for home. Garry and I and Caroline and Trevor McDonald stayed on for tea and left for home the next day. All in all a great day - fine weather, plenty of toys for the boys and girls on YP to distributed by St Vinnies. Cheers to the organisers, The Knopes and The Davies, and the sponsors, IGA Stores who supplied the sausage sizzle and a drink for all the riders.

A great number of bikes took part in the the run from Kadina to Port Wakefield, Ardrossan, Maitland, Moonta, Wallaroo and ending up at the KVVMCC rooms for a barbecue lunch, cake and coffee. Many thanks to the members for their hospitality. It was a great way to end a toy run.

Port Wakefield ladies must have been busy, going by the large bag of knitted dolls, toys, teddies, etc. that was picked up there. This was the first time Port Wakefield was included in the run, at their request. Well done! Also, the Tiddy Widdy Progress Association (out of Ardrossan) had their own collection of gifts, catering for the older children. What an effort!

The toys from this toy run was donated to the Wallaroo/Kadina St Vincent de Paul Conference for distribution.



Three Christmas tarts: Lyn Sawtell, Rae Lind and Rita Mulner



Bruce Taylor, President of Wallaroo/Kadina Conference of St Vincent de Paul and Wayne Chapman, President of the KVVMCC with the part of the huge pile of gifts donated from riders on the peninsula. There was also another table full and a *huge* bag.



Having a break at Warooka: Leon and Natalie Hall, Phil Bull and Bernard Knope



Whiling away the time after lunch from left: Bob Curnow and Dean Colliver (KVVMCC) and Kerry Cornish, Rene Power and Helen Chapman (Ulysses)

**ULYSSES CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY to 11 DECEMBER 2005**

<b>OPENING BALANCE - 1/7/5</b>		<b>\$</b>
Special Events Account		84.70
General Account		5,502.39
Odyssey Account		0.00
		<u>5,587.09</u>

<b>PLUS RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$</b>
Gear Shop Sales	7292.15	
New Members	2090.00	
Renewals	1380.00	
Odyssey Levy	2432.00	
Raffles	1835.05	
Advertising	610.00	
Catering	683.00	
Advance Rider	6090.00	
Interest	9.08	
Registration	9792.00	
Friday Nights	1380.00	
Camping Fees	3940.00	
Rar Takings	1703.80	
Xmas Supper	2.30	
Odyssey Pales	72.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	
		<u>39,291.38</u>

<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>		
New Members & Renewals	3010.00	
Odyssey Mag Printing & Post	5241.65	
Bank charges	5.00	
Advance Rider	6090.00	
Gear	7648.74	
Friday Dinners	89.55	
Petty Cash	818.56	
Telephone	416.12	
24hr Trials	250.00	
Rides	250.00	
Xmas Supper	250.00	
Catering	900.00	
Website	15.00	
Audit Fees	154.00	
Special Events Food & Dev	9746.00	
Camping Fees	3940.00	
Refunds	618.00	
Postage	54.00	
		<u>39,506.62</u>

<b>CLOSING BALANCE - 11/12/5</b>		<b>\$</b>
Special Events Account		100.00
General Account		5,271.85
Odyssey Account		0.00
		<u>5,371.85</u>

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**ULYSSES CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 12 DECEMBER 2005 to 31 MAY 2006**

<b>OPENING BALANCE - 1/7/5</b>		<b>\$</b>
Special Events Account		100.00
General Account		5,271.85
Odyssey Account		0.00
		<u>5,371.85</u>

<b>PLUS RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$</b>
Gear Shop Sales	4487.55	
New Members	1200.00	
Renewals	900.00	
Levy	3657.00	
Raffles	990.75	
Advertising	1420.00	
Andy Caldicott Fund	82.00	
First Aid Course	300.00	
Overs	81.00	
Toy Run Breakfast	476.50	
Interest Received	33.88	
Miscellaneous	467.00	
		<u>14,095.68</u>

<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>		
New Members & Renewals	2100.00	
Odyssey Magazine Printing	2867.00	
Odyssey Magazine Postage	1902.48	
Polos & Shirts	1543.85	
Ulysses - Gear	269.00	
Name Badges	125.00	
Petty Cash	344.00	
Telephone	386.70	
24hr Trials	150.00	
Monthly Dinners	21.45	
Ulysses Fleurieu sales share	106.05	
First Aid Course	450.00	
Raffle Books	10.50	
Cartridges	252.65	
Andy Caldicott Fund	82.00	
Sundry	361.30	
		<u>10,971.98</u>

<b>CLOSING BALANCE - 31/5/6</b>		<b>\$</b>
Special Events Account		100.00
General Account		6,413.56
Odyssey Account		1,981.99
		<u>8,495.55</u>

\*\* Note - all amounts are shown as including GST where applicable

**FOR SALE**

2006 Suzuki 1000. This bike is perfect! It has 1000 miles and has had its 500 mile dealer service. (Expensive) It's been adult ridden, all wheels have always been on the ground. I use it as a cruiser/commuter. I'm selling it because it was purchased without proper consent of a loving wife. Apparently "do whatever the f\*\*\* you want" doesn't mean what I thought. Call me, Steve. (801)867-8292

## Ross and Geraldine Murray's 50th Wedding Anniversary



It was December, 1951 in the rumpus room of a mutual friend that they first met. Geraldine, 13 years old, thought he was tall, dark and handsome, and Ross, who was 17 years old, knew he'd met his future wife.

On 3rd November, 1956, Ross and Geraldine were married at The Clayton Church on The Parade, Norwood. Their first home was bought in 1957, a little house at 38 Bricknell St., Finchley Park.

Late in the 50's, they moved to Ross River, a tourist stopover, 80 km east of Alice Springs. Ross made gem stone jewellery and they both worked very hard in all areas of running the tourist side of the station, while enjoying many good times there. Ross built their house up on a hill, which was home until the late 1960s.

In 1960, their first child was born, a beautiful baby boy named Steven, then 4 years later their lovely daughter, Peta.

In 1970, they moved into an old Tudor style home in Tranmere, spending many years renovating it.

Ross has a life-long love of motorcycles and cars. He bought a 1929 Norton on his 16th birthday, and has owned many different bikes and cars over the years. Ross was instrumental in bringing the Ducati to SA and was heavily involved for approx 20 years. In 1988, they joined the Ulysses Club and, as many know, are still active members today. The Ulysses Club, the members and adventures have been a significant part of their lives.

Their life long dream of travelling to London came to fruition in 1985 and they were fortunate enough to return two more times in 1990 and 1997.

In 1984, their first grandchild was born, followed by three more grandchildren in the 80s.

On 5th November, 2006 Ross and Geraldine celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They had a lovely afternoon at their daughter's home surrounded by family and friends from the AJS Club, the ETSA Group, Ross River friends, the Ulysses Club and many more. It was a beautiful sunny day with much chatter and laughter. They cut a lovely cake decorated with orchids (as was their wedding cake). Peta made a short speech followed by a toast made by their dear friend, Peter Sparks from the AJS Club. Geraldine responded with a heartfelt speech thanking everyone including toasting absent friends, and Ross enlightened us on the people who apparently influenced their direction in life. They were lucky to have the two bridesmaids and one groomsman to help celebrate this day.

Ross and Geraldine are truly inspirational and we wish them many more years of enjoying their love and laughter together!

**Jenny Hills**



**Janetta, Moss, Alan and Carlene**



**Ross, Steven (son) Geraldine and Peta (daughter)**



**Above: Doreen and Mick**

**Right: Geraldine presenting the gold medal to Ross**



## Member Profile: A Good Life - Kevin Warren #23112

I was born in Renmark, South Australia in September 1942. Dad was a laborer and my mother a nursing sister. The eldest of 4 brothers, we lived in a wood and corrugated iron house in the town. Renmark has a wonderful climate overall, but it can get very hot in summer and freezing in winter. I can remember water left in the bath from the previous night being frozen as the bathroom did not have lining in the early days. Likewise, in the summer we would often go for a week at a time with the temperature over 100° F every day, and not much cooler at night, with only one electric fan between us all.

We all went to school at Renmark Primary to grade 7 and then onto Renmark high. My 2nd year at high school in 1956 was when the River Murray flooded and the school was threatened. The students had to work on the flood banks, all to no avail as the levees broke and the school was flooded. Our family was evacuated to Loxton and I spent the rest of the year at the Loxton Area School. Not being all that interested in the scholastic side, the next two years were spent trying to pass my Intermediate Certificate exams with no success, but did manage to win the Senior Athletic Cup and was successful in our inter-house swimming carnival.

On leaving school, my first job was with the local GJ Coles store as a storeman for the princely sum of five pounds (\$10) per week. I spent a couple of years working in Adelaide painting show cards and signs, but didn't like city life, although made some good friends there. Returning to Remark I worked at planning and installing irrigation schemes. It was then that I realized that I needed my Intermediate Certificate and went back to school and finally passed.

I met Margaret in 1964 and started taking flying lessons in 1965 with the intention of making it my career. Because of the cost involved, I knew things would be pretty tough for a few years and after discussing things with Marg, we decided to get married and the big day was November 27th 1965. I courted Margaret on a Jawa 250cc (a what?) and I previously rode a BSA Bantam.

I gained my Commercial Pilot Licence and came to Port Lincoln in 1969 to take up a flying position in the tuna industry. When I was not involved with the tuna spotting I would take charter flights around the West Coast, Adelaide and interstate. We also ran the ambulance aircraft and many times I was called in the middle of the night to take seriously ill patients to Adelaide.

In 1986 I started in a crop dusting business with a partner, but unfortunately he passed away suddenly in 1995. Margaret and I bought the business and have run it ever since. We built a new state of the art base in Cummins in 2003 and now operate a fleet of 6 aircraft, - one turbine and 5 piston engines. We also have an aircraft that I built myself, the second of 2 aircraft built at home in the shed. It is very fast and Marg and I are able to get to Perth in around 6 hours or back up to Renmark in around one hour and 10 minutes. In my 41 years in aviation, I have amassed over 20,000 hours of flying.

I bought a BMW K1100 from the government auctions in 2001 and really enjoyed riding it, although being vertically challenged meant that I could not sit with both feet flat on the ground. Consequently, I dropped it on the odd occasion when coming to a stop on uneven ground. Alan Smith, a very good friend of mine and I rode our BMWs to the Ulysses Canberra AGM in 2005 where Alan suggested we take a couple of Goldwings for a test ride. I wasn't too sure about it because I thought it would be too heavy and besides, there was sign indicating if you dropped

it, it would cost \$2000. However, after sitting on one, I found I could comfortably put both feet on the ground, so I relented and, before I had ridden a couple of hundred metres, I was sold and decided then and there to trade in the "Beemer", buying the red Goldwing that I had on trial. It is a beautiful bike, and both Marg and I really enjoy riding it. Apart from local rides, we have been to Leigh Creek and, earlier this year, to Tasmania in the company of Alan and Joy Smith, and Bill and Rosey Crettenden. We are planning a trip to Darwin early next year.



Our two children, Karen and Tony, have always enjoyed riding motor bikes since a young age on the farm, then later our daughter Karen rode a Honda 250 everywhere with her red heeler dog sitting on the fuel tank. When Karen married and had two children, she 'upgraded' to a little car, but her love of motor bikes has not diminished, although these days, her job as a postie restricts her to a postie bike. She rode in enduro races while our son Tony was riding Moto Cross, but as he works as an agricultural pilot for us, he decided the risk was too high when a few of his mates needed months off from work with injuries. We tell the kids that they can sort out our assets when we pass on and we know they will do that without argument, except who will have dad's Goldwing. Margaret says that is a good reason to have a bike of her own!

### Upcoming Rallies SA 2007

March 3-4	Rivergum	Renmark	Grot 0412 602 272
	No badges		
April 21-22	Booborowie	Aidan	8346 4071
May 5-6	Roaming Swagman	TBA	Lefty 8633 1516
Flyers will be in motor bike shops when known			
May 12-13	Great Escape	Les	8262 2209
May 26-27	Wanbi Pub Run		Peter 0412 021 180
June 9-11	Wintersun	Mildura	John 03 5023 7218
July 13-15	Radiata	South End	Frank 8765 1030
July 28-29	Rhynie Pub		Aidan 8346 4071
August 10-12	Alz. Mallee Rally	Sedan	Meataxe 8540 2172 or Adrian 8568 2503
August TBA	Wombat	Warnertown	Mick 0417 846 668
Sept 7-9	Ghost Town		Sylvana 8088 1197
Sept 14-16	Bush Pig	Crystalbrook	Greg 8865 2120
Oct LWE	Oasis Rally	Paruna	Lerch 0432 284 529
Back to basics			
Oct 20-21	Redback	Lake Bonney	Ivan 0403 210925
Nov 3-4	PMT	TBA	Chris 8577 8568 (ah)

List supplied courtesy of Meataxe 8540 2172. No responsibility taken for date changes. Please check with individual organisers.

# Poets' Corner



## DARWIN ODYSSEY

Graham, Lee, Pete and me were ready for the road.  
Graham in ute, the rest on bikes, all with trailers to be towed.  
Now Grahams' trailer was custom made, a wonder to unpack,  
So well equipped for any event, even a tow ball on the back!

Pete had a K Mart special, 400 bucks and built like a brick  
But we could fit heaps in and it towed real well, it really did the trick.  
My Virago towed the Shadow which tows just like a dream  
Lee's Motor Guzzi towed a new Ali-Lite - we made quite a team!

Our trip was uneventful 'til the morning of the fifth day  
Lee's trailer got sick of her backside and decided to go its own way!  
It hit a post and somersaulted up into the air  
Lee didn't even notice and went on without a care!

The trailer landed in the scrub, on its wheels and facing the road  
But Lee's tow bar was snapped in two - no way it could be towed.  
Along came Graham with his magic trailer and extra tow ball on the back,  
Hitched up the broken trailer and we were back on track!

A mini road train's how it looked as we went on our way  
Repairs were made at Elliott, it turned into a long day.  
Finally we made it to the Odyssey in the Top End  
A brilliant weekend - thank you so much to our new friends!

Poor Lee put her bike and trailer on a truck and flew back home again.  
She missed Katherine Gorge and King's Canyon we'd planned together when  
We first talked about this holiday. We had to do it alone,  
And tell her all about it when we finally came back home!

Seven thousand clicks is what we did in only three weeks  
The Stuart Highway is long and straight, no curves of which to speak.  
But we've been and gone and done it and one thing is for sure  
With the completion of the Stuart Highway, on our map there is no more!!!

**YAY VINCENTS!**

Thank you, Lee and Graham, for being great travelling companions.



**FOR  
SALE**

## Classifieds

**1998 Honda CB750 (TIV265):** Low Kms, Imm. con. Street Screen, 46L Ventura Pack. Upgraded to larger bike. **\$7250 ono. Contact Des Boyce on 86835135**

**Kawasaki GTR:** 1986 model. 76,500 ks, silver. Panniers and top box and trailer, tow bar **\$3,500.**

**Frog Trailer** in ex. con. New tyres **\$1,500.**

**Contact Rob on 0427 859 683**

**Kawasaki GTR 1000** Touring screen **\$100**  
Sheep skin **\$100**

Brando jacket xxxl as new **\$200. Contact Pat on 0409 694 629**

**Rossi Boots size 9 \$100**

**Air Flow windscreen** for BMW RT1100 or 1150 **\$100.**

**Contact Peter Jolly on 0438 848 537**

**Kawasaki ZRX 1200S:** 2001 model. Bikini fairing (same as XJ900 Diversion). 25,000ks. Great bike, plenty of grunt. **\$9,500. Contact Robert on 8322 6321**

**Yamaha XJ900 Diversion:** 1999 model. Panniers and Givi top box. **\$9,300 ono. Contact Robert on 8322 6321**

**Suzuki Marauder:** VZ800. 1997. 25,600ks. Stainless steel carrier, new tyres, just serviced, clip on windshield. Spare red & cream fuel tank and front and rear guards. **\$6,500. Contact Wayne on 8586 6073 between 4.30 and 9.00 pm**

**BSA A10 Golden Flash:** 1961 Police model. Fully restored. only 3,800 miles. **\$8,000. Contact Ray Sims on 8685 4107 for details.**

**Yamaha XV650 A Classic:** 2000 model. 22,500ks. Screen, saddlebags, backrest, new tyres. As new condition. **\$8,500 ono. Contact Terry on 8584 7274 or 0419 817 280**

**BMW R80GF:** Red. 43 litre tank, new back tyre. Good condition. **\$5,000. Contact Rob on ;8837 3430**



**WANTED**

**Velocette, Matchless, BSA, Triumph or any British bikes and bits. Contact Nappa on 8255 1179**

