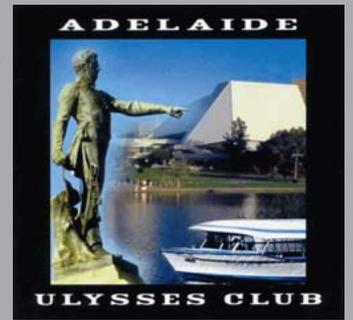


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december, 2015



A few snaps from Vicki Ryan, of Ulysses committee members at our annual lunch. This one was hosted by Adelaide Branch, at Mt Barker. Members from Adelaide, Torrens Valley, Fleurieu and Lower Murray had their annual chin-wag in pleasant temperatures under the gum trees. The locally bought chickens were delicious. A big 'thank you' to Michele, Michelle, Lyn, for food and assistance, and a very big 'thank you' to Don and Sue for all their help, including carting the trailer there and back.





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Do you have anything interesting to tell our subscribers - holidays, poetry, jokes, motorcycle stories, reports on Ulysses activities, hobbies, photos? Send it in and get yourself in print! The Odyssey, as always, is receptive to 'stuff' from all branches. We want to know what you've been up to.

How about some wedding photos?

Editor

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Closing dates for submission are:

19th July	for the August issue
19th September	for the October issue
19th November	for the December issue
19th January	for the February issue
19th March	for the April issue
19th May	for the June issue

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Hi All

Well, another Odyssey is done and dusted. Congratulations to the Lehmans, Clothiers and Hollidays for putting on a great weekend for your fellow Ulyssians. Only those who have ever organised such an event know all the hard work, time and effort that goes into the running of an Odyssey.



The positives that I saw were the caravan park situated next door to the venue (no buses) which was open for our use outside their normal operating hours. The ride to Cowell and the visit to the Oyster Farm, which I am reliably informed was very interesting. The weather could have been kinder to the riders, but it was fine in the car. Lol Garry and I took the opportunity to visit the Homestead Museum. It was interesting to find names and photos of people we used to know when we lived there in the 60s and early 70s. A bit of a worry when your peers are part of a museum!!! The bar service (mostly volunteers) and prices were good. The parade was well organised and went off without a hitch, ending at the Ada Ryan Gardens where a dozen or so stalls were set up for our convenience for lunch. I enjoyed some Fairy Floss for the first time in years!!!

The only disappointments were the evening meals: the Friday night's meals took some time to be served, even though a system was set up to ensure that this didn't happen. An even bigger disappointment was the reaction of a few members getting their meal so late, compounded by the Saturday night's fish and chips missing the chips. This was an error by the caterer, who for some reason thought chips weren't on the menu. Fortunately, Ken had the original caterer's email with the menu attached, and

baskets of chips came out for the early tables (albeit a bit late). I suppose you could say that the evening meals were a 'balls up' all round! This is not the first time that there has been a hiccup at an Odyssey, (thankfully, not ours) and it won't be the last.

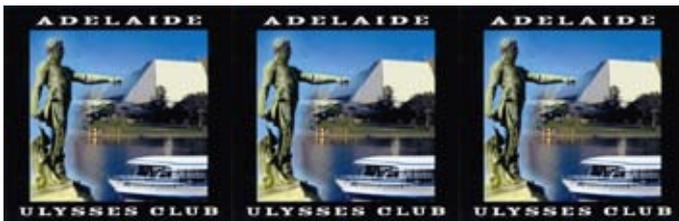
The quality of the meals was top notch from the many comments I received. There was only one negative remark about a meal. Oh, and one regarding the amount of ice-cream on his fruit salad! (Tongue-in-cheek, I'm sure.)

Whilst I concede that the above was a tad more than disappointing, it must be remembered that these events are organised by your fellow members, who work hard in a voluntary capacity to ensure that you have a good time. If something goes wrong it is usually beyond the volunteers' control. It is unacceptable therefore, for members to be spoken to in a confrontational and demanding manner. Volunteers are the backbone of any organisation, including the Ulysses Club. They deserve our gratitude, not negative attitude.

I, along with all our Ulysses friends, look forward to the 23rd Odyssey to be held in Encounter Bay by the Fleurieu Branch, and the 24th Odyssey to be held by the Limestone Coast Branch at Lucindale. It's heartening to see that the Central Odysseys are alive and well for some time to come.

After numerous enquiries as to whether I will be organising a **Not the AGM Weekend** next year, I've decided to hold it in Naracoorte. The Caravan Park has a large area for meals, mini golf, miniature train rides, etc. The World Heritage listed Naracoorte Caves, Sheep's Back Museum and local wineries are all worth a visit.

Garry, Daisy and I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas with your families, and, hopefully, a Peaceful and Healthy 2016.
Wendy



**Welfare Officer
Adelaide Branch**

If you know of **any** Ulysses member that is sick, in hospital, had an accident or just not travelling well, please let me know.



Lyn Nash

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Not the AGM Weekend

Friday, 26th - Sunday, 28th February, 2016

Naracoorte Caravan Park

Free Call: 1800 999 899 to make a booking.

is less than a kilometre from the Post Office and town centre. (Check out their web site.)

- Friday:** Happy Hour, tea at the park at cost
- Saturday:** Breakfast at cost
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December 13	MRA	Toy Run Breakfast BBQ	Callington Oval	
December 20	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride		Civic Park Main North East Road Modbury

ADELAIDE BRANCH RIDE CALENDAR 2016

January 10 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Wellington	McDonalds 303 Magill Road, Trinity gardens
January 24		NO RIDE AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND		
February 7	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Mannum	Top of Taps
February 21	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Littlehampton	Civic Park, Main North East Road, Modbury
March 6		ULYSSES CLUB NATIONAL AGM	Launceston	
March 20	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Top of Taps
April 3	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Lyndoch	Civic Park, Maain North East Road Modbury
April 17	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Meadows	McDonalds 303 Magill Road, Trinity Gardens

**All rides leave at 9.30 am unless otherwise stated
Members and partners only; no children on club rides, please.**



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Sunday 13th December 2014

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Roads

serving up a full breakfast to start your Toy Run day off with a
warm, full tummy for **the tiny cost of \$7 per person.**

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a very short ride to the starting point
at Victoria Park Racecourse
or just join the ride as it goes straight past our BBQ site.

If you've been before, enough said. If not, why not come along and join in with
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First Thursday of the month

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Wednesday Rides Captain

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Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

1st Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
2nd Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
3rd Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside

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Fri, February 12
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Fri, March 11
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The Wellington
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www.firstaidformotorcyclists.com.au/

or their Facebook page. The sessions for Auburn are not on the web yet but will be in about 2 weeks time (when they return from the GP) and people can book in then. I am planning to book in to the morning session and then have lunch somewhere and come home. Anyone that is interested will need to book themselves in but when it gets closer we can go as a group if others decide to join in.

More details to follow.

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Sunday Round-up

18th Oct Captains' Ride to Birdwood

We left the Victoria Hotel with a convoy of 24 bikes heading to Balhannah for morning tea. I had a great ride planned, guaranteed to get some riders's questioning where we were. Unfortunately the best laid plans sometimes come apart. We managed to stay together through a small detour down a country lane at Cherry Gardens, over to Scott Creek, and down Longwood Road to the tiny village of Bradbury. From there we went down Ridge Road, almost to Mylor, then along River Road almost to Hahndorf, through Verdun where we turned into Beaumonts Road.

The next left turn was a tight one into Tanahmerah Road. This is where things started to get hard along here and then Gum Flat Road. We had some bicyclists and a very timid driver getting stuck behind each group. When I turned left onto the Bridgewater-Carey Gully Road, I only had 3 riders with me. Unfortunately, a corner marshall did not direct riders to turn right into Worden Road, and so the rest of the group ended up in Bridgewater. Disappointing, as we had some really interesting roads yet to go.

After waiting for around 15 minutes, I went back and collected the very patient corner marshalls that were left and headed for Balhannah - the short way. Trevor Chapman rang me on the way and I asked him to bring every one to Balhannah.

When my small group arrived at Balhannah we had around 40 bikes already there. Our Adelaide group was there as well as riders from Lower Murray, Torrens Valley and Fleurieur. After a short riders' briefing, we set off for Birdwood with a stream of around 45 riders for the annual Captains' Ride.

We went via Swamp Road to Lenswood, turned off onto Stafford Road and went into Lobethal via Post Office Road. From there we tracked through to Mt Torrens, Mt Pleasant, Eden Valley, across to Williamstown, and then through to Birdwood along Warren Road. Our destination was the National Motor Museum. I had made a booking for us there and we were offered an \$8 per bike entry instead of the normal \$15 per person. We parked most of the bikes on the Museum forecourt.

After a bite to eat four of us had an enjoyable trip down memory lane through the Museum together. On my The Odyssey

way out I asked how many Ulysses members came in. Out of more than 40 people only 9 took up offer. The Museum staff were not happy as the booking did not go as planned. I think this demonstrates what I have always believed - that for motorcycle riders, it is the ride that's important, not the destination.

My thanks go to those corner marshalls who waited patiently, to Peter for his photos and to Trevor for rounding everyone up when they missed a turn.

Cheers,

Frank Pellas



Sunday Round-up

8th November Day Ride to Strathalbyn

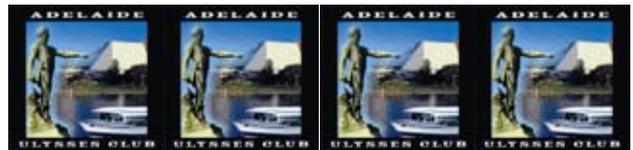
Today's ride was very straightforward. We had around 20 riders at Civic Park, and left via Gumeracha, Birdwood, Mt Pleasant, out towards Walker Flat then across to Mannum.

From Mannum we took off for Murray Bridge taking a detour through Caloote, Wall Flat, Woodlane and Mypolonga, through the bustling 'burbs of Murray Bridge then over to Langhorne Creek through Brinkley. From there it was straight to Strathalbyn for lunch.

I would like to acknowledge Bunny for not complaining (much) when we came across some road works and about 3 km of dirt. I suppose sitting in the dust on the corner was a bit of a stretch.

I'm happy to report that no one got left behind this time, and we all arrived at Strathalbyn together.

Frank Pellas



The Odyssey

How to write proper

1. Avoid alliteration. Always
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid cliches like the plague. They're old hat.
4. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
5. Be more or less specific.
6. Writers should never generalise.
- Seven: Be consistent!
8. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
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Guy's 5th Fun Ride

My alarm went off at 5:30am and I was up in a flash. With a shower and breakfast out the way, it was time to jump on the bike and go for a ride, a ride with a difference, a ride that only I provide.

I left home a couple of minutes before planned at 6:36am, there is 1 rider out already. I'm off to pick up my daughter Kirsty and her boyfriend Clayton in Nuriootpa. Clayton rode Kirsty's Virago 250. Kirsty was pillion with me. We left Kirsty's home at 7:18am.

We headed to Eudunda via Kapunda then onto Morgan for our first fuel stop and coffee break. It was a good ride in great weather on roads less travelled by me. Coffee and egg and bacon toasties are to die for at our stop. This was to be going to be Clayton's longest ride and he was starting to get comfortable with it.

Our next leg of the journey did not go as planned; not sure what happened, but the GPS took us on a different route, not a problem as we needed more kms, but I had planned them after the meet when we had more time. We ended up going to Waikerie instead of heading to Swan reach. After a ferry crossing, we headed back to our original route. From Swan Reach we passed through Bowhill then stopped for fuel at Mannum.

We met up with Dave from the Lower Murray Branch at this stop, but he wasn't on the ride. We continued on the last leg to registration, on to Murray Bridge, Tailem Bend, Willington then Milang arriving at 12:50pm. Most of the riders had arrived. We also had Neville and Pam Grey come along to say 'hi' to the riders, as they were in the area for a 50th birthday. Our last rider came in just in time to qualify.

Kirsty, Clayton and I joined the group for lunch, by all accounts everyone had a great ride and many stories

were shared. After lunch we headed for Nuri via Strathalbyn, Mount Barker, Mount Torrens arriving about 4:10pm and 524.7kms to Kirsty's and Clayton's credit.

I stayed for a coffee before heading for home myself. I arrived at 5:28pm and covered 606 kms. Now it was time to start my paper work and create certificates taking me late into the evening.

Statistics:

Other than my daughter and her boyfriend, all participants have been Ulyssians, the first time none of my friends could make it.

9 riders and 2 pillions (11 people), attempted and completed the ride.

Earliest rider: Helen Proctor-Brown from Ouyen leaving 6:35am.

Latest rider: Rod and Rae Lind leaving 8:20am.

First home: Dave Polkinghorne arriving 3:30pm.

Last home: Robert Miller from Whyalla arriving 7:38pm.

Shortest distance: Vaughan Soden
502kms.

Long distance: Robert Miller 820kms.

Completing all 5 Rides: Kirsty and I.

Completing 4 Rides: Rod and Rae Lind.

Completing 2 Rides: Hellen Proctor-Brown.
Robert Miller.
Mick Daw.

Branches represented

Adelaide: 3 members.

Torrens Valley: 3 members.

Fleurieu: 1 member.

1x member from Whyalla and 1x member from Ouyen, neither aligned to a branch.

Guy Malpas

A Simple Explanation

A nice mother-in-law comes home and finds her son-in-law furious, and packing his suitcase.

What's happening ?? She asks.

Eli screamed, "What happened? I'll tell you what happened!

I sent an email to Rachel saying that I was coming home a day early from my trip. I got home and guess what I found? My wife, yes my Rachel, your daughter, with a naked guy in our bed! This is the end of our marriage. I will leave forever!"

"Calm down!" says mother-in-law. "There's something not right about this story, there must be an explanation. Rachel would never do such a thing! Wait a minute while I check and see what happened."

Moments later, mother-in-law comes back with a big smile. "You see, I told you that there must be a simple explanation.

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A Couple of 'men' jokes

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, 'What setting do I use on the washing machine?'

'It depends,' I replied. 'What does it say on your shirt?'

He yelled back, 'OHIO STATE !'

A couple is lying in bed. The man says, 'I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world...'

The woman replies, 'I'll miss you..... '

Hamburger Run

Well, what a day this turned out to be! Everything went exactly to plan including the picture perfect weather.

First of all, the two ride groups (those who departed from Tea Tree Gully and those from Gawler) synchronised their arrival at Mount Pleasant to within seconds of each other. We had a short coffee break there and a bit of a chat, before we sorted out the arrangements for the ride to Avoca Dell picnic area, on the River Murray.

It was pleasing to welcome two new prospective members, one from each of the two groups, namely Rob and Ian, joining us for the day.

The very enjoyable ride took a rather direct route through Tungkillo and Palmer, to Murray Bridge, arriving there at about 11.45am, just after the cooking had started. About 15 minutes after we arrived, the group that departed from One Tree Hill arrived.

It was great to see the weekend, midweek riders and members from Adelaide Branch get together for a bit of a yarn swapping.

This event was the brainchild of Jann Baker, and full

workers, whose untiring efforts made the day such a success. To serve up seventy hamburgers, in such a short space of time without a hitch, was a great team effort.

The feedback that I have received, since the event has been all positive; it has also been suggested that perhaps it could become an annual event. Let's hope that Jann notices this subtle hint.

Rodney Lind



Beautiful Balkans Adventure

We had always planned to do another overseas trip following our retirement several years back. Helen had always wanted to see Paris, I wanted something more exotic, like Morocco, but recent global events put paid to any idea of something outside the “comfort zone”.

How about Paris for week, a cycling tour of the Alsace Region in France for five days, all preceded by a two week motorcycle tour of the former Yugoslavia? Agreed!

There are many tours available in Europe, offered by many companies. And it had to be somewhere just that little bit different to either where we had been or what we were familiar with. The phrase ‘ride roads less travelled’ captured my attention from advertisements found in Road Rider and Riding On.

So it would be the Balkans States - rich in history, diverse culture and magnificent scenery, and just as important to me, I thought I might see and learn more about the Balkan War of the early nineties and perhaps gain a better understanding (which was not the case).

The Ferris Wheels’ tour was too long, and so Adriatic Motor Tours’ two week option was chosen with that catch phrase forever on my mind of “ride roads less travelled”. Even then I was not sure how Helen (and even I) would hold up for 6 to 8 hours as a pillion over 14 days, even with several rest days. All up we were to ride 2,500 kilometres.

I met with the owner of the business at this year’s AGM and was suitably impressed. From there on, this company was so professional in the way they looked after us all and, indeed, more than lived up to the testimonials from their website.

We left from Ljubljana, capitol of Slovenia late August. There were ten motorcycles plus our guide and the support vehicle. We had a Yamaha FJR (next closet to our Honda ST) and all the rest were BMWs being three 1200GS, two R1200RTs, three S1000XRs and a F800GS. Six were two up with half of us Aussies and the rest Americans, bar one Canadian guy. Oldest was a lovely gentleman called Lee, but we soon called him General Lee who, at 76 years, said this was probably his last. Mind you, prior to this, he had just done a tour solo of Norway. Indeed several had toured with this company previously and some were planning a third! The average age would be early sixties!

Every morning, our guide would brief us. Although we all had GPS, detailed maps and itinerary, the usual procedures applied as does with Ulyssian rides re tail-end Charlie and corner marshalls. Other routes were given as options each day, but we agreed to always ride as a group. Road conditions and traffic, as well as local policing and what to expect, were always discussed at length. How to react to traffic police if “pulled over” which, basically, was how to bribe correctly, was discussed frequently. Montenegro was very much ‘watch out for stock on the road’, traffic on the wrong side of the road and crazy passing!

Our route after Ljubljana was the beautiful Plitvice National Park in Croatia, then day 2 on to Sarajevo, Croatia for two days. Here we had a personalised tour that focussed on the Balkan War and

Slovenia’s part in the start of WWI. Excellent, informative tour in all aspects, but still hard to understand the Balkan conflict.

Day 5 took us into Bosnia and Hercegovina where we stayed overnight in Mostar and walked over the famous old bridge for dinner in the old town. This bridge was 400 years old and mostly destroyed in the war by tanks from the Croatian side, and was seen as a bridge in the town uniting the Croats and Bosnians. It was rebuilt and reopened in 2004.

There were other cases like this where one side (ethnic group) sought to destroy a symbolic structure or old city (Dubrovnik) to weaken the other side’s morale.

Day 6 was a great riding day (really they were all like that) taking us through the Durmitor Mountains with narrow one lane roads at times, but magnificent scenery ending up at Zabljak, Montenegro. This route also took us through a canyon second deepest to the Grand Canyon in the USA. At least, I think it was here. It was too dangerous to stop and take photos. Here, we also passed through unlit tunnels, some that turned back on themselves and, with only one lane of bitumen, I was glad I never met oncoming traffic. To go from sunlight to pitch black was difficult, as the headlights were not that effective and, though we were going steady, it was still making me anxious, as you had zero perspective as to where you were, be that upright or wrong side of the road! No white lines or reflectors.

Day 7 saw us leave the inland mountainous country to hit the Adriatic coast to overnight in Petrovac. We stopped on this extremely high bridge over the Tara River for photos and I could not help thinking how illegal this would be in Australia. This was one of our hottest days through a valley where the temperature reached 38. It was only a problem when we slowed down for villages/towns.

Day 8 took us on some fast sweeping roads, others roads with lots of hairpins and always great scenery looking down or out to the coast and the Mediterranean.

Whilst we were warned about drivers on the wrong side of the road and crazy passing, it was on some of the coastal roads that this really was at its best. Whilst we kept up a fast pace ourselves, if you ever hesitated to pass someone (because you were concerned about the bend coming up – picture the Great Ocean Road) then watch out as someone was thinking the same behind you! We had a bus pass us, then two other buses, and it just managed to squeeze in between the front bus and a car prior to the bend, as a car came around in the opposite direction. And it works, because those not passing seem to allow the aggressor in at the critical moment. Amazing! I am sure if it happened in Australia there would have been a chain collision.

Day 8 took us to beautiful Dubrovnik, but sadly we had our first taste of busloads of tourist and holidaymakers. The descent into here was very narrow with lots of hairpins but spectacular scenery looking down to the Mediterranean. The ancient city of Dubrovnik was built in the period between the 13th and 16th centuries. It was obvious how much the old city had been shelled from the mountains above, when looking over it from the walls, as many terracotta roofs looked “new”.

Beautiful Balkans Adventure

After a rest day, we headed to Hvar Island on day 10 and stayed at a hotel right on the sea. It was here we took a boat trip to dinner that night. As always, it was a great local and intimate restaurant, and we could eat all we wanted. Drinks came out of our “kitty”. We ate great seafood here, as was the norm along the rest of the coast. Much welcome relief after the heavier meals inland. The meals were OK inland, as we tried to eat local, but we longed for variety as in more vegetables and salads. Meal portions were always enormous and often we ate only half, and that included the biggest eaters amongst us.

Hvar, like many of these places, had a lovely “old town” hundreds of years old, but reasonably heavy with tourists. However, our hotel was outside this area and with its own beach, so many of us took the opportunity to swim.

When leaving Hvar, we stopped and looked at some ancient agriculture practices dating back some 2,000 and still intact. Thousands of small paddocks bordered by stone walls terraced up hillsides to protect crops from winds and the heat.

Day 12 saw us on roads with the heaviest traffic of the tour, but only for a short while. We stopped at Novalja on Pag Island, an almost treeless island and very barren, then caught a ferry back to the mainland.

We had another scenic ride to Rovinj on day 13. Once a fishing town, Rovinj is now reliant on tourism and, as always had a lovely and very photogenic old town where we had dinner that night.

Day 14 was a great ride back to Ljubljana to drop the bikes off at their garage and, as usual whenever we arrived at a destination, we were greeted with cold drinks and this time it was sparkling wine!

That night, we had a farewell dinner with all giving speeches and thankyou's. An American, called Randy, copped the most ribbing. He was an ex Indy-Car racer, now winery owner in the Nappa Valley, who was too short for his S1000XR and had dropped it twice whilst stationary. He said the faster he rode the safer he was and ‘stuffed if I am going to be tail-end Charlie!’.

It was emotional saying goodbye to our friends of those last two weeks. You build up a great relationship riding so far, so fast and so long with people you cannot help but to trust and whose company you enjoy. Several have already booked another tour with people from this tour, with others talking similar in a few years’ time.

Our guide Dusan was a great young guy who could speak seven languages, loved to ride as much as we did and was constantly on the ball but very much a part of the fun and enjoyment we had.

I think we have talked ourselves into another one in a few years’ time, probably their “Top of the Alps” tour.

Terry Harmer #59689



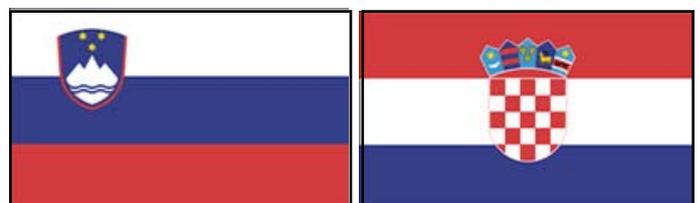
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Vale Warren Willing

Whilst looking at the Long Track sight I noted "Vale Warren Willing" who passed away recently after a battle with cancer.



I think most riders will know of Warren as a great rider in his day. I had the privilege of watching Warren and Greg Hansford race at Mount Panorama, Bathurst, in the open feature race. Both were on Yamaha 700cc bikes, and for each lap there was never a greater gap than a bike length between them. Each time they came onto Pit Strait, the other would be in front. I cannot remember who won as the race was stopped as they were going across the top of the mountain, due to rain. That race is still talked about today as one of the greatest.

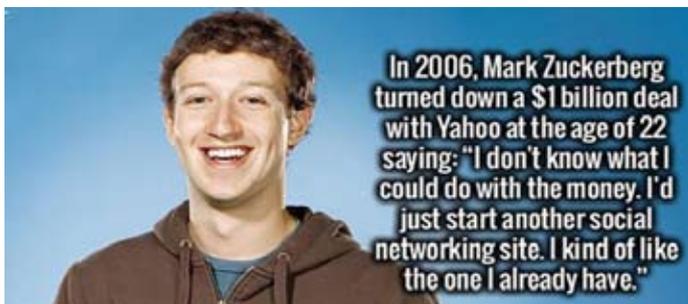
As we know, Greg Hansford switched to cars after a successful period of racing Moto2 on the international circuit, but was killed when T-Boned during a race.

Warren went on to race in Europe where, in Ireland as I recall, he had a very bad crash and almost lost his leg. He retired from racing and went on to be a very well respected technician with many well know teams, including Casey Stoner's.

In 1977, I was a member of the Canberra Road Racing Club and, as a promotion, we put together a Motor Display which included cars, bikes and everything in between. Two guests of honour were Warren Willing and Peter Brock, and the event was one of the best received in the Nation's Capital for many a year.

He was one of the greats and will always be remembered within the racing fraternity.

Wayne Callaghan



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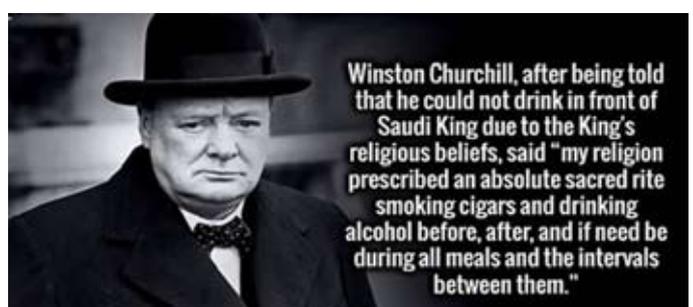
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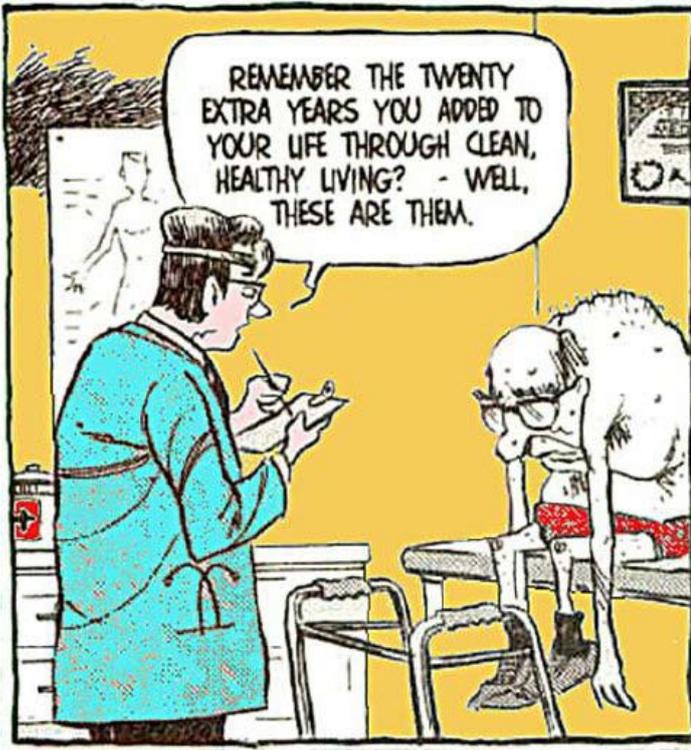
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The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped.

John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door.... Only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't on. The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralyzed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him.

Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength; he jumped out of the car and ran to it. Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realized he was crying... And wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other.....

Look Paddy....there's that fooking idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!!!!'





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on **Thursday, 4th February, 2016**
at **7.30 PM**

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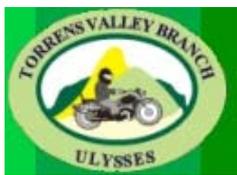
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The Nanua Picnic Race and Quarter Horse Club's 70th Anniversary Meeting - Sue Freeneh

A group of us went to the Nanua Picnic Race and Quarter Horse Club's 70th anniversary meeting. We met at Burra and then proceeded onto the Morgan Road and then to the Eastern Road. We did 266 kilometres on the dirt and arrived at the Kimberly Station where the racecourse is. The road was a good gravel surface, which didn't prevent Cookie blowing a tyre so badly that some of the tread was found over in a paddock. It was a hot day and the flies were getting more prevalent the closer we got to the station. Thank goodness for Trevor Curtis' generosity in presenting Don and me with two fly nets, because yours truly forgot to pack ours. We spent the whole four days with them on constantly, during the daytime. The mozzies at night were not too bad, due to no water being around.

We set up camp and had the whole place to ourselves because we were the first ones there. Hit the hay early because we were all tired.

On Friday, we watched as other people started drifting in. There was no power and limited water. The guys from the Feral Car Owners Club rocked up in their old cars that were mechanically sound, but looked like they had come out of a farmer's shed thirty years ago. They turn up every year to this race meeting. It's a tradition. They come from Victoria, as far away as Bendigo. The cars were held together with bits of wire and wood. There was a Packard, a Buick, a Chev, a Pontiac and a Nash. They had a race and the dust was flying everywhere. It was a sight to behold.

That night, we had a karaoke night in the open-air bar. This was a great night. The dress theme was the 40s and Nita and Samantha Curtis looked fantastic in their op shop 40s sensational dress. The judges thought so too, because they both won prizes. Trevor and Denise also won the best couple award.



Our fridge was really struggling in the oppressive heat. According to Trevor's thermometer, it was 40 degrees during the day. The battery gave out overnight, so we had no fridge for the rest of the camp. The solar panels worked quite well for the others, but they also were struggling. I think we are going to have to invest in a solar panel if we are going back there.

The night was very hot, but the amount of beer we drank and the singing and dancing meant that we had no trouble sleeping.



The next day was race day and Caulfield cup day. The bookies turned up and the gymkhana began. The farm kids were in all the races, some of whom were hardly out of nappies, and they were in horsey

races. They had the barrel race and the bending race and a lot of novelty races. It was a full program and we had something to watch for the whole day.

Rick, Trevor and Sam entered the "Throne" race. They didn't win and they got pelted with water balloons for coming last. It was really funny, and they were good sports for doing it. The day's events finished with the cutting of the 70th anniversary birthday cake and the whipcracking competition, which was won by a 17 year old girl!

Saturday night was a dance with a live band in the shearing shed. It was cooler so we had to eat our warm food. They served a two course dinner run by the charities that were going to benefit from the takings.

We went back to the camp quite early after watching the photos, shown on the side of a white van, of the days festivities. They were amazing photos!

It was a lovely night - no mozzies or flies - people had lit fires all around us. We thought it a bit strange they had lit them the night before, also, when the temperature was about 34 at midnight! We are creatures of habit, weird!!!

We packed up the next morning and went down to Wentworth, Loxton and called in on Bluey Coppin at Sedan for a cuppa and to watch the Moto GP at Phillip Island on telly. We got back home at 7.30 pm.

It was a great time

Left: Samantha trying to get Rick to notice her new outfit.

Below left: Sue and Rick doing a Tango in 40 degree heat with Don looking on. Notice all the Fly nets: the flies nearly carried us all off.

Below: Trevor and Denise Roberts, from Whyalla. Samantha and Nita Curtis. ps Nita and Trevor R. won a prize for their "get ups"



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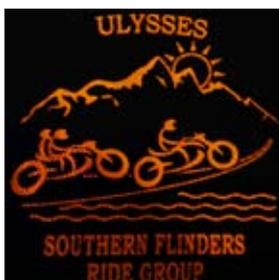
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The number of crashes on the subject roads since the speed limit was lowered was found to be 27.4 per cent lower than would have been expected if the subject roads had just followed the control road (roads that remained at 110 km/h) reductions. This reduction was found to be statistically significant with 95% confidence limits of +/- 12.4%. The number of people injured was also found to have fallen by a similar amount resulting in a rough, dollar equivalent, estimate of \$6.7 million per year in economic savings. The limited long term speed data suggests that speeds, and particularly high speeds, have continued to fall on the subject roads in the 10 years since the speed limit was lowered. While the methodological design of this study was not ideal: the size of the effect, the consistency of the various elements, and agreement with other research provides rather convincing evidence that the lowered speed limits were effective in reducing casualty crashes and injuries by a large amount.

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