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From the editors



Hi all and welcome to the December issue of the Odyssey magazine, the last for 2019 and we are really pleased with the feedback from everyone about the magazine over this year. If you have any ideas for what you would like to see in the magazine for 2020 please let us know or if you would like to have a regular column in each issue please contact either myself or Michelle and we can organise this. We would like to thank everyone who has supplied us with photos from all the events this year. Due to so many other commitments I have found it difficult to attend the rides and other events as much as I would have liked. Here is to clearing my calendar for 2020.

We thought we would give our new Adelaide Branch Logo the front cover to kick its life off. Such an improvement on our very busy old logo. Well done to our committee and especially Glenda for all her work on making sure everyone had an opportunity to be involved in the selection.

Well, are you all organised for Christmas which will soon be upon us and it's a great time to reflect on the year that has just gone? Maybe dig into your pockets and help others by donating a small gift under a Christmas tree at the big stores or if going on the toy run. Donate non-perishable food to a charity to go into a Christmas hamper to a family who may be struggling this year.

Please take the article on "The 8 Types of Motorcycle Riders" with a grain of salt. Michelle found it and couldn't resist running it in this issue, and on some level, I am sure you will all see where you fit.

Big spread of photos from the Odyssey at Kadina, and from the Sunday rides, along with our regular segments. Michelle and I made it to the breakfast at the Odyssey at Kadina. Sad to say, due to many things going on with family we were unable to make the whole Odyssey but would like to thank everyone who sent us photos. We really appreciate how much you all help us with pulling this magazine together.

Michelle & I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season and may 2020 be a wonderful year for you all.

Cheers

Maurice & Michelle Stevens

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Adelaide Branch President's Report

Ken Wagnitz

Hi fellow Ulyssians. I've been to some multi-branch events lately. The Odyssey at Kadina was a good one which Michele and I thoroughly enjoyed. Well done Torrens Valley Branch.

I joined Torrens Valley folk again on their meet n greet with Westgate Wanderers. -Admittedly mainly to go the SABC breakfast we had at the Mt Gambier (Blue Lake) Golf club. Adelaide members were pretty thin on the ground. Must be too far from home! Last Sunday I rode with the Fleurieu mob for a bit, to Normanville. They are a very social bunch. While Adelaide Sunday and Wednesday rides are fairly well attended, those missing the second Sunday ride still don't seem to make their way to another branch's ride. Are we too parochial, us Adelaide folk?

I'm just back from Laura (in the car) where we checked out a venue for an SABC breakfast. Was supposed to be December, but will now most likely be March next year. The caravan park cabin was great, meals in the pub were decent value, and it's just a lovely area. Members should plan on a weekend away there.

Thanks to Michelle Stevens for jumping in and organising Xmas Dinner. Numbers will be down, since other branches are doing their own thing, but we will still enjoy ourselves. Sadly, our effort to subsidise Adelaide members but no other branches seems to upset some, who seem to think we should subsidise any member from anywhere. Sorry, it could be extremely costly. I don't see other branches being that altruistic.

NatCom have dropped a bombshell in saying that next year they will cease hosting branch websites, the national forum, and chat. Adelaide Branch will of course not be affected, since we have our own website. Phew! One of the reasons for the change is falling member numbers but rising fixed costs. Check your members card to see if your membership is due. Pay up if it is, the cost is paltry in the scheme of things. (Let me know of a cheaper club.) If you are a partner of a member but not a member yourself, consider joining. Surely you find the club activities improve your life? -If not, tell us how we can do it better.

One of the benefits of membership is a part refund on riding and first aid courses. Michele and I along with others, recently did the motorcycle accident management course. I hope we won't have to call on what we learned, but the more riders & pillions trained up the better. The branch plan to continue subsidising some members next year, focusing on ride leaders and tail end charlies.

Val and Brian are off on a round-Oz trip. Bon voyage to them, but that's a committee member we won't have. New blood for the Adelaide Branch committee next year please. Think about it!

See you on the road, -upright,

Ken Wagnitz.



The 8 Types of Motorcycle Riders

Motorcycling is a pastime full of variation. There is something for everyone, which is just as well, because life generally gives rise to many interesting types. Different characters can become very easy to spot on two wheels, so here's a light-hearted look at some of the types of motorcycle riders you may encounter or even identify with yourself or maybe a crossover of two.



The Squid – The motorcyclist all other motorcyclists love to hate.

Voted most likely to make a complete nuisance out of themselves and make all other motorcyclists look utterly horrendous, Squids have no qualms about writing checks their skills most likely can't cash. Look for barely protected bodies, loud pipes and (most of all) sketchy manoeuvres. Squids are to be avoided at all costs and are not to be confused with motorcyclists who actually give a hoot.

Likely bikes of choice: True squidliness knows no boundaries... **(Stereo)typical gear:** T-shirt (sleeves optional); jeans (regular, non-motorcycling ones) or shorts; sneakers. In essence, minimal.



The Mechanic - This motorcyclist enjoys a good ride just as much

as the next one but is equally at home in the garage. To this gearhead, developing a good relationship with the motorcycle certainly means being able to take it apart and put it back together again, as long as there are no extra parts at the end of the venture. Well, not too many, at least. Mechanics enjoy a high satisfaction quotient because the bike they ride is the one they take care of. Greasy hands and cheeks are all part of the game. There might be some colourful language involved, but the end result is generally a smile...and the next project...and the next.....

Likely bikes of choice: older Triumphs, Nortons or BSAs; anything modern that's seen better days, in need of TLC, or generally prone to break downs. **(Stereo)typical gear:** Overalls; grease in random places; old, but not-quite-past-the-shelf-life helmet, jacket and gloves (when not in the garage).



The Adventure Rider - The road not taken is the road this spirited, active motorcyclist will go for. Then it will be taken. Knowledgeable, well-prepared, and well-equipped. Dirt is as much a part of The Adventure Rider's game as grease and oil is to The Mechanic's. May not necessarily be a dirt-specialist by default but will welcome extended stints over the rough stuff in between long, comfy rides on the blacktop. A versatile skill set behind the handlebars matches the versatile nature of their chosen rides. **Likely bikes of choice:** KTM Adventure series; BMW GS series; Honda Transalp or Africa Twin; Kawasaki KLR. **(Stereo)typical gear:** Off-road/dual sport helmet with goggles; matching jacket and pants, generally weatherproof (if not fully waterproof); adventure-centric or dirt boots, generally waterproof.



The Exclusive Sport Rider - Single-minded, and that mind is filled with SPEED!!! Power, too. That speed and power is often wrapped up in some sleek bodywork that could have spent time in a wind-tunnel at some point. May or may not be a race fan, but if they are, they might be overheard gabbing about the latest MotoGP encounter during one of their curve-strafting intermissions. Otherwise, they can be seen congregating at a track day, where obsessive knee dragging ensues with aplomb. Time must be shaved from laps. Oh, and by the way: SPEEEEEEEEEED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! **Likely bikes of choice:** Anything GSX-R, CBR, ZX-R, YZF-R; European sport bikes like Ducati, Aprilia, or the BMW S1000RR; naked bikes for those into the street fighter image. **(Stereo)typical gear:** Jacket with matching pants; race replica leathers for the hardcore; knee sliders; full gauntlet gloves; aerodynamic, replica helmets.



The Exclusive Cruiser Rider - The yin to the Sport Rider's yang. Cruiser Riders like 'em long, low, and with a soundtrack that's more "potato-potato" than "whhhhhhaaaaaaaa!!!!!!!!!!!" Prefers a relaxed ride, but not afraid to whack the throttle open. In a straight line. No knee dragging. Likely to garner avoidance from those not in the know due to association with shadowy dealings and what not, but most likely to be your lawyer, dentist, real-estate agent, university professor, or (*gasp*) someone in your very own family. Unless they are actually associated with shadowy dealings. Hmm... **Likely bikes of choice:** Harley-Davidson; other cruisers... **(Stereo)typical gear:** Black leather vest or jacket (with or without patches); fingerless gloves; totally inadequate half-helmet; cowboy-style boots; chaps optional.



The Brand Loyalist - Quite simply, this motorcyclist will ride any motorcycle at all...as long as it's their brand. Other motorcycles are irrelevant, or worse, not even worth the synapses required to consider them motorcycles in the first place. It's (insert motorcycle manufacturer here) or nothing else. No middle ground. No exceptions. No if, ands, or buts. That's all there is to it. On the plus side, gift shopping for the Brand Loyalist will be very easy...until they have everything, that is... **Likely bikes of choice:** If you can't tell by now... **(Stereo)typical gear:** Gang Brand colours and accessories. As much as possible.



The Stunter - Forget a quarter mile at a time – The Stunter is most likely to live life one wheel at a time. Also, most likely to spend the most time changing tires. If Stunters aren't also Mechanics to some extent, then they know a Mechanic or two. Expect a Stunter's bike to take a beating but expect them to magically afford a new bike if one happens to bite the dust. Might be seen at a drag strip or parking lot (the latter with varying levels of permission). May also double as a Squid with a keen death wish if you happen to see one going down the highway pulling an extended horn mono. **Likely bikes of choice:** Mid-capacity to large-capacity sport bike or naked bike with sledge hammered fuel tank, large rear sprocket, engine guards and various other stunt-centric modifications. **(Stereo)typical gear:** Similar to Sport Rider; motorcycle-specific jeans; if they are minimalist, body armour over T-shirt and jeans will do; those riding shoes that look like street shoes.



The Philosopher - Just a hunk of metal? Hah. Not even. It's not a mere two-wheeled contraption to this deep, thoughtful motorcyclist – it's a living, breathing entity with a character all of its own. Assembly lines? Nay, though they may be identical, each bike has its own soul, waiting to be stirred by one worthy enough to twist the throttle with deserved respect and love. Philosophers are also likely to be pretty darn decent riders, as they will spend time studying and perfecting techniques in an effort to ensure that man/woman and machine merge in exquisite harmony. Definitely a thinking rider. **Likely bikes of choice:** Mid-size sport bike or naked bike...or anything that they feel they can become one with.

First Aid Motorcyclist Course

On 19th October Ken and Michele, plus Gail McDonald from Adelaide Branch, joined Fleurieu Branch members to complete the day of training. Pictures of Ken demonstrating being a patient whilst being resuscitated using a mask with full face mask in situ. Gail McDonald demonstrated how to move a patient out of danger using an emergency silver blanket.



Sunday Ride Round Up

22nd September ride to Clare Ride leader John Crowe

The mid-north of South Australia is quite beautiful this time of year. After the winter and spring rains the rolling hills up that way are covered in green, and occasionally the yellow of cereal crops. The vistas are large and expansive and invite the rider on. Progressing further north, the blue outline of the Flinders Ranges come into view and provide a beautiful and dramatic backdrop. And then there's the open road and your favourite mode of transport - a motorcycle - with scarce any other traffic to be seen.

And so it was for the 14 hearty souls that set off from Civic Park on Sunday 22 September. Going east through the hills, the weather was a bit grubby and the traffic slow. But there was no hurry and we made it to Truro for morning tea a bit inside an hour and a half. After refreshments and a chat, including a chat with a merry band of Lower Murray Branch members out for a ride like we were, we set off north to Burra. We had a bit of a diversion, including on dirt roads, around a bridge under repair just north of Eudunda. After a re-group at Burra, we arrived in Clare a bit after 1 pm.

A ride with a bit of a difference - further north than usual, open roads and vast vistas. I'm looking forward to doing it all again next year.



Sunday Ride Round Up

6th October ride to Strathalbyn Ride Leader Peter Wood

Wood

14 bikes, including a visitor, Donald on his Bandit 1250, left Macca's on a threatening but mostly dry long weekend Sunday. Judy was also there only days after a major operation, but at least she was sensible enough to come as a pillion. (One very dedicated lady!) We had some light drizzle on our convoluted meander through the hills to our morning tea stop at Balhannah, but it didn't dampen enthusiasm and all bar one continued on to lunch at Strath. It was quite breezy on the second leg as we headed down through Milang, but the sun shone occasionally, and it wasn't too cold. That is, unless you were John Crowe and had dressed for what he had hoped would be a fine, mild day. There were a couple of very narrow roads (one way really) and Felix was most relieved we didn't meet anyone coming the other way as it would have been a loooong reverse for him on his trike!! Overall the ride went well, with no real incidents, and everyone had a great time.



Sunday Ride Round Up

20th October ride to The Freenes Ride leader Ken

Wagnitz

The day started with cloud overhead, ending with bright sunshine. Once we got clear of suburbia, near Blewitt Springs and The Range, riding was terrific. Though not very twisty, just what I like, good road, beautiful trees, green paddocks and no traffic. I was brought out of my reverie by a kangaroo disappearing into the bush in front of me. Oops, better pay more attention to the front. I raised Trev on the CB to see how the tail was going. He reported an 'incident' but said he was catching up. At Meadows we really started to see heaps of traffic.

The market was on! I did a catch-up stop and it was quite a while before Trev went past. A wrong turn did me undone, heading for Strath instead of Macclesfield. Then a typical Waggie U-turn proved to be a mistake. Put off by dirt (worried about the grumbles) I turned back from a shortcut with only 1km of hard dirt on it, according to Bernie who kept going. Then instead of going direct from Strath I went via Macclesfield (as my GPS was programmed to do). We arrived at Wistow half an hour late, so after a nice cuppa and nibble I took a vote. Direct via freeway was voted out, so I shortened the route a bit and kept on the south side of the freeway, including a bit of twisty that is Upper Sturt Road. Sadly, we encountered quite a few vehicles that dawdled along double-line sections, unwilling to pull in to let us pass. But we got to Freene's only five minutes past one, after a few tricky corners at Stirling and Panorama which made it hard for corner Marshalls. We had a great feed, thanks to the efforts of Don & Sue, Mike, Brian & Thao, Gay and Michele. And who should be there on his bike for a nosh up, but Guy. Next time no ride, no feed, Guy.



Sunday Ride Round Up 3rd November ride to Mannum Ride Leader **Rob Hartridge**



Sunday Ride Round Up 17th November Captains Ride TBA Ride Leader Mike Green

We had the biggest turnout for the start of a Sunday ride in quite some time and had two new riders with the group. The first half of the ride was from McDonalds Magill heading southwards via Greenhill Rd, past Mt Lofty, Ironbark and down as far as Scott Creek. At times this got tight and twisty, and also a bit technical, with a few steep, tricky corners. Just the sort of terrain to keep us on our toes and practice some of those rarely used skills. From here, the roads opened out a bit as we moved back north, via Bradbury, Mylor & Hahndorf, to Balhannah. Here we rendezvoused with Lower Murray Branch, who had a respectable turnout of some 15 bikes, bringing the total up to about 40 bikes. The three other branches who were invited to join us were otherwise engaged, although we did have a few Torrens Valley regulars along as well so it was really a 2 Captains Ride. Even so, as I said, it was still the biggest group we have had in a while. Had the full complement of members turned up, I think it may have become unmanageable, or at least, logistically difficult. After exchanging pleasantries, the combined group headed out through Mt Torrens, Mt Pleasant, out to Cambrai & Sedan, up the infamous - and still very bumpy - Sedan Hill, through Keynton, to Nuriootpa and the Vine Inn Hotel for a very pleasant lunch. Personally, I enjoyed meeting some new people and getting into the Ulysses spirit with fellow members, and I think it's a good thing. We should perhaps aim to do it a bit more often.



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Adelaide Branch Monthly Dinner

Friday 10th January 2020

7pm Reepham Hotel 273 Churchill Road, Prospect



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The members have chosen a new logo. What now?

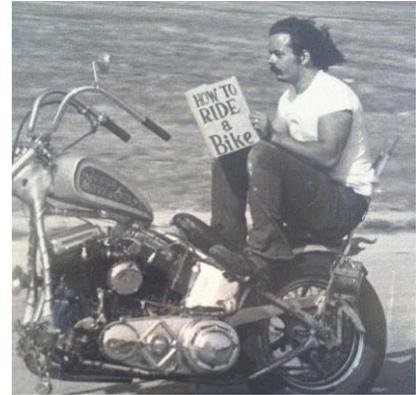
The branch is paying for Adelaide Branch members to receive a name badge bearing the new logo. Add your name to the list at meetings giving the name as you want it to appear on the badge or contact Ken Wagnitz. Orders will be placed shortly after and may be collected at meetings or by arrangement. The offer closes at the February meeting.

A branch banner bearing the new logo will be purchased.

Ken has made inquiries with our supplier about patches embroidered with the new logo. He has put samples of two versions onto our [website](#). One version, slightly larger than standard, is sized to cover the old logo that was embroidered onto shirts. A small number should be ready for the December meeting but Ken will need to know numbers if he is to put in a larger order. Do that at a meeting or by contacting Ken.

Over the next two meetings members will be consulted about what they are interested in by way of Adelaide Branch shirts.

Glenda George



Answer to October Issue
Guess Who our cute little man is

ANSWER - **Ken Wagnitz**

Friendly Reminder

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

Adelaide's Welfare Officer is **Judy Manoel**. Her role is to be the central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

All members have a responsibility to inform the Welfare Officer if you know of someone who needs support. Perhaps they are unwell, had a close relative / companion die, or experiencing any other physical or emotional need.

Let Judy know immediately so she can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.



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An advertisement for "gcscooters" and "gctyres". The top section features the "gcscooters" logo and logos for "KYMCO" and "vmoto". Below this are images of several motorcycles. The middle section features the "gctyres" logo and the slogan "Don't Slip, Grip! The tyre fitting specialists." Below this is a list of services: "Over 1000 tyres in stock, 18 different brands.", "Free Ride-In Ride-Out fitment (in most cases).", "Brake pads, batteries & ATV tyres.", "Custom built wheels, rims & spokes.", "Servicing & tuning.", and "Accessories. Helmets, jackets, gloves." To the right of this list are logos for "AVON Tyres", "DUNLOP", "BRIDGESTONE", "MICHELIN", "PIRELLI", and "METZELER". Below the text is the phrase "OPEN TILL 4PM SATURDAYS." and an image of several tires. The bottom section features the "gcmotorcycles" logo, the phone number "8344 7888", the website "gcmotorcycles.com.au", and the address "122 Main North Road Prospect".

Chocolate fudge slice



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What's On

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The SA Breakfast Club meets on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9.30am somewhere around the state. Check out the website, calendar or Adelaide Branch Facebook page, for the location of the next breakfast.

Saturday 7th December 9.30am – 11.30am - Venue: Green Valley Strawberries 686 Woodside Road, Nairne SA, Australia

Christmas Dinner Saturday 7th December 6.30pm - Venue: Windsor Hotel 410 North East Rd Windsor Gardens Contact Michelle Stevens to **Book your seat \$25 per head Ph: 0419 822 717**

Sunday 8th December Toy Run

Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting Thursday 2nd January 2020 - Venue: European Catering Reception, 2 Chief St, Hindmarsh. Meals, drinks are available. Raffle tickets sold, free tea, coffee & cake follow the meeting

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WALLY WOMBAT & SNAKE JOKES



Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.



A pirate walks into a bar with a steering wheel on his pants, a peg leg and a parrot on his shoulder. The bartender says, "Hey, you've got a steering wheel on your pants."

The pirate says, "Arrrr, I know. It's driving me nuts."



How does NASA organize a party?

They planet.



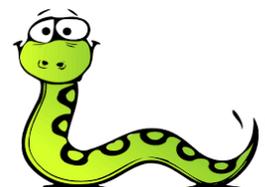
Two snakes are talking. One of them turns to the other and asks, "Are we Venomous?" The other replies "Yes Why?" "I just bit my lip"



"No chicken dies a virgin. They get laid at birth"



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