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## From the editors

**W**elcome to our first issue for 2020 of the Odyssey Magazine. We are excited to bring you all of gorgeous photos of club members enjoying themselves from Sunday rides, SA Breakfast Club and the Adelaide branch Christmas dinner.

In this issue you will find annual reports from our President Ken, Secretary Glenda and Treasurer Peter who “I must say is looking very good”. Ken has also provided a webmaster’s report.

Keep safe: Understand what you are up against on page 16 an article supplied by Glenda.

This year is shaping up to be a good one with all the Sunday rides up on the website and a weekender to Laura is already planned thanks to Michele Wagnitz.

We have a secret contributor “Wonder” who will be sharing her wonderful wisdom throughout the year.

Happy Chinese New Year to everyone with 2020 being the year of the Rat.



Which means it is going to be a strong, prosperous, and lucky year for almost all Chinese zodiac signs. Everyone will show determination regarding their goals, aspirations, and even their hobbies (**Motorcycling**). This is a great year for evolving. Those who plan to buy real estate, to start a business or to invest money in a long-term project have great chances of being satisfied in the future. But, beware! These types of initiatives will only be successful if they are carefully planned. Well let’s hope.

Cheers

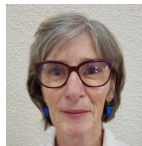
*Michelle & Maurice Stevens*

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# Adelaide Branch President's 2019 Annual Report

In the last year, the Adelaide branch has sailed along quite nicely. Meeting and ride numbers aren't high but are fairly consistent. Not too many weekenders, but perhaps we can improve that by having some SABC breakfasts at nice distant places, starting with March at Laura. Members are always welcome to step up and organise a weekender, preferably on a non-ride weekend.

The committee executive remains the same for the next year. Thank you to members for your faith in us. (We obviously haven't stuffed up anything too badly.) Again, my focus this year will be on getting the local branches together on rides and events.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the branch for the last year, including our new magazine editors who've done well. And a special thank you to those who led rides and will again this year. A social motorcycle club would look pretty silly if it didn't have club rides. That includes the Wednesday ride leaders.

It looks like we will be organising the Odyssey this year. We might again have it on a non-holiday weekend to give a go to touristy places like Strathalbyn and Melrose. Suggestions and helpers welcome.

Here's wishing you all a good motorcycling year in 2020.

Ken Wagnitz,



# Adelaide Branch Secretary's 2019 Annual Report

**A summary of 2019 gleaned from the minutes:**

New editors took over The Odyssey moving to a mainly online magazine with a limited number of printed copies. A review is scheduled for August.

Our branch made a donation of \$1000 to UCARF.

Free dinners at meetings were introduced as raffle prizes to encourage attendance but was discontinued at the December review.

To support the Welfare Officer a register of members willing to help with visits etc was initiated with little response.

Over six meetings a new logo was discussed, designed and decided. Name badges and embroidered badges bearing the new logo are now available.

The free Wohlers Store High Tea was well received and perhaps worth investigating doing again.

The First Aid for Motorcyclists course organised by Fleurieu Branch was attended by 6 of our branch members, three of whom were Wednesday riders. The branch will sponsor 2 members in 2020 and the policy reviewed in December.

Christmas dinner was at the Windsor Hotel this year, a departure from previous years, mainly because it was almost overlooked. The situation was saved by Michelle. The Christmas Dinner Conversation is scheduled for the June agenda.

A donation of \$2000 was made to the State Emergency Relief Fund.

Glenda George



# Adelaide Branch Treasurer's 2019 Annual Report

Well Folks just letting you know we are not broke yet. Last year we did spend a bit of money that was gathering nothing but dust in the bank, but we still have plenty to do what we need to do in 2020. As you can see by the Table below our bank balance went down by a tad under 4 grand last year.

Ulysses Club Inc - Adelaide Branch		
		Income
	Item	Amount
	Club Activities	
	Events Activity	\$ 1,025.00
	Quartermasters Store Ulysses Gear	
	Quartermasters Store Branch Gear	\$ 116.00
	Odyssey Magazine	\$ 875.00
	Interest	\$ -
	Raffles	\$ 1,570.35
	Donation	
		\$ 3,586.35
		Expenditure
	Item	Amount
	Club Activities	\$ 1,179.63
	Events Activity	\$ 1,510.00
	Quartermasters Store Ulysses Gear	
	Quartermasters Store Branch Gear	\$ 713.35
	Odyssey Magazine	\$ 886.25
	Admin	\$ 417.25
	Raffle Costs	\$ 781.85
	Club Promotion	
	Donations	\$ 1,000.00
	Meeting Costs	\$ 480.00
	Raffles	\$ 480.00
		\$ 7,448.33
	Income / Loss	\$ 3,861.98

A bit of a breakdown of where most of that money was used,

The meeting raffles that Ray does an exceptional job of running brought in \$1570 for an outlay of \$780, we used the \$790 profit to pay \$480 for Tea, Coffee & Cake at the meetings and \$300 for UCARF raffle tickets that went as prizes. We also gave away \$180 in 15 x \$12 Meals as prizes, so we spent **\$170** more than we collected.

The Magazine which Michelle & Maurice did a fabulous job of producing and distributing earned us \$875 and cost \$886 so a HUGE **\$11** spent.

Xmas Dinner this year was attended by 35 members & partners @ \$25 each = \$875 collected and we spent \$1510 on the meals and prizes so **\$635** spent on a very enjoyable night out.

We gave a **\$1000** donation to UCARF.

Our Admin costs for printing, web hosting, etc **\$140**.

An impressive NEW LOGO designed and then printed on Member Name Badges cost us **\$1000**. More to be done next year. Fun stuff like several end of ride BBQs and Xmas meeting drinks consumed **\$800**.

But we do get a GST refund of \$300+ from NATCOM. In my opinion, money well spent on lots of fun and camaraderie.

Looking forward to another fun year in 2020.

Cheers Peter Castle



## December 2019 Christmas Dinner



Adelaide Branch Christmas dinner attended by 35 was a great evening at the Windsor Hotel. Everyone enjoyed their meals and the band, especially our Adelaide Branch resident dancing queens who were up on their feet early jiving away. No surprises there. Snake won the first door prize, and I won second prize. There were new faces along with our wonderful regular old faces.



Door Prize Winner Snake





## December 2019 Christmas Dinner





# Sunday Ride Round Up

1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 Pt Elliott Ride leader Frank Pellas

It was great to have Frank Pellas back and leading a ride, pity about the weather! About 12 riders and no pillions arrived at Top of Taps for our damp start to the ride. We had some light rain for a short time as we headed through the southern hills but by the time we arrived at Yankalilla for morning tea it was dry, if a little windy and cloudy. We had to make a detour at Willunga as the main road was closed due to a motoring event, but Frank took it in his stride and a quick detour set us back on track. The whole ride was uneventful and took in some excellent roads and the weather remained fine for the second leg to Port Elliot for lunch at the pub, where Frank's partner, Bronwyn, joined us for an excellent lunch. It was great to travel along some roads we haven't done for quite some time and a great day was had by all.

**Peter Wood.**





# Sunday Ride Round Up 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Ashbourne Ride Leader Mike Green

Not a good start to the ride when our ride leader, Mike, discovered a flat tyre on Saturday evening. Unable to find the offending leak and repair it in time for the ride, he asked me to lead the ride. Things didn't improve on Sunday morning when we discovered that the Civic Park car park was closed for preparations for Christmas Carols that evening. We instead gathered in the Tea Tree Plaza car park across the road, and eventually everyone discovered where we were, about 14 bikes in all. The ride went well, except for more than the usual number of recalcitrant drivers on the road, and after an event free run to Wistow for morning tea, we finished at the Greenman Inn at Ashbourne for lunch. Bernie Gelston and Brenton and Glenda George met us at Wistow, Brenton aboard his brand new KTM 790 Duke, a nice looking machine! Mike and Caroline met us at Ashbourne (in their car) and they had already pre booked and organised our lunch. So ends another year of great rides. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, and I hope to see you all in 2020 for more of the same. **Peter Wood**





# Sunday Ride Round Up

12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Angaston Ride leader Mike Green





## Sunday Ride Round Up 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Meadows Ride Leader **Brenton George**

Twenty-two bikes left from the Victoria hotel and headed for the hills. The plan was to go the back way to Yankalilla and avoid the Tour Down Under area. Very soon it was obvious that everyone on a bike was heading there via the scenic route as well. A lot of interstate visitors on organised tours had packed the roads. Being passed by cyclists while going up a Hill was a novel experience. Having a chat to some of them as we made our way out of Clarendon I found out which way they were going and went another way. After this it was like a normal ride. After morning tea at Yankalilla we avoided getting mixed up with the large number of Harleys heading for Cape Jarvis and returned via Bull Creek road to Meadows. Thanks to TECs and all who corner marshalled.





# SA Breakfast Club

7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Green Valley Strawberries Café, Nairne

It was a perfect day for riding, which many took advantage of, and for those that didn't, the picturesque drive was still a treat. Just a few kilometres out of Nairne towards Woodside is situated this lovely café that specialises in meals consisting mainly of berries. So, if you want bacon and eggs then this is not for you. Those with a sweet tooth however were treated to a multitude of various treats seated out on a veranda type setting with the morning sunbathing us in sunshine.





# SA Breakfast Club

4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 The Hahndorf Old Mill Hotel, Hahndorf



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am to 11.30am - SA Breakfast Club is at Laura**

**Venue: Koffi & Kandi Café, 33/51 Main North Road, Laura**

Some are making it a weekender, so if you would like to join in book some accommodation and join others for a fun weekend.

**Come by motorbike, car, plane, bicycle or on foot.**



# Keep safe: Understand what you are up against.

By Glenda George

If you haven't seen Daniel J Simmons' The Monkey Business Illusion you may want to have a quick look before you read on. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGQmdoK\\_ZfY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGQmdoK_ZfY) It explains what is referred to as inattentional blindness ... but for motorcyclists it's SMIDSY...Sorry mate, I didn't see you. That driver that looked right at you, pulled out in front of you and later told police "I didn't see the motorcyclist", probably didn't. The brain does not always see what the eyes are looking at. This is because our bodies and eyes receive 11,000,000 bits of information every second through what we see, feel and smell etc. Our brains cannot process this much data, so we filter out all but the most important information. Just like you saw in the Monkey Business Illusion where many participants did not spot the gorilla because they were focussed on counting the passes, motorists may be focussed on watching the traffic, which *their* brain registers as trucks and cars, and fail to see the motorcyclist.

It seems you can fail to see something simply because you were not expecting to see it. 24 radiologists were asked to perform a familiar lung-nodule detection task. The image of a gorilla, 48 times the size of the average nodule, was inserted in the last case that was presented. Eighty-three percent of the radiologists did not see the gorilla despite eye tracking revealing that the majority of those who missed the gorilla looked directly at its location.

So what to do about inattentional blindness with respect to motorcyclists, not gorillas? Statistics show that cities with very high numbers of motorcycles, such as in South East Asia, actually have surprisingly good road safety statistics because vehicle drivers are so used to seeing motorcyclists and look out for them. It's hard not to come to the conclusion we need more motorcyclists on the road.

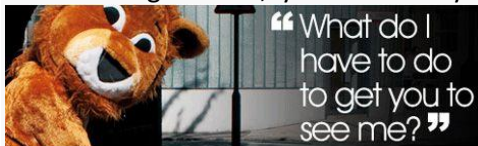
The "mockumentary" Safety in Numbers made for Maurice Blackburn Lawyers' SMIDSY campaign advocates just that. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bo39C3Vlm4>

In 2014, Australian National University research supported that theory. The Canberra uni conducted research with 40 adults using simulators and found that participants who were shown more motorcycles in a simulation saw them sooner than those shown a small number of bikes. The researcher suggested that the fact that motorcycles are less common than cars might make it harder for car drivers to see motorcycles.

Participants who saw motorcycles more often were able to detect them an average of 50m farther away than those who saw motorcycles less often. What that means for motorcyclists is at 60km/h drivers would have an extra three seconds to respond.

Even if a motorist has spotted you approaching, another factor is in play- people's perception that larger is closer, smaller is further. In another study, participants viewed two approaching objects simultaneously – one large and one small. The viewer had to nominate which would reach them first. Motorcycles, being smaller, were perceived as being further away so drivers judged the motorcycle as taking longer to arrive. Coupled with the unexpected acceleration that motorcycles are capable of, it is a lethal combination messing with driver's judgement in avoiding collision.

Your headlight is on, you have on your high viz gear and the driver is looking at you. But is he seeing you?



Ok, so what do we do about it? We can't change the way the human brain works but we can take steps to protect ourselves. After scanning articles and forums the sum of the advice seems to be: Expect and prepare to have NOT been seen. Anticipate and plan your exit route while you: Position yourself in the wheel track closer to the centre line. You are visible sooner to oncoming traffic or vehicles turning across your path. It also gives you a buffer from vehicles suddenly emerging from the left. Use a wobble/ weave/ Z line approach. It may look erratic but draws attention and helps the driver judge the speed of your approach. Reduce your speed. By knocking off just 8kph could mean that, if you have to brake, you could be going slowly enough to steer around it. Consider using your horn. Ride **seeing** others, not to be seen by others. Understand what you are up against.

The Motorcycle Riders Association of Western Australia has produced a booklet Titled Make Yourself Visible with diagrams that focus on a rider's positioning on the road to be visible. <https://mrawa.org/category/make-yourself-visible/>



# Webmaster's 2019 Annual Report

The big news to those who actually use Ulysses websites, is the removal of branch websites, forum and chat, from the national website.

My problem with that, is the loss of connectivity between branches. Many will fall back on Facebook for their local communication, which doesn't easily allow for people from other branches contacting them. And over a month into the 'new' national website, branch contact information is still pointing to the defunct branch websites.

Of course, the Adelaide Branch is unaffected by the changes, having our own website and our own Google Calendar. To help local branches out, I've offered cheap web space and a 'starter' website, to allow them to have a good web presence. Some have taken up the offer.

The Adelaide Branch website will continue as it has, my emphasis being on providing up to date information to members without too much glitz.

There is now an added button at the top of the Home page to allow members to register their interest in being informed when a new magazine edition is online and/or when there is some news to impart. What level of 'announcement' is needed, will be driven by members' expectations. I'll take guidance on that.

The online photo gallery will also continue as it has. (If full resolution photos mean we pay a bit more for the website, then so be it.) If people want to download photos, they can. If anyone wants to post photos, let me know and I can provide a login, or else send them to me. Likewise, if anyone objects to their photo being posted, let me know and I'll remove it.

As always, I welcome feedback on the website. (And I'm still waiting for someone to offer to back me up in its maintenance.)

Ken Wagnitz,  
Webmaster, Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch.



# The Steam Flyer

by Maurice Stevens

During a trip to the USA I happened to venture down to the wharfs in San Francisco, where I found a small museum dedicated to old machines. These were mostly mechanical devices beautifully crafted in wooden cabinets for the entertainment of the masses dating back to the turn of the century and some as young as the 1980's.

Amongst these was a glass cabinet that contained a motorcycle, but this was not your old Harley Davidson or Indian as expected. It was a steam powered beast called the "Steam Flyer"

According to the documentation, a gentleman by the name of Niles Gillenwater who had a fascination for steam powered vehicles decided that steam would be a good power source for a motorcycle. He began with the wheels and frame from a 1914 Thor motorcycle and adapted parts from a Stanley steamer. Other parts were sourced from various machinery and it took several years to construct.

In 1922 Gillenwater took his 250kg, 175cm wheelbase machine out for its first run. It had no gears as the power generated by the steam engine didn't require any.

He once challenged the Police with their Harley's to a race and managed to leave them in his dust attaining a top speed of 110mph (177kph). He had however, cranked up the steam pressure to 1000psi when it normally ran on 600psi.

Over the years he continued to refine the machine and was reportedly approached by the French government who wanted to purchase it but he refused, stating the offer was too low. He did sell it in the late 1930's to the Cliff House Museum in San Francisco. Later it was moved to Sutro Bath's museum and the original green paint was covered over by a fire engine red.

Many years later in 1975 David Sarlin was given the opportunity to restore the motorcycle to its former glory. Many hours of tireless work resulted in what is seen today in the Musee Mecanique, Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco. Worth the visit if your ever in that neighbourhood. Entry is free.



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

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

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

Let the Adelaide Branch Welfare Officer know immediately so he/she can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.

**Contact TBA**

### Wonders Wisdom

Who ever said technology will replace paper .... Has obviously never tried to wipe their ASS with an ipad.





## Snake Jokes & Words of Wisdom



Why did the Irishman insist on using 2 condoms?  
**TO BE SURE, TO BE SURE!**



If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving isn't for you!



If you ever see me JOGGING Please kill whatever is chasing me!



### IN LIFE

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## What's On Page

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

**The SA Breakfast Club-** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 9.30am somewhere around the state.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** 9.30am to 11.30am - SA Breakfast Club is at Laura

**Venue:** Koffi & Kandi Café, 33/51 Main North Road, Laura

**Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting -Thursday 5th March 2020 - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Venue:** European Catering Reception, 2 Chief St, Hindmarsh. Official meeting starts at 7:30. Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue at very reasonable prices. A raffle is held on the night with numerous prizes with free tea, coffee & cake following the meeting.

**Adelaide Branch Monthly Dinner -** For Dinner bookings and cancellations

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Do not phone the venue Bookings close Wednesday prior to the event.

\* Please note that the venue may change without notice, check [website](#) for details\*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 7pm** - Venue: **Ramsgate Hotel**, 328 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7pm** – Venue: **The Kensi** 23 Regent St, Kensington

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 7pm** – Venue: **The Avoca** South Road Clarence Gardens



If you have or know of an upcoming event and would like it to be included on the Odyssey **'What's On'** page, please email [editorsodyssey@gmail.com](mailto:editorsodyssey@gmail.com) or phone 0419 822 717

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## One-pan herb chicken & rice



### INGREDIENTS

- 280g jar Chargrilled Vegetables, drained reserving oil
- 1 pkt (about 1.8kg) Coles RSPCA Approved Australian Chicken Portions Herb Sprinkle
- 1 ½ cups (300g) long-grain rice
- 3 cups (750ml) chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons oregano leaves

### METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180°C. Heat a large ovenproof frying pan or casserole dish over high heat. Add 1 tbs of the reserved oil from the chargrilled vegetables. Add half the chicken to the pan and cook for 3 mins each side or until golden brown. Transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining chicken.
- Add rice, stock and chargrilled vegetables to the pan. Bring to the boil. Arrange chicken over rice and cover with foil.
- Roast for 40 mins or until chicken is cooked through and rice is tender.
- Sprinkle with oregano to serve.





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