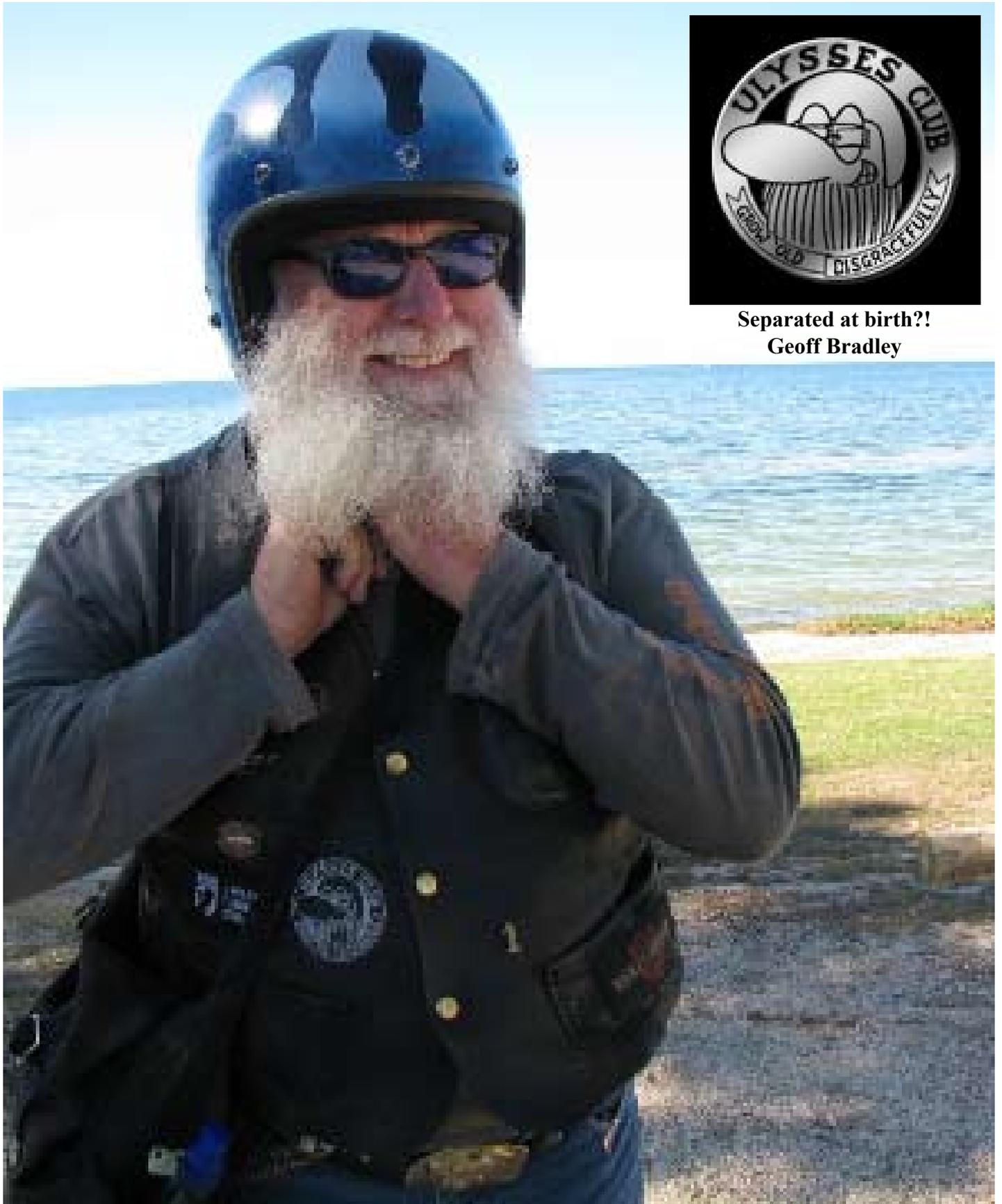


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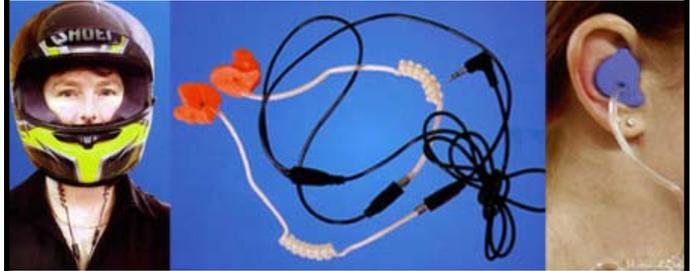
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FOR SALE

One f***ing useless cat!



The Odyssey

Hi All

The end of the financial year is coming up, so check out Marcel Smith (ad opposite page). You don't even have to leave your home - he comes to you. Had some good feedback from clients.



Haven't done much riding lately - I'm becoming more and more a 'fair weather rider', not to mention having a fair bit on my 'retired plate'. To think I was worried sick about what I would do if I left work!!!

But, Garry is clocking up the miles: He and Trevor McDonald took part in the Prostate Cancer Ride to Darwin. Other engagements prevented them from going all the way - they went to Uluru for a couple of nights and then spent a few days in Alice springs. Don Freene was supposed to go, but he's still not mobile enough for riding. At least he's up on his feet now - sort of. Riders came from all over Australia and were 'picked up' along the way. By all reports, it was a very successful venture and Garry and Trevor certainly enjoyed there part of it.

Cover: Couldn't resist this photo of Geoff Bradley from Stansbury. Wonder if he's related to Groff.

Congratulations to Helena Gritton (Limestone Coast Branch) on her election to the position of Secretary of NatCom. We all wish her well for the coming 12 months and beyond.

The Nashes' weekend to the Gladstone Gaol was a real hoot, going by the write-up and pics on p.24-25. Steve and Lyn can always be relied upon to put on a good show, and time is running out for you to get your names down for the **Christmas in July Quiz Night**. (see p.9 for details). I've got my angel suit (what else) at the ready.

Cheers
Wendy

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From the Pres

Well what a busy couple of months its been, if you haven't heard Bundi and myself have by the time you read this moved house, we have made the move to Palmer so if you are in the neighbourhood and the lights on call in for a coffee.



Things are progressing well for the 2011 Odyssey and we now have a major sponsor (a local Port Pirie business). However there is always more to organize and follow up on so this will keep the committee busy.

Our new Quartermasters have settled in well and have been busy selling lots of club gear at the branch meetings, Chrissie has also said if you have any special orders she is willing to get in what ever you require.

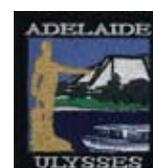
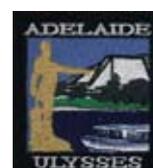
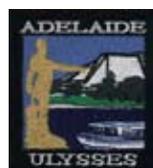
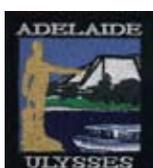
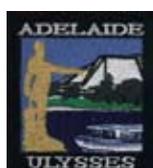
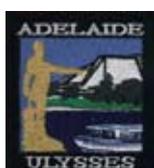
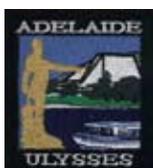
Our branch rides have been well supported of late which is good to see, the fantastic weather we have been treated to lately has probably helped a lot with this, its always great to see so many folk out enjoying themselves.

Winter is upon us again but the upside is it will soon be Spring and this means the 2010 Odyssey in Port Lincoln will be upon us, if you have never been to an Odyssey you don't know what your missing. Remember to register soon for the Odyssey if you haven't already done so and not leave it till the last minute, it makes it harder for the organizers if you do.

So that's enough from me, besides I've got to go pack some more boxes, remember get out enjoy and participate in what ever is on offer.

Life's too straight without the twisties.

Andrew Mill
President
Adelaide Branch



ADELAIDE BRANCH RIDE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	LEADER	EVENT	DESTINATION	FROM
6-June	9.30 am	Andrew Mill	Day ride	Strathalbyn	Top of Taps
13-June			No Ride	Queen's Birthday Weekend	
20-June	8.00am	Andrew Mill	Diehards' Breakfast	TBA	Civic Park Main North Road, Modbury
27-June	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Meet the Kings	Ardrossan	Caltex, Port Wakefield Road, Bolivar
4-July	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonald's Magill
11-July	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Brass Monkey Ride	Cape Jervis/Normanville	Top of Taps
18-July	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park
25-July	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonald's Magill
1-Aug	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park
8-Aug	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
15-Aug	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Presidents Ride		Civic Park
22-Aug	9.30am	Chris Roberts	Day Ride	Gumeracha	McDonald's Magill
29-Aug	9.00am	Andrew Mill	Boltons Sponsored Ride		Boltons Kawasaki
5-Sept	9.30am	Gnome	Fathers Day Ride		Top of Taps
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After welcome rain through the week, a good group met for chat and a good meal at The Highbury Hotel in April. We were pleased to congratulate Life Member, Neville Gray, and it was good to see Pam. We also met with Barry Hall and his wife, and Peter. It as great to meet up with Robert and, finally, Denise who is Howard's wife and no doubt we will see them all at a few more dinners. Vanessa was thrilled with her first major ride to the AGM - well done. Also Neil had a story about injuring his fingers, but has fully recovered.



Pam Gray with husband and the newest Life Member of the Ulysses Club, Neville



The Halls and Peter

On Friday 14th May, a happy group of us met at the Modbury Plaza Hotel to chat, eat and celebrate Doug Francis (p.9 with his wife, Val) turning 80 years - HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOUG! Yes the Ardrossan boy is still going strong and riding with the boys. Mind you I have never seen a man receive his cake, blow out the candles and make a wish so fast in all my life - you just can't slow down, can you Doug! We enjoyed the birthday cake and all had a good meal once again. Adrian and Pauline will also be celebrating birthdays in the next couple of weeks. Bob and Athalie are tripping over to UK, and Pauline is flying out to USA - have a good trips. Those left here we will see you at The Sussex Hotel on 11th June.



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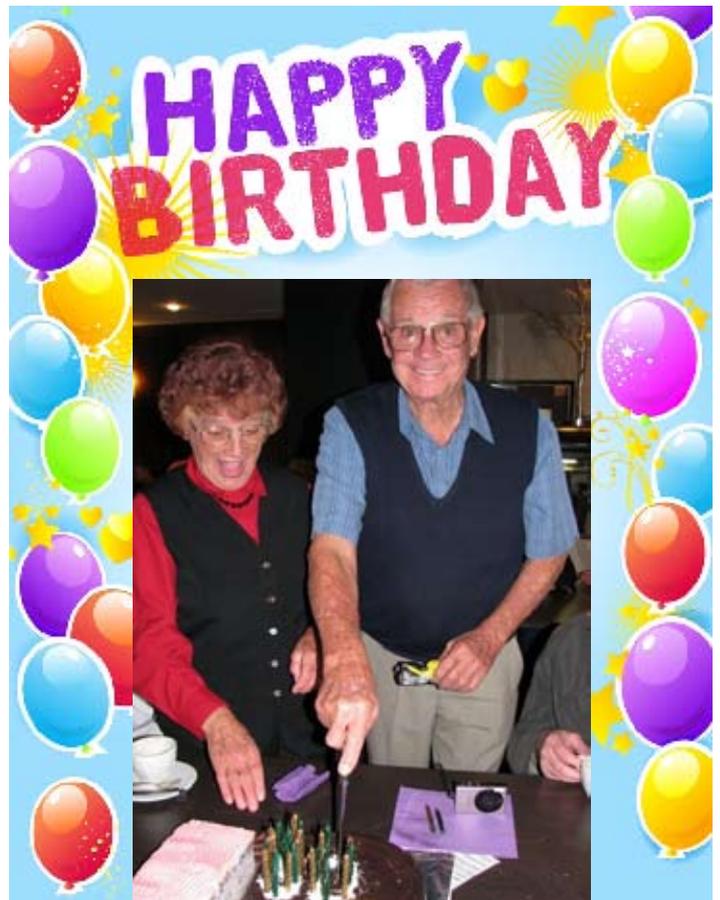
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Sunday round-up - photos by Bundi (and Bev)

4th April

25 or so of us (I couldn't count properly cause I was eating too many Easter eggs) were at Macca's at Magill for the annual Wabbit Wun, we even had some visitors on the ride from NSW, they are on their way home



from the AGM. We headed up to Norton Summit and then on to Uraidla where we turned to Basket Range and followed the main road all the way to Lobethal. Then we made our way to Cuddlee Creek and followed the river and in to Gumeracha and then to Birdwood for morning tea. From here we went to Tungkillo and turned off to Mt. Torrens, next it was back towards Lobethal and through Inverbrackie before turning to go to Brakunga and on to Dawsley, from Dawsley we went through Kanmantoo and to Callington where we turned off to Woodchester and then to Langhorne Creek. We then made our way to Lake Alexandrina and followed this to Milang for lunch. The weather was perfect all day as was the company.



11th April

The turnout was a little disappointing but the 30 or so that were at Bills Northern Store were treated to a very nice bacon and egg brekkie, but the best thing well for me anyway was the use of a brand new VFR 1200 for the day. We set off and made our way to North East Road and followed this to Chain of Ponds where we turned towards Kersbrook and then along Checkers Hill Road and on to Gumeracha, then it was back to Chain of Ponds and along Tipett Road (the mad mile) and on to Cuddlee Creek for morning tea. From here we set off along Fox Creek Road and turned along a few back roads to Lobethal, then back to Gumeracha and on to Forreston where we turned along Norseworthy Road to Kersbrook and on to Williamstown. Next it was on to Birdwood via Lucky Hit Road then through Tungkillo, Palmer and to Mannum for lunch by the river. The weather was dry and cool all day and best of all the roads were dry and reasonably quiet. Oh ye and a big thanks to Bev for taking the photos today.

The Odyssey

18th April

Wow what an interesting day, we had 2 new riders join our group today which is always good to see, however neither of them had fuelled up and 1 had a flat battery which



delayed the start slightly. We made our way to Ansteys Hill and through to the top end of Gorge Road to Cuddlee Creek and then to Woodside and Nairne, from here we went along Bald Hills Road and to Wistow then to Strathalbyn for morning tea. We found out that on this first leg of the ride someone was having



a very bad day, he fell off after misjudging a bend (everything ok) then rode straight past a corner marshal and missed a turn. From Strath we went

through Langehorne Creek to Wellington where we crossed the ferry, well most of us did so we waited at the other side for those not on the first ferry. Then it was on to Meningie for lunch on the banks of lake Albert where we were joined by David and his good wife from Tintinara who had ridden up to say hi.



2nd May

In some what overcast and cool conditions there was 42 of us at GC Motorcycles for their sponsored ride. We were joined on the ride by Martin from GC's on his Road 250 LC we set off through the traffic and made our way to Magill road and on to Norton Summit, from there on



to Greenhill Road to Uraidla where we turned to Picadilly and then along Spring Gully Road and then to Bridgewater. We then turned to Mt. George and made our way along Gum Flat

Sunday round-up - photos by Bundi



Road, back on to Greenhill Road and on to Balhannah for morning tea. From here we headed towards Verdun and then along to River Road, then on to Echunga where we turned left then along Old

Mt. Barker Road to Mt. Barker. Next it was on to Wistow and to Woodchester where we turned to Callington, we then went along the Old Princess Hwy through Kanmantoo and to Dawsley where we turned off to Brakunga and finally to the Nairne Wetlands where the guys from GC's had prepared a fabulous BBQ with salads and cold drinks for us. It was a good day out with a great lunch and even a free raffle. Thanks to the guys from GC's for a job well done.



16th May

Around 25 of us were at Civic Park in absolutely glorious weather, the Triumph car club were having a show at Civic Park so it was quite busy. We set off through Chain of Ponds, Cuddlee Creek and on to Lenswood, next along swamp Road and to Verdun. Then along River Road, through to Echunga and then Meadows for morning tea. There was a huge gap in the ride, seems a couple of corner marshals decided they had stayed on their corners long enough and decided to ride on (AAAAARRRRGGGHHH). Also seems some one on a Bergman scooter had a slight off that he was trying to keep quiet, we won't tell anyone ay Reggie. So we set off a bit later than planned along Bull Creek Road, past the cyclists and then turned along Tooperang Road to Mt Compass, then along the main Road then along Cleland Gully Road back to Bull Creek Road then on to Currency Creek. We then turned along the Goolwa to Mt Compass Road and then turned down Flagstaff Hill Road to Middleton, then through Pt Elliott and on to Victor Harbour for lunch.



9th May

There were 25 of us at Top of Taps for the Mothers Day ride. We set off in glorious sunshine and made our way to Clarendon and then to Blewitt Springs, we turned at McLaren Flat and went to the Range and along to the top of Old Willunga Hill. Then we went along Pages Flat Road and on to Myponga for morning tea. After being well fed and coffeed we were off to Yankalilla where we turned along Inman Valley Road and then turned to Parawa, then along the Range Road to Delamere, nice along here today, no wind and a crispness in the air. We then followed the main Road through Second Valley and on to Normanville where we turned back to Yankalilla and Myponga again, (got some thinking cause we were going to Normanville for lunch). Next it was over the Myponga Dam where someone had a little mishap on a tight bend, someone said perhaps they hit the Berlin Wall. Then we made our way to Normanville for lunch. Fantastic day for riding in fantastic countryside.



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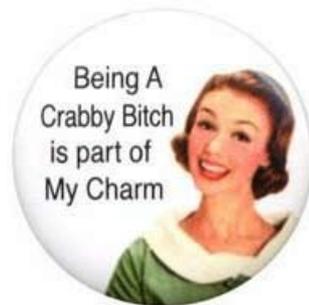


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Hi Wendy

Made a friend on face book in the USA. He gave me a great site - www.tailofthedragon.com. Also, on You Tube, you can watch "Chaos on the dragon"; it's quite long, but worth the watch. He said there are signs everywhere for semi trailers not to use this road. He thinks they use it to save time/fuel. I really loved the site!

I went out for a ride on "Mothers' Day" (9/05/2010) being a Sunday. I have not been out for quite a while (months) on a Sunday ride, but today was going to be 23 to 24°C and my wife 'allowed' me to go. Yoh! I seem to ride more on a Wednesday, now, as this leaves time for rellies on the weekend.

There were a lot of bikes on the ride - I reckon about 30. It's about 20km from my place to Top o' Taps. We travelled about 160km to Normanville for lunch, having had morning lunch at Myponga. We slowed down at one point not too far from Normanville, as there was an old car up front; it looked big and square.

On finding a place to pass, it was a Rolls Royce, the one with the head lights that look like search lights and running boards. On the way to Normanville, not far from the Myponga Dam,

a Harley came to grief at a slow corner. Looks like a bit of soft stuff on the corner. The owner is OK, but I think both biker and bike are sore.

The good thing about belonging to a club and having 'runs' is that there is a "Tail End Charlie" and in this instance, two of them. So help and assistance is available in some form. The worst part is. You are don't have to be going fast or act stupidly to have an 'off' - he was probably doing 5 to 8kph and bingo!

During lunch, at Normanville, I spoke to Bundi and told her it was a great ride, as we had the twisty bits and straight runs.

It was good to see quite a few ladies on the run today.

I left early at Normanville to take a leisurely 75km ride home to Adelaide via the coast road. My bike does about 270km before going on reserve, so not much petrol left in the tank by the time I got home.

A great run - thanks, Ulysses.

**Regards,
Allan (I am Skippy) Hubbard**

Ten Question with Ulysses Member Chris Hartley #10035

Q1. How long have you been a Ulysses member?

A1. I was signed up by Rudi Esman and Mike Wherry (with Claire aiding and abetting) as a birthday present for my 40th birthday in 1996. So it is now 14 years. It has been suggested that since my initial membership was a gift then all my renewals should be the same. Hmmmmmmm!

Q2. What influenced you to join?

A2. I was keeping an eye on the progress of the club since reading about the inaugural meeting as reported in Bike Australia by Peter "the Bear" Theoming. I thought it was a brilliant concept and when I got disgraceful enough I wanted to become a member.

Q3. What motor bike are you currently riding?

A3. I have a Brand New Toy. It is a 2010 model Triumph 675 Street Triple R which I picked up on Easter Saturday from Mildura motorcycles. I have already bought (on eBay) an Arrow 3 into 1 exhaust for it as well as a Tail Tidy, a seat bag and a new Shoei Helmet. I traded in the Aprilia Tuono as I could not sell it here in Adelaide. It had been on the market for over a year. I also have a 2002 Honda 900 Hornet which is my touring mount.



Q4. How many bikes have you owned over the years?

A4. 19, 5 singles, 8 twins, 2 triples and 4 four pots.

Q5. Name some of the bikes you have owned?

A5. 1973 Honda XL 250, 1974 Honda CB500/4, 1975 Honda XL250, 1976 Kawasaki Z900, 1977 Yamaha XT500, 1978 Yamaha XS750, 1983 Honda XR250, 1984 Honda XR500, 1992 Yamaha 535 Virago, 1993 HD FXR Low Rider, 1994 HD FLSTN Heritage Soft-tail Special, 1998 HD FXDWG Dyna Wide Glide, 2000 Kawasaki ER5, 1999 Yamaha TDM 850, 2002 Kawasaki GPX 250, 1998 Yamaha 600 Fazer, 2005 Aprilia Tuono, 2002 Honda 900 Hornet, 2010 Triumph 675 Street Triple R.

Q6. What will be your next bike?

A6. Who Knows? I never know what I will test ride or what will bite me on the bum and say "Buy Me!"

Q7. What is, or was you favorite bike?

A7. I have immensely enjoyed EVERY bike I have ever owned, (way more than is possibly legal) but in the 70's it was the Kwakka 9, in the 80's it was the XR500, in the 90's it was the white FLSTN (also known as the "Wedding-Glide") and for the 00's it is the Aprilia Tuono or the new toy?

Q8. If money was no object and you could have any bike in the world, what would it be?

A8. I want the Tuono version of the Aprilia RSV4 Factory when they get around to making the naked version.

Q9. What do you enjoy about the Ulysses Club?

A9. Associating with a club just chokka full of "Characters"

Q10. Do you have any nick name? Come on I know you do!!

A10. I always wanted to be known as "Mono-Chris" but all my mates steadfastly refuse to pander to my ego.

Lester (Peltman) Martin



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A Letter from Gryphi

Hello all, from Exmouth Western Australia, about 4,300k from home, having left home on the 5th March, on the Gryphon Harley. At a guess, I am about 1/5th of the way through my trip around Australia.

Diving with Whale Sharks - all day

At the Information Centre, 8.00 am, bathers on, towel in hand, sunscreen, hat. No underwater still camera, but they did underwater video, thank you! Ten of us from as far away as Belgium, New York (actor, Josh Lucas of 'Sweet Home Alabama' fame) and his gorgeous French girlfriend (pictured right), Holland (just been for a 3 week jaunt around New Guinea and was totally entranced by it - so another destination has been put on my list), Costa Rica, Victoria and this little, old South Aussie.

Whale sharks come to Exmouth in numbers. The main marine biology research area is here and Felicity (doing her Masters on these animals) was on our boat. Little is known about the shale shark. They don't really know where it give birth, though it gives live birth to over 300 pups. Only about 1200 have been coded by



the markings behind the pectorals. All who dive with them and take photos are asked to register their photos on www.ecoocean.org, a site worth a visit.

They know that they are large at birth, but don't know gestation time. They know little else about them and there is very little data on them, but believe they are an endangered species, as many countries still kill them.

The Marine Park here is spectacular, with the giant manta rays, corals, sea anemone, catfish, tiger sharks, medium clams (though pearl divers of the last century document way beyond what we see now).

26° in the water and the sun shines, yes!!!! Though breezy today (like I'm complaining), threw up between dives!.....Second time ever I've been seasick, having sailed most of my life, duh!

Red bulldust through all at the caravan park ... Saturday reading by the pool and letting the wrecked body heal. Oh, was me! Swimming is not great for my type of joint pain, but it was worth every minute - what a wonder to behold!



A woman in her fifties is at home happily jumping unclothed, on her bed and squealing with delight.

Her husband watches her for a while and asks, "Do you have any idea how ridiculous you look? What's the matter with you?"

The woman continues to bounce on the bed and says, "I don't care what you think, I just came from having a mammogram, and the doctor says that not only am I healthy, but I have the breasts of an 18 year-old."

The husband replies, "What did he say about your 55-year old arse?"

She replied, "Your name never came up."



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CAROLINE JARVIS

Ulysses # 12801

13/04/1955 – 26/03/2010

Caroline was a passionate and dedicated registered nurse and midwife. She was also a welcoming face when friends arrived at The Wombat Rally.

I first met Caroline at a WIMA run; she was riding a 535 Virago and quickly became friends. She gathered people into her life with ease, accepting of everybody. She had a special way of making you see anything from another angle, perhaps one that you had not previously considered. She frequently called a spade a spade and sometimes a shovel. I will miss her straight talking no nonsense approach.

She was always ready to go in to bat for the underdog and hated to see people treated unfairly.

Caroline acted on impulse, especially when it came to real estate and I lost count of the houses she bought and sold in the twelve years that I knew her.

Married three times, it takes a special man to keep pace with an adventurous, free spirit who marched to beat of her own drum.

Diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in September 2009 she retired from work to spend her remaining time making good memories to leave her family with. She passed away peacefully at Wudinna Hospital on March 26th surrounded by her family.



A graveside service was conducted at Wirrabara Cemetery and was well attended by approx 250 mourners. Pink helium balloons were released by each of her family members, mourners held spellbound as they floated away into the morning sky. Many children were present no doubt helped into this world by Caroline.

Caroline is survived by her son Simon and her siblings Debra and David and their families.

Claire Hartley # 15820



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ALBANY AGM – WHAT AN ADVENTURE for CAZ ‘n’ STRECH ‘n’ Ditch Witch

If you attended the Adelaide Branch May meeting, you may have seen my new T-Shirt which says “Heaven doesn’t want me and hell’s afraid I’ll take over”.... I told all there that I would explain what prompted me to buy it in the next Odyssey so here I am to do just that, but to do so I need to tell the story of our AGM adventure....

Strech spent many months planning and organising our 4 week West Australia adventure. He researched and planned all accommodation stops (which I then booked) side trips, sightseeing tours, and daily visits to family and friends in West Australia. He bought and re-vamped a trailer for our bikes, had the car (an AU FORD Station Wagon), and the bikes serviced and checked for safety, organised extra spare tyres, stocked up on oil and petrol, organised to get supplies of all our drugs (legal ones on script) for the full time we were going to be travelling and all the other preparation things one does for a long trip (food and water emergency supplies included).

We thought (dangerous to think, huh) all was good ... we were wrong....

After celebrating our 37th anniversary on 3rd March, we rose early on the 4th, and after Strech got the car & trailer out of the driveway, left home at with me driving, music playing and lots of excited discussion of what was to come. We even had Ditch Witch (Lyn), a virgin AGMer, tagging along for the ride. (She may think twice next time before joining us.)

Day one:- Brekkie at Port Wakefield, Morning tea at Port Augusta, Lunch at Wudinna. Strech took over the driving and all was well, windows up and air-con on. Lyn was in the back reading a book, I was riding shotgun keeping Strech alert. After a while, Lyn nodded off to sleep, Strech and I commented that didn’t take long, not even the end of day one and we had worn her out with all our chatter... LOL...she must be getting old. After a while, I started to feel nauseous, headachy and asked if we could stop at the next town (Wirulla) for a coffee break. Well, seconds later Strech felt faint, was seeing many white lines and became disorientated. He said, “Get me off the road.” I yelled, ‘Turn left into the “P” stop!’ We missed a tree by about a foot and a half and slid, using the hand-brake, at the back of the dirt “P” stop. I thought Strech was having another heart attack as he was grey and not looking at all well. Leaving my door wide open I ran round to his side of the car undid his seatbelt and dragged him onto his knees beside the car... thinking that if I needed to do CPR I would need him on the ground. At that point I collapsed onto the front seat of the car, my body convulsing (though my mind was clear and thinking ‘shit we are in trouble here’). Now with both doors wide open, Strech on the floor and me across the front seat, Lyn stirred and got out of the car to run round to help us ... only to pass out face first in the dirt on the other side of the car. Well... what a lot we were ... all needing help and none of us able to give it.

Strech was attempting to flag down assistance, but passers-by must have thought we were just having fun ‘cause they just waved and kept on going...

We drank lots and lots of water (about 5 litres between us.. thankfully we had it on board) and sat for around an hour and half

to recover, at which time Strech then felt well enough to get us to the next town, Wirulla, about 15 km. At Wirulla we stopped and went into a coffee shop for a break of about an hour. Feeling a little better, we set off for Ceduna (about 50km). I got in the back as I was still feeling quite sick. We had all the windows open as we thought we may have come over sick due to lack of oxygen through the air con maybe not working properly. Well, only a few ks up the road, (37km from Ceduna) I saw smoke streaming up the windscreen and yelled for Strech to stop. He raced to open the bonnet and I raced for the fire extinguisher from the back of the car... but we found no fire. Strech thought I was seeing things, but I was sure I had seen smoke. On returning the fire extinguisher to the back of the car, I found what looked like toffee dripping from under the bumper bar. Turns out it was actually the honeycomb crash padding from inside the bumper... it was all melting... We decided we needed help.

With three mobiles between us (Telstra and Optus) none of us had service, not even emergency 112. What to do?? Strech decided to take his bike off the trailer to go for help. So with me saying a prayer for him to keep safe, he rode off toward Ceduna leaving Lyn and me with the car (albeit broken) and trailer.

We sat for over an hour and half with many cars (incl. 2 police cars) trucks and bikes passing us by. It is really a sad world when, maybe through fear, no-one will stop to offer help.

Finally, Strech (who had arrived in Ceduna around 5pm closing time) returned with two wonderful guys, Manuel and Dion, who work for a company called “COMPLETE Tyre, Battery & Mechanical Service” in McKenzie Street, Ceduna and even though they had finished work for the day, they brought their own cars and a car trailer to rescue us. Dion took our Ford Wagon on the car trailer with his Toyota 4wd whilst Mannie (who personally rides a Harley) towed our trailer with his ute. (Must be for the Harley..LOL) and they delivered us and the trailer to our caravan park taking, our car back to their workshop on the trailer. Well, what an end to day one of our adventure!

Day two was spent getting our car repaired. The exhaust had rusted from inside out (looked fine on the outside so mechanic had not picked it up) and had snapped off just after the muffler; all the heat had melted the packing on the inside of the bumper, the electrical wiring for the trailer brakes, the electrical wiring for the tail lights of the car and the plastic and rubber mounting of the right hand tail light assembly, only being held in place by what was left of the copper wires.

The fumes from the break in the exhaust and also from toxic items melting had been filling the car and had gassed us all! Lyn had not been sleeping, she had been the first to succumb to the gases from the back of the car. As it was a station wagon, the fumes had been coming up through the back floor into the cab of the car and the re-cycle air-con had been making sure we all got our share of it. Only when we opened both doors has oxygen revived Lyn enough for her to get out of the car, but the toxins had affected our muscles and we had all been made very weak and unable to move for quite a while.

We had a new exhaust fitted, Dion (with Strech assisting as lackey) did a complete re-wiring of the back end of the car and trailer brakes, and then, using self tapping screws and Gaffe

tape, fixed the tail lights back in place (no wrecker for spares in Ceduna). We were finished by 6pm and ready to go again. This was all due the friendly and helpful service we got from Mannie and Dion, without them we would have spent several days in Ceduna waiting for places to open after the long weekend. We also know these two boys rescued other Ulyssians who had bike trouble with a faulty battery, they arranged to get one brought in for the rider so that he could be on his way. They also had a few tyres to fix for riders who had issues along the way... what a great pair of guys they are... call in for help if you are in the area... we know they will do all they can to help you.

Management at the BIG 4 caravan park in McKenzie Street were great finding us room (was a long weekend) to stay an extra night.

So, Day 3: We should have been in Balladonia heading for Esperance, instead we went from Ceduna to Esperance in one day. It was a long day!

We then had two days of very much needed rest and relaxation in Esperance.

We arrived in Albany on the Monday and had a great week of sight seeing around the area. We went to places including:- Whale World, Walpole, Tree Tops Walk, Dinosaur Museum with free BBQ included, Margaret River (I got to hold an eagle at Eagles' Lair), Cape Leeuwin and Cape Naturaliste Lighthouses, War Museum and firing of the cannon, Mount Romance (not impressed by this place). We also walked round the display at the AGM site and attended the dinners and the parade.



We met many fellow Ulyssians throughout the trip, but mainly in the Albany Area (there were thousands of them staying there... LOL...). Then whilst there on the Parade day, MORE FUN AND GAMES when there was a bush fire (caused by a biker having an accident and his bike exploding into flames) only a few ks from where we were staying. We had ash and embers raining down on us whilst drinking coffee in the main street of Albany; lots of cleaning the following day to get the ash cleaned up even though it rained; it had just made an ashy/muddy mix over the vehicles and trailer.

The next week we were at Busselton in a fabulous cabin, only 52 steps from the beach. We were really enjoying the stay and morning lay in until a family of ducks decided that at 6.00 am and they had the right to knock on our cabin glass door demanding to be fed. Lyn and I fed them bread at each visit! Strech was hoping they would get fat enough to put in a pan before the end of the week, but to no avail. Days later in Perth, we got caught in their 1 in 50 year storm... as we tried to get back to our accommodation, we had lightning strike the ground only 50 metre from our car starting a fire which was put out by the torrential rain. Frightened me so much, we nearly had an accident. Then on arrival back at our unit, we found we had been flooded out ... we were knee

deep in water helping with sandbagging and clean-up. The only benefit was, we were upgraded into a spa chalet at no extra cost! The next day my foot was really sore and on investigation we found something lodged deep in her foot and so she ended up at the Swan District hospital having minor surgery to get it removed.

So (and here is the explanation of the T-shirt) when we went into the T-shirts shop and I saw the shirt, I figured it suited our gassing, fire, flood and neither heaven nor hell could decide where I fitted so they both sent me back to you lot...LOL... So looks like you are all stuck with me for a while yet.

On leaving Perth, it was suggested we not stay long in Kalgoorlie as it is on a fault line and we might just cause an earthquake, but turns out they had one a week after we left... not sure what that means... then we had one here only a few days after we got back.

We even stayed in the same Big 4 caravan park in Ceduna on the way home, though after telling them about the rest of our

holiday they did ask, as they handed us the key to the unit, if we were sure we would not like to stay at the park up the street. On our way home we had few more problems with the exhaust again, this time it was getting louder and louder. From Port Wakefield, I drove (it sounded like a great big Harley with no baffles, and I said, "If the police pull me over for making too much noise, I will just sit down on the road and cry," but we made it to the drive way getting home around midnight on Good Friday.

Turns out we were almost losing the bolts from the new muffler they fitted at the beginning of

our holiday; guess the rough roads in WA had loosened them off.

SOME HOLIDAY HUH!!!

Going to the next AGM is in the planning stages already, we will not be beaten! We will continue living it up, having fun and growing old very, very disgracefully.

Keep on smiling and take care of yourselves, see you along the way somewhere. Oh yeah... if you see us on the side of the road, stop and have a chat just to make sure all is well; we will do the same for all of you...let's not live life being afraid of helping others in need.

Carol and John Moore (Caz and Strech)
Member/s 21767 and 19192





Mid Weeker at Port Vincent

April 14, 15, 16

Photos by Jenny Hills



The weather was ideal for the Mid Week ride to Port Vincent which departed from Smithfield at 10.30 and first stop was at Balaklava for morning tea. Then on to Ardrossan for the usual good lunch at the bakery.

Andy was in charge of catering and tea was cooked by Jim and Brenton which we all enjoyed - usual hard ice-cream, but we managed to dig in!!

We all proceeded to Port Victoria on Thursday where the sea breeze and sunshine just encouraged us to chat a bit longer with our morning tea. Then on to Stansbury where some dined in the Hotel and others sat by the seaside enjoying a good lunch. Terry,

a member on Yorke Peninsula, rode by and stopped for his break a chat about his experience with his trip to WA for his first AGM.

Back at camp, we ate more good food with the home made sausage rolls all being eaten - thanks Lyn. Steak and onions this night was cooked by Kevin which kept us quiet for awhile! The new verandah out the front of Tuckerway encouraged us to spend more time outside and even have breakfast there.

Another warm night and more good weather for riding home on Friday. Look forward to seeing you all at Barmera in July.

Jenny Hills



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6. If the master calls your name after class, straighten the benches and tables, sweep the room, dust and leave everything tidy.

HORIZONS UNLIMITED

Experienced or aspiring, the Horizons Unlimited meeting each year is well worth attending for anybody with the remotest interest in world travel. Some of the stories you hear, and the travelers you meet, are truly inspirational. Adventure, courage, endurance, humour, great riding, great times – it's all there. Fact trumps fiction any day.

This year the HU meeting was held in Cooroy QLD, just inland from Noosa Heads. It was Mike Green's idea to attend (something of a reunion for him); and Roger Knapp did the route planning while Mike and I were off attending the recent Ulysses AGM.

Given the recent rains in central Australia, and the promise of the outback looking its best, we rode up to the meeting via Broken Hill, Bourke, Cunnamulla, St George, and then on to Cooroy. We weren't disappointed as we saw the outback at its verdant best. Riding into Bourke, for example, the country side was a carpet of green, with the grass knee-high right up to the side of the road. The cattle were fat and the graziers happy. The only downside to the recent rains were the locusts, out in plague proportions. (I'm still getting the little suckers out of my bike and riding gear.) As good as the Outback was, the country only got greener and more scenic as we approached the Great Dividing Range and our destination.

The HU meeting was held in a cow paddock in a green forested valley. It was damp under foot, but spirits remained high. One speaker, Cheryl, had a story to tell (and tell, and tell, as it turned out!). She was amazing. Having had a major change-of-life crisis, she sold the house, learned to ride a motorcycle – her worst nightmare - bought two Honda Shadows (one for hubby), and set off around the world. Literally, around the world. Once was not

enough, so they did it again. Then there was petite 20-something Danielle. She didn't make a formal presentation, but we learned of her story more-or-less by osmosis. She rode a Honda XT 250 through Thailand, Laos and Burma. Presently I think she's in the western Asia, heading for Africa. And there were others with similar stories to tell. All good stuff. But, good things come to an end, and it was soon time to head for home.

Something happened on the ride home. Coming down to Sydney to stay with Roger's old mate "Longie", we criss-crossed the Great Dividing Range six times. What a road trip! The mountains, the twisty roads, the rolling valleys, the small country towns, the rivers and rainforests worked their way into our souls, and true to say, probably changed our perceptions of a country we thought we knew pretty well. I swear I heard mumblings of mortgaging the missus, divorcing the house, pawning the kids, and moving to eastern parts where it still rains, the grass is greener, and the roads more twistie. Perhaps I was mistaken.... but you get the message – fantastic days of riding that left an indelible impression.

Heading westbound out of Sydney across the Hay plains, there were puddles on the side of the road, and the locusts made a re-appearance in force. We crossed the mighty Murray at Toolybuc and started to get into more familiar territory. There was a nasty storm between Ouyen and Adelaide, and irony of ironies, it was cold and rainy as we came through the Adelaide hills, the only time we got wet on the whole trip.

Good company, a bike to ride, the open road: it doesn't get much better. Life be in it!

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The Nashys' Gladstone Gaol Weekend.



On Saturday 8th May, forty members joined us at Gawler, some on motorbikes and some in cars. We set off at 0930am on a lovely, sunny morning from Julian Terrace to Clare via Tarlee and, after an enjoyable, steady ride into the Clare Valley, we arrived in Clare for about 40 minutes for morning smoko, where four members from the Yorke Peninsula met up with us.

Once we were all refreshed with tea and coffee and, of course, fed our faces too, we set off for Gladstone.

After another 75ks of lovely riding weather, we finally reached Gladstone Gaol around lunch time, where we met up with seven more members from Port Pirie, followed shortly after by four members from the Fleurieu Branch. During the course of the afternoon other members arrived from the Torrens Valley Branch. This gave us a final total of 78 members attending for the weekend - an excellent turnout.

It was really good to have so many new members join us; some having never been away on a Ulysses weekend before. It was good to meet up with other members from other branches and riding groups we had never met before.

Saturday afternoon was at leisure - some went for a walk and others went on a pub crawl.

We had fun at the Gaol taking photos of members in the mock up stocks, and having their names and number put on a Prisoner Identification Board wearing a prisoner's cap. This event was great fun and proved to be very popular.

At 5.30 pm the Ghost Tour started with our guide Tony, heading off down the dark spooky cell wings. This was a bit scary for most of us, but Tony made the tour very interesting, and funny in parts, with his many prison stories.

After the Ghost Tour, it was time for dinner. Many members went away and got changed into their 'P theme' costumes. Shortly after, they made their way to the "Tin Shed" where we all enjoyed a lovely three course meal.

It was really great to see how many members put so much effort and thought into making their costumes; we must say everyone looked fantastic on the night.

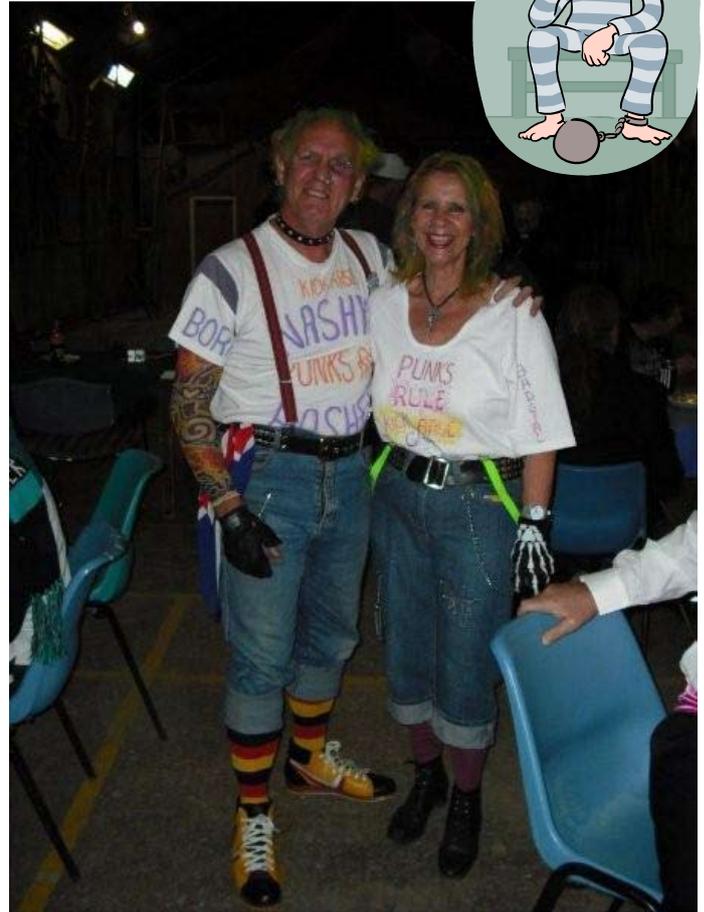
After dinner, everyone danced the night away to our great Rock and Roll band.

Sunday morning started off with Lyn and I donning our prisoner suits and set about cooking the BBQ breakfast for everyone (with help from Peta and Darren Tedmanson)

After a big breakfast, every one slowly got ready for the ride home. As members were leaving, they thanked Lyn and I for a great weekend and said that they had a really good time.

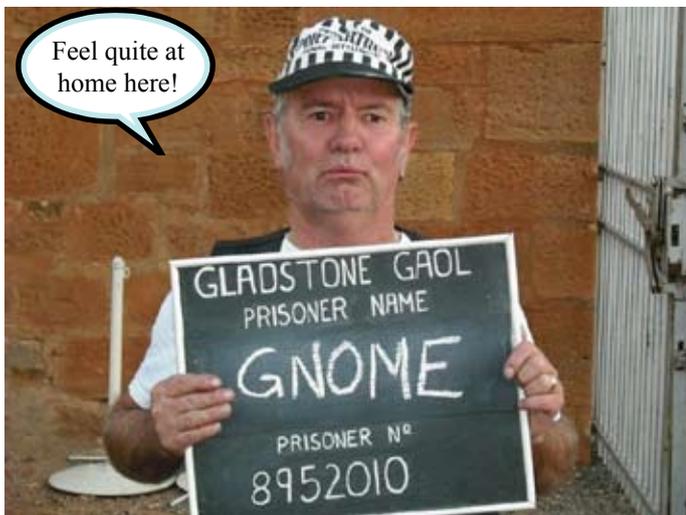
We would like to thank all the members who helped us on the weekend. Lyn and I enjoyed hosted the weekend, and would like to thank Tony Holland(Gaol Manager) for his hospitality. Thanks to all for coming.

Steve Nash



Above: Steve and Lyn Nash

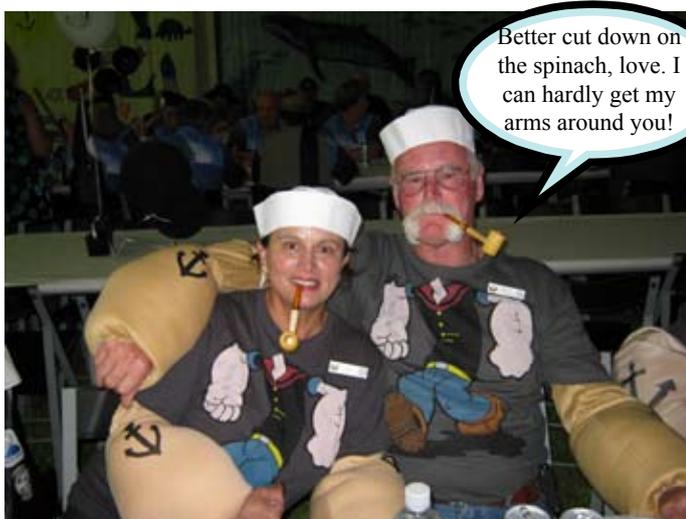




Rob Sainsbury



Pastoral meeting



ALBANY AGM 2010

Neville and I set off on March 2nd. Albany was the 18th consecutive AGM for Neville and the 14th for me, but the first one Neville has not ridden a bike so it's taken him 12 months to sort out how he could actually take a bike - so you can say we ended up with a road train, i.e. van with the bike inside towing a caravan.

We had a steady trip over, all the time pushing into a head wind but apart from a flat tyre on the caravan at Balladonia, the trip went to schedule. At each stop we caught up with all our mates and overnight stops gave us an opportunity to bump gums and dine with old friends. We arrived in Albany on the Sunday and booked into Mission Beach Caravan Park right next to the Stonemans.

On the Monday we joined the line up and registered, which was painless exercise. We traipsed around the venue talking, eating and drinking as you do then decided to book a test ride on a new model \$43,000 Spyder RT, the one with all the extras and by that afternoon they were all booked out for the rest of the week. When we did the test ride, Nev was put through some rider training and then we all rode in convoy to Denmark and stopped off in Ocean Beach for an orange juice and doughnuts supplied by the Company. Denmark by the way is a 150 Km round trip so it was a decent ride at their expense. Lucky we don't have the garage space 'cos I think Neville could be tempted!! Tuesday we did the tourist bit and went to Mt. Romance to do the tour of the Sandalwood Factory and filled in the time shopping etc. Wednesday we went to Whale World which is worth the visit, we had been there before but didn't do the tour.

This year NatCom decided to hold the Opening Ceremony in the hoeker on Wednesday am but if this years event is anything to go by, I don't think it will become a 'must do' on the AGM event calendar. On Thursday Neville went to the Road Safety Forum which was also poorly attended. On Friday we attended the Extended NatCom meeting which was held in the sheep pavilion. It was 38 degrees and about 150 Branch delegates assembled there. One consolation was that the lunch food was good and Neville received a recommendation for Life Membership which is an honour in such a large Club.

Friday night we ate out and then joined the mob at the hoeker. Saturday morning Nev rode in the parade and I joined the Stonemans to watch from the footpath.

The presentation ceremony for the awards and Motorcycle Mechanic Apprentice of the Year was at picturesque Anzac Park on the foreshore of Albany. Torrens Valley Branch won the Jo Dearnley award for raising the most money in 2009 for UCARF, \$10,400 – congratulations to all involved!! It was during that ceremony that everyone noticed smoke wafting over Albany, but it wasn't until latter that day that we found out that a fellow Ulyssian had crashed his bike in the National Park. The fire burnt all day endangering property but all was saved. Smoke enveloped Albany for many hours until the big downpour during the Saturday night function. On Sunday morning we packed up in drizzly rain but were glad we made the journey. We toured about the South West for a week and then headed home. See you in Newcastle next March 2011.

Pam Gray #6624

There have been some changes since our last report. At the AGM in February we had a few changes on committee with yours truly standing down as President and Paul Capper taking over. Also, I've been able to pass on the banner of Newsletter Editor to Kerry Phillips. We also have a new Rides Coordinator, Peter Norman. After 3 yrs. as Pres. it's good to see the Branch continuing in good hands and with some new blood.

Following the SA Riverland Odyssey in October last year, we handed over the profits to 3 charities who received \$2000 each. I had recently had the honour of an invite to one of the recipients, Riding for the Disabled, who wanted to show us what they had done with some of the money. New helmets and horse rugs were urgent items purchased, and we had a photo shoot for an item in the local press. What was more impressive was to see what these dedicated volunteers are doing for disabled kids. It's almost miraculous the response in these children when they get on a horse and see the rapport between child and pony. Upon dismounting, one child kissed the horse on the forehead. It was quite moving and heartwarming to see what the Ulysses Club Inc. had supported.

An event we are looking forward to this year is our Branch 20th. Anniversary. Celebrations will include a dinner at the

Loxton Hotel on Saturday, 14th August, and a ride to the Sutherlands Hotel on Sunday, 15th August, 2010. (The inaugural meeting was held at this tiny country pub in 1990.)

All comers welcome to the celebrations (see notice below re bookings).

If you are a past member of the Mallee Branch, particularly during it's early years, we would be glad to hear from you. Also, we are looking for any old photos or memorabilia.

We missed the last edition of "The Odyssey" because your raving reporter was preparing for the Albany AGM. And was that a beauty! Great organization and one of the best Grand Parades in the past 10 years. (And with a big bushfire followed by a rain storm just to cap it off)



Enjoy life's great ride,
Toddy



Mallee Branch Turns 20 years young

Help celebrate it with us!



When: Sat 14th & Sunday 15th August

Where: Loxton Hotel Saturday dinner (6pm sharp) Cut off number for meals is 200

Where: Sutherlands Hotel Sunday BBQ lunch (12 noon) cut off number for meals is 150

To participate in one or both meals a registration is mandatory

(For venue booking & to help them with catering) **priority goes to those on the registration list**

Commemorative 20th Birthday patch for 1st 50 entries only cost \$9.20

Order patch numbers with registration

Registrations close last mail Fri 30th July 2010

Register with Ashley Saunders

Phone 08 85 841 584

Email ashjen@bigpond.com

I'm sure anyone who's had kids will appreciate this one....



March 21st.

With great weather we headed off from Pt. Pirie to Bute, where we picked up Rod and Rae from Port Clinton, and then headed to Clare for lunch, travelling through Lochiel. We met up with another three members from Wallaroo way, making a total of, about 18 of us.

Lunch was great, but just before we left, the people that were on the next table had a medical emergency with one of them needing the ambulance. Fortunately for them, we had a very good nurse in Bev May who saved his life. Well done, Bev! It's great to know that when we go riding we have someone of your experience travelling with us.

After Clare, we lost one rider who had to go home to work, and Leon and Deb who also had to go home; something about a party they had to be at, but we reckon they had the house to themselves and, as Leon was turning 50 in a few days, they wanted to do more than just ride a bike with us. Happy birthday Leon. You know life begins at fifty; maybe another new bike would be a good start. Anyway, the rest of us headed to Farrell Flat then Burra for a "wee" stop, then off to Hallet followed by Jamestown, where we said our goodbyes to the Peninsula lot and headed home to Port Pirie for coffee at Riva's. Another great ride with good friends,

Treena love your new black.....top box and.....arm rest.

"Stax"

April 18th

We left Caltex at 9.30am with Les as our fearless ride leader. When we reached Kulpara, we stopped for coffee at the old church - owners, Mark and Vicki, are Ulyssians. They serve good coffee and food. Rod and Rae meet up with us there. After coffee, we rode on to Clare via Port Wake field, Balaklava and Auburn. On reaching Clare, we arrived at the Lions Park where we met Christine, who arrived by car, and set up the barbies and food. We sat around talking while the meat was being cooked. Full marks to the cooks - they did a wonderful job. (How could the not?! They had "Stax" standing around watching them and having a few words now and again). After lunch, we fuelled up and headed back to Pirie via Brinkworth and Redhill. When we arrived in Pirie, we stopped at Riva's for drinks then said our farewells.

I would like to thank Les and Christine for organising this ride, also for organising the meat and salads. Greatly appreciated by all who attended.

May 15th & 16th

We left Caltex at 8.30am with Leon leading again. Our first stop was at Wilmington for fuel and coffee. We then went on to Hawker for lunch at the hotel where we met up with the Whyalla boys. After lunch, we headed off to Wilpena Pound where we fuelled up and had refreshments, before heading to Blinman where we all had drinks before looking for our rooms. Most of the guys had a few more drinks while the girls got ready for tea.

On arrival, we re-arranged the dinning room so we could sit together. Due to there being no fire wood, we had to suffice with a small gas heater for warmth. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meal, which included sweets this year. After tea, we all sat around the gas heater and talked, then headed back to our rooms.

On Sunday morning, we all met in the dining room for a continental breakfast, before the ride home. We rode to Hawker, fuelled up, coffeed and met up with Ray Allen from Leigh Creek,

who was on his way to Riverton, then we went on to Orroroo for lunch at Maggie's Rendezvous.

After lunch we headed off to Pirie via Pekina/Appila Rd. to Laura where Ray went on to Gladstone and we went on to Pirie.

May have to make this an annual event as everyone seemed to enjoy last year's and this year's trip.

Would like to thank Leon for organising this ride again, and congratulate him on becoming the annual ride leader for this ride????

FUTURE RIDES

Sunday 20th June.

Cossie's Lost Balls Ride.

For further information contact Peter Costello 8632 5297 or Solly 0409 286 231

Saturday & Sunday 17th & 18th July

Leaving Caltex at 9.30 am. Ride to Whyalla for a BBQ lunch at The Shed with the Whyalla Branch. The Whyalla Branch is supplying dinner and entertainment on Saturday Night. Sunday morning there will be breakfast and PANADOL supplied by the Whyalla Branch. Need to know numbers for catering by 7th July . Contact Solly - 0409 286 231. Book your own accommodation: Alexander Motor Inn 8645 9488- Sundowner Cabin Park - 8645 9373

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Where: French Hot Bread Shop.

(In the main street next to the ANZ bank and opposite the playground)

When: Every Sunday @ 10.00am.

All welcome.

All rides leave Port Pirie from the Solomontown Caltex service station. Riders are welcome to come on all or part of the ride.

The ride calendar will be updated every month. Any updates during the month will be emailed out and copies put on the counter at Boats 'n' Bikes. The calendar will also be on display in the window of Boats 'n' Bikes.

All rides will have a ride leader and a tail end Charlie (will always stay at the back of the group) so that everyone can ride at their own pace. We will also use corner marshals when the ride leader thinks it is required. The rider immediately behind the leader will stop and wait on a corner if the ride leader indicates (by pointing to the corner) and will remain on the corner directing other riders until tail end Charlie goes past. If you are willing to be a corner marshal then you just need to ride up front, but if you don't want the job then don't ride immediately behind the leader. The system works well if adhered to and lets everyone ride in confidence and that they will not get lost even if they cannot see any other riders.

If you would like to have the rides calendar and any updates emailed to you, email me (Solly) at treena.solomon@yahoo.com.au. And I will email the calendar to you in future.

Any questions or ideas for rides please contact me, **Glen (Solly) & Treena Solomon on 8633.0385 or 0409 286 231**



Yorke Peninsula

March 27th & 28th Jamestown & Booleroo Steam & Traction Day

Departed from Port Wakefield on Saturday morning in absolutely perfect weather conditions, rode the long way to Clare where we met up with the Nashys, from Torrens Valley Branch, and promptly headed off to the Bakery for morning coffees.

After a fairly extended break, due to the socialising and consumption of all of the delicacies on offer, we headed off to Jamestown. We were very fortunate that there were no accidents on the way, as the road was littered with large steel parts which had fallen from a trailer carrying an old car headed for restoration. I would hate to be the person restoring it as it would probably take the rest of their life to locate the pieces that they lost.

On arrival we fuelled up and booked in to various accommodation venues. Later on in the afternoon we all met up in the Caravan Park under a large shady tree, where we were joined by a fellow Ulyssian from Echuca, who was on his way home from the A.G.M. Naturally, we spent the rest of the afternoon swapping stories.

On Saturday night we had a group tea at the Commercial Hotel where every one enjoyed an excellent meal.

Sunday morning we assembled at the Caravan Park for the short ride to the Steam and Traction day at Booleroo Centre, the ladies visited the stalls and trading tables, whilst the guys visited the machinery and motor vehicle displays, and just dreamed. The dam scooping demonstration was a real step back in time; no one would work that hard in this day and age. I have been led to believe that the steam traction engines that perform this task are the only two in Australia, and are nearing their use by date, and due to OH&S rules and prohibitive costs, they will not be able to be restored and continue to perform this demonstration for much longer.

Time to leave for home and, guess what, down came the rain. Those of us who took our wet weather gear were ok, but the others got drenched. I think there is a message there somewhere. Despite the rain, a great day was had by all.

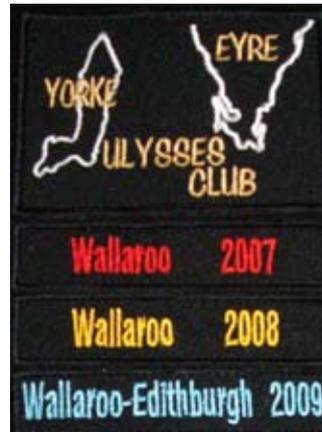
April 4th Edithburgh Ride

Even though our scheduled ride fell right in the middle of the Easter break, it was very well supported by our regulars plus two prospective members.

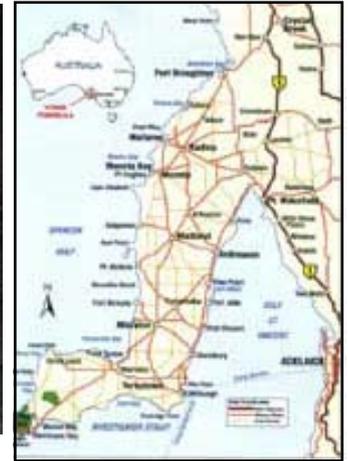
We left Ardrossan in perfect riding conditions and travelled to Edithburgh the long way round, just under 250 kms. We had a couple of short stops on the way to collect those who could not make it to the start of the ride at Ardrossan.

Our first major stop was at Marion Bay for morning coffees and a bit of social interaction. The next leg of our ride was to the pub at Edithburgh for a most enjoyable lunch. After a fairly lengthy lunch, we separated into several groups and headed in various directions for home.

Unlike our last ride the weather held, providing excellent riding conditions for our homeward journey.



Please contact Rod if you would like to order a patch as shown above.



The leg on which Australia stands

May 1st & 2nd Old Tailem Town Visit

Once again, we were blessed with perfect riding conditions for the whole weekend. The first leg of the ride took us to Nairne via Gumeracha for morning coffees where we met up with two other riders, one from Fleurieu Branch the other from the Barossa Riding Group. During the coffee break, we decided to extend the ride by travelling to Strathalbyn for lunch then on to Murray Bridge.

We arrived at the Murray Bridge Hotel just in time for the football which we watched until half time. During the break, we unpacked and booked into our overnight accommodation, returning to the pub later in the evening for an excellent meal.

Next morning we rode the 20kms to Old Tailem Town, where we spent just over three hours inspecting the very interesting displays of a bygone era. Everyone enjoyed the visit, and most of us will certainly return for another look at a later date, as it is almost impossible to see everything in such a short time.

For a bit of a change we decided to return home via the Old Princes Highway travelling through Kanmantoo, Aldgate and Stirling then back on to the Freeway. It is difficult to imagine that it was not all that long ago, before the Freeway was constructed, this was the only route to Murray Bridge from Adelaide.

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COMING RIDES

Sat 12th June, Sunday 13th June, Mon 14th June

Combined ride with Fleurieu & Torrens Valley Branches to Peterborough.

On Saturday 12th June we will meet up with the Fleurieu Branch at Pope's Deli, Port Wakefield at 9.45am for morning tea, departing at 10.15am for Peterborough, with a toilet stop at Clare, arriving at Peterborough at about 1.00pm. The afternoon can be filled in by visiting some of the many attractions at Peterborough. A meal has been organized at a local hotel for both nights (numbers would help us with booking). On Sunday we will be meeting the Torrens Valley Branch for a ride with appropriate lunch and toilet stops, led by Guzzi Bob. Please book your own accommodation suggested venues are:-

Peterborough Caravan Park Phone 8651 2545

Railway Hotel / Motel Phone 8651 2427

Peterborough Motor Inn Phone 8651 2078

Sunday July 4th

Robert and Di Chadbourne have kindly volunteered to organise a Casserole Day once again this year. We will be meeting at 8 George Street Port Wakefield at 9.30am for a morning coffee, and to drop off our casseroles.

The Chaddies have planned a ride and on our return Mid Afternoon we will pool our casseroles for lunch. Don't worry about the weather as the venue is under cover, and you are welcome to join us on any means of transport. If you require any further details Robert can be contacted on mobile 0417 859 043.

Sunday August 1st

A combined ride has been organised with the Barossa Riding Group. We will be leaving B.P Port Wakefield at 10.00 am and meeting up with the B.R.G at Dublin and will then travel to Clare for a Pub lunch.

Sunday September 12th

Please note date change due to the first Sunday in the month being Fathers' Day. Meet at BP Ardrossan, 10.00 am for a ride on Yorke Peninsula.

Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd & Monday 4th October

The 17th Annual South Australian Odyssey will be held at Port Lincoln. If you require further details please contact Trish Pruis Eyre Peninsula Branch Secretary Mobile 0427 322 442.

ON THE SICK LIST

Heather Bartsch, one of our very active members, recently underwent surgery for a complete knee replacement. The operation went very well and Heather is at present receiving extensive physiotherapy. We all wish Heather a speedy and full recovery, and hope to see her back in the sidecar very soon.



Above: Reverend Rodney and his parishioners at Old Taillem Town Church

Below: Con the dentist and patient Warren at Taillem Town



Sunday Rides

are held on the first Sunday of the month. Watch these pages for details and updates or contact Rod Lind on **8837 7260/ 0418 527 977** for info.

Wednesday Rides

leave the parking bay in the centre of Kadina Park at 9.30 am on Wednesdays. Please contact Clive Ford on **8821 1598** before **any** Wednesday ride to get the latest information.

Jamestown



G'Day Folks

If it isn't going to rain, enjoy the sunshine. Have we had some lovely rides just lately? The Easter Egg Hunt had us cruising the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula then back to Doug and Sandy's place for a free chicken lunch. One of the great things about Ulysses folk is their ability to talk, laugh and socialise. This was well demonstrated on the day. The gourmet picnic was well attended. We formed three groups and each group was sent out to purchase goodies for the picnic. After the bakeries, cheese factories, eateries and coffee shops had been raided, we all met up again. Everything was put together and we had a wonderful picnic. All this is hard to take, but someone has to do it!

We all enjoyed the AGM at Albany, but sadly, on the way back, Brian had an off. This stranded him and Val at Eucla. Fortunately, Brian wasn't badly hurt and the bike suffered little damage. Boyd and Jono set off in a car on a rescue mission. They gave Brian and Val the car and then they rode the bikes back for them. Boyd had already ridden to the AGM and back again, so he was really looking forward to doing it again. We now refer to him as Iron Bum. This again is showing the Ulysses spirit of helping your mates out. Well done, guys!

Coming up

5 Captains ride coming up on the 23rd of May; the **June long weekend** catch up with the Yorke Peninsula mob, 12th – 14th June; **The Brass Monkey Ride** with Torrens Valley, 22nd August.

We are looking forward to catching up with you all and extending the fun and friendship between the branches. Our rides calendar is full of fabulous and varied rides, everything from Breakfast rides, Gourmet Picnic rides and just plain fun rides. So if you

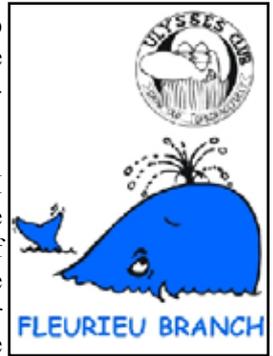
would like any more details, look us up on the net at www.fub.org.au or give Jono, our rides captain a call on 0434 256848.

We are coming up to our branch AGM in June. Some of our committee are stepping down, after giving years of effort in the running of the branch. We would all like to thank them for their energy, effort and contribution. There have been many nominations for the vacated positions, which I think shows the strength of the branch.

Meetings are held at 8.00pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Willunga Golf Club, St Peters Terrace, Willunga. Meals and full bar facilities are available from 6.00pm. Love to catch up with ya.

And remember, some days we are the flies; some days we are the windscreen!

Robert (Hobbit) Ryan
President



Fleurieu's mid week rides are held on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. These rides start from two locations - 2nd Wednesday at Willunga and the 4th Wednesday at Goolwa. **Enquiries: Paul (Vespa Boy) Hancock on 0439 838336 or Trevor Potter on 8555 2627**

Sunday Rides: For any information about Sunday rides, please contact our **Rides Captain Jono Mitchell, on 0413278776.**

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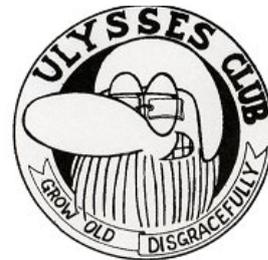


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Come on any event on any sort of wheels! Sunday impromptu rides from Town Jetty 10 00 am All rides subject to change. Visitors welcome.



Date	Ride	Contact	Advise By	Leave	Time
27th June	Kimba Luncheon	John Mansfield 86826029	13th June	Nth Shields	10.00 am
17-18th July	Whyalla Overnighter	Herman Pruis 86822358	11th July	Town Jetty	10.00 am
8th August	Tumby Bay to Port Neill Lunch	Herman Pruis 86822358	1st August	Town Jetty	10.00 am
28-29th Aug	Dark Peake/Wudinna Overnighter	Marke Rawles 86882415	21st August	Town Jetty	8.30 am
11th Sept	Shane Graham's Breakfast Run	Shane Graham 86833347	5th Sept	Tasman Hotel	8.00 am
1-4th Oct	17th Annual SA Odyssey - Port Lincoln				
16-17th Oct	Elliston Overnighter	Paul Miller 86843561	3rd October	Town Jetty	11.00 am

Well, guys, I know it's been ages since our ride to **Darke Peake**, but, as you all know, I had some rather urgent stuff to address back in the UK, with my father passing suddenly. But I did say I would write a little something, so here it is: A great big thanks to all who attended, a great turn out with around 30 odd bikes, far better than I could imagine, and thanks to Trish for all her support too.

We set off on time from North Shields and headed out for Tumby Bay to collect some of our friends, and continued the pick up at Arno Bay and Port Neill. This made a great way to split the long roads and see new faces, all excited to be heading out on a day road trip. The weather was fair to us, a little blustery but still great weather. So off to Cleve for a drink and fuel stop, picking up a few strags along the way. LOL...

Once at the Darke Peake Pub, we received a great welcome from the lovely Mandy who produced a fantastic BBQ for us, all and the bargain price of \$10.00 a head. A few cold ones kept spirits high (not too many, mind, given the old and new Rozzer contingent).

We lined the road side with all the glory of mostly Harley Davidsons which looked amazing.

The trip back to Port Lincoln via Cummins and stopping off for another cheeky beer along the way, made for a fantastic day out, a total of around 450k.

Many thanks again to all the Club members who made the effort for the day out.

Drew Garner



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Those who have flown outback in small aircraft (or even if you haven't) might get a laugh from this bush pilot's letter. A bit long, but.....

Hi Mate,

I am writing to you because I need your help to get me bl**dy pilot's license back. You keep telling me you got all the right contacts. Well now's your chance to make something happen for me because, mate, I'm bl**dy desperate. But first, I'd better tell you what happened during my last flight review with the CAA Examiner

On the phone, Ron (that's the CAA d*#"head) seemed a reasonable sort of a bloke. He politely reminded me of the need to do a flight review every two years. He even offered to drive out, have a look over my property and let me operate from my own strip. Naturally I agreed to that. Anyway, Ron turned up last Wednesday. First up, he said he was a bit surprised to see the plane on a small strip outside my homestead, because the ALA (Authorized Landing Area) is about a mile away. I explained that because this strip was so close to the homestead, it was more convenient than the ALA, and despite the power lines crossing about midway down the strip, it's really not a problem to land and take-off, because at the halfway point down the strip you're usually still on the ground.

For some reason Ron seemed nervous. So, although I had done the pre-flight inspection only four days earlier, I decided to do it all over again. Because the prick was watching me carefully, I walked around the plane three times instead of my usual two. My effort was rewarded because the colour finally returned to Ron's cheeks. In fact, they went a bright red. In view of Ron's obviously better mood, I told him I was going to combine the test flight with some farm work, as I had to deliver three poddy calves from the home paddock to the main herd.

After a bit of a chase I finally caught the calves and threw them into the back of the ol' Cessna 172. We climbed aboard, but Ron started getting onto me about weight and balance calculations and all that crap. Of course I knew that sort of thing was a waste of time because, calves like to move around a bit particularly when they see themselves 500 feet off the ground! So, it's bl**dy pointless trying to secure them as you know. However, I did tell Ron that he shouldn't worry as I always keep the trim wheel set on neutral to ensure we remain pretty stable at all stages throughout the flight.

Anyway, I started the engine and cleverly minimized the warm-up time by tramping hard on the brakes and gunning her to 2,500 rpm. I then discovered that Ron has very acute hearing, even though he was wearing a bloody headset. Through all that noise he detected a metallic rattle and demanded I account for it. Actually it began about a month ago and was caused by a screwdriver that fell down a hole in the floor and lodged in the fuel selector mechanism. The selector can't be moved now, but it doesn't matter because it's jammed on 'All tanks', so I suppose that's okay.

However, as Ron was obviously a nit-picker, I blamed the noise on vibration from a stainless steel thermos flask which I keep in a beaut little possie between the windshield and the magnetic compass. My explanation seemed to relax Ron, because he slumped back in the seat and kept looking up at the cockpit roof. I released the brakes to taxi out, but unfortunately the plane gave a leap and spun to the right. "Hell" I thought, "not the starboard wheel chock again".

The bump jolted Ron back to full alertness. He looked around just in time to see a rock thrown by the prop-wash disappear completely through the windscreen of his brand new

Commodore. "Now I'm really in trouble," I thought.

While Ron was busy ranting about his car, I ignored his requirement that we taxi to the ALA, and instead took off under the power lines. Ron didn't say a word, at least not until the engine started coughing right at the lift off point, and then he bloody screamed his head off. "Oh God! Oh God! Oh God!"

"Now take it easy, Ron" I told him firmly. "That often happens on take-off and there is a good reason for it". I explained patiently that I usually run the plane on standard MOGAS, but one day I accidentally put in a gallon or two of kerosene. To compensate for the low octane of the kerosene, I siphoned in a few gallons of super MOGAS and shook the wings up and down a few times to mix it up. Since then, the engine has been coughing a bit but in general it works just fine, if you know how to coax it properly.

Anyway, at this stage Ron seemed to lose all interest in my test flight. He pulled out some rosary beads, closed his eyes and became lost in prayer. (I didn't think anyone was a Catholic these days). I selected some nice music on the HF radio to help him relax. Meanwhile, I climbed to my normal cruising altitude of 10,500 feet. I don't normally put in a flight plan or get the weather because, as you know getting FAX access out here is a friggin' joke and the weather is always 8/8 blue anyway. But since I had that near miss with a Saab 340, I might have to change me thinking on that.

Anyhow, on leveling out, I noticed some wild camels heading into my improved pasture. I hate bloody camels, and always carry a loaded 303 clipped inside the door of the Cessna just in case I see any of the bastards.

We were too high to hit them, but as a matter of principle, I decided to have a go through the open window. Mate, when I pulled the bl**dy rifle out, the effect on Ron was friggin' electric. As I fired the first shot his neck lengthened by about six inches and his eyes bulged like a rabbit with myxo. He really looked as if he had been jabbed with an electric cattle prod on full power. In fact, Ron's reaction was so distracting that I lost concentration for a second and the next shot went straight through the port tyre. Ron was a bit upset about the shooting (probably one of those pinko animal lovers I guess) so I decided not to tell him about our little problem with the tyre.

Shortly afterwards I located the main herd and decided to do my fighter pilot trick. Ron had gone back to praying when, in one smooth sequence, I pulled on full flaps, cut the power and started a sideslip from 10,500 feet down to 500 feet at 130 knots indicated (the last time I looked anyway) and the little needle rushed up to the red area on me ASI. What a buzz, mate! About half way through the descent I looked back in the cabin to see the calves gracefully suspended in mid air and mooing like crazy. I was going to comment on this unusual sight, but

Ron looked a bit green and had rolled himself into the fetal position and was screamin' his freakin' head off. Mate, talk about being in a bloody zoo. You should've been there, it was so bloody funny!

At about 500 feet I leveled out, but for some reason we kept sinking. When we reached 50 feet I applied full power but nothin' happened. No noise no nothin'. Then, luckily, I heard me instructor's voice in me head saying "carb heat, carb heat". So I pulled carb heat on and that helped quite a lot, with the engine finally regaining full power. Whew, that was really close, let me tell you!

Then mate, you'll never guess what happened next! As luck would have it, at that height we flew into a massive dust cloud

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caused by the cattle and suddenly went I.F. bloody R, mate. BJ, you would have been really proud of me as I didn't panic once, not once, but I did make a mental note to consider an instrument rating as soon as me gyro is repaired (something I've been meaning to do for a while now). Suddenly Ron's elongated neck and bulging eyes reappeared. His Mouth opened wide, very wide, but no sound emerged. "Take it easy," I told him, "we'll be out of this in a minute". Sure enough, about a minute later we emerged, still straight and level and still at 50 feet.

Admittedly I was surprised to notice that we were upside down, and I kept thinking to myself, "I hope Ron didn't notice that I had forgotten to set the QNH when we were taxiing". This minor tribulation forced me to fly to a nearby valley in which I had to do a half roll to get upright again.

By now the main herd had divided into two groups leaving a narrow strip between them. "Ah!" I thought, "there's an omen. We'll land right there."

Knowing that the tyre problem demanded a slow approach, I flew a couple of steep turns with full flap. Soon the stall warning horn was blaring so loud in me ear that I cut it's circuit breaker to shut it up, but by then I knew we were slow enough anyway. I turned steeply onto a 75 foot final and put her down with a real thud. Strangely enough, I had always thought you could only ground loop in a tail dragger but, as usual, I was proved wrong, again!

Halfway through our third loop, Ron at last recovered his sense of humor. Talk about laugh. I've never seen the likes of it. He couldn't stop. We finally rolled to a halt and I released the calves, who bolted out of the aircraft like there was no tomorrow. I then began picking clumps of dry grass. Between gut wrenching fits of laughter, Ron asked what I was doing. I explained that we had to stuff the port tyre with grass so we could fly back to the homestead. It was then that Ron really lost the plot and started running away from the aircraft.

Can you believe it? The last time I saw him he was off into the distance, arms flailing in the air and still shrieking with laughter. I later heard that he had been confined to a psychiatric institution - poor bugger!

Anyhow mate, that's enough about Ron. The problem is I got this letter from CASA withdrawing, as they put it, my privileges to fly; until I have undergone a complete pilot training course again and undertaken another flight proficiency test.

Now I admit that I made a mistake in taxiing over the wheel chock and not setting the QNH using strip elevation, but I can't see what else I did that was a so bloody bad that they have to withdraw me flamin' license. Can you?

Ralph H Bell Mud Creek Plantation

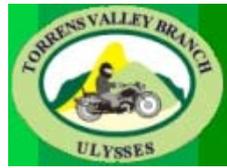
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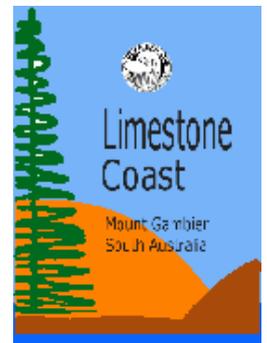
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