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Hope you all had a great weekend at Burra. With a bit of luck, we'll have a report and photos in December's issue.



Jann Baker has moved on from the magazine sub-committee to the preparation of meals for *Meals on Wheels*. Jann was our treasurer and we thank Jann for the work she did in establishing the 'new' sub-committee and keeping our finances in order, and wish her well in her new direction. I know that Jann will enjoy her work in this essential organisation.

Needless to say, we are now looking for a new treasurer for the magazine! At the moment, I am filling in, but I don't need the extra workload. Can you help?

Jann used to pick up the magazines from the printer and a big thank you **Pam and Neville Gray** for 'picking up this' task.

Jann also delivered the magazines for posting to *Pack and Send Unley, 29 Unley Road, Parkside*, so we also need someone who comes to the meetings to take the magazines home on Thursday night and deliver to *Pack and Send* on Friday morning. If we don't have a volunteer who could do this, we will have to use a courier service which, obviously, will add to the cost of the magazine. Please give me a call on 8837 3449 if you can fill this important role.

By now the AFL competition is finished for the year and I, for one, can't wait until 2008 to begin! So put all your anti Power emails to bed until next year when I will continue to dispatch them to the rubbish bin. BUT what a year: drama, drama everywhere and a great, even competition.

If anyone has paid part of next year's levy for The Odyssey, it would be appreciated if you catch up with either myself or Sue Freene to pay the balance of 2008 to get everyone back on an even keel.

Good to see **Deb Thorley** (Yorke Peninsula) back to her old self after a bit of a health scare. All the best, Deb!

Wendy

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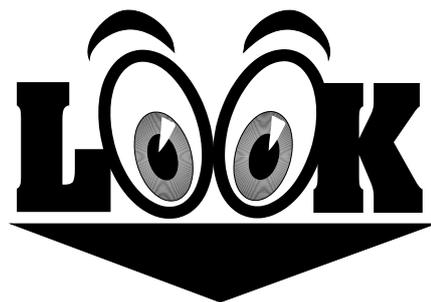
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19th November	for the December issue
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19th March	for the April issue
10th May	for the June issue (due to the AGM in June)

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Treasurer for The Odyssey magazine

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West Adelaide Football Club
57 Milner Road, Richmond

8.00 pm
Meals available from 6.00 pm

Visit us on our Web Page

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and check out the latest news on branch happenings

Barossa Group



Barossa rides leave The Old
Steam Train
(opposite the BP Station at
Nuriootpa)
at 10 o'clock
on the 1st Sunday of the month

G'Day Everyone,

Some members have been a bit confused about an advertisement in our Odyssey Mag: it's a full page advert on page 12 of the August issue. XTreme Design clothing is a private business run by Allan Calleja. He states that he is 'quartermaster of motorcycle gear' The confusion is in the word quartermaster; Ulysses branches also use the word quartermaster in sales of Ulysses and Branch gear. Russell Boyd is the Adelaide Branch Quartermaster and Phil Jones for Torrens Valley. Do not confuse Allen Calleja with Ulysses gear, even though he sells a vest with the Ulysses logo. The vest is his extent of Ulysses gear! Just remember if you want Ulysses gear go to your local quartermaster!!

That's all from me for now, I'm going to get out and have a ride the good weather is upon us, hope you all had a good time at the Burra Odyssey.

So, ride safe, look after yourselves and I'll see you at the next meeting.

Disgracefully yours
Liz Fairchild

President, Adelaide Branch, Ulysses Club



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Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

1st Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
2nd Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
3rd Wednesday	North: Caltex, Munno Para
	or South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	North: Tea Tree Gully Hotel
	or South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday	Feathers Hotel

(3rd & 4th Wed: There are two rides - 1 north and 1 south

Bring or buy your own lunch

Contact Mick Sandley - 8251 2435
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Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar 2007

Date	Time	Leader	Event	Venue	From
7 October	9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Sponsored Ride - Yamaha Pitmans		320 Main North Road Blair Athol
14 October	9.30 am	Liz Fairchild 8277 5509	President's Ride		Top o' Taps
21 October			WIMA Pink Ribbon Ride full details on page 15		
28 October	9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Sponsored Ride - Adelaide Motors BMW		190 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton
4 November	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride		Top o' Taps
11 November	9.30 am	Neville Gray 8263 7566	Friends and Rellies Ride		Civic Park
18 November	9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Sponsored Ride - Yamaha World		855 Main South Road, Clarence Gardens
25 November	9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Sponsored Ride - Adelaide Motors BMW		190 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton
2 December	9.30 am	Chris Roberts 8370 6459	Day Ride		McDonalds, Magill
9 December			TOY RUN		
16 December	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	HO HO HO Ride		Top o' Taps



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at Branch Meetings

MONTHLY DINNERS



Friday 9th November

7pm

at

**REX Hotel
172 Richmond Rd
Marleston**

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

DO NOT PHONE HOTEL

**bookings close
Wednesday 7th November**



Friday 14th December

at

7pm

**SOMERSET HOTEL
505 Bridge Rd
PARA HILLS**

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



Phone Jenny Hills on 8262 5493
(Leave message on message bank)

**DO NOT PHONE HOTEL
Bookings close 12/12/07**

Quartermaster's Storeis open for business

I responded to Liz's impassioned plea with a "maybe I can help out a bit".....now look what's happened! As a confirmed motorcyclist, my first problem was transporting the gear: 6 plastic boxes inherited from Gnome (thanks mate).....but it did come with a trolley to drag it all around!

Now I have been known, on occasion, to borrow my wife's car, but not on Thursday nights – she's teaching an art class. So after the stock check, I decided that one monster suitcase on the pillion seat plus the two removable panniers on the Trophy would probably get us operational. It worked! We re-opened last month to tumultuous applause (well, maybe not), but I did manage to advertise ALL the headgear



by borrowing the committee's heads, and finished with a spirited auction of some slow moving stock.

Thanks also to Marilyn (pictured with Russell) for putting up her hand to help on the night.

We've a new form available for folk to order items or sizes that we don't currently have on hand, and I promise to call you when it turns up. (Should be available on the web soon.)

We're also sharing our stocklist with Phil Jones at Torrens Valley so, hopefully, that'll help both of us to better service your requests.

**cya soon
Russell Boyd**

The Eleventh Annual Friends and Rellies Ride

It's on again – bring your kids, relatives, grandparents and friends on our open ride on



11th November 2007

leaving from Civic Park Modbury at 9.30 am



The ride will, as for all Rellies rides, be at a leisurely pace to cater for all riders and experience levels. This is the only official Ulysses Club ride open to everyone who has a motorcycle.

The ride will terminate at Victor Harbor, where we can partake in the delights of the many eating places available. The ride leader will be Natcom Nev.



Ridden on



Anthony Morgan (Bumhead)

24/1/56 - 2/6/07

Ulysses Member #28307

Tony lost his battle with cancer on 2/6/07. He was a happy, loyal member of Whyalla 086 Branch. To those who knew him, he had a great sense of humour and lived life to the fullest.

His original Suzuki GS1000G, donated by John Angus (Fatty) has a permanent position on display in the rafters of 'The Shed'

Our thoughts are with his two daughters, families and his partner, Anita.

Ride on Mate!

Sandy Sawley #16183
Secretary
086 Group Inc.

RIDER PROFILE FROM THE WEDNESDAY MOB

Ten questions with Ulysses member, Brian Cutt

Q1. How long have you been a Ulysses member?

A1. I'm coming up for my 10th year.

Q2. What influenced you to join?

A2. I met and talked to people who were in the club and by word of mouth

Q3. What bike are you currently riding?

A3. I'm riding a GSR600 Suzuki

Q4. How many bikes have you owned?

A4. (Big sigh) Well, at a quick guess, I would say around 25



Q5. Name a few?

A5. In my dirt racing days I raced Yamaha and a ZUNDAPP, but since then I have been riding Hondas



ZUNDAPP – a German 125cc 2 stroke built in the 70s

Q6. What will be your next bike?

A6. I haven't thought about that yet. I haven't run in the Suzuki yet

Q7. What is your favorite bike?

A7. The current one. I think



The Britten V1000cc Superbike designed & built by John Britten in New Zealand in the 90s. Only ten have ever been made

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

A8. (Really big sigh) A Britten.....

Q9. What do you enjoy about the Ulysses Club?

A9. You are mixing with people who are of like mind and similar age and a great deal in common. People you can talk to. Bikers who understand where you are coming from

Q10. Do you have any nick name?

A10. No I don't; only 'Hey, you'

Some members keep a club strong,
while others join to just belong.
Some dig right in, some serve with pride,
some go along just for the ride.
Some volunteers do their share,
while others lay back and just don't care.
Some do their best, some help to make,
some do nothing only take.
Some help the club to grow and grow,
when asked to help they don't say 'no'.

author unknown



Wednesday Riders' Mid-weeker at Barmera

On Wed 22/8/07, the riders started off from Smithfield and, in good riding weather, rode to Barmera to set up their bunk rooms at Camp Kedron for a couple of nights.

After an unscheduled delay, the supplies finally turned up and a great bbq tea was cooked by Kevin and his helpers.

On the Thursday, we rode into Renmark and then on to Loxton where local press greeted us, with pen in hand and camera, wanting to get information on this group of bikes riding into town.

We had our favorite lunch spots and leisurely dined. In the afternoon Mick led the ride on to Overland Corner and it was a

great pleasure to sit outside and enjoy the company, weather and refreshments.

Back at camp Alvin & Kath hired a canoe and took advantage of the beautiful calm lake to do some paddling.

After the wonderful sunset over Lake Bonney, we went into the Sportsman's Club where we were joined by a few members from the Mallee Branch with their wonderful raffle prize on display.

Once again it was a successful and most enjoyable mid week ride with everyone contributing to the time away. Looking forward to the next one.

Jenny Hills



Above: Carlene Dyer (Adelaide) admires the Brough model while Simon Jackson (Secretary), Raelene Jackson (Treasurer), Royce Fisher and Bob Todd (President), all from the Mallee Branch, look on.

Below: Ross, Mick, Geraldine, Spike and Moss



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Above: Tony, Kevin and Alvin
Below: Bob, Nick, Liz, Marshall and Gerry



Ulysses Adelaide Branch

Letter to the Editor



Dear Wendy

I had to write and tell you how much fun we had at the Wombat Rally hosted by the Flinders Tourers Motorcycle Club at Warnertown. One of the few girl friendly rallies, the Wombat caters so well for us girls, children, dogs, babies, and old farts.

We arrived up there on Saturday afternoon; Bluey, the Port Lincoln boys, Rick and Ronda, Nita and Trevor, and their son, Steven, Gary and yourself, and Sharon and Joe had all preceded us, and were already set up. Some got there on the Friday night, which was a bit cold. (The Lincoln boys had to go into Port Pirie and buy extra blankets.) We set up our tent and joined everyone in a few drinks.

They came from all over the place for this most popular rally.: from Sydney to Broken Hill, Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay, Adelaide, and Whyalla, to name but a few.

The soccer match on motorbikes was on in earnest, the burnouts were not as many, but the ones that did have a go were pretty impressive. The gymkhana was as skilfull as ever, with the ever reliable Lefty winning most of the races.

It was great to see Alan and Betty Maywald there especially as Alan had had surgery as recent as the Friday before.

The bonfire legendary as it is, did not disappoint, as it was bigger and better than ever, and the three course dinner for \$12.50 did a roaring trade. We had a really great time.

The next morning we had a cooked breakfast, the raffle was drawn and we packed up. We had morning tea at Alan and Betty's before heading back to Adelaide.

Thanks FTMC for another great rally.

Sue Freene



Jack Ash and Peter Poole from Port Lincoln, with Sue Freene, Adelaide, and Lyn Sawtell, Kadina



Here we have Tamara Johnson from Whyalla. She had a great time mixing it up with the boys on her pink bike, wearing her pink hat, celebrating her 7th birthday. Go, girl!!!

Below: Wendy, Sue, Nita and Ronda, and THE BONFIRE!

Below: The Boys: playing soccer on wheels!
Their skill is magnified by the fact that I've never known anyone to be injured whilst playing.



Ghost Town Rally

The Wednesday Riders mob from Yorke Peninsula set off to the Ghost Town Rally, meeting up with 3 riders from Port Pirie; all had a good time, although thought the atmosphere was lacking to previous years.

Some of the group left for home on Sunday, leaving the Wednesday ride leader (Clive Ford), 3 male members and 1 female member to ride home on Monday.

At 8.00 am, the morning warm and sunny, they left Broken Hill. 27 k's out of Yunta, the leader pulled over, she thought to view the scenery, but, alas, his bike had broken down.

What to do? Tow the bike into Peterborough - no rope, go back to Yunta and ring the RAA. She suggested 2 Hawker riders were not far behind and knew people in Peterborough, flag them down and arrange to leave the bike there, and so it went on.

One of the riders decided he needed to learn more about fruit and vegetables, so took off - this is not out of character for him. In the meantime, it was decided for the leader to pillion on one of the BMWs and go back to Yunta to ring the RAA,

but not before his helmet fell off his bike, breaking his visor, and while looking for his RAA card the contents of his wallet fell open and money flew everywhere, - must have wanted to donate money to a rural charity.

Not his day! At Yunta, the phone booth had gone, the RAA assistance thought the Moonta RAA was closer than Peterborough, and so it went on.

The two left waiting on the side of the road saw the Hawker boys coming, help coming she thought, waved, they slowed down and chatted in the middle of the road, oops! a semi rearing down on them, off they go. She was told to wave 2 hands next time, if in need of help, she learns new bike language all the time.

With the leader reunited with his bike, an apple given to him for a late lunch - kind of his mates - they took off to pick him up from the fruit and veg. station, and then to Peterborough to enjoy a late lunch.

By late afternoon, with rain well set in, they left Peterborough, their leader pillion on the BMW. Nearing Jamestown, what is that in the middle of the wet road? It's the top box off the BMW. Later, down

the road, she thinks, 'Aren't we supposed to take that turn?' They stop at a service station, he can't see out of his glasses and therefore misses the turn, the leader decides the best way to get off the bike, as a pillion, is to fall backwards flat out on the cement. This was all too much for the she of the group who by now was laughing hysterically; she knew it was rude to laugh at another person's misfortunes, but was told later she was not the only member of the group laughing. He that was also laughing has just acquired a new R1200 BMW.

At Crystal Brook, a pit stop, she is soaked through and what are those black strands trailing from the leader's shoes? He wanted to keep his feet warm on the exhaust pipes of the BMW.

Oh well! Bike broken, helmet broken, shoes ruined, he was deposited at his Moonta door around 8 p.m., bodily in one piece. A day to be remembered for the matesmanship shared by all.

The moral of the story: a good leader can't be kept down for long; he was back the next weekend, taking up his position of leader on a bike he had stored in the shed for five years.

Lynette Sawtell.



By the campfire



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Bernie and Spencer Clark (middle and right)



Gwen Hannagan and Josie from Broken Hill



Patrick Hannagan, Jeannie and Kevin Brenton

Below: Lesley Anderson and Lee Bruland



Jenny Hills and the Hawker boys. (Sounds like a cowboy gang!)

Below: John and Lorraine Robinson



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Ulysses Adelaide Branch

Southern Flinders Ulysses Ride Group



On **August 11th**, we had a social night bonfire and bbq at Paul and Vikki's place. Once again, it was a great night in probably the best equipped shed and yard in Pt. Pirie. After tea, everyone sat around and chatted with some staying in the shed and others moving out to the bonfire.

Sunday **August 19th** saw a large group of bikes led by Leon Stephens head off for a ride through Horrocks Pass to Wilmington for morning tea. After a chat and coffee, it was off to Quorn for lunch. After Quorn, we headed through Pichi Richi Pass to Pt. Augusta and from here some riders went home while others headed back through Horrocks Pass to Melrose to have afternoon tea at Bluey Blundstone's (the best scones around). Then it was back to Pt. Pirie via Pt. Germein Gorge.

The weekend of **September 1st and 2nd** was an overnight ride to Hahndorf with 7 bikes heading off for a leisurely trip, once again led by Leon. The weather was perfect for the whole weekend and so was the company. We travelled down via Lyndoch, Whispering Wall, Gumeracha and the Chocolate Factory. After booking in to our accommodation, all met in the bar for a few drinks before heading out for tea. In the morning, we had a stroll around Hahndorf and a look in the shops before heading back home. If anyone wants a map for the Adelaide Hills area, see Leon, as we are pretty sure his has never been used (but we did enjoy all the alternate routes).

On Sunday **September 16th** we had a poker run with a difference (with prizes donated by Ficeda Accessories). 13 bikes headed off from Pt. Pirie in perfect weather with the first stop being Yakka. We then headed to Spalding in ever strengthening winds. We had lunch in the park at Spalding with everyone holding their lunch to stop it blowing away. It was then on to Jamestown and back to Pirie with the winds getting stronger. Once back at Pirie, it was time to check the winners for the poker hands. The difference between this and a normal poker run is that the cards all had brands of motorbikes rather than numbers and suits. The highest hand possible was 5 Yamahas, but no-one was that lucky. After all prizes were given out, (thanks Ficeda) we had afternoon tea and sat around chatting for the rest of the afternoon.

Future Rides:

Sunday 21st October: Ride leader Trevor Roeters 86330547. Leave at 10:00am for 3 passes ride. Lunch will be at Quorn with the ride going through all 3 passes during the day.

Sunday 18th November: Ride leader Les Beyer 86325565, 0427632213. Leave at 10:00am and travel via Snowtown and Bute to Moonta for lunch at a pub. Come home via Pt. Broughton

Sunday 16th December: Ride leader Les Beyer 86325565, 0427632213. Leave at 9:00am for a ride to Wirrabara to the Farmers Markets. For those that don't want to spend much time at the markets there will be a short ride and then we will all meet back at Wirrabara for lunch at the hotel.

For further information contact Les Beyer on 8632 5565 or 0427 632 213.

G'day All,

What a great organization this is. In case you missed it, we are running a statewide raffle to raise funds for the Ulysses preferred charity, arthritis research. This has kept a number of us busy contacting other branches and groups, and also attending branch meetings to display the Brough model and explain its origins, and distribute ticket books. Support from fellow Ulyssians has been forthcoming without exception in this great southern state (and also over the border) and over 1800 tickets have been distributed to branches and groups with more being posted out as I write. Also, NatCom Secretary, Helena, has taken a batch for sale through NatCom, and NatCom Neville has submitted an article to the Riding On magazine.



The demand for tickets has been so great we are printing a further 500 tickets (making 2500 in all), but that is the limit. If you want a chance of winning this excellent hand made, copper model of a Brough Superior (below), then get your tickets soon. Your Branch should have them or alternatively contact our organizer Trev Brine (08) 8595 1627 or President, Rob Todd (08) 8583 7131.

At the behest of NatCom. Neville, we e-mailed a photo of the prize to Ol' No. 1, and he is chuffed about the raffle.

Of course, we still have time for organized rides which have recently included Mallyons on the Murray (near Morgan), which included a tour through the Morgan Pump Station, a cut lunch ride to Mannum (gee, we missed the Adelaide and Torrens Valley people who couldn't make it over the hill – all getting too old I suppose) and the overnighter at Wallaroo. Have a look at our rides program and join us if you can – you'll be most welcome.

A local event, not in our current calendar, is the Riverland Toy and Tucker run on the first Sunday in December. Starting point has yet to be decided, but if you are interested give us a bell. We hope this year to have a Motorcycle Police escort for the 150 or so riders anticipated.

That's about it from the Mallee Mob for now. Enjoy life's ride and stay safe.

**Toddy
President, Mallee Branch**



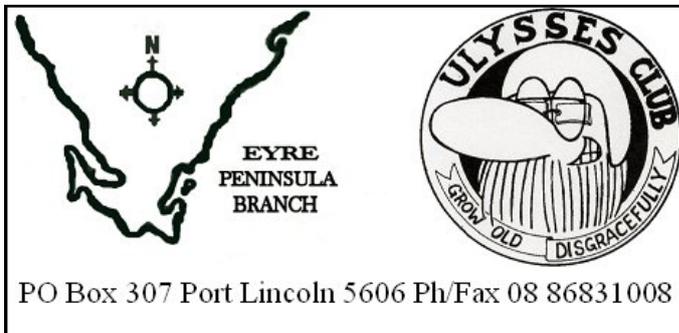
Woomera

Perfect weather greeted 15 people from Port Lincoln when they embarked on a “long weekend” exercise to Woomera and return. Riders from Tumby Bay, Kimba, Warrambo, as well as four from Southern Flinders/Yorke Peninsula joined along the way on what was a precision planned exercise by ride leader Mick Jesser and his wife, Jill. Riders lunched at Whyalla, and met the Yorke Peninsula riders,(the Linds and Bartsches) at Port Augusta prior to the long haul to Woomera. Now a total of 23 bikes.

Riding into the sun, approx half hour from Woomera, the bike ridden by Bob Kealey from Coffin Bay suffered a major “mechanical meltdown”. Our thanks goes out to Shane Graham for taking Bob back to Port Augusta, and assisting in organising the retrieval of the bike. On to Woomera for the others, where Bob Little from the Woomera Caravan Park, quickly checked us in and pointed out that the Caravan Park had its own bar area, where some of the members, after putting the bikes to bed enjoyed a slight rest and some refreshments before being fed at the Sports Club.

Saturday was “full on” with tours led by Tourism Liaison Officer, Frank Woolfe. These commenced with a tour of the Woomera Weather Station, where members learnt about the role of the Weather Observer, and watched a weather balloon being launched. We also learned that women who live in the Woomera climate rub plenty of moisturising cream into their skin. Funny how men are different! We tend to take the moisture internally by mouth! On to the now defunct Narrungar missile tracking site, where most members were captivated by learning about the role that this high security site played over the last few decades.

Lunch at Island Lagoon was enjoyed before heading off to look at the colonies of Sturt Desert Peas on the Roxby Downs road. The remainder of the day was spent in the Missile Park and adjoining Museum. Evening meal again at the Sports Club



Ride Leader, Mick Jesser, and wife, Jill, being presented with a visit momento by Woomera Tourism Liaison Officer Frank Woolfe.

before visiting the Observatory for a look at the moon and stars. A perfect exercise with an uneventful ride home on Sunday.

This is one weekender that we would be happy to repeat, and for the Adelaidians who are looking to do something different, it’s a great place to visit.

**Des Boyce
Member 31703**

Month	Date	Ride	Contact	Advise By	Leave	Time
November	11	Cougar’s Breakfast at Cummins	Bill Sellen 8682 2713	4th November MUST ADVISE	Town Jetty	7.00 am
	17 & 18	Streaky Bay Book own accommodation	Paul Miller 8684 3561	10th November	Town Jetty	10.00 am
December	8	Christmas Dinner Ravendale Sports Centre	Des Boyce 8683 5135	1st December MUST ADVISE		6.00 pm

3rd Sunday of each month we will be departing the Town Jetty at 1.30pm.



Upcoming Rallies SA 2007

Oct 20-21	Redback	Lake Bonney	Ivan 0403 210925
Nov 3-4	PMT	TBA	Chris 8577 8568 (ah)

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Please check with individual organisers.**

MEMBER PROFILE - Marlene Poole # 14723

I was born in Barmera and I can remember when I was four years of age, my uncle took my Mother and my baby sister, who was one, and myself for a ride on his motor bike and sidecar to the wharf at Port Adelaide, where our father and my three brothers were waiting to board the Minnipa for a sea voyage to Port Lincoln.

From Port Lincoln we all travelled by rail to Rudall where we were making our new home. We drove a horse and cart to school for a while, then when the Rudall school closed, a school bus picked us up at the old Rudall school and drove us to the school at Cleve, which is 27kms from Rudall.

I left school at the age of 14 to help my Mother at home then at the age of 17 years, I and a friend came to Tumbly Bay to commence our nursing career. The local lads, on hearing about the two new nurses at the hospital, came on their motor bikes to give us a ride through the hills (tut tut Peter). At this stage, Peter had a Triumph speed twin, which he rode to work. This was the start of a new life. We married and have always had a motor bike of some sort in our shed.

When Peter built our home, he added a side car chassis and made a big box to carry tools, cement and timber.

Our first born was a boy, Ricky, followed eighteen months later by our daughter, Joanne. One day Peter came home from work with a Honda 250cc twin for me. The following Sunday being a beautiful day, Peter suggested that we go for a ride. Peter had sold his Triumph and was riding a B.S.A. A65 650cc ex police bike. So off we went - Rick rode pillion with me and Joanne went with Peter. All was going very well until I had a fight with the pipeline that was alongside the road and Rick and I both came off. I can remember Peter stopping up on the road yelling, "What the hell are you doing down there?" To cut a long story short, Peter checked the bike and made sure it was okay to ride home and I can remember Rick saying, "I am not riding home with Mum." Anyway, I rode the bike home

and couldn't get off the thing quick enough. Not long after, we sold it. Rick is still into bikes and Joanne rides her dad's bike when she has time.

We have since had a Matchless 500cc single, Ariel Red Hunter, A.J.S. 500cc single, Waller Harley outfit, Triumph Tiger 100 and a Norton Commando 850cc. The Norton and the Triumph we take to the Veteran Vintage and Classic Rally at Port Vincent. We have had lots of fun times and have been going to these rallies for about 15 years. We also go to the B.S.A. rallies, where we met Ray and Liz Sims.



When Rick and Joanne started school, I worked for 7 years at the Sea Breeze Hotel and, as mentioned earlier, I nursed at the Tumbly Hospital for 22 years. I also played golf, croquet and voluntary work plus Peter's bookwork. This all burnt me out and decided to retire from work at 55 years of age. We then joined the newly formed Ulysses Club and started with a Triumph 900cc Thunderbird. A few years later, we sold that and purchased a white Honda Goldwing and just loved it. More recently, we sold it to Hank and

Anne Gossink and purchased a red Honda Goldwing outfit from Warialda N.S.W. and rode it home - had a wonderful trip.

It is now 47 years on and who knows what else we will fit into our lives; we are planning a trip next May with the Goldwing Club to Alice Springs for a couple of weeks. My niece at Whyalla is enthralled with all the places we go and how we go. I am a patchworkoholic and love any needle work, I am a life member of the Women's and Children's Hospital, I have been a member of our local auxiliary for 42 years, also Meals On Wheels (I help with the direct debit each month), I have played croquet for 31 years, I try to keep the washing and ironing up to date, love to potter in the garden and, if there is any time left, it's house cleaning.

Well done Marlene, while you can do it and enjoy doing it keep doing it. Editor of Eyre

HIGHWAY OFFICIAL:

A cocky Highway official stopped at a farm and talked with an old farmer. He told the farmer, "I need to inspect your farm for a possible new road."

The old farmer said, "OK, but don't go in that field."

The Highway official said, "I have the authority of the Government to go where I want. See this card? I am allowed to go wherever I wish on farm land, so step aside."

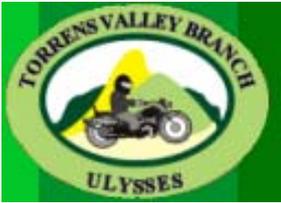


So the old farmer went about his farm chores.

Later, he heard loud screams and saw the Highway official running for the fence and close behind was the farmer's prize bull. The bull was madder than a nest full of hornets and the bull was gaining on the official at every step!!

The Highway official screamed, "Help me, what do I do?"

The old farmer called out, "Show him your card!!"



Torrens Valley Branch Ride Calendar



Date	Time	Leader	Event	Venue	Depart
7 October	9.00 am		Sponsored Ride - Pitmans		320 Main North Road, Blair Athol
14 October	9.00 am	David 0411 378 181	Rid to Loxton	Loxton	Civic Park
21 October	9.00 am Registration		WIMA Pink Ribbon Ride	Wellington Hotel	Burnside Village Shopping Village
28 October	9.30 am	David 0411 378 181 & Pennies 8341 9887	Combined Ride and Bi-monthly Dinner	White Horse Inn	Civic Park
28 October	9.00 am		Sponsored Ride - Adelaide Motors BMW		190 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton
2-4 November		Mark Seja 8341 9887	Meet the Westgate Wanderers	Mt Gambier	
4 November	9.30 am		Sponsored Ride - GP Motorcycles		Top o' Taps
11 November	9.30 am	Neville Gray 8263 7566	Friends and Rellies Ride		Civic Park
18 November			Sponsored Ride - Yamaha World		855 Main South Road, Clarence Gardens
25 November	9.00 am		Sponsored Road - Adelaide Motors BMW		190 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton
2 December			President's Ride		
9 December			Toy Run		
15 December	5.00 pm	David 0411 378 181 & Penny 8341 9887	Combined Twilight ride and bi-monthly dinner	Blacksmith Arms One Tree Hill	Civic Park
23 December	9.00 am	David 0411 378 181	Day Ride to Normanville	Normanville	Munno Para
30 December	Have a	Merry	Christmas - Look forward	to seeing	you in 2008 Dutch

Torrens Valley Branch Meetings

7.30pm

Third Tuesday of the Month

Parafield Gardens Community Club
Shepherdson Road, Parafield Gardens

Meals available from the Club before the Meeting

All welcome

Ulysses Club Sponsored Rides

**refer to Adelaide Branch Calendar
for the most up to date information**

Hi Everyone,

Time to crawl out from under the doona and get the bike out of the garage, give it a big scrub up and start to get out on more rides. Not that we have had a heap of cold rainy weather to complain about, as winters go, this one has been pretty kind to the average Ulyssian. Not too good for the garden or the farmer, but not too much to complain about for us. We need only to compare the Brass Monkey ride last year to this one. Last year there were only about 6 bikes in freezing cold and rain and this year we had about 50 odd bikes and sunshine! Go figure! The Brass Monkey ride this year was a great event and when we got to Balhannah for morning tea, Torrens Valley branch had already arrived and they had about 30 bikes as well!

I must say that attendance at rides this year has been fabulous... congratulations to all those who have participated and to our Rides Sub-Committee who, along with our Rides Captain, Mick Corfield, have organised an amazing variety of places to go. Don't forget the Christmas ride and party on 25th November in your forward planning, as this is always an excellent reminder that Christmas is around the corner, and I believe that "Grumpy Old Get Nick'd" uses this event to kickstart his Christmas campaign. (And if you haven't sat on his lap and gotten what you deserve then you haven't lived!!!)

Congratulations to Torrens Valley Branch in advance for what is guaranteed to be an excellent Odyssey at Burra. I know that there are heaps of Fleurieu members that can't wait to get away to such a great destination. A Ulysses' Odyssey is a great way to spend a long weekend!

Upcoming events at the Fleurieu Branch include the Waikerie and Mt Gambier weekends (see separate article for details) and the Pink Ribbon Ride on 21st October. If you want more details about what's on on the Fleurieu, check out our website at www.fub.org.au where you will find our rides calendar, contact details, photos and copies of The Whaler. Or you can come to one of our meetings on the third Thursday of each month at the Willunga Golf Club in Willunga (map on the website). You can get a meal from 6pm and the bar is also open. The meeting commences at 8pm so there is plenty of time to socialise before the meeting, and you can also hang around after as well.

Remember to ride safely and watch out for the d***heads!!!!

Cheers,
Heather Van Erp
President
Fleurieu Branch

Overnighters Waikerie and Mt Gambier

Waikerie

On October 27/28th the Fleurieu Branch has organized an overnighter at Waikerie Caravan Park.

There will be dinner at the Waikerie Hotel starting at 6.30 p.m on the Saturday Night.

The prices for the rooms and grounds could change, but at present the prices are as follows:

- 2 bedroom villa (which can hold up to six people) you are looking at approx \$95.00
- standard double on sight cabin no linen it will cost you approx \$65.00
- powered site for 2 people approx \$22.00

When you book, please make sure that you mention the Fleurieu Ulysses as they are holding spots/rooms and places especially for us. The number to ring to book is 08 8541,2651.

Mt Gambier Weekend

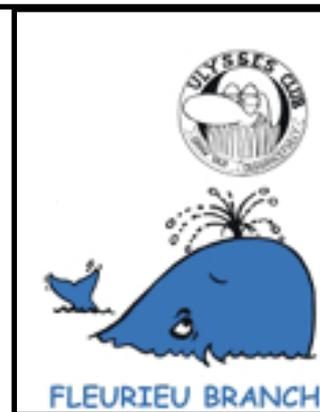
On the long week end in January (Australia day) once again we will be hosting our meet 'n' greet at the Kalganyi Holiday Park in Mt Gambier. We will have a barbeque dinner on the Saturday night for a small cost and for entertainment we will be providing an area where people can watch bike movies and other entertainment. We are hoping to also have a fun activity on the Saturday night .

On Sunday morning, the Limestone Coast Branch will be organizing a ride for those who wish to go or you can either laze around the Holiday Park or do your own thing, but remember that dinner that night will be at the R.S.L with transport to and from the park. The price for the bus ride is \$2.00. The meal that night will be a smorgasbord dinner, price to be negotiated. Breakfast will be supplied the next morning, again for a small cost, before everyone goes home.

It is a great week end and it just seems to be getting bigger, so if you wish a place to stay, don't hesitate book now and get in quick. To make a booking Ring Ray on 08 8723 0220.

Make sure you don't miss it. See you there.

If you have any queries please feel free to **contact Mick (Rides coordinator) on 0431 530 763 or 8186 6697**



Fleurieu Peninsula Branch Calendar

Date	Event	From	Venue	Leader
27th & 28th	Weekender	Willunga	Banrock Stn	Hobbit
Sun 28th	Coffee Run	Willunga		TBA
NOV				
Sun 25th	Christmas Ride	Willunga	Hobbit's	

See the web-site for more details or you can contact Mick Corfield on 0434 256848

Yorke Peninsula

Matta House & Farm Shed

It was certainly a welcome change to experience some early spring weather; the ride to Kadina from Ardrossan was most enjoyable. We met our knowledgeable volunteer guide, Jean, who showed us through Matta House at Kadina and the many exhibits in the large farm shed.

A lot of credit must go to the volunteer group which prepares and maintains the equipment on display. Without such a dedicated band of workers, a lot of local history would be lost.

During the lunch break, there was a lot of discussion on the many interesting displays, some of them were so obscure even the experts could not identify them.

We will certainly visit this venue again as it is continually being upgraded and added to.

Pichi Richi Railway 6th & 7th October

Unfortunately we have had to cancel this trip. The very dry weather has increased the fire risk so the running of a steam train is doubtful.

COMING RIDES

Sunday November 4th

Meet at B.P Roadhouse Ardrossan at 10.00am. We will then travel to the Clare Valley for lunch (you can bring your own or buy it there). After lunch we will return to Ardrossan via Kadina for a byo BBQ tea at Leon & Natalie Hall's. Your food for the evening meal can be left at the Halls' in the morning to eliminate the problem of keeping it cold during the day. If the weather permits, we will have a bonfire. This will be decided on the day and will depend on fire restrictions.

Sunday 2nd December

Meet at the B.P Roadhouse Port Wakefield at 9.00 am. We will then travel to the Mid North town of Laura and have a guided tour of the Golden North Ice Cream factory. After the tour, we will have a byo lunch at the local park where BBQ cooking facilities will be available or lunch can be purchased at the local take away.

Sunday January 6th 2008

T.B.A

January 26th 27th 28th 2008

On this long weekend, the Fleurieu Branch has invited us to attend their annual meet 'n' greet at the Kalganyi Caravan Park, Mount Gambier. A BBQ dinner has been organized for Saturday night. After dinner, there will be some fun activities and entertainment organized.

On Sunday morning the Limestone Coast Branch will be organizing a ride.

On Sunday night a smorgasbord dinner (price T.B.A) will be at the R.S.L Club with transport from the Caravan Park to R.S.L & return for \$2.00 per head.

This looks as though it will be a great weekend. Book early if you intend to go.

March 8th 9th 10th 2008

Our ride group to host Fleurieu Branch for this long weekend at Port Wakefield Caravan Park. Accommodation must be booked early as this is a peak period. I suggest to book by the end of October 2007 (08 88671151)



Saturday 8th March 2008:

Arrive around lunchtime (plenty of takeaways). Book in and get ready for a group tea at the local hotel, three courses \$18.00 per head. (Walking distance from the Caravan Park.) If anyone wants to, an optional short ride will be organized leaving early afternoon

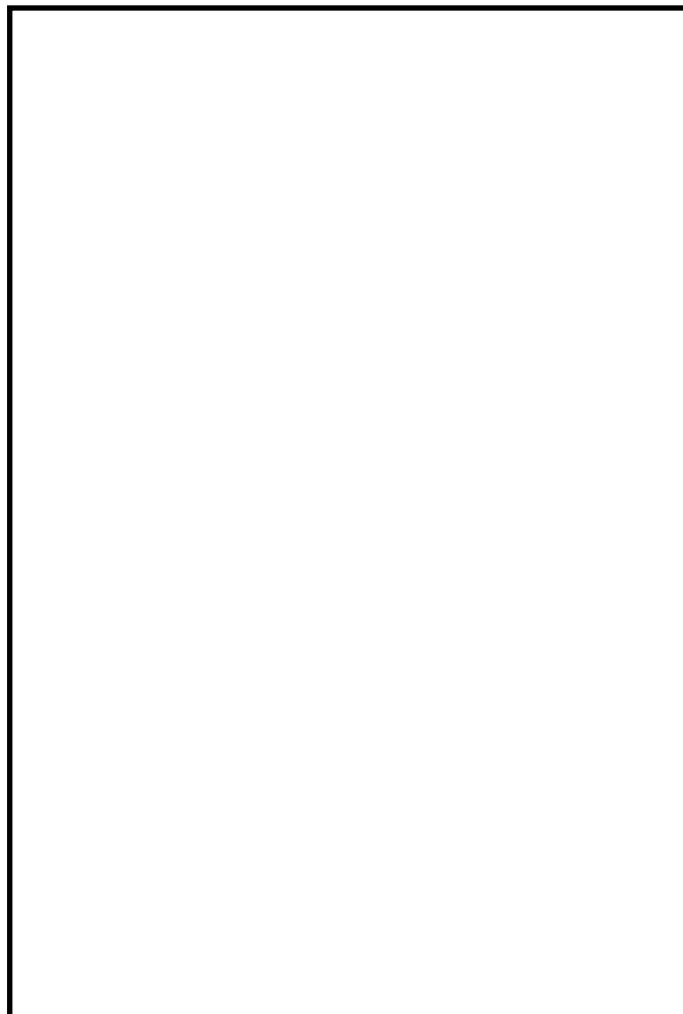
Sunday 9th March 2008: Organised ride around Yorke Peninsula about 400kms leaving just after lunch and finishing at the Bute Hotel at 5.00pm for a BBQ tea \$11.00 per head. After tea a short ride back to Port Wakefield.

Monday 10th March 2008: Pack up and head for home.

Contacts :

Rodney Lind 88377260 Mob 0418527977

Jim Davies 88521021 Mob 0417836994



Corny Point Overnighter

We arrived at the Corny Point Caravan Park about lunchtime Saturday, after an enjoyable ride with only a couple of very light showers were encountered. Two other couples were already there, all set up, deciding to get an early start.

After a quick lunch, we all adjourned to the Camp Kitchen come Games Room for a heap of socialising.

We had two couples from Adelaide join us for the weekend; it was good to get to know other members.

We lit the camp fire early to make the area comfortable for the evening. After a bbq tea, we just sat around talking until the footy started (we won't go down that road as the result did not really make the majority happy). Two particular ladies (unnamed) who are real one eyed Port supporters, had long faces well into the next day, but such is life.

Next morning we were joined by five other members who rode to Marion Bay with us.

Thanks to our hosts Charlie & Jenelle Tooze; they certainly have a venue that suits our requirements and we will certainly avail ourselves of their facility again.



Rhonda and Rick Nappa with Trevor McDonald (all from Adelaide), and a couple of Yorkies on the right: Garry King and Leon Hall



The Odyssey

Sunday Rides

are held on the first Sunday of the month. Watch this page for details and updates or contact Jim or Rod 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 8825 2490 before **any** Wednesday ride to get the latest information.

Yorke Peninsula Riding Group Patch

Rodney Lind has a number of the patch shown here. If anyone would like one, contact him on **88377260** or catch up with him on one of the rides.

They are at cost at \$6.50 each



Yorke Peninsula Riding Group organisers: (left) Rodney Lind and (right) Jim Davies, with Caroline McDonald (Adelaide)

Ralph Pattison turns 70!

On the 12th September, about twenty or so Wednesday riders from Yorke Peninsula rode to Clare to help Ralph celebrate his 70th birthday. Ralph and his lovely wife, Kath, ride from Clare to join us on our Wednesday rides. How fortunate were we that his birthday was on a Wednesday!!!? As usual, Kath and Ralph were the perfect hosts putting on a great spread - complete with THE CAKE. Best Wishes to Ralph from the Ulysses Family and may he have many more birthdays.



Ralph and Kath with THE CAKE



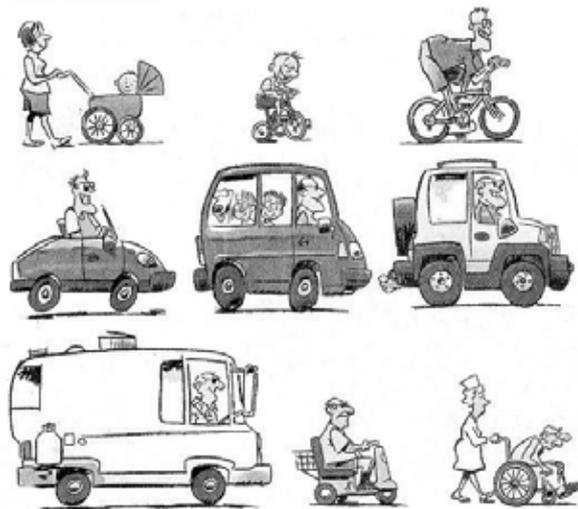
Allan Bowden gives Ralph a hand with the BBQ



The mob tucks in



The Wheels of Life



Scotsman walking through a field, sees a man drinking water from a pool with his hand.

The Scotsman shouts

“Awa ye feel hoor thats full o coos Sharn”
(Don’t drink the water, it’s full of cow s**t).

The man shouts back, “I’m English, speak English, I don’t understand you”.

The Scotsman shouts back, “Use both hands, you’ll get more in.”

Cooks’ Corner



Apricot Balls



250g chopped dried apricots

1/2 tin condensed milk

1/2 cup coconut

1/2 cup brown sugar

Mix all dry ingredients, add condensed milk, mix well. Form into small balls and roll in extra coconut. Place in refrigerator to set.

Joe and Shazz go to Northern Ireland

If you understand the sectarian game, you can understand Northern Ireland. For over 800 years there has been strife in Northern Ireland. The battle has primarily existed between the Republicans (or Catholics) - who believe the North should become a Republic, and the Loyalists (or Unionists or Protestants) - who are loyal to the British Crown and believe the North should stay as it is now.

Northern Ireland is made up of 6 counties: Antrim, Fermanagh, Down, Tyrone, Armagh, and last, but not least, Londonderry/Derry (depending who you talk to!). Due to the stroke ie (/) between the two words, locals affectionately call it Stroke City to keep the peace.

In Belfast City, if you live in Falls Road, you are a Republican or Irish. If you are British, you are Ulster and come from Shankill Road. You find out who is who, by asking 'the question'. Both groups are scarred from decades of 'the troubles'. Despite this, they reassure visitors when they say, 'no matter how much you care it isn't your fight. Outsiders are always safe here'.

Our travels! The sun rises around 5.30 am and sets at around 10.30 pm - so you can fit a lot into one day. Joe and I spent the month of July touring Northern Ireland. This glorious, exciting country is filled with history and breath taking beauty. The Northerners are the most hospitable and obliging people I have ever come across and I say that honestly, not because I am married to one of them. Tourism is still new to the North and the locals want to make sure you spread the word and come back to their magnificent country. I can say now that we will go back!

Northern Ireland is a tiny (approx) 92.5 miles long by 120 miles wide. The currency is Pounds Sterling. It cost us Au \$2.35 to buy one Pound. A pint of Guinness cost 6 pound and an average night at a B&B, including a full fry breakfast, was 70 pound! (I will let you do the conversion).

Across the border in the Republic of Ireland, Euro is the currency and kilometres the gauge of distance. The language they speak is predominantly Gaelic. "An bhfuil gaeilge agat?" ("Do you speak Irish?"). All Irish citizens are entitled by law to conduct any official business with the state in Gaelic - like legal proceedings, university interviews, and filing taxes.

Joe and I hired a car and travelled 1500 miles in 20 days to cover the 6 Northern Ireland Counties and 7 Republic Counties of Sligo, Donegal, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Meath, and Louth. Sligo in particular is W.B. Yeats country. Yeats once said; "Being Irish, I have an abiding sense of tragedy which sustains me through temporary periods of joy".

In some counties we stayed only an hour, but still wanted to see each of them. It also got a bit tricky finding our way around because a lot of the signs were in Gaeltach only. One thing we didn't have trouble finding was the coastline. There is no shortage of coast in Ireland, and a myriad of fresh water lakes link up the coast. This is really good news for fish lovers. I can recommend the trout!

We followed the music trail along the West Coast to summer schools, pubs and clubs where we were welcomed by all and

sundry. We discovered the Irish songs that we have been singing here in Australia for years, came to life when we visited and felt the places, castles, statues and memorials that they are written about. Joe sang a few of his dad's old favorites which had everyone joining in - there were even a few tears shed at the memories. He was invited back the next week to a recording, but time didn't allow, unfortunately. Due to the long daylight hours, music sessions started around 10.00 pm and finished around 2.00 am. I'm not sure what time they all got out of bed the next day, but we didn't have time to sleep in - after three gruelling weeks both of us were exhausted!

We found Belfast to be a delightfully compact city which made walking easy and, for me, reading a map possible! The city is a fascinating mix of old and new. For example, we visited the site where Harland and Wolff built the Titanic and her sister ship, but modern development is also galloping ahead. Following the signing of the Peace Accord, Belfast is experiencing significant development. The Belfast skyline is dotted with cranes. The economy is also fast growing, which is encouraging more developers into the area. The locals have an interesting take on all this activity, of course. For example, two finely sculptured angles in sand stone on the front wall of the Bank of Ireland have been christened 'under draft' and 'over draft'. Similarly, the banks of the River Lagan have been developed and beautified for local use including a joggers track called 'Fat Arse Alley'.

Belfast's latest pride and joy is the brand new ODYSSEY complex situated on the east bank of the river Lagan. Of course, being Ulyssians, we had to take some interest just for its name. It is an 'education and sports facility' with a complete interactive learning environment including hands on

science and music activities. There is an IMAX cinema, bars, restaurants and indoor hockey stadium for the adults.

Ulster people have never lost their sense of humour. Erected on the banks of the River Lagan is a new monument approximately 15 ft high in the form of a girl holding a hoop and standing on a globe of the world sculptured from stainless steel rods. The message with her standing on the globe and holding the hoop (circle) signifies universal peace. The locals have their own interpretation and have nicknamed her 'the thing with the ring'.

Throughout the country side we continued to be amazed by the very old but wonderfully preserved abbeys, castles, cathedrals, farm houses and the bog side. St. Patrick's grave was just one of many famous landmarks. St. Patrick was sold to slavery and returned to Ireland as a missionary in AD 432. His grave is there for all to see with the original hand carved head stone.

Northern Ireland, for us, was about a 25 year family reunion with Joe's immediate family and learning more of the ancient and modern history. I could go on forever about it, but time and space forbid. We have come home with many with fond memories, plus an Aran Island classic knit jumper, traditional sheet music and CD's, 9,000 year old bog wood, Galway crystal white wine glasses, no less, and, of course, famous Belfast linen.

Sharon Brock



Long way down at Giants Causeway. The string bridge got a bit hairy in the wind.

Heart Surgeons Funeral

One of the city's top cardiac specialists died. At his funeral, his coffin was placed in front of a huge replica of a heart, made of red roses.

When the pastor finished the sermon, and everyone said their good-byes, the large heart opened up, the coffin rolled inside, and the heart closed again. It was a majestic tribute to the much loved cardiologist.

Suddenly, one of the mourners burst into a fit of laughter. Irritated by his insensitivity, the man sitting next to him asked, "Why are you laughing, Mister?" "I was just thinking about my own funeral," the man replied. "I'm a gynaecologist."

Deadly Smiles

Three dead bodies turn up at the mortuary, all with very big smiles on their faces. The coroner calls the police to tell them his results after the examination.

"First body: Frenchman, 60, died of heart failure while making love to his mistress. Hence the enormous smile, Inspector," says the Coroner.

"Second body: Scotsman, 25, won a thousand pounds on the lottery, spent it all on whisky. Died of alcohol Poisoning, hence the smile."

"And what of the third body?" asked the Inspector.

"Ah," says the coroner, "this is the most unusual one. Paddy from Belfast, 30, struck by lightning."

"Why is he smiling then?" inquires the Inspector.

"Thought he was having his picture taken," says the coroner.

My Mate, Stanley

George Bush goes to a primary school to talk to the kids to get a little Public Relations exercise. After his talk he offers question time. One little boy puts up his hand and George asks him his name. "Stanley," responds the little boy. "And what is your question, Stanley?"

"I have 4 questions: First, why did the USA invade Iraq without the support of the UN? Second, why are you President when Al Gore got more votes? Third, whatever happened to Osama Bin Laden? Fourth, why are we so worried about gay-marriage when 1/2 of all Americans don't have health insurance?"

Just then, the bell rings for break. George Bush informs the kiddies that they will continue after break.

When they resume George says, "OK, where were we? Oh, that's right, it's question time. Who has a question?"

A different little boy puts up his hand. George points him out and asks him his name. "Little Johnnie," he responds. "And what is your question, Little Johnnie?"

"Actually, Sir, I have 6 questions: First, why did the USA invade Iraq without the support of the UN? Second, why are you President when Al Gore got more votes? Third, whatever happened to Osama Bin Laden? Fourth, why are we so worried about gay marriage when 1/2 of all Americans don't have health insurance? Fifth, why did the break bell go off 20 minutes early today? And sixth, what the f*ck happened to my mate Stanley?"

Classifieds



2002 Suzuki Bandit: 24,000 kms one owner (me), excellent condition with extras. Photos and details in Trading Post internet ad. Asking **\$8000**. Contact

Ernie Palmer on 8379 2049



Wanted to buy: Engine Bars for Honda Shadow 750 C2

Contact Wendy on 8837 3449
or email king@netyp.com.au

Wanted: Single or double bike trailer for the use during February 2008. Loan or hire. **Please contact Dave on 83829860.**

The Elephant

In 1986, Mike Membre was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from Northwestern University. On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air. The elephant seemed distressed, so Membre approached it very carefully.

He got down on one knee and inspected the elephant's foot and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it. As carefully and as gently as he could, Membre worked the wood out with his hunting knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot.

The elephant turned to face the man, and with a rather curious look on its face, stared at him for several tense moments.

Membre stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled. Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned, and walked away. Membre never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Membre was walking through the Chicago Zoo with his teenage son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Membre and his son Cantri were standing. The large bull elephant stared at Membre, lifted its front foot off the ground, then put it down. The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man.

Remembering the encounter in 1986, Membre couldn't help wondering if this was the same elephant. Membre summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing and made his way into the enclosure. He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder.

The elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of Membre's legs and raised him high into the air and slammed him against the railing, killing him instantly.

It probably wasn't the same elephant.