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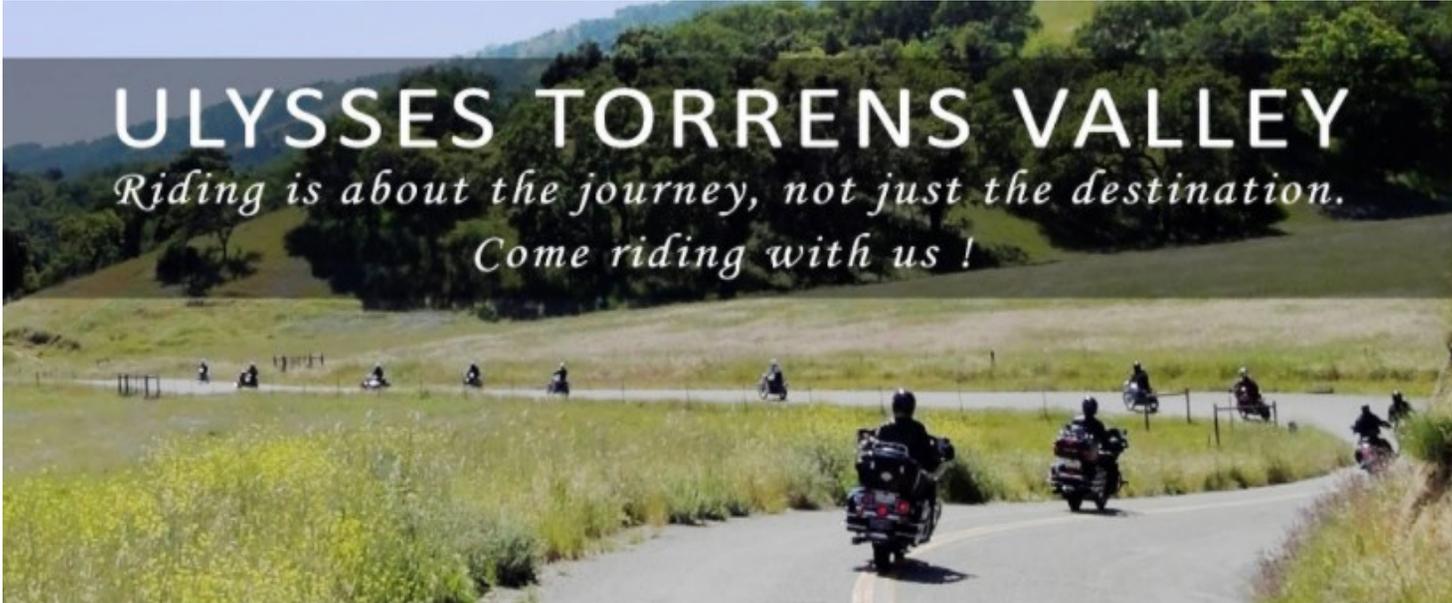
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## Torrens Valley

### Branch

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## Torrens Valley Ulysses - President AGM Report 2020



President - Torrens Valley Ulysses Branch  
Terry 'Sparky' Mader - #39025

What a great year we've had. Lots of changes. The best Odyssey in Kadina. The introduction of the club rego for classic bikes coupled with the classic rides. The start of the adventure rides with more to come this year. Ric Nappa coming on board with his ride every month. The ramping up of Facebook and the new updated Website. The introduction of the Bike talk with the new to the very old machines on the floor every month. I continue with Sparky's corner because we love discovering our own members past experiences and their adventures. The RV group continues to organise new and exciting places to visit and have fun.

We have had the pleasure to have new members come on board and we continue to seek more new motorcycle enthusiasts to join our big happy family. All this and with the new look T-shirts the branch is a vibrant and spirited group, which says we are all about having fun and we are open for business.

All this doesn't happen easily. Without the hard work and dedication of my committee members.

Yvonne Pascoe      Marilyn Braunsthal

These two are the back bone of this branch and I thank you so very much.

Bob Braunsthal      Neville Gray      Paul Dennes  
Brian Cook      Lester Launer      Terry McGuirk

Everyone on this list are the hardest working committee members you will come across, without their devotion and their enthusiasm this branch would not be what it is today. I thank you from the bottom of my bottom.

Now for the sub committee members.

Cathy McGuirk      Michael Morgan  
Tracy Nash      Peta Tedmanson  
Ian Pascoe      Ian Stone  
Pam Gray      Chris Stoneman  
Nita Curtis      Ric Nappa

These are the people that carry out tasks that we all enjoy, that we take for granted in some degree. But without these unbelievable members the social dinners, web site, magazine, raffles, rides, welfare, the RV travels and much more would not exist.

In summary I thank each and every one of you for the tireless work and the encouragement you give because you not only make my job easier but enjoyable.

To our members on behalf of the committee and sub committee members we say thanks for supporting us and having the faith in us for making this branch great.

## Vale: John “Robbo” Robinson (15/08/1946 - 24/02/2020)

Sadly, our previous President and tireless worker and beloved husband of Lorraine, John, passed away on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February in Gawler Hospital from a respiratory disorder after three years of declining health. He was a friend to many, a larger-than-life character known far and wide. A true-blue supporter of the branch, he attended our recent AGM less than a week before his passing.

It was fitting that John was awarded both the Phil Jones Service Award for 2019 - for outstanding service to the branch and also his 20-year-service badge recently. Over the years, Robbo worked as a committee member, Quartermaster, Welfare Officer and President. He and Lorraine would always roll up their sleeves and get involved whenever help was needed.

The Robbo team held soup days and sausage sizzles for the members at their home, they worked at the Odysseys, they worked at the National AGMs. Robbo excelled as the “Joker of the pack” with his laughter, jokes and naughty jests, making sure we were all “growing old disgracefully.”

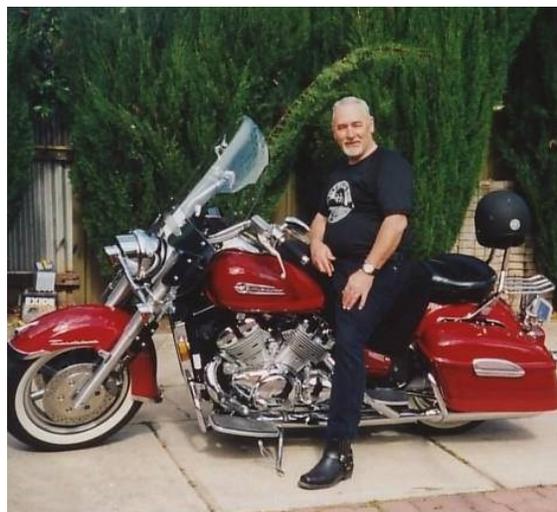
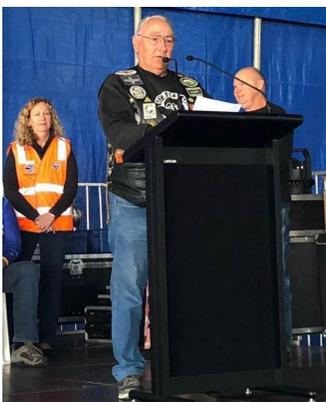
He and Lorraine have been very valued members of our branch over many years.

Over two hundred people attended John's funeral in Gawler with many Ulyssians and former members and friends from numerous branches turning up, some from interstate. The large attendance reflected the regard people held for this kindly, selfless, lovable larrikin whom we're all going to miss.

Our hearts go out to his good widow, Lorraine (also a tireless servant of our branch), his beloved daughters Megan and Kristy, and his five grandchildren whom he adored, and who adored him.

Rest in peace old friend. We'll always remember you, your kind nature and the fun you made. In our hearts, you will always ride on with us. And yes, we'll see you on the other side.

Bob Braunsthal #16461



# Torrens Valley Social Dinner - Café Va Bene 28th February 2020



## Torrens Valley Ulysses Club Presentation

Terry (Sparky) on behalf of Torrens Valley Ulysses Branch presented a cheque of \$1000 to Shane Boyle and his family. Shane was badly burnt fighting fires at Cuddly Creek. Many thanks to the members of the Ulysses Torrens Valley Branch for digging deep and raising the most we've ever done by passing the hat around. We wish Shane a speedy recovery and all the best to his family.



## Classic Ride to Palmer Hotel 23rd February 2020



The weather was pleasant and sixteen Ulyssians showed up for a relaxed classic ride. Sparky was there on his olde Honda Africa twin. Nick Oliver was on his recently restored 1971 red and grey Triumph 650 twin, the oldest bike there. Nev was on his blue water bottle Suzuki 750 two-stroke (so he went tail-end Charlie). Marilyn rode the red Honda CB/400F and I was on the white Honda CX 650 E. John Crowe rode his latter day classic Royal Enfield 650 Interceptor, a nice orange new oldie.



We headed off from Pelican Plaza through Snake Gully and Humbug Scrub to Williamstown, Cockatoo Valley and Sandy Creek before arriving at Lyndoch for morning tea. Fortunately the roads were not busy.



After a lengthy coffee and chat session, we rode on to the Barossa and up Mengler's Hill to lovely Tanunda Creek Road, Eden Valley, Springton and Mt Pleasant before turning to Tungkillo and on down the eastern slopes of the Mt Lofty Ranges to Palmer and the pub.



There we had a line-up of classic machines – Nick Oliver missed out because he doesn't eat lunch, he just keeps riding. The rest of us were eager to exercise.....our jaws!



The publican had a special fish menu besides the standard menu. All dishes were a mere \$15 and they were good value serves, cooked well. We met Grant there – he had been with some dirt riders and had dropped in for lunch not knowing we were also having lunch there, so he sat with us. Everyone enjoyed their meal. I was pleased someone had recommended Palmer pub to me. It lived up to expectations – we'll go there again some time.



We had good weather, a good attendance, a good ride and a good meal, four good reasons to go on the next ride, hoping the upside down season keeps on being mild instead of the usual fierce February/March sizzlers.



## January Meeting



John 'Robbo' Robinson receiving his 20 Year Service Badge



Lester Launer spoke about his Yamaha MT09 Tracer with custom trailer and Neville Gray spoke about his Honda 1978 CBX 1000Z for Bike Talk



Sparky's Corner with Dave Kumnick. Dave spoke about the local bushfires and CFS member who was badly burnt



Mick (Left) Dolensky receiving his 15 Year Service Badge



## February Meeting



Sparky presented a card to Lester Launer for 15 years of commitment to the committee in many roles, including President



Darren Tedmanson spoke about his Harley Davidson 2014 Road King Special 1673 cc for Bike Talk

Peta Tedmanson receiving her 15 Year Service Badge



Johno Townly receiving his 60th Birthday Badge and 15 Year Service Badge



Card presented to Terry McGuirk for his support through CFS both in SA and interstate with the bushfires



# Torrens Valley AGM February 2020



## Committee Members 2020



Left - Right: Paul Dennes, Terry McGuirk, Neville Gray, Yvonne Pascoe (Secretary)  
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Ian Pascoe (Welfare Officer), Peta Tedmanson (Social Coordinator),  
Tracy Nash (Social Coordinator), Pam Gray (Raffle Coordinator)



## Liesha's First Ride



This is a serious story but it gave us a good laugh.

Wayne and I had just bought a Goldwing 1998 GL 1500 Trike 50th Anniversary Special Edition, we were told that there are only 3 of them in Australia. Two days later we were going to take the bike to my sisters for dinner and show off our pride and joy, we were all ready to go when to our horror Wayne discovered he had lost the one and only key for the bike, we searched the house, car and all pockets twice, searched all the shops and carparks he had been to that day and asked at the police station all to no avail, Wayne was so upset and stressed out about it he said he felt sick. He had been to the post office that day but it was closed so we couldn't ask, when I rang them the next morning they told us that someone had found them in the carpark and handed them in, I jumped for joy and Wayne said he was so happy he could fart.

Last Sunday my son John who has a bike of his own and his partner Pam invited us for a ride to the Barossa Valley. It was a beautiful warm 33 degree day. In Angaston we took our jackets off to go and have lunch in the pub, when we returned to our bikes we couldn't get our jackets out of the luggage carrier because the lid was jammed, so we took off without wearing them. I loved the warm breeze. We had also just bought arm rests which Wayne had put on the day before, and I loved them.

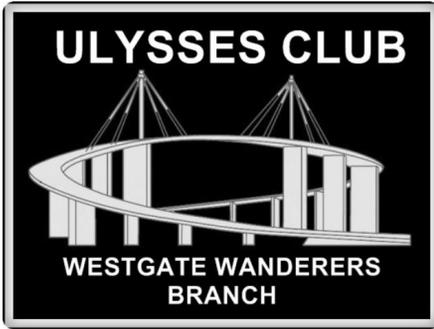
As we reached Lyndoch there were four people waiting on the corner to cross the road, they waved pointed and laughed at us as we passed. Just up the road from there we passed the Bakery with about half a dozen people outside who also pointed and waved at us, we even got two thumbs up from one guy, so again I waved back thinking wow a lot of people like our bike. I felt like a Queen and happily waved back at them. It wasn't until we were almost in Gawler that I thought 'gee my stomach and chest are starting to feel hot', that's when I put my hands on my chest and OMG I felt bare skin, when I looked down my tank top had blown right up under my arm pits in the wind and I don't wear a bra, I had not noticed it before because I was wearing a full face helmet.

That's when I realized that for about 20 KS I had been on the back of the bike completely topless. No wonder they all laughed and pointed. OMG...I could feel myself blush bright red under my helmet with embarrassment, then I started to laugh so much I nearly pissed in my pants. When I told my brother about it he said I had made his day and he had the nerve to say that he could imagine seeing me with one bare tit pointing to my belly button and the other slung over my shoulder. Well let me tell you that my 73 year old boobs are not as bad as all that, just ask Wayne.

If I had been arrested just imagine what might have been in the News the next day. A 73 year old grandmother has been arrested for riding topless in public on a motorbike. What a cracker of a day it turned out to be.

I will never live this down.

2 lessons learnt...Have 2 spare keys cut straight away and LADIES tuck your top in your pants before you start. Now THAT is growing old disgracefully. CHEERS...LIESHA



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## Christmas High Tea at Wohlers



It wasn't quite the Mad Hatter's Tea party but it was a Christmas High Tea at Wohlers at Richmond. Eleven ladies came along and a good time was had feasting, shopping and chatting. Just after 10.30 we sat down on the plush Lazy-Boy lounge chairs built for one, two, three or more that elevated our legs, reclined and rocked for our comfort. After an explanation on the finer points of the furniture we had a few prize giveaways – Lyn Launder, Veronica (a friend of Helena Cole's) and myself won discount vouchers. We then went into the Café and had morning tea – chicken sandwiches, cucumber sandwiches, scones with jam and cream (made by the Founder of Wohlers), chocolate slices and handmade chocolates with tea or coffee. The table was decorated with a white tablecloth and elegant cups and saucers, side places and milk jugs. One of the ladies took a fancy to a milk jug and thought it might be for sale so she promptly picked it up and turned it upside down to get the price, but unfortunately the jug was full of milk which spilled over the table. It was quickly cleaned up with nobody the wiser. After an enjoyable banquet we were let loose in the store, some with our discount vouchers, others browsing or shopping for Christmas.

Chris Stoneman





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## Ulysses RV

### Curnamont Lakeside February 7th - 9th 2020

Although there were a number of last minute cancellations (due to illnesses, caravan repairs etc.) 10 couples and 4 dogs arrived at the campground on Thursday. It is a campground rather than a caravan park and is situated on a small lake abutting the River Murray. Power boats and jet skis are not permitted on the lake and it is a fantastic place for canoeing or just relaxing on the banks. As the lake is a maximum of 4 ft. deep it was great for just wading out into the water and staying cool. The camping sites were lovely grassed areas that had been freshly mowed prior to campers arriving, and with the river a little way off the noise of powerboats etc. didn't disturb the serenity.

This group mainly comprised of Fleurieu branch members with a couple from each of Adelaide and Torrens Valley branches – this is quite unusual for the RV weekends as we normally get a good balance from all branches. Torrens Valley representatives increased on Saturday when day-trippers Lester & Lynn from Torrens Valley dropped in to say hello to the group.



As in recent times a game of Finska was played of which Leslie won [a bit 'sus' as was also the scorer]. The group seems to be getting more competitive as more games came out over the weekend. Lee, Dianne, Pat and Leslie played rummykin, Kerry and Brian showed Dianne how to play a card game called "frustration", which was a good game similar to "may I" or "oh shit". There wasn't much scoring on that one as Brian is a bit of a card sharp.

With Mannum being nearby, some of us went for a drive there as there is always something on in town. Even if it is only the opp shops to wander around in, have a drink in the pub overlooking the river, relax on the reserve or view the plenty of shacks on the river.

The weather was kind to us even though it tried to rain Sat night, but was nothing to upset us from doing anything outdoors. Fortunately there were no flies or mossies but Graham got quite a surprise when he went into the Amenities block and came face to face with a snake curled up on the floor. The only other wildlife seen (other than the local birdlife) were fish as they broke the surface of the water. However nobody got energetic enough to throw out a line.

A good catch up was had by all, and looking forward to the next RV weekend at Auburn (Clare Valley) on 8th to 10th May.

Happy and safe travels

Colin & Di, Max & Jacqui, Wayne & Leisha



# Ulysses RV

## OTHER NEWS

### 2020 RV WEEKENDS

These weekends are open to all regardless of how you get there, even if you don't have an RV, bring a tent or book a cabin (where available)

#### **May 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>** Auburn Caravan Park

For bookings call the caravan park 0417 550 781 and say you're with Ulysses

The Caravan Park is on the grounds of the local oval, has both powered and unpowered sites in pleasant surrounds. It is signposted off the main road through town.

#### **September 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>** Avoca Dell Caravan Park (Murray Bridge)

For bookings call the caravan park 08 8532 2095 and say you're with Ulysses

The Caravan Park overlooks the Avoca Dell reserve which abuts the River Murray. Coming from Adelaide drive through Murray Bridge and over the bridge. The caravan park is signposted along the roads from there.

#### **October 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>** Ulysses RV AGM - Mudgee NSW

#### **November 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>** Point Turton Caravan Park

For bookings call the caravan park 08 8854 5222 and say you're with Ulysses

The Caravan Park is nestled in a disused quarry overlooking the jetty and boat ramp. It is well sheltered and all sites are lawned.

### 'THIS IS ALSO ON'

These are add-ons to our official weekends, and maybe weekenders or even 'through the week trips' that some of us are doing that you may want to join in. As with the four annual official events it is come any way you can, camp any way you like and enjoy socialising with your Ulysses mates.

They are -

#### **March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020** Diesel and Dirt Derby Keith

A number of Ulyssians have indicated they are going back to this event again this year. Held at the Keith Showgrounds there are camping sites available to enable you to be on site to see the V8 superboats 'flying' around the Spitwater Arena, modified tractor pull, header demolition derby aerobatic display, jump car racing, live music and much much more – visit their webpage for more details

#### **October Long Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 2020** Ulysses Club SA Odyssey

Venue: Riverland (exact venue site TBC)

## Rick Nappa's February Ride to Gumeracha

Rick's February ride was very well attended. About twenty bikes showed up on a cool morning following plenty of rain for two days before. It didn't feel like February at all. We rode through One Tree Hill and Kersbrook and on to Woodside for morning tea. It was sad to see the devastation caused by the fires with some houses and sheds ruined, but at least pleasing to see some of the gum trees sprouting new growth. Although many lovely trees were killed, many others will eventually be covered in green growth again, but it will take several years for the area to regain its full greenery.

Most of us went in to Lovell's Bakery in Woodside where we had refreshments and chatted for half an hour before resuming the ride. We wound on through more of the area that had been burnt in the Cudlee Creek fire to Birdwood and then to our lunchtime destination, the park in the main street of Gumeracha. There the capable Curtis clan had been busy once again, preparing super-value lunches for a mere five bucks a head. At that small price, how do they do it??

Hungry members lined up for their paper bag filled with sandwiches, a banana, a slice of cake, a little chocolate and a fruit box orange drink. Whether sitting or standing, most ate it like they'd stolen it. For a while there was silence while everyone was busily eating. It was a satisfying lunch, but so good it didn't last long. After more chatter members left for home, most probably planning to be on Rick's next ride on the first Sunday in March and why not, with a pleasant easy ride and a door-buster bargain lunch?

Our thanks to Rick and the very capable Curtis Catering Company. It was a top event. Bob Braunsthal



## SA Breakfast Club Clayton Bay - February 2020



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## S.A. Breakfast Club at Laura



More than 60 Ulyssians travelled to the lovely mid-north town of Laura, most staying overnight or for the whole Adelaide Cup Day holiday weekend. They came from near and far, even over the border. A sizeable bunch travelled together on bikes from Gawler, meandering around the mid-north in perfect weather and arriving shortly after lunch at nearby Jamestown. Others wandered up in caravans.

Mass catering on Friday evening for the crowd was very capably done by good-hearted volunteers. Sue Freene was in good form reciting poetry. Don had a sore elbow, not from falling off a bike this time!! Captain Underpants was in fine form, getting stuck into bottled Corona and red wine and getting louder and louder. A good time was had by all.

Saturday breakfast kept the Koffi and Kandi cafe very busy, and with such a large contingent, some members went to another cafe nearby. All seemed happy with their breakfast and chat. On Saturday afternoon a group rode to Peterborough in ideal weather to see the motorbike museum there and had a cuppa kindly served by the owners, Ian and Belinda Spooner. As always, Ian has added more machines to his collection.

Saturday night dinner was at the Laura North Hotel. The 60+ Ulysses mob ensured the pub was kept busy. The schnitzels were huge and the noise level was very loud. Everyone had a good time.

On Sunday a lot of Ulyssians headed home. A group of a dozen rode north to Quorn and enjoyed more perfect riding weather, an uninterrupted run both ways through both Horrocks Pass and Pichi Richi Pass. They had lunch at the Quandong Cafe in Quorn and some had Quandong pie – delicious!!

On Monday those left at Laura headed home in top weather again. It was a great weekend. The weather for the four days was as good as it gets. If anyone didn't have a great time, I haven't heard about it.

Bob Braunsthal



## Rick Nappa's Sunday Ride March 1st 2020



There were 2 Goldwing trikes, 2 Spyders, 4 Bikes and 1 Classic motorbike, and 18 members all gathered at the meeting place at OTR, Hillbank and keen for a meander in the country.

Wayne and Leisa rocked up on their newly acquired Goldwing Trike (Drool) and I dusted off my '76 Honda CB750 to blow off the cobwebs.

"Rick the Rainman" pulled up and first apologized for the lack of rain forecast on a perfect ride day of 30 degrees.

Rick and co-pilot Rhonda led the run through the back roads to Roseworthy and on to Wasleys which is undergoing a new housing development in the middle of nowhere (I thought) and then on to Kapunda for morning tea. (I think no one really needed those pies and cakes after we saw what was on offer for lunch), but we are Ulyssians after all!

Anyway, after eating and chatting Rick headed off towards Truro and out the back blocks to Angaston Lions Park where Nitta and Trevor had our lunch prepared (a 3 course meal and a drink ) for us to consume GREAT STUFF! After lunch and meaningful discussion we all parted company and went on our merry way.

A terrific, enjoyable day was had by all attendees.

Thanks to Rick for organizing this top ride day and also the fabulous food caterers.

Stoney (aka Rod Stoneman)



## Teenage Odyssey (True Story)

Bob Braunsthal

Long, long ago when I was a teenager, motorbikes were being abandoned by the older generations who were eager to buy their first car, new or used, whether a VW, a mini, a Holden or other American make, or an English car, all of which were common then in the pre-Japanese era. They cast off their bikes.

It was a wonderful time for teenage lads with a few pounds in their bank accounts. To secure a sale, car dealers would reluctantly take motorbikes as trade-ins and then get rid of them any way they could. An eager lad with a few quid was a good avenue for them to move unprofitable two-wheel stock. Lovely!!

There were lots of motorbike shops back then, but their prices were way above those of private sellers or car-yards. By the time I was eighteen, I had had several bikes which I sold in turn to mates who were starting out. Those were heady days.

One time a friend asked me to look at a tired C11 250 BSA. It was a 1948 rigid-frame model, very oily, and oilier than most English bikes which were always oil-leakers. I didn't recommend it, but Charlie with stars in his eyes was always going to buy the tired heap anyway, proving that love is blind.

Once Charlie was familiar with his blue and oily black BSA, three of us decided to do a bit of rabbiting in the Coorong – this was long before the area was declared a sanctuary. Charlie had rellos in Millicent who ran a bakery. He arranged for us to stay there so we could do day rides through the South-East, a big Odyssey for young lads starting out on ancient machines.

Charlie tried to clean up his mobile-wreck and tied on his gear. Tony had a much better bike – his family was well-heeled and he had a nice red 1955 B31 BSA 350 with swinging arm suspension and a double seat that was handy for packing gear. I had an army-green WLA Harley which I'd bought at an army disposals auction at Finsbury. It was a good workhorse and it was reliable, yes, you read right, it was reliable. It had a large wireless rack on the back which was good for luggage or sometimes two pillions, and it had the original leather panniers so I was well set-up for carting stuff.



We set off up the Princes Highway (long before the freeway existed) and it was soon apparent that Charlie's bike was going to be the anchor. Tony and I could have got to Crafers at a fair clip, but poor old Charlie's bike was slow and working very hard uphill. Whenever we stopped, smoke would rise off his very hot, oily single cylinder with more oil steadily weeping onto it, keeping up the smoke supply.

Young and impatient as we were, we tolerated poor Charlie's tardiness for a couple of hours, but when we were heading towards Meningie, 33 miles per hour was as much as Charlie could muster into a strong headwind. The day was slipping away and it was going to be a long time till we reached our destination. Something had to be done.

We stopped to look at Charlie's bike to see if we could get a bit more oomph from it. I had a look at the points and was shocked at what I saw. They were crusty with white oxide and the gap was at least double what it should have been. I wondered how it had worked at all. I had a points file – you always had to carry one of those – and I set to work to grind through the offending white crust. I didn't have a feeler gauge to test the points gap so I estimated it by eye. I was used to setting points on old bikes.

## Teenage Odyssey (True Story) cont...

We took off and Charlie was over the moon. Not surprisingly his bike got moving now that he had a decent spark. He later told us that he read as much as 48 m.p.h on his Smith's speedo, but he couldn't quite make 50. Tony's 350 and my Walla could both do that with ease, but we were just happy to be able to go at a reasonable pace. Later, Charlie told me I was a mechanical wizard, but I said to him there was a lot more to being a wizard than re-setting points, and I was definitely no wizard.

We didn't get to Millicent that day. Instead we camped in a ruin somewhere near Salt Creek. Rabbits were plentiful and we shot some and Charlie, who was a good cook, set about preparing them while Tony and I went for firewood. The meal was good, and next morning we repeated it after more rifle practice. We also had fun chasing a fox across a saltpan on my Harley. Tony on the back was trying to shoot the fox while I swerved and skidded around trying to keep track of it before it disappeared into the mallee. Fox 1- us 0. 250kg Wallas are not the most agile of bikes. Later we rode on to Millicent where we stayed several days and enjoyed the meals and goodies Charlie's rellos gave us.

During the day, we'd ride off around the South-East to Mt Gambier, Robe, Beachport and Naracoorte. Charlie went pillion on Tony's comfortable 350 so we wouldn't be slowed by his smoky wreck. For a cheap lunch we used to have a cold pasty each and we'd share a bottle of beer. It took a long time to digest so we had the sensation of a full stomach and it was cheap, but the nutritional aspect wasn't too flash and we were glad to get back to Millicent for a proper dinner each night.

After a few days we left for home. We decided to stop over at the same ruin and have more rabbits for dinner. Charlie wasn't so sure. His rellos had asked him to stay on, so he bid us farewell and rode back to Millicent to stay longer with them. Tony and I weren't sorry to have his old anchor disappear, but we'd forgotten one thing – Charlie was the cook. After we'd shot some rabbits we looked at each other and each hoped the other would be able to cook them. Neither of us had a clue. We'd left that up to Charlie and hadn't taken any real interest in proceedings. This was to be no “My Kitchen Rules”.

I knew he'd barbecued the rabbits somehow, but I didn't know what was required. I decided it would be safer to cut them up and boil them in a billy. I hate cooking and this experience only confirmed my incompetence. It took a couple of shifts to get them done. We ate them, they were rubbery, tasteless and apart from filling our stomachs, most unsatisfying. A bottle of not too cold beer was the only extra for the meal. You might call it a recipe for disaster.

We settled down for the night in the old ruin. About three a.m. I heard a ghostly groaning and got up to see what was making the eerie sounds. In the darkness I could just make out the shape of Tony leaning out what had been a window in his room, and occasionally chundering with horrible noise accompaniment. Eventually when he'd emptied the “meal-from-hell” he lay exhausted on his sleeping bag, groaning in pain until the sunrise heralded another day. Neither of us was interested in breakfasting on rabbits. We had nothing else. Hunger was the preferred option. Quickly I packed for both of us. Tony, who'd made ghostly sounds during the night, now looked as pale as a ghost.

I kick-started Tony's bike for him and he somehow mounted it and rode home in a state of exhaustion. I was worried about his fitness to ride. I also had stomach pains but was in nothing like Tony's condition. We rode and rode and rode. Apart from a stop for petrol we went straight to his place at Edwardstown where he got off and staggered into his house without unpacking his bike. I rode home just four miles away, feeling lousy and glad to finish this Odyssey.

A few weeks later Tony was lost to biking, his family bought him a car – sad stuff. Charlie persevered for a while but also went to four wheels. I was the only one who remained with motorbike-itis, a happy affliction for life for me. This was just the start of my long motorcycle journey. Tony possibly remembers the ride with the awful “rabbit meals” - Charlie probably recalls his love affair with the gutless, oily, smelly, smoky, rough-riding, rigid-framed BSA 250 that predictably went all wrong.



## Upcoming Rides

Sunday 22nd March

**Sparky's Birthday Ride - 9:30 from Pelican Plaza to Mintaro, Magpie and Stump Hotel**

Saturday 4th April

**SA Breakfast Club - Carrickalinga**

Saturday 4th April

**Fleurieu Branch Beast Feast**

Sunday 5th April

**Kapunda - 10:00 from OTR Hillbank**

Sunday 19th April

**Mt Pleasant Pub - 9:30 from Pelican Plaza**

Saturday 2nd May

**SA Breakfast Club - TBC**

Sunday 3rd May

**Walker's Flat - 10:00 from OTR Hillbank**

Sunday 24th May

**TBC - 9:30 from Pelican Plaza**



## Social Dinners



22nd May

**Carlisle Tavern - 39 Carlisle St, Ethelton SA 5015.**

28th August

**McQueen's Tavern - 55 Cardigan St, Angle Park SA 5010, Please note a talk will commence at 6 pm on the greyhound adoption programme.**

27th November

**Dimples Restaurant - Hamilton Rd, Fairview Park SA 5126. This will be the club's Christmas Dinner get together.**



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## Rick Nappa's Sunday Ride March 1st 2020

I was away in January but did Rick's ride in February and enjoyed it that much that I realised that my commitment to do as many of them as possible was going to be easy to keep.

Now please remember that I am well known for my poor sense of direction so don't expect full details of where we rode but I will try my best. We departed OTR Hillbank via the backdoor with a total of nine bikes including two Trikes and two Spyders, with our three wheeled brethren well represented, heading out towards Gawler via One Tree Hill. Past Roseworthy Campus, through Wasleys, Truro then on to Kapunda for smoko.

From Kapunda on to Angaston for lunch in the park where we were met by Lyn and John Tout from Westgate Wanderers. Rick's team once again put on a superb meal of a meat & salad wrap, fruit salad, a piece of cake and a juice box. Talk about real value, in some places I can't even get a large latte for 5 bucks.

Except for a bit of wind, nature's not mine, it was an excellent ride ending with good company on a weekend that had been a bit of an emotional rollercoaster for so many of us. If you haven't experienced one of Rick's rides do yourself a favour and come along to the next one. They are on the first Sunday of each month.

Shiny side up...

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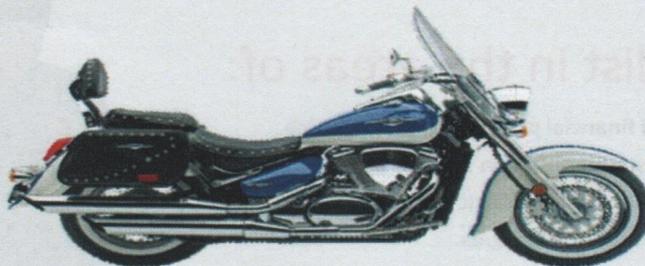
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## News from the National Committee

Dear Members

### Cancellation of the 2020 National Rally



These past few days the National Committee has been working through the process of cancellation of the Rally and the impacts. This included meeting with the National Rally executive team and committee, Lismore Council representatives and Lismore stakeholders. Logistical, administrative, and legal considerations are part of the decision to cancel our event. Blue Knowles as Ulysses Club Rally Liaison worked through those meetings in Lismore on behalf of the National Committee and we thank him for that.

The recommendation by the Federal Government that states consider restricting gatherings of 500 people was obviously a factor.

The 2020 National Rally team has worked so hard in their preparation to bring you another wonderful National Rally and the National Committee is disappointed that we must cancel. The health and safety of our members and their families is the most important consideration.

We'll be in touch with you again soon, regarding the Annual General Meeting, commemorative merchandise, refunds and any other rally related information.

National Committee

Jen, Allan, Henry, John, Dave, Blue and Sharryn

If you have any questions or comments please email national Secretary Henry - [secretary@ulysses.org.au](mailto:secretary@ulysses.org.au)



The guys were on a bike tour. No one wanted to room with Mick, because he snored so badly.

They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first guy slept with Mick and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot.

They said, "Man, what happened to you? He said, "Mick snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing, hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot.

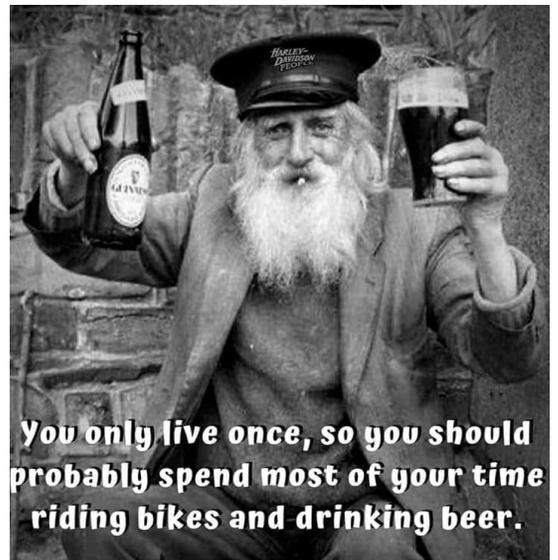
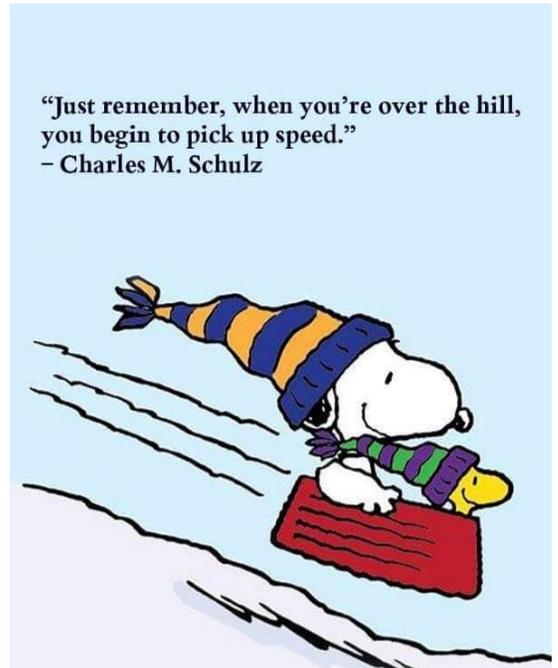
They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful! He said, 'Man, that Mick shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night.'

The third night was Bill's turn. He was a tanned, older biker, a man's man.. The next morning he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

"Good morning!" he said. They couldn't believe it.. They said, "Man, what happened?"

He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Mick into bed, patted him on the arse, and kissed him good night on the lips.

Mick sat up and watched me all night."



**You're TOO HIGH if you see 2 people in this pic**

raise your hand if you try to breath quieter when walking up a hill so that bystanders don't hear you fighting for your life...



## Weekend Rides

Our rides start from various locations, some starting points are:

*Gawler* - meet in the car park opposite Repco on Julian Terrace.

*Pelican Plaza* - meet at the car park next to Hungry Jacks, corner of North East and Golden Grove Roads.

*Nuriootpa* - meet at the car park near the Steam Engine (opposite the BP) Murray Street.

All rides will leave from any of these destinations unless otherwise stated.

For information on a specific ride, please contact the ride leader.

## Wednesday Rides

All Wednesday riders are requested to read 'Torrens Valley Midweek Rides Group Information' which is available on the website.

Depart at 10.00am from the Tea Tree Gully Hotel North East Road at the corner of Haines Road, Tea Tree Gully. Meet in the car park behind the hotel (you can't see the car park from the road).

***Rides are abandoned if the forecast temperature is 37°C or more, or if there is a storm or heavy continuous rain around the time of departure making riding hazardous.***

'Guzzi' Bob Braunsthal and Neville Gray lead these Wednesday rides.

Further details:

**Neville** - 08 8263 7566 or 0416 050 189

**Bob** - 08 8395 0224 or 0419 829 543

## Ride Requirements

1. Ride Leader: brief riders, where ride is going, where the breaks are going to be and who is Tail-end Charlie (TEC). If the destination is not a well-known location, Ride Leader to supply all riders with a destination address and your phone number. If you are meeting up with other riders at other stops, re-brief ride so that everyone knows what is going on and who Tail-end Charlie is.
2. Corner Marshals to remain on corners until Tail-end Charlie arrives and flashes you; join just in front of TEC. Remember who you are following before you do your corner marshal duty, and when they go past Tail-end Charlie should be following them shortly. If they don't go past something is wrong. Wait on corner until someone arrives.
3. Tail-end Charlie (TEC) to wear fluoro vest and flash lights at corner marshals. Slow down and let corner marshal join in front of you.
4. If there is a problem (break down or accident ) Tail-end Charlie should assess situation and continue where possible as soon as they can.
5. If a rider has run out fuel leave them to their own devices. They should have started with a full tank of fuel, and they should know the destination if they were listening to the riders brief.
6. Riders responsibility. Start with a full tank of fuel. Keep your bike well maintained. Get to the start point before departure time and listen to ride brief from the ride leader.
7. Only Tail-end Charlie should wear fluoro vest. If you wish to wear a fluoro vest when riding you should stay just in front of Tail-end Charlie.
8. Only bikes, spiders or trikes to be Tail-end Charlie. If you wish to follow the ride in a car you should follow behind Tail-end Charlie.

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