



T H E W H A L E R

January 2012

COMMITTEE CORNER

Hi All.

The subject of the R.V. Group has created healthy discussion within the branch. The committee had taken a lot of these constructive comments on board. With the following decision. The R.V. Group WILL NOT BE AN OFFICIAL PART OF OUR BRANCH. The R.V. Group WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ADVERTISE on the WEBSITE or in the WHALER. As for the committee the subject of the R.V. Group is CLOSED and there WILL NOT BE any correspondence entered into. The National Committee Letter answering the Branch Committee questions is enclosed as an attachment to this edition of the Whaler.

"An unfortunate incident at our November committee meeting led to the resignation of 3 committee members. A breach of protocol occurred where a member attended a committee meeting without either the Secretary or President being informed. We welcome member participation at committee meetings to learn how we can do things better but we need to schedule our meetings to include the member's interests. The appropriate procedure is to inform the President or Secretary, preferably in writing of your intent. Do not simply ask a committee person without verifying with the Executive."

Over the last couple of months the editor of this magazine has been receiving some e-mails from a member calling themselves the Phantom Rider. I have no idea who this person is and they send their e-mails from an anonymous address. Up until this stage I have largely ignored the e-mails but in light of what has happened over the last couple of months I have chosen to include their last e-mail. It is very enlightening.

The President's Ball is coming up on the 4th February 2012. There is a flyer attached to the Whaler e-mail and fliers will be available at the meeting. You can purchase tickets from Jono at the meeting or on the night.

Cheers From Your Committee and may your lid never skid.

COMING RIDES

22 Jan 2012	Coffee Run, Meet at the Alma for a 10am Departure. Rides Leader GoDown
27-29 Jan 2012	.Fleurieu Frolics <u>CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF NUMBERS</u>
12th Feb	Easy/ Experienced Ride. The Experienced Ride (Rides Leader Mental) will depart the Alma Hotel at 10am and the Easy Ride (Rides Leader Andy) will depart the Alma Hotel at 10.30am. The ride will end somewhere in Victor Harbour. Venue TBA

MIDWEEK RIDE ON SECOND & FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Definitely a ride going on January 25th—meet at Hectors Café on the Waterfront at Goolwa at 9.30am

Definitely a ride going on February 8th — meet at the Alma Hotel Willunga 10am

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ONCE A MONTH FEED

There is no feed in February as The President's Ball is on Saturday the 4th of February.

The next feed will be Friday the 2nd March 2012

Venue TBA

RIDES REPORT

Hi All and Welcome to the New Year.

This year we see a new rides calendar with lots of good rides and a few overnighthers thrown in.

We have had one attempted ride this year. The twilight ride was a wash out due to dangerous thunder storms . There were six brave soles who rode to the Alma. It was there that the rides leader made the call to go straight to the Old Bush Inn and cancel the ride. We all waited patiently for the rest of the people to turn up and we all order our meals. All up we had 22 people at the pub for a good meal and some socialising. We all caught up on what happened over the break.

Just a reminder about the Blanchtown overnighther on the 25th of February 2012. The flyer is attached to the Whaler e-mail and some will be available at the meeting.

The flyer for the April overnighther to Edithburgh in April is also attached to the Whaler e-mail. The date for this one is the 28th of April 2012.

We also have other rides happening as well, you can find out all the info on the web. fub.org.au under rides calendar.

FREEDOM, RIDE SAFE

GODOWN.



This one is for the Ladies. Men can fix anything. This is from a series of photos that were sent to me. I will put a couple more in over the next couple of months.

TREASURERS REPORT December 2011

Main Account

Credit

No deposits were made in December due to Xmas Mayhem, Public Holidays and work commitments. This will be in the January report.

Debit

December Meeting Supper \$180.00

Odyssey Account

No Action in this account

A little old lady wanted to join a biker club. She knocked on the door of a local biker club and a big, hairy, bearded biker with tattoos all over his arms answers the door. She proclaims "I want to join your biker club."

The guy was amused and told her that she needed to meet certain biker requirements before she was allowed to join. So the biker asks her "You have a bike?"

The little old lady says "Yea, that's my Harley over there" and points to a Harley parked in the driveway.

The biker asks her "Do you smoke?"

The little old lady says "Yea, I smoke. I smoke 4 packs of cigarettes a day and a couple of cigars while I'm shooting pool."

The biker is impressed and asks "Well, have you ever been picked up by the Fuzz?"

The little old lady says "No, never been picked up by the fuzz, but I've been swung around by my nipples a few times."

Here are our awards recipients for 2011



The Warren Jameson Award goes to Andy and Maryanne

OAKS AWARD DON FRENCH



And The L Award goes to Maggie for forgetting to do up her helmet and giving her husband a mild heart attack. There is no picture as the President forgot to bring the award.

Welfare Officer Report

We have been advised that Russ Hanby of Hanby tyres has died. We do not think Russ was a member of Ulysses but a lot of members will know of him and had tyres fitted by him over the years. The workshop was in the Industrial Estate on Marion Road at Marion. Our advice came too late to advise members that his funeral was last Wednesday.

Our great friend from Torrens Valley Branch, Mark Seja, is having a strong battle with cancer. His wife Penny advises that Mark cannot speak due to mouth ulcers so contact with him is not possible at this time.

I have conveyed the best wishes of the Branch to Mark and will let members know when he is able to talk to you.

****If you know one of our members is ill or injured please let me know on fergiephil@bigpond.com GADGET

ULYSSES OBJECTIVES

The name for our Club comes from the tale of the Greek Hero Ulysses who at middle-age, secure and in charge of his kingdom of Ithaca was bored and longed to go adventuring with his shipmates of old.

When the # 1 Ulysses member Stephen Dearnley sat down with five other mature bikers on the 6th December 1983 at the inaugural meeting, their first point of order was to create the name and logo for the Club followed by the Objectives which were designed to seek **respect** from the Australian community for their riding group.

Those objectives are now enshrined in the Constitution to guide every Branch of Ulysses and they are:

1. To provide ways in which older motorcyclists can get together for companionship and mutual support.
2. To show by example that motorcycling can be an enjoyable and practical activity for riders of all ages.
3. To draw the attention of public and private institutions to the needs and views of older riders.

With the opportunity for members to volunteer for committee each year it is important that members understand the Ulysses structure and culture. Ulysses Australia like any other volunteer group is responsible to the Associations Incorporation Act of law, from which our founding fathers created the Ulysses Constitution.

The National Committee and the Branch Management are charged with the task of ensuring the Branches operate within the guidelines of the above Objectives and the Associations Act as there are severe penalties at law for breaches of an Officers' duties.

What it means is that if members want to party, the law wants someone to take responsibility to do the dishes and that is the reason for Nat Com and Branch Administrators.

Branches are individual small businesses that are in the business of entertaining and educating with a focus toward mature bikers and biking. A Branch Committee can not just concentrate on (a) of the above Objectives and forget all about (b) and (c). There has to be a balance to attract the respect Ulysses Australia demands.

A recent Nat Com communiqué was quoted as saying, "No individual or groups of individuals own the Branches... Ulysses Australia does." That is a clear message that we are all members of the one family, Ulysses Australia and are entitled to attend or ride with any branch in Australia.

The respect Ulysses is held in throughout Australia opens doors that no other biking organization does and that is because it has clear Objectives to improve its image by being involved in the community, raising funds for charities and behaving with respect and integrity toward other Ulysses members and members of the broader community.

It's a good feeling when you stop at a coffee shop, take off your helmets and the locals see the grey hair and the Old Man logo. Their relief is self evident when they identify you as Ulyssians and want to stop and have a chat. Again, when you're at the local shopping centre and someone recognizes the Old Man logo and asks "What bike do you ride." There goes another hour of your day. Just partying doesn't achieve that kind of respect.

It's also feels great when you meet other members of the Ulysses Australia Family from other parts of the country at an Odyssey or National AGM and you proudly tell them you're from Ulysses Fleurieu in Adelaide where there are some of the best riding conditions in Australia," and go on to describe that magnificent ride up Sellicks Hill, around the Myponga Dam, then on to some great twisties to Delemare, followed by 47 klms of sensational fast sweeps to where you approach those stunning views overlooking Victor Harbour.

"Here's my card, come and visit us sometime and we'll show you around."

You've just extended your personal Ulysses Family.

That's my Ulysses Australia.

The Phantom Rider

THE ODYSSEY MAGAZINE

This is a magazine put together by the Adelaide Branch of the Ulysses' and receives input from all south Australian Branches.

The editor of the magazine is Wendy King her contact details and info on how to subscribe to the magazine are at the Adelaide Ulysses web site. www.ulyssesadelaide.com.au