



T H E W H A L E R

January 2012

COMMITTEE CORNER

Hi All.

As a branch we are saddened to hear the passing of the Ulysses founding member Stephen Dearnley. As a mark of respect we will hold a minute silence at the branch meeting Thursday night. 16/2.

Our guest speaker at the February meeting will be Internationally known Jeremy Burgess who will tell us about some of his 32 years experience on the Moto Grand Prix Circuit. As a result all Branch Business will be put on hold until next Month. The raffle will still go ahead. Any member the who has any general business please contact the President and it will be tabled at the next committee meeting.

The President's Ball was a another great night for the Branch with over 40 people in attendance to hear some good music and have a bit of a dance or as some did, just catch up on some socializing.

NAT COM CHANGES To Branch audits.

Being the end of Ulysses financial year and because Nat Com are experiencing some problems with branch financials, the National Treasurer has introduced procedures for branches to become better self regulated. To ensure your money is being looked after properly, Nat Com has instructed all branches that the President, Secretary and one other committee member must review the branch financials and sign a certificate of clearance before sending to Nat Com. That process is currently in progress at Fleurieu.

We have another huge special this month in the Store, there will be a **Make an offer Table**, no reasonable offer refused. This is so we can clear those last few hang over items we no longer want to stock.

The Quartermasters store will be selling and collecting the Ulysses Club Inc Major Raffle in support of the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund. If you wish to get more books, return books or just buy tickets come on up to the table.

Cheers From Your Committee and may your lid never skid.

COMING RIDES

25-26 Feb 2012	Blanchtown Overnighter. Meet at BP Morphetvale at 9.30am. This ride will be lead by Warren Foster. He will be going through the hills to get to Blanchtown. Dinner at the pub in Blanchtown is 6pm.
11 Mar 2012	This is a Mystery Ride. The ride will meet at the Alma at Willunga at 10am. The Rides Leader is Mental.
25 Mar 2012	This is the not the AGM ride. This ride will be a coffee run. Lead by Jono. The ride will meet at the Alma at 10am. Finishing Venue TBA.

MIDWEEK RIDE ON SECOND & FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Definitely a ride going on February 22nd—meet at Hectors Café on the Waterfront at Goolwa at 9.30am

The Midweek rides on the second Wednesday of the Month have been cancelled until Further Notice.

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ULYSSES OBJECTIVES

To provide ways in which older motorcyclists can get together for companionship and mutual support.

To show by example that motorcycling can be an enjoyable and practical activity for riders of all ages.

To draw the attention of public and private institutions to the needs and views of older riders.

RIDES REPORT

Hi All

I am writing this report with the sad news that Go Down has decided to resign from the rides Co-ordinator position. Jono will be filling this role until the AGM and then we will be looking for a new rides Co-ordinator for the Fleurieu Branch. As the position states you would be a Co-ordinator. If you are interested and would like more info come and have a chat.

The Coffee run on the 22 Jan was well patronised with 16 Bikes and 20 people. The ride left the Alma and went Through the hills to Lobethal for a nice cup of coffee and some great conversation. Great work GoDown.

Easy ride Sunday 12th Feb was led by Andy through Myponga, down through Carackalinga and a short stop at Delamere. Met up with Crazee and Pam and on to Victor Cycles for a sausage sizzle lunch. Total on easy ride 9 bikes, 13 people. Approximately 25 people for lunch at Victor. Big Thanks to Allan and family for putting on lunch.

Experienced Ride 12th Feb Eight hardy riders on six bikes braved the inclement weather, (I saw a cloud), to do the experienced ride. Leaving Willunga at 10-00am, we rode through McLaren Flat, Kangarilla and Clarendon. Then came some lovely twisty roads through Cherry Gardens, Ironbank and a quick stop in Stirling. We then rode through the hills to Echunga, Meadows, down the Meadows/Willunga road to the Victor Harbor Road arriving at Victor Motorcycles at 12-20pm, for a very welcome sausage sizzle and drink.

All riders enjoyed the ride and strongly praised Mental for doing such a great job. (Tongue firmly in cheek here).

A big thank you to Hobbit, who was volunteered into accepting the TEC jacket. A special thanks to Victor Motorcycles and their service volunteers, who made us all feel very welcome.

Mental

The overnigher to Edithburgh in April is attached to the Whaler e-mail. The date for this one is the 28th of April 2012. If you are booking into the Motel for this one, please let them know you are from the Ulysses Club. We have blanket booked the whole Motel.

Ride Safe and Stay Upright the Scenery is Better That Way.

Cheers Jono

The Web site has all up coming rides info just look up fub.org.au under rides calendar.

TREASURERS REPORT January 2012

Main Account

Credit:

November Raffle: \$170.50

December Raffle: \$245.00

January Raffle: \$203.00

Xmas Sausage Sizzle Ride: \$25.00

Gear Shop: \$254.00

Debit:

Australia Wide Badges: \$45.00

Gear Shop Merchandise: \$269.50

Award Plaques: \$22.95

Odyssey Account

No Action in this account

A couple of Funnies

1. If time doesn't wait for you, don't worry!
Just remove the damn battery from the clock and Enjoy life!
2. Expecting the world to treat you fairly coz you are a good person is like expecting the lion not to attack you coz you are a vegetarian. Think about it.
3. Beauty isn't measured by outer appearance and what clothes we wear, but what we are inside. So, try going out without clothes tomorrow and see the admiration!
4. Every lady hopes that her daughter will marry a better man than she did and is convinced that her son will never find a wife as good as his father did!!!
5. He was a good man. He never smoked, drank & had no affair. When he died, the insurance company refused the claim. They said, he who never lived, cannot die!
6. Don't walk as if you rule the world, walk as if you don't care who rules the world!
That's called Attitude! Keep on rocking!

OLD No1 Ride On OLD Son Ride On.

May He Rest In Peace.

I am writing with the sad news that Old Number 1, Stephen Dearnley – one of the Ulysses Club's founders and our guiding light for more than a quarter of a century – passed away, Saturday 11th February. A memorial service is planned for Thursday afternoon 29th March at the Mildura AGM.



EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 40

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags.

Then try 50-lb potato bags and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level,

put a potato in each bag.

And The L Award goes to the President who forgot to bring the award in December. So there is a combined Photo.



Welfare Officer Report

Nothing To Report, which is a good thing.

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

GADGET

THE PHANTOM RIDER

While the name for our Club came from the tale of the Greek Hero Ulysses who at middle-age was bored and longed to go adventuring with his shipmates of old, it was our #1 member Stephen Dearnley, who on the 6th December 1983 at the inaugural meeting sat down with five other mature bikers to create the name and logo.

‘GROW OLD DISGRACEFULLY’

When we relate to the story of Ulysses and the fun you can have on a motorcycle, it is pretty clear that the motto means Adventure before Dementia, not disgracefully growing old.

When we wear the Old Man Logo, Ulysses is being judged.

Courtesy will cost you nothing, rudeness and bad behaviour will cost you and Ulysses integrity and respect.

Nearly 50% of the Ulysses membership is non Branch participants as they can see the exceptional value to them for just being a paid up member. Let's look at what you can have for your \$30 a year:

- Membership of the most respected motorcycle Club in Australia and growing internationally, giving you credibility and acceptance by the wider community.
- An organisation run by a group of volunteers and administrators that turns over \$2 million dollars each year in the interests of motorcycling and supporting charities. And that's just at Head Office level.
- The quarterly national Riding On magazine informing members of motorcycle products, stories of biking adventures, information about other Branches and a whole lot more.
- Access to the Ulysses merchandise that identifies you as a member of the Premium motorcycle Club in Australia and the courtesy and respect that the uniform is accorded by the broader community.
- Access to the informative website of Ulysses Head Office and other Branch websites around Australia.
- Opportunity to participate in inter and intrastate Odyssey rallies and the National AGM throughout Australia, creating new riding experiences and meeting new friends in the Ulysses fraternity.
- Ride with or visit any of the 135 and growing Australian branches.
- Help and advice from Ulysses people as you travel this wide country.
- 10% discount and more at most of the major motorcycle brand retailers.
- Numerous rides and social activities to choose from provided by the Fleurieu and various other Branches.
- Advice on riding tips and motorcycle performances from other experienced local members.

You won't get better value than that at your local footy club, particularly if you barrack for Port Adelaide???

I was talking to a committee person during the month and was told 90% of the Branch income is raised by the monthly raffle, plus bits and pieces of other minor activities.

The gear shop being a service to members is lucky to make 10% markup on sales after postage while the special events like the FOFFs and Beast Feast aim to break even but usually leave a big hole in the budget.

If you really want to live up to the legend of Ulysses, support your monthly raffle, support your gear shop, Branch rides, special events and volunteer occasionally to help out without having to ask what's in it for me.

You can then be proud of yourself and Ulysses Australia.

That's my Ulysses Club

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