

## ULYSSES CLUB - FLEURIEU BRANCH

# THE WHALER

April 2010



### COMMITTEE CORNER

Another AGM behind us....next one Newcastle.

**“Iron butt”** award goes to Boyd who—having just arrived home from Albany, learnt that Brian Cullinan had fallen off at Eucla. Bike was OK but Brian was a bit bruised. Boyd arranged with Jono to drive back to Eucla and then rode Brian’s bike back. What a mate!!!!

With the 2013 AGM announced for the Frazer Coast, ex-president Warren Jamieson is already in touch trying to make sure that all Fleurieu members attend. (see letter re “sister Branches”) His magnificent offer of accommodation at his place is detailed in this issue. Members are advised to book early as the offer is definitely limited to the first 200 applicants.

At this meeting we will hold an auction for 3 helmets (Shoies!!!!) that have been donated by a member who has stopped riding. A jacket—just right for the coming winter— is also on auction. They will be on the top table. Try them on for size before you bid.

A big thanks from our welfare officer (Gadget) to those members who visited Don Hamley (Member from Qld) in RAH during the month. It can be quite lonely in a strange city.

Winter is on the horizon. Best time to ride sometimes as you can always rug up against the cold!

### COMING RIDES

May 2 (Sunday)	Mothers Day ride. Leave Alma at Willunga at 10.00 a.m.. Destination is Wellington Hotel for lunch. Rides leader to be decided.
May 16 (Sunday)	Gourmet Picnic ride—departs Alma Hotel at 10.00 a.m. and the destination is a secret (to keep all the gluttons away from the feast at the end of the ride)
May 23 (Sunday)	5 Captains ride.—a ride shared with other branches. Our Branch leaves Alma at 10.00 a.m. This is an all day event with Jono as Rides leader.

Future  
dates to  
remember

8-9 May Gladstone Goal Weekend (Torrens Valley Branch)  
12-14 June Combined ride with YP Branch to Peterborough  
2-4 October Odyssey at Port Lincoln

### MIDWEEK RIDE ON SECOND WEDNESDAY IN MONTH

Depart Willunga at **10.00 a.m.**

### MIDWEEK RIDE ON FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN MONTH

Definitely a ride going on April 26 —meet at Hectors Café on the Waterfront at Goolwa at 9.30

### CONTACTS

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### CAFFE ACQUA, ONCE A MONTH FEED

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Next meal date is 7 May.

Remember to book at Café Acqua—Seaford 08 8327 4393

Visiting Victor Harbor ? Visit Piet’s Wursthaus for delicious continental meat (around the corner from Subway). Piet generously donates a great metwurst for our raffle each month.

## RIDES REPORT April 2010

### The Ride Leaders Bit

#### Hi All

#### SOUTHERN MIDWEEK RIDE WEDNESDAY 24/3/10

Another good ride, 7 bikes and spyder woman. Ride leader did not make it so Don volunteered, and after some discussion we took off along the Range Road, coffee at the Sealink terminal Cape Jervis and if you are thinking of going there take your own mug as their cups are small (quite happy for people to do so). On to Yank for lunch and Meadows for another stop! Good weather and good company. Next run Chris has volunteered to lead.

Trev Potter

**Mid week Ride:** -Nothing to report, as there has not been a ride this month. It happened yesterday.

**Breakfast Ride:-**The ride went well, There was about 25 at Cafe Aqua for breakfast, with 6 bikes there to do the ride. They went through to McLaren Vale, up Penny's Hill Road to Brookman Road, Meadows, Maclesfield, Mt Barker, and Nairne and stopped for a welcome coffee and toilet break at Woodside, after discussions at Woodside it was decided to ride on to Mannum where we had lunch.

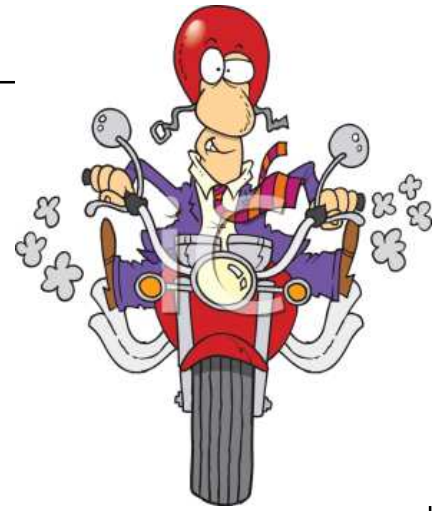
The weather was not kind but not that bad either, there was fairly consistent light rain but it was not cold nor windy, over all it was a good ride which I think we all enjoyed.

**Easter Egg Hunt:-** We decided not to put out the bunnies for spotting due to the bad weather. There were nine bikes and ten people for the ride. We had a great ride through the hills and back to Doug and Sandy's for lunch. The lunch and company was great as always.

I won't be at the next meeting as I have work commitments. So if you have any questions please drop me a line.

Cheers *Jono* your Rides Captain.

Please everyone watch out for the Tin Tops and stay upright.



#### **SNOWY'S RIDE IN SPRING**

Considering a run to the NSW ranges ( Eucumbene, Thredbo, Merimbula, Mt. Hotham, etc) for around 7 – 8 days, motels, pub dinners., etc. possibly October November this year subject to participants agreeing. This will be a "rider's ride" with plenty of interesting roads.

Let me know if interested (0413 100 285), Trev

#### **A Letter from Memphis**

Hi there from Paradise.

An interesting thought... Hervey Bay is the whale watching capital of Queensland with up to 100 humpbacks in the bay for months every year. There are heaps of whale watching tours that make buckets of money from it each season. We all know the whale connection on the Fleurieu, and it occurred to me that our branches have something in common.

Then I thought, " should we become sister branches???" I proposed the idea to our President who took the idea to Committee, and they endorsed the idea. The Branch Secretary will now write to the Fleurieu Branch to formally propose the idea.

What do you think? I'm sure that there are lots of benefits to be derived, with no apparent down side. In view of the upcoming AGM, it would give the Fleurieu some form of ownership of the event also. On that point, I have agreed to accept one of the Directors positions of the Executive AGM Committee. Guess who's going to be busy.....

Feel free to discuss the idea with others on the Committee while you await the letter from our Secretary. Whaddya reckon?

Cheers, Warren

## The Funeral Procession

A man was leaving a convenience store with his morning coffee when he noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery.

A long black hearse was followed by a second long black hearse about 50 feet behind the first one.

Behind the second hearse was a solitary man walking a dog on a leash.

Behind him, a short distance back, were about 200 men walking single file. The man couldn't stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the man walking the dog and said, 'I am so sorry for your loss, and this may be a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this.

Whose funeral is it?'

'My wife's.

"What happened to her?"

The man replied, 'My dog attacked and killed her' He inquired further, 'But who is in the second hearse?'

The man answered, 'My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her.' ~

A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passed between the two men.

'Can I borrow the dog?' ~

The man replied, 'Get in line.'

My wife and I are watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have sex?' 'No,' she answered.

I then said, 'Is that your final answer?'

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying 'Yes.' So I said, 'Then I'd like to phone a friend.' And that's when the fight started....

## CRAZEE'S NEW BIKE



## SOME GUYS ARE LUCKIER THAN OTHERS



## FOR AUCTION

3 Shoei helmets. All are size "L" (watch out—they fit Gadget) .

- Blue RF-R Full face—good condition
- Black RF-R Full face—near new condition
- Black Flip top—used condition
- One RJays Jacket—size XXXL

No Reserve— proceeds to Branch

Many thanks to Billy Wallace, a member who has given up riding.