

THE WHALER



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THIS IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE HARLEY DAVIDSON BIKE EVER.

It is known as the "Easy Rider" and it sold for \$1.35 million at an auction. It is very patriotic and it has earned the named "Captain America" which was Peter Fonda's character's name in the 1969 movie. Harley Davidson has some really interesting bikes, and if you don't agree, then you don't know motorcycles

Harley Davidson might be the most recognized and notable name in motorbikes. It's name is familiar to anyone, whether you are a bike fan or not, and they have produced some of the most desirable and sought after bikes in the history of motorcycles. Harley Davidson is an American motorcycle manufacturer that was founded in 1903, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is one of only two motorcycles to have survived the Great Depression and grown into one of the most iconic motorcycle companies in the world. There is a loyal following for the bikes produced by Harley and have universal clubs and events. They also have a large product-line of brand-focused merchandise. Harley has designed some of the most expensive bikes in the world. Some of Harley's most expensive bikes date back to the company's early years and are highly sought after by motorcycle enthusiasts and collectors

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President Chat

It has been two months since the last Whaler, did anyone notice? I will leave it up to Mikey to explain.

The usual things have happened in the two months since my last chat, we have had one committee meeting where we discussed previous and upcoming events. There have been four rides, led by Poida, John, Martin, and David. All great rides with the weather being on our side for a change. Mid-week rides also continue to feature on our calendar. Dom and Gary always finding new and entertaining roads.

I must say that the attendance at the social meetings have been outstanding, with the August meeting filling the room to capacity. Well done people.

For the rest of the year, there are quite a few upcoming events. First, next weekend, Dom is holding the 3 Peninsula ride to Quorn in the Flinders, an event well run and usually well attended. Next, on the weekend starting 21st October, will be the Odyssey in Mannum. Registration closes on the 18th of this month, so get in now. Sunday the 6th of November will see us back at the annual Macclesfield Bike Show. This year we are combining with the Lower Murray Branch to give a greater presence. Then there is a Meet and Greet weekender at Naracoorte on the 28th of October hosted by Torrens Valley and Westgate Wanderers Branches.

After an absence of two years, the Christies Christmas Pageant is back, and we have been invited to participate. At the moment they require 8 bikes, I will try to change that slightly. Lastly, for this year, our Christmas dinner is tentatively Saturday the 3rd of December at a venue yet to be decided. We have a couple of places in mind. So, we will let you know in due time.

You will find more details of the events mentioned inside.

Social media is now the normal way of communicating. As a branch we use a web page where you can find information and back copies of the Whaler. However, we primarily use Facebook as our way of getting the info to you. We do this in two ways. First, is our FB <u>Page</u>, administered by Vicki, called Ulysses Club Fleurieu Branch. This is where you will find all there is to know. The page can be found at https://www.facebook.com/UlyssesFleurieu.

Second is our FB <u>Group</u>, Admin by Vicki and me. This is where you can interact with the branch by posting, within reason, anything you think your fellow members would like. As in all FB groups, posts need to be approved by admin. The group is called the same as the page and can be found at https://www.facebook.com/groups/334409632191672

That's it for now. I will see you all on Thursday.

Cheers All, Brett.

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Branch Rides

Sunday Rides

- > Every Fortnight, refer Ride Calendars following.
- Departing from the Alma Hotel Willunga.
- Theses rides depart Top of Taps.
- > These rides are events.

Ride Leaders Calendar

September

18th Marie & Philip Wilson

October

2nd Scott Robinson
(Long weekend)

16th Ian Kennedy

21st – 24th Odyssey Mannum.

30th Jack Ash

November

6th Lions Bike Show

13th Trevor Staples

20th Onkaparinga Pageant

27th Brenton Jones

December

11th Toy Run



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Ride Briefing at 09:50 with Stands Up at 10:00 am Sharp.

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There are Wednesday and a Friday Rides between the Sunday rides.

Refer to Ride Calendar above for dates.



Dominic Carli leads Wednesday Rides.

Meet at Victor at 9.30 am. Meet at the Alma Hotel Well before at 10:00 am Stands Up at 10:00 am Sharp

Next rides
October 5th
November 2nd

For details please contact

Dom on 0433 052 053



Gary Parker leads Friday Rides.

Meet at the Alma well before at 10:00 am Stands Up at 10:00 am Sharp

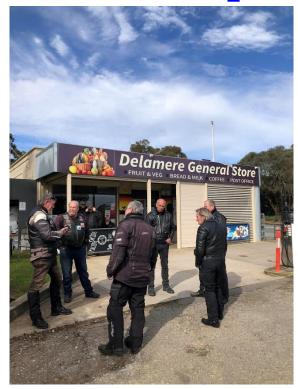
Next rides
September 23rd
October 21st

For details please contact Gary on 0410 803 633

Friday Rides Snap Shots















Poida's Ride - Top of Taps to Mt. Pleasant and Strathalbyn July 24th



To mix things up I decided to start my ride from the Victoria Hotel at the top of taps.

The weather forecast was not that great for the day, as rain was expected, so only 12 likeminded people ventured out on a cold cloudy morning.

Following the toolbox talk we departed towards Coromandel Valley, Hawthorndene and Crafers. This may sound familiar to those who came on Brett's ride two weeks ago, so I didn't mix it up as much as I thought. The rest of the ride did take a different route, so I don't feel too bad. The road through Piccadilly had been re-surfaced lately and there was a lot of loose gravel on the road in sections. The speed limit had been reduced to 40km, but even at that speed the back of the bike occasionally twitched.

Unfortunately, during the ride, I received a call from the tail end Charlie, which no ride leader wishes to get, "we have a rider down".



John "ROUNDABOUT" Green's bike decided it didn't want to go around one of the gravel laden corners and decided to lay down, taking John with it. I can gladly say that John was a little shaken by the experience but sustained no major injuries and was able to taking John with it. I can gladly say that John was a little shaken by the experience but sustained no major injuries and was able to continue the ride

The "Fallen Rider" protocol worked fine as I stopped the ride as soon as it was safe to do so and wait for further instructions and eventually the remaining group re-joined us for us to continue. The timing of the call could not have come at a worse time for me, as I was just about to set my Corner Marshall for a right turn. I had to contend with a small group of pesky cyclists so was going slow to start with, I was just about to point for the Corner Marshall, when I had to use my pointing finger to answer the call, so sorry Hobbit for confusing the hell out of you.



I was nice to see Cherie and Jude on their Spiders at the rides end in Strathalbyn. Cherie is still getting used to riding and is not comfortable yet to join us on a ride. A few more practice runs and I am sure you she and Fern will be accompanying us.

The rain did eventually come as the ride ended in Strathalbyn, albeit just a few spots which helped Hobbit's bike get a wash. I do blame the rain on one of our members who met us at the end of the ride, I am sure you can guess who, non-other the Dave "RAINMAN' Polkinghorne.





Thanks for all who attended **Poida**

John "Roundabout" Green Ride August 7th

13 riders gathered for Roundabouts Ride, unfortunately due to a wind issue which had caused a blockage of his garage door, his bike could not leave. Therefore, John was nowhere roundabout. So R.C. Phil took the ride following, as closely as possible, to Johns pre planned route. Morning Ride Sermon given, and all understood the plan. I was in front, Marie indicating the corner marshalling positions and Poida in the TEC role.

We travelled Willunga Hill, Victor Harbor Road and into the Crows Nest Road, lovely stretch of quietness. Waterport Road and through some "roundabouts" into Encounter Bay for coffee at the Yelti Store. After coffee ten or us headed off the RRRR (Rapid Range Road Ride), and through into Yankalilla for lunch. On the way sighted a large Bull in a large paddock awaiting the arrival of the cows down the road, Lots or sheep large and small, a running horse and a paddock with cows and emus, interesting mix. (Long legged milk producer that will steal your hat????).







On the Range Road there were a couple of raindrops, but the rain saw that it was landing on the intrepid Fleurieu Ulysses motorcycle riders the rain decided it had a better chance of falling elsewhere. Great weather and thanks for coming and John, it was a great ride.

Ride Coordinator Phil Wilson @ Stick It (uya)

Hughie's Second Try - August 21st

22 bikes, 15 more than last time, met and the riders/pillions prepared. Morning sermon given, Hughie leading with Poida as TEC. We headed off into a glorious day. Down to Victor Harbor Road towards McLaren Vale, I was nearly at the rear, and it was an inspiring sightseeing 22 bikes, with no car interruptions travelling north towards the McLaren Vale turn. We had a couple of returning riders and new rider John with wife Vicki as pillion on one of the 5 Spyders. I must say that Mikey looked awesomely fantastic on Cherie's Spyder. Travelled backroads, criss-crossing until we reached Mount Compass for the coffee break. After the break and having given Bomber enough time to drink his coffee, we mounted up minus 2 bikes and travelled across to Yankalilla via Poida Roo Road, Iman Valley Road, and then (for the second time) Hughie overshot Parawa Road.

U Turn practice for some and back on the road to the wonderful Range Road, where there was wind and mist, but it was an amazing run. By passed Victor and back to Mount Compass for lunch. The "Dish on Fleurieu" did a magnificent job of ensuring we all got our lunch and even came out to check that everyone was happy, therefore there was no "Stick it" (uya). Great ride Hughie and well planned.

If you missed it then, you missed a great day. Marie also saw lots of cows running in training for the city/bay and a bull with very impressively large horns.







Ride Leader Hughie

Returning Maryanne and Grant

New riders Vicki and John

Ride Coordinator Phil Wilson @ Stick It (uya)

A Ride with Rainman September 4th



We are so lucky that we ride in such a stunning part of the country, the rolling lush green hills, the vineyards, stunning coastline and the beautiful herds of dairy cows.

Starting with one of the best roads we have, Old Willunga Hill, made famous all over the world due to the Tour Down Under cycling event. Onto Victor Harbour Road and left onto Yundi Road then Nangkita Road, Cleland Gully Road through Tooperang and back onto Victor Harbour Road. Onto Goolwa Road riding down the main street in Goolwa to Middleton where we stopped for our morning break. A good place to have a break, plenty of parking space, a good bakery for a coffee or a pie, and most important the great company.





On leaving Middleton we went over Crows Nest Road, with stunning coastal views to the right, and back onto the Victor Harbour Road and headed towards Victor Harbour. Onto Armstrong Road and Inman Valley Road, which I must say could be amongst the worst roads we travel on, so we turned onto Sawpit Road and Hindmarsh Tiers Road, much better. Over the Myponga Dam and onto our destination Normanville. This is a great place to stop. Good parking, good bakery and a toilet.





Thanks for a great day, a good ride and most important fantastic company.

Until next time, ride safe, Cheers Rainman

Strict Rules Harley Davison Owners Must Follow

We're going to look at all the rules both riders and those behind the bikes themselves have to follow "God didn't create metal so that man could make paper clips!" Embodying the spirit and personality of the iconic Harley-Davidson motorcycle brand was part of an ad they ran. Although many motorcycles come to mind, from high-performance machines to dirt bikes to scooters, few can compare to Harley choppers and cruisers.

The brand perfectly reflects the attitude of those in the US and even in tough times, continues to persevere. The brand started in 1903. Just twelve years later, they made the 11F, arguably the most popular model they ever released.

Today the brand is at something of a crossroads: appeal to aging loyalists who like things the way they are? Or look to the future and make changes that will attract new adopters? With Harley-Davidson looking to make E-Bikes and electric scooters, it may be a sign that they're taking the latter route.

Since the brand has been around, a unique culture has emerged from its riders. Their rebellious and headstrong attitudes, born out of the US pioneering spirit, has established a particular code. All Harley riders learn this code and follow its rules if they want to fit in within the culture.

We're going to look at all the rules both riders and those behind the bikes themselves have to follow. With such a loyal base of riders, no one wants to find out what would happen should they ever turn their backs on the code, leaving many to ponder whether they should get a Harley or not.

10 Rules Harley-Davidson Owners Must Follow

1 - Don't Ever Ask To Ride a Harley

Harley-Davidson offers a plethora of models. They have street, V-Rod, Softail, CVO and more. Without a doubt, getting your own Harley opens up a new world. It's going to create a yearning to try other models. Despite this newfound urge, owners are better off riding their own unless someone else offers.

Asking to ride someone else's bike goes against the code. It could even change the way that rider looks at a Harley owner forever. Sounds extreme, but that's the way the rule works. Only ride another Harley if the owner offers, otherwise, it's a road best left untaken.

2 - Cruise, Don't Race

Harley riders aren't concerned with going fast, performing stunts or even exploring. They're just in it to mount up, shut up and cruise. If that isn't one's style, they shouldn't get a Harley. They look at crotch rockets speeding down the highway and shake their heads; scooters make them laugh. Meanwhile, they just look straight ahead and cruise on into the sunset.

There's a reason an entire subculture has derived out of Harley-Davidson owners, and it's gone through two world wars, a depression and more. Cruising is what stands the test of time, not rocketing down the street on a bike

3 - Give Harley Riders a Heads Up On Cops

Riders attain a whole set of skills drivers never have to worry about learning. Take hand signals, for example. These are necessary for riders to know and can enhance their experience while on the road. One, in particular, riders should let each other know when cops are just around the corner. They can do this simply with a tap on the helmet as they pass by each other.

With Harley riders going around with a chip on their shoulders, it helps to give them a way to navigate the harsh roads where law enforcement might unfairly suspect them of something simply due to their appearance.

4 - Have to Go On Group Rides

Harleys seldom go it alone, at least that's how it often appears. Taking a more strength in numbers approach, Harley riders travel in packs. If someone buys a Harley, they better consider going on a group ride.

Cruising over long distances with a band of other Harley riders is like a rite of passage. There is, however, a set of rules associated with group riding.

While there's not enough space here to go through all of them, some rules include set roles or responsibilities in the group, knowing hand signals and other important tips.

5 - Buy Only Harleys

It's all or nothing when it comes to Harley-Davidson. You're either with the brand or against it. The way one shows loyalty is in buying only Harley bikes. This is because no other bike goes well with a Harley. Kawasaki and Harley? Nope. Ducati and Harley? Still no. A Harley is unique and special. Nothing else can compare and nothing else should for Harley owners.

A Harley should be enough to satisfy the rider in them. Harley owners also show support for the brand when they make a conscious decision to only buy from them, including any accessories and parts.

6 - Be Rebellious

There are two types of people: the uptight and the relaxed. If you had to put Harley riders in one category, they belong in the latter. Even more, they have a rebellious tendency, less associated with committing crimes and more with counterculture. The best examples of it are the two lead characters from *Easy Rider*.

While not every Harley rider is like Wyatt and Billy, they demonstrate what it means to go against the grain. They're not interested in keeping up with the Joneses or the Kardashians for that matter, they just want to cruise without a care in the world.

7 - Don't Go Near Another Harley Without Getting The Rider's OK

Better think twice about going near someone else's Harley, even if you own one yourself. Just owning one doesn't give riders a license to use any Harley. More important than laws about property, there's a Harley code about crossing ones that don't belong to you. You wouldn't go up to and start flirting with someone's girlfriend.

This rule applies to Harleys like no other motorcycle brand. It's even more severe for non-riders. To be on the safe side, Harley owners should just stick with theirs and not show interest in others' unless the other brings it up.

8 - Ride In the United States

This next one is less a strict rule and more of a highly encouraging guideline. Harley-Davidson may be US born and bred, but it's an international brand. Morocco, Spain, Australia—there's no shortage of places around the world to ride that offer incredible experiences. There's really only one place a Harley belongs though.

While it's necessary for Harley-Davidson to go international in order for the business to grow, these bikes look and feel best in the United States. No offense intended to other countries.

9 - Wear The Right Clothes

Every rider has their own unique style. Even behind the handlebars of a Harley, riders have a myriad of clothes and accessories to choose from. Whether it's leather jackets, plaid shirts, denim or hoodies - anything goes. What really separates a real Harley rider from a poser though are the impractical looking ones.

It's best to wear a helmet that actually works, this is what a traditional rough and tough Harley biker looks like. A poser wears useless helmets, something like aviator glasses, a tank top or vest, jeans and that's it.

10 - Be Willing To Rough It

Harley riders are like nomads; they can travel and sleep anywhere. Someone who rides a Ducati or a Yamaha probably has a nice cozy home to go back to every day. The bikers who tend to wonder though, roaming from town to town unconcerned with where they'll lay their head down are Harley riders. Hitching a tent up and rustling up a bite to eat is the easy part.

Roughing it comes naturally to Harley riders. Plus, they need to become good at it if they plan on joining a group ride, where the road often dictates where they'll end up next.

One very special rules Harley-Davidson Employees Must Abide By

Can't Eat Some Foods or Use Certain Shampoos

We aren't joking here. Harley-Davidson workers in the paint facility have to follow strict rules that even dictate what they eat and the kind of shampoo they use. Eating certain foods, or even washing one's hair with a particular shampoo, can have a harmful effect on paint finishes.

It is hard to believe something as simple as washing one's hair with shampoo could affect paint, but someone must have learned the hard way many years ago. We only hope that Harley-Davidson workers in the paint facilities get paid extra for having to follow this strict rule.

News & Future Events

Mark These Dates On Your Calendar

- > Torren Valley & Victorian Wanders Meet & Greet, Naracoorte Friday 28th to Sunday 30th October. 0437 789 846
- > Lions Bike Show, at Macclesfield on Sunday 6th November 2022
- Onkaparinga Pageant, Sunday 20th November 2022

2022 Ulysses Club 28th Odyssey- Mannum

Hosted by Lower Murray Branch - Friday 21st - Monday 24th October

Online registration open now. Closing on Sunday September 18th

Accommodation

Mannum Motel 08 8569 1808 Pretoria Hotel 08 8569 1109

Mannum Big 4 Caravan Park 08 8569 1402 - Mention that you are Ulysses for 10% off.

Bolto Reserve (other side of river) \$10 per night camping and caravans. Mannum council for info, 08 8564 6020

Itinerary

Friday 21st

Registration and BBQ tea -possibly at rowing club.

Saturday 22nd

Breakfast in Main Street wherever you wish. Led ride, including lunch stop. Dinner at Pretoria Hotel (prepaid).

Sunday 23rd

Breakfast in Main Street wherever you wish. Led ride, including lunch stop. Dinner wherever you wish



Cherie Thorpe is our Welfare Officer.

Mobile. 0498 711 137

Email. reumes.thorpe@gmail.com

Cherie's role is to be the central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual. Just let inform Cherie if you know of a member who needs support.

Age, Service Badges & Branch Shirts







Alan "Barra" Mundy #43314 20 yr Service badge

Pete "Symo" Symonds #60558 20 yr Service badge

Michael Nilsen #28777 20 yr Service badge & 60 yr badge

Please remember to contact our Quartermaster, Peter Swallow if you are due for an **AGE** or **YEARS** of **SERVICE BADGE**. You need to supply your membership number, and your current membership status needs to be confirmed by NATCOM.

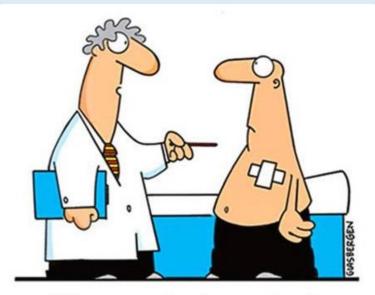
New Branch Shirts are now available to members. Please contact Peter for details to order these new branch Shirts.

RV Weekenders

Stony Creek Wallaroo

23rd to 25th September November 4th to 6th

The Funny Side



"It's a pacemaker for your heart. Plus, you can download apps for your liver, kidneys, lungs, and pancreas!"



"It keeps me from looking at my phone every two seconds."





In Remembrance



Wanting to Buy



Warren Jamieson # 25560 is looking to purchase a Honda Deauville 700cc motor cycle bike in good condition and low kms. **0474 456 894**

Fleurieu Wines



Any Branch member who would like to purchase Dogridge Winery Canvas red or white wines please contact Phil Wilson marie.selby@optus.com.au

The Canvas wine is a variety prepared by the winery without labels to enable the purchaser to place any design of their making on the wine

As a member of the Winery I can purchase the wines for any member who would like some. I can purchase both the red and white at the following rates.

No label affixed

\$10.00 per bottle

Fleurieu Branch Label attached

\$12.00 per bottle

Branch Classified ads







Manufactured in Victor Harbor Email: acrossozcampers@telstra.com

Phone: Ray Hann - 0429 890 830

If branch members would like a classified in the Whaler please see the committee.

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