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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 30 MARCH 2022



Odysseus Motorcycle Association



OBJECTIVE:

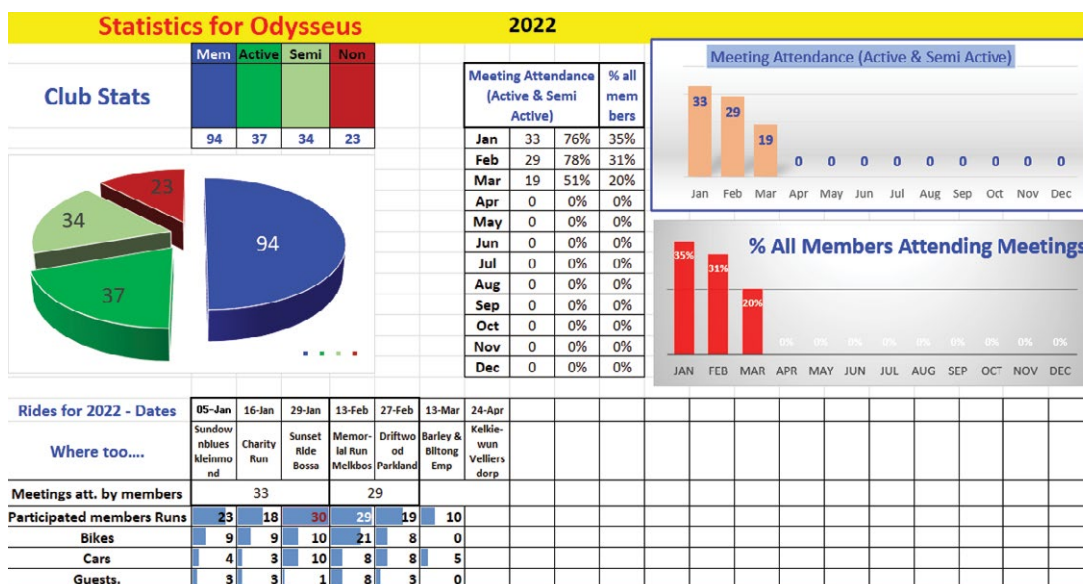
To help aging bikers to stay active, alive and well.
To encourage others who look like they could be getting old to stop it and to do things to enjoy life, preferably on bikes.
To encourage members to keep on biking or to enjoy biking activities.
To foster an interest in motorcycles and to promote unity amongst bikers.
To encourage and support all forms of road and off-road biking activities.
To enhance relationships between bikers and those less fortunate.
To organize social biking events

We are fast approaching Easter and the rainy season is upon us. Life still goes on in the fast lane, with a few rallies still taking place. Many of our members are taking the opportunity to make the best of this new freedom after lockdown.

The final countdown to the Brass Monkey is in progress, with Basil having secured a fantastic venue with all its bells and whistles at the end of July. This once again will be our annual "Blast" whereby one can let your hair down (those lucky enough to have any!)

Basil is also busy organizing a Poker run for the end of June. As this will be a fundraiser for Club events, I would like to encourage all members to seize the opportunity and go out and support this worthwhile cause – which is sure to be a fun day followed by a lunch of some sort.

Until we meet again, may you all stay safe & healthy and keep the rubber on the road.





ODYSSEUS SOCIAL MEETING

Held on 24 March 2022, 19H00 @ JAGGERS

Welcome and Visitors: Robbie welcomed all (19 members present plus 2 visitors)

Apologies: Rob & Anne Bareham, Adrian Knight, Paul Schuter, Keith Reeves, Susan & Devin, Freda & Gavin Dodd, Terrance & Pauline, Adrian Bosman, Mark Walker, Therese Doidge, Jeanette Shuter

Matters arising from Previous Minutes: None

Acceptance of Previous Minutes: Bob/ Basil

- Correspondence: None

Financial Reports for :

Investment Account : R66194.19

Savings Account : R 6418.94

Total : R72613.13

Four members subs still outstanding: Steve Kettely, Malcolm McGeean, Krog Potgieter, Rodney Abrahams

Birthdays for March:

ERASMUS ANNA MARE	7	Mar
ROUX DAVE	14	Mar
GREEN ERROL	16	Mar
COLLINSON STEVE	23	Mar
COWMAN PETER	31	Mar

Lucky Draw: 1st – Pink Bob, 2nd Linda Nel

Free Breakfast draw: Stay over

Membership: No change

Regalia: Cheri - Busy taking stock

The Odysseian: - Basil - All members are encouraged to forward Interesting News/Pics/Information on anything available for sale to submit to him (via email to Linda) in order to advertise in Odysseian
Regalia will also appear in Odysseian going forward.



ODYSSEUS SOCIAL MEETING

Ride Coordinator's report:

Past Rides:

Mar 13-Biltong & Barley-Paarl. Basil reported very disappointing turn out, good venue, with quick service & good food

Mar 27- Iain Kelkiewyn, Villiersdorp. Iain – It was decided at meeting this ride be postponed until 24 April due to regular riders attending the 'StiekYt Rally' in Kleinmond and other riders attendance are so poor. Keep in mind we, ride co-ordinators try to negotiate breakfasts at cheaper rate based on projected attendance.. and if the regular riders are not attending and other membership attendance is poor, we can hardly expect meal pricing that has been negotiated to be the same ,and considering deposits have been paid at the Kelkiewyn based on 20 plus riders, it makes sense to postpone until next month.

Future Rides: Due to escalating overall costs & fuel prices Robbie proposed we have 1 x official Ride. It was suggested 1x Unofficial ride pm going forward which will be put out to members for input.
Odysseus Poker Run - 26 June 2022 - Poker run being arranged by Basil)

Future Events:-

Brass Monkey - Basil provisionally booked Riviera Hotel in Veldrift @ R2850 per couple for weekend 29-31 July 2022.

Payments may be split over 3 month period i.e. Deposit R500 due on or before 10 April, R500-end April, May R1000, June R850. Committee looking at some sponsorship per couple still to be decided on. (Poker run being arranged by Basil for 26 June which will subsidize prizes and for Brass Monkey entertainment.)

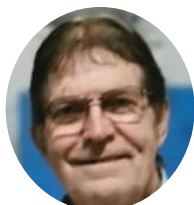
Buff Rally date confirmed on 28 Oct 2022 (Club Rally)

Y/End function to be held @ Jagers- 3 Dec 2022 – Robbie confirmed venue booked.

Social Responsibility : To be decided on later during year

General: Please email Linda with Memorial Badges requests

- Meeting Closed @ 20H20
- Next meeting :21 April 2022



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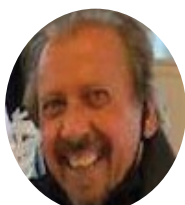


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Money Matters - Financial Report

Odysseus Financial Report from 01 March to 30 March 2022

Funds Paid Out:

R99 for our website
R136.30 Bank Charges

Funds received:

Subs R1900 – 4 members' subs are still outstanding.
Brass Monkey deposits R3000
Interest on Savings Account R0.00

Interest on Investment Account R177.25

Account Balances as of 30 March 2022

Investment R66194.19

Savings R 9418.94

Total R75613.13

Club Banking Details:

Bank: ABSA - Acc: Name Odysseus Western Cape - Account: 9263536308
Savings Account - Branch Code: 632005



Iain Ferguson	1 April	Jenni De Kroon	1 April
Erasmus Coetzee	11 April	Michele Davies	11 April
Lizl Todd	14 April	Tony Addison	18 April
Anthony Searle	18 April	Hannelie Gilbert	19 April
Peter Erasmus	19 April	Krog Potgieter	28 April
Annette Camacho	29 April	Paul Schuter	30 April

Editors Note!

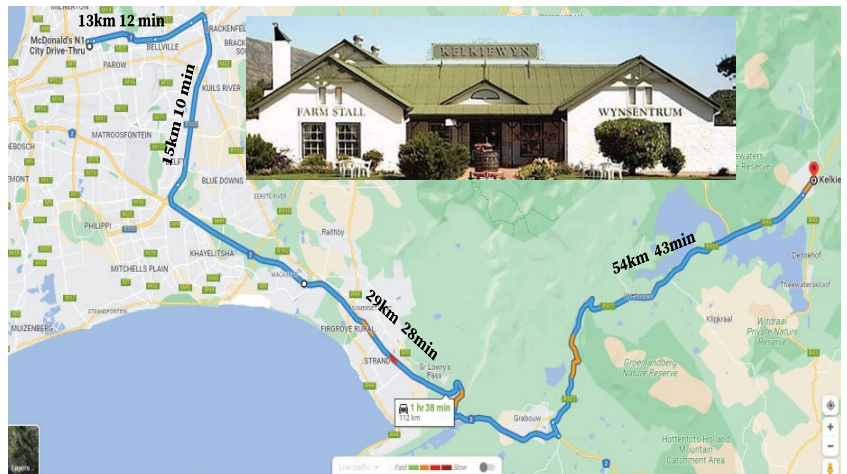
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24 April 2022
KelkieWijn - Villiersdorp



Breakfast : R85 Tip included - Fried/ scrambled eggs with rashers of bacon, mushrooms, tomato, toast, butter & jam. Coffee for your own account....



If there is anybody willing to take unofficial Ride for a local breaky, please feel free to mail Linda and let her have details.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poker Runs are a wonderful way to raise money for Odysseus and have lots of fun doing it.



A Poker Run is simply classic game of poker with each player choosing/Picking five cards. The person with the best hand wins. The difference is instead of a dealer dealing the cards to the players, the players enjoy a fun ride randomly choosing a card at each stop.

The event begins when you check in and receive a score sheet and route map. Typically, there are 3-5 checkpoints along the route, and you will draw a card at each one. You draw a card; it will then mark on your score sheet and you will ride on to the next checkpoint. And like a game of poker, the person with the best hand at the end will be the winner.

Poker Run Rules and Tally Sheet

Poker Hand: (end of Race - Official): _____

1. Present your Tally Sheet, then pick one card at a time, and lay it face up on the table. No duplicate cards can be used. Participants must draw an additional card if an identical card is drawn.
2. If playing MORE than one hand, the participant must present the appropriate Poker Hand Tally Sheet to be marked BEFORE each card is drawn.
3. In case of a tie, there will be a draw for High Card to determine the winner.
4. All decisions of the judges are FINAL!

Name: (Pre Printed)

Phone:

Board no:

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We plan to get a few sponsors on board for the prizes. I have secured two sponsors already for the prizes. We will update you with these prizes in next two weeks or so. First Prize +- R500, Losers Hand (second Place R250.00) there will be much more prizes to be won.

BRASS MONKEY 29 JULY TO 31 JULY 2022



The Riviera Hotel is situated on the Berg River and has a stunning view of the wetland and its abundant bird-life. The mudflat is perhaps the most famous of the Veldrif birding localities and a number of varieties have been seen here.

JC & Linda Nel
 Robbie & Theresa Doidge
 Devin Corney
 Susan James
 Hector & Linda Grooves
 Iain & Bronwyn Ferguson
 Gavin & Freda Dodd
 Peter & Anne-Marie Erasmus
 Rob & Ann Bareham
 Basil & Cherilea Forbes
 Michele Davis & Francois
 Peter & Jacqui Cowman
 Julie Thompsette
 Tony Searle
 Craig Wilson
 Desmond & Denise Clarke
 Mark Walker
 Rob & Isabel Young
 Hannelie Gilbert
 Erasmus Coetzee

Dinner, bed & breakfast for 2 Night (arriving Friday from 14:00, depart Sunday after morning Breakfast.

All Meals will be available in next Odysseian. Please if you have any Allergies of preferences we will try and accommodate as much as we can. Please DM me on 060 548 3928.

Friday Night the Dinner and Dance
Saturday Night Entertainment TBC

Menu will be finalized next week and appear in next issue

R2850.00 Per Couple - R1850 Single.

Payment Structure: as per mail sent out: R500 Deposit, R500 by end April, R1000 end May and Final Payment by End June

Banking Details as per Money Matters but include your name and Brass Monkey as reference please, send POP to Susan

If you have any queries, please feel free to call me.
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THE 5 PIECES OF GEAR YOU NEED TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE

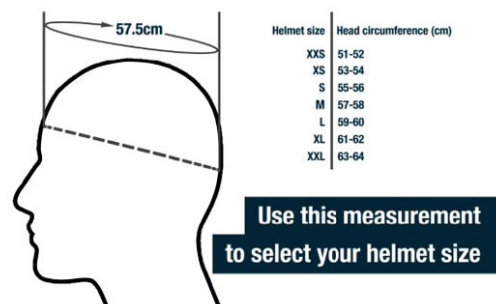
March we tackle HELMETS:

The very first thing you will need is a helmet. You can ride with the wind in your hair and the bugs in your face or follow the law. However, there are a lot of advantages of choosing to ride with a helmet rather than without one.



The most effective and important safety measure a motorcyclist can invest in is the helmet. No other single piece of motorcycle gear provides more protection, or more return on investment, in the event of a crash. This explains why a motorcycle helmet should not be bought based on the price or appearance. A rider should buy the best fitting, most highly rated helmet he or she can afford.

Wrap the measuring tape around the fullest part of the head - this will be just above the ears and about a half-inch above the eyebrows for most - and take the measurement at the forehead. To get the most accurate measure, have a friend help with this step. Take the measurement and compare to the size chart on the page for the desired motorcycle helmet (you might have to scroll down). Each manufacturer has sizing which is specific to its own models, so only rely on the size chart produced for the motorcycle helmet being considered.



Do motorcycle helmets really expire? - The answer is: Yes, there is. Manufacturers recommend replacement, no matter how it looks, every 7 years from the production date and after 5 years of use. To check when your helmet was manufactured, look inside to find a date stamp.

OH DAMN! HOW WILL I EVER GET THOSE SCRATCHES OUT?



Do not fear, **Liqui Moly Kratzer Stop** is here! For you guys (and guyyesses) out there whose German linguistic skills are a little rusty, 'Kratzer Stop' is 'Scratch Stop' in the old colloquial. Now anyone who has been around bikes for any length of time will know how gutted you feel when your pride and joy picks up a scratch. If you are really unlucky the scratch is deep, right down through the surface, however many times it is superficial, but mars the good looks of your ride. Especially for you! You are so aware of the offensive scratch that your eye is drawn to it and it plain bugs the hell out of you. There is hope for the second scenario.

Once applied, you need to rub the offending scratches with a regular circular motion. Be patient and keep rubbing, then rub it up with a clean soft cloth.

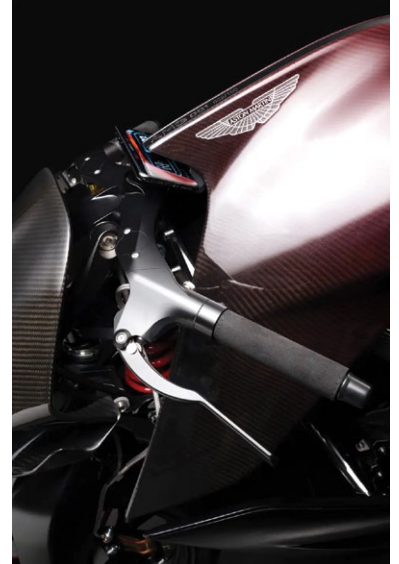
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Aston Martin's First Superbike Has Finally Arrived



After two and a half years of waiting, Aston Martin has finally begun deliveries of their track-child, the AMB 001 superbike – and apparently, ten of the original batch are still available.



With 180 (now 183) horses kicking out of a 180kg V-Twin motorcycle, you can imagine the fun scoot this unit will be...especially considering that the bike's delay in production gave Martin Superior (cough, patent pending) a wee bit of extra time to run a few final tests before unleashing the carbon-clad machine on the community proper.



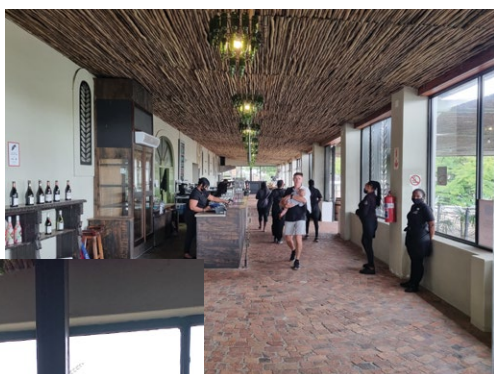
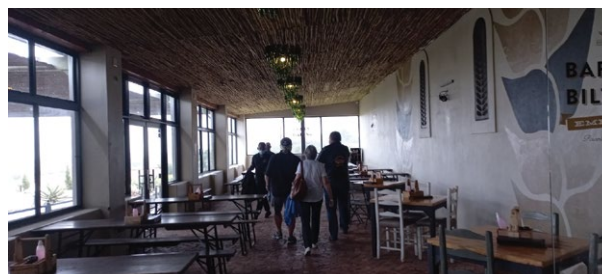
"AMB 001 is an original track bike that stirs the senses and delivers on performance...the characteristic whistle of the turbo completes the unique presence of this extraordinary motorcycle."

I'd agree with Robbie and keep a weather eye out for the next James Bond movie.



The turn out was small but the rain / Cycle Tour. Love this place. We were 10 in total all in cars (rather safe than sorry). Great breakfast and the portion sizes are worth the prices. Vibe is also quite chilled, which we loved, fire place next to our table made it even better. This will for sure be a possible future ride. I spoke to the manager and they said we welcome anytime.

No one at meeting place so we all just drove individually to the venue.



Springbok Rally, De Hoek Resort, Oudtshoorn - 18-20 March 2022

It was a very long but enjoyable ride with the most beautiful mountain ranges in and around Oudtshoorn. Stopped for a quick sandwich and fuel along the way, had a cold beer at 'Ronnie's sex Shop' also visiting ("Smitties" an amazing place) before arriving at the venue. Was extremely hot weekend with temperatures up to 36Deg and spent some time with our feet in the pool as we had no bathing clothes. Another 1st for us was sleeping in a "Dorm" which had its challenges! Overall had a lovely time just walking, talking and meeting lots of bikers from different chapters while drinking some cold ones together. Watched the adult games on Saturday with lots of funny moments and laughter especially the 'funny bike' race event which was hilarious! Nice family rally and very well organized by Nomads.



Locals like to tell the story of Ronnie's Shop, which Ronnie was fixing up to be a farm stand. During construction Ronnie's friends played a prank on him by painting the word "sex" on his sign. Instead of a farm stand, he left the sign as it was and opened this pub.





Stiek Yt Rally Palmiet Caravan Park- 25-27 March 2022

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Wow... had our very 1st proper rally and thoroughly enjoyed it! Had a very windy ride on Friday but arrived safely around 12H30. Watched in amazement hundreds of bikers arriving in proper style with proper noise while pitching our tent.



Walked around the Park visiting the different vendors and made our way towards the main tent where we basically remained until the Band packed up at 24H45. We met up with fellow Odysseains, enjoyed some drinks together with lots of dancing and partying non stop! Needless to say we had zero sleep back at our site as the noise continued with not so sober bikers revving their bikes until 5H30am and playing loud music! Saturday continued in similar style with games being played. We left the main tent after prize giving later the evening as both Hector & I needed some sleep very badly and somehow managed to sleep for few hours during more wild noise.

Started packing up early and arrived home around midday. Overall had a lovely time at a very good venue with great organizers.



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