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Hi Clubbies,

And here we go, clubbies; half the year is almost gone. Downward we go again towards December. Looking back on these past few months, it's been a rather busy one with great rides done and great memories made, I would say. We attended a few rallies and had some serious fun.



Firstly, I would like to welcome our new prospect member, Heath Coleman. May your future with the club be a pleasant experience.

Looking ahead, we have our yearly outing and a few other events, so it's still a busy year ahead with rides and rallies.

As a club, I must say that we have grown in meeting attendance. Yes, it dropped a bit over the colder months, but overall, meeting attendance is great, and I would like to get more involved. We have a great bunch of bikers who are very passionate about biking. (Some caravaner, too.) The club patch is worn by only a few, and I think it is necessary that we address this urgently. To ride out, there should be uniformity, and we should only say we stand together, but to go out with two patches is no good. It shows division and is not good for club visibility.

Basil Forbes

Odysseus Motorcycle Club

Dear Clubbies: Despite the possibility of backlash, I feel compelled to bring the following to the attention of all club members because of the numerous complaints I have received regarding the group's communications. I genuinely hope I don't insult anyone, but we need to bear in mind the principles of all the members in this situation.

- 1. Everyone is encouraged to speak up.**
- 2. We respect one another by listening to one another.**
- 3. We don't pass judgment on others, even if we disagree.**
- 4. We respect one another at all times.**

In conclusion, anything that might be construed as provocative, offensive, or damaging to anyone is NOT allowed, including hate speech and adult material. I appreciate your patience.



THE ODYSSEUS BOOT BANDITS (Devin)

Stats are based on members attending Meetings vs Actual Odysseus Members.

Odysseus Members Meeting Attendance		26-Jan	23-Feb	27-Mar	27-Apr	25-May	22-Jun	27-Jul	24-Aug	21-Sep	19-Oct	23-Nov	14-Dec	Meetings
		34	25	21	23	23	28							12
Surname	Name	37 36%	27.47%	23.08%	25 27%	25 27%	30.77%							6 27.69%

Stats are based on members attending Rides vs Actual Odysseus Members.

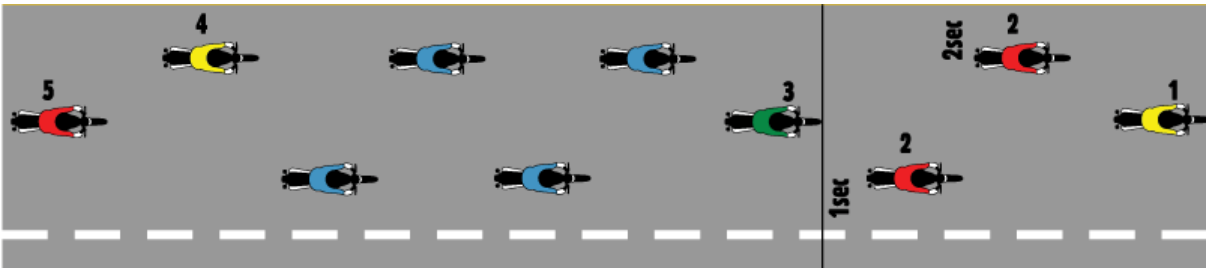
Odysseus Members Rides Attendance		14-Jan	22-Jan	19-Feb	26-Feb	19-Mar	16-Apr	30-Apr	14-May	28-May	11-Jun	25-Jun	05-Jul	Total Runs & Meet
		Memorial Run	Sunset Happy Folks	Tears	Eight Feet Village	Botriver Hotel	Mike Kitchen	Elgin Railway	Dros Okovang	Poker	Fran's Place	Bloemhof Rest	Lily Rose /	21 Rides 3 Events - 25
Surname	Name	43 47 25%	27 29.67%	22 24.18%	16 17 58%	30 32 97%	31 34.07%	12 13.19%	19 20.88%	24 26 37%	18 19.78%	16 17.58%		11 27.47%

Stats are based on members attending various events

Odysseus Members partaking in Rides for 2023																							
Date:	28-Jan	22-Jan	19-Feb	26-Feb	19-Mar	16-Apr	30-Apr	07-May	28-May	11-Jun	25-Jun	02-Jul	16-Jul	28-Jul	13-Aug	27-Aug	10-Sep	24-Sep	08-Oct	22-Oct	12-Nov	24-Nov	17-Dec
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Odysseus Motorcycle Club Will Always Ride In a Staggered Formation

Staggered formation where the leader rides in center position and second rider to the left side of him. Then, the Third rider should position themselves on the right side of the lane at least a few motorcycle lengths behind the leader.



Meeting

Held on 22 June 2023 HELD AT
JAGGERS BOWLING CLUB

Invitees:

Welcome greetings to new prospective member Heath Coleman, as well as welcome to new Caravaners, Devin & Susan

Welcome & Apologies:

Dick de Kroon, Julie Thompson, Malcolm McGeenan, Rodney Camacho, Keith Reeves, Hannelie & Erasmus, Adrian Knight, Unwell member: Bruce

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

None

Previous Minutes Acceptance:

Anne/ Pink

Correspondence:

Received from New member in Darling - distance problem in attending meetings.



Financial Report

Birthdays for July 2023

July:

3 Ellanore Roux,	3 Cheri Forbes,
10 Steven Bentley,	15 Basil Forbes,
17 Julie Thompson & Hector Groves,	23 Robbie Doidge,
31 Rodney Camacho	

The Odysseian:

Please email interesting articles to Basil, we have a few contributors already and the articles are great. Thank you to all that contributed.

Draw: Lucky Draw

1. Lizl Todd 2. Rob Bareham 3. Tony Kyle

Meeting

Held on 22 June 2023 HELD AT
JAGGERS BOWLING CLUB

Rides Report:

June 11-

Frans, Simonstown- Some rain but good ride & venue with excellent breakfast and quick service. 18 members, 8 cars, 8 bikes Plus visitors.

Outing to Hells Angels jol- Devin. Few members attended and was very enjoyable.

Future Events:

July 9 - Lilly Rose drop-off followed by breakfast. Venue to be confirmed.

July 23 - TBC- Iain to confirm

Aug 27 - TBC Kelkiewyn Peter & Jaqui to make arrangements & contact Devin

4-6 August: Brass Monkey- Booked at Swellendam Cara Park

Clothing/food/cash donations will be distributed via Lions (Freda)

Aug - Quiz evening- 19 Aug @ Jaggars Any ideas /contributions please contact Basil

General:

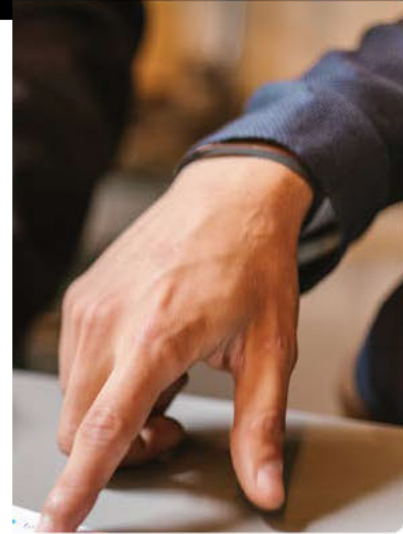
Susan - Change of Bank account progress. Still to be investigate.

Website - www.odysseusmc.co.za now live with some adjustments to still be done.

Establishing a Marketing Subcommittee (to take our club forward.)- It was suggested Business cards be designed(Basil) with Club details for general distribution at various outlets/bike shops etc. Sample of idea received from A. Bareham.

Updated member information sheets outstanding- Not all members responded and they will be contacted by ph. Thank you to those that returned the updated information sheets.

Jaggars Club house confirmed for our use until end 2023- (3 month notice period)
It was suggested a donation be made from club funds towards Jaggars venue.



OUR COMMITTEE

2023



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MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL REPORT

CLUB BANKING DETAILS:

BANK:
ABSA Branch Code: 632005
ACC Name:
Odysseus Western Cape
Account: 9263536308
Savings Account

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY



**HAVE A WHEELY
GOOD BIRTHDAY!**

July:

3 Ellanore Roux,

10 Steven Bentley,

17 Julie Thompson & Hector Groves,

31 Rodney Camacho

3 Cheri Forbes,

15 Basil Forbes,

23 Robbie Doidge,

Diary 2023



MEETINGS FOR 2023



27 July Club Meeting
24 August Club Meeting

COMING CLUB RIDES 2023

July 9 - Lilly Rose drop-off followed by break-fast. Venue to be confirmed.

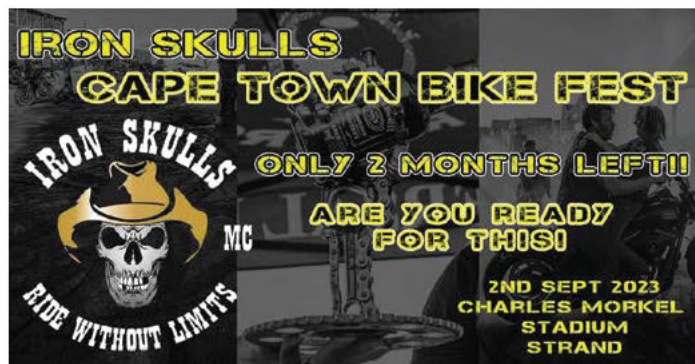
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COMING CLUB EVENTS 2023



Aug 2023 Quiz night - R50 per entry. Great prizes to be won again, Best Team, Fastest Finger.



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LAST RIDES

Fran's place

11 June 2023

RIDE REPORT FOR FRANS, SIMONSTOWN – 11 JUNE 2023

We left N1 City at 9am, but looming over the Deep South Mountains was a nasty looking black cloud. The route was pretty direct going along the N1, M5, N2 and onto the M3. Unfortunately the rain got us on the Blue Route and we rode through a thick mist over Ou Kaapseweg.

When we got to the Fish Hoek valley I was pleasantly surprised that the sky was clear. We continued over Black Hill

and then towards Simonstown.

Iain had organized this ride and it was great to see him and Bronwyn at the venue. The breakfast was well worth the price and the service was good too. We had 18 members and 6 visitors attending on 8 bikes and in 8 cars.

A few of us had taken up Julie on her offer to pop into her house on the way back for some snacks and refreshments – a great time was had, thanks Julie. Devin & I hit bad rain on the way back, but made it home safely!

Till next time,

Cheers for now!

Susan



LAST RIDES



Fran's place

11 June 2023



LAST RIDES

Bloemhof Pub

28 May 2023

Odysseus Club Run – Bloemhof Restaurant – 25th June 2023

For this one, I decided to mix it up a bit and make it a brunch/lunch run. I don't know about the rest of the club, but I for one am starting to feel less inclined to get up at Sparrows-Fart on these chilly and dark winter mornings on a Sunday. I am sure many agree.

So, I had made the booking for 12H00 at Bloemhof. We met at McDonald's at 11H00, but were in no real rush to leave, as it was not going to be a long run. We had 18 members in 6 cars and 8 bikes, although I had 21 confirmations on the group. A few members decided on the day to be no-shows. Folks, please understand that I arrange these things in advance and try to give the venues numbers for catering and seating purposes. If you decide not to go, please let me know in advance.



We set off around the back of N1 City this time and then left onto Giel Bason. From there we rode up through Durbanville Hills and left just before Tygervally Center, right onto Durban Road and then left on to Bloemhof. We were promptly seated and the staff began taking our orders. To simplify matters, I decided on a choice of Beef or Chicken Burgers. Now, for anyone who has been to Bloemhof before, you will know that they have an extensive menu and that they are not shy with their portions and again, they did not disappoint... The food was excellent, as were the portions.

I had specifically requested seating under the outside Lapa area, as I know that they have a few mounted televisions there and several of us wanted to make an afternoon of it and watch the MotoGP. By then, the drinks were flowing and various conversations were going on all around. It was great to see our new "prospect", Heath Coleman on the run and I think that he got a good feel for our club culture on the day.



LAST RIDES

Bloemhof Pub

28 May 2023



Let's hope he returns... LOL The Motor-GP started and most of us were glued to the screen, mostly because our "Saffa" boy, Brad Binder was in the lead from the start and eventually finished in third. Or so we thought. He was penalized (again) on the final lap for the slightest part of his tyre exceeding "track limits" and was downgraded to 4th, thereby missing his spot on the podium. Very unfair me thinks. Unfortunately, I think our prospect (Heath) missed all of this, because he had been trapped and cornered by

Jacqui Cowman and when

Jacqui corners you, there is no escape. Just ask Peter. You'll know for next time Heath – put it down to inexperience. And speaking of Peter, this was his inaugural club run on his new Honda NC750. Congratulations Peter and safe travels on your new baby. I am sure this one will be far more forgiving of "Happy Feet" than your last beast.

All in all, I think it was another good club run and everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves.

See you all next time.

Devin



ODYSSEIAN KNITTING CORNER

(How to knit a Kawasaki green beanie) by Ian Ferguson

Have you seen those images of beautiful green woollen beanies especially for Kawasaki riders? If you want to discover how it is done, then learn how to knit a Kawasaki green beanie using knitting needles.

This is one sure way not to shiver at the committee table on social evenings this winter.

As with all new skills, it is better to start by being sober, and having no shakes. It is quick to knit a Kawasaki beanie, but not as fast as an orange KTM beanie.

These instructions are geared to Kawasaki beginners, more advanced KTM knitters will find it useful too as it is an ideal TV knitting project, whilst watching Brad Binder set fastest laps.

The needles that are recommended are 8mm, that is just a bit thicker than the spokes on a Kawasaki off loader. They are best for beginners as they have slightly more friction than plastic knitting needles. Also, the oil smear on the spokes makes the knitting wool slip easier whilst knitting. KTM riders have several sizes of knitting needles, just depending on if they are knitting very large beanies for their Kawasaki friend's heads.

1. Cast on the required number of stitches according to head size, that is the head with hair!
2. Make sure that your stitches on the needle are not twisted. Move them around so that all the little bumps are facing the same direction. Do not play with them too much as they could multiply.
3. Keep the needle with the working yarn attached to it on the right-hand side, throttle side.
4. With that (right-hand needle) make a knit stitch into the first stitch on the left-hand side knitting needle, clutch lever side.
5. Make sure that you have a fairly tight hold on the working knitting wool – Just like when you grab a handful of brakes,
6. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch, you can use an old petrol slip. This marks the beginning and end of each round of knitting, not a round of the Killarney circuit !!
7. Kawasaki riders should keep knitting all the way across all the stitches and back again without a smoke break.
8. As you reach the paper petrol marker make sure to tighten up the stitches, (just like pulling your jocks up very high, you want that tight feeling) thereby pulling on the working wool and the tail section at the same time.

You may get a bump in the area, (then your jocks are too high), where the knitting rounds join up but this can be smoothed out at the end when everything relaxes, as you weave in the tail section.

Continue knitting round after round, using only the knit stitch. You will notice that even though you are performing the knit stitch, it does become necessary to let the KTM riders overtake. Weird but good as it is so easy!

Continue following the green Kawasaki pattern. Keep moving the marker up as you do more rounds. You will knit in this way for 20cm or 8 inches. If you only have 6 inches, then the beanie will be short and sit on top of your head. You can make this section longer if you wish by gentle stroking. Once you have done this it is time to decrease to make the shaping for the head.

Decreasing for the head shaping, don't worry this is easy and it only lasts for 2 rows, and then you will feel pleased about knitting a Kawasaki beanie.

ODYSSEIAN KNITTING CORNER

(How to knit a Kawasaki green beanie) by Ian Ferguson

The finishing off of your special green Kawasaki beanie is very easy. Cut the working yarn leaving a reasonable length of yarn - enough to pull through your stitches. Thread that yarn onto your tapestry needle. That is not a painting needle, it is the one used in grade 7. When you have passed them all over, gather them together tightly to close the opening at the top of the beanie. Make sure that the hole is tightly closed, as you do not want to chill your brain.

You also need to make a green pom-pom, but that is best left to the better half to make, as they were shown in brownies or guides to make pom-poms. Making a pom-pom using cardboard is the easiest. Attach the pom-pom to the top of the beanie.

So, there you have it, an easy beanie knitting project for Kawasaki beginners.

As a reminder for Kawasaki Riders here is a summary of the straightforward steps -

1. Choose a green shade of chunky wool to use,
2. Cast on the stitches and knit till you reach the necessary length.
3. Shape the head section by doing the two rows of decreases by knitting 2 stitches together.
4. Pull the stitches together with a tapestry needle and secure tightly on the inside.
5. Make your pom-pom and attach it.

These hats would make lovely DIY gifts for KTM Riders if you knit one in orange. Make a matching set for all your KTM members will be a fine gesture or knit blue ones for the Yamaha riders for fund raising projects.



Weddingpach



Move over John McGuinness, there's a new "King of the Mountain" with a pair of Dunlops now occupying the top two positions on the all-time TT winners list. - Words and Pics by Peter Goodacre



Michael Dunlop

During the 2022 TT races, Michael Dunlop was able to add two wins in the Supersport class to his tally. This year he not only repeated his two Supersport victories, but also claimed the top step of the podium in the RST Superbike and first Supertwin race. Not to be outdone, Peter Hickman equaled Dunlop's four wins by the end of the race schedule, with victories in the two Superstock races, the second Supertwin race and finally the prestigious Milwaukee Senior TT.

2023 saw the introduction of a new race schedule, with the Superstock and Supertwins having two races at the event for the first time. The races were run daily from Saturday 3rd June to the Milwaukee Senior TT on Saturday 10th June with only two rest days scheduled, on the Monday and Thursday of Race Week. This is the first time that the Senior TT has been actually scheduled to run on a Saturday. Taking into account the daily Qualifying Sessions from Monday to Friday of the previous week, that's a lot of racing.

2023 also marked the first time that slick tyres were permitted for all classes. Previously only the Superbike class could fit slicks, with Superstock, Supertwin and Supersport bikes restricted to cut slicks.



Peter Hickman



Dean Harrison



John McGuinness



Conor Cummins 4th position

The weather was almost perfect for the full period of the TT, with warm, sunny days bringing back memories of 2016 and 2018. TT Fans may recall that those were great years for breaking records, and the 2023 TT did not disappoint in that regard.

Words and Pics by Peter Goodacre

Apart from Michael Dunlop's rapid ascent to the top echelon of the all-time greats list, lap records were smashed on a regular basis. Dunlop unofficially broke the lap record on the final day of qualifying with an average of 135.531mph, almost six tenths of a second faster than Peter Hickman's official lap of 135.452mph set in the 2018 Senior TT.

The Sunday Superbike race saw Dunlop break the race record by almost a minute to claim his 23rd victory, drawing level with John McGuinness as the second most successful TT rider.

Dunlop's win in the Supertwin race moved him past McGuinness into second place on the all-time winners list, two wins behind Uncle Joey. Another win in the second Supersport race not only moved him one place closer to the top spot, but also saw him set the first ever 130mph lap in that class.



Peter Hickman stalks James Hillier though Quarterbridge



Michael Dunlop (MD Racing/SC Project Paton) celebrates winning his 24th TT in the first Supertwin race with runner-up Mike Browne (Burrows Engineering/RK Racing Paton) and third-placed Jamie Coward (KTS Racing/Steadplan Kawasaki) courtesy Belfast Newsletter.

Friday's second Superstock and Supertwin races provided Dunlop with two opportunities to equal Joey Dunlop's win tally. However, Peter Hickman had other ideas and was able to make a clean sweep of the Superstock class with another win in

the second race. At the same time he was able to smash his own outright lap record with a spectacular final lap speed of 136.358mph. Remember that this was on a Superstock machine!

Michael Dunlop was the firm favourite to take the Supertwin win, but once again Hickman claimed that victory after early race-leaders Dunlop and Mike Browne were forced to retire from the contest, handing Hickman two wins in the same day and a total of 12 TT victories.

The Supertwin race also saw two riders making their TT podium debut, with Pierre Yves Bian taking second and Josh Brookes in third. The prestigious Milwaukee Senior race was Michael Dunlop's last chance this year to equal Uncle Joey's long-standing record as the greatest TT rider of all time. Peter Hickman proved too fast on the day though and romped home with a 20 second victory which increased his number of TT wins to 13, followed by Dean Harrison who grabbed a well-deserved second place with Dunlop in third.



Peter Hickman 1st position

Sidecar insanity...

2023 marked the 100th anniversary of the first Sidecar Race held at the TT. The all-conquering Birchall Brothers, Ben and Tom, marked the occasion with another two wins. During the first 3wheeling.media Sidecar TT Race, they became the first crew to complete the TT Course at more than 120mph, achieving an average of 120.357mph on the second lap. They were not content to rest on their winner's laurels though, and smashed their own record with a lap of 120.645mph in the second race. They now have a total of 11 wins in a row and 14 in total.



First Place Ben and Tom Birchall. Would you be able to hang in there as a passenger at 120MPH? No chance!



First Place Ben and Tom Birchall. Would you be able to hang in there as a passenger at 120MPH? No chance!



Pete Founds and Jevan Walmsley 2nd.



Third Place John Holden and Maxime Vasseur



The rig piloted by Greg Lambert and Andrew Haynes was hard to miss

AJ Venter shows Mark Parret the way through Quarterbridge



AJ Venter:

South Africa's specialist TT rider Allann-Jon Venter made his first appearance as a privateer at this year's TT races and had an outstanding TT fortnight, firmly establishing his rider credentials by smashing his previous personal best times and becoming a member of the elite 125mph club. Running your own team is not for sissies, and every South African should be immensely proud of his achievements.

AJ has joined the elite 125MPH club.



Words and Pics by Peter Goodacre

Allan-Jon Venter 20th place out of 34 finishers.

While the fans enjoyed the racing, TT organizers had made some changes which were not universally appreciated. Increases in the price of ferry tickets as well as the quality and expense of the TT merchandise had many fans mumbling into their beers. Luckily the other TT merchandise retailers on the island had spotted a gap in the market and produced their own clothing ranges at half the price of the "official" designs.

Ultimately, the TT is about the racing and fans had absolutely nothing to complain about on that score. The weather was almost perfect, the races were exciting and records tumbled on a regular basis. There is now the tantalizing prospect of Michael Dunlop eclipsing his uncle's record at next year's TT, which is bound to be both an exciting and emotional moment.

I recommend you book your place now!

Peter Goodacre – www.warp10.biz



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METHOD TO SECURE THE ATTENDANCE OF AND ACCUSED IN COURT: PART ONE

Disclaimer

This article is intended to share information as it exists in legislation and is not intended to be legal advice and should not be construed to be such. Legal advice is given on specific instructions and merits and cannot be dispensed generally. Should you experience a legal problem similar in nature to the information contained in this article please seek the advice of a legal practitioner.



COMPOUNDING NOTICE

A compounding notice is issued in terms of section 341 of the Criminal Procedure Act (CPA) and basically amounts to, for want of a better description, legal blackmail. When an authority issues a compounding notice they basically require you to pay a fine or you will be prosecuted, and a summons will be served on you. Basically, this type of notice, although issued in terms of the CPA, exists outside of normal criminal procedure. I say this because if you pay the fine you will not be prosecuted, and all is forgiven.

This type of notice can only be issued by a Peace Officer for an offence in terms of Schedule 3 of the CPA.



This includes offenses such as speeding, parking offenses etc. Unfortunately driving under the influence of alcohol is not a schedule 3 offence and cannot be compounded.

I am sure each and everyone of us is aware of this type of notice and they come in all different shape and sizes, for example as a pink ticket stuck to the window of our vehicle or under the windscreen wiper and the pesky notices received in the mail for alleged speeding offenses.

There is no requirement in law, as for a summons for example, for serving a compounding notice and these can be sent by mail or left on the vehicle. The only requirement is that it must include a fine, which must be equal to an admission of guilt approved for that offence. Keep in mind this fine, if paid, does not amount to an admission of guilt, and must be paid within 30 days to prevent further action.

It has become the norm for authorities to send numerous notifications, SMSs, emails, and other reminders, including threats, to get you to pay the fine. It is however your choice to pay or not to pay and any failure to pay is not an offence and cannot result in a warrant of arrest being authorized as with a summons or written notice, but I will deal with these separately. Should you decide not to pay the fine a summons will be issued against you for the alleged offence.



What the Law says - Traffic Violations - by Rob Young

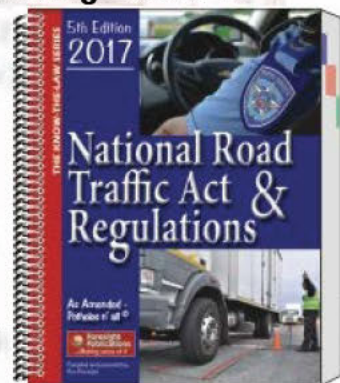


Furthermore, a registering authority cannot use the fact that you have not paid the fine attached to a compounding notice to retain any license disc or refuse to renew any driving license in terms of Road Traffic Legislation. It is every person's constitutional right and common law right prior to the Constitution to be presumed innocent until proven guilty and you cannot therefore be forced to pay any fine of for that matter an admission of guilt.

On occasion you may receive a compounding notice, but you were not the driver of the vehicle at the time of the offence. In such an instance it is advisable to send the correct driver information to the applicable authority who will or at least should update their information.

In terms of the National Road Traffic Act (NRTA) there is a rebuttable presumption that until the contrary is proved it shall be presumed that the owner was the driver. This presumption

has been scrutinized by the Constitutional Court and survived as it was found not to be a true reversal of onus. Be this as it may in *Brackenfell Trailer Hire (Pty) Ltd and Others v Minister of Transport* the court found that in the prosecution to prove the identity of the driver of the vehicle used in the commission of an offence, whether at common law or in terms of the NRTA, the presumption in section 73(1) of the said Act operates only against the owner of such vehicle, and not against the owner of any trailer being towed by such vehicle at the time the offence is committed, unless the nature of the offence concerned pertains specifically to the operation of a 'combination of motor vehicles' (as defined in the Act).



So, if you borrow Devin's bike trailer and exceed the speed limit the authority concerned cannot rely on this presumption to prosecute Devin as the owner of the trailer.

Are you a newbie to caravanning and not sure where to start? Are you hiring one for the first time and do not have the slightest clue on what you are doing?

Caravanning offers an explosion of new experiences, adventures, freedom and fun. In fact, caravanning is cool! However, when towing a caravan, it adds an entirely new dimension to any holiday.

Create a checklist

1. Towing capacity?
 2. Is all safe and secure?
 3. Essentials
 4. Drive carefully
 5. Why it's important to leave early?
 6. Don't overload
 7. Living in a confined space
 8. How to reverse a caravan
- Set-up and pack-down routine
9. How to hitch and unhitch a caravan



There is a lot more to consider too, like what to bring, how much time is spent on the road, and where to park without struggling. We have put together a few helpful tips for first-time caravan fanatics for a smooth ride and memorable holiday ahead:

Create a checklist for yourself.

Some items are very important for newbies such as a towing aid, fire extinguisher, wheel chocks, a caravan jack, sway control device, spare tyre, towing mirrors, extra coolant and oil, a spare fan belt, brake controller, tools and insulation tape, to name a few.

Is the towing capacity of your car greater than the GCM (gross combination mass) of the caravan?

It is always important to check the towing capacity of your vehicle in the owner's manual and always remember to never exceed this limit.

Make sure all is safe and secure

Before your departure, be sure to check that the towing aid is correctly fitted, drawers and other loose items are secure, windows and doors are locked and remove wheel chocks and the jockey wheel (or secure it), and raise the caravan's steps. It is also important to make sure that the lights on both your vehicle and caravan are operational and that your tyre pressure is correct.

Only pack in the essentials.

Food (basics)

Medicinal (first-aid kit, medications, mosquito repellent)

Clothing (swimwear, casual wear, nightwear)

Resources (gas bottles, batteries, water)

Cookware (cups, plates, pots, pans, kitchen, cutlery)

Entertainment (books, games, TV, Frisbee, board games)

Cleaning (air freshener, garbage bags, dish washing liquid)

Equipment (tables, chairs, surfboards, bikes, umbrella, fishing rods)

Toiletries (toilet paper, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush)

Drive carefully



Caravans are unpredictable and it takes a lot of getting used to. When you are towing a caravan, it is advised to maintain the speed limit and to not overtake any vehicle, however, there are ways of doing it safely, find out how. Taking things slowly is the safest when towing a caravan as you are given ample time to avoid bad road conditions, stray animals, crosswinds, and it improves fuel efficiency. The early bird gets the worm

It is best to rise early so that you avoid heavy traffic or busy roads as there will be more space for you on the road. Another fact that you need to keep in mind is that when traveling with a caravan, it is always good to prepare yourself for narrow roads and other obstacles that you could face unexpectedly. Always be mindful of other road users around you. The best part of leaving early is arriving even earlier at your destination!

Don't overload your caravan

It is always important to pack your caravan lightly and evenly. All luggage should be packed closer to the front of the caravan and on each side of its axle. This prevents swaying and snaking of the caravan that can happen unexpectedly while driving on the long road.

Too much weight in the caravan will also make towing less fuel efficient, while exceeding the weight limits set by the manufacturer and the towing capacity of your vehicle will result in you towing the caravan illegally and you could face legal consequences if pulled over. More information on towing illegally.

Be prepared to live in close quarters

Living in a caravan is quite confined and can be a test for partners, family or friends on a getaway. There is no privacy and it is important to make sure everyone gets time alone. If you would like to avoid any disagreements, you could perhaps sit outside under the awning or take a walk now and then to offer space for each and everyone. Bring a set of earplugs if you can't sleep through someone snoring and take an eye mask if someone loves to stay up late and read with the lights on.

Team works makes the dream work

You may be worrying about how to reverse a caravan? Not to worry – practice makes perfect. It is always advisable to train yourself how to do it or take a course that will provide theoretical and practical advice before facing the audience at your chosen caravan park. Too much weight in the caravan will also make towing less fuel efficient, while exceeding the weight limits set by the manufacturer and the towing capacity of your vehicle will result in you towing the caravan illegally and you could face legal consequences if pulled over.

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1. Empty the waste tanks or cassette toilet at the camp dump point
2. Fill up the fresh water tank
3. Choose your campsite and park the caravan
4. Level out the caravan with chocks if necessary
5. Unhitch the caravan from the tow vehicle
6. Turn on the gas (if the caravan is gas powered)
7. Connect to the mains power (if the caravan has a 240v power system)
8. Lower the entrance step and place a mat underneath to prevent them from sinking
9. Power on the functions in the caravan if necessary (e.g. water pump, heating, etc.)
10. Open the ventilation
11. Set up the external awning when you want to use it

Before your departure, make sure that you pack up properly and follow your checklist you have created for yourself. There are certain things to consider, such as turning off the gas, disconnecting all electrics, removing water and waste water supplies.

How to hitch and unhitch a caravan

When hitching:

Wind the jockey wheel up as high as it will go. Reverse the car up to the caravan so that the tow ball sits underneath the coupling head. Lower the jockey wheel so that the coupling head sits on the tow ball. Lock the coupling head onto the tow ball by engaging the coupling latch. Remove or raise the jockey wheel so that it is in a traveling position. Attach the safety chain or breakaway cable between the car and the caravan. Connect the caravan trailer pin plug to the socket on the back of the car and ensure that the brake lights and indicators on the caravan are operational. Disengage the caravan handbrake. To unhitch a caravan is simple, just reverse the hitching process shown above.

THE BIGGEST THING IS ASK A FRIEND OR CARAVAN BUDDY YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM THEM!!!



Brass Monkey for 4-6 August 2023



Nice relaxing weekend, so lets join in and have a great Club weekend.....

Brass Monkey is a go and bookings are made. Now we need to confirm attendees and make payments to the club in 3 easy payments, May R650, June R650 and July R595 total-ing R1900.00 per couple. Tentatively, we have spoken to Swellendam Caravan Park and have secured 12 chalets and some campsites for that weekend.

The chalet sleeps four people, so we will have to bunk up with buddies and friends. Please have a chat with your buddies and confirm as soon as possible that you will be interested in joining us, if your prefer not to share please confirm asap so I can make adjustments in contributions towards the weekend.



On Friday, arrive at your leisure and settle in. At 18:00 we will proceed to the Barrel & Blues Live Pub for leka pizza's

On Saturday morning, go on a bike ride to Buffels-jags One Stop farming stop on N2. Stop for a lekker old-style roosterkoek breakfast. Menu to follow oh and this will include a Coffee.



Once breakfast is done, we will take a leisurely ride to venue tbc. Then back to the camp for a leka chill afternoon before the evening start again.

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Back at camp, we will have some afternoon snack platters that will be provided for while the fun starts with some sports that do require your biking skills and other sports moves...TBC...

Few of us would take a afternoon snooze before the evening events at Barrel & Blues Live Pub for lekker pick your meal!



On Sunday morning, we will leave campsite after handing keys etc. and stop at a Wimpy or similar for breakfast and a coffee

	Surname	Name	
1	BAREHAM	ANNE	1
2	BAREHAM	ROB	
3	REEVES	KEITH	
4	REEVES	Cheryl	
5	CORNEY	DEVIN	2
6	CORNEY-----JAMES	SUZAN	
7	COWMAN	JACQUI	
8	COWMAN	PETER	3
9	DOIDGE	ROBBIE	
10	DOIDGE	THERESA	
11	GROVES	HECTOR	
12	GROVES	LINDA	4
13	YOUNG	ROBERT	
14	YOUNG	ISABELLA	
15	GILBERT	HANNELIE	
16	GILBERT---COETZEE	ERASMUS	5
17	DODD	GAVIN	
18	DODD	FREDA	
19	ERASMUS	ANNA MARE	
20	ERASMUS	PETER	6
21	ROUX	DAVE	
22	ROUX	ELLANOR	
23	COMACHO	RODNEY	
24	COMACHO	ANNETTE	7
25	ROUX	Jayde	
26	ROUX	Ackroyed	
27	ROUX	Eli	
28	ROUX	Lola	8
29	MURTAGH	ERROL	
30	COLEMAN	HEATH	9
31	COLEMAN	MELISSA	
32	FORBES	BASIL	
33	FORBES	CHERI	
34	JOOSTE	HANS	10
35	JOOSTE	HANS W	
36	ROSSOUW	DELVA	
37	ROSSOUW	TIKI	
38	CLARKE	DESMOND	11
39	CLARKE	DENISE	
40	BENTLEY	STEVEN	CAMP
41	BENTLEY	PENNY	

Friday Evening: PIZZA EVE!!!

Fullhouse Pizza: HAM, SALAMI, BACON & MUSHROOM

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God Father: BACON, FETA & SPINACH

L/Amanda: CHICKEN TIKKA, PEPPERS, ONIONS, FETA & GARLIC
PIC ONE!!!!

SATURDAY MORNING:

Roosterkoek, (Steak, Cheese & Mushroom Sauce)

Roosterkoek, (Steak, Bacon & caramalised Onios)

Roosterkoek (Bacon Egg & Cheese)

Incl Cmall Chips & Americano or Cappucino

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SATURDAY Evening:

DBL Burger or T-Bone or Eisbein or

Chicken Espitada or Spare ribs

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Quiz Evening!



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