



THE ODYSSEIAN

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**Suzuki
V-Strom
1050 DE**



EVENTS
NEXT FEW MONTH



Motorcycles only

ATKV HARTENBOS
MOSSEL BAY 27 to 29 OCTOBER 2023



Buffalo Rally Oct 2023
Carp Rally CTMCC Nov 2023



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OUR OBJECTIVES AS A STRONG CLUB

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

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Members of the Club,

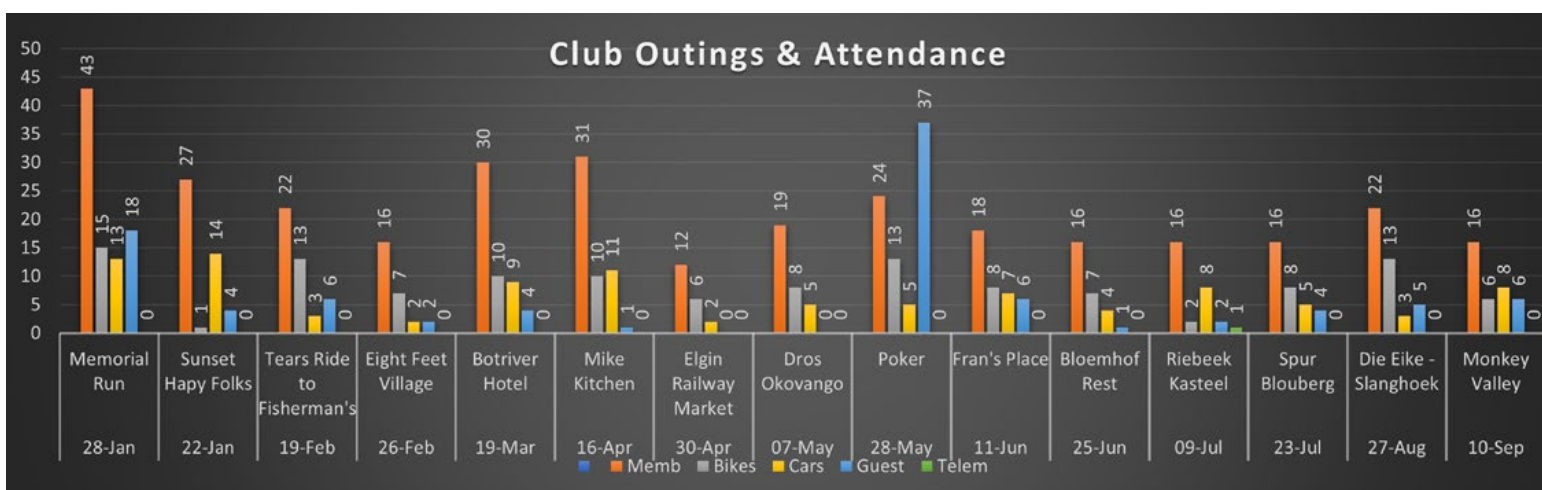
With the last meeting on Thursday, September 29th, I received many compliments and congratulations for all I have done for the club, but I could not have done so without the committee and club members stepping up and participating in the activities and everything we accomplished.

Thank you, and I hope that the club will gain more new members in the coming year and develop from strength to strength.

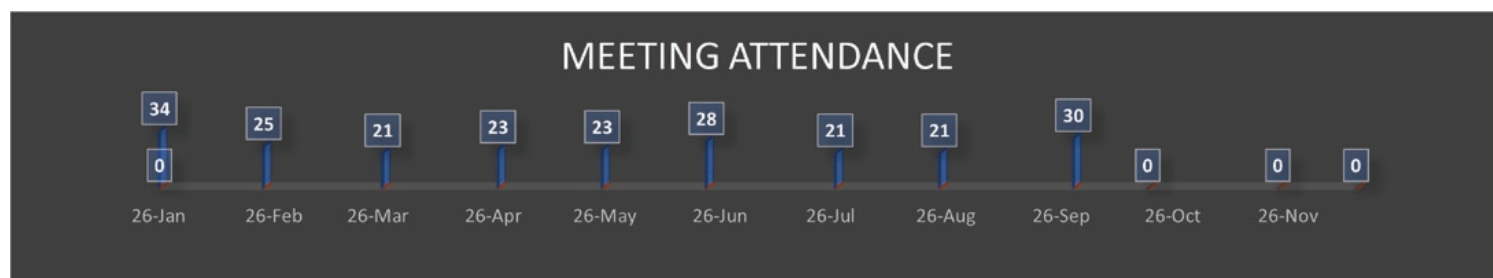
Thank you so much, Bas.



STATISTICS REPORT on Outings

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STATISTICS REPORT on Meetings

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STATISTICS REPORT on Ride Attendance

Odysseus Members Rides Attendance		2023																			Total Rides & Meet	
		14-Jan	22-Jan	19-Feb	26-Feb	19-Mar	16-Apr	30-Apr	14-May	28-May	11-Jun	25-Jun	09-Jul	23-Jul	27-Aug	10-Sep	01-Oct	12-Nov	24-Nov	17-Dec		
Surname	Name	Memorial Run	Sunset Happy Folks	Tears	Eight Feet Vile	Bohrner Hotel	Mike Kitchen	Eglin Railway	Dros Okwang'	Poker	Fran's Place	Bloom of Rest	Rabeek Kestrel	Spar Blouberg	Die Eike	Monkey Valley	TBC	TBC	TBC	CHARITY	20 Rides for 2023 v Actual Below	
		43	27	22	16	30	31	12	19	24	18	16	16	16	22	16					15	
		47.78%	30.00%	24.44%	17.78%	33.33%	34.44%	13.33%	21.11%	26.67%	20.00%	17.58%	17.58%	17.58%	24.18%	17.58%					27.78%	

STATISTICS REPORT on Ride Attendance

1	CORNEY	DEVIN	M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	100%
2	CORNEY-----JAMES	SUZAN	F	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				15	100%
3	FORBES	BASIL	M	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1				14	93%
4	GROVES	HECTOR	M	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				14	93%
5	GROVES	LINDA	F	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				14	93%
6	COWMAN	JACQUI	F	1		1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1		1	1			11	73%
7	COWMAN	PETER	M	1		1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1		1	1			11	73%
8	MURTAGH	ERROL	M	1	1		1	1	1	1			1	1		1					11	73%
9	CAMACHO	RODNEY	M	1	1			1	1		1			1	1	1	1				10	67%
10	FORBES	CHERILEA	F	1	1	1	1	1	1		1				1	1		1			10	67%
11	CAMACHO	ANNETTE	F	1	1			1	1		1			1		1	1				9	60%
12	DOIDGE	ROBBIE	M	1	1	1	1		1	1			1				1				9	60%
13	CLARKE	DESMOND	M	1	1	1		1	1				1				1	1			8	53%
14	CLARKE	DENISE	F	1	1	1		1	1				1				1	1			8	53%
15	DOIDGE	THERESA	F	1	1	1	1		1				1		1			1			8	53%
16	GILBERT	HANNELIE	M		1	1	1			1	1	1				1		1			8	53%
17	GILBERT---COETZEE	ERASMUS	M		1	1	1			1	1	1				1		1			8	53%
18	BAREHAM	ANNE	F	1	1			1	1			1			1		1				7	47%
19	BAREHAM	ROB	M	1	1			1	1			1			1		1				7	47%
20	REEVES	KEITH	M	1					1		1	1	1	1				1			7	47%
21	YOUNG	ROBERT	M		1	1	1		1		1	1					1				7	47%
22	YOUNG	ISABELLA	F		1	1	1		1		1	1					1				7	47%
23	WALKER	MARK	M	1	1	1	1	1	1												6	40%
24	COLEMAN	HEATH												1	1	1	1	1			5	33%
25	ROUX	DAVE	M	1		1				1			1	1							5	33%
26	ROUX	ELLANOR	F	1		1				1			1	1							5	33%
27	RULE	TERENCE	M	1	1				1							1		1			5	33%
28	ALDIS	GRAHAM	M	1		1		1				1									4	27%
29	BENTLEY	STEVEN	M		1				1				1					1			4	27%
30	BENTLEY-----RANDALL	PENNY	F		1				1				1					1			4	27%
31	FERGUSSON	IAIN	M		1							1			1			1			4	27%
32	MAKEPEACE	JOHN	M	1				1			1				1						4	27%

GENERAL MEETING

Held on
29th September 2023,
19H00 @ JAGGERS

Invitees: 29 Members, 2 Visitors (1 Prospect)

Welcome & Apologies: Hannelie & Erasmus, Keith Reeves, Freda Dodd, Hans Jooste

Unwell member: Jaqui went for eye operation, all healthy now

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Pink Bob's apology was accidentally left out of last month's minutes. Robbie mentioned it but it was not recorded in minutes. Please accept our apologies Pink B

Previous Minutes Acceptance: Pink/ Robbie

Correspondence: none

Membership : Hugh Walker - Welcome

The Odysseian: Basil apologised for late last edition being late as well as omitting

Peter/Jackie's ride from Odysseian- Report will appear in next edition

Lucky draw: 1) Errol 2) Gavin 3) Therese

Social Responsibility: Lily Rose until end 2024

Odysseus Financial Report from

Account Balances up to 28 September 2023

Investment R 61779.58

Savings R 31709.56

Petty Cash R 2525.00

Current Total R 96014.14 (Includes Charity fund R1930)

Birthdays

October 1 Therese Doige,
6 Mario Lamprecht & Craig Wilson,
9 Keith Reeves,
11 Megan Botha,
12 Linda Groves,
13 Terrance Rule,
16 Hans Jooste,
23 Jeanette Schuter,
29 Stephen Kettlety,
31 Malcolm McGeean.

Rides:

Past Rides: Sep 10 - Terrance - Monkey Valley Devin reported 20 Visitors + 6 Visitors present despite terrible weather, a good breakfast buffet was organised by Terrance with Susan leading the ride. Venue worth a return visit.

Future Rides:

Oct 1 - Bon a Petit- Philadelphia

Nov 26 - TBC

Past Events : Gremlin Rally

Future Events:

Oct 6-8 Beaver Rally - Susan will send Entry form for distribution to those interested

Oct 29 - Buff - Robbie prepared to set up Odysseus Campagain as in the past.

Nov 17- 19 Carpe Rally

Nov 26 - Toy Run-To be incorporated into our usual Sunday ride.



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General:

Resignation - Basil Forbes as Spokesperson due to pressing work matters - Basil thanked all members for their support during his term. All present expressed their thanks & appreciation as the Club took big steps forward under Basil's leadership. Devin also thanked Basil on behalf of the Club. Gavin also expressed his thanks..

Robbie confirmed as 'stand in' as Spokesperson until next AGM

Marketing Leaflet: made up by Basil, presented to members for wise distribution. 300x Leaflets were donated free of charge to the Club.

Website - www.odysseusmc.co.za Website is up and running, handed over to Heath Coleman as Webmaster. Members to make contact with him with regards to changes. Heath to attend and escalate the problem wrt email.

Update on Jagers facility- Robbie confirmed premises were sold and confirmed the date of 23 December to be the last day of use by Odysseus. Alternative venues to be considered, Robbie requested suggestions from the floor. Heath suggested Pinelands Bowling Club, Gavin suggested Edgemead Bowling Club, Lizl suggested Goodwood Cricket Club, Robbie suggested Edgemead Club (Paddy's) Robbie remarked Edgemead area would be the most central area suiting most members with travelling distances. Members requested to send suggestions via email to Linda

Gavin announced vehicle For Sale- Toyota Avanza 2000 @ R125,000 if anyone is interested.

Meeting closed at: 20H15

Next meeting : 26 October 2023 (4th Thursday of every following month)



OUR 2023 COMMITTEE

SPOKESPERSON



TREASURER
SUSAN JAMES
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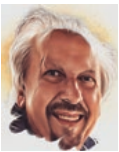
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TERENCE RULE
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MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL REPORT

Funds Paid Out:

Bank Charges R90
Total of R550 paid out to Cycle Tour members – still 7 members to receive their R50s on a breakfast run.

Funds received:

Aug meeting lucky draw R100.
Regalia sold at Aug meeting R255.
New Membership fee R400.
Interest on Savings Account R1.33
Interest on Investment Account R403.99.

Account Balances as of 28 September 2023

Investment R61779.58
Savings R31709.56
Petty Cash R2525
Current Total: R96014.14

Liabilities

THE TOTAL FUNDS WE HAVE IN THE BANK INCLUDES:
Charity Fund Total R1930

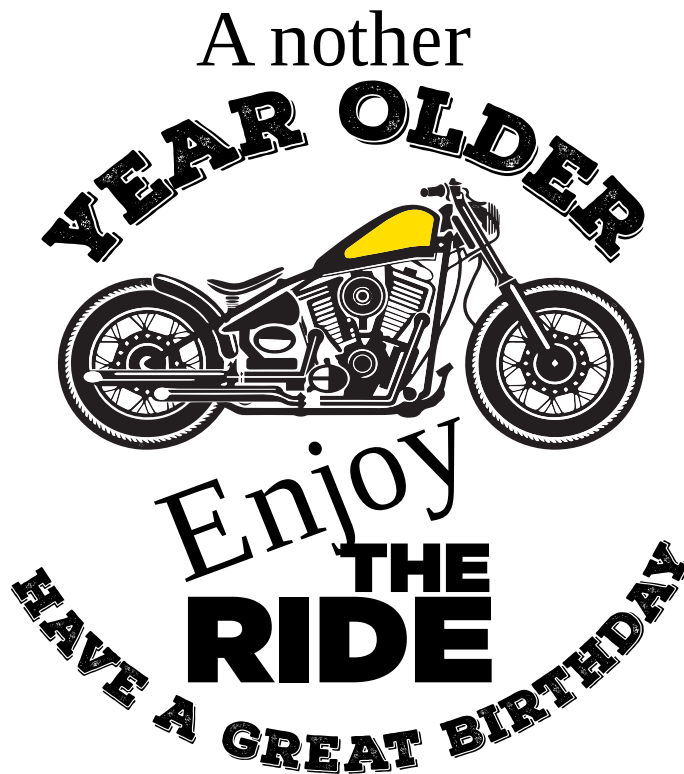
CLUB BANKING DETAILS:

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

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THIS October



RIDES

**1 October:
Bon a Petit- Philadelphia**



Buffalo Rally 27 - 29 Oct

Pre Rally Jol at Robbies

Details to follow:



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1st Prize R135 000 Cash!

2nd Prize: R25 000 & 3rd Prize: R10 000

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**EMAIL ENTRIES CLOSE 30 SEPTEMBER 2023
FOR THE R450pp ENTRY FEE.**

Thereafter **entry & payment** to be made at the Gate.

GATE ENTRY R550 / +18 YEARS ONLY / CASH BAR / LIVE MUSIC

Diary 2023

MEETINGS 2023

24 October Due To buff we have general meeting week earlier
23 November
14 Dec

26 Nov TBC 17 Dec Charity Ride

UP COMING CLUB RIDES

Club Events

9 Dec Year End Party

Up coming Rally Events



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Past

27 August



RIDES

Die Eike Restaurant



Lunch Ride to Die Eike Restaurant 27th Aug At long last, after all the rain, we were blessed with a sunny day, and it was encouraging to have 30 people, including guests Sparky and wife from the Moths. We had 14 bikes and 4 cars attending which makes all the planning worthwhile.

The start from NI City took its normal course and surprisingly there was no delay waiting for everyone to get through the robots and on to the NI. Tail-end Errol was there in a shot.

We stopped for a re-group at the start of Du Toitskloof Pass on the R101 and let the faster riders go forward to regroup again at the top of the Pass. Apart from some strong wind going up the Pass and some bad road surface patches and baboons all went well. It was very cold at the top so we shortened the smoke break and continued on at our own paces to regroup again at the weighbridge on the road to Rawsonville. That was much warmer. It was then off in formation at a leisurely pace to the venue.

Tables were reserved for us and we were served promptly with coffee etc. I was asked by the waitress if she could start serving and within minutes the food was coming out of the kitchen. There were many positive comments on the quantity and quality of the food served. Whilst enjoying the scrumptious grub we were serenaded with live background music which added to the cordial atmosphere. Payment for food and drink was efficiently handled and all in all the friendly staff did a great 5 star job.



The ride through the mountains, the glorious scenery and sitting under the old oak trees enjoying good food, music and most of all, good company, made a pleasant getaway from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives.

After the meal a group of us chose Bains Kloof Pass as the route home with a pleasant stop at the Bell Inn in Wellington.

Jacqui and I thank you all for attending and hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.





Past

10 September



RIDES

Monkey Valley Noordhoek



It was a bitterly cold and very windy morning that the Odysseus motor cycling club arranged a breakfast ride to the Monkey Valley restaurant.

Even under those extreme conditions, there was a great turn out with....bikes and.....cars!

The club sat inside the restaurant and members were chatty and glad to be in such a beautiful venue overlooking Noordhoek beach and the Atlantic Ocean!

There was an urn of hot water for bottomless coffee as well as freshly squeezed orange juice!

The restaurant provided a very delicious buffet breakfast comprising of Scramble egg, Bacon, grilled sausage and take with plenty of toasted bread and jam!

The all inclusive cost with the tip was R 80!

Due to the heavy rain and wind, the clubbies were reluctant to leave the beautiful Monkey Valley restaurant!





Suzuki V-Strom 1050 DE – The Old Stalwart Soldiers On, Better Than Ever!

Jul 27, 2023

Photo credit: Bjorn Moreira / ZA Bikers

The Yanks have a saying, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”, which is perhaps really appropriate when talking about the big V-Strom. It was over 20 years ago when the first ‘Strom broke cover. What has transpired subsequently is an evolution rather than a revolution of the big V. The 2023 model certainly breaks new ground in the ongoing Saga of the ‘Strom, but in essence, it is the same solid and sensible bike that we have come to know and love over the years. So, what is new you will no doubt ask?

At the heart of the beast remains the 107,4bhp 90-degree V-Twin producing 100Nm of torque at 6000rpm, fed by two 49mm throttle bodies. Styling is unmistakably Suzuki, with a beaky and bulky look that harks back to the Dakar DR-Z800 ridden in the 1989 Dakar by Gaston Rahier.



The big news for 2023 is that the DE version which we get in SA is endowed, for the first time ever on a V-Strom, with a 21” front wheel. Suzuki seems to have been at sixes and sevens in the past as to which way to go with their big ‘Strom. This year they offer a road-biased version with a 19” wheel, and the one we get, with the 21” front hoop. A 90/90×21 does duty up front with a 150/70×17 in the rear. Both wheels are dirt-friendly spokes.



The DE has a 50mm longer swingarm and bars that are 40mm wider, substantial off-road pegs, and a non-adjustable, lower screen than its street focussed sibling. This is thus the first ‘Strom that is unashamedly dirt biased. Is that a collective “Hooray” that I hear from the adventure boys?



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A 5" inch TFT display keeps you informed of engine and peripheral functions in a clear and concise way that is in stark contrast to the instrumentation of the last generation bike, which was cluttered and fussy. Good job! Electronics offer 3 stages of traction control, with a 'Gravel' setting which retards ignition timing to prevent wheel spin. Similarly, three fuel maps, and Road and Off-road ABS allow you to tailor the bike to your riding environment. A six-speed gearbox works seamlessly, in typical Suzuki fashion, to lay the power down. It is aided by a damn good bi-directional quick shifter.

The chassis is a customary alloy unit that has characterised the V-Strom since its inception. Bolted to the frame is KYB suspension with fully adjustable USD forks up front and a preload adjustable shock in the back. Travel is in the region of 200mm at each end. The suspension works well and seems to be well-sprung and damped to cover a wide variety of riders and riding styles. Having said that, at a wet weight of 259kg, the big DE will have the most appeal to those that want a totally dependable go-anywhere tourer, rather than the racing snakes who serve at the Altar of Speed.



The DE is endowed with an 880mm high seat which is comfy for both rider and passenger. Interestingly, the rider triangle places your feet a tad further forward and about 2cm higher than on bikes like Ducati's DesertX or Triumph's Tiger 900 Rally Pro. 2x 310mm front discs and a single 260mm rear are chomped on by Tokico callipers which haul the big Suzie up quite decently. They are controlled by a Suzuki Intelligent Ride System which senses the load on the bike and adjusts the braking power accordingly. OK then...Lean-sensitive ABS and Hill Hold Control as well as 'slope dependent control' which maintains rear wheel traction under braking, are all benefits of a 6-Axis Bosch IMU.

The DE comes standard with a bash plate, main stand and crash bars. The handlebars have the typical wind-deflecting guards which serve no purpose other than deflecting wind from your hands. Sooner or later a manufacturer will fit protection for the levers as well as our hands...we live in hope.



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Kudos to Suzuki for the other items, which should be standard fitment on all adventure bikes. Bear that in mind when comparing new bike prices. The DE sports a 21-litre fuel tank which should be good for 350+ k's if ridden with some restraint. Speaking of riding, the DE does not disappoint. The motor produces perfectly linear smooth and strong go right off idle. There are no peaks or troughs in the power and torque curves. Allied to perfect fuelling this makes for good progress across any surface.

The bike is reassuringly stable and predictable across all surfaces, a huge asset on an adventure platform. I would not want to attack overly technical terrain on the 'Strom, given its size and heft. Having said that, I have always advocated choosing the right weapon for a particular fight. If you want to smash technical trails, buy a lightweight dual sport or full plastic. When you want to cross continents with your missus and gear, consider the big 'Strom or something similar. The Suzuki 1050 V-Strom DE is at last ticking the off-road box properly. It does not come at the cost of poor road manners. The DE is a bike that you can use day to day in general riding, and which can then take you on your weekend or holiday adventures. It will do that in its well-mannered no-fuss way. It remains the labrador of the adventure bike world. At R259,000, it is worthy of serious consideration.



For more information on the bike featured in this article, click on the link below...



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Regalia - Please
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ODYSSEUS REGALIA SELLING PRICE LIST - SEPTEMBER 2022

UNISEX Black S/S T-Shirt, Round Neck, Centre Logo (XL ONLY).....	R	170.00
UNISEX Black S/S T-Shirt, Round Neck, Centre Logo (all other sizes)....	R	65.00
UNISEX Black L/S T-shirt, Round Neck, Centre Logo.....	R	85.00
UNISEX Black L/S Fleece, Round Neck, Side Logo.....	R	95.00
UNISEX Black Wind Breaker.....	R	350.00
UNISEX Black Padded Jacket.....	R	800.00
UNISEX Red Padded Jacket.....	R	800.00
UNISEX Black Hoodies, Side Logo.....	R	130.00
UNISEX Red Hoodies, Side Logo.....	R	130.00
MENS Black Button up Lounge Shirt.....	R	230.00
MENS Golf Shirt Black/Grey.....	R	170.00
LADIES S/S Black T-Shirt, Round Neck, Side Logo.....	R	150.00
LADIES S/S Red T-Shirt, Round Neck, Side Logo.....	R	150.00
LADIES Golf Shirt Black/Grey.....	R	160.00
LADIES ¾ Sleeve, Black & Red T-Shirt, Round Neck, Side Logo.....	R	120.00
LADIES L/S Black T-Shirt, Round Neck, Side Logo.....	R	85.00
LADIES L/S Red T-Shirt, Round Neck, Side Logo.....	R	110.00
Neck Warmer.....	R	55.00
Beanies Black.....	R	40.00
Beanies Red.....	R	40.00
Bufs Scarves Red.....	R	45.00
Scarves.....	R	45.00
Bandana Red/Black.....	R	45.00
Bandana Red.....	R	45.00
Peak Caps Red/Black.....	R	110.00
Socks - Thermal.....	R	45.00
Odysseus Back Patch.....	R	60.00
Odysseus Small Patch.....	R	35.00
"CAPE TOWN" patch.....	R	25.00
Life Member Badge.....	free	
Name Badge.....	R	35.00
Odysseus Member Badge.....	R	50.00
Memorial Badge 2022.....	R	25.00
Brass Monkey Figure Badge.....	R	30.00
Brass Monkey 2022 Badge.....	R	25.00
Poker Run 2022 Badge.....	R	25.00
Telemachus Back Patch.....	R	60.00
Telemachus Patch Small.....	R	35.00
Telemachus Black T-Shirt.....	R	65.00

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2006 Harley Davidson - 883 Sportster.



Please contact Desmond Clarke on the
following number: 082 441 1425

Nearest cash offer would also be considered....

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**Please Contact:
Terence
082 673 0513**



**Parrot Cage
R400.00**



Petrol Browser pump R4000



**Floor Scrubber with
Brushes and pads R4000**



**Antique back
Brake Bike R1500**

Excercise Bike R 200.00



**Please Contact:
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