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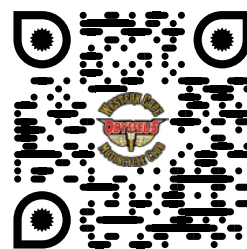
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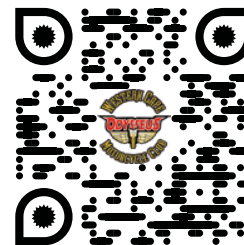


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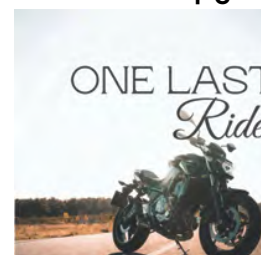


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MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS		
 LEFT TURN Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down	 RIGHT TURN Arm out bent at 90° angle up with fist clenched	 STOP Arm out bent at 90° angle down with palm facing back
 SLOW DOWN Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down	 SPEED UP Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward	 HAZARD IN ROAD On left point with left hand On right point with right foot
 FOLLOW ME Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward	 COME AROUND/ TAKE THE LEAD Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front	 PULL OFF Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head
 SINGLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger pointed up	 DOUBLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up	 RIDE STAGGERED Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up
 FUEL STOP Point to fuel tank	 COMFORT STOP Arm extended with clenched fist with short up and down motion	 REFRESHMENT STOP Fingers closed with thumb to mouth
 TURN SIGNAL ON Extend arm while opening and closing hand	 POLICE AHEAD Tap top of head or helmet with palm of hand	 CYCLEFISH BORN IN MOTORCYCLE NETWORK

EDITORS NOTE!

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Hi everyone,

Well, the New Year has begun and along with it, some big changes for our club. We have a new home, which I am sure most members have seen by now. From the feedback I have received, I think we'll be happy at Pinelands Blowing Club as most seem to agree that it certainly has more to offer than our previous home.



That being said, Jagers served us well for many years. The second big change is our new committee, and on that point I would like to thank all those who put their hands up to stand for committee positions. Also, big thanks to those who have agreed to stay on, even though they have already served their term. Without you all there would be no club. Let's not forget our outgoing committee members – A big thanks to you all for your dedication and commitment. To Basil, who started last year as our new Spokesman and to Robbie who took over and sailed us into shore in 2023 – Thanks guys – your guidance and leadership is appreciated.

As I am sure you all know by now, I have been elected as the new Chairman/Spokesman. My plan for Odysseus is as it was when Basil renewed my enthusiasm for the club back in early 2023. My goal is to grow our club and specifically try to get new and younger membership. We need new blood with fresh ideas. We need to get our name "out there". I unfortunately cannot do this on my own and kindly ask that our members get involved and support our rides/events, as well as events of other clubs who we choose to support. I would like the name Odysseus to become synonymous with motorcycling in the Western Cape.

As always, I and your committee are always open to any ideas and suggestions from the members, so please feel free to get involved and offer your suggestions to us. We are always open to input from members. This is our club after all.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy 2024 and hope to see you all one the road. Watch this space...

Devin



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

General MEETING

Held in
February 2024
19H00 @ Clubhouse

Invitees: All members

Welcome : Devin welcomed all members and our visitors Peter Holden & Philip Kaplan with surprise visit by Rina

Apologies: Michele Davies, Gavin & Freda Dodd, Rob & Lizl Todd

Unwell member: Michele Davies & Colin Pike as well as Adrian Knight's wife who has lost her sight.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: None

Previous Minutes Acceptance: Pink/ Keith

Correspondence: Resignations received from Ruth Coetsee, Jenny de Kroon, Cheri Forbes



Finance: (Treasurer-Susan)



Membership 2x Visitors possible new members as well as friend of Bruce (potential)

The Odysseian: All reports sent to Basil.

Lucky draw: 1. Dave Roux 2. Philip Kaplan

Social Responsibility: Lily Rose until end 2024- Robbie dropping off more stuff on Saturday & report back at the next meeting.

Birthdays: March-
ERASMUS ANNA MARE 7
ROUX DAVE 14
JOY NOY 14
GREEN ERROL 16
COLLINSON STEVE 23
COWMAN PETER 31

Official Rides:

Past Rides: 11.2.2024 Sunset Ride; Iain- Eden on the Bay, great venue & food, fantastic sunset, excellent service Iain thanked Terrace for organising and suggested more social gatherings are organised.

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Future Rides:

25.2.2024 - Iain, Station Pub, Franschhoek- 8;30 for 9;00 with 2x waiting points during the ride to re-group avoiding back riders chasing.

10.3.2024 - No ride (Assisting at CT Cycle race) members marshalling duties.

24.3.2024 - Hector, The Dunes, Houtbay To be confirmed

14.4.2024 - Heath/Steven, Helderberg visiting the Bike Museum with a huge collection of bikes.

28.4.2024 - Heath, Noordhoek

9.6.2024 - Poker Run- Devin unable to enquire with PBC what will be allowed with regards too event as Rob not present this evening

Future Events:

27.7.2024 - Brass Monkey- Therese reported looking at options and venues will be voted on by my members.

General:

- Devin appealed to members re all calls, messages, riding enquiries etc to be directed to Chief and/or ride coordinators going forward. Rides information group refers to Calendar with venues to be confirmed.

- Susan thanked all volunteers for the CTCycle race, a good source of revenue for club allowing extra funds available for spending on other functions. All volunteers are now registered for Sector 13.

- Name badges. Please send your name to Linda if interested in a new badge by latest Friday 30 Feb 2024.

- Memorial badges- please send names to Susan

- New Regalia - Susan/Therese will handle.

- Terrance introduced leather armband samples to anyone interested.

- Iain appealed to members suggestions on possible ride venue destinations. Riding Calendar now published on social media.

Meeting closed at: 20H20

Next meeting : 28.3.2024



OUR 2024 COMMITTEE



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HEATH COLEMAN
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MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL REPORT

CLUB BANKING DETAILS:

BANK: ABSA
Account: 9263536308

ACC Name: Odysseus Western Cape
Savings Account Branch Code: 632005

THIS March

BIRTHDAYS

ERASMUS ANNA MARE 7

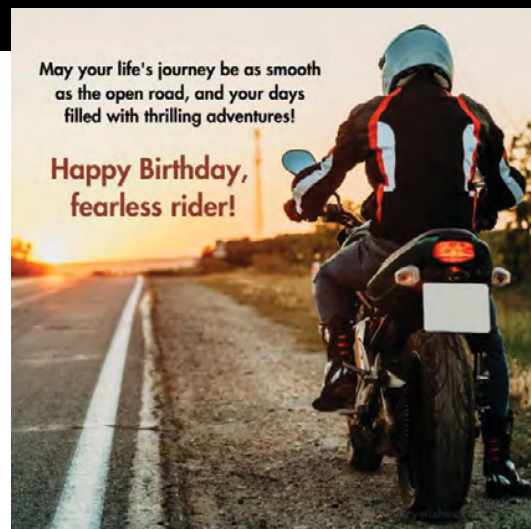
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Diary 2024

Meetings 2024

28 March - 25 April - 23 May - 27 June - 25 July -
22 August - 26 Sept - 24 Oct - 21 Nov

EVENTS

Fri Mar 1, 2024

6pm BLESSED SHIP DARE DEVILS MC NIGHT JOL

Where: GeBrody's Pub & Grill, Brackenfell

Sat Mar 2, 2024

2pm Gecko Riders Charity Fundraiser

Where: Boss Pub & Grill, 8 Signal Cres, Montague Gardens, Cape Town, 7441, South Africa

2pm Street Metal MC Jol / 20TH ANNIVERSARY/Viben Lounge Brackenfell

Where: Viben Lounge Brackenfell (old Tiekie draai)

All day Brothers of the Wind 40th Anniversary Sleepover

Where: Swellengift, Old Malmesbury Rd, Philadelphia

Sun Mar 3, 2024

All day The Syndicate Mc Overberg - 1st Beach Bash Sleepover

Where: Uilenkraalsmond

All day Brothers of the Wind 40th Anniversary Sleepover Where: Swellengift, Old Malmesbury Rd, Philadelphia

All day New Life Car and Bike Show

Where: The Purple Windmill, Uitspan Farm, R44, Klapmuts, 7625, South Africa

Sat Mar 9, 2024

2pm Hells Angels Hot as Hell

Where: 221 Kings Rd, Brooklyn, Cape Town, 7405, South Africa

3pm Expat Riders Fundraiser for Medical Care

Where: Ringo's Pub - Stikland Industria

Sun Mar 10, 2024

8:30am Bible Run 2024

ODYSSEUS - March 10 - CT Cycle Tour

Mon Mar 11, 2024

8pm MAWC AGM Meeting

Where: Killarney Motor Racing Complex, Turn 6, Killarney International Raceway

Fri Mar 22-24, 2024

All day Swallows rally

Where: Nekkies Holiday Resort, South Africa

Fri Mar 29, 2024

5:30pm Ottery Boyz Pickled Fish Run

Fri Apr 5-7, 2024

All day Swartland Rally

Where: Swartland Show Grounds Moorreesburg.

Sat Apr 6, 2024

10am Street Bullies MCC Easter Egg Run

Where: Meet Up Caltex, Main Rd, Vredenburg

12pm Universals Day Jol

Where: Squirrel Inn, Newton Rd, Gants Plaza, Cape Town.

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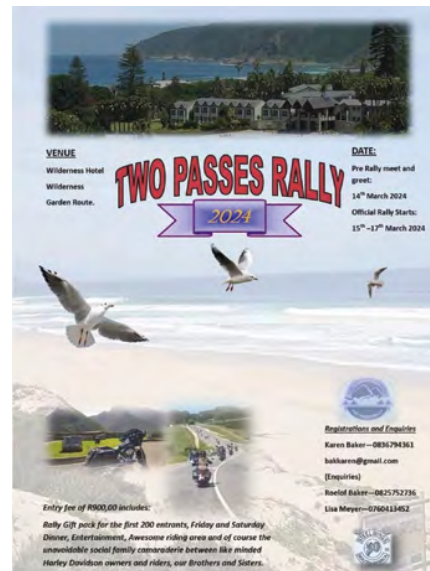
2pm Warlords Bad 2 the Bone Day jol

Where: Stikland Driving Range, 5 Ampere St, Stikland Industrial, Cape Town, 7530, South Africa

Sun Apr 14, 2024

10am Mini Whale Day Jol Ulysses SA

Where: Legends , LAke Pleasant, Sedgfield



Purple Windmill Farm, Klapmuts R44

Entry Fee R50 donation Kids under 12 free



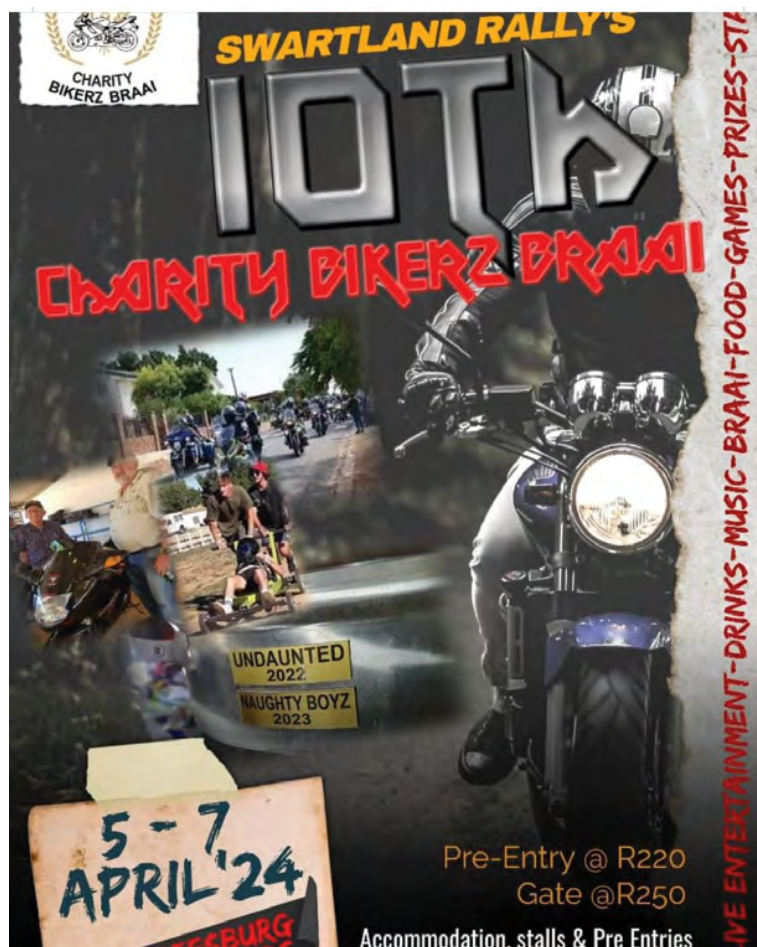
NEW LIFE CAR & BIKE SHOW
COME DISPLAY YOUR WHEELS



03 March 2024 - 09:00
Prize-giving 13:00

Esri Malan
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Susan Malan
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Pre-entry for exhibitors
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RALLY TIME in LAMBERTS BAY
COME JOIN US AT MALKOPPAN 3-5 MAY 2024



STALLS - CASH BAR - LIVE MUSIC
GAMES - BURNOUTS - CONCOURSE
MRS/MISS LOBSTER - LOADS OF PRIZES
BEST REPRESENTED AND SPIRITED CLUBS



Pre Entry R240
Late Entry R270
Day Pass R150
Vehicles R120
Badges R20
PRE ENTRIES OUT FROM 1 FEB

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANY DONATIONS
BLANKETS, SCARVES, SOOLS, BEANIES
DONATION TO THE LOCAL OLD AGE HOME IN
LAMBERTS BAY. PLEASE BRING SOMETHING
ALONG FOR THE OLD FOLK. GOD BLESS

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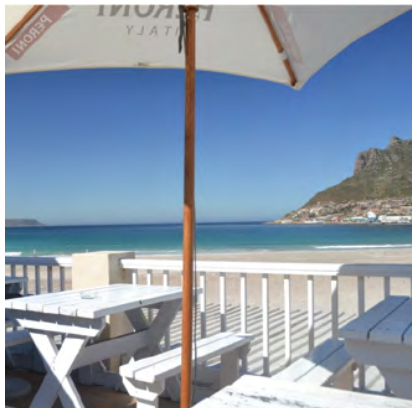
March

10 March - Odysseus has no Ride



We express our gratitude to our Chairman and his committee for their hard work, as well as to all the Odysseus members who volunteered their time and energy to make this event possible.

24.3.2024 - Hector, The Dunes, Houtbay To be confirmed.



Statistics

Odysseus Members & Visitors Rides Attendance				14-Jan		28-Jan		10-Feb		25-Feb		Total Runs & Meet	% Ride Active
				Sbosch Fly Club	Memorial Ride	Sunset Run	Sation Pub Fhoek	19 Rides for 2024 vs Actual Below					
Surname / Name		% Memebers (92)		32%	31,40%	16,28%	18,60%	0,00%					4
1	CORNEY	DEVIN	M	1	B	1	B	1	C	1	B	4	100%
2	CORNEY-----JAMES	SUZAN	F	1	B	1	B	1	P	1	B	4	100%
3	GROVES	HECTOR	M	1	B	1	B	1	C	1	C	4	100%
4	GROVES	LINDA	F	1	P	1	P	1	P	1	P	4	100%
5	COLEMAN	HEATH	M	1	B	1	B	1	C			3	75%
6	COWMAN	JACQUI	F	1	B	1	B			1	B	3	75%
7	COWMAN	PETER	M	1	P	1	P			1	P	3	75%
8	FERGUSSON	IAIN	M	1	B	1	B	1	C			3	75%
9	MURTAGH	ERROL	M	1	B	1	B			1	B	3	75%
10	AMSTRONG	WAYNE	M			1	C			1	C	2	50%
11	AMSTRONG	CHAVONNE	F			1	P			1	P	2	50%
12	BAREHAM	ANNE	F	1	P	1	C					2	50%
13	BAREHAM	ROB	M	1	B	1	P					2	50%
14	COLEMAN	MALISSA	F	1	C			1	P			2	50%
15	DODD	GAVIN	M			1	C	1	C			2	50%
16	DODD	FREDA	F			1	P	1	P			2	50%
17	DOIDGE	ROBBIE	M			1	C			1	C	2	50%
18	DOIDGE	THERESE	F			1	P			1	P	2	50%
19	MAKE--COETZER	KATHY	F	1	P					1	C	2	50%
20	MAKEPEACE	JOHN	M	1	B					1	P	2	50%
21	ROSSOUW	DELVA	F	1	P					1	P	2	50%
22	ROSSOUW	TIKI	M	1	B					1	B	2	50%
23	ROUX	DAVE	M			1	B	1	C			2	50%
24	ROUX	ELANORE	F			1	P	1	P			2	50%
25	RULE	TERENCE	M			1	C	1	C			2	50%
26	THOMPSETT	JULIE	F	1	C	1	C					2	50%
27	WALKER	Huey	M	1	B	1	B					2	50%
28	WALLIS	BOB PINK	M			1	C	1	C			2	50%
29	Aldis	Graham	M					1	C			1	25%
30	CAMACHO	RODNEY	M	1	B							1	25%
31	CLARKE	DESMOND	M	1	C							1	25%
32	CLARKE	DENISE	F	1	P							1	25%
33	DAVIS	MICHELE	F	1	C							1	25%
34	GILBERT	HANNELIE	M	1	P							1	25%
34	GILBERT (YOUNG)	TIAAN	F	1	B							1	25%
35	GILBERT---COETZEE	ERASMUS	M	1	B							1	25%
36	MCGEEN	MALCOLM	M			1	B					1	25%
37	NOY	BRUCE	M	1	B							1	25%
38	NOY	JOY	F	1	B							1	25%
39	REEVES	KEITH	M							1	C	1	25%
40	SCHUTER	PAUL	M			1	B					1	25%
41	TODD	ROB	M			1	C					1	25%
42	TODD	LISL	F			1	P					1	25%
43	YOUNG	ROBERT	M	1	B							1	25%
44	YOUNG	ISABELLA	F	1	P							1	25%

Odysseus Members Partaking in Rides 2024																		
Where	Sbosch Air	Memorial Ride	Sunset Ride	Station Pub Fhoek														
Date:	28-Jan	28-Jan	10-Feb	25-Feb														
Memb	29	27	14	16													22	24%
Visitors	8	2	8	3													5	
Bikes	21	11	0	6													10	
Cars	5	5	8	5													6	
Telem	0	0	0	0													0	

BAGNAIA SAYS 2024 DUCATI MOTOGP BIKE “WORKING PERFECTLY” AFTER TESTING

Reigning MotoGP world champion Francesco Bagnaia says the 2024 Ducati bike is “working perfectly” and has improved in every area compared to last year’s challenger.

Francesco Bagnaia, Ducati Team

The Italian swept both days of this week’s Qatar test and led the way with a record-smashing 1m50.952s on Tuesday to lead team-mate Enea Bastianini by 0.120s. The 2024 Ducati also looked strong in the opening test of the year in Malaysia, with Bagnaia left beaming after the Qatar running.



However, he does express a degree of caution, noting that being strong in testing doesn’t mean much in a proper race weekend setting.

“I pushed like always when you have to do a time attack, but it was the first time I put in the soft,” he said about his lap time on Tuesday.

“So, I don’t know how much still you can improve this lap time. Maybe in qualifying with two tyres you can improve a little bit. But it was important to do laps with the soft tyres to do a sprint simulation.

“It was enough to do just one time attack. The feeling right now is incredible. I think the 24 is better in all the areas, in every area, than the 23.

“It’s a mix of all the good things from the 22 and the good things from the 23. So, right now at the moment it’s working perfectly.

“But we know perfectly that [in] a race weekend everything can change. Right now the feeling is positive and the 24 looks fast with Enea and [Jorge] Martin, so we can be proud.”

Bagnaia added that his Ducati team was able to finalise the direction to go with the 2024 bike heading into the first round of the season in Qatar next month.

“We’ve decided on everything and with what to start with the season and very happy with the feeling – more than the lap time, because when you feel this well with a bike it’s normal that lap times are arriving,” he said.

“And the conditions in these five days of testing in Malaysia and here were perfect.

“So, we will see in the race in 15 days but right now I’m very happy.”



The Psychological Thrills of Riding a Motorcycle

A Journey of Freedom and Confidence on Two Wheels

South Africa, with its stunning landscapes and diverse terrains, offers an unparalleled experience for motorcycle enthusiasts. Riding a motorcycle is not just about the thrill of speed or the love for motorcycles; it is an adventure that offers profound psychological benefits.

In this article delve into these benefits, highlighting the importance of proper rider training as the foundation for riding confidence and safety.

The Liberation on the Open Road

One of the most significant psychological benefits of motorcycle riding is the sense of freedom it instils. In South Africa, where the scenes range from the rolling hills of KZN to the coastal roads of the Western Cape, motorcycling becomes a gateway to exploring these beauties firsthand. Many of us believe and live for an adventure beyond the restrictions of the asphalt surface. This freedom is not just physical but also mental. The open road offers a break from the daily pressures, allowing riders to clear their minds and enjoy the present moment.

Mindfulness and Focus: A Meditative Experience

Motorcycle riding requires a level of focus and mindfulness that can be likened to meditation. The need to be constantly aware of your surroundings, road conditions, and the bike's mechanics keeps you anchored in the present moment. This heightened state of awareness can lead to a decrease in stress levels and an increase in overall mental well-being.

The Bond of Community and Shared Passion

South Africa's motorcycle community is a tapestry of diverse individuals united by their passion for riding. Being part of this community offers a sense of belonging and connection. Group rides and motorcycle clubs provide opportunities for social interaction, shared experiences, and support, which are essential for mental health.

Confidence and Self-Esteem Boost

Learning to ride a motorcycle and mastering the skill can significantly boost confidence and self-esteem. This is where proper rider training comes into play. South Africa boasts several reputable training centres that cater to all skill levels. These centres not only equip riders with the necessary skills to handle a bike safely but also instil a sense of confidence that transcends into other areas of life.

Confronting and Overcoming Challenges

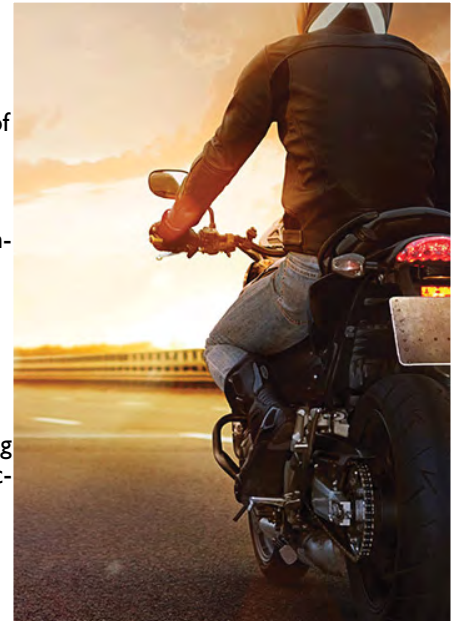
Motorcycle riding often involves facing and overcoming various challenges, whether it's navigating a tricky road or dealing with unexpected weather conditions. Successfully overcoming these challenges can lead to a sense of achievement and resilience, contributing to a positive mindset.

The Need for Proper Training: A Foundation for Confidence

It's crucial to emphasize the importance of proper rider training. In South Africa, where road conditions and traffic can be unpredictable, being well-trained is not just a matter of enjoyment but also of safety. Proper training provides the foundational skills needed for safe riding, ensuring that riders can fully enjoy the psychological benefits without undue risk.

Remember – Riding a motorcycle in South Africa offers more than just a mode of transport; it's a journey of psychological enrichment. The sense of freedom, mindfulness, community, confidence, and resilience it brings can significantly enhance one's mental well-being. However, this journey should always begin with proper training, ensuring that every ride is as safe as it is exhilarating.

So, gear up, train well, and embrace the open roads of South Africa – where every ride is a step towards a happier, more confident you.





Stiek YT Rally - Kleinmond

One of the more lively but enjoyable rally's on the calendar next to the Buff , I saddled up late Friday afternoon and met Steve Bentley at the N2 Engen and we took a leisurely ride to rooi els to have a drink at Drummond arms and a small lunch where we met up with Linda and Hector. After a few cold ones and sufficient nourishment we proceeded along the beautiful coast line and picturesque scenes of the overberg along clarens drive into kleinmond , with me doing a little offroading by taking the wrong turn off to palmiet , completing our lovely ride to the Stiek YT.

We Checked in and proceeded to find our campsite based on the lower level closer to the sea, Huey had ensured our kit arrived safely and was already setup , Susan , Devin, Errol and Huey's wife Lyn were already enjoying drinks on our arrival , after greetings and a quick swig of Huey's turbo juice (50% granadilla juice and 50% vodka) we got rid of our riding gear into something more comfortable to try keep the heat an humidity at bay. The weather for the weekend was typical cape town weather with all four seasons in a span of hours.



Walking around and oogling some spectacular machines , there was the usual biker curios and paraphernalia and plenty of food stores. The rest of the club that came in campers and caravans were camped out at the top level close to the main tent.

The festivities started early in the evening with usual welcomings , Chugging contest and miss Stiek YT and a prize draw for bar tickets. The band got the party started with good ol classic rock and drinks flowing to party the night out.

Those who weren't partying were enjoying the sweet



sounds of revving engines , burnouts and wheelies which are customary with a rally of this kind, Even witnessing a few blown engines along the way.





STIEK YT RALLY 2024

2-4th February

Hosted by Pure Venom MCC

Pre entry R250
ends 31/12
Late entry R300
Cars/Carspans R200

Live Entertainment
Cheap Mikers Bar
Lagoon Games
Food Stalls
Concourse
Mass Ride
Stalls

For more info contact: 0727533504/0823763109





After a beautiful thunderstorm cooled things down over the night , Saturday we awoke to long queues for some amazing coffee and authentic indian samosas , the mass ride was well attended and televised. With Steven Bentely leaving early to go find some breakfast gems in the local overberg area . Many bikers started polishing there bikes for the concourse event with some unique rides , one been the very unique rat rod , the beetle trike and my favourite the black and gold CBR 1000 (which ultimately won the main prize). Lagoon events took place with alot of fun had by all , while Susan, Devin and Tiaan were “Stieked” by the local tattoo artist. Some Live music and bar games got us to the main prize giving , Were Hector ,won one of the fantastic prizes , with the live band seeing us deep into the night.



Sunday was early up and break down of the campsite , Attempts to find a biker friendly place to have breakfast and a drink were in vain as it appears gordons bay only opens at 11 , with most of the riders heading to the N2 engen for breakfast.

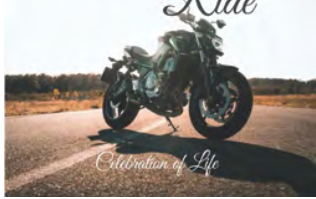
All in all a great weekend was had by all , Beautiful bikes, good entertainment , well priced food and well organized event.



I am certainly looking forward to next years Stiek Yt. - Heefy



ONE LAST Ride



Memorial Ride Doodles

We arrived at NI City about 08h40 and there were quite a few bikes gathered there. It was a beautiful day for a ride! Just after 09h00, we left NI City, turning left onto the NI towards Cape Town.



We took the Marine Drive off-ramp and headed out towards Milnerton, past the Market which was abuzz with people. We continued along Marine Drive and turned left onto Beach Boulevard, finally arriving



at Doodles where quite a few other members had already arrived in cars.



We deviated from the usual Memorial Run format by first going to the restaurant for breakfast. Terence had organized a great breakfast deal at Doodles, but they specified we had to be seated by 09h30, so we went straight there and soon the coffee and breakfasts were flowing. The breakfast was tasty and good value for money.



Once we had all finished breakfast, Robbie led us across the road onto the beach. Robbie gave the eulogy to honor the memory of our departed members and friends. Terence kindly supplied the rose petals which had been placed inside Pauline's old helmet!

We all took a handful of petals and scattered them into the sea, thinking of our past brothers and sisters. Extra handfuls were scattered on behalf of Craig and Rina who had asked if we could please do it on their behalf in their absence.



Memorial Ride Doodles

We all slowly made our way off the beach and parted ways with some folks coming back to our house for snacks and drinks. All in all it was a lovely day out and well supported by members.

There were 29 people on 11 bikes and in 5 cars.
See you on the next ride!
Susan



Memorial Ride Doodles



Some will walk
through the pearly gates



Some will Ride

THE LAST RIDE

I stood and I watched as my Brother rode by
It wasn't the way it should be
He rode not his bike, but in a long black cage
And he rode by himself not with me.
But I shed not a tear for this Brother of mine
For he lived free and loved his lifestyle
So ride on my Brother and rest in peace
Till we meet again after while
And when my time comes to take that last ride
You can bet it'll be with a smile
Cause I love to ride and I'll be going home
So I'll enjoy it to the very last mile

SUNSET RUN 2024



Historicity the sunset run was always the first ride of the year. But due to unexpected circumstances, like

moving clubhouse, the Sunset run was postponed til after Memorial ride, so February 10 was the date..

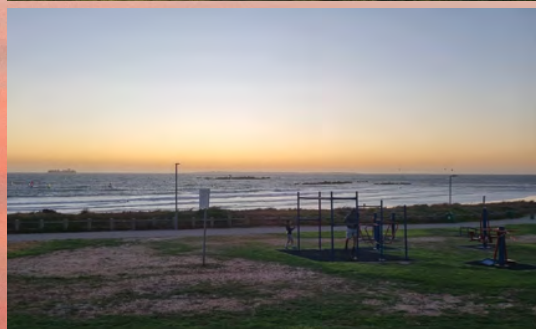
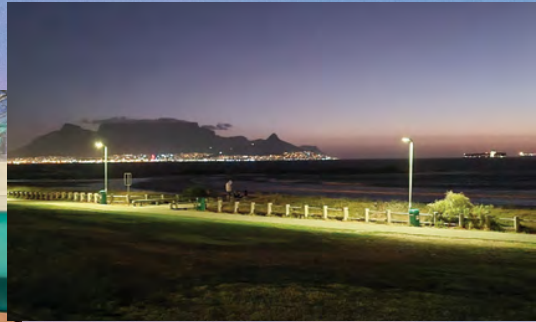
Sunset ride, was actually a club sunset outing to Seat Restaurant at the Eden on the Bay shopping centre. Why outing, well it was general consensus, that after the Ginger Ninja, was destroyed but car after the Sunset ride 2 years ago, the recommendation was that we rather don't ride, ie drink and ride, so everyone came by car.

The outing was reasonably well attended with 28 people enjoying the great food, burgers, 2 for R130, very pleasant ambiance of the Seat

Restaurant and a stunning sunset. Thanks to Terrance for arranging the burger special. On the attendance side of things, the usual suspects of the club attended, with some obvious exceptions..those who didn't attend missed a wonderful event. I find it strange that people are members of this club but hardly ever attend its functions, odd...!!!!

So thanks to all who did attend, I thought it was really great and a wonderful opportunity to socialise over a beer or three..Cheers Iain







WELCOME TO



STATION PUB
and Craft Bar



Devin and I were running a wee bit late this morning and then waited what seemed like forever at the petrol station for attendants to fill up our bikes, so we arrived at NI McDonalds at about 08h55! It was raining when we left Table View, but luckily not too badly so we did not get too wet.

Iain had asked me to lead this ride as he was unable to.

There were only 6 bikes at McDonalds, so after briefing everybody about the route, we set off just after 09h00.

We left NI City, turning left onto the NI towards Cape Town. We took the N7 offramp and headed out along the N7, eventually taking the Philadelphia offramp. We turned left towards Klipheuwel and stopped there to regroup.



There was a bicycle race taking place and after remounting our bikes we waited for a long time before the traffic official let us turn right towards the NI. We rode over the NI and that was where my navigational skills failed me!!

AT LEAST DEVIN IS EXCUSED THIS TIME ROUND!!!!!! YEAH



Instead of turning left at the first road after the bridge, I continued on straight, only to realize that we were on the way to Stellenbosch!

So, as the Ride leader and the fact that all 6 bikes were together, I made the decision to carry on straight and change Iain's route to now get to Franschhoek via Hells Hoogte Pass. Unfortunately it was raining on and off and the road was very wet, so we had to take it easy over the pass. We regrouped on the other side of Priel (it was quite chilly!) and then proceeded on to the Station Pub where some of our other members and family were waiting for us.



The restaurant's service was good and soon they were bringing out the breakfasts. The vibe was chilled with a one man band singing some of the good old favourite tunes. We stayed there quite a while because the rain came pouring down whilst we were there, but eventually the sun popped out and people started departing.

All in all it was a great ride with 19 people on 7 bikes and in 5 cars. Thanks to all those who attended!

Cheers for now!

Susan



It's widely agreed upon that 2023 was a stellar year for the motorcycle industry. We saw a lot of new and exciting models enter nearly all segments of motorcycling, all of which catering to the ever-changing needs of riders all over the world. Not willing to be left behind, 2024 surely seems like it could be even better. In the tail-end of 2023, lots of new and exciting motorcycles were revealed for the 2024 model-year, with a big bunch of them breaking cover at EICMA 2023.

Adventure and Touring Bikes

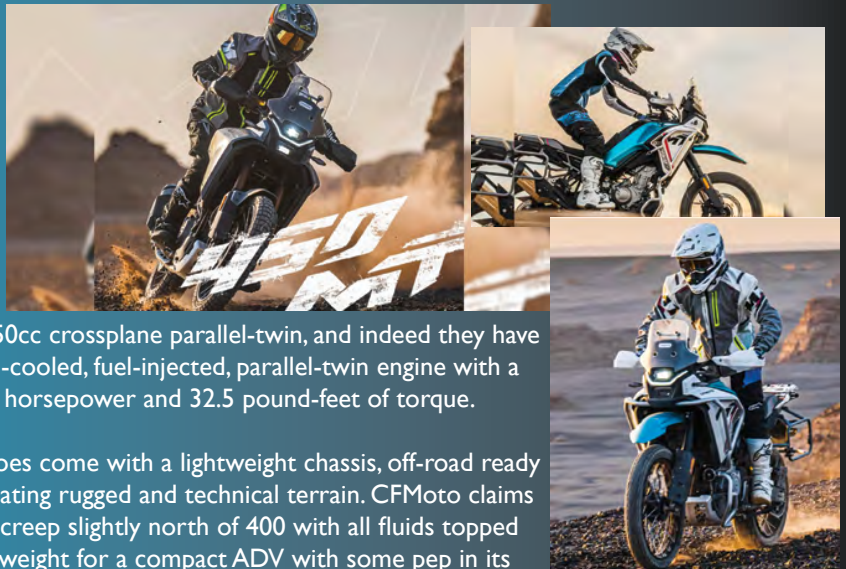
Let's kick things off with the adventure segment. ADV bikes have witnessed a surge in popularity in recent years, and a lot of manufacturers have capitalized on the "adventure" part of it. A good number of the adventure bikes for 2024 have a strong focus on off-road performance, shedding weight and displacement in exchange for a more nimble platform. Conversely, some of the heavy-hitters of the past have made a comeback, claiming to be better than ever before.



CFMoto 450MT

CFMoto's a Chinese manufacturer which has pretty much taken the global market by storm. In 2023, it unveiled what could be the most potent platform in the small-displacement naked bike segment, the 450 NK. It just makes sense that CFMoto would come up with a lightweight adventure bike rocking the same 450cc crossplane parallel-twin, and indeed they have with the 450MT. It's powered by a 449cc, liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, parallel-twin engine with a 270-degree crankshaft pumping out around 44 horsepower and 32.5 pound-feet of torque.

It's by no means a fire-breathing beast, but it does come with a lightweight chassis, off-road ready suspension, and a 21-inch front wheel for navigating rugged and technical terrain. CFMoto claims a dry weight of just 386 pounds – expect it to creep slightly north of 400 with all fluids topped up. Nevertheless, this is pretty nimble and lightweight for a compact ADV with some pep in its step.



BMW R 1300 GS

The BMW GS is a bike that needs no introduction. Even to non-motorcyclists, the GS is a familiar name, and has gone down in the motorcycle hall of fame as one of the most successful adventure bikes ever made. The R 1250 GS pretty much set the gold standard in the big-bore segment, but now, the new R 1300 GS looks to be even better. When it comes to tech, there's nowhere to go but up, and the R 1300 GS introduces tech we never thought we even needed. Stuff like center stand assist and a guiding LED matrix light all stand to raise the bar when it comes to ADV tech.



Performance-wise, BMW says that the 1300 is sharper, more responsive, and more tractable than ever before. It gets a reworked 1,300cc, liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, boxer engine with 145 horsepower and 110 pound-feet of torque, while a



plethora of electronic rider aids ensure that all this power is optimized in all road and even off-road conditions.



Suzuki GSX-S1000 GX

If there's one thing that seemingly lasts forever, it's undoubtedly Suzuki's liter-class engine found in the Suzuki GSX-R1000. Now in existence for nearly two decades, the K5 engine has undergone numerous iterations to eke out more performance and comply with emissions regulations at the same time. For the 2024 model-year, Suzuki somehow managed to come up with yet another platform to sport the engine, this time, targeting the Kawasaki Versys 1000 dead on. The GSX-S1000 GX is exactly that, sport-tourer with an adventurous touch thanks to a tall windscreen and upright ergonomics.



The engine on this bike is by no means new, and we're all familiar with how much power and torque this liter-class mill delivers. What's interesting about the new GSX-S1000GX, however, is its technology. It's the first bike in Suzuki's lineup to feature the brand's new electronic suspension system, and as such, promises an adaptive ride that's both sporty and comfortable. Other tech features include Suzuki's drive mode selector, an up and down quick-shifter, smart cruise control, and cornering ABS.

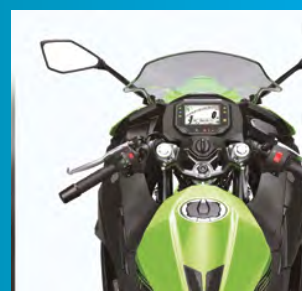


Naked and Sport



With the adventure and touring segments out of the way, let's take a look at some of the new and exciting naked and sportbikes that are set to hit the market in 2024. Some of these models are returning models of popular bikes of the past, while others are completely new platforms designed to be trail-blazers in their respective categories. Let's dive right in.

Kawasaki Ninja 500



The Ninja 400 finds its humble beginnings in the Ninja 250, a bike that's regarded as the ultimate beginner's bike. Now, in 2024, the bike has grown to double its original displacement. The 2024 Ninja 500 is still built on the same architecture as before, and is powered by a 451 cc, liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, parallel-twin engine. While lots of people (myself included) hoped that Kawasaki would finally bite the bullet on a 270-degree twin, the new Ninja 500 continues to sport a 180-degree crankshaft (sad sigh).

Nevertheless, it'll surely appeal to both beginner and intermediate riders looking for either a versatile yet sporty all-rounder, or a track bike ready to take whatever abuse is thrown at it. From a tech perspective, the Ninja 500 keeps things relatively simple, with just ABS to show for. It also gets Kawasaki's KIPASS remote key system, but this is only available in the SE model,



Aprilia RS 457



The Aprilia RS 457 is a small sportbike which we're particularly excited about. It marks the most accessible sportbike in Aprilia's lineup marketed as a global model, and given its specs, seems to be one that's a cut above the rest of the entry-level sportbike market. It makes use of similar tech and features found in its bigger sibling, the RS 660, so that's definitely saying a lot about what it's capable of.

Performance-wise, it's rocking a new 457cc, liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, parallel-twin engine with a 270 crank. It pumps out 47 horsepower while torque specs remain undisclosed. Tech-wise, we find ride-by-wire tech that allows multiple ride modes and traction control, while ABS ensures optimal braking performance be it on the road or track.

KTM 990 Duke

We've gone into great detail about the KTM 1390 Super Duke R Evo, so we'll leave it out of this list for now. However, at EICMA 2023, KTM unveiled the successor to its massively popular middle-weight lineup, the 990 Duke. Featuring an evolution of the brand's LC8C parallel-twin engine, the 990 Duke promises a tech-loaded package that's full of grunt, while maintaining the motard-like character that has become synonymous with the Duke range.



From a performance standpoint, the new 990 Duke is powered by a 947cc, liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, parallel-twin engine with a unique 285-degree crankshaft configuration. With 123 ponies and 72.1 pound-feet of torque, the new Duke's edging between middleweight and liter-bike performance, and it does so with tons of tech on offer. Like before, it's supported by a whole suite of electronic aids such as cornering ABS and traction control, multiple ride modes, ABS modes, and Ready To Race features like launch control and a quick-shifter.



Ducati Hypermotard 698

While other manufacturers have been making their bikes bigger, Ducati's taken a step back with its new Hypermotard. The Hypermotard name started more than a decade ago, and since then, has been a favorite of street squids and trackday junkies alike. Now, for the 2024 model-year, Ducati's made the Hypermotard smaller than ever before, and in doing so, you could argue that it's the most motard-like Hypermotard to date.



It's powered by an all-new 698cc, single-cylinder engine with Desmodromic valve actuation called the Superquadro Mono. With 77 horsepower and 46.5 pound-feet of torque, it's one of the punchiest thumpers on the market today. Of course, Ducati's electronics make a prominent appearance here, with four riding modes, four levels of ABS, and even a slide-by-brake feature that allows you to drift through corners on your favorite track.



Honda CB1000 Hornet

The Honda CB1000R has long been a popular choice in the liter-class naked segment, and is usually chosen by riders looking for a powerful yet laid-back hyper-naked experience. It's the most underpowered in its class, yet arguably the most sophisticated thanks to its elegant retro looks. That said, with the new CB1000 Hornet, Honda captures some of the iconic bike's sporty energy and puts a moder, powerful spin on it.

It's powered by the same 999cc, liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, inline-four engine with 150 horsepower and 73.8 pound-feet of torque, and features Showa front forks and a progressive link mono-shock. Sporty modern styling aside, the CB1000 Hornet gets a slew of modern tech features such as smartphone connectivity and a throttle by wire system with multiple ride modes.



Dual-Sport and Enduro

KTM SX-F Factory Ed.

Just like its sister company Husqvarna, KTM is also refreshing its motocrossers for the 2024 model year. The SX-F Factory Editions not only come draped in Team Orange's unmistakable livery, they also pack upgraded componentry and technology to deliver an uncompromising off-road experience. Just like the Husky FCs, the SX-F Factory Editions get a new frame that improves flexibility, as well as suspension tuning to match.



Triumph TF 250-X

Not too long ago, Triumph announced that it was taking off-road racing more seriously. Not long after, we saw the brand make strides in the realm of rally racing with the Tiger 900 Rally. This time around, the Hinckley Company dives head first into the motocross scene with the launch of the TF 250-X, the first motocrosser of the modern era to bear the Triumph badge.

The TF 250-X is a true blue motocrosser, and is powered by a four-stroke, dual-overhead cam single-cylinder engine with 249.95 cubes of displacement. It has a bore and stroke of 78mm and 52.3mm respectively, and a high compression ratio of 14.4 to one. Dell'Orto provides the bike's electronic fuel injection system, and power is sent to the back wheel via a five-speed manual gearbox.

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Elevate Your Caravan Camping Experience with These Must-Have Gadgets



Caravan camping has come a long way from the days of basic tents and campfires. Modern technology has ushered in a wave of innovative gadgets designed to make your camping experience more comfortable, convenient, and enjoyable. In this advertorial article, we'll explore a selection of must-have gadgets for modern caravan campers, ensuring you're well-equipped for your next adventure.

1. Solar-Powered Portable Generators

Forget the noisy, fume-emitting generators of the past. Modern caravan campers can harness the power of the sun with solar-powered portable generators. These compact devices capture and store solar energy, providing a reliable source of electricity for your caravan's lights, appliances, and gadgets. They're eco-friendly and perfect for off-grid adventures.

2. Portable Water Purifiers

Access to clean drinking water is essential for any camping trip. Portable water purifiers use advanced filtration technology to make water from natural sources safe to drink. They're compact, easy to use, and an excellent addition to your caravan for trips to remote areas.

3. Smart Coolers and Fridges

Gone are the days of traditional coolers that rely solely on ice. Smart coolers and fridges are equipped with temperature controls and smartphone connectivity. You can keep your food and beverages cool or frozen with precision, ensuring nothing goes to waste during your caravan adventure.

4. Compact Coffee Makers

For coffee lovers, a caravan trip isn't complete without a good cup of joe. Compact coffee makers designed for caravans are now available. They're small, efficient, and perfect for brewing your favorite coffee right in your mobile home.

5. Portable Wi-Fi Hotspots

Staying connected while on the road is essential for many campers. Portable Wi-Fi hotspots provide internet access wherever your journey takes you. With these devices, you can work, stream, and stay in touch with friends and family even in remote locations.

6. GPS and Navigation Systems

Getting lost on the open road is a thing of the past. Modern GPS and navigation systems are tailored for caravan campers. They provide real-time traffic updates, suggest campgrounds, and ensure you reach your destination without a hitch.

7. Outdoor Projectors

Want to enjoy a movie night under the stars? Compact outdoor projectors are designed for caravan campers. They're easy to set up, provide a crisp image, and make for unforgettable outdoor movie nights.

8. Weather Stations

Stay informed about weather conditions with portable weather stations. They provide real-time data on temperature, humidity, wind speed, and more, ensuring you're prepared for any weather changes.

9. Compact Outdoor Grills

Love a barbecue on the go? Compact outdoor grills designed for caravans are efficient, easy to clean, and perfect for cooking up delicious meals during your camping trips.

10. Caravan Security Systems

Safety is a top priority. Caravan security systems offer peace of mind while you're away from your mobile home. They include features like alarms, surveillance cameras, and remote monitoring capabilities.

With these must-have gadgets, modern caravan campers can elevate their camping experience to new heights.

So, pack your gadgets and get ready for a camping trip that's as modern as it is memorable. **Happy camping!**



Everyone knows the potential benefits and joys of camping out. Spectacular unfiltered views of the sky, sunsets and stars, communing with nature and friends by the campfire and sharing simple, tasty meals surrounded by trees, wildlife, mountains or the open desert...it's all out there. Camping avoids costly hotels, too, so you can ride longer for less, and it lets you plan riding routes into backcountry you might not otherwise be able to reach. The shared effort and cooperation of roughing it with friends also enhances



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How much and what type of camping gear to bring really boils down to personal preference and how much you can fit on the bike without overloading it and upsetting its handling. You can't go wrong by buying the lightest, most compact gear that will work for the conditions—backpacking equipment, for example, often works well, particularly when space is at a premium. It can be expensive, though, and there's no point in shelling out big bucks for an ultra-lightweight tent when you're riding solo on a big touring bike with a full set of luggage. Don't compromise on quality, though—cheap tents leak and can be hard to set up, and bulky, inexpensive sleeping bags and pads are never as warm or comfortable as promised. Here's a basic list to get you started:

Tent - Ground cover or tent footprint - Sleeping bag - Sleeping pad, air mattress or cot - Stake mallet/puller - Camp chair - LED headlight/lantern - Small stove/coffee pot or JetBoil - Cup/spork - Water bottle - Multitool/knife - Towel/soap/cleansing wipes - Windproof matches/lighter - Kindling or campfire starter - First aid kit - Bug repellant, sunscreen, hat

Choose wisely, and most of this stuff should fit in a waterproof duffel you can strap on the back of the bike (we recommend Rok straps, but bungees work too) or in a large saddlebag or top trunk. I use a liner bag in the top trunk and one saddlebag for gear and clothing so that I can easily lift them out and strap them on the passenger seat at the supermarket. Some examples: Choose a tent (with rain fly) that is just big enough to fit you and your gear inside and that packs small, and set it up on a tarp or ground cover to protect the floor. Down sleeping bags pack down quite small in a compression stuff sack, and choose an inflatable sleeping pad rather than bulkier self-inflating or foam sleeping pads. Instant coffee saves some hassle, and you can heat the water with a small backpacking stove or Jetboil cooking system. Campfire starter is safer than newspaper or gasoline to get your campfire going.

How much you add or subtract to the list above is where the ingenuity comes in—if your bike has removable aluminum panniers or saddlebags with flat tops and bottoms, for example, with your compressible pillow on top they can substitute for camp chairs. Sleeping bag liners pack small and can lower your existing bag's temperature rating by as much as 20 degrees. Carry water in a Camelbak reservoir on your back and you'll have up to 3 liters while riding and in camp.

You get the idea—with a little creativity you can enjoy most of the comforts of home in the middle of nowhere. There aren't a lot of hard-and-fast rules, except pack it in, pack it out, tend your fire...and don't forget the TP!

A low center of gravity means stability in just about any type of vehicle. This holds doubly true for motorcycles, where stopping at a red light requires the rider to balance the bike with a foot. Furthermore, a motorcycle needs to have a reasonably even load between its tires. Too much weight behind the rear axle will lift the front tire up, affecting steering and stability dangerously. To keep your ride safe, focus on packing weight close to the bike's center of gravity.

When packing your motorcycle, pack your heaviest items first. These should go low on the bike and between the two wheels, with a common spot being just in front of the rear tire. They should also be evenly packed and distributed to each side of the bike so there is no uneven pull on one side or the other.

Light objects should be packed higher up on the bike and behind the rider or passenger. This gets them out of the path of the wind and, provided they are not too heavy, will not affect the front-back weight distribution of the bike.

There are plenty of tools to aid you in packing your motorcycle. A luggage rack is a good place to start. This tiny platform provides a place for you to set and strap your lighter bags and typically rests over the rear of the bike, behind the axle. Then there are straps or saddle bags, which let you attach luggage to the sides of your bike. Just make sure you don't block the air intake to the engine or strap your bag to a part of the bike that gets hot during use.



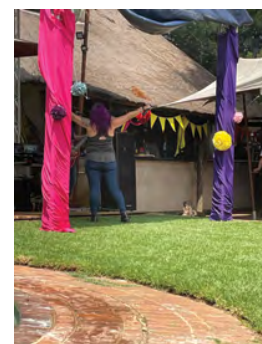
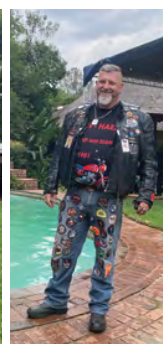
My Day Experience with Clan 3663 Day job (Crusaders MS) JHB



You were greeted at the day job like family and made you feel very welcome! I had to hit the road and explore what else there was for other clubs to do in Johannesburg. Whoa, I had no idea how much work some of these clubs put in to get a day job.

In addition to the three food stalls, four merchandise stalls, live band, and an extensive list of activities, there was also somewhere to relax and enjoy some music. Naturally, I was wearing my Odysseus uniform and asked a few questions about my background and our activities.

I was having a fantastic day, meeting some nice people, and laughing a lot after drinking a few drinks and two Tiquila shakes. Drinks were flowing, but since I'm a responsible adult, I cut back after the first Tiquila shot. hung around listening to music with a few friends, and after the prize presentation, we headed out on the road. Prizes 1st Prixe - Helmet worth 6k, 2nd prize: R600 Tatoo Voucher 3rd prize: 2 Tequila Gold and 4rd Prize: 1 x Tequila Silver.



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MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS		
 LEFT TURN Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down	 RIGHT TURN Arm out bent at 90° angle up with fist clenched	 STOP Arm out bent at 90° angle down with palm facing back
 SLOW DOWN Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down	 SPEED UP Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward	 HAZARD IN ROAD On left point with left hand On right point with right foot
 FOLLOW ME Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward	 COME AROUND/ TAKE THE LEAD Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front	 PULL OFF Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head
 SINGLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger pointed up	 DOUBLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up	 RIDE STAGGERED Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up
 FUEL STOP Point to fuel tank	 COMFORT STOP Arm extended with clenched fist with short up and down motion	 REFRESHMENT STOP Fingers closed with thumb to mouth
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