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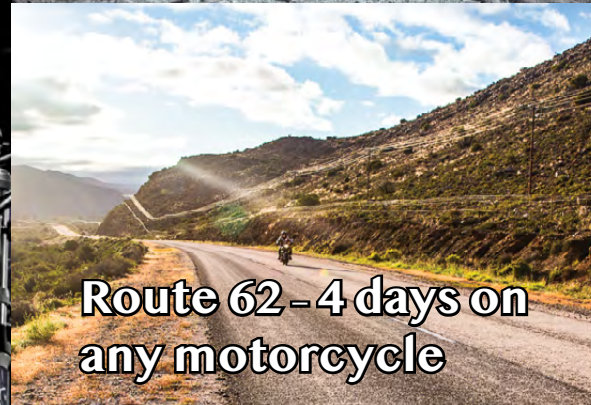
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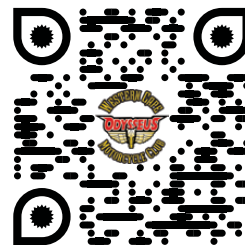
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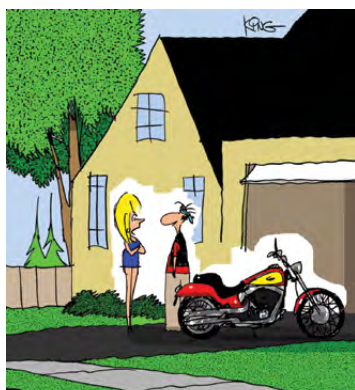
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"What do you mean you were having so much fun riding with your buddies you lost track of time? You were supposed to be home over a year ago!"

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Hi all and welcome to our 4th edition of the Odysseian for 2024,

What to say? Well, I have just come out of a terrible bout of Flu/SARS/COVID - whatever, but it had me out of work and man-down for a week. Gradually clawing my way back to health now...

Things are on track and seem to be progressing nicely for our upcoming Poker Run, so let's hope it will be a huge success. Thanks to all who have put themselves forward to help on the day, as we cannot do this without you. We are hoping for possibly our biggest turnout to date.

We have discussed and finally decided on our plans for Regalia going forward. For those who were not at the meeting, the club is no longer going to be purchasing clothing (shirts, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) and keeping a stock of these. The problem is that there are simply too many different size requirements to cater for and we end up with unsold stock in our regalia cupboard. This is an unnecessary waste of funds for the club, so a better idea is that members go and buy their own clothing (which they know looks good on and fits them). Members then supply them to us and we will have them embroidered with our patch. The only regulation with this, is that there will be restrictions regarding colour. The only colours that will be accepted are black, white, grey, or red. We have to keep some form on uniformity in our regalia.

On a happy note, I feel a few congratulations are in order. Firstly, let me take this opportunity to welcome our newest member onboard – Hi and welcome Peter Holder!! Peter, I hope your stay with Odysseus will be a long and fruitful one and that you enjoy many good rides and outings with the club. Now get that “tiny” son of yours to join too.

Next, it seems that if your name begins with an “H”, you have come into some luck recently. Congratulations Hector, “Heef” and Huey on the acquisition of your new machines. Many happy miles on your new babies all.

And with that, I'll let you all carry on with the more interesting bits of our monthly magazine, the Odysseian.

Until next time...
Devin



Welcome Peter Holder!!

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
April 2024
19H00 @ Clubhouse

Invitees: All members

Welcome : Devin welcomed all present Total 25 attendees

Apologies: Keith Reeves/ Rob & Lizl Todd/ Dave Sumner & Jenny Davies

Unwell member: Rodney/Michele/Colin Pike

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: None

Previous Minutes Acceptance: Dave/Pink

Correspondence: Resignation letter- Jeanette Schuter

Membership: Jeanette Schuter- Resigned.

Membership - Steven Kettlety?

Acceptance of new member- Peter Holder- Congratulations & welcome from all.

Iain awarded Platinum status (1 April 2024)- Congratulations Iain.

Finance: (Treasurer-Susan)



The Odysseian: Heath will ensure all riding information/ any articles are sent to Basil for Odysseian timeously.

Lucky draw: 1) Susan 2) Dave Roux 3) Hector

Social Responsibility: Lily Rose until end 2024- Robbie has some stuff ready but suggested Club drop-off project. Ride coordinators to incorporate in future ride.

Birthdays: May 2024 : 14 Patricia Knight, 21 Don Fergusson

Regalia: New back patches available in new colours @ R300 ea with rounded corners
Smaller patches available @ R100ea. Committee decided club regalia will no longer be purchased as unused stock piles up. Going forward members purchase their own T-shirts
Colours to conform to Black/Grey/White or Red. Cost of embroidery R280 (back) and R90 (front)

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Official Rides:

Past Rides: 14.4.2024 - Heath/Steven, Helderberg Bike Museum - Good ride albeit Heath got lost twice... Luckily was bailed out by Iain. Excellent venue with amazing food good turnout 41x people

Future Ride 28.4.2024 - Noordhoek- Monkey Valley, Heath- Route through Chapmans Peak/ club sponsoring toll fee for fully paid up members travelling on Motorcycles- coffee will be served on arrival.

12.5 2024- Kelkiewyn Villiersdorp- Hector

26.5.2024- Iain- Drummond Arms (Revamped) , R70 Breakfast incl coffee

9.6. 2024 - Poker Run- R95pp members encouraged to register. Posters available for distribution /display

23.6.2024- Venue TBC

7.7.2025- Venue TBC

21.7 2024 - No ride due to Brass Monkey following weekend

Past Events :

Future Events:

27.7.2024 - Brass Monkey- Therese reported 14x couples, 2x single, 1x fam of four. All with their own bedrooms already booked. Pj's project while visiting and bus ride being arranged.

General:

Meeting closed at: 20H19

Next meeting : 23.5.2024



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**OUR
2024**

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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
May**

BIRTHDAYS

14 Patricia Knight,

21 Don Fergusson

Meetings 2024

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

EVENTS



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Brass Monkey 2024
27.7.2024
St Helena Hotel



May

RIDES



12.5 2024- Kelkiewyn Villiersdorp- Hector

This weeks ride is to Kelkiewyn,in Villiersdorp. Meetup at the usual place of NI city mac donalds 8:30 for 9. there is 2 breakfast options
1) 2 Slices Bacon, 2 Free range eggs, mushrooms, tomato & chips plus 2 slice toast and 2) Omelettes: 5/6 slices sirloin steak strips, mushrooms, Hollandaise + crispy onions. Both @ R100 (incl tip) and Cappuccino/Flat white/ Americano @ R35 additional for own account. Ride details will be posted later in the week.



26.5.2024- Iain- Drummond Arms (Revamped) , R70 Breakfast incl coffee. - Details to Follow



Odysseus Members Partaking in Rides 2024

Where	Shosch Air	Memorial Ride	Sunset Ride	Station Pub Floek	Dunes Houtbay Herderberg	Motorcycle Museum	Monkey Valley												Average	% vs Mer
Date:	28-Jan	28-Jan	10-Feb	25-Feb	24-Mar	14-Apr	28-Apr													
Memb	29	27	14	16	14	21	23												21	23%
Visitors	8	2	8	3	13	5	8												7	
Bikes	21	11	0	6	15	12	10												11	
Cars	5	5	8	5	4	7	9												6	
Telem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0												0	

Odysseus Members & Visitors Rides Attendance			14-Jan		28-Jan		10-Feb		25-Feb		24-Mar		14-Apr		28-Apr		Total Runs & Meet	% Ride Active	
			Sbosch Fly Club		Memorial Ride		Sunset Run		Sation Pub Floek		Dunes Houtbay		MOTORCYC LE MUSEUM		MONKEY VALLEY		19 Rides for 2024 vs Actual Below		
Surname / Name % Memebers (92)			32%		31.40%		16.28%		18.60%		15.56%		23.33%		25.56%		0.00%	7	
1	CORNEY	DEVIN	M	1	B	1	B	1	C	1	B	1	B	1	B	1	B	7	100%
2	CORNEY-----JAMES	SUZAN	F	1	B	1	B	1	P	1	B	1	B	1	B	1	B	7	100%
3	GROVES	HECTOR	M	1	B	1	B	1	C	1	C	1	B	1	B	1	B	7	100%
4	GROVES	LINDA	F	1	P	1	P	1	P	1	P	1	P	1	P	1	P	7	100%
5	COLEMAN	HEATH	M	1	B	1	B	1	C			1	B	1	B	1	B	6	86%
6	COWMAN	JACQUI	F	1	P	1	P			1	P	1	P	1	P	1	P	6	86%
7	COWMAN	PETER	M	1	B	1	B			1	B	1	B	1	C	1	B	6	86%
8	MURTAGH	ERROL	M	1	B	1	B			1	B	1	B	1	B	1	B	6	86%
9	FERGUSSON	IAIN	M	1	B	1	B	1	C					1	B	1	B	5	71%
10	BAREHAM	ANNE	F	1	P	1	C					1	B	1	B	1	C	5	71%
11	BAREHAM	ROB	M	1	B	1	P					1	P	1	P	1	P	5	71%
12	COLEMAN	MALISSA	F	1	C			1	P			1	C			1	C	4	57%
13	THOMPSETT	JULIE	F	1	C	1	C					1	C			1	C	4	57%
14	WALKER	Huey	M	1	B	1	B							1	B	1	C	4	57%
15	DOIDGE	ROBBIE	M			1	C			1	C	1	B					3	43%
16	DOIDGE	THERESE	F			1	P			1	P	1	P					3	43%
17	DODD	GAVIN	M			1	C	1	C							1	C	3	43%
18	DODD	FREDA	F			1	P	1	P							1	P	3	43%
19	ROSSOUW	DELVA	F	1	P					1	P			1	C			3	43%
20	ROUX	DAVE	M			1	B	1	C							1	C	3	43%
21	ROUX	ELANORE	F			1	P	1	P							1	P	3	43%
22	WALLIS	BOB PINK	M			1	C	1	C					1	C			3	43%
23	AMSTRONG	WAYNE	M			1	C			1	C							2	29%
24	AMSTRONG	CHAVONNE	F			1	P			1	P							2	29%
25	MAKE--COETZER	KATHY	F	1	P					1	C							2	29%
26	MAKEPEACE	JOHN	M	1	B					1	P							2	29%
27	ROSSOUW	TIKI	M	1	B					1	B							2	29%
28	RULE	TERENCE	M			1	C	1	C									2	29%
29	CLARKE	DESMOND	M	1	C											1	C	2	29%
30	CLARKE	DENISE	F	1	P											1	P	2	29%
31	DAVIS	MICHELE	F	1	C								1	C				2	29%
32	MCGEEN	MALCOLM	M			1	B						1	B				2	29%
33	SCHUTER	PAUL	M			1	B									1	B	2	29%
34	WILSON	CRAIG	M										1	C	1	C		2	29%
34	WILSON	RINA	F										1	P	1	P		2	29%
35	Aldis	Graham	M					1	C									1	14%
36	CAMACHO	RODNEY	M	1	B													1	14%
37	GILBERT	HANNELIE	M	1	P													1	14%
38	GILBERT (YOUNG)	TIAAN	F	1	B													1	14%
39	GILBERT---COETZEE	ERASMUS	M	1	B													1	14%
40	NOY	BRUCE	M	1	B													1	14%
41	NOY	JOY	F	1	B													1	14%
42	REEVES	KEITH	M							1	C							1	14%
43	TODD	ROB	M			1	C											1	14%
44	TODD	LISL	F			1	P											1	14%
45	BENTLEY	STEVEN	M											1	C			1	14%
46	BENTLEY	PENNY	F											1	P			1	14%
47	DE KROON	DICK	M											1	B			1	14%
48	YOUNG	ROBERT	M	1	B													1	14%
49	YOUNG	ISABELLA	F	1	P													1	14%

Statistics

Meetings		12	
14-Dec	0		
23-Nov	0		
24-Oct	0		
29-Sep	0		
24-Aug	0		
27-Jul	0		
22-Jun	0		
25-May	0		
27-Apr	25	1	
27-Mar	24	4	
23-Feb	26	2	
26-Jan	33	1	
Odysseus Members Meeting Attendance		Members	Visitor

KAWASAKI TO SHUT DOWN FACTORY WSBK TEAM AT END OF 2024

Kawasaki will end its factory involvement in the World Superbike Championship at the conclusion of the 2024 season.

From next year, the Japanese manufacturer will not be represented with a full works team in WSBK, but will continue to have an involvement in the championship as an official partner to the resurrected Bimota operation.

As part of the arrangement, Kawasaki will supply the engine from its existing Ninja-1000 to a Bimota chassis, while also transferring some of the staff members from its KRT squad to the Italian marque. The new outfit will run under the Bimota by Kawasaki Racing Team banner.

The deal marks the conclusion of Kawasaki's long history in the championship as a fully-fledged entrant, a tenure that saw it witness unprecedented success in the mid-to-late-2010s with Jonathan Rea.

Together, Rea and Kawasaki won six titles in a row between 2015-20, comfortably outgunning rivals like Ducati and Yamaha.

However, Rea quit the squad at the end of last year on the back of three difficult seasons to forge a new partnership with Yamaha, leaving the Japanese marque without the star with which it built its modern-day success.

"In the past thirteen years, myself, and all of those at the KRT workshop in Granollers, have dedicated ourselves wholeheartedly to the Kawasaki Superbike project and garnered seven WorldSBK rider titles in that time plus numerous team and manufacturer awards," KRT Team Manager Guim Roda said.

"Now – after Kawasaki competing for nearly four decades in the Superbike championship – we are proud to be part of a new era forming the infrastructure of the new Bimota by Kawasaki Racing Team.

"For sure we will spare some time to reflect on and celebrate the heritage of Kawasaki in Superbike racing, but we are also extremely excited to be a core component of this new Bimota and Kawasaki joint venture.

"This is an evolution for Kawasaki's approach to the top level of production racing and we are honoured to play our role in this new project. I am confident we have the technology and human resources necessary to succeed and it will be a fresh, energising experience fielding an impressive two-rider team in the 2025 Motul FIM WorldSBK Championship."

Bimota has a long history in superbike racing and is returning to the WSBK next year in part to increase the sale of its street motorcycles.

Last seen on the grid in 2000, Bimota won a number of races during its stint in WSBK in the previous century with the likes of Anthony Gobert and current Ducati MotoGP team manager Davide Tardozzi.

Bimota COO Pierluigi Marconi said: "The engineering, technology and day to day business support already offered by Kawasaki has put Bimota firmly back into the consciousness of the media and potential customers, now it is time to take a next step in our evolution.

"Bimota has had racing as part of its DNA from day one and to compete in WorldSBK alongside developing our new product range, while expanding the European and global dealer network, has an undeniable logic to it.

"The Bimota by Kawasaki Racing Team will surely form the foundations of the next chapter in the Bimota story."



MOTORCYCLE NEWS 2024

Classic TT Motorcycle racing returns to SA in 2024 with some BIG names....

Classic Motorcycle racing is a growing phenomenon in South Africa, to the point that there is a bit of an annual rivalry on the go between the Boertjies and the Souties, sort of an Ashes for motorcycles between SA and the UK. It has been happening for a few years now with seemingly little attention from the media or the public at large.

By Sean Hendley



We wandered down to the Gauteng leg at the beginning of this year and watched Michael Dunlop duke it out with our very own AJ Venter in an atmosphere at RSR that was electrifying.

Check out that video on our YouTube channel.



In 2024, the internationals are coming back in force with talk of some famous names like John McGuinness and James Hillier throwing their hats in with Michael Dunlop and Steve Parish to come and scrape a knee.

The first round will be at the East London Grand Prix Circuit during the last weekend of January 2024, (26th and 27th), before the whole circus hits the road to the big smoke and much fanfare at the world renowned Kyalami circuit.

That's where you will find us on the 2nd and 3rd of February 2024.

Guy Mylchreest and the 45's team will be putting on a family show of some note at Kyalami, arranging a racing festival for the whole family to enjoy with stalls, jumping castles, music, food stalls, concours competition – and the spectators will also be able to get those once in a lifetime signatures and selfies with legendary racers from both countries.

We popped in to his workshop out on the East Rand and had a bit of a chat with some of the local racers about the event and their bikes.

Don't kid yourself looking at these old bikes, this is serious racing and there is nothing standard about them.

Rules allow for safety upgrades to the bikes such as 17 inch wheels, better brakes and suspension but engine modifications have to be period correct – but with the correct bit of mechanical wizardry these guys can eke every little bit horsepower out of these classic machines.

Check out the video of the chat with them above....Way too long to transcribe here.

For more info, click [here](#) and as soon as we have a link where you can book and get tickets we will let you know, so keep an eye on RideFast for regular updates and all the lekker SA motorcycle news.



ROUTE 62 - 4 DAYS ON ANY MOTORCYCLE



It's a South African classic for a reason. On Route 62 you'll see the best of the Karoo on tar roads that are easy and fun to ride. Tyson Jopson took it one step further by doing an out-and-back loop from Cape Town, with the country's best gravel pass smack bang in the middle.

Distance, duration and riding pace

This trip is all about the outbound journey (665km). We took it easy from Cape Town to Matjiesfontein and then klapped it back on the N1 (well, we did it on a pair of Royal Enfield 500s, so 'klapping' is a relative term). I quite like this style of road trip, because I have this mechanism in my head that makes me do everything faster, when I'm facing home. That dangling-carrot mentality doesn't lend itself to stopping to smell the roses, so I find doing all the dallying on the outbound trip perfect. I'm never in a hurry then. As I mentioned, we did our Route 62 trip on Royal Enfields (which suit the Karoo aesthetic perfectly) and averaged about four hours of relaxed riding (with lots of stopping in between) a day. You can do it faster, obviously, but why?

Why this Route?

To ride Route 62 in its entirety takes quite a while (it goes all the way to Port Elizabeth). This trip lets you experience almost exactly half of it (and the good half, to be honest) and is also something you can do in a long weekend. There are also a ton of small mountain passes along the northern ridge of the Langeberg, some of which have the most magnificent gentle curves.



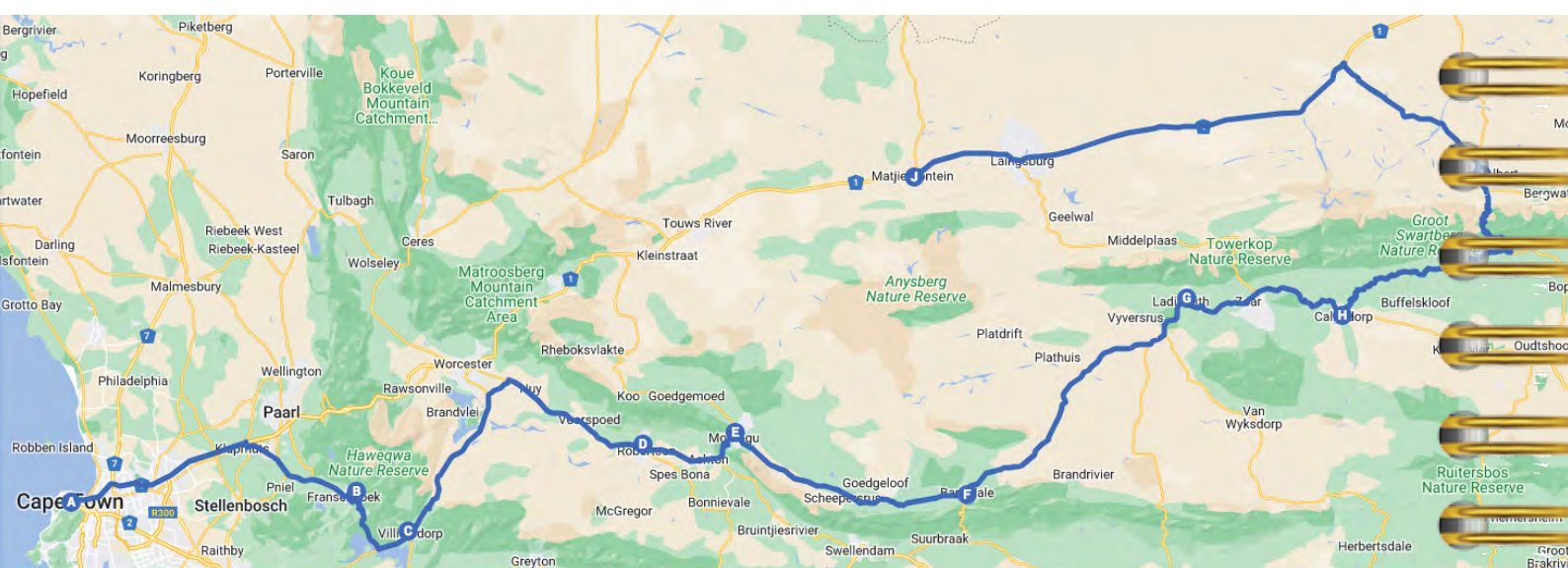
How the route runs

The route runs from Cape Town, but things only start getting interesting once you peel off towards Franschhoek. From there it's regional roads all the way to the R62, which starts just before Montagu. The route leaves the R62 just after Calitzdorp, to head up the Swartberg pass and then to Prince Albert to start closing the loop back to Matjiesfontein and then on to Cape Town.

Day One: Cape Town to Barrydale

Head out of Cape Town early to beat the N1 traffic towards Durbanville. Take the Klapmuts exit, then right onto the R44 under the highway and left onto the wine farm-studded R45 into Franschhoek. Then it's left onto Lambrechts Road and up the magnificent Franschhoek pass. After Theewaterskloof dam, turn left at the T-junction to stay on the R45 past Villiersdorp. Then it's onto the R60 to Robertson. At the right time of year you'll see gorgeous spring blooms on the roadside. After lunch in Robertson, hop onto the R62 and up the pass to Montagu (allow extra time, there are often stop-gos). Head east on Route 62 north of the Langeberg and into Barrydale.

SARON PRINCE ALBERT MATJIESFONTEIN PORT ELIZABETH
SWELLENDAM RIVERSDALE MOSSELBAY PLETTENBERG BAY HUMANSDORP JEFFREYS BAY



Day 2: Barrydale to Prince Albert

Hop back on the R62 towards Calitzdorp and then north on Calitz Street, which soon becomes a gravel road, to a T-junction. Turn left onto Swartberg pass. Give yourself at least three hours to get over the pass, and stop often for photos. On the other side, join the R407 to Prince Albert.

Day Three: Prince Albert to Matjiesfontein

It's a short riding day, but you'll want to leave early enough to give yourself time in Matjiesfontein. There's a lot to check out. Take the only road riding out of Prince Albert (R407) to the N1, where you'll see an Atlantic Oil fuel station on your right at the junction. Turn left on the N1 towards Laingsburg. It's another 30 kilometres from there. When you see the small house with the red roof on your left, you'll know you've arrived.

Day Four: Matjiesfontein to Cape Town

It's about 250km back to Cape Town on the N1. For a bit of variety take the R101 over Du Toits Kloof to Paarl. You'll find the exit just before the Huguenot tunnel.

What kind of bike?

You can do this on almost any bike. It's mostly tar and the gravel stretches are well graded. I'd avoid a superbike or something overly sporty though. The hairpin bends on Swartberg Pass are quite tight and things can get a little loose. If you're on something with a hair-trigger throttle and performance tyres, you may have to really tip toe through some of the bends with your legs out. One, that's no fun and two, your friends will laugh at you. Some sort of a dual-sport is the best option. If you want to up the fun factor, take a scrambler or cruiser-style motorcycle with a lower ride-height (keep an eye out for rocks though - you don't want to smack your sump plug off). We had tons of fun chucking the Royal Enfields into the hairpins and getting a little loose on the exits (we took the luggage off before doing that).



Gear and equipment

There were three of us so we loaded one bike up with leather panniers (they were rubbish but they completed the vintage 'look' – see below) and all of our clothes and then we rode two-up on the other bike. It didn't leave room for a lot of stuff, but you really don't need all that much anyway.

Points of interest along the way

Here's a list of highlights in the order that you'll reach them:

1. Best view of Franschhoek, Franschhoek Pass. Look out for the lay-by on the right, after the second hairpin.
2. Bourbon Street, Robertson. Surprisingly good veggie burgers (R72) for a place that serves everything from Tex-Mex to sushi. Tel: 023 626 5934.
3. Diesel & Crème, Barrydale. Legendary milkshakes and burgers. You can also enjoy a great night's sleep in fine linen on a comfy bed at the Karoo Moon Motel. From R400 pp sharing. Tel: 028 572 1008.
4. Karoo Art Hotel, Barrydale. Gorgeous themed rooms in a quirky building with many nooks to explore. (Room 15, great bath!) From R560 pp sharing B&B. Tel: 028 572 1226.
5. Ronnies Sex Shop, Route 62. Classic roadside coffee (R15) stop with some rather naughty adornments. Tel: 028 572 1153.
6. Die Handelshuis, Calitzdorp. Home-made ostrich or lamb pies (R35) that'll make your mouth smile. Tel: 044 213 3172.
7. Calitzdorp Station Bar, Calitzdorp. Great little hidden hang-out in a warehouse next to the railway line. Tel: 081 473 3232.
8. Skelmdraaibend, Swartberg Pass. Lovely viewpoint that looks down over the Groot Swartberg Nature Reserve. Look out for the 'Skelmdraai' sign.
9. Dennehof Karoo Guest House, Prince Albert. Beautiful old farmhouse converted into guest rooms. From R580 pp sharing. Tel: 072 842 3056.
10. Swartberg Hotel, Prince Albert. A Full House breakfast (R65) that lives up to its name. Tel: 023 541 1332.
11. Country Store and Stay, Prince Albert. Antiquities and old-town relics as fascinating as they are charming. Tel: 023 541 1077.
12. Matjies Motel, Matjiesfontein. Decent rooms set inside the gardens of the famous Lord Milner Hotel. Be sure to grab a drink at the adjacent Laird's Arms too (the barman might even whip out the disco ball). From R555 per person sharing. Tel: 023 561 3011.
13. Railway Museum, Matjiesfontein. A blast from the past – see an old railroad switch and peer into the station master's office. R10. Tel: 023 561 3011.
14. The Old Post Office, Matjiesfontein. Buy books from the building where Olive Schreiner sent letters. Tel: 023 561 3011.



Rumoured to be haunted, dinner in the grand dining room at the Lord Milner Hotel in Matjiesfontein is a lekker throwback to another time.



The Dennehof Karoo Guest House in Prince Albert was a marvellous find at a good price



The Country Store and Stay in Prince Albert is your typical Karoo 'goetes' store.

Up for sunrise to get some photos – always worthwhile!

Any dangers along the route?

Route 62 is pretty safe. The roads are long and you can see miles in each direction. Keep an eye out for stray animals wandering into the road. On the gravel bits keep an eye out for large rocks. Sometimes they're loose and sometimes they're bedded in. Both can be dangerous for different reasons: if you go over a loose one you might lose traction and wash out. If you go over one that's bedded in it can damage the bottom of your bike, especially if you're travelling two-up with luggage. Other than that, keep an eye on some of the gravel turns that can get a bit pebbly.



We made a pit stop in Ladismith and hung out with a herd of a sheep.

Any doctors or hospitals in the area?

We didn't need any but there are hospitals in Robertson and Prince Albert and doctors in Calitzdorp and Ladismith. Always carry an ICE card (I have a sticker on my helmet) and a number for emergency services.

Fuel stops

There's fuel at all the major towns, which are never further than about 80km from each other (Barrydale to Ladismith). The Enfields don't have big tanks, so we basically just filled up whenever we saw a fuel station – Franschoek, Robertson, Ladismith, Calitzdorp, Prince Albert, Laingsburg, De Doorns.



General advice about the route

Take it easy. Stop often. Keep in mind that the temperatures can vary quite drastically during the course of the day. We did it in November and the mornings were still surprisingly crisp and the afternoons would then get super hot. Added to that, things get chilly as you go up Swartberg pass, so we ended up stopping a lot to rearrange our clothing situations. Take rain gear for unexpected showers.



We took a little break on the gravel road that goes past Calitzdorp Dam to Swartberg Pass.

14.4.2024

HELDERBERG MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM



This was my first ride leading the pack , so a lot of was learnt on this ride (like speed limits aren't just guide lines) . The weather was great and alot of "new" bikes was on the ride. Hector was on his new BMW rs1250 and Huey with his XT1200 . We started off with a chilled ride down the N1 and off the R304 .



After going off the planned route in Stellenbosch we adapted and soldiered forward , after a quick Smoke break and some pictures at route 44 , we headed to the museum , I

lost gps signal on my phone just off the N2 and got lost once again, with Iain taking over the ride to get us all safely to the museum.



The museum was busy , with 3 MC clubs in attendance . Breakfast was mostly ready when we got there , a small cafe style restaurant with one of the best omelets i have had in a long time , the english breakfast was just as good.



Do i see a Harley Davidson??



Glad the club is warming up to some more change and acceptance.....



HELDERBERG MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

Next we took a stroll through the bike museum itself with many classics that took many of us back to our childhood days , most the bikes were on the smaller / scooter side , but all immaculately restored , and all running , a chat with the master mechanic explained the most the restoration work takes over 2 years due to them only bringing in parts once a container is full which takes awhile . my favorites was one of the first ducati "bicycles" and the MB 80 the bike i yurned to own in my high school days. With all the british bikes doning oil pans under them to catch excess "rust prevention" .



All in all a wonderful experience and great day out , and certainly will be visiting again for the food and all the awesome bikes.

Tell next time.Heefy



28.4.2024 - Heath, Monkey Valley, Noordhoek



My Second ride leading the pack , but this time I was a little more prepared and a lot easier on the throttle. The weather was much better then last time we visited this great venue and we took a more interesting route this time we headed down NI , M5 and past Kirsten-



bosch gardens , up to Constantia nek where we stopped to regroup and have a quick break. Unfortunately one of the riders had a battery problem so some of us stayed to help with that while lain took the rest of the pack over chapmans peak , Still one of my favorite passes to ride, the views and the road were simply amazing (thanks to the HBC for sponsoring the tolls) (be sure to watch the video on our new youtube channel).

The food and views from monkey valley resort were amazing with a really great turn out with a lot of members catchings up and chatting, Many guests attended this ride and Mrs heefy brought along the minions. Some member went to Julie's place afterwards and kuiered into the late afternoon



Monkey valley is definitely a firm favorite , which i am sure we will visit again.And riding chapmans made the day all on it's own.

Tell next time.Heefy



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ODYSSEUS ON THE MOON?

By:
Steven B!

My Buddy and I were sitting on the stoep gazing at the beautiful night sky in the Tankwa, when suddenly he popped his lid, and the silence of the night was shattered by the bubbles of Black Label singing in the cool air. Startled by this sudden intrusion into the quietness, Black Label asked, "this Odysseus thing that landed on the moon, did your Bike Club think about getting involved?" The Bike Club Spokesman had announced that the moon lander called "Odysseus" had landed on the moon in February 2024, and asked me to find out if the Club can get its flag or patch sent to the moon, as I was the guy always riding in the remote desolate plains of the Tankwa, akin to the moon.



Once my Buddy flips his lid there

is no stopping him, so I first had to give my Buddy a history lesson, and also explain to him that the moon was not made of cheese!

The Odysseus lunar lander, nicknamed "Odie" has become the first US-made private spacecraft to touch down on the moon in 50 years.

Engineers had to overcome navigation issues in order to pull off the highly difficult landing. (My Buddy says that sounds like an Odysseus Ride Leader that also cannot navigate, I kicked him in the ribs, and he fell over spilling the beer all over my boot!)

Odie is the first commercial spacecraft to make touchdown on the moon. The

Odysseus lander's mission is designed to assess the lunar environment of the moon's south pole ahead of NASA's current plan to return a crewed mission there in late 2026.

History lesson over, and my Buddy now standing upright frothing at the top, we get into the details of sending an Odysseus Motor Cycle Club flag or patch to the moon.

Commercial space craft offer space in the nose cone for private individuals like universities and other space agencies to send scientific equipment into space. The space is sold in cubic centimetres and by weight in kilograms.



Ahaa says Black Label, if you had listened you could have had a flag flying on the moon. Just think a big pole and a flag flapping that you can see from the earth, you could stick it into one of those holes on the moon we can see from the Tankwa. My Buddy was on a roll, but that is what happens when you party with Black Label and a few of his buddies.

My Buddy was so naive to the moon and the Odysseus Lander that I contacted my friend at the Space Agency, and he gave me these facts:

A Moon Lander can deliver payloads to the moon at a cost of R122.8 million per kilogram. While that might seem staggering, it is relatively cheap by space agency standards. So that means a 100-gram Odysseus patch will be R12.28 million rand as payload. But that patch has to withstand the weather on the moon. My Buddy is still calculating how many Black Labels can be bought for R12 million Rand. Do not worry he will not get

it correct, as he does not have any fingers and toes!!!

Well, because the Moon does not have a significant atmosphere like Earth, it does not experience weather, like wind or atmospheric temperature or precipitation like rain and snow. However, the Moon does experience what is referred to as space weather. An ongoing stream of solar "wind" gives the Moon a sunburn and charges the lunar landscape with static electricity. My Buddy suggested a wire woven patch, but that would burn up from static electricity.

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Space weather loosely refers to how changing conditions throughout the solar system, like the varying solar wind, affect planetary surfaces. So, at the Moon, the solar wind and meteoroids have direct access to the surface, and they continuously alter the lunar soil. So, there is no point in sending a flag to the moon, so a club patch will have to do.

Searing heat and bone-chilling cold are both common on the Moon, and changes in temperature are quick, because the Moon does not have an atmosphere like Earth does. So, our club patch would need to be protected from extreme heat and very low cold. I wonder if the stitching would survive. Must say the new Club Patches are looking stunning, so maybe we have a chance.

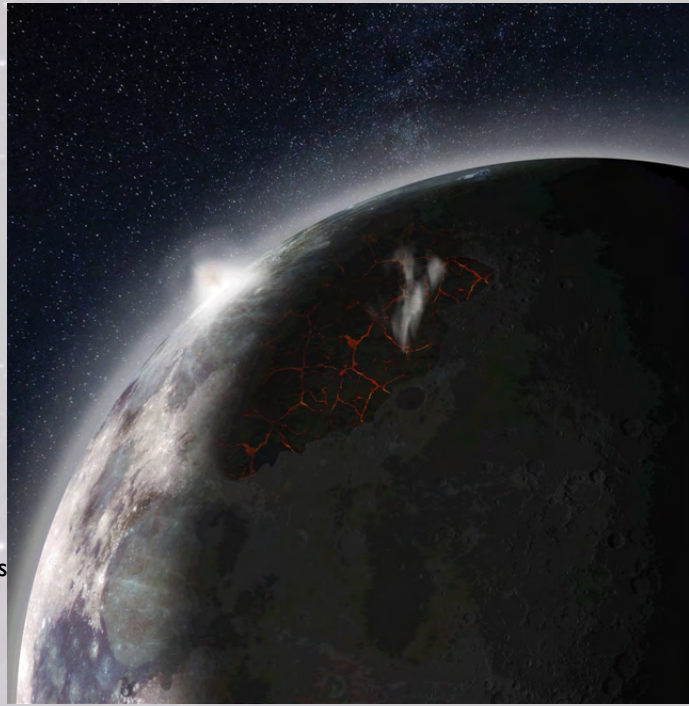
The lunar exosphere (similar to earth's atmosphere) is too skimpy to trap or spread the Sun's energy, so differences between sunlit and shadowed areas on the Moon are extreme. Temperatures near the Moon's equator can spike to 121°C in daylight, then plummet after nightfall to -133°C.

So that brings the geography lesson to an end, my Buddy is bored, but he does suggest that solar radiation on the moon would need to be accounted for. Where he got that wisdom from, I do not know as I peered into the bottom of the brown bottle, nothing there!

You must be spaced-out said my Buddy, he is sure that if he travelled in the top box of a motorcycle on the way to Cederberg Oasis, when I cracked his top, he would take off and be on the moon flying a Black Label on a toothpick before I had pitched my tent. Talking of tent, I crawled to my tent, beautifully guided by the evenly spaced BL bottles glittering in the moon light and passed out. My last memory was my Buddy disappearing off to the moon.....

What am I going to do if he does not return?

Must have more beer!



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MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS		
 LEFT TURN Arm and hand extended left, palm facing down	 RIGHT TURN Arm bent at 90° angle up with fist clenched	 STOP Arm 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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