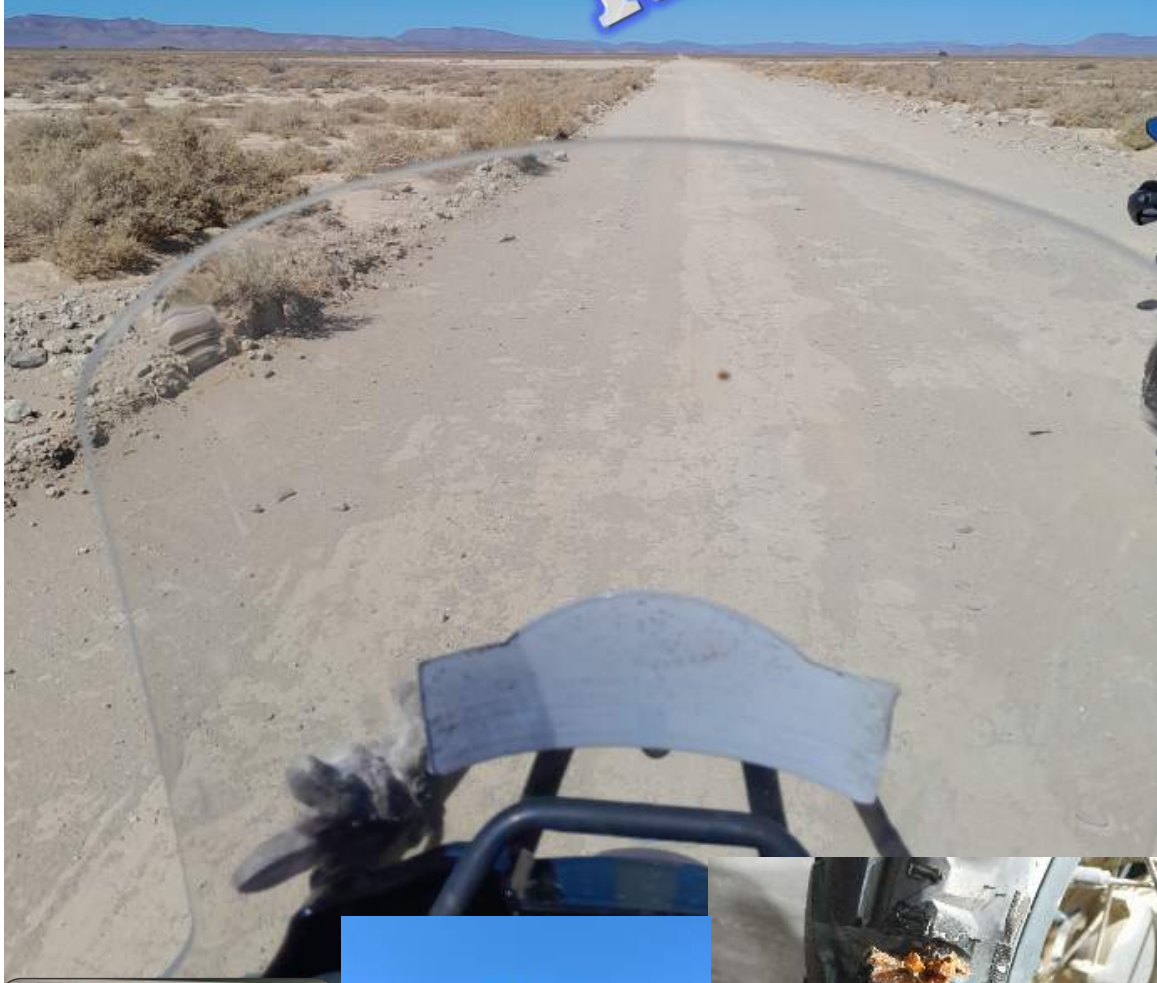


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Special Report



Hello fellow Odysseus members,

Well, the year is rolling on and with the passing of time, I guess change is inevitable.

Sadly, we have had a few resignations, including Therese and Robbie Doidge and Malcolm McGeean.

I would like to thank you all for your involvement in the past (many) years. I would specifically like to thank Robbie and Therese for your service to the club and all your hard work during your membership. Jacqui Cowman has agreed to step up and take over on the HC as club secretary, so thanks Jac's.

On the up side, we have had another completed application and a couple of other visitors who are riding with us fairly regularly who are potential member material. To those who are moving on, I would like to wish you all the best going forward and don't be strangers – we'll no doubt see you at rallies and events.

We have had a couple of great rides in the last month with Peter's run to Eight Feet Village, which is/was a great venue as always and the run I organised that included a tour of the Daphne Class sub at the Simonstown Naval Museum.

We as a committee want to try to do some different and interesting things going forward and I think this one certainly qualified.

Going forward, we have the upcoming Buffalo Rally. I would encourage those who are only "thinking" about going, to make the effort. I have chatted to Luderick (Nomads Chairman) and he confirmed the rumour that this might very well be the last Buff, depending on the turnout. It will be sad if the Buff (a rally that has been around for 45 years) had to throw in the towel. I wasn't at the first one, but I'll most definitely be at the last one if this is it. It'll be number 23 for me.

Before the upcoming Buff, we also have the Cape Town Cycle Tour in less than two weeks and Susan, Keith and myself as Sector Managers are already hard at work attending Cycle Tour meetings and getting our marshals organised.

A few of these marshals are Odysseus members and I'd like to say thanks to those who have volunteered to work on the day, as it's a great income generator for our club. Beyond our members, there are many more that we (the Sector Managers) are responsible for – I for example have 32 marshals just in my sector. Yes, there is a lot of work behind the scenes and (long) before race day for us, but it's very worth it.

Other than that, things are falling into place for our Poker Run in June and we are starting to work on that too.

So much to be done, but it's all for our club and it's a labour of love.

Anyhow folks, until next time, stay busy and stay safe.

Devín



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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General MEETING

HELD ON
20 FEBRUARY 2025
AT PBC @ 19H30

Invitees: All members

Welcome : There were 15 members & 1 prospective member present. The Spokesperson welcomed all & extended a special welcome to Craig & Rina Wilson, joining us on their break from their camp in Jongensfontein, as well as our prospective member, Peter Hayes, who has already joined us on some rides & now fulfilling the Meeting criteria to possibly become a member.

Apologies: Rob & Anne Bareham, Keith Reeves, Hannelie & Erasmus, Heath Coleman (but joined later), Dave & Ellanore Roux, Phil Kaplan, Cyril Somerville, Graham Alis, Basil Forbes & Freda Dodd.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: None reported.

Previous Minutes Acceptance: Rob Todd & seconded by Paul Schuter.

Correspondence: The spokesperson received notification from Malcolm McGeean, tendering his resignation from the Club. Various reasons & discussions followed, but his resignation was accepted & he was wished well.

Membership: We have had a new membership application from David Georgeu, who has completed the application form, paid the application fee, as well as his subs for the year. Welcome on board, Dave!

Finance: (Treasurer - Susan)
Acc

The Odysseian: Basil advised that the Odysseian is on track & he will be bringing back the For Sale Ads page, so if anyone interested in selling anything, kindly contact him.

Lucky draw: Card 1 - Devin Corney; Card 2 - Robb Todd. Congratulations, guys!

Social Responsibility: As per our previous Minutes, members were encouraged to email suggestions for our Charity of Choice going forward. Freda Dodd sent in

2 suggestions - both very worthwhile causes - viz: Eric Miles Cheshire Homes - who get no help from the Government, as well as Fallen Angels Animal Shelter, currently in Melkbos. They need to relocate, as it has been found their premises are too close to the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station. Much funding is needed for that. There was a bit of uncertainty about how long we had been supporting Lilly Rose, but as the Treasurer stated, we could split the donations between these three charities. We will wait another month for more suggestions, then take a vote at our next meeting.

Regalia: As there were so few members in attendance, it was decided to postpone the Sale of outdated stock until next month.

Birthdays:

March 2025:

Coleman Melissa - 4 March
Roux Dave - 14 March
Green Errol - 16 March
Somerville Cyril - 27 March

Erasmus Anne-marie - 7 March
Noy Joy - 14 March
Collinson Steve - 23 March
Cowman Peter - 31 March

General MEETING

HELD ON
20 FEBRUARY 2025
AT PBC @ 19H30

Official Rides:

Past rides: 26.01.2025 - Memorial Run: Antonio's, Harbour Island.

There were 9 bikes & 10 cars, comprising 25 members & 5 visitors. The service was held on the beach and brunch at Antonio's was very pleasant with everyone ordering & paying for their own account.

09.02.2025 - 8 Feet Village (Peter) -

There were 9 Bikes & 4 cars, comprising 10 members & 9 visitors, with 1 prospect & 1 Telemachus member ∴ 21 PAX in total. Food & service was good & the views breath taking. Great venue.

Future Rides: 23.02.2025 - Naval Museum, Simonstown (Devin) - Submarine tour at Simonstown Naval base.

Devin's cousin, Shaun Hart, will be arranging batches of 10 PAX per tour of the submarine. The Club will sponsor the R60 entrance fee. Then brunch at Café Roux in Noordhoek for members' own account.

16.03.2025 - Tears Charity Run - Fishermans (Susan) - Usual departure from MacD at N1City

@ 09:00 to Blue Route Mall to hand over donations & collect badges by 10:00. Thence over Ou Kaapseweg to Fisherman's in Kommetjie. Iain to lead the ride.

Peter then advised that future ride dates were: 30/3 - Dave Roux to arrange;

13 April (same weekend as the Buff) - decision will be made after poll to see if viable.

Suggested venues include: Greek Restaurant in Yzerfontein; Hillcrest Berry Farm, Simondium; Stellenbosch & Morningstar Flying Clubs.

Past Events: 23.01.2025 - **Annual General Meeting** - After the Spokesperson addressed the Club regarding the possible impending dissolution of the Club, should no-one step forward on the Committee, we thankfully had Peter Cowman & Dave Roux volunteering to join, with Phil Kaplan offering to assist Dave. Basil Forbes had contacted Susan to say he will volunteer as ride coordinator remotely. Rob Todd also approached Therese to say he would assist with events.

Therefore, the new Committee is made up as follows:

Spokesperson: Devin Corney

Treasurer: Susan James

Chief Ride Coordinator: Peter Cowman

Ride Co-ordinators: Iain Fergusson, Dave Roux

Media & Ride Coordinator (remotely): Basil Forbes

Secretary & Events: Therese Doidge

Co-opted member: Heath Coleman - IT & Media

Assistants (not on committee): Phil Kaplan - Ride Coordinator

Rob Todd - Events

Future Events: 09.03.2025 - CT Cycle Tour (Susan) - We have 5 Managers and 10 Marshalls volunteering this year. The 5 Managers are: Devin, Susan & Keith as Sector Managers & Dave & Heath as Refreshment Managers. Then we have 7 Club members as Marshalls & 3 outside members (who will receive payment for their work - not the Club). The Tour organisers want everyone to go for training at various venues throughout Cape Town to become accredited. Most have already attended & been registered.

General: The possibility of name changes to the Committee positions were discussed amongst certain Committee members after an HBC meeting & Iain wanted to put feelers out to the Club regarding their thoughts & feelings about aligning our Club to others in the Cape. They propose the following:

CURRENT POSITION	PROPOSED NAME CHANGE
Spokesperson	President
	Vice President
Chief Ride Coordinator	Road Captain
	Master-at-Arms
Treasurer	Stays the same
Secretary	Stays the same

There was much discussion & queries from the floor as to what this would mean to the power that the positions would now hold, as previously the Committee was answerable directly to the Members in all decisions. Members wanted to know if this would change the dynamics of the Club & the positions held by the Committee? It was also mentioned that a President is nominated by the Club members, but a Spokesperson is nominated by Committee members. Devin declared that nothing would change - just the names. It was decided that this would be further discussed in a full Handlebar Committee meeting and then at the next General Meeting.

General Meeting closed at: 20:28

Next General meeting : Thursday, 27 March 2025

OUR COMMITTEE



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MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL REPORT **Odysseus Financial Report @ 20 February 2025**

CLUB BANKING DETAILS: BANK:ABSA, ACC Name: Odysseus Western Cape Savings Account Account: 9263536308 Branch Code: 632005

March BIRTHDAYS

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Diary 2025

General Meetings:

27 March 2025
22 May 2025
26 June 2025
22 July 2025
28 August 2025
25 September 2025
23 October 2025
27 Nov 2025

Year End:
6 Dec 2025

Brass Monkey TBC

16 March - Tears -
Susan James/Courney



Rides Planned

for more rides watch the notice groups for now. no more info available yet, but suggestions is always welcome

EVENTS

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Tankwa to National park

To get a week-end pass, is something to celebrate, and soon my buddy Black Label, and I were conjuring up a big adventure.

GATSKUURING IN THE TANKWA KAROO.
by Steve B

I am generally a solo-rider, and the thought of the Tankwa Karoo, where I have not been for about 7 years, was calling. Peter Holder had asked to join me on an expedition, and Friday for 09h00 at Wynland Engen was set.



The route through Wellington and Bains Kloof was beautiful, no wind and just the purr of the Tenere and the Triumph broke the silence. Ceres was bustling with Friday farm workers, and we pushed on to Oppie Berg for fuel. I carried an extra 5 litres as the Tenere runs out of range, high up in the Tankwa. The Government is rebuilding the roads in the region so we hit 4 'Stop-Go' sections.

We turned into the gravel Cederberg and then took the right gravel road up Kat Bakkies Pass. Kat Bakkies Pass was built by the local farmers with banking assistance from ABSA bank. A stop to take in the magnificent Cederberg valley, before cresting and entering the Tankwa. Down the step twisty sections, with a stop at the stone shepherds' cottages, and then down thru the Skitter Berg pass to our lunch stop at the Farmers Camp Site.

The temperature was 38C, the bikes running hot, our tummies growling, and my buddy cursing in the cooler box. We sat admiring the floral and fauna of the Tankwa under some very old trees. Soon it was time to go, and we rode over the twee-spoor road that leads to the R355. Very mindful of the dangerous sandpit in the road before the bridge at the dry river. Soon we were at Tankwa Padstal and called it a long break with the temperature still close to 40C. Hein is recovering well from his stroke 4 years ago and is back working in the shop twice a week. The rooster koek lunch is still prepared in the traditional manner and is scrumptious and filling.

R355



Downing a few litres of water, and energade was not what my Buddy liked, so I left him in the cooler bag. Eventually we drew enough strength to ride on, to Bike XCape. But first The Tankwa Padstal was opened by two brothers, Hein and Wally, who could no longer enjoy corporate work in Cape Town. Two highly qualified men turned their backs on stress and built and opened a general dealer shop that also sold beer. The first Padstal burnt down in an arson attack, and the Biker Community and 4x4 travellers rallied together and in 6 weeks the new Padstal, as seen today, was re-opened.

Bike Xcape



Our arrival at Bike XCape coincided with the Friday run to Ceres for stock of the Owner; Michelle. Michelle and Riel operated a bike business in Natal taking people on bike adventures into the Transkei and Kwa Zulu Natal.

The locals did not appreciate this and started demanding access money and threatening the ride group. They had to abandon their dreams and start again. There was no place in the Cederberg for bike tours, so they settled in the Tankwa, on a farm with a few thick-walled building, thatch roofs, and a horse barn. The bike adventure rides continued, but soon accommodation was more profitable. The buildings were converted into rooms, with toilet and shower, and each with the name of a Moto-GP Rider.

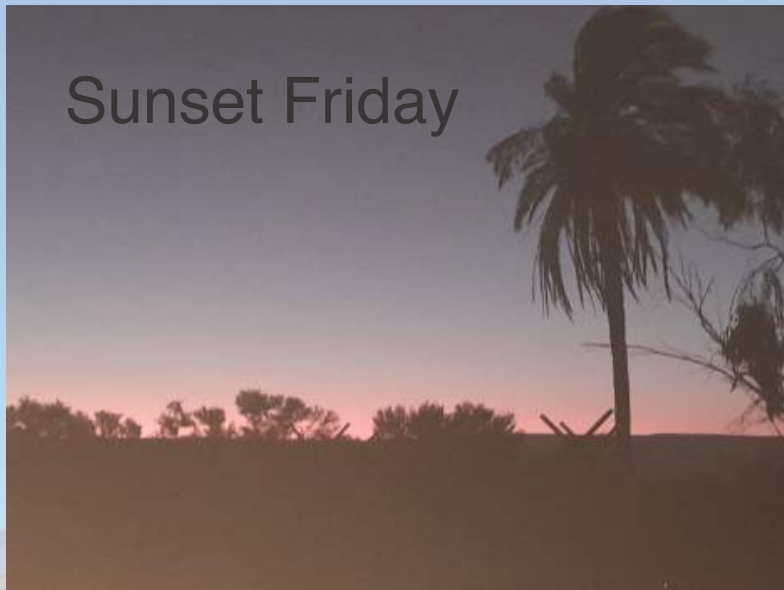
There are also permanent tents, a communal outhouse, and a row of 'piss-ellies' outside the external pub. A Jo-Jo tank suffices as a pool in the bar.

Tankwa to National park

The Saturday morning dawned with a cold wind blowing but promises of a hot day ahead. We sat in the external bar drinking morning coffee, being checked out by my Buddy in the gash can. We agreed on a 09h00 departure, with a plan to ride north.

GATSKUURING IN THE TANKWA KAROO.
by Steve B

Sunset Friday



Sunset R355



We back tracked down the poor worn out road to the R355 and turned north. After 60 kms we turned right onto the road leading to the Tankwa National Park.

The first obstacle was a large yellow board that stated, 'Road Works' for 40kms, followed by a sign 'Flood Damages for 42kms'. We met a road grader on the route, but decided the ungraded half width road was safer, rougher, but you could see what the road condition was like. The grader had pushed the soft stone into the road holes, and too often the front end washed out with no warning.

Mid-morning we arrived at a one-year-old new Padstal called "Da Doer" We met a young couple who had decided to give up life in Gordons Bay. The husband was a builder, and it shows as the Padstal is beautifully built, with a kitchen, a shop, a dining room, a western themed pub, an external seating area, with a proper pool, a kids play area, and covered shade for motorbikes. The rest of the site has a Bedouin tent covering two permanent tents, and he said that he was starting Monday with another 7 permanent tents. The wife is an ex-primary school teacher, and you can see the attention to detail through out the development. They have a first aid station with trauma board, neck brace, and a Level 3 First Aid Kit.



Afrika Burn Site



After a scrumptious egg and bacon waffle, plenty of coffee, water and energade we hit the road. The road was still under repairs as we headed north-east.

We passed the new location of the Afrika-Burn, then pushed on past a lodge, and into the Tankwa National Park. Immediately we had springbok running across the road and then running alongside us. We encountered several small herds of springbok over the next 60km. There was the odd Eland near the road. When they gallop-off the earth shudders. The ostriches were fleet under foot and some were running at 65km/h alongside us. Smaller bush bucks were easily startled by the motorbikes and scampered off. Eventually we passed through

the Parks Board offices and housing compound, all very quiet. We pushed on following the GPS and rode past the Tankwa International Airport.

And I quote:

"Tankwa International Airport is located in the municipality of Tankwa Town in South Africa, Africa. Tankwa International Airport has the altitude of 1036, which is equal to 316 meters above sea level."

Tankwa to National park

We pushed on with the midday sun directly above, and the temperature on the motorbike showing 40C. It was not with no adventure, as I fell in a long marble field of small stones. Having been assisted up by Peter I pushed on and hit another marble patch, almost doing a U-turn, but not dropping the bike. By now we were in a good rhythm as I opened the seventh gate, with Peter closing the gate. We dropped into a deep gorge, where the floods had damaged the bridge and the side banks of the river. Slowly, slowly, we rode as construction repairs was in progress.

**GATSKUURING IN THE TANKWA KAROO.
by Steve B**

By now we had 90km of dirt behind us, and another T junction. The GPS kept saying go left, when suddenly our huge left-hand circle of road riding hit the R355 again. Turn left and 40 kms south to Stonehenge Tented Camp.

Along the way, we stopped under some huge trees to drink and snack. Above us we heard the very loud growls of what sounded like a cat but had a slant towards an angry bird. The sound was loud and blood-curdling. Peter thought it was a leopard, so we both agreed that if it pounced on us, helmets on first. We would never be able to ride away, as we had opened the bike bags for food and drinks. (I have spoken to a local expert about the noises, and he says it is definitely the sound of a younger leopard) We had looked hard into that tree but could not locate the leopard it was so well camouflaged.

We arrived at Tented Camp having ridden 15km of the worst road possible, all old flood damage, with new tracks left and right of the mud holes. As we arrived, I called Peter over and said we cannot continue in this heat, we will stay until 5pm and then ride the 160 km of gravel down to Tankwa Poort. The bar is air-conditioned and my Buddy was bouncing around in the fridge when he saw me, dusty, sweaty, thirsty, and tired.

A few beers, a hearty lunch of toasted sarmies and chips, and we were into the pool located in the pub seating area. The three hours of rest was great as we saddled up and departed after much banter with the locals in the pub. The Tented Camp road led us back onto the R355, and turning left we settled into a riding rhythm.



Riding was abruptly stopped when I picked up a puncture in my rear tyre. The tyre has a tube, and the damage on the tyre was a 15mm slit between the knobby blocks on the side. I decided to patch the hole with snot plugs. It was too hot to do a tube replacement (I carry a front and rear tube in my bike bag) So we plugged the hole got 2 bars pressure and set off, only to stop 20km further, again flat, the plug had popped out. Again, the hole was patched with snot plugs, pumped to 2 bar, and I managed to ride the 100km to our next stop. Along the way we stopped to rest, drink, and take

photographs of the setting sun. We did not call at the Rooidakkies Camp Site as planned, as my tyre was holding pressure, and I did not want to risk the inevitable.

We passed the In Verdoorn game farm and arrive in Tankwa Poort in the dark. In the Poort the Sutherland road links in, and with ESCOM building windfarms, and solar array power stations the road is extremely rutted, like a severe wash board. Even Roger Whitaker could never play a tune on these corrugations, he probably could not whistle either, as his teeth would fall out. We were down to 20km/h to keep the bikes in a straight line.



Tankwa to National park

We passed the old Tankwa Toll Station on the right as he headed **GATSKUURING IN THE TANKWA KAROO.** to the main Touwsriver road. I was surprised to see a family living **by Steve B** in the dilapidated buildings.

Darkness fell, so we had to stop and clean our headlights, and dust off the helmet visors.

As you leave the Tankwa Poort you ride into a mountain pass with a very steep first climb, and then about 10 kms of downhill. I have been using this out ride to tick off a few more Turkana Challenges, so through out the two days Peter was the patient photographer. He did not know that if a biker falls, the first thing you do is take a photograph then you ask him if he is okay, then you lift the bike.

We made Ceres at 8pm, and we filled the bikes. We were both lucky, as I filled 14.2 litres into a 15-litre tank. (Yes, I had also used my 5 litres I carried). Peter was also close with 16.8 in his 17-litre tank. His on-board computer had said he had 3 km to still go.

It is worth remembering that a safe way out the Tankwa is via the Tankwa Poort because that mountain pass can be coasted down, and 'the smell of an oil rag in the tank' can be stretched.

I had to add a snot plug to the tyre slit, as my tyre was down to 1 bar in Ceres. We drank disgusting coffee, snacked, and enjoyed the entertainment. Ceres had a mass gathering of church goers, and there were many busses in town, and folk snacking at the various petrol garages.

It was time to alert the wives that we were running late (Not much mobile phone signal in Tankwa, so Ceres is the communication point)

Wellington here we come, as we set off in the dark, both bikes with excellent headlight, as well as spot lights. The air was cool, and I know I had a smile on my face. As we twisted and turned through Bains Kloof Pass, Peter realised I had a handling problem, so hung back and gave me road space. My tyre was deflating rapidly, and when we stopped in Wellington, the rear tyre was so warm, you could you fry an egg on the tyre. The heat had generated in the twisty turns with the rapid deflation, as I was now riding on the snot plugs as well.

Peter quaffed a Steers burger, whilst I set about ripping out the old snot plugs and fitting new snot plugs. The garage attendant assisted with soapy water, and finally the slit was closed, we pumped to 2.4 bar and hit the road.

Heading up Wellington main road we were stopped in a road block, the standard questions, bike check, drivers licence, and we were wished a safe trip home.

The bike felt good and we opened up to 100km/h, joining the N1 at Klapmuts, and heading west. As we entered Koeberg Interchange, I was sure the rear tyre was flat, so we pulled into the Maitland BP. Nothing, so we headed home, arriving in Tokai at 23h30.

A brilliant "gatskuur through the Tankwa" having done 812 km, in two days. On Saturday we rode for 16 hours. Peter was a great riding companion, taking everything calmly in his stride. He has sent a message that he had enjoyed his first out ride into the Tankwa.

As for my Buddy, well he had other uses, I used him to wash down my headlight at night fall, as well as using my Buddy to check for bubbles at the rear tyre snot plug. He also had a friend in the cooler bag, and when I unloaded the bike, he had lost his Black Label and was now a shiny silver tin. Got to talk to him!

MUST HAVE BEER

In my opinion, this was among the most thrilling tales told by an Odysseus character. Fantastic work and ride report, Steven. Wow.



"What qualities make Odysseus a hero? Odysseus is an individual who achieves a variety of great deeds through sheer strength of arms and cleverness. Because heroes of Greek antiquity embody the cultural ideals of the time, Odysseus' loyalty, strength, intelligence, and courage all render him heroic."

8ft Village Ride report

Welcome to Eight Feet Village, located at the top of Bothmanskloof Pass, where you'll discover a hidden gem with breathtaking views overlooking the Riebeek Valley.



It was a great day for a ride through the Swartland region on quiet, scenic and uncongested roads. The newly-tarred Slent road, connecting the R304 with R45, was a first for many and enjoyed by all. After a 10 minute break at a well placed lay-by off the main road, we continued on to the 8 Feet Village near the top of Bothmanskloof Pass.

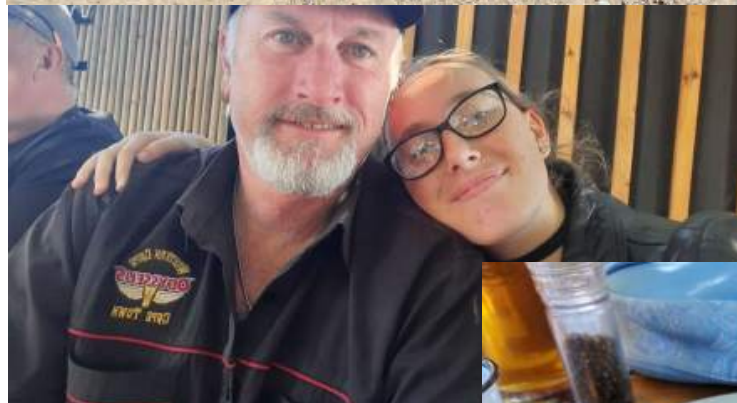
Our reservation under shade was waiting for us along with those who came by car. The views over the Riebeek Valley were truly breathtaking and the ambience of the restaurant was relaxing. Service was okay, considering it was quite busy, and I heard no complaints about the food.

After finishing up, eight of us went back to Devin and Susan's place to enjoy a delicious mixed food platter and needless to say a few more dops.

Thanks go to Devin and Susan for their hospitality and to Devin for conjuring up the visitors who made the whole thing worthwhile. Peter C



8ft Village Ride report



Enjoy unobstructed views of the Riebeek Valley whilst sipping on a cup of Eight Feet Coffee or a glass of Eight Feet Wine. The perfect spot for breakfast, brunch or lunch.



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Sa Navy Museum



As we have mentioned before, we want to start doing different and more interesting runs, which is why I organized this one. As many of you know, Shaun Hart is family of mine. Shaun served in the Navy many years ago and served on the Daphne Class sub. Him and several other ex Naval personnel have been instrumental in gaining access to and restoring one of the old girls and she is open to the public for tours. The tours are led by Shaun and counterparts of his who also served on them, so they make the tour quite personal, which is great, as it really takes you back to a time and place when South Africa had a defence force to be proud of. Her name in her glory days was the Johanna Van Der Merwe. She was since renamed to the Assegaai.

So, we set off from McDonald's at slightly before 09H00, as I wanted to try getting us down to the Simomstown Naval Museum before 10H00, as Shaun had mentioned to me that they had other tours booked for the morning and if we arrived late, we might need to wait for those to be completed before we could go on-board. It was a great ride (IMHO) and everyone stayed together pretty well. That was of course until we got to the bottom of Oukaaps when myself, Peter Holder and Susan could not resist the lure of the twisties ahead of us.

Not that it mattered anyhow, because Peter Hayes (a visitor and potential prospective member) had spoken to me at the previous meeting and asked if it would be in order to meet up with us just on the other side of Oukaaps, as he lives in Hout Bay, so it did not make much sense coming all the way to the N1, only to ride all the way back South again.

The South African Naval Museum is a maritime museum in Simon's Town, South Africa. It contains collections and artefacts related to the maritime history of South Africa and the South African Navy.



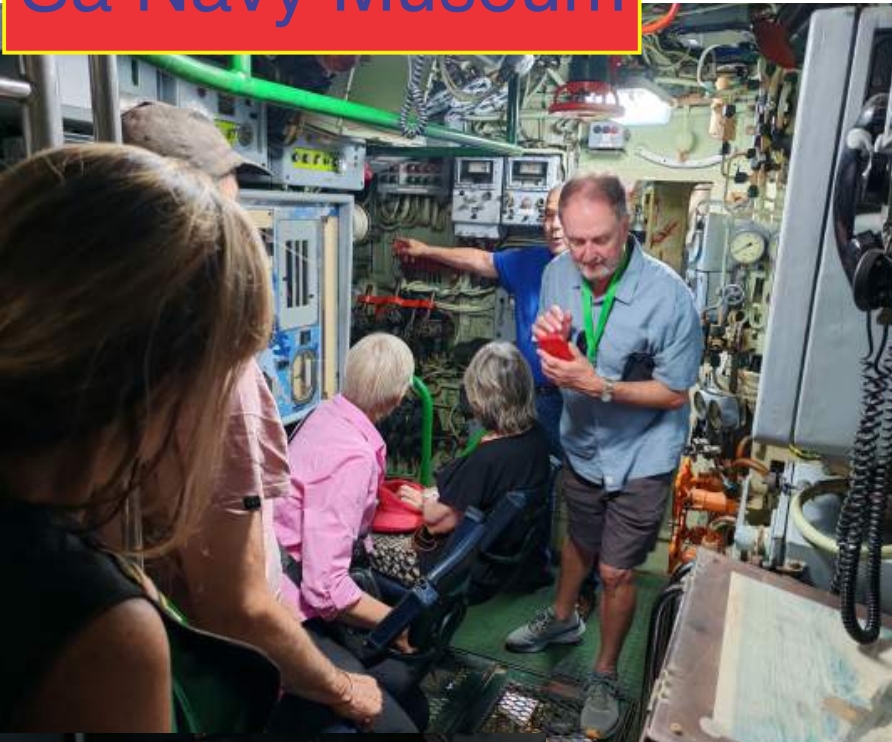
Sa Navy Museum



So, I knew we would need to stop to meet up with him there and used that as a regroup as well. We headed off from there down into Simonstown and to the Naval Dockyard. Shaun had arranged for us to be allowed to park there, rather than the civilian/visitors parking, as it is normally full on weekends. Thanks cuz. Our group was about 14 people, so we had to be split into two tour groups, as I am sure you would know the inside of a submarine is not the most spacious.



Sa Navy Museum



Sa Navy Museum

REPORT
by DEVIN

The tour was very interesting, although Susan and I had done it previously in December. I think and sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed it – it certainly seemed that way from the feedback I received.

From there, we headed back over Black Hill and on towards Noordhoek Farm Village. I had booked at Cafe Roux for around 11H30/12H00. Upon arrival, Lord Heefy, Handsome Huey and Lynn were already seated at our reserved table (Heefy didn't do the tour, as he had already done it with me in December). We all settled in and the waiters were summoned to provide us with "refreshments". Shaun and Angie also joined us at Cafe Roux – I am trying to twist his arm to join us as well. Watch this space... Anyhoo, the HC and ride coordinators have decided that from now on, the club will not be arranging a set breakfast at runs. People simply order what they would like off the menu and are responsible for their own account. It takes a lot of stress off the ride coordinator who usually has to run around, collect and count the money, work out tips, etc.



It also resolves the issue of people moaning about the prices. You simply order what you want and it seems to be working well so far. We did the same at Eight Feet Village on the previous run. So, the folks placed their orders, drinks flowed and from the conversations I witnessed around the (long) table, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Once brunch was over, we chatted a bit more and people started slowly heading homeward. Julie Thompson had invited those who wanted, back to her beautiful home up on the mountain in Glencairn, so Susan, I and several others took her up on her offer and the merriment continued there into the afternoon. Thanks for the invite Julie and thanks to everyone who attended the run. Hope you all enjoyed it.



See you all on the next one and stay safe out there.

Devin

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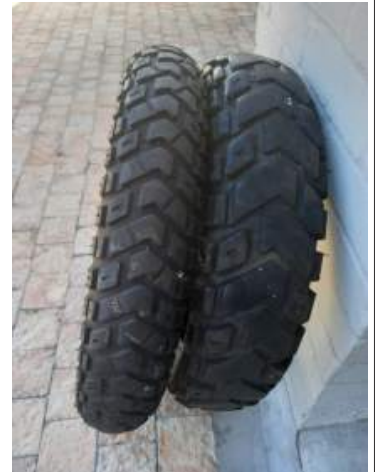
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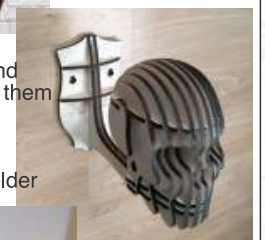
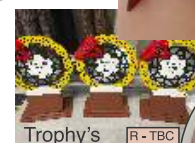
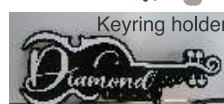
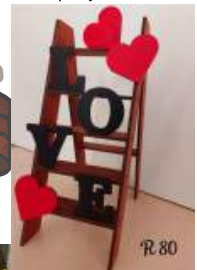
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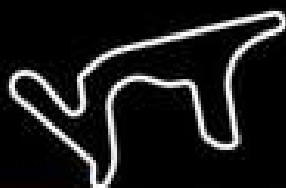




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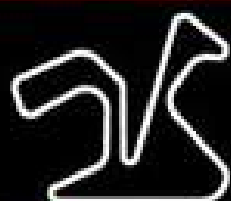
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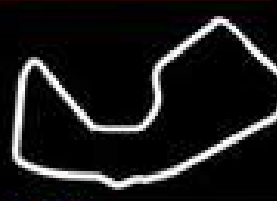
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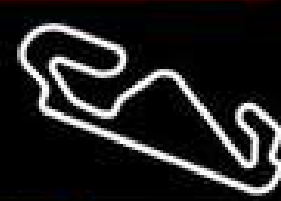
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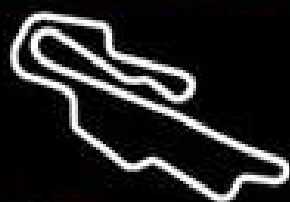
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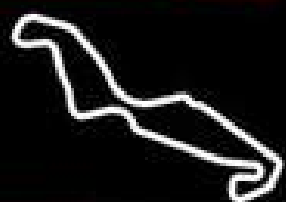
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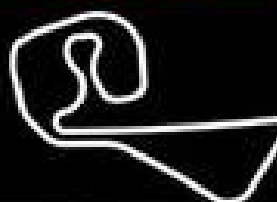
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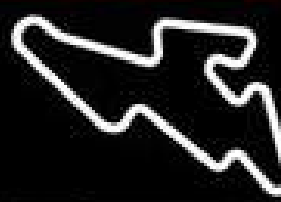
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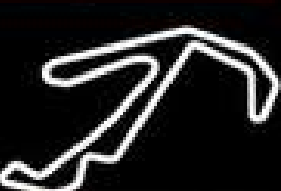
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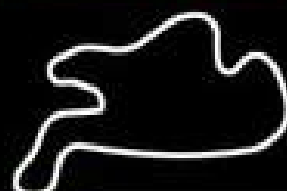
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