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Yes it that time of the year!

CHRISTMAS

party



see pg 14

with joy, music, food, and fun
JR & THE HITMAN



Gremlin Rally 2025

2026 Motogp Changes
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DOODLES
RESTAURANT, BAR & NIGHTCLUB
Beachfront

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Ride out to
Freedom 301

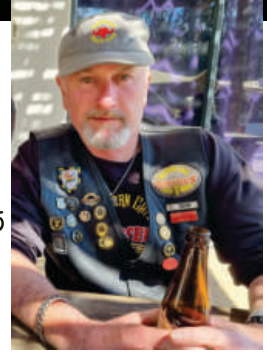


Welcome Maria



Hi folks,

Some good news!! With only three months left of 2025, I anticipate some good growth in our club before the end of this year. We have had a lot of interest of late and more and more visitors joining on our runs, as was witnessed by my run the other day to Doodles. Watch this space - I reckon 3 to 5 new members by the end of 2025. Some of it is as a result of existing members introducing new people to our club and a lot of it is in no small way thanks to Basil and his club run/ride posters that are going up on the socials lately. Well done Basil!!! You know it has always been my goal to put us on the map and grow the club. Interestingly, one of the visitors on our Doodles run was none other than Piet Pretorius. You guys probably don't know him, but he runs the Motorcycle Owner's Cape Town Facebook page.. Susan and I had a chance to chat to him at Doodles - his page has 10 000 members!!! He found our most recent poster and put it up on there!!! Awesome exposure!! I (or Basil) will make sure he gets every one going forward. I also shared the album I created after the run and posted it on his page (and he approved my post). Great contact to promote our club... Susan also had the opportunity to chat to him about the upcoming Toy Run, which was good, as he might have quite some influence in the Cape Town motorcycle fraternity.



Speaking of the Toy Run, we need volunteers' folks. Please let Susan know if you are available to assist - either be a ride marshal (it's a lot of fun - I have done it several times), or help out at a duty at the end venue (or both). You really each only have to spend a couple of hours at your post and then you'll be relieved by the next lot. It's a very worthy cause and they need all the help they can get. It also helps to promote our club and gives us a good name if we are seen to be affiliated with an event as well known as the annual Toy Run.

Under "membership", I'd like to apologise in advance for Maria... Only kidding - Welcome aboard cuz and I hope your stay with Odysseus Motorcycle club will be a long and memorable one. I am sure you'll have a lot to contribute.

And finally (and I said I was going to do this in each of my reports until the end of the year) - WE NEED PEOPLE TO PUT THEIR HANDS UP FOR NEXT YEAR'S COMMITTEE!!! Please folks, give it some serious thought. Theoretically, I should be standing down as Spokes. Three of my current committee members are standing down. That only leaves a few people on the HBC. It's both impractical and unfair to expect 2 or 3 people to organize everything and run this club.

Thanks in advance and see all soon.

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

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Ride Out to

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COME IN A CAR - COME ON A BUS
JUST BRING TOYS!!

RIDE FROM
N1 CITY TOP DECK - 10:00am
ATHLONE STADIUM - 10:30am

NO ENTRY FEE - REGISTER
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Were Back

ODYSSEUS RIDS

GET YOUR ITEMS SOLD HERE!

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Mir silenced his doubters with his podium finish at Motegi, but insists he was never bothered by criticism

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The following 22 Grands Prix are provisionally scheduled to take place in 2026:^[32]

Round	Date	Grand Prix
1	1 March	Thailand motorcycle Grand Prix
2	22 March	Brazilian motorcycle Grand Prix
3	29 March	Motorcycle Grand Prix of the Americas
4	12 April	Qatar motorcycle Grand Prix
5	26 April	Spanish motorcycle Grand Prix
6	10 May	French motorcycle Grand Prix
7	17 May	Catalan motorcycle Grand Prix
8	31 May	Italian motorcycle Grand Prix
9	7 June	Hungarian motorcycle Grand Prix
10	21 June	Czech Republic motorcycle Grand Prix
11	28 June	Dutch TT
12	12 July	German motorcycle Grand Prix
13	9 August	British motorcycle Grand Prix
14	30 August	Aragon motorcycle Grand Prix
15	13 September	San Marino and Rimini Riviera motorcycle Grand Prix
16	20 September	Austrian motorcycle Grand Prix
17	4 October	Japanese motorcycle Grand Prix
18	11 October	Indonesian motorcycle Grand Prix
19	25 October	Australian motorcycle Grand Prix
20	1 November	Malaysian motorcycle Grand Prix
21	15 November	Portuguese motorcycle Grand Prix
22	22 November	Valencian Community motorcycle Grand Prix

WESTERN CAPE
ODYSSEUS
MOTORCYCLE CLUB

invites you to our
CHRISTMAS party!

Let's wrap up the year with joy, music, food, and fun.
Music by: JR & THE HITMAN

Starter
Soit braai &
Dessert

06 | 12 | 2025 | 18:30 PM
Boma 2 at Killarney

Tickets
R220 pp

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2025

THAILAND February 26 - March 02	ARGENTINA March 14 - 16	UNITED STATES March 28 - 30	QATAR April 11 - 13
SPAIN April 25 - 27	FRANCE May 09 - 11	GREAT BRITAIN May 23 - 25	CATALUNYA June 06 - 08
ITALY June 20 - 22	NETHERLANDS June 27 - 29	GERMANY July 11 - 13	CZECH REP. July 18 - 20
AUSTRIA August 15 - 17	HUNGARY August 22 - 24	ARAGON September 05 - 07	SAN MARINO September 12 - 14
JAPAN September 26 - 28	INDONESIA October 03 - 05	AUSTRALIA October 17 - 19	MALAYSIA October 24 - 26
PORTUGAL November 07 - 09	VALENCIA November 14 - 16		

General MEETING

HELD ON
28 August 2025
AT PBC @ 19H30

ATTENDEES INVITED:

- All Members

WELCOME & APOLOGIES: Iain Fergusson, Michele Davis, Dick de Kroon, Hector & Linda Groves, Dave & Ellanore Roux, Gavin & Freda Dodd.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: None

PREVIOUS MINUTES ACCEPTANCE: Phillip Kaplan, Anne Bareham

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MEMBERSHIP: New member Maria Corney presented with club colours by Devin.
Dave & Kerry Betts to apply for membership. Form to be sent.
Phillip Kaplan to be sent membership application form to add Christia. (R100 paid)

ODYSSEIAN: Basil is creating a poster for each club run. Good interest e.g. from Rob Harding of MOTHS.

LUCKY DRAW: Peter Hayes & Paul Schuter (both donated the money to Fallen Angels charity fund.)

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: 12.10.2025 - Fallen Angels Animal Charity.
Robert Todd to buy animal products at discount.
04-10.2025 Phil to drive committee members to venue to recce

REGALIA: PE Odysseus have new club shirts. Devin suggests club do similar. Members to be polled for interest and feedback to follow.

BIRTHDAYS: 7th Craig Wilson, 9th Keith Reeves, 11th Megan Botha, 12th Linda Groves,
13th Terence Rule, 16th Hans Jooste.

PAST RIDES: 31.08.2025 – Fisherhaven – Phillip. White Rabbit restaurant.
14.09.2025 – Freedom 301- Iain. 10-12 people, good weather & ride.

FUTURE RIDES: 28.09.2025 – Doodles – Devin
12.10.2025 – The Greek Place – Lunch- Peter (after charity event)-Opens 12pm.
25.10.2025 – Im Eimer – Lunch, Somerset West - Peter (followed by M.O.T.H Day Jol Strand).
09.11.2025 – Napier – Hans Jooste (Peter to make contact)
30.11.2025 – Toy Run. Meet at N1 shopping mall, upper car park. Marshals needed - Rob/Lizl & Phil/Christia offer. Email will be sent as follow-up.
11.01.2026 – Sunset Run – Krystal Beach Hotel, Harbour Island, Gordon's Bay
25.01.2026 – Memorial Run – Suggestion Theewaterskloof Yacht Club. Peter to follow up.

PAST EVENTS: None.

FUTURE EVENTS: 06.12.2025 – Christmas function. Organised by Ellanore Roux & Lizl Todd. Arrival 6-6.30 pm . Dress for Xmas.
Menu will be bread table, spit braai with salad & veggies & malve pudding @R220 per person.
Live music. Maximum 46 people attending. Suggested to form a Year-End Function chat group.

GENERAL: YEF trophies- **Reminder** - Need to be returned 2 weeks in advance (mid November) for the engraving of current holder's names and new winner's names. Latest by 23rd October social.

MEETING CLOSED AT: 20.21pm

NEXT SOCIAL MEETING: 23rd October 2025.



OUR COMMITTEE



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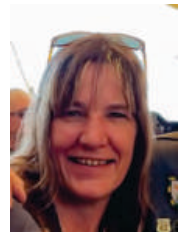
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MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL REPORT

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

September BIRTHDAYS

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Diary 2025

General Meetings:
23 October 2025
27 Nov 2025

Year End:
6 Dec 2025



23 November 2025
TOY RUN
Garden Route
FREE ENTRY
JUST BRING TOYS!!

Rides Planned

12.10.2025
Charity Ride to
Fallen Angels-
(Peter) -
Followed by lunch at
That Greek Place,
Yzerfontein.

30.11.2025
Cape Town
Toy Run

25.10.2025
(Saturday) Lunch @ Im Eimer
(Somerset West) followed by
M.O.T.H. day jol
@ Squirrel's Inn, Strand.

11.01.26
Sunset Run
Krystal Beach GB

25.01.26
Memorial Run

EVENTS

4 OCTOBER 2025
WOLSELEY
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 Riders briefing 9.30am
 Riding 10am to 1pm

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28 - 30 Nov 2025

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 Camp sites - Available

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Date: 28 - 30 November
Venue: Cango Mountain Resort, Oudtshoorn

Pre-entries @ R300pp
 Before 31 July = 3 lucky draw tickets
 Before 30 Sept = 2 lucky draw tickets
 From 1 October entry fee is R350pp = 1 ticket

Main prizes
3 motorbikes

R150 pppd for day visitors
 Kids under 12 yrs = FREE
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 • Mr Boeboppers • Miss Wet 7-shirt • Presidents Cup • Lucky draws • Bull ride • Barrel race
 • Slow race

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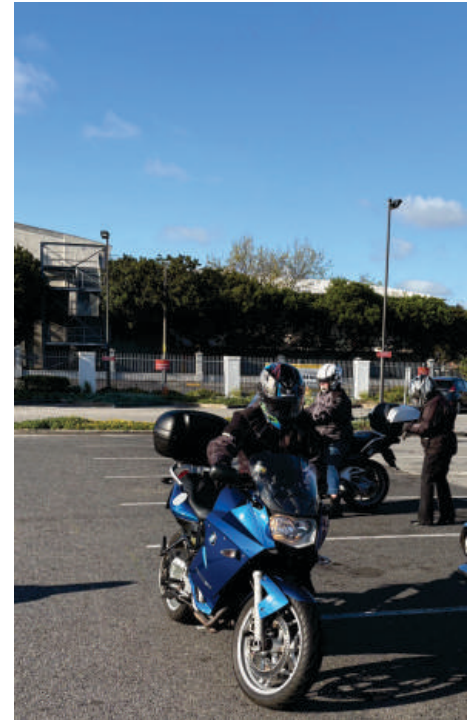
Freedom 301 14 September



Some days are made for sleeping in, others for riding, Sunday 14 was a riding day as if it was made for riding.

The day dawned clear, crisp, slightly misty and begging for throttle. The Suzuki fired up with that familiar growl, and before long the road was unrolling beneath me like a ribbon of possibility. The club rides met at the usual MacDs at N1, with the usual suspects present and correct ready for this first ride of Spring 2025.

The route to Freedom 301 delivered the goods—long sweeping straights to stretch the legs, twisties that kept the grin glued on, and the kind of scenery that makes you want to pull over just to take it all in... but who's stopping when the ride feels this good.



"Freedom 301" refers to a family-friendly restaurant and events venue in Paarl, South Africa. It is known for its food specials, live music, and other events.

Live entertainment: The venue frequently hosts live music from local performers. Community events: It has been a site for charity events, car club meet ups, and holiday parties. Menu: The restaurant serves a variety of food, including burgers and pizza

The route was N1, onto old Paarl Road, R301 to Freedom 301. Everyone rode with pleasure and excitement expecting the usual banter when we arrive at 301, whilst enjoying the scenery and weather. excited at the prospect of helmets off, stories flowing, and that buzz that comes with knowing the destination is just as good as the journey.



LAST MONTHS RIDES

Freedom 301 14 September



Rolling into Freedom 301 was like hitting the jackpot: rows of gleaming bikes lined up, the smell of food in the air, music spilling out, and riders everywhere swapping tales.

The vibe? Pure throttle therapy. Breakfast, sherry, laughter, and live energy—everything a Sunday ride should be.

The ride home was also the kind of ride where you don't mind the ride ending, because you know it's one worth remembering.

Freedom 301 didn't disappoint. Neither did the ride. One for the books. Two wheels plus Freedom is therapy

Thanks to all who attended

Cheers



LAST MONTHS RIDES

Doodles - Blouberg 28 September

Club Run to Doodles Restaurant - Blaauwberg - 28 Sept 2029.

Wow! All I can say is wow!! What a turnout!!! It was awesome to see so many bikes and people on our run!!! And thanks must be given where thanks are due... Bas!!!! MY MAN!!!! This is largely due to you and those little breakfast run posters that you have been designing of late. Bas and I have been putting them out there on the "socials" (Whatsapp and Facebook groups, as well as Instagram) and it certainly seems to be working. We had 22 members, 15 visitors and 4 prospects on the run!!!! So, a total turnout of 41 people!!!



This run was initially planned for Darling Cellars, and I contacted them the week before to enquire and make the booking, only to be told that they no longer open on Sundays, as it not viable for them. I had to come up with an alternative and fast. I thought that Doodles would be a good stop, as we haven't been there for a couple of years and it always seemed to go down well. So, booking made and route planned... Sunday morning arrived and we set off for N1 City in what we thought would be a beautiful spring day. Little did I know. Upon arrival at N1, there were already a fair amount of people milling about and chatting. I was aware that we would most likely have a large(ish) group on the day from the responses and messages I had been receiving from folks,

but wow! After a few chats, I gathered the group for the usual ride brief and to explain to our visitors our formation style, etc. and we headed off just after 09H00. We went down the N1, left onto the M5, N2 and onto Rhodes Drive/M3. It was here, as we approached Newlands that a fine rain started to fall. Oh, well, it's Newlands I thought. It always rains in Newlands. It'll clear up... Yeah right. It rained in patches all along the rest of the route and only actually stopped after we had gone around the coast and come over the hill and down into the CBD via Kloofnek Road.



LAST MONTHS RIDES

Doodles - Blouberg 28 September

We also had a smoke break stop on Constantia Nek in the parking lot of La Parada. After picking up a few more stragglers along the route (Grant - Susan's son, Bruce Noy and Phillip Kaplan and his lady), we arrived at Doodles just before 11H00. We were lead to their enclosed area where our reserved tables were waiting for us. Several of our members and friends who had gone directly by car to Doodles were already seated and chatting away. Orders were placed and coffees, beers, wine and food began being served. I must say, I was initially a little afraid that they



might not be able to cope with such a large group all ordering at once, but I was pleasantly surprised. They sent several waiters and waitresses to attend to our (several) tables, so nobody had to wait too long for their orders. The food and the service were both good, so well done Doodles.



I just want to say a big thanks to all those who joined us and made the day the success it was. It was really nice to see so many people and bikes on our run. Let's keep it up.

DOODLES
BEACHFRONT
RESERVE AND A FUNCTION VENUE



GREMLIN RALLY 2025

By Susan James-Corney



The Gremlin Rally hosted by Ghost Riders MC at Ganze Kraal Resort on the West Coast has become an annual event that Devin & I choose to attend every year with our caravan. The campsite and views are lovely and the main hall is kitted

out with tables and chairs, so generally you can find a seat and either sit in the hall or outside on the balcony overlooking the tidal pool and the sea. We woke up to good weather on the Friday morning and, as we had packed most of our kit in the caravan on Thursday, it wasn't long before we hit the road. The venue is only 42km from our house, so we decided that Devin would go on his KLR650 and I would tow the caravan, enabling us to get there early and Devin could ride back and fetch Shannon from school at 14h30.



On arrival we found that our previous camping spot had been filled up with glamping tents, so we had to move down to the lower campsites which are just across from the sea. It was actually a really nice spot because, being a level lower than all the chalets and campers, the all too familiar revving noise is subdued and the sound of the sea is so tranquil.

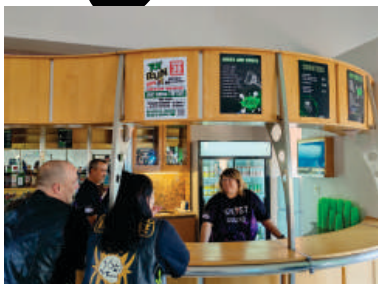
Once we had set up the caravan and tent, we walked up to the Hall, greeting all the familiar faces along the way. We found fellow Odyssean's Des and Denise who were camping on the upper level with their motor-home. Devin left to fetch Shannon and soon we had the fire going for a scrumptious braai.





GREMLIN RALLY 2025

By Susan James-Corney



Saturday was chilled, we watched the Rugby on my laptop and then had a light brunch. Des & Denise watched in the hall where the organisers had set up a screen - they said it was a great atmosphere there! The games were fun to watch in the afternoon and then we took a quiet stroll along the sea front. Shannon had fun as she met up with friends from other rallies and the organisers also had a side hall with all sorts of kids

activities.



Prizegiving was at 7pm so we got to the hall early to secure chairs at a table and opted to buy food from one of the food trucks.

The only downside of this rally is the music which caters for the younger generations, but they did play the odd rock 80's song in-between.



Sunday arrived so we slowly packed up, trying to allow the tent to dry out from the heavy dew, but alas that did not happen! Short drive and we were home! All in all a nice weekend getaway, good weather and thanks to the Ghost Riders for a great rally!

Cheers for now,

Susan

All rallies are great fun, where you get to mingle and chat with bike orientated people who often have amusing and informative experiences that help enrich the encounters.



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WHERE WE HAVE BEEN AND WHERE TO NEXT

ODYSSEUS RIDE OUT VENUES

1 Bossa Milnerton	13 Woodbridge Dr, Woodbridge Island, Milnerton
2 Antonio's Pizza	The Boardwalk, Breakwater Ln, Harbour Island, Gordon's Bay
3 8Ft Village	Bothmaskloof Pass R46 Riebeeck Kasteel Riebeeck Kasteel
4 Naval Museum	St George's St, Simon's Town,
5 Die Nag Uil	57 Main Rd, Southern Paarl
6 Toeka Stoor	Vryguns Rd, Agter Paarl
7 Strawberry Farms	Vryguns Rd, Agter Paarl,
8 Palms Brackenfell	17 Bottelary Rd, Brackenfell South
9 Dunes Houtbay	1 Beach Cres, Scott Estate, Houtbay
10 Station Pub & Grill	4 Main Rd, Franschhoek
11 Paeppa Jack	19 Thaba Park, Hooggelegen Rd, Durbanville
12 The Bell	95 Church St, Wellington
13 Stellenbosch Air Show Grounds	Stellenbosch NU Stellenbosch
14 Brass Bell	Main Rd, Kalk Bay
15 Die WERF	intersection of the R304 and N7, Philadelphia Road, Philadelphia
16 Drummond Arms	40 Anemone St, Rooi-Els
17 Elgin Railway Station	Oak Ave, Elgin,
18 Monkey Valley Noordehoek	1 Mountain Rd, Chapmans Peak,
19 The Orchards Farm	Oudebrug Rd, Grabouw,
20 The Kremetert Restaurant	52 Voortrekker Rd, Riebeeck West, Riebeeck West
21 The Shuntin Shed Botrivier	Hoof Way, Bot River
22 Seat Restaurant	Big Bay Blvd, Big Bay, Cape Town
23 Mike's Kitchen	Centre Court, 424 Koeberg Rd, Milnerton,
24 Biltong Barley	Fairview Estate, Suid Agter Paarl Road, South Africa
25 Bloemhof Restaurant	76 Bloemhof Rd, Oakdale
26 Bon a Petit	Schabert Dr, Durbanville ??
27 Botriver Hotel	Square, 14 Main Road, Bot River
28 Ons Huisie Restaurant	18 Generaal Janssens, Blouberg
29 Die kelder restaurant	Shop no 2, 2 De Beers Ave, Somerset West
30 Eike Slanghoek	Slanghoek Road & Goudiniweg, Rawsonville
31 Fran's Place	111 Jubilee St, Simon's Town
32 Riebeeck Valley Hotel	4 Dennehof St, Riebeeck West, Riebeeck West,
33 Kelkiewyn	84 Main Rd, Villiersdorp
34 Freedom 301	Farm Hartebeeskraal, R301, Wemmershoek Road
35 Signal Gun Restaurant Wines	Hooggelegen Rd, Durbanville
36 Theewater Sports Club	Theewaterskloof dam, Old Caledon Road, Villiersdorp
37 Driftwood Café Parklands	1006 Blouberg Heights Sir David Baird Drive Bloubergstrand
38 Fisherman's Garden	16 Somerset Way, Kommetjie, Cape Town
39 Calabash Bush Pub	Portion 31 of the farm Korteilands 325 Bain's Kloof
40 Seven Spur	11 Arthurs Rd, Sea Point, Cape Town
41 Im Elmar	34 OLD SIR LOWRY'S PASS ROAD, HELDERBERG RURAL, SIR LOWRY'S PASS
42 The Greek place	R315, Yzerfontein
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Joan Mir hits back at naysayers after first Honda MotoGP podium

Mir silenced his doubters with his podium finish at Motegi, but insists he was never bothered by criticism



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Joan Mir says it is "easy to hide behind the phone" and criticise MotoGP riders after securing his maiden podium with Honda in last weekend's Japanese Grand Prix. Mir finished third behind factory Ducati duo Francesco Bagnaia and Marc Marquez at Motegi, ending a 1,422-day drought stretching back to his last podium finish with Suzuki at the 2021 Portuguese GP.

Despite clinching the 2020 title on merit with his consistency, Mir faced skepticism from critics who questioned whether his championship was due to luck and a lack of strong competition on the grid. After Suzuki's departure at the end of 2022, Mir moved to Honda alongside Marc Marquez but found it hard to tame an uncompetitive RC213V, bagging just one top-10 finish in his first two years with HRC. However, with Honda making major strides with its bike this season, Mir was finally able to deliver on his potential in Japan, booking a spot on the front row in qualifying before finishing third in the race on Sunday. Asked whether he is aware that some people do not respect him as a former world champion, Mir emphasised that he has never lost sight of his accomplishments in MotoGP. "In sport in general, you are what you did in your last race, but [that is] not particularly [the case] with me. I think everyone has the same problem," he said. "It's very easy to hide behind the phone and to speak shit that doesn't give any benefit to anyone. But in the end, I know what I achieved."

"The people who know a little bit about this world, and about sports in general, value everything as it is. It's not that I was super good today and I was a disaster yesterday. I cannot do much more. I think we are exposed to all these people, which is fantastic for one part, but on the other [hand] we are also exposed to critics and to haters. This is not changing my life. It has never changed anything."

In his first season with Honda in 2023, Mir finished at the bottom of the standings, scoring just 26 points compared to 96 for teammate Marquez. Last year, he ended up 21st in the championship, beating the other factory Honda of team-mate Luca Marini, but finishing behind LCR duo Johann Zarco and Takaaki Nakagami. His struggles over the past few years weighed so much on him that he briefly contemplated retiring from MotoGP before eventually signing a new two-year deal with Honda until the end of the current rule cycle. As the RC213V became more competitive this year, his form also improved, and after retiring from 10 of the first 16 grands prix, he finally achieved his breakthrough in front of Honda's top brass in Japan. Mir admitted he hadn't anticipated his struggles at Honda to last so long, but feels that a home podium was a deserved reward for the Sakura-based manufacturer, which had been working tirelessly to turn around its MotoGP programme. "The reality is that it has been a very difficult period for me," he said. "From the day we decided to move to Honda in a difficult period, we already knew that we could be without good results for a long time. But I could not imagine this amount of time. The reality is that it has been a super difficult period. I just never gave up, trying - not always but sometimes - to see the positive things that were happening to us. Now, you can imagine how nice the taste of the podium is. I just enjoyed every lap of this race, fighting with these guys. It was a long time that I was not doing it [fight at the front]."

"Just super happy for the team, they deserve a lot. Also, here in Japan, I cannot think of a better place to do our comeback. Just super happy for Honda. Thank you to them, they deserve it."

2026 MotoGP World Championship

2026 CALENDAR

 FEB MAR 27-01 BURIRAM THAILAND	 MAR MAR 20-22 GOIANIA BRAZIL	 MAR MAR 27-29 AUSTIN USA
 APR APR 10-12 LUSAIL QATAR	 APR APR 24-26 JEREZ SPAIN	 MAY MAY 08-10 LE MANS FRANCE
 MAY MAY 15-17 BARCELONA CATALONIA	 MAY MAY 29-31 MUGELLO ITALY	 JUN JUN 05-07 BALATON HUNGARY
 JUN JUN 19-21 BRNO CZECHIA	 JUN JUN 26-28 ASSEN NETHERLANDS	 JUL JUL 10-12 SACHSENRING GERMANY
 AUG AUG 07-09 SILVERSTONE GREAT BRITAIN	 AUG AUG 28-30 MOTORLAND ARAGON	 SEP SEP 11-13 MISANO SAN MARINO
 SEP SEP 18-20 SPIELBERG AUSTRIA	 OCT OCT 02-04 MOTEGI JAPAN	 OCT OCT 09-11 MANDALIKA INDONESIA
 OCT OCT 23-25 PHILLIP ISLAND AUSTRALIA	 OCT NOV 30-01 SEPANG MALAYSIA	 NOV NOV 13-15 PORTIMAO PORTUGAL
 NOV NOV 20-22 CHESTE VALENCIA		

MotoGP

At this season, MotoGP will introduce a new racing class featuring Harley-Davidson motorcycles starting in the 2026 season.

2026 is expected to be the final season of the premier class utilizing 1000cc engines and Michelin series-specified tyres, before switching to new 850cc engine regulations and tyres sourced from Pirelli, among other technical changes, from the 2027 season onwards.

In 2026, MotoGP features major rule changes including an engine specification freeze for all teams, except for factories in concession "Rank D," and a new rider lineup with Toprak Razgatlioglu making his Grand Prix debut with Prima Pramac Yamaha, while Miguel Oliveira moves to BMW in World Superbike. The 2026 calendar includes the highly anticipated return of MotoGP to Brazil and a balanced schedule featuring new destinations and fan favorites, covering 22 races in 18 countries.

Key Changes and Rider Market

- **Engine Specification Freeze:** The engine specifications will be frozen for all teams, with exceptions for manufacturers in "concession Rank D"
- **Toprak Razgatlioglu:** The two-time World Superbike champion will make his MotoGP debut with Prima Pramac Yamaha.
- **Miguel Oliveira's Move:** After being released from his contract early, Oliveira will join the ROKiT BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team.
- **Yamaha's Situation:** Fabio Quartararo has warned the factory team about providing a more competitive bike, while Jack Miller will partner with Razgatlioglu at Pramac on a new one-year deal.
- **Honda's Lineup:** Honda is retaining Joan Mir and Luca Marini on their factory bikes.

Calendar Highlights

- **Brazil Returns:** MotoGP returns to Brazil for the first time in over two decades, with the second round of the season set to take place in Goiania.
- **Balanced Schedule:** The 2026 calendar will feature 22 races across five continents, with a balance between iconic tracks and new destinations, and a break to avoid triple-headers.

Other Key Notes

- **Michelin Tyres:** All teams will use series-specified Michelin tyres.
- **Data Sharing:** For the 2027 season, GPS data from all riders will be available to all teams to help level the playing field and increase insights for fans.

TYPE OF SOUND	DECIBEL LEVEL
Quiet natural area with no wind	20
Office environment ambient sound	60-65
Vacuum cleaner	75
Level at which sustained exposure may result in hearing loss	80-90
Headphones with music at 5 out of 10 volume	95
Pneumatic drill/jackhammer (concrete breaker)	120-130
Loudest MotoGP™ bike	130
Underneath aircraft landing at 100m from runway	140

Why Do MotoGP™ Riders Wear Earplugs?

The powerful motorcycles used in MotoGP™ feature 1000cc engines, delivering huge power of up to 250hp, reaching speeds of over 350km/h and producing very loud noise, of up to 130 decibels. Riding them and working next to them requires the use of specialist MotoGP™ earplugs by riders, whilst those professionals at track side also need ear protectors to prevent long-term hearing damage. For the riders, mechanics and other staff involved in the world's most exciting sport, hearing protection in MotoGP™ is vital for their long-term health and their ability to focus intensely on performance at the most elite level of motorcycle racing. Earplugs are therefore an essential piece of kit in the MotoGP™ riders' safety equipment.

In this guide to noise levels in MotoGP™ and the role of earplugs in protecting rider health, we'll explore the comparative loudness of MotoGP™ bikes, the details of hearing protection in the sport for the riders and track side staff, the potential impact of prolonged exposure to noise and how the riders use earplugs to stay ultra-focused in races. The loudness of MotoGP™ Bikes.



To put it in context, MotoGP™ bikes are louder than the sound you would encounter in a typical nightclub and also louder than a pneumatic road-breaking drill! When 22 monstrously powerful MotoGP bikes launch off the starting grid as the races get underway, the sight and sound is spectacular, but the riders on the bikes and all those closest by at track side must protect their ears with high-quality ear protectors. Unlike street motorcycles which often feature exhaust mufflers and typically produce a sound of around 95 decibels (dB), MotoGP™ bikes are prototypes built for racing only and have minimal sound restrictions. They are built to go fast and not to do so quietly, emitting noise from the engine and exhaust of up to 130 dB, meaning that with 22 bikes in a race, noise levels in MotoGP are considerable.

Let's take a look at this table to understand how loud MotoGP™ bikes are in decibels in comparison with other familiar sounds: Some further context is that every 10 dB increase is approximately double the subjective loudness for the person hearing the sound. Likewise every 10 dB decrease is about half of the subjective loudness. At 125 decibels or above, sound can become notably painful for a person hearing the noise.

Health Concerns from Noise Exposure in MotoGP™

Prolonged exposure to noise above the 85 dB range can be damaging to human hearing. The World Health Organisation (WHO) state that the maximum time for daily safe listening (seven days per week) is one hour and 15 minutes for a street motorcycle at 95dB. Whereas for a noise of 130dB such as a pneumatic drill or a MotoGP™ bike, the maximum daily safe listening time would be less than a second. As the MotoGP™ race weekend includes Friday and Saturday practice sessions, qualifying sessions, the MotoGP Sprint, Sunday warm-up and the Sunday full-length Grand Prix, this amounts to many hours of high-decibel exposure for the riders over the 22 Grands Prix-long season. Without protection, exposure to loud noises can lead to permanent hearing loss, or tinnitus (persistent ringing sounds in the ears), as well as other auditory problems.

The specific role of MotoGP™ earplugs

Riders put their earplugs in before going out on track, with the helmets they wear also somewhat dampening the noise they are exposed to. It is important for MotoGP™ riders to be equipped with high-fidelity earplugs designed specifically for racing. Unlike the standard foam earplugs which muffle sounds and distort audio, the riders use silicon-based earplugs which provide a secure, personalised fit that guarantees effective noise isolation.

The earplugs are designed to reduce harmful noise exposure without eliminating important auditory cues.

Riders rely on certain sounds during a race, such as the pitch of their engines as they shift gear or the proximity of another rider/bike which may be attempting to overtake them.

MotoGP™ riders use high-quality earplugs which are custom moulded for their particular inner ear shape, crucially reducing noise exposure by 20-30 dB.

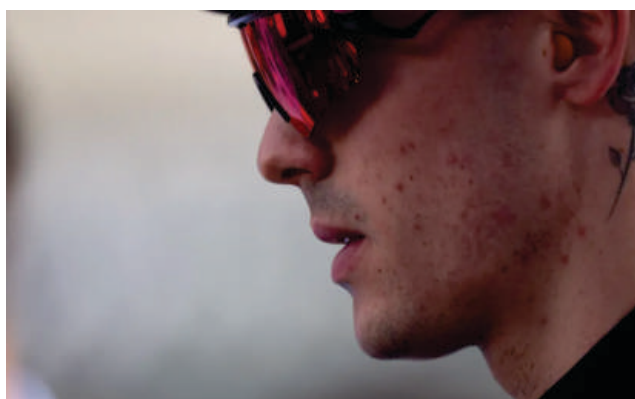


In addition to providing hearing protection from a long-term health perspective, MotoGP riders' earplugs also play a fundamental role in reducing the potential psychological fatigue caused by performing in a continuous loud environment. We all know what it is like trying hard to concentrate on a task whilst a loud noise is being made nearby... It's really hard to focus without being completely distracted. MotoGP™ is the most intense, high-performance motorsport series in the world. The riders are controlling their prototype machines at speeds exceeding 350 km/h, braking at the last possible millisecond and leaning into corners at angles of over 65° from vertical.

Lightning quick reflexes, continuous split-second decision making and the ability to focus with the utmost precision in races lasting 40-45 minutes is all part of the game. Without their earplugs blocking out some of the extreme noise around them this would be impossible, even for the almost superhuman riders who make it to the top level in MotoGP.

Although there may be varying preferences in terms of brand, materials, specific features and the fit of the earplugs, all the riders in MotoGP™ wear them under their helmets. From the six-time MotoGP World Champion Marc Marquez (Ducati Lenovo Team) to MotoGP™ rookie Ai Ogura (Trackhouse MotoGP Team), all the riders wear them constantly when on track.

Do All MotoGP™ Riders Use Earplugs?



MotoGP earplugs are vital for the riders and other forms of additional hearing protection for track side workers are crucial. Unlike the drivers in F1, the riders do not use team radios to communicate with the crew chiefs in their pit boxes, or the mechanics at track side on the pit wall. By the way, if you're unfamiliar with any of this racing vocabulary, be sure to check out the [MotoGP Glossary](#).

Whilst there have been tests with radio communication to the MotoGP riders on their bikes, for now there are still no permanent rider-to-team radios in MotoGP. The teams communicate with the riders via messages sent to the riders dashboard on their bikes and via the use of pit boards, which are placed over the pit wall by the riders' mechanics.

Being able to focus clearly on the pit board and the team communication coming from that source, rather than through potential team radio comms, was explained to motogp.com by rider Alex Rins (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) who says: "It's so important. With the team communication because you can be more calm, more relaxed, you can know at how many seconds is the rider in front, the rider behind and how many riders are behind you. With all these questions, normally all the answers are on the board, so I would say that it's really important." The riders must also observe instructions from Race Direction and marshals in the form of track side flags and lights and dashboard indicators.

On the complexity of tests being done in 2023 to potentially introduce radio comms to MotoGP riders, Carlos Ezpeleta, the Chief Sporting Officer of Dorna Sports (the organisers of MotoGP), explained specifically how the technology would work, around the riders' earplugs: "It's a challenging one for us because as opposed to cars, the helmets for motorbikes are tight, especially in the face, and bikes are much noisier. There's much more movement - riders need to be free to move on the bike, so it's much more challenging." "We're testing two systems. As everyone knows, riders wear earplugs for the noise so the system fits round there. Some riders have tried it already and feel comfortable, so during the test we sent pre-recorded radio messages. It should be quite advanced in terms of information and when to communicate information to the riders. The other system is directly through the ears but we think the other system is better."

Staying focused to reach the chequered flag first



Adrenaline, speed and noise are all part of the beautiful mix which draws in the best riders on the planet and attracts the millions of fans around the world to MotoGP™. Yet control, endurance, precision and managing every possible variable for the riders and their teams makes the difference to ultimately taking the chequered flag first and clinching a Grand Prix victory. The high-fidelity earplugs used in MotoGP are a vital tool in this equation, offering riders a simple yet powerful form of protection, contributing to their safety, performance, career longevity and overall well-being the high-fidelity earplugs used in MotoGP are a vital tool in this equation, offering riders a simple yet powerful form of protection, contributing to their safety, performance, career longevity and overall well-being

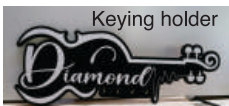
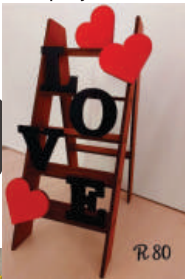
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me, the rain fall behind me
and the wind follow me.

May the angels guard my
travels for they know what is
ahead of me.

Keep me safe through rolling
hills and swirling turns.

Let the eagle guide me to the
mountain tops.

Let the moon's light guide
me through the night.

Lord, thank you for letting me
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AMEN!



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